

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

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 years. Things weren't going to plan, so he moved on. He worked for various companies, moving up as able, then moving on as promotions topped-out. In the mid-90's, 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; serving at the parish as needed.

Joe joined the Knights of Columbus October 20/03, joining Council #10587 – St Augustine. He took his 2nd & 3rd Degree March 7/04 in Regina, in the presence of his Grand Father, Fr John Riffel (FSC, FDM, PSD). He joined the Council Executive of #10587 as Outside Guard July/04. And then things took off from there. Effective July/05, 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), serving since as Sentinel on the Executive. He also serves a member of the Honour Guard, and assists at many Exemplifications 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 April 2010.

He was appointed State Youth & Columbian Squires Director July/10 by 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 for 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, being 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. As a Board member, he serves as a Cluster Leader, providing guidance & support to all members of Districts: 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & 28.

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

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