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From: California State Advocate

To: Grand Knights of the California State Jurisdiction

Subj: Endorsement Resolutions for Candidates seeking State Office

Ref: (a) Charter Constitution Laws of the Knights of Columbus

(b) Knights of Columbus California State Council By-Laws of 2022

(c) Supreme Advocate Guidelines for Local Elections

In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), candidates for State Office at the California State Council Annual Meeting, wishing to participate in the State Office mailing, must have their original resolution into the State Office postmarked no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2023 (see address below). **Council endorsement resolutions must be signed by the council Grand Knight and Recorder and have the council seal affixed.** Additionally, an electronic copy in Microsoft Word format, must also be sent to state.advocate@californiaknights.org and state.office@californiaknights.org dated no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

A "Sample Resolution" is enclosed for your reference.

This year, 'Council Endorsements' will be sent along with the Resolutions "booklet" that will be distributed by electronic mail to each council 45 days prior to the annual State Meeting.

Guidelines for Elections:

1. If a candidate's council passes a resolution of support for a candidate, that resolution can be disseminated to the other councils within the candidate's chapter.
2. In the event a candidate's council passes a resolution in support of a candidate, that resolution will also be posted by the State Advocate on the State Council's website.

Per reference (c), a candidate may not:

1. Use, accept, or receive council funds to support his candidacy in any manner whatsoever;
2. Distribute campaign buttons, t-shirts, pins, hats, bumper stickers, or any other souvenirs or promotional items;
3. Send mailings or emails, or use social media to support his candidacy;
4. Arrange or participate in debates with other candidates or their supporters;
5. Campaign or have promotional items in the chambers of any business meeting, or within close proximity to the entrance of any business meeting;
6. Campaign or have promotional items at, or outside, any religious ceremony;
7. Disseminate any type of derogatory information concerning another candidate; or

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8. Hold a fund-raising event to finance his candidacy.

If a candidate or member knowingly and willfully violates these guidelines, he may be subject to disciplinary action.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please call the State Office at 909-434-0460.

God Bless,

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Enclosure: "Sample Candidate Resolution"

Cc: State Deputy
State Secretary
State Treasurer
State Warden
State Resolution Committee