

State Officer's Report  
State Warden, Scott Hulse  
Report of the State Warden

As stipulated in the Washington State Council Bylaws, I verify and state that I carried out my duties as State Warden as specified in Article 6, Section 5.

- I attended all meetings of the Washington State Council.
- I only admitted duly qualified third degree members.
- I carried out all other duties as requested by State Deputy Pat Kelley including:
  1. Provision of aid to State Deputy Pat Kelley during State Council meetings.
  2. Maintenance of an inventory, caring and storing State Council equipment and supplies.
  3. Photographing award presentations and special events.
  4. I provided certificates of recognition for the Mt Vernon Msgr. Boulet Council 2126 Centennial Celebration.
  5. Set-up, take down and audio/visual support during State Council meeting.
  6. Duties of the Washington State Council General Program Director.

There were a number of unique challenges during the 2020 - 2021 fraternal year. The COVID-19 pandemic made it necessary for individual Councils as well as the Washington State Council to conduct virtual meetings and a State Convention as a continuing paradigm. We planned a virtual Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose during May, 2020 because of statutory limitations on group gatherings.

Approximately one-fifth of the 167 Councils within the Washington State Council's jurisdiction have been completing online Monthly Service Reports. The Monthly Service Report enables the State Council to assess the health and value of state programs. The Monthly Service Report is also an invaluable training tool for each Council's Deputy Grand Knight or others, who may serve as the Council Program Director. The Monthly Service Report gives the Council Program Director insight into the working of the Council as well as the resources and talents that are essential for a Council's program development. We need to increase participation with completion of Monthly Service Reports; however, we must also develop a way to use information in the Monthly Service Report more efficiently; for example, linking information from the Monthly Service Report to information required by the State and Supreme Councils in other reports and the Columbian Award application.

Less than five percent of Councils within the Washington State Council's jurisdiction submitted Faith in Action Service Program Award applications, nominated individuals within their Councils for the Knight of the Year Award or families within the Parishes for the Family of the Year Award and applied for the Washington State Council's Harry J Tucker Fraternalism Award during the 2020 – 2021 fraternal year. This is a significant decrease from previous years. The purpose of these awards is to share information about successful programs and to show gratitude

and respect to the individuals and families who make significant contributions within our Councils, our Parishes, and our communities. Our challenge during the 2021 – 2022 fraternal year will be to increase Council participation in Faith in Action programs over levels realized prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Membership in our Order will not increase unless Councils actively participate in Faith in Action programs.

I am grateful to my fellow officers and our Executive Director Ed Rogers for their patience, advice, critique and occasionally for their sense of humor. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of our Council Program Directors, Council Officers and Council Chairmen as well as our Washington State Faith in Action program Directors and our State Chairmen. All of these men have provided me with unique knowledge and perspectives that have made it much easier to carry out my responsibilities as Washington State Warden. Please accept my sincere thanks.

It has been both a privilege to have been able to serve our Washington State Council as State Warden and General Program Director and an honor to have been able to work with so many good and dedicated men. In conclusion, I am constantly reminded of my wife, Jo's, admonition when I first became a Knight while within the jurisdiction of the Military Archdiocese during December, 2007. "Why don't you join the Knights of Columbus so you can be with men who believe the tenets of our faith and act to serve those around them? Birds of a feather flock together." I continue to be grateful for Jo's encouragement, support, generosity with her time, and patience without which serving our Washington State Council and carrying out the duties of Washington State Warden would be more difficult. It is because of my wife that I became a Knight.

I move that my report for the fraternal year 2020 – 2021 be accepted as reported and included as part of the record of the 118<sup>th</sup> Washington State Council's Annual Convention.