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## MEMORANDUM

TO: STATE DEPUTIES & STATE DEPUTIES-ELECT

FROM: SUPREME SECRETARY *Michael J O'Connor*

DATE: JUNE 7, 2020

RE: 138<sup>th</sup> SUPREME CONVENTION

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Constitution of the Knights of Columbus, the Board of Directors has concluded, due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, that the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council shall be convened virtually.

This decision was reached after careful consideration of many factors, including the risk of infection posed to delegates who would have traveled great distances, both domestically and internationally, as well as the possibility that a large gathering such as our convention might even be unlawful. While this news is disappointing to everyone, the health and safety of our members and families must be paramount.

In the coming weeks, additional information about the virtual Supreme Convention will be forthcoming. In the meantime, State Deputies should begin plans to convene on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 4-5, 2020, with the insurance and associate representatives that were elected at his State Council Meeting to serve as delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting.

The site for their delegation gathering may be any place of the State Deputy's choosing, located within his jurisdiction, that will facilitate participation in the Supreme Council Meeting as a unified delegation. The site should be chosen bearing in mind the need for social distancing and any local regulations or guidance, as well as connectivity since television broadcasts and technological solutions are anticipated that may require cable television service, internet connectivity and/or telephone service.

A detailed schedule will be forthcoming, but at this time it is foreseen that the Opening Mass and the Supreme Knight's Annual Report will be broadcast in the afternoon or evening of Tuesday, August 4. On Wednesday, August 5, there will be a Memorial Mass and a modified business session that will be conducted all in one day.

Concerning remuneration of delegates, mileage will be provided from their place of residence to the site chosen for their state delegation gathering, as well as two days *per diem*. State Deputies should e-mail [supremesecretary@kofc.org](mailto:supremesecretary@kofc.org) with the address for their state gathering location.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the District of Columbia State Council, which for several years has been hard at work preparing for what would have surely been an extraordinary supreme convention. I look forward to the time when we can again gather for a future supreme convention in Washington, D.C.

cc. Board of Directors & Regional Growth Directors