



knights of columbus

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From the Grand Knight

July 21, 2009

Greetings fellow Knights,

We are faced with many challenges in life. Through prayer and devotion to the Blessed Mother we overcome challenges. This year we will continue to face many challenges.

One challenge I would like to overcome in the next year is the lack of knowledge. Yes, many have said such things as 'With knowledge you can overcome anything', 'With knowledge I can do scary things', 'Knowledge is a terrible thing to waste', etc. My thought today though goes to Francis Bacon who said, "Knowledge is Power".

God is all knowing and is all powerful. I am not addressing knowledge on such a high level. The knowledge I am referring to is right here, right in our own council. We hold a lot of knowledge, each individually and as a group. We utilize that knowledge at each of our meetings. When we do not know something we turn to one another to seek the knowledge we lack.

But what would happen if the person we seek is not there? What if the person leaves our council or simply stops attending the meetings? What if God calls one of us home? Knowledge disappears. We need to keep knowledge. So over the next year, a goal we should have is to record what we do.

I am not referring to our meetings but to our committees. We need to develop a system for the next person. Sometimes we hesitate to join a committee or take charge because of the lack of knowledge. (Sometimes the knowledge is why we don't join.) But in any case, we need to begin making a folder for everything and keep it on file.

We just finished with the state golf outing and the Sox trip. I would like each of the committee chair people to bring everything together and make a folder. In the event we decide to host an event again, when the question comes up, what did we do last time, who do we order that from, we can pull out the folder and become knowledgeable. We should have an extensive file system for all of our events.

Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. We have a fish fry coming up, Friday, September 25th. Envelope stuffing will be during the social meeting on August 24th. Come join us and begin to become powerful with the gift that God gives to us, knowledge.

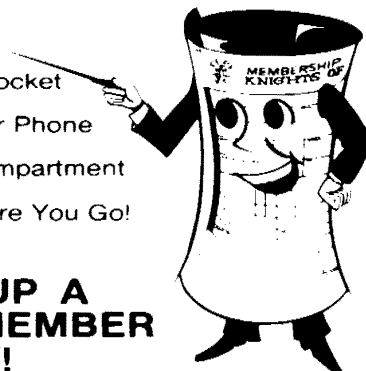
The elected and appointed officers will be meeting on Monday, August 3rd 7:00 PM in the Solar Room.

I am proud to be your Grand Knight for the year.

Tom Alexander

Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"Vision to Action"

News from State Officers

FROM OUR STATE DEPUTY

July 2009

Brother Knights:

As we embark on a new fraternal year, we look ahead to new responsibilities, new challenges and new opportunities. While our mission and motto, "Heart to God and a Hand to Man," remains constant, we must always be open to change. Part of our ongoing task as Knights of Columbus is to stay aware of needs in our own organization and in the communities we serve.

In a world where so much is in flux and so little can be predicted with certainty, we cannot afford complacency. Challenges are constant and so are opportunities. Our greatest strength is our ability to bring together men who are motivated to serve, who have integrity, and who have fun in each other's company while thinking beyond themselves.

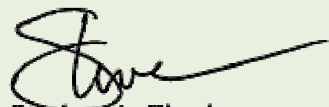
Our theme of last year, "A Call to Serve" provided a path for 1495 Catholic gentlemen to join our brotherhood in Indiana. These new Knights must be given the opportunity to flourish in our Councils. Provide them the guidance in achieving the Shinning Armor Award. Assign them committee positions and have each one bring in one new member.

Just think of how much more we can do with another 1495 pair of hands to do God's work with Gibault, Special Olympics, 40 Days for Life and our Pro-Life March in Washington, DC in January 2010.

As Knights, we are not content to let matters stay they way they have always been. Our theme for the new fraternal year of 2009-10 is "Vision to Action." Now is the time for us to be the difference to make a difference.

Some people dream of worthy accomplishments, while others stay awake and do them. We have an agenda established by the State Council to make the Hoosier Knights stronger and recognized as a leader in our communities, our church and our Order.

