

Virtual State Council Meeting  
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**State Deputy:** Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Alaska State Council, and I now call this meeting to order. As we open this virtual meeting, I would like to ask our Immediate Past State, Deputy Deacon Ronald Jones to open with a prayer.

**Rev. Mr. Ronald Jones, Immediate Past State Deputy:**  
Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**State Deputy:** Thank you Deacon.

There are a few announcements I need to make as we proceed with this virtual meeting:

- We know that this will be a unique experience for all, including your state officers and staff, so I am grateful for your patience.
- Only delegates with proper credentials, as well as District Deputies and Past State Deputies, have the right to speak during this meeting. This is the same as “floor rights” during a typical meeting. If someone with the right to speak wishes to do so, please hit \*3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you.
- Please do not mute your phone, the system automatically mutes participants. This will speed up the process when being recognized to speak. Again, please do not mute your phone.
- The Minutes of the 2019 State Convention, and all Reports of Committees, Reports of Officers, Resolutions and the Budget for the next fraternal year have been distributed prior to this meeting send via email *and posted on the state Council website* for review.
- Our goal is to complete the required business in 90 minutes, so many items will be abbreviated, or eliminated. I ask that everyone, especially Delegates, stay connected until we have concluded the Meeting.

- **If you are dropped, please rejoin the call in progress, by dialing [1-877-228-2184] and enter event I.D. [117987].**

Due to the circumstances of this virtual State Meeting, I have asked our State Secretary and State Treasurer to serve as our Credentials Committee.

I have also appointed Brother Doug Wright, State Advocate, to serve as our parliamentarian for this virtual meeting.

We are pleased to have a message from Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, which we will play now.

***Supreme Knight's Message***

**State Deputy:** Thank you Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson for your message and being with us today.

***Supreme Officer's Message***

*At this time, I recognize our Supreme Treasurer, Ronald Schwarz for his remarks to the meeting.*

***Supreme Officer's Message***

**State Deputy:** Thank you Supreme Treasurer, Ronald Schwarz, for your message and being with us today.

*At this time, I recognize our General Agent Keith Whiteaker for his remarks to the meeting.*

***General Agent's Message***

**State Deputy:** Thank you General Agent Keith Whiteaker for your message and being with us today.

At this time, I will provide the report for our State Chaplain Father Thomas Kuffel. At this moment, he is currently celebrating Mass in an Alaskan Village.

***State Chaplain's Message***

**State Deputy:** Thank you Father, your report is greatly appreciated.

At this time, I call on our State Secretary for the Report of the Credentials Committee.

**State Secretary:** In reviewing the list of delegates based on information provided by our councils, and cross checking this with the members that have joined us today for this virtual meeting, our State Treasurer and myself have the following number of delegates:

6 State Officers  
1 Immediate Past State Deputy  
\_\_\_\_ Delegates  
\_\_\_\_ Total Voting Delegates

**State Deputy:** Without objection the roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official roll of voting members of the convention.

Without objection, the rules will be suspended, and the following shortened Order of Business will be adopted:

- Prayer
- Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- Report of Committee on Credentials
- Approval of 2019 Minutes
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Council
- Consideration of Resolutions
- New Business
- Prayer
- Adjournment

At this time, we will proceed with the approval of the minutes of the 2019 State Convention which have been distributed prior to the State Convention. Are there any corrections to the minutes? . . . There being no (further) corrections to the minutes, the minutes are approved.

At this time, we will proceed with the Reports of Committees. As the various reports of the committees have been distributed prior to the State Convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

Let us move on to the Reports of Officers, As the various reports of the state officers have been distributed prior to the State Convention, without objection they will be accepted as written and included in the minutes.

I will ask our state secretary if there is an update to the Report of the Credentials Committee.

**State Secretary:** The number of delegates has not changed:

- 6 State Officers
- 1 Immediate Past State Deputy
- \_\_\_\_\_ Delegates
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total Voting Delegates

*Or:*

Since the initial Report of the Credentials Committee, we have had a number of delegates join us; the new count is:

6 State Officers

1 Immediate Past State Deputy

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegates

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Voting Delegates

**State Deputy:** Without objection the revised roll of delegates submitted by the Credentials Committee will be the official roll of voting members of the convention.

We will now proceed to the election of officers. Please note that nominations submitted to the State Secretary will be considered as seconded nominations made to the floor for consideration of that respective position.

It is important that voting Delegates follow the instructions on how to vote. The voting will be anonymous. The system that we are using records the votes but does not show how any Delegate voted.

Remember that only credentialed Delegates, Past State Deputies and current District Deputies have rights to the floor, and you must be recognized to speak.

If someone with the right speak wishes to do so, please hit \*3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Note that you may be contacted so that we may know your intention to alert me when to recognize you. Please do not mute your phone.

Nominations presented from the floor today will be restricted to the straightforward format of:

*'My name is Joe Delegate, from Council {insert #}, and I nominate Jim Knight for the position of State Warden.'*

Even though we are using an electronic polling system for the vote, in case of an unforeseen issue, I have appointed the Immediate Past State Deputy, Deacon Ronald Jones as the judge and the following: Dean Tubandt, Michael Honner, and David Mitchell district deputies as tellers.

