

Greetings,

Council 3600 of the Knights of Columbus held a Blood Drive on Tuesday January 26th at the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle on Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. It was a big success. Approximately 107 Donors arrived for our Drive. As certain time slots became filled, the Red Cross offered times at other Drives, to be held next month in town. Some Donors accepted that offer. We began a half hour early so we could accommodate additional Blood Donors and efficiently move them through the various stations. The total units of blood collected was 72 for the day. This was sufficient to help 216 individuals in need of blood products and a big increase over last year.

Mary O'Connor, for the third year in a row, donated her famous Irish Soda Bread muffins as a special treat for the Donors who came to the Drive. Here Bob Randall and Larry Gloekler prepare to sample the warm muffins.



During the Blood Drive the Randall Father-Son team found time to donate together as they have for the last 6 years at the Knights of Columbus Drive under the watchful eyes of the Red Cross nurse.



Thank you to all members of our Parish who came out to donate blood at the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive dedicated this year to Father Murphy.

A special THANK YOU to those volunteers who stepped up for the Blood Drive. They are Laz Donabedian, Bob Randall, Larry Gloekler, Cosimo Bosco, and Michael DeConti. A special recognition goes to Mary O'Connor who brought warm Irish Soda Bread muffins for our Donors.

Take Care, Michael