



# knights of columbus

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**September 2009**

## *From the Grand Knight*

Brother Knights,

I wanted to get this out before the end of the month. There are some important dates to mark on your calendars for the month of October.

Forty Days for Life still continues during the month of October. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

October 4<sup>th</sup> in the gym, is the blood drive. The total donations on behalf of the Knights can be reported to the state. Please register for the drive to help out the collection team. We also need volunteers to be there to assist and count the units donated.

October 10 and 11 is the collection to aid Seminarians. Please wear your logo wear. This is also a great opportunity for member recruitment. If you would help at the Mass you attend that should work out.

October 12, Columbus Day, is our new member steak fry and business meeting. We will start at 7:00 PM. See brother Joe Stefanich at the meeting on September 28 for your reservation for a steak. The cost was announced between \$11.00 & \$15.00. For more details contact Brother Joe.

October 28, is the social meeting.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

November 14: Setting up for Christmas trees

November 21: Delivery of Christmas trees

November 27: Beginning Christmas tree sales

Please give of your Time, Talent, and Treasure.

Grand Knight,  
*Tom Alexander*

## **Indiana State K of C Charity Fund, Inc**

At the meeting of September 14th, a letter from Norm Stoffel, Immediate Past State Deputy, was read. It read, in part,

“All of you know that in recent years we have had some devastating weather here in Indiana along with a terrible economy. Many brother knights and their families have been hit hard and have asked for help. We responded through our State Charity account. We gave out a tremendous amount of money and now we are asking for help. We need to replenish this fund and then some. If you are not in that unique group of people who can't afford to give and happen to have something extra or just something, we are asking for help for future situations. God only knows what will happen and we would like to be prepared to aid those in need again.”

The Knights are being asked to meet the goal of donating \$1 per member to the state fund.

After discussion about this topic, a resolution was made. The First Reading of the resolution was at the meeting on Monday, September 14, 2009.

The resolution is as follows:

***Be it resolved that in response to a great need for disaster relief, as stated by the Indiana State Council, the members of Council 10596 will provide from the general fund a \$200.00 donation to this cause.***

If any of you are so moved as to wish to donate a greater amount, you can make checks out to **Indiana State K of C Charity Fund, Inc.** Mail the checks to:

State Treasurer Tom Axon  
10038 Palmaire Place  
Fishers, IN 46038-5554

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**10-01** Marion Reffkin, Jr.  
**10-02** Bernard Anthony  
Martin Dawson  
**10-04** Fred Bembenista  
**10-05** James Huseman  
**10-07** John Brooks  
**10-10** Robert DeGeorge

**10-11** Robert Kopenc  
**10-16** Christopher Bedenk  
**10-22** Anthony Saklaczynski  
**10-24** Larry Albrecht  
**10-26** Karl Ackermann  
**10-28** Thadeous Oberc  
**10-30** Fr. Mike Yadron



### *From the Chaplain*

We are nearing “the end” in a number of ways. Certainly, we are nearing the end of September. We are also nearing the end of a calendar year. On top of that, we are nearing the end of the Church’s liturgical year (which ends before the end of the calendar year.)

As we do so, we prepare for endings and beginnings.

But do we really know for what we are to prepare?

I ask this based upon some “news” the past couple of weeks. I read two weeks ago that the Farmer’s Almanac tells us that we are supposed to have a very cold and above-average snowfall this coming winter. That certainly has me concerned, especially in terms of budgeting for snow removal expenses as well as salt for our lots.

Then, last week, I heard on the news that the National Weather Agency has predicted a warmer than usual winter.

Hmmmm. Who do you believe?!

I guess, when it comes down to it, we do not know what we have until we look outside and see what we have received.

And that, Brother Knights, is how a person judges a Knight of Columbus.

You see, some people say that the knights are one way. Others say that the knights are another way. When all is said and done, the best way to judge a knight is to see what he does.

Are the Knights of Columbus a caring organization? Do they reach out and help others in need? Do they plan ahead to provide for others?

Those questions will be answered by examining what we do with our lives.

The Grand Knight has enumerated many ways in which to help others in our community (and in our state.) We will be judged by the manner in which we rise to his challenge.

Will you donate blood? Will you participate in Forty Days for Life? Will you contribute to the state’s Charity Fund? Will you help at the Fish Fry? Will you be one of the brothers at the Christmas tree prep day, set up day, or the many sales days?

Our Yes and our No speak volumes.

Recently, our brothers were asked to volunteer to chair a soccer challenge. It looks like that was a “no.” The state officers will be disappointed. At the last meeting, we were asked over and over again for someone to step forward and accept the responsibility to help coordinate plans for the Forty Days for Life. Again, it looks like there was no one who will take responsibility. This is a very important project for the state and a very large part of who we are. We say that we are pro-life. We have to use more than words to prove it though.

Think about it, please. How will people know who and what we are? It will not be by our words, but by our deeds. Let us truly be people of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Vivat Jesus!

*Fr. Mike*