

**DELEGATE NOMINATION LETTER
FOR THE 2020 DELIGATION CAUCUS**

The following is a few of the reasons I believe Phil Perry should be considered as a delegate to the 2020 Supreme Convention, representing the Diocese of Evansville, and the State of Indiana.

Phil has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years, joining Nicholas A. Hassell council 1131 when he was 18. Growing up in a family rich in Knights culture, his father was Financial Secretary, and uncle Jimmy Hillman was Grand Knight of council 1131. Other relatives and many family friends were also involved in the K of C. As he grew up, Phil remembers tagging along on many Knights of Columbus functions, several which involved Church, family, serving the community, and helping brother Knights in need. Phil has compiled a countless list of functions, fundraisers, activities, and most importantly, helping the Church in his many years as a Knight. A huge impact on Phil was the early days of the Tootsie Roll Drive in the late 60's. Learning that the net proceeds went to help intellectually challenged kids, Phil vowed to participate as soon as he could. As a new young Knights of Columbus member, he worked the drive every year in the busy intersections of Princeton, and now has Co-Chaired this very important event for ten years, earning "Top Ten Honors" at State convention for the last four years.

Phil worked his way through the chairs and was elected Grand Knight for the first time in 1986, the youngest GK in the State at that time serving two years. Phil then joined forces with other brother knights from council 1131, chartering a very much needed First Degree Team. Phil served as Warden for 25 years, and then took the part of Chancellor for the next 10 years, reciting both parts from memory. Phil is now heading up the next generation Degree team so council 1131 can offer the all new First, Second, and Third Degree Exemplification.

In 2015 Phil was elected Grand Knight for the second time, serving two years. During this time, he met Marty McCoy Jr. (State Deputy) Who inspired Phil to consider filling a five year void for District Deputy in district 31. With the blessing of his wife Vicki, he accepted the challenge and is now in his third year over seeing Haubstadt council 2215, Vincennes 712, Washington 630, and his home council Princeton 1131. And, is in the final stages forming a new Church based council in Petersburg. Phil intends to serve as District Deputy again next Fraternal Year.

As District Deputy, Phil has attended every Diocesan meeting, twice a year. Every required DD State meeting, also twice a year. And has attended the Knights of Columbus State convention since 2014. He attends the meetings of his councils monthly, assuring the message from Supreme and State is delivered to help them all succeed and meet each of their goals. Faith in Action programs is something dear to Phil's heart. He is both happy and proud with his councils progress in adapting to this new format involving Faith, Family, Community, and Life (especially Pro Life).

A lifetime member of St Joseph Parish in Princeton. Phil serves as Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan. Phil has been married to wife Vicki for 42 years. They have two daughters Abby, and Jamie, Son in Law Ryan, and two beautiful grandchildren Brody 5, and Clara 2.

Phil owns and operates a successful electronic sales and service business, "Phil's Electronics", in Princeton, offering Home and Commercial consumer electronics products and services for thirty five years. With the time required to run his business, and the time, dedication and thousands of

miles he has asserted to his position as District Deputy, Phil also finds the time to help his home council. Their Lenten Fish Fry's, sausage grind fundraisers three times a year, Christmas, Easter, and Halloween programs for the kids, and holds the office Trustee. And of course, volunteering his electronic skills for Church, School, and council.

Phil would be honored to represent The State of Indiana as delegate to the Supreme convention, and would very much appreciate your vote.

I've not met a brother more committed to the Knights of Columbus or to the causes that we support. Phil is a dedicated Knight and brother, and I believe our diocese would be well represented by Phil Perry.

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