

Greetings Brothers,

My report as your Immediate Past State Deputy starts by wishing you all a deep and sincere **THANK YOU** for allowing me to serve in all of the State Officer positions, including my present one.

As I'm sure you know, the Immediate Past Deputy is essentially put out to pasture, in terms of the State Council business. I was fortunate enough to receive one official State Duty and it is one that I love to do and one I hope to continue to do next year. When you have a Council member who passes away, I'm the fellow who sends the next of kin a very nice letter of condolence and it informs this person that a Mass will be said for the repose of their loved ones soul, by our State Chaplain.

Beyond this State responsibility, my relationship to the State Officer team is to advise them on State Council matters on their terms and only when they solicit that advice. This basically equals to near-never!

My largest task this year has been to transition back to the Council life and to involve myself in their mission. All I can say about that is **WOW! It's great to be back!** My Grand Knight, Robin Rego, from Holy Spirit Council 10653, has given me a bunch of opportunities to get back into the swing of Council service. Here is a list of what I have been up to:

- 1) I participated in our Council "Sprinkler Blow-Out". We provide this service as a fundraiser and I was on a team that did this for two weekends.
- 2) I volunteered at the Regional Fall Special Olympic games and again at the State Fall Special Olympics.
- 3) I joined our parish Men's Friday morning Prayer Group.
- 4) I volunteered for our Coats for Kids program by delivering coats to Catholic Charities in Tri-Cities and picked up a load of coats that the Grand Knight and I delivered to kids directly at Amistad Elementary School.
- 5) I provided soup for two of our Parish Soup Supper Nights.
- 6) I am part of the parish Snow-Shoveling Team. We get up before Mass and shovel the parish grounds. Anyone who knows me know that this Wisconsin kid loves to shovel snow!!!
- 7) I assisted by serving and cleaning up for a meal at our parish Alpha Group. This is a cool group in our parish that evangelizes to those showing an interest in Jesus and religion and are in the discovery phase of their faith life.
- 8) I joined a singing group that visits old-age homes. Our group is called "Troubles Be Gone" and it's a fun afternoon for everyone. We did it twice a month until the COVID-19 pandemic shut us down.
- 9) I joined the Honor Guard this year and I'm proud to say I haven't hurt anyone with my sword yet!
- 10) I'm on the parish landscape team and our work starts when we can get together as a group- the pandemic has put a halt on that for now also.
- 11) I sold Christmas Cards for our Keep Christ in Christmas Program, one weekend.
- 12) I was able to volunteer for our Parish Prison Ministry that provides a Christmas gift for all of the inmates in our local prisons.
- 13) I was able to drive for a "Car Drive Fundraiser" where we drive new cars to and from our local park and in turn the dealership pays our "salary" to our Assembly. It takes two weekends.
- 14) I just finished a Novena for Life that is sponsored by our parish.
- 15) I assisted the Council chairmen with their awards write-ups.
- 16) And finally, I have been calling our Council members that are over 60 to see how they are doing with the COVID-19 pandemic and if they have any special needs that I might be able to help with.

So I have been busy and all I can say in closing is that we have a great opportunity in our Order to serve our God, and I am so very thankful to be a part of that!

I pray that God Blesses our work and I ask that my report be accepted as written and entered as part of the record of the 117th Annual Convention of the Washington State Knights of Columbus.

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