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Brother Knights,

At this year's State Convention our State Deputy Steve Ziembra reported that we finished our first State wide blood drive. It was below the numbers we had hoped for but for the first time we did ourselves proud. We collected over 1500 units of blood.

This year we will expand our blood drive out to start July 1, 2009 and end on February 28, 2010. Last year we ask you to contact the American Red Cross, some councils use other services in their area. So this year who ever you use please use them to do your Blood Drives. If you hold more than one Blood Drive in this time frame please make copies of the form included and turn in every blood drive you do. This year we want every one counted for the good work you do in helping to save lives.

And the Knights of Columbus being an organization that comes through in times of need will do just that again this year. We are asking each council to hold a blood drive. This new time frame of July 1st to February 28 should work better for everyone. It gives you time to plan and time for action. It doesn't take but a few members to help, my own council has set-up and take down and only uses 6 or 7 members.

This year's theme that everyone will use is "**From my Heart to Yours**". I will E-mail a list of contacts in the State of Indiana for the Red Cross to your District Deputy, if you want the list e-mailed to you please contact me and I will do so. We need to use less paper which means more trees, Think Green. This does not mean you must use them for your source. I know there are other organizations in the state that do the same thing. Feel free to use who ever you want in your area. I know that the Red Cross will provide you with all the assistance you need form posters to list and what ever else you need.

What I am asking is for each Grand Knight to take the lead in his council for us. Once a council has set a date and time with the organization they choose to let the Community Director know. The state council will then assist you in getting information in the local Diocese papers. Once the drive is finished fill in the report and sends it in or uses the format and e-mail it to the Blood Drive chairman. With the state having 167 active councils our goal this year is 5000 pints of blood.

Vivat Jesus,

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