Wm. Todd Wohlman of Stevensville

I have been in the service of the Order since 2008. I entered while stationed in New Jersey. I have greatly enjoyed being engaged in the charitable works of our great organization. Being in a variety of officerships has helped me gain an understanding of the workings of the Knights and afforded me the knowledge to keep my Councils on task, in compliance, and always with an eye for service and charity.

It is important to me to have tradition-touchstones in my meetings, while simultaneously engaging technology and creative ways to reach Brothers and run a Council with my fellow officers. My examples are that I use a pre-recorded opening closing odes — they bring us back to our roots, perhaps our fathers or grandfathers who were members, singing the very same song. I use a power point slide show of Council meetings, that is projected on to the wall behind the officers table, to help keep Brothers engaged and informed of issues being presented in the Council meeting. Traditions ground us and remind us of who we are called to be as a group. Technology is a way to engage and recruit a generation of Catholic men who have known only this style of living. I'd like to very much to be a continuing influence in both of these aspects of our Order.

Terms and Positions of Tenure:

- 2008 Mary Mother of God Council 13383 NJ Treasurer
- 2009 Mary Mother of God Council 13383 NJ Grand Knight
- 2010 Mary Mother of God Council 13383 NJ Grand Knight
- 2010 Mary Mother of God 13383 / St. Francis of Assisi- Council 10994 NJ Grand Knight
- 2011 St. Francis of Assisi- Council 10994 NJ Grand Knight
- 2012 St. Francis of Assisi- Council 10994 NJ Grand Knight
- 2013 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT– Financial Secretary
- 2014 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Grand Knight
- 2015 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Grand Knight
- 2016 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Deputy Grand Knight
- 2017 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Grand Knight
- 2018 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Chancellor
- 2019 Our Lady of the Mountains Council 13093 MT Chancellor

Special Projects:

Merger August of 2010 – Oversaw the first ever merger of two military Councils under the auspices of New Jersey State and Supreme Officers. Military realignment forced a reduction in any duplicated volunteer organizations within the confines of the military base grounds. Both Councils had members with various levels of involvement. One was financially defunct and without dully elected officers for two consecutive years. The other was low on membership, had dully elected officers, and was financially sound. I lead all the Worthy Brothers through some very acrimonious and spirited discussions, which resulted in a very sound and active unified Council that served a unified base of more than 25,000 people.

<u>Veteran project 2011</u> – I initiated the project Duffels for Veterans. Initially surplus military gear designed for cold weather work was collected, assembled and distributed in duffel bags personally and through several civilian groups to homeless veteran men. The first year we served more than 60 men.

<u>2014</u> – I transplanted this program to my Montana Council in Stevensville. In our first three years this program delivered between 12 and 20 duffels annually to local homeless veterans through a liaison at the Poverello Center in Missoula. Beginning in 2016 the number of duffels has grown to more than 30 and this past year we have given more than 50 bags to both men and now women veterans.

<u>Thanksgiving</u> – My biggest project (and my greatest source of annual joy) has become our Council's annual Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Drive. The program has grown from 12 dinners to more than 90. We provide a complete dinner to needy families that are brought to our attention through a very close collaboration with 5 local school counselor officers. This culminates from 3 or 4 months of collections, coordination and communication.