

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IOWA STATE COUNCIL
GUIDELINES FOR CAMPAIGNING
2008**

I. Generally:

- A. A candidate for any office and his nominator must be 3rd Degree members in good standing. In any event, candidates may be nominated from the floor at the Annual State Meeting. However, candidates desiring to campaign and/or be placed on the written ballot prior to the Annual State Meeting shall comply with these Guidelines.
- B. Candidates desiring to be placed on the written ballot prior to the Annual State Meeting must notify the State Deputy in writing, postmarked at least ten days prior to the Annual State Meeting, of their candidacy. A candidate must also inform the State Deputy of the identity of his nominator. A candidate is encouraged to obtain a resolution of endorsement passed by their local council or local assembly which may accompany the notification to the State Deputy. Other written forms of communication, such as email or fax, are allowed provided the candidate receives confirmation of receipt of the notification from the State Deputy.
- C. “*Campaign*” shall mean any organized effort which influences, or attempts to influence, the decision making process within the ISC with respect to the election of any members of the EC or any Delegates or Alternative Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting
- D. No State Officer may endorse any candidate.
- E. No campaigning shall occur before January 1.
- F. A candidate may not specifically ask for a vote. A candidate may generally campaign for support.
- G. A candidate shall not campaign in the chambers of any business meetings nor within ten (10) feet of the entrance of any business meeting.
- H. A candidate is expected to conduct himself as a Catholic gentleman, promoting his qualifications and never commenting negatively about any opponent. A candidate is responsible for any third parties acting on his behalf.

II. Pre-Convention Campaigning:

- A. Joint Mass Mailing - Due to the increasing cost of postage, the following procedure shall be used for mass mailing:
1. Candidates are encouraged to participate in one mass mailing to be coordinated and mailed in one envelope by the ISC to all councils, State Family members, District Deputies and members of the Executive Committee.
 2. If a candidate wants to participate, the candidate must submit his one-page flyer to the Administration Assistant by April 1. Flyers may have information on one side or both sides. Flyers must be black and white.
 3. Candidates are discouraged from performing any other mailings.
- B. Local council meetings - Candidates may not campaign during any local council business meetings or assembly business meetings, but may personally meet-and-greet and may distribute flyers and other promotional material before and after such meetings.
- C. No money from local councils - Candidates may not receive money for campaign purposes from local councils or assemblies. However, candidates may receive donations from individuals for campaign purposes.

III. Convention Campaigning

- A. Joint Reception - Due to cost and in order to promote fraternity and unity, one joint reception will be hosted by the ISC after the Saturday evening banquet. The purpose of the reception is to allow the convention delegation to informally mix and mingle with all candidates.
1. Candidates are discouraged from hosting any receptions in their hotel room, but are encouraged to participate in the joint reception after the Saturday evening banquet.
 2. The ISC shall sponsor this reception by providing snacks with a cash bar.
 3. Each candidate is encouraged to contribute up to \$100.00 to the ISC towards the cost of the reception.
 4. Each candidate will be introduced at this mixer.
- B. Signage - Posters and signs are not to be affixed to permanent structures or fixtures at the convention facility or the associated hotel(s). Any signs used must be free-standing or fixed to a mobile backdrop.

- C. Flyers / Buttons - Candidates may have cards, buttons and other types of novelties to hand out at the convention. Said items may have the candidate's name, council number and the officer or position the candidate is running for. (***But see Section I(G) above.***) Use of flyers stating qualifications and goals are encouraged.
- D. Nominations - Speeches presenting nominees for election shall not exceed three minutes in length.

IV. Infractions

- A. All candidates have the right to freedom of speech and this right shall not be unduly interfered with. However, infractions of the above rules shall be reviewed by the State Advocate except in the case of the candidacy of the State Advocate, whose actions shall be reviewed by the Immediate Past State Deputy.
- B. Infractions shall be classified as class I (minor), II or III (serious). A class I infraction shall involve a private reprimand given to the candidate. A class II infraction shall involve a public reprimand given to the candidate and reported to the delegation. A class III infraction shall include the actions of a class II infraction and shall also be accompanied by a request to the candidate for withdrawal of his candidacy.
- C. Appeal may be made to the State Deputy at whose discretion the EC may be convened and a decision on the appeal rendered.

V. Timelines

- January 1: Campaigning can begin. ***See I(E)***
- April 1: Deadline for receipt of flyers to the Administrative Assistant. (One-page; may be front and back; must be black and white.) ***See II(A)(2)***
- 10 days before Convention: Deadline to request to State Deputy to be placed on written ballot for particular position. ***See I(B)***
- After Saturday Evening Banquet: Joint reception. ***See III(A)***
- Sunday Business Meeting: Nominations from the floor may occur. ***See I(A)***.