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To: Iowa Knights of Columbus

From: Michael P. Laake, State Deputy

Re: 2012 Election Guidelines

Please find enclosed the 2012 election guidelines.

These guidelines are in addition to the election rules promulgated by Supreme and those stated in the [Iowa Knights of Columbus By-Laws](#). Further, they include guidance from the Supreme Advocate's Office. Finally, changes announced at the 2012 Iowa Knights of Columbus Convention may supersede these published guidelines.

While some may find this directive restraining, it does limit the funds that will be spent on the elections, levels the playing field, and keeps us closer to our Spiritual Roots. This should allow candidates to direct those funds to charitable works, compete fairly, and keep Spirituality in the forefront of everything we do. Additionally, this directive places the Iowa Jurisdiction in compliance with the Laws and Rules of the Order.

I thank everyone for your cooperation.

May God Bless Us All!

VIVAT JESUS!



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2012 ELECTION GUIDELINES

I. General Information

- A. A candidate for any office must be a Third (3rd) Degree member in good standing.
- B. Candidates must notify State Deputy in writing, postmarked at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual State Meeting, of their candidacy, if they wish to be on the printed ballot. Failure to meet this requirement means you can still run for office but you will be a write-in candidate on the ballot. A candidate should also inform the State Deputy if they are an insured member or not and identity of their nominator. It is recommended a candidate obtain a resolution of endorsement passed by their local council or local assembly which should accompany 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 notification from State Deputy and retains proof of submission.
- C. No member of the Iowa Knights of Columbus Executive Committee may endorse any candidate.
- D. *"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.
- E. You can talk about your running for office but **cannot ask for support or vote.**
- F. A candidate cannot campaign in or around the chambers of **any** business meetings, nor within ten (10) feet of the entrance of **any** business meeting.
- G. A candidate is expected to conduct himself as a Catholic gentleman, promoting his qualifications, and never commenting negatively about any opponent.
- H. A candidate is responsible for any and all third parties acting on behalf of a candidate.

II. Pre-Convention Campaigning

No Mailings Are Allowed. No Promotional Items Allowed. No Flyers Allowed.

- A. Local council participation: Candidates need to follow these procedures in dealing with all Councils.
 - i. Candidates may not campaign during any business meetings of any type, but may personally meet-and-greet before and after said meetings.
 - ii. Candidates may not receive money for campaign purposes from local councils or assemblies. **(However, candidates may receive donations from individuals within a council for campaign purposes but cannot solicit those funds.)**

III. Convention Campaigning

- A. Big change in convention: Due to changes at the 2012 convention, please pay close attention to the information below.
 - i. Due the order of business, there will be no hospitality rooms for candidates before elections. Elections will be held on Saturday Morning and many delegates will not be in Friday night.



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- ii. Per Supreme direction on Promotional Items, NO signage or flyers are allowed whatsoever at any time or place.
- iii. Distribution of campaign buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, bumper stickers, or any other promotional items is not allowed anywhere.
- B. Speeches presenting nominees for election to a State Council Office, made at appropriate time during convention, shall not exceed (3) three minutes in length. Immediately following a nomination speech, a Candidate may choose to make a (2) two minute acceptance speech
- C. Speeches presenting nominees for election to a Supreme Convention, made at appropriate time during, convention shall not exceed (2 1/2) two and one half minutes in length. Acceptance speeches are not allowed.

IV. Election Governance

Elections are to be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Additionally Section 162 Laws of the Knights of Columbus establishes certain categories of misconduct that may expose a member to disciplinary action. See complete Section 162(23) for all rules and regulations pertaining to elections. This section has been outlined in brevity to provide general guidance for candidates.