

April 8, 2020

Dear Brothers,

It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Brother Randy Balausky for the office of State Warden.

Brother Randy has been a Knight since 2009, and in his eleven years as a knight, he has served in every council office and achieved Star Council as Grand Knight. He currently serves as the Faithful Purser of Msgr. Henry Speck Assembly. Brother Randy has served as District Deputy and is in his third year as the State Community Program Director. For the past two years, Randy has spearheaded the Wheelchair Mission program for the Knights of Columbus.

Randy joined the Boy Scouts in 1973. He grew up in the program and as an adult held many positions including Scoutmaster. Randy's involvement continued with his being employed by the Boy Scouts of America for over 10 years as a Camp Ranger and District Executive. This experience gave him many transferable skills, such as adult and youth membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, program planning and implementation, and leadership development and training. Randy has a Bachelor's Degree in Management and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He takes it upon himself to provide exceptional support and service to everyone he works with. He quickly analyzes individual needs and works to provide support, information, direction or recommendations.

In addition to performing an upper level management job with the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Randy demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to his community of Owatonna, his parish of Sacred Heart, the Owatonna Knights of Columbus Council 945, and the State Council as the Community Programs Director. Brother Randy's community service efforts are unique and far reaching and he is no stranger to volunteering. Randy has been a youth wrestling coach, a member of the Owatonna Park and Recreation Board, St. Mary's School board, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Foremost Brewery in Owatonna. Randy is a member of the Owatonna area Isaak Walton league, and Owatonna Eagles Club.

In my experience, Brother Randy has always brought a solid and positive attitude to everything he does. Randy fosters commitment to not only serving the Knights of Columbus, but being a servant leader of others. His style of leadership brings out the best in others through positive encouragement.

I have known Randy to be a fantastic teammate. He is always cheerful and exceptional in everything he does. His attention to detail, and loyalty to the Knights of Columbus is endearing to the Brother Knights and all who work with him. Randy is a true champion for service to others with a tireless commitment to his family, church, community, and to the Knights of Columbus. He has a great support team with his wife Tammy, daughter Allie, and two sons Brother Knights Chris and US Navy veteran Casey.

His skills, dedication, experience, and education make Randy an ideal candidate to lead the Minnesota Knights of Columbus as a state officer.

I ask you to join me in support of Brother Randy Balausky as I place his name in nomination for the office of State Warden.

Vivat Jesus!

Craig Larson