



Knights of Columbus – Ontario State Council

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The 2020 annual Ontario State Council meeting shall be conducted virtually by telephone using technology procedures provided by the Supreme Council.

For those who may wonder why we would hold an election in these difficult times. Please understand that the State Election is mandated by the Supreme Council and that the Knights of Columbus bylaws require each State to hold the annual election by June 01 of each year.

You are to distribute the following information to your delegates so they are prepared for the Virtual Convention taking place at 9am on Saturday, May 02, 2020.

The following packages will be made available for review on April 27, 2020:

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes and Reports of Committees.

Reports of Officers.

Resolutions, financials and budget for the fraternal year 2020-2021.

Special Rules of Order for the 2020 Ontario State Council Virtual Meeting

Nominations for:

State Officers

Insurance & Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting

Alternate Insurance & Associate Delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting

Deadline for Designation of Delegates participating in Meeting:

Each council must provide to the State Secretary the Council number, Membership number, name and telephone numbers for the members who will actually represent the council at the Meeting as delegates.

Please find enclosed and excel sheet that is to be filled out with your delegates information.

[Click here for excel sheet](#)

The completed excel sheet must be sent by email to statesecretary@ontariokofc.ca and stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca by midnight on April 20, 2020. The telephone number provided for a delegate must be the number for the telephone the delegate will use to participate in the meeting and will constitute a portion of his credentials as a delegate.

For those who have not registered for the 2020 Ontario State VIRTUAL Convention, please use the following link and register now.

<https://ontariokofc.ca/convention-2020/> *Please follow the guidelines in this memo.*

Delegate Participation in the Meeting:

Delegates will be joined to the meeting through receipt of a phone call from the meeting technology service at 9.00 am, on May 2, 2020. If a delegate does not receive a call by the end of the designated time period, or his connection is subsequently dropped, the delegate can call a phone number which will be provided by the State Secretary in order to join the meeting. He will be screened to verify that he is an official delegate and if his credentials appear to be in order, he will be allowed to join. Each delegate must call from the phone number previously provided to the State Secretary as that delegate's phone number. Delegates attempting to call in from any different phone number may be prevented from participating. This is comparable to a Delegate losing his pass or credential at an in-person meeting. Each delegate is responsible for his connection to the telephone conference call. No action

taken at the meeting shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a delegate's individual connection prevented him from participating in the meeting. Delegates' phones need not be muted. A designee of the State Deputy will control muting as needed for the meeting. If a delegate's connection is causing undue interference with the meeting, the State Deputy may direct that the connection be terminated.

Recognition to Speak:

*To seek recognition to speak, a delegate with the right to do so shall press *3 on his phone.*

He may be screened by the State Deputy's designee(s) to verify his intent to speak. The delegate shall not mute his phone. If the delegate has the right to address the meeting, the presiding chairman at the time will recognize him and allow him to address the meeting.

Method of Voting: All voting shall be conducted through secret electronic balloting by pressing numbers or symbols on delegates' phones as instructed by the State Deputy unless, due to technological problems, another voting method is directed by the State Deputy.