

Instructions for Minnesota State Council Convention (Virtual)

The 2020 Minnesota state Convention will be held virtually, per special rules adopted by Supreme Board of Directors. See attached *Special Rules of Order for the 2020 State Council Virtual Meeting*

Our convention will be held at **1pm on Saturday, May 16**. Only state officers and elected delegates from eligible councils will be allowed to attend the 2020 Minnesota State Convention.

In this packet are numerous documents that the registered delegates must be knowledgeable of including: 2019 minutes of state convention, resolutions, reports of state officers, report of various committees, resolutions from local councils nominating brother knights to elected state offices.

If there is any objection or a delegate will want to speak on a matter, we ask that he send a note to stateadvocate@mnknights.org before hand so the advocate can get on his agenda. If many want to speak on the same subject, the advocate may combine them in to one speaker and have him speak on behalf of the rest.

This year we will be conducting the business of the state council using a firm called FLS. Each delegate will provide to the state secretary: Name, council, email address, phone number that he will be using that day. This is to be done by going to MNKNIGHTS.ORG and going to convention tab and to register delegates. This must be accomplished by Sunday night, May 3rd. Any corrections after that date to Wednesday, May 13 must be sent directly to statesecretary@mnknights.org.

The week of May 10, each council will be contacted to confirm registration and the phone number the delegate will be using as the number will be his credential to participate. After Wednesday, May 13, the list of delegates will be finalized and cannot be changed. Only delegates confirmed will be able to participate.

Confirmed delegates will be called on Saturday, May 16th on the number they provided to the state secretary. The delegates are to wait for the call. If not called by 1:10, they may call the number we will send them Thursday or Friday before. Again, they must use the phone number they provided to state secretary or it will NOT be recognized and not answered.

We expect the meeting to go no more than 90 minutes. As of now the agenda will be:

1. Call to Order
 2. Message from Supreme Council Representative
 3. Approval of minutes of 2019 State Convention
 4. Approval of state officers' reports and committee reports
 5. Resolutions
 6. Election of State Officers
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7. Election of Supreme Convention Delegates
8. Election of Supreme Convention alternate delegates
9. Adjournment

All award presentations will be listed in the *Knightly News*, June Edition

The grand knight of the council should solicit any third degree knight to be a delegate to the Supreme convention in August in Washington DC. This Brother knight must be able to be a leader in the Order and to help strengthen the leadership of the state council. This should not be considered a "paid holiday or vacation". The delegate will get a per diem from the Supreme that will cover some of his expenses. He will be expected to cover the rest. The delegate will need to be in attendance at all meetings and events on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, August 4,5, & 6. Delegates will be expected to be present at the hotel by Monday afternoon and may leave late Thursday afternoon. Proper dress for the convention is coat and tie at all sessions. Tuesday night is the States banquet, a white coat affair. A delegate may bring his wife or significant other but all additional costs will be borne by the delegate.

Names to be considered by the delegates for Supreme Council meeting must be turned in to Jim Terwedo by Wednesday night, May 13th stateadvocate@mnknights.org

The state has ten delegates to send. The immediate past state deputy and current state deputy are automatics. Per state custom, the state secretary, state advocate, state treasurer, and state warden are considered delegates . This means there are 4 available spots. Again, we would like to see future leaders of the state or local councils or future or present district deputies in these positions. Any question should be sent to Jim Terwedo, state advocate.