



International Supreme Convention Delegates Washington D.C. August 4-6, 2020 Election DEPENDANT UPON CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS

Brothers,

In these difficult times, procedures are evolving daily for our Virtual State Convention May 17, 2020 at 1pm. Yes, that's a Sunday.

I trust you are all checking the State Website occasionally and reading material under the 117th State Convention icon. If you are not, please do so because delegates are expected to have read and become familiar with the material (I don't expect you to read all 2019 Convention proceedings, however they have been available for 11 months for your perusal). This is the only way we have for keeping you advised to this ever-changing event.

Each year, delegates at our Washington State Convention elect delegates/alternates to the International Supreme Convention. Each World Jurisdiction (75) is to be represented. The Washington State Jurisdiction is allowed 8 delegates and 8 alternates. As with our State Convention, Supreme delegates are first in line to attend. Alternates fill in if a delegate cannot.

Washington State delegates can nominate candidates to the Supreme Convention. That brother does not need to be a Washington State Convention delegate to be a candidate for nomination. These nominations normally are made on the floor of the Washington State Convention; however, this year will be different.

Only a Washington State delegate is allowed to nominate a candidate to the Supreme Convention. I will attempt to post the nominations daily on our State Website 117th State Virtual Convention site, when there are new submissions.

Information I require:

- Delegate and Council number of the one placing the nomination
- Name of candidate
- Council of the candidate
- Address of candidate
- Member number of the candidate
- Phone number of the candidate
- Insurance or Associate member of candidate

Nomination submissions may be sent to me until the 13th of May via email, or postmarked mail by May 11th. After that date, you will only be able to view the Supreme delegate nominees on the Website. All State delegates must look at this list and determine who they would like to have representing them at the Supreme Convention. 8 delegates and 8 alternates will be elected during our virtual State Convention. There can be no more than three associate members accepted in the final vote.

I don't know how else to do this, so please be patient. Before you write me, look at the Website. There will be an icon where you can select and see candidates, as well as other important information for your State Convention voting.

Remember, I have 161 councils times how many members they have, that I could potentially get a message from, so please go to the Website first before asking a question. It takes a great deal of time to answer messages, especially phone calls. At this time, I highly discourage phone calls, just email.

I can't stress this enough, I will NOT accept any submission of candidates after May 13th, or snail mail postmarked May 11th.

Supreme will reimburse Jurisdiction delegates traveling from their home to Washington D.C. as follows.

- One-way mileage from home to Washington D.C. @ .30/mile for the first 1500 miles (That was what Supreme paid during the past several years. I assume that will be the case this year), and .20/mile thereafter. The mileage is only ONE WAY. No matter how you get there (plane, train, automobile, boat, bicycle, etc.) the reimbursement is only determined by mileage from home to Washington D.C.
- You must stay in the Supreme hotel where the Convention is being held to qualify for per diem reimbursement. Supreme has traditionally paid \$400/night for three nights (max \$1,200). There are no other reimbursements. It doesn't matter if you bring your wife, kids, dog. If the wife and kids (not the dog) attend, they will be able to participate in some events, but there will be NO reimbursement for them.

Here's an example:

- Mileage from home to Washington D.C. 2,500 miles ONE WAY. First 1,500 miles at .30/mile equals \$450, plus 1,000 miles extra at .20/mile equals \$200.
- 3 night stay at the Supreme authorized hotel \$400/night equals \$1,200.

For this delegate, he would get \$1,850 reimbursement.

There is an All States dinner at the Supreme Convention that usually costs around \$60/plate. This \$60 per plate is out of pocket and not reimbursement. I will provide other details later. I just don't want you to be surprised by unexpected costs.

The Supreme Convention is an incredible experience with Cardinals, Bishops, Priests, (our State Chaplin will be there), fantastic representative music, from around the world. There could be more than 2,000 attendees at the Supreme Convention.

I can tell you, at least when I was overnighing with the airlines, mass transit in Washington D.C. is excellent. I would suggest no car is needed once you are at the airport or hotel.

Please consider attending. It's an experience you'll never forget. If you've attended before, I would suggest you give another brother the chance to attend, but that's just a suggestion. I wish all members of the State could attend, but that's obviously not possible.

Kim Washburn
State Secretary