

Worthy Grand Knight:

I would like to congratulate you on your election as Grand Knight of your respective councils. As the chief executive officer of your council, you will be in a position to influence your involvement in council programs. Please consider beginning or rejuvenating your council's Blood Program that currently is collecting approximately 5000 - 6000 pints per year and providing blood to our brother knights and their families.

Anyone in good health can donate blood, as long as they can pass the screening test given at the time of donation. No longer are you excluded if you are 65 years of age or older. If you are a regular donor, please be sure to put "**K of C 1112**" along with city or town and council number in the "Employer/Military/Branch" block. This will insure that the K of C receives credit for your donation.

Two or three councils should work together to hold a "Blood Drive" in order to get the minimum number of pints required by the Red Cross.

Keep in mind that several hospitals conduct their own program. However, the procedures are the same. The blood is given to the patient free of charge. The only charge on your bill is the administrative cost, and your insurance carrier usually covers this cost.

If any council wants information about starting or rejuvenating a Blood program during the fraternal year, please feel free to contact the State Office at 781-551-0628. Have a great fraternal year and enjoy the summer.

Fraternally,

State Blood Chairman
Human Services Chairman