



SUPREME CONVENTION
INDIANA DELEGATE NOMINATING CAUCUS
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Diocesan caucus is to elect FIVE (5) delegates to represent Indiana at the Supreme Convention. Indiana is entitled to ten (10) delegates to the Supreme Convention. This is the maximum number permitted from any jurisdiction. The State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy are delegates by virtue of their office. The State Secretary will be a delegate in the 2nd year of his term to prepare him for his State Deputy Duties. One delegate will be selected by our Financial Secretaries Association at their meeting on Saturday of the State Convention. Indiana has been divided into the FIVE DIOCESE areas with all councils assigned to one of the areas for the purpose of selecting the FIVE (5) diocesan delegates & alternates. Final At-Large delegate(s) and At-Large Alternate(s) will be elected at the State Convention. At-Large Candidates MUST submit the Delegate Candidate form to the State Executive Secretary by 8pm Saturday at the State Convention.

The purpose of the area caucus is to ensure two important factors: (1) That each area of the State is given an opportunity to be represented and (2) That members who have given outstanding service to the Order be selected to represent Indiana at the Supreme Convention.

The purpose of this system is to select a man in a given area who has done an outstanding job. Where a member has been extraordinarily successful in promoting Columbianism, the delegates to the convention will be anxious to recognize such a member and give him the honor of representing Indiana at the Supreme Convention.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- These rules are not debatable and may not be amended.
- The meeting is called to order by the Caucus Chairman appointed by the State Deputy.
- The Caucus Chairman will appoint a recording secretary and two tellers. Non-delegates may fill these positions.
- The recording secretary will call the roll of voting delegates present. The tellers will organize a supply of ballots equal to the number of voting delegates present. Only voting delegates are eligible to vote.
- State Convention voting delegates wanting to nominate a candidate for delegate to the Supreme Council meeting shall contact the Caucus Chairman at the start of the caucus. Only voting delegates may nominate or second the nomination of a candidate for Supreme Convention delegate. Nominating speeches will be limited to five (5) minutes each. The order of nominating speeches shall be determined by the drawing of lots. Voting delegates wanting to second a nomination will limit their remarks to stating their name and council number.
- Once all nominations are made, there will be no need for a motion to close nominations.
- Each Active Council in good standing is entitled to two caucus delegates. The councils assigned to each caucus are attached. A roll call will be taken to determine the number of ballots distributed. Votes will be cast by secret ballot. The tellers will collect the ballots and they will be counted in front of the caucus. All elections will be decided by a majority of votes cast. Blank ballots will not be counted.
- The candidate receiving the most votes will be the caucus nominee for delegate to Supreme Convention. The candidate receiving the second most votes will be his alternate delegate to

the Supreme Convention. **In the case of three or more candidates, and no one receives a clear majority, then a run-off election will be held for the two candidates receiving the most votes.** After the second set of ballots is counted, the candidate receiving the most votes will be the delegate, while the second place candidate will be the alternate.

- The caucus nominee for delegate and alternate shall complete the **Nomination of Delegate and Alternate** form for their Diocesan caucus. After adjournment of the caucus meeting, the caucus chairman will return the forms from his caucus of the selected caucus nominee for delegate and alternate to the Indiana State Council Executive Secretary.
- If a Diocesan Caucus fails to have any candidates enter to be a delegate for the Supreme Convention, the positions for that Diocese shall be filled using the At-Large Delegate Candidate Nominations at the State Convention.

RULES

- The Nominating Committee for Supreme delegates shall consist of the five chairmen from the five Diocesan caucus areas established by the State Officers. Each of the five caucus areas shall nominate one delegate and one alternate delegate to the Supreme Convention. The nominations for Supreme Delegates and Alternate Supreme Delegates shall be limited to the nominations of one delegate and one alternate delegate made by each of the five caucuses. Upon presentation of the nominations by the Nominating Committee of the five delegates and five alternates nominated by the caucuses, the nominations shall be closed and no further nominations be accepted, The five delegates and five alternates shall be elected by acclamation at the State Convention business meeting.
- The rules contained in the 2011 / 11th edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the caucus in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Indiana State Council's Bylaws and the Charter Constitution Laws of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus and these standing rules.
- The delegates and alternates for the nomination **MUST** be present at the State Convention to accept the nomination and to receive the required information regarding the Supreme Convention.
- The diocesan caucus delegate for the Supreme Convention does not need to be a State Convention delegate from his council, but must be registered and present at the State Convention and his council must be active and in good standing.
- The caucus Diocesan delegate **MUST** be a 3rd degree Knights of Columbus Member in good standing and should be an insurance member of the Order..
- Each Diocesan Caucus shall be held in a professional and Knightly manner.
- Each delegate and alternate nominated to the Supreme Convention must adhere to all rules and requirements set forth by Supreme.
- The rules in the Officers Desk Reference regarding "Guidelines for Local Elections" should be followed regarding each candidate as an example. Council GK's & FS's have access to Officers Online and should provide this information to their candidates and delegate members.
- The State Convention rules regarding candidates, solicitation and promotions and postings must be followed.

Caucus Meetings – These are conducted as official convention business and it is considered a part of the "Order of Business" delegates are required to attend. This is a reminder and reference to our Indiana State Council Bylaws Article II which can be found in the State Directory. Attendance will be taken at the Diocesan Caucus Nomination Meetings.