



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Worthy Brother Knights,

This letter is to inform you of my intent to run for election to the office of Utah State Deputy for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. Thank you for allowing me to serve you over the past several years as a member of the State Council, most recently as the State Secretary; it has been an honor.

I am asking for your consideration and vote for State Deputy but know that I don't ask this lightly. I expect to hold myself, the state officers and representatives, and the local council leadership accountable. I hope you see as much value in that as I do. Also, I want to be upfront about my expectations so you are aware of what a vote for me entails. I believe we can accomplish anything if we plan, act on our plans, and hold ourselves accountable.

My hopes for the next couple of years is to raise the Utah State Jurisdiction to first in the order. I would like to increase our membership as we have greatly declined over the past few years and without growth we may perish as an organization. But also, growth so we can do and achieve more with new ideas and hands. I would like to see growth in our hours of service and monetary donations, this can be achieved by additional membership but also in our plans and actions.

With all the turmoil going on in the world and people falling away from the Catholic Faith and the Knights I want the Utah Knights of Columbus to be a pillar of strength. If elected my theme for next year will be "Upon this rock," as that is what I want for the Utah Knights to be... a rock for our parishes and communities, a rock for our brothers, and a rock that can be built upon.

As for my qualifications I have served in all the State Officer positions, a District Deputy, the Online Membership Chairman, Membership Director, Assistant Membership Director, Public Relations Chair, Community Director and several other positions on the state level. I have also served as a Grand Knight achieving the Star Council award two consecutive years and a Faithful Navigator achieving the Star Assembly award two consecutive years. I remain an active member of my council, assembly, and parish community.

I have the love and support of my wife (Allison) and my two children (Caprice and Nicholas). My family has been there for me since I joined our Order, have continued to support me in all the different positions I've held, and pledged their support and encouragement as I seek election to the State Council as State Deputy.

Thank you for your consideration. I truly do feel honored to have served and to continue serving the Utah State Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

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