



Knights of Columbus  
Connecticut State Council  
Office of the State Advocate

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### Rules for Campaigning

To assist those seeking higher office in the Knights of Columbus Connecticut State Council, the following rules apply as they pertain to the Connecticut State Council.

Very simply, campaigning is limited to a resolution submitted properly from the home council of the candidate; resolutions endorsing a candidate not from his home council will be returned to the councils. Campaigning is also to be limited to activity the Friday night of the State Convention.

Furthermore:

- ✓ Members intending to seek higher office should notify the current State Deputy, copying State Officers, via US Postal mail regarding his intention to seek higher office.
- ✓ Mass solicitation via e-mail, US Postal mail, telephone, post cards or other means is prohibited as interpreted by SEC 162, Article 23 (Appeals for Political Support) of the Bylaws of the Order and will be considered campaigning.
- ✓ There is to be no campaign literature, trinkets, paraphernalia, etc. handed out before Friday, the weekend of the State Convention.
- ✓ There is to be no mention of a candidates running during any council or assembly meeting.
- ✓ There are to be no invitations to “open houses”, hospitality rooms, etc sent via e-mail, mail, telephone, etc. These invitations are allowed on Friday of convention via word of mouth and/or posters IF allowed by the hotel.
- ✓ There is no campaigning, wearing of buttons or t-shirts for candidates, or any campaign literature, trinkets, paraphernalia, etc. allowed in any room where State Council business is being conducted. This includes the area for registration of delegates.
- ✓ Nominating speeches can only be done by someone who has “floor rights” according to the Charter Constitution Laws of the Order. Note: Even though PSDs have floor rights, they will not, per a gentlemen’s agreement that has been in place for several years, nominate a candidate for State Office who is not already a state officer. Also, per a gentlemen’s agreement that has been in place for several years, State Officers may only nominate a sitting State Officer. DD’s only have floor rights to make a nominating speech if they are a delegate from their home council. An alternate delegate only has floor rights if the delegate is not on the premises at the time.
- ✓ Time for nominating and seconding speeches will be determined by the state officers based on a time available basis. This will be made known in a timely manner and will be strictly enforced.

Good luck in your efforts, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Fraternally,

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c: State Officers