



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### MEMORANDUM

TO: State Deputies  
State Deputies-elect

FROM: Patrick T. Mason  
Supreme Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick T. Mason".

DATE: May 7, 2021

SUBJECT: 139<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 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council shall be convened virtually, instead of in Denver, Colorado, as originally planned.

Despite some encouraging trends in the pandemic, current and projected restrictions in Colorado, particularly those regarding social distancing, preclude the possibility of hosting a normal Supreme Convention. Careful consideration has been given to the possibility of holding a reduced or hybrid convention, but those possibilities are outweighed by the unpredictability of the pandemic, difficulty for delegates traveling internationally and multiple logistical complications. And as always, the health and safety of our members and families remains paramount.

While this news is surely disappointing, the Supreme Officers are grateful for your understanding given the extraordinary circumstances. It is expected that the 139<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention will be patterned closely after 138<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention, which was successfully conducted virtually.

State Deputies should begin plans to convene on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 3-4, 2021, with the insurance and associate representatives elected to serve as their jurisdiction's delegates to this year's Supreme Council Meeting. Like last year, the site for each 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. Connectivity should also be considered since television broadcasts and technological solutions are foreseen that may require cable television service, internet and 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 evening of Tuesday, August 3. On Wednesday, August 4, there will be a combined one-day business session, followed by a virtual awards session. The convention will conclude with the Memorial Mass on Wednesday afternoon. Delegations wishing to organize a group state dinner, where local guidelines permit, are encouraged to arrange for such on Wednesday evening, August 4.

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

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Colorado State Council which for several years has been hard at work preparing for what would have surely been an extraordinary Supreme Convention. We are working to schedule a future Supreme Convention in Denver as soon as possible.

cc. Board of Directors  
Territorial Growth Directors  
Regional Growth Directors  
Regional Training Directors