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From: Richard Greenwold
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(With the coordination and approval of the State Deputy, Guy Heying)

Subject: 2025 State Convention: Proposed Delegate Procedures and Resolutions

Brother Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction,

We are rapidly approaching our 121th Annual State Convention. This year's convention will be held in Jackson, Mississippi, April 24-27, 2025.

This annual meeting provides the opportunity for all to rekindle old friendships and strengthen our fraternal bonds. Our main order of business is to elect brother knights who will lead our great state for the upcoming fraternal year, and to present/vote on resolutions that will enhance Columbianism in our great state and throughout the Order.

As your State Convention Coordinator, it is my duty and privilege to remind you of the procedures for filing resolutions and of the requirements for the selection of delegates for this year's convention.

Requirements for Delegates and Alternates: Chapter II, Section 12(a) of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, details the selection requirements of the delegates and alternates who will represent their council. Specifically:

By virtue of his office, the Grand Knight is automatically a delegate.

The second delegate shall be selected from the Past Grand Knights of the council (he must be a PGK of the council he is representing and currently residing in the state). If there are no existing Past Grand Knights, then the selection is made from existing third-degree members in good standing.

Two alternates must also be selected from eligible third-degree members.

Prior to the convention, the Financial Secretary of each council *must* report the names of those selected to the State Secretary, when requested. Delegate names are to be submitted electronically

no-later-than **7 March 2025** using this link: [Submit Delegate Names](#) or from “Submit Delegate Names” link on 2025 State Convention page.

Remind your delegates that they must present their credentials to me at the convention when they arrive. Failure to do so causes delays in the voting process, which means, that there are delays the completing of convention business on Sunday morning.

Brothers, I must add one final reminder. Delegates to the convention are seated provided the subordinate council they are representing is in good standing. Please be sure your council has paid both its Supreme and State per capita tax.

Procedures for Resolutions: In accordance with Chapter VIII, Section 56(a) of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus, Article X, Section 1 of the Mississippi State Council By-laws details the procedures for amending or repealing by-laws. Specifically:

Amendments: These by-laws or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the persons qualified to vote at said meeting. Provided, however, that where notice of proposed amendment to these by-laws shall have been given, by mail, to the Grand Knights of each subordinate Council in the Mississippi jurisdiction, at least 60 days prior to the date set for the opening of the annual meeting, the amendment covered by such notice may be adopted by a majority vote of the members qualified to vote at such meeting.

Please remember that all resolutions must be submitted either electronically or typewritten and placed in proper format for presentation to the resolutions committee and to the delegates.

- a. A copy of each resolution *must* be sent to both the State Deputy and State Advocate.
- b. All resolutions **must be** submitted by **28 February 2024**. They will be posted on the state web page for council/delegate review as they are received.

Fraternally,

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