



# THE ADVOCATE...

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Welcome to **THE ADVOCATE**...dedicated to all Council Advocates but to be shared with the Council Executive, and all District Deputies. Please do share this with all the members in your Council but it relates strictly to your responsibilities in the Council. I will endeavour to keep every missive short but they are designed to inform and educate. Remember...it is your responsibility, Worthy Council Advocates, to ensure that you and your Council knows and follows our Charter, Constitution, Laws and Rules, and also your Council's By-Laws.

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## ***NOMINATIONS FOR STATE BOARD AND SUPREME CONVENTION DELEGATES***

Every year elections are held for State Executive Board positions at our Annual State Council Convention. These elected members will be responsible for running the day-to-day operations of our jurisdiction.

Our Grand Knights Manual provides a description of the State Executive Board's responsibilities for the State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden positions. This Manual is accessible on our State web site at [www.kofc.ab.ca](http://www.kofc.ab.ca)

A member desiring to run for an office of the State Board or as a delegate to the Supreme Convention must have his local council adopt a Nomination announcing the member's candidacy for office. The Nomination should set forth the qualifications of the member for the office that he aspires to and can further indicate the council supports the candidacy. The local council must then submit the Nomination, signed by the Grand Knight, to the State Office for review by the State Secretary. To ensure validity in the submission the member must be in good standing and paid up dues with his Council. In addition, the Council must be current on its per capita with both State and Supreme. All Nominations for State Board positions must be received by our State Office by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

For all valid submission the State Secretary will then provide instructions to have all Nomination(s) included as part of the Annual Convention materials to be distributed to all the State Councils attendees. The distribution of the nominations are not meant to solicit support for a candidate, but is deemed to be merely an announcement of the member's candidacy and of his qualifications.

The State Advocate will then review and conduct an investigation for every nomination. This is to ensure that every candidate has followed the rules for nomination and not only he but also his Council are in good standing in the Order.

In addition, at election time, a candidate may be nominated "from the convention floor" providing the candidate possesses *in writing* a signed letter from his Grand Knight stating (1) that the candidate is a member in good standing with his Council and (2) his local Council is current on its per capita with both State and Supreme.

A candidate for State Board or the Supreme Convention **may**:

1. Prepare a short biography to be included in the resolution.
2. Request his council pass a motion support of his candidacy. If the council passes such a motion, the council will send the Nomination for review to the State Secretary.

A candidate for State Board or the Supreme Convention **may not**:

1. Use council funds to finance his campaign.
2. Display signs, flyers, or posters.
3. Distribute business cards (Knights of Columbus or otherwise) , buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, bumper stickers, or any other souvenirs or promotional items to other members of the Order.
4. Send mass mailings or emails in support of his candidacy.
5. Engage or enlist others to assist in canvassing for the candidate
6. Disseminate derogatory information about another candidate.

Contravention of these rules, as set forth by Supreme, may result in prohibiting the member from State Board elections, a fine, suspension, or expulsion.

For further information on this topic refer to the Charter, Constitution and By-Laws of the Order and also the Officer's Desktop Reference accessible on Supreme's web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

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Your feedback is invaluable. If anyone has any questions or comments on anything drop me a line. Also, if there is a topic you wish covered in future newsletters just send a note to [SA2017@kofc.ab.ca](mailto:SA2017@kofc.ab.ca)

Thank you ...and God Bless.

***Vivat Jesus***  
***Sir Knight John Onyskiw***  
***State Advocate***

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