



Knights of Columbus

Washington State Council

May 12, 2023

Subject: Nominations for State Officers and Delegates to the Supreme Convention

Worthy Grand Knights and Worthy Financial Secretaries,

The 2022/2023 Annual Meeting of the Washington State Council (WSC) will be held May 19-21, 2023. We will have an election of State Officers and Delegates to the Supreme Convention.

All current State Officers will run for the next higher office for Fraternal Year 2023-2024. Delegates to the 120th WSC Convention are permitted to make other candidate nominations for these offices on the floor during the convention.

As of the date of this letter, nominations to be made for WSC State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer and State Advocate, for Fraternal Year 2023-2024, are:

- Gregory S. Mahoney, State Deputy, Issaquah Council 7907
- Thomas C. Williams, State Secretary, Shoreline Council 14689
- Scott E. Hulse, State Treasurer, Lynden Council 12420
- David H. Olwell, State Advocate, Lacey Council 16361

An election for the Office of State Warden will occur as well. Delegates to the 120th WSC Convention are permitted to make candidate nominations for State Warden on the floor during the convention.

As of the date of this letter, the following Knights have expressed their intent to run for the Office of State Warden. Nominations to be made for WSC State Warden for Fraternal Year 2023-2024, are:

- Dang Nguyen, State General Program Director, Financial Secretary, Renton Council 3645
- Daniel Herrera, District Deputy 35, Vancouver Council 1327
- Michael Taylor, District Deputy 16, Silver Rose Chairman, Mill Creek Council 9434

Nominations will also be made on the floor during the convention for the election of Delegates to the 141st Supreme Convention to be held in Orlando, FL, August 1-3, 2023. Each year, delegates at our Washington State Convention elect delegates and alternates to the International Supreme Convention. Each Jurisdiction (75) is to be represented.

In accordance with Section 4 of the Charter, Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, in addition to the State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy, the WASHINGTON State Council is currently entitled to 3 Insurance Delegates and 5 Associate Delegates.

This preliminary delegate count is based on April 1, 2023, State Council membership figures. Our delegate count could change between now and July 1, 2023, because of a net increase or decrease in associate or insurance membership.

It should also be noted that Section 12(d) of the Constitution provides that the Office of State Deputy may only be held by an active insurance member. Further, only active insurance members shall be eligible to become insurance delegates or alternates for insurance delegates. All active members,



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whether insurance or associate, are eligible to be associate delegates or alternates for associate delegates.

Therefore, Delegates to the 120th WSC Convention will elect 8 additional delegates and 8 alternates. As with our State Convention, Supreme delegates are first in line to attend. Alternates fill in if a delegate cannot. Nominated candidates do not have to be delegates to the 120th WSC Convention. We can elect four insurance delegates and four associate delegates. Insurance members can fill associate positions, but associate members cannot fill insurance positions.

Automatic Delegates to the Supreme Convention are:

1. State Deputy – Insurance member
2. Immediate Past State Deputy – Insurance member

Nominations to be made for Delegates to the Supreme Convention are:

1. TBD – must be an Insurance member
2. TBD – must be an Insurance member
3. TBD – must be an Insurance member
4. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
5. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
6. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
7. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
8. TBD – Associate or Insurance member

Nominations to be made for Alternates to the Supreme Convention are:

1. TBD – must be an Insurance member
2. TBD – must be an Insurance member
3. TBD – must be an Insurance member
4. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
5. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
6. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
7. TBD – Associate or Insurance member
8. TBD – Associate or Insurance member

As of the date of this letter, the following Knights have expressed their intent to run for Delegate to the Supreme Convention:

1. Thomas C. Williams, State Treasurer, Insurance, Shoreline Council 14689
2. Patrick L. Kelley, IPSD, Insurance, Tukwila Council 11253
3. Ed Parazoo, State Executive Director, Financial Secretary, Insurance, Coleville Council 12273
4. Irwin DeVera, Grand Knight, District Warden, Associate, Mill Creek Council 9434
5. Michael Taylor, District Deputy 16, Insurance, Mill Creek Council 9434

For consideration before running as a **Delegate to the Supreme Convention**, Supreme will reimburse Jurisdiction delegates traveling from their home to Orlando, FL, as follows:



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- Delegates receive the equivalent of \$1,200.00 (USD) for per diem (minus \$95.00 for their States Dinner Ticket), plus one way mileage at a rate of 30 cents (USD) a mile for the first 1,500 miles and 20 cents a mile for each additional mile from their place of residence to the Convention city. This is based on Section 27 of the Charter Constitution Laws.
- Payment is made on the last day of the Convention.
- Payment is made in the Delegates native currency using a conversion rate set on July 1.
- The Supreme Council is not allowed to cash Delegate checks on site, so Delegates need to plan ahead for payment of their travel and lodging.
- Delegates should plan their trip in accordance with their reimbursement – and understand that extending their stay will not allow them additional per diem.
- It is recommended that the delegates stay at the Convention Hotel. Checking in by the evening of Monday, July 31st will allow attendance at the Opening Mass on Tuesday morning. A check out on Thursday, August 3rd will allow for attendance through the Thursday morning session.

More details will be provided after the election of delegates.

The Supreme Convention is an incredible experience with Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, (our State Chaplain will be there), and brother knights and families from around the world. There could be more than 2,000 attendees at the Supreme Convention. Please consider running as a delegate to attend. It is an experience you will never forget. Encourage members to run for Supreme Convention Delegate.

Information requested when nominating on the floor:

For State Officers:

- Delegate's Name and Council number
- Name of the candidate
- Council name and number of the candidate
- Brief explanation for the nomination

For Delegates to the Supreme Convention:

- Delegate's Name and Council number
- Name of the candidate
- Council name and number of the candidate
- Insurance or Associate member – Candidate
- Brief explanation for the nomination



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If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 969-1888 or email me at StateSecretary@kofc-wa.org.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

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