

Dear Brother Knights and Guests,

Welcome to Indianapolis, brother knights. Join us as we celebrate the acts of love and works of mercy through charity at our state convention. We will be recognizing many amazing charitable activity programs that are making the world a better place.

The Supreme Council, as you know, is the governing body for the Knights of Columbus. This year introduction of the "*Faith in Action*" program model was implemented. The program defines us as men of faith with four categories representing our main priorities as an order. They are **Faith, Family, Community** and **Life**. Together, they help us to work with our Bishops, Priests and Seminarians as the strong right arm of the church.

The transition into "*Faith in Action*" defines who we are. The knights responded as always despite the challenges we faced rolling out the new program, working together in order to make it a success. Under the category of Faith, I saw so many wonderful examples of creating holy moments. Group rosaries, spiritual reflection programs, Marian Icon prayer programs and seminarian support through the religious appreciation banquets, S.O.S. and R.S.V.P. programs. All of our Indiana Bishops have provided a letter of endorsement of the Knights of Columbus.

Families have been the anchor of the Knights, as we are always quick to show our support in promoting family values and support of the family. Consecration to the Holy Family was welcomed by our parish Priests as they expressed their gratitude in the parish bulletins. Food for Families, keep Christ in Christmas and family prayer night have been rather popular. Let us not forget the hundreds of deceased brother knights in the Necrology of our convention booklet and special intentions at our Masses.

Community is an effort of making the world a better place one activity at a time. Helping Hands was the most popular required activity. Coats for kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, disaster preparedness and habitat for humanity were not far behind. Our youth were supported by the free throw championship and soccer challenge. An activity that is saving lives is the council "Blood Drives." Last time I checked, Indiana Knights donated over 1,000 pints of blood!

The Life category is summed up by this statement; all life that is created in the image of God is sacred. The ultrasound machines, Novena's for life, marches for life, Special Olympics, baby boxes and Christian refugee relief is saving lives!

It has been an honor serving you in the capacity as State Program Director working together transitioning into the "*Faith in Action*" program. The genius of this program increases our footprint through charity-identifying us as men of faith that support our church leaders and communities. I am very proud to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. Every Catholic gentleman should want to be a part of this great fraternal order. May God bless you for all you do!

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