

Biography of Tom Collins, candidate for the office of OC Chapter President.

Tom's Bio illustrates his qualifications and dedication to the order, his parish and his community.

Tom joined the KofC in 1986 as a member of Council 5385 in Tustin. For 22 of the next 25 years, Tom was an officer of that council, taking a "break" from the council to serve as DD. Tom served as Grand Knight of the council three separate times. He also served that council as Financial Secretary for 12 years. Tom was responsible for the recruitment of over 40 new members, including nine future Grand Knights of that Council.

Tom has been a member of the Fr Peter JJ Juba council in Orange for the past seven years, and served for three years as their Financial Secretary. Tom became an Honorary Member in 2015.

Tom served the State as a District Deputy, having served in a district with Councils in Anaheim, Orange and Tustin. Tom is currently serving on the State Administrative and Finance Committee.

Tom is an Honorary Member of the Patriotic Degree, joining the El Camino Real Assembly in 1992, and is currently serving as the Faithful Captain of the Christ Cathedral Assembly. He is an active member of the Color Corps, and of the team that presents the history of our U.S. Flag to local Catholic School children.

Tom served the OC Chapter as Marshall in 2012, Secretary in 2017, and is currently serving as the Chapter Vice President. He has also been the Chapter's Financial Secretary Mentor for the past five years. He has served as the co-founder and chairman of the OC Chapter Charities' "Day of Sharing" Poker tournament.

Tom is an Air Force Veteran and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Long Beach State. He and his wife Suzanne have been married for 45 years, and have 3 children. In 1990, the Collins family was selected as the **California State KofC Family of the Year** at the Ca State Convention, and was later the Third Runner Up of the **KofC International Family of the Year** program. At that time the family was not only involved in the Council, but also at St Cecilia Parish and in their local Community. Tom served as president of the parish council, as sacristan, Lector and Eucharistic minister. He was the parish hospitality chairman, managing the weekly coffee & donuts program for seven years. Tom was a Cub Scout leader, Little League manager and AYSO soccer coach. Tom was recognized as the Orange YMCA man of the year in 1992. Tom is now a Lector at La Purisima parish in Orange.

In what he describes as his most rewarding efforts, Tom has been involved in KofC Ceremonial work for most of his 33 years in the Order. He is currently a member of numerous Admissions, Formation and Knighthood Degree teams.

Tom's leadership experience and dedication, and most importantly, his willingness to serve the OC Chapter, make him an ideal choice for the office of OC Chapter President.

My name is Thomas (Tom) Dodge. I live in Villa Park CA. with my wife of almost 57 years. Donna and I have been members of St. Norbert's Parish (Orange) for 46 of those years. Our two adult children, who now have families of their own, live in Orange County.

The following information is provided for consideration for the position of Chapter Treasurer. It is an honor to even be considered for this position, and it would be a pleasure to serve the Chapter, If the members should so decide to entrust me with the responsibility. It is believed that the education and experience listed below is consistent with those required to perform the duties involved.

Knights

Listed below are the offices I have held since becoming a member of this "band of brothers".

1. I have been a Knight since March 2014 and with the support and encouragement of the Council Members , completed the Fourth Degree exemplification in October of that same year.
2. Offices held in **Council 15733**

2015-2016	Deputy Grand Knight
2016-2017	Grand Knight
2017-2018	Trustee
3. Offices held in **Assembly 3479**

2017-2019	Faithful Comptroller
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Outside of the Knights:

- Member of the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee for the City of Villa Park for past two years
- Starting my fourth year as a Professional Service Responder for the Orange County Sheriff's Department. This is a volunteer, non-sworn position

Education

- Bachelor of Administration, California State College Fullerton, Concentration areas, Accounting and Economics
- Master of Business Administration, California State University, Fullerton
Concentration areas Accounting and Economics

Professional Background:

Over 17 years in Inventory Management and Procurement with various Aerospace and Commercial Companies.

Completed course work to earn the following licenses

- Real Estate Broker
- Securities sales
- Certified Financial Planning.

Completed Education required and passed the Examination to obtain an appointment as an Enrolled Agent by the Internal Revenue Service to represent Tax Payers.

Continuous involvement in Income Tax and accounting work since 1984

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