

S/K Joseph Riffel (WSD, FPD, PCP, FDD, PGK)

Joseph Riffel was born in Regina, Dec 1970, but raised in Saskatoon. He attended BJM High School and then attended the UofS for a couple of years. Things weren't going to plan, so he moved on. He worked for various companies, moving up as able, then moving on as positions topped out. In the mid-'90s, he met a lovely woman, Tracy. They have been married since 1999, having 2 children: John & Rayann. Currently, he works for BN Steel & Metals, overseeing the operation of a metal shredder and non-ferrous metal recovery system. The family attends 'Our Lady of Lourdes' parish; he helps by serving at the parish as Eucharistic minister.

Joe joined the Knights of Columbus on October 20/03, joining St Augustine Council #10587. He took his 2nd & 3rd Degree March 7/04 in Regina, in the presence of his Grand Father, Fr John Riffel (FDM, PSD and FSC). He joined the Council Executive of #10587 as Outside Guard July/04. And then things took off from there. Effective July/05, he was elected Deputy Grand Knight and effective July/06, was elected Grand Knight. Then served as a Trustee, and as well as Council Youth Director. He is active in many council activities: Basketball Free throw, past Bingo Captain, annual parish breakfasts, fundraisers, organizing the children's programs for the State Conventions in S'toon, etc.

He joined the 4th Degree November 12/05 (D'Arcy McGee assembly #1065), he served as a Sentinel on the Executive from 2006 to 2018. He also serves a member of the Honour Guard and assisted at many Exemplifications on the team as needed.

He joined the Saskatoon Chapter as Advocate effective July/07. In July/08 he was appointed District Deputy #33, by WSD Arden Andreas. He received the honour of "Knight of the Year" from his council June/09. He won the "District Deputy of the Year" award at the State convention in April 2010.

He was appointed State Youth & Columbian Squires Director July/10 by then WSD Ed Gibney. (And he continued this position under WSD Gilles Doiron for a second term, ending 2014).

He was elected Saskatoon Chapter President July/11, serving 2 years.

At the 90th Convention in April/12, Joe was elected State Warden, carrying out those duties as well as the State General Program Director. Again, he received the honour of "Knight of the Year" from his council for 2011/12, and 2013/14.

At the 92nd Convention in April/14, Joe was elected State Advocate. He was appointed State Membership Director by WSD Denis Carignan. The State achieved Circle of Honor status for 2014/2015 at ~106% through a group effort, which is the first time in Saskatchewan's history of the award. And for 2015/2016, the State repeated achieving the Circle of Honor at 134% intake goal (#4 in Order).

Joe was Class Patron at a Major Degree held in Saskatoon on May 3rd, 2015.

At the 94th Convention in April/ 16, Joe was elected State Treasurer.

At the 96th State Convention in April of 2018, Joe was elected State Secretary.

As a Board member, he serves as a Cluster Leader, providing guidance & support to all members of his assigned Districts. Also, as State Secretary, Joe serves on the Saskatchewan Charitable Foundation as a Board member.

On April 25th, 2020, at the 98th State Convention, the first Convention did "Virtually", Joe was elected State Deputy, to take office July 1st, 2020.

In his free time (LOL): he tries to keep a neat yard, he attends/supports/participates in his kids' activities, he enjoys spending time with the extended family at the lake & puttering around, driving the boat for the skiers, fishing and golfing. And as always, he enjoys a nice beverage with some pleasant company.

May 30, 2020, JR