



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Worthy Brother Knights,

My name is Giancarlo Gazani (34), currently holding the office of State Advocate.

It has been my greatest honor to serve you all in the State Council as your Advocate over the last year since my election at our State Convention in April 2024. This letter serves as my official intent to run for a second term for the Office of State Advocate.

What a year it has been... as some of you may recall, I have been doing the work remotely, yes, for the most part from Wichita, Kansas!, but still getting it done. Over the last fraternal year, I have been able to join you all for many of your activities, not only KofC related, but also continuing with my service in our diocese as Bishop Solis' Master of Ceremonies. I have seen many of you at multiple knights and diocesan events such as: the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passing through Salt Lake City, the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Anthony Shumway, at some of your council meetings, blood drives, membership drives and fundraisers, Coats for Kids drives, Christmas parties, to name a few at many of your own parishes St. Catherine of Siena, St. Patrick, Our Lady of Lourdes in Magna, at Cathedral, St. Olaf, St. John The Baptist, St. Francis Xavier, at trainings hosted by the State Council, at the Diaconate Ordination of Deacon Kenneth Parsad, etc. But not only in our state, but I also was able to build relationships with our brother knights at the Kansas State Council and their local Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita, where I have been attending Mass for most of my weekends when not in Salt Lake City. I have also been involved with the local Cathedral council 691 helping them recruit more men to our Order. Only in Kansas, in 3 of their 4 dioceses; Wichita, Salina and Dodge City, I was able to help 40+ men of different ages and backgrounds to join our Order by inviting them and conducting their CUF on the spot. ***A knight is a knight, regardless whether you are at your council, parish, state, or not.*** I also want to take this opportunity to express my apologies for having missed you all at the Mid-year meeting, as some of you may have been aware, I was stranded in Kansas due to bad weather, an ice storm followed by a blizzard caused the Wichita airport to cancel multiple flights, including mine, missing you all.

Some of you may not know me so let me give you a short introduction: I've been a knight of Council 602 at The Cathedral of the Madeleine for over 11 years, also a Sir Knight of Fr. Dominguez Assembly 1144, and I have served my council in the following offices: Recorder, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, and Trustee. Some of you know me as a former seminarian for our diocese, as I attended Mount Angel Seminary for 3 years (2015-18), where I continued to be involved with the knights and invited fellow Catholic young men to join the ranks of our Order. Whilst being in seminary, I was recognized as a top recruiter for our state by PSD Andy Airriess. Some of you may also recognize me as the person "telling" or "directing" our Bishop what to do up on the altar as his Master of Ceremonies at Cathedral. I am also currently in formation within our order as part of the Blessed Michael McGivney Leader Fellowship program. In a state capacity, I have served you as well as the State's Evangelization and Faith Formation Director when called by IPSD Bill Kelly, and as your State Advocate and Family Director for the last year.

On a personal level, I work as a Director of Operations in the healthcare industry for Healthcare Services Group, Inc. where I have worked since 2018, when I left seminary formation, overseeing operations of skilled

nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and hospitals. I have also served in different parish ministries in our diocese as: Catechist, altar server, lector, extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, Master of Ceremonies for our Bishop, coordinator of the Diocesan delegation for World Youth Day Portugal 2023, etc.

If re-elected as your State Advocate, my plan is to continue to grow closer to each of you, and strengthen the bonds of your own councils with the state and our Order, get involved in your council activities, and help you promote your programs as you put your own Faith in Action. Why go for a second term? While some may say that, we need to skip from one office to another in order to learn all positions; I strongly believe that one-year doing a particular job is not enough to “move up”. We must learn how to do our jobs in a competent manner, in order to move up in any organization, and it is not my intent to jump positions over anyone, but rather fully learn my job and its duties, then move wherever God may lead.

It is my goal to be able to provide coaching, direction, and advice as needed to the men in our Order, within my own capabilities, as I continue to learn the needs and duties of this office, and to help each of you be more successful than what you already are in your own parishes and councils.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote once again to continue being your State Advocate. I greatly appreciate your consideration and especially your generous service to our order.

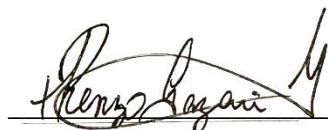
“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” - Proverbs 27:17

Vivat Jesus and May God Bless the United States of America!

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney... pray for us.

Mary, Queen of the Knights... pray for us.

Saint Joseph... pray for us



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