Vivat Jesus,



Stephan A. Ziemba
State Deputy

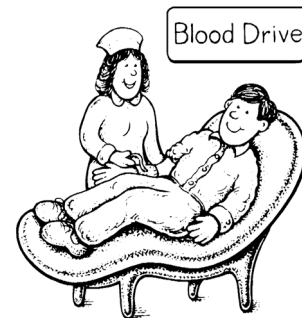
Blood Drive Information

Last year was the first year that the Indiana Knights of Columbus organized a state-wide blood drive. What a success. 1,500 units of blood were collected!

This year's theme is "From my Heart to Yours."

Blood drives are asked to be done between July 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010. If the Knights help at our parish's blood drives and if the number of Knights donating blood at our drives is reported, the council will get credit for this very worthy event.

This year's goal is 5,000 units of blood.



Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge



The state is encouraging all councils/districts to sponsor Soccer Challenges. The time frame is as follows:

Council Championship:	September
District Championship:	October
Regional Championship:	October/November
State Championship:	November

Please consider getting involved in this state-wide initiative.

FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

Being a Knight of Columbus is not an "honorary" position. It should not be something that we do or join just so that we can get noticed. It is not something that we engage in merely to satisfy a need to be praised.

Being a Knight of Columbus is a way of life.

It is a challenge to be a beacon in a dark world.

Beacons serve to warn of storms. They also serve to focus a traveler to a specific point of reference.

Our lives serve to warn others of the perils of the devil at the same time that we serve to focus them upon Jesus Christ and all that is His promise.

Continue to be the shining example of charity in our world. Continue to count. Continue to make a difference. Continue to proclaim proudly, "I am a Knight of Columbus!"

Mother Theodore Guerin, Patroness of the Indiana Knights of Columbus, pray for us!

Fr. Mike



**Longwood Country Club
Crete Illinois
9:00 a.m.
August 15, 2009**

**Golf and Dinner at St. Tom's
grounds--\$65**

Dinner only--\$15

Supreme Convention

Kindly keep in your prayers all the delegates from Indiana as well as all the members of the Knights of Columbus who will gather together for the Supreme Convention the week of August 2nd in Phoenix, Arizona.

DID YOU NOTICE?

Last week's ***Northwest Indiana Catholic*** provided a keen insight into the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. In the editor's "Sidebar" column, we were treated with the following:

"Record Year For Knights — The Knights of Columbus reported record donations and volunteer service hours.

According to the annual survey of K of C councils, total charitable contributions for the past year totaled \$150,036,865, the majority of which, \$117,741,489, came from local councils and Fourth Degree assemblies and the remainder came from the Supreme Council. Indiana Knights raised \$384,754 for various statewide charities.

Knights also increased volunteer service hours to 68,783,653. This past service year, Indiana Knights donated blood for the first time, providing 1,500 unites of blood to the 413,000 units obtained nationally. Hoosier K of C also collected more than \$273,729 for Special Olympics, in addition to the continued support for Gibault School, a facility for troubled youth based in Terre Haute."

Trying to get a fellow parishioner to join our council? Share the good news of what we do with them. That should "clinch the deal" easily!

**BIRTHDAYS?
WE'VE GOT 'EM HERE!**

June Birthdays

- 1 John Gianotti Sr.
- 4 Mike Korfiatis
Mike McIntyre
- 5 Tom Fagan
- 8 Frank Higgins
Fr. Michael Veneklase
- 9 Gregg Blocher
Chris Pala
- 10 Jim Ambuul
- 16 Steve Jurek
- 17 John Nishimure
Dave Strbjak
- 20 Kirk Trotman
- 24 Chris Duray
- 25 Tony Popiela
- 30 Ron Albrecht

July Birthdays

- 2 Darrin Gugala
- 3 Robert Walsh
- 5 Tony Pagorek
Stan Slazyk
- 9 Cliff Huber
- 15 Jim Marmalejo
- 17 John Wadas
Robert Zadrozny
- 20 Tim Wiess
- 21 Mark Taylor
- 22 Napoleon Tabion
- 29 Stan Lewandowski

August Birthdays

- 2 Tom Wojcinski
- 3 George Wieczorek
- 5 John Glass
- 6 Wally Jurczak
- 8 Robert Ray
Jim Ware
- 10 Bob Gozdecki
Joe McShane
- 11 Chuck Semko
- 16 Charles Mikels
- 20 Carl Malburg
- 23 Ken Doctor
- 27 Pat Feeney
- 31 Jacob Florczak