### **ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS – REPEAT SECTION FOR ALL OFFICER POSITIONS**

- *Prior to each position, make sure to announce what position is being considered.*
- *If the current State Deputy is seeking re-election, he should turn the gavel over to the State Treasurer, who would call on the State Advocate to second the nomination. After the State Deputy is re-elected, gavel can be turned back over to the State Deputy*
- *If nominations are submitted prior to convention, announce these nominations prior to recognizing nominations of other delegates*
- *If there are more than two nominations, the State Council should have a pre-arrangement with candidates that the lowest(s) candidates will be dropped for a subsequent vote, until one candidate has the more than half of the votes cast required to be elected.*
- *The officer reporting the votes cast (State Secretary or other officer) should not also nominate.*

As noted in the Guidelines distributed and posted on our State Council web site, the following Slate of State Officer nominations was submitted for the following positions: State Deputy – Bill Chrisman; State

Secretary-Jeffrey Gibson; State Advocate- Doug Wright; State Treasurer-Scott Griffin; State Warden-Fred Schurman.

If there are any other nominations, please hit \*3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please be ready to speak.

**Are there any other nominations for any of the State Officers listed on the Slate of Officers submitted? Are there any other nominations for any of the State Officers listed on the Slate of Officers submitted? Are there any other nominations for any of the State Officers listed on the Slate of Officers submitted?**

**If only one nomination:**

Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection we will proceed with balloting for the **State Officers listed on the Slate of Officers submitted** for state Alaska for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

Balloting will be open for *two* minutes – press 1 for Yes, or press 2 for No (*Fill dead space by reminding delegates options to vote*)

Please note that if you feel you selected the wrong number, re-vote and application will record it accurately.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the IPSD for the results.

**State Secretary:** With the total of {*Insert Number*} ballots cast, the majority of the votes went to accept the Slate of officers submitted, who will be our State Officers for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

*If the Slate of Officers Ballot fails, continue with individual balloting for each position.*

*If Additional Nominations (This action will be repeated if necessary, for all State Offices)*

At this time, we will proceed to the balloting for the position of state {*insert position*}. Please

Balloting will be open for {*two*} minutes – press 1 for {*Insert Name*}, or press 2 for {*Insert Name*} (*Fill dead space by reminding delegates options to vote*)

Please note that if you feel you selected the wrong number, re-vote and application will record it accurately.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.

**State Secretary:** With the total of {*Insert Number*} ballots cast, the majority of the votes went to {*Insert Name*}, who will be our state {*insert position*} for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2020.

**State Deputy:** Now, let us move into the election of the delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

Your state deputy and the immediate past state deputy are automatic delegates. In addition to these, Alaska can elect 2 alternate *delegates that are* Third Degree members to represent us at the meeting.

Let us start with the nominations for Alternate Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council:

For the purpose of making a nomination, I call on State Secretary, Jeff Gibson:

**Jeff Gibson:** Worthy State Deputy, I nominate the following members as the alternate delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting: Past State Deputies: Ronald Reinhardt and Jim Betts.

**State Deputy:** If there are any other nominations, please hit \*3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please be ready to speak.

Are there any other nominations for alternate delegates to the Supreme Council Meeting? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

**If only one nomination:**

Nominations are closed. Since there are no other nominations, without objection we will proceed with balloting for the Alternate Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council.

Balloting will be open for two minutes – press 1 for Yes, press 2 for No,  
*(repeat as required)*

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the state secretary for the results.

**State Secretary:** With the total of {*Insert Number*} ballots cast, the following individuals received the highest number of votes and will serve as alternate delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council Delegates: {*insert names*}.

**State Deputy:** I ask that all alternate delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council please email the state secretary your full name, membership #, Council # and date of birth (and phone number). The State Secretary's email address is [statesecretarykofcak2019@gmail.com](mailto:statesecretarykofcak2019@gmail.com), Thank you.

At this time, I call on State Advocate to present to us the Report of the Resolutions Committee.

Before he starts, let me state that the recommendation of the resolutions committee will act as an active motion. If anyone wishes to speak on a resolution, please hit \*3 on your phone, and you will be placed in the queue. Once you are recognized as having the floor, please be ready to speak. Please do not mute your phone.

If no one asks to speak, the dropping of the gavel will signal the approval of the committee's recommendation.

Worthy State Advocate, please proceed.

**State Advocate:** *Resolutions*

*If there is an objection to any resolution, proceed to voting with options: "Press 1 to Approve the Resolution or press 2 to Reject the Resolution."*

**State Deputy:** The recommendation of the resolutions committee is adopted.

**State Deputy:** Thank you Worthy State Advocate

**New Business:**

**State Deputy:** Let us proceed to New Business.

***If required:***

The first item in new business is the adoption of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council. As the budget has been distributed previously, without objection we will proceed with balloting for the adoption of the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council.

Balloting will be open for *two* minutes – press 1 for Yes, or press 2 for No (***Fill dead space by reminding delegates options to vote***)

Please note that if you feel you selected the wrong number, re-vote and application will record it accurately.

The ballot has been completed and the tally confirmed. I now call upon the IPSD for the results.

**State Secretary:** With the total of {*Insert Number*} ballots cast; the majority of the votes went to accept the proposed 2020-2021 Fraternal Year Budget for the State Council commencing July 1, 2020.

- *If your State Council votes on future State Convention sites, this should be handled at this time.*

Is there any other business to come before the Convention?

Hearing none, I call on our IPSD Rev. Mr. Ronald Jones to lead us in prayer for the Canonization of Father McGivney.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous

service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since there is no other business, the meeting is adjourned. I thank everyone for your patience and time today.

Vivat Jesus