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## Knights of Columbus Indiana State Council

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TO: State Officers, State Directors, State Chairmen, District Deputies and Grand Knights

SUBJECT: Procedures for Elections at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Indiana State Council

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we approach the Annual Meeting of the Indiana State Council this April 17th-April 19th, 2026 in Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Convention Center, I call your attention to the CHARTER CONSTITUTION and LAWS of the Knights of Columbus that govern The Supreme, State and Subordinate Councils with Amendments to and Including the Year 2025:

### **CHAPTER XVIII MISCONDUCT AND NONFEASANCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS:**

*SEC. 162. Any member of the Order who after trial, excepting where it is provided that no trial shall be had, shall be found guilty of the conduct specified in the subdivisions following shall be fined, suspended or expelled as set forth therein, to wit:*

#### ***Appeals For Political Support***

*23. Issuing appeals for, or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of or announcing candidates for public office, or candidates for office (including delegates to State and Supreme councils) in another society or body or in the Order; fine, suspension or expulsion.*

*Any member who knowingly permits or acquiesces in such appeals, solicitation, etc., shall, if elected, be ineligible to hold office.*

Additionally, the following rules apply to the Annual Meeting:

1. No letter may be sent to Councils or members urging support of any candidate(s) or delegate(s).

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2. The hotel will provide an area for signs for hospitality rooms, candidates for State Office, and for delegates to the Supreme Council. Consult hotel or State Officers for clarification.
3. Campaign material may be circulated at the Annual Meeting, but not in the chambers of the Annual Meeting proceedings, public spaces within the convention or registration area.
4. All hospitality rooms must have their doors closed by 11:00 p.m. local time and must be vacant by 11:30 p.m. local time.
5. Please direct any concerns regarding Campaign materials to the State Officers who have the final decision in all matters.

All Grand Knights are requested to read this letter to their membership and make certain that any member considering running for an office or delegate to Supreme Convention fully understands these rules.

In compliance with the Indiana State Council, Knights of Columbus Bylaws, **Article 2:**

**Section 24. Order of Elections.** - *The election of Officers of the State Council and Delegates to the Supreme Council shall be held in order and manner prescribed by the Laws of the Supreme Council.*

**Section 25. Form of Ballot.** - *A ballot with the names of the candidates voted for written or printed thereon, shall be used. Any ballots for delegates or alternates which shall not contain names of nominees for the full number of delegates or alternates to be elected shall be rejected.*

**Section 26. Tellers of Election.** - *Five tellers of election shall be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of counting all ballots.*

**Section 27. Contested Elections.** - *When more than one candidate is presented for any office, the candidate receiving the majority of the votes shall be declared elected.*

The Indiana State Council, Knights of Columbus Bylaws can be found on pages 104-114 of the 2025-2026 State Directory available securely online through Google Shared Drive link at [www.indianakofc.org](http://www.indianakofc.org).

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<https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/leadership/charter-const-laws30.pdf>

Those members seeking to be a nominated as a Delegate to the Supreme Convention shall submit the nomination form to the State Advocate prior to their diocese caucus vote.

The State Officers look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting, April 17th-April 19th, 2026, at the Grand Wayne Convention Center (Fort Wayne, IN).

Fraternally,

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