

## Worthy State Deputy

My name is Larry Devlin. As a delegate to 2021 State Convention, I would like to nominate myself, a member of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty Council 8297 for the position of State Warden for the Washington State Council. I am insurance member and have been a member of the Knights of Columbus for almost 40 years.

I am now serving as Grand Knight of Council 8297 in Poulsbo and as District Deputy for District 2, responsible for 5 Councils. The Council is on track for Star District and the District is on track for Star District. I have previously served as a Field Agent, responsible for 11 Councils in the greater Seattle area. I also serve as the Director of KC HELP for Western Washington and am leading an effort with the Chaplain at the Seattle VA Hospital called "Never Let a Veteran Die Alone." I am the Presiding Officer for our Council's Exemplification Team.

I am a Past Grand Knight of Kennewick Council 8179 when the Council earned Star Council both years that I served as Grand Knight. The Council was recognized for numerous State Service Program Awards including Pro-Life, Church, and Youth, as well as the Herbert Liebert Award and Harry M. Tucker Fraternalism Award. Also, during my tenure, one of our members was recognized as the State Knight of the Year. Most humbling was the Council earning the International Service Program Award for Pro-Life where I was proud to receive the award from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on behalf of the Council, alongside Past State Deputies John Wallace and Don McBride in Denver.

Shortly after, I had a work reassignment to Houston where I was soon involved with Knights of Columbus there and was appointed District Deputy, serving in that capacity for 3 years and earning Star District in each of those 3 years. As District Deputy, I led the establishment of 3 new Councils, one a College Council at Rice University, and reactivated another Council.

I am a charter member of two 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies, including one in Houston that I helped to establish and my current Assembly in Poulsbo. I served as Charter Faithful Admiral and later as Faithful Navigator in Houston.

After 3 years as District Deputy, I was then appointed Assistant Diocesan Deputy for the Galveston-Houston Diocese serving with the Diocesan Deputy to oversee 30 Districts and 22,000 members. I was also elected as Vice President of the Galveston-Houston Chapter. In that capacity, I co-chaired a successful fundraising effort for the Knights of Columbus' goal of \$500,000 for the construction of an \$8 million Priest Retirement Home in Houston.

Although my plate is full, I am inspired by the incredible leadership of this Washington State Council over the years and would be honored to serve alongside the team in service to our 17,000 members in the State. I humbly ask for your support in electing me as your next Washington State Council State Warden.