

Brothers, David Dillon has been a dedicated and long-serving member of our Order for the position of State Warden: Brother David, from Fr. Edward Hamill Council 876 and Fr. Edward Hamill Assembly 577.

David has been a steadfast pillar of our Knights of Columbus family for an impressive **45 years**, having joined Council 876 in 1980. His commitment to the Fourth Degree is equally remarkable, with **37 years** of membership in Assembly 577, a testament to his dedication to the principles of patriotism. He and his lovely wife Sandy are blessed with four children, two of whom have followed in his footsteps as Fourth Degree members, highlighting the strong Catholic and fraternal values within their family.

Professionally, David dedicated **36 years** of his career to Marshall Municipal Utilities, rising through the ranks from laborer to Plant Operations Supervisor, demonstrating his strong work ethic and commitment to service within his community. He further serves his local parish as an usher, showcasing his active involvement in his faith community.

David's journey within the Knights has been one of continuous service and leadership. Since joining in 1980 and the Fourth Degree in 1988, he has held nearly **all offices** in both the Third and Fourth Degrees, including the esteemed positions of **Grand Knight** and **Faithful Navigator**. This extensive experience provides him with a comprehensive understanding of the workings of our Order at the local level.

His dedication and leadership qualities have been recognized by numerous State Deputies. He was first appointed **District Deputy** by Past State Deputy Robert Jecklin and was subsequently reappointed by Past State Deputy Jim Doggendorf. His commitment to family life was further acknowledged when Past State Deputy Ron Wood appointed David and Sandy as the **Ladies Auxiliary Chair Couple**, a role they continued under Past State Deputy Mick Gilliam.

Past State Deputy Greg Stratman recognized David's passion for our youth by appointing him as **Youth Director**, during which time he was instrumental in establishing the **Youth of the Month and Youth of the Year programs** for our State Council. His dedication to preserving our history led to his appointment as **State Historian** by Past State Deputy John Appelbaum. Most recently, Past State Deputy Brad Grill appointed David to **Family Involvement West**, a position he has diligently held ever since, demonstrating his ongoing commitment to strengthening families within our Order.

For the past decade, David has also demonstrated his ability to foster fellowship and community by organizing popular **hockey games with the KC Mavericks** and **baseball games with the KC Royals** for our members and their families.

Furthermore, David possesses a strong understanding of the financial aspects of our Order, having served as **Financial Secretary and Faithful Comptroller from 2010 to 2023**. This experience provides him with a valuable perspective on the responsible stewardship of our resources.

Brothers, David's decades of dedicated service at the council, assembly, district, and state levels, coupled with his deep understanding of our principles and his proven leadership in various

capacities, make him an exceptionally qualified candidate for State Warden. He embodies the values of our Order and possesses the experience and dedication necessary to serve our State Council with distinction.