

Hello Brother Knights,
My name is Ryan Borden and I am asking to become your next **State Advocate**.

I have been married to Lady Sheila for 18 wonderful years. We have two daughters, Taylor 15 and Reagan 13. I have been involved in the Indiana State Council Family for six years. For four years, I served as District Deputy, and for the last two years as the Indiana State Council Family Director. I'm currently a member of 17069 Fr. Timothy Sweeney Council in Bristow, which is based at Saint Isidore the Farmer Parish. I'm the Past Grand Knight of Council 1172 (Tell City), and founding Grand Knight of 17069. My duties in Council 17069 continue as Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director while mentoring the future officers. The Council was established in 2018 and received the Double Star Award our first year, which was a great accomplishment for a small rural country parish of 213 families. The Council is currently on pace for Star Council again this fraternal year. When the Council was established, it was the beginning of the Faith in Action Programs. Our Parish received these programs with great enthusiasm.

I have been privileged to be involved in all four of the Degree Ceremonial Teams. Recruiting a new brother and then going through the degree ceremonies with him is such a privileged honor. A goal of mine is for the Councils to become more involved with recruiting through our Faith in Action Programs especially the Faith and Family programs. We increase our footprint in the Life programs by having more attendees at the Pro-Life March in Washington D.C. while supporting our local events as well. The attendees then talk about the March to help promote our Ultrasound Program.

The Faith and Action programs include the Children at Gibault. I have attended the Gibault Christmas party for the past five years with my family. I enjoy passing out gifts to the Gibault kids. What a joy it is to spend this time not only with my family, but the children who know us as Knights. Showing that we care means the world to these children more than we will ever know. We have the opportunity to extend our caring support for the Children at Gibault through additional fundraisers and by visiting the campus more often.

Before Council 17069 was established I was a member of Council 1172. Having been in a Council which existed for 100 years before I became a member of the Order, I understand the issues as well. As Grand Knight of 1172 I helped with the Council and Home Corporation work through the paperwork for separation. As a District Deputy I worked with the Councils in my District by helping them complete the separation process as well. I have also worked as an intermediary between Councils and Supreme by helping the Councils comply with the Safe Environment Program. I've helped our council obtain a state gaming license and ensure that we meet all State and Supreme regulations.

Currently I'm also the Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2065. I am a former member of the Parish Pastoral Council, having served as both the Chairman and Vice Chairman. All of this has been achieved while working for Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana in Princeton as an Internal Logistics Team Member for the last 17 years. Time management has been an essential asset that Lady Sheila and I have utilized while still attending to school functions as well. My most relaxing time during all of this is while praying the Holy Rosary, making Rosaries, and at Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. I feel that none of these would have been on my radar without my involvement in the Knights of Columbus.

I feel that God has led us to this moment in life. Being asked by my peers, who I completely respect, is an honor within itself. My decision had to be decided not only by myself, but by the entire Family while discerning the calling of God. We each have a plan A, B, and C, but God only has plan A for each of us. Even though we may think that we are in control, He always has the final say.

I ask that with Prayer that we all make the right choice.