

## Candidate for Maryland State Council Warden



On May 1<sup>st</sup>, I will be 54 years old, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight with 19 years as a Knight. I am a current member of Council #612, and Assembly # 379. My current KofC positions are:

State Lecturer and State Patriotic Chairman

My most significant KofC positions and accomplishments are:

Master of the Maryland District for 4 yrs, State Membership Team, State Youth Director, District Deputy, District Warden, Grand Knight, Navigator, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Teams, Historian for the Fourth Degree Team, Color Corps Commander, 2009 MD State Family of the yr, 2007 MD State Knight of the yr, 2006 MD District Sir Knight of the yr. Awarded Supreme International Service Program for council activity.

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

I have been married to Heather for 33 years and have 3 daughters. I'm a parish usher and volunteer. My work with the Ellsworth Cemetery was recognized by the NAACP and I was awarded the National Guard Adjutant General of MD, Personal challenge coin for outstanding community service work, and selfless dedication.

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)."

My vision as a State Officer will be two-fold with a focus on growing participation in the order and membership.

First, I joined the Knights of Columbus as a way to serve my church, my community, and my family. I quickly realized that in order to participate in Council events, I needed a way to include my whole family. I began to bring them with me to events and soon others followed.

We must look to our parishes, communities, and the Catholic gentlemen in them to help us build understanding and desire as a part of our mission. Our families are our greatest source of inspiration and can help raise awareness of our Order in our neighborhoods and parishes. Our wives are the Order's under-utilized recruiters. Their ability to network with other wives and families is second to none and should be part of every Council's growth plan.

Finally, I want to focus on getting things done. If you see something that needs to be done – DO IT! Don't wait to be asked or expect to be thanked. JUST DO IT! If you see someone who needs your help, step up and HELP THEM!. I believe this builds on the Order's four pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

When we all work together to complete a common goal, only good things can come of it.

I humbly ask for your consideration and vote as your next State Warden.