

Greetings my brother Knights. My name is Bob Zielinski and I am running for State Advocate.

This summer marks 30 years of marriage for me and my bride. Babette and I believe in a life of service. I have been a lector and altar server; she an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist. For several years we were members of the RCIA team as well as Youth Group leaders. We have both served on the parish council. I am a 22 year member of the Holy Name Society; 6 of which were as President. We have also been involved with Habitat for Humanity for the past 20 years.

Professionally, my career in radio, television, and online broadcasting spans 3 decades. I am currently a Programming Flow Manager for the Sinclair Broadcasting Group in South Bend. This career blessed Babette & I with the opportunity to be Advisors for an Explorer Post; which is a vocation mentoring program of the Boy Scouts.

I have been a faithful and enthusiastic member of the Knights of Columbus for 20 years. During which time I served the Santa Maria Council in South Bend as Grand Knight for 5 years and 3 more as a Council Trustee. I am a member of the Fr. Nieuwland Fourth Degree Assembly. I have served the Indiana State Council as District Deputy for District 10, Public Relations and Communications Director, as well as Executive Secretary for our Immediate Past State Deputy.

I am currently the Indiana jurisdiction's New Council Development and Reactivations Chairman as well as the creator, host, director and co-producer of "Knight Vision", the Indiana State Council's new radio show and podcast airing on Catholic Radio Indy.

I believe that it is vital that we get back to basics with a healthy respect for protocol and tradition while finding creative ways to engage multiple generations of brother Knights and embracing new ideas. We need to find more effective ways to share the tribal knowledge; not just the "how"s but also the "why"s . Knowledge isn't enough; we need to promote better understanding.

We live in uncertain times, and although we may be socially distant, now more than ever is the time for us to come together in fraternal unity. Just as today's medical researchers look to the past for clues as to how to proceed in the future; so must we learn to meld the traditions of the past with the innovations provided by a new generation of Knights eager to move the order forward into a brave new world. It is my desire to continue applying my gifts and experience in service to the Indiana jurisdiction and my brother Knights across the state as the next State Advocate.

God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!
Bob Zielinski