

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

As stipulated in the Washington State Council Bylaws, I verify and state that I carried out my duties as State Advocate as specified in Article 6, Section 4.

- I attended all meetings of the Washington State Council.
- I provided subordinate Councils with sources of information in response to their questions pertaining to the conduct of business for the Knights of Columbus when requested.
- I provided individual members with sources of information in response to their questions pertaining to the conduct of business for the Knights of Columbus when requested.
- I have received and taken possession of and stored financial records for multiple prior years that were offered by the State Secretary and State Treasurer.
- I carried out all other duties as requested by State Deputy Kim Washburn by:
 1. Working to resolve issues with various Councils that have been suspended for various reasons that include inactivity due to:
 - Dwindling numbers of Knights of Columbus Council members due to a number of factors including failure to recruit new members,
 - Aging demographics,
 - Closure of Parishes,
 2. Assisting with the merger of Councils by assisting members of Councils that are no longer active during the merger process,
 3. Working diligently to resolve issues with Councils that have persistently, over many years, failed to comply with requirements specified in the "Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus,"
 4. Provided support to all Washington State District Deputies by serving as State District Deputy Director,
 5. Identifying five Parishes and one other location where there is a potential for ethnic Councils while serving as the State Hispanic Council Development coordinator,
 6. Providing support when requested for the single Hispanic Council, Holy Redeemer Council 17257, located in Yakima, Washington, when requested while serving as District Deputy for Hispanic Councils, District 36,
 7. Preparing resolutions committing the Washington State Council to support for our Parish Pastors, Priests, Bishops and the Supreme Knight and acknowledging members and Councils for their longevity and support,
 8. Completing a review of all Washington State Bylaws and preparing resolutions for consideration by delegates to the 119th Washington State Convention that will minimize redundancy, remove Articles that are no longer relevant or duplicate actions that are covered by the "Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus," and

9. Preparing reports and performing other duties as necessary to assure that the Washington State Council is in compliance with the “Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus.”

There were a number of unique challenges during the 2021 - 2022 fraternal year as Councils resumed in person meetings while accommodating the needs of those who remain reluctant to directly come in contact with others for fear of contracting the various COVID-19 mutations. Our challenge during the 2022 – 2023 fraternal year will be to increase Council awareness of responsibilities of the subordinate Councils and to assure that all Washington State subordinate Councils are in compliance with the “Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus. Membership in our Order will not increase unless Councils actively participate in Faith in Action programs. We must therefore assure that all Councils comply with the Supreme Council’s Board of Directors directives so that we minimize risk to the safety and well being of members and other program participants if we are to successfully grow as an Order.

I am grateful to my fellow officers and our Executive Director Ed Parazoo 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.

It has been both a privilege to have been able to serve our Washington State Council as State Advocate, District Deputy Director, Hispanic Council Growth Coordinator and District 36 District Deputy 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 Advocate would be more difficult. It is because of my wife that I became a Knight.

I move that my report for the fraternal year 2021 – 2022 be accepted as reported and included as part of the record of the 119th Washington State Council’s Annual Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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