

Candidate for Maryland State Council Warden



My name is **Terry Waters** and I am a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Council #12127 and Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly #2443. I have been a member of the Order for 21 years. My current KofC position is Maryland State Program Director.

My most significant KofC positions and accomplishments are:

Maryland State Program Director- Achieved #1 ranking among all State jurisdictions in the United States for Faith in Action program execution and reporting

Maryland State Community Director- Built and launched a highly successful Little Sisters of the Poor support program

District Deputy- Earned Honor District Award both years of service

Grand Knight- Earned Star Council Award

Additional experience for voting delegates to consider (family, parish, community, and work):

I have been married 41 years to my wife, Linda, and we have two grown children and two grandsons.

I am active in my home parish, St. John Neumann in Gaithersburg, serving on the parish finance committee, capital campaign, and as an EMHC.

I enjoyed a long career as a Coca-Cola executive and served in many leadership roles including Operations Manager for Baltimore, Northern VA, Washington DC, and Nashville. I currently serve as Manager of Special Initiatives for Cross Catholic Outreach, which involves partnering with Knights from across the US.

For the past four years, I have served on the Board of Directors for Maryland Special Olympics.

I earned an MA in International Studies from Ohio University in Athens, OH.

Key tenants of my platform are provided below. I look forward to discussing these at the candidate forums and convention atrium, and commit to complying with the policy, which states "Campaigning for the office of State Warden is limited to participation in the Regional Candidate Forums, and campaigning in the Atrium during the State Council convention (except during the Friday Grand Knight Olympics and the Saturday morning Awards Program)."

Anyone campaigning for a State Officer role must have proven experience in leading, motivating and inspiring people. I have been fortunate in my professional career and in my roles with the Knights of Columbus, to have gained an enormous amount of critical experience in these areas. During my 28 years as a Coca-Cola leader, I led some of the organization's most challenging operations. In each situation, I was able to deliver results by connecting with team members at all levels of the operation, supporting them through many changes and hurdles that impacted them and the entire business. In fact, in 2009 I was recognized as one of the top Coca-Cola sales center leaders in the United States in driving employee engagement!

As a brother Knight, I am especially proud to have served as State Program Director for the past two years. I have led a group of approximately 60 directors and chairmen and have helped build an innovative, responsive and effective team. Last year Supreme recognized Maryland for delivering the highest level of council participation in the Faith in Action programs within the entire United States!

As we move into the future, what matters most is having experienced, proven and inspiring leadership at the State level. I believe that I have the skills needed to join and support the State team and I look forward to serving alongside them and all my brother Knights here in Maryland.