

## Fourth Degree Knight to Run for Governor



State Senator Phil Fortunato, a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus, announced his candidacy for Governor of Washington State. He made his formal announcement for governor on August 7th in Downtown Seattle with a message of opportunity to address the state's homelessness crisis, transportation, streamlining education and scaling back unsustainable spending.

He sponsored a Resolution in the state Senate honoring the Knights of Columbus this past legislative session. Donning the traditional 4th Degree regalia on the Senate Floor, Fortunato spoke about the significant contributions the Knights of Columbus have made in Washington, the United States, and around the world, including support for adding "Under God" to the pledge of allegiance, and numerous charitable works by fellow Knights. Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartin, Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, and State Deputy Robert Baemert were present at the Senate Resolution ceremony. Senator Fortunato is a former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight of St. Joseph Council 3598 (Auburn), and member of Bishop Thomas E. Gill Assembly 1955 (Federal Way). He is one of only two state Senators to receive the "Pro-Life Hero" award from Human Life of Washington.

More information about Fortunato can be found at [www.PhilForGov.org](http://www.PhilForGov.org).

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