



Knights of Columbus

South Dakota State Council

February 29, 2024

Dear Brother Knights

The 2024 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention is in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada August 5-8, 2024. Monday evening there is a welcome reception, and the convention officially begins Tuesday morning. The convention concludes at noon Thursday, August 8th. This year South Dakota will send five (5) at-large delegates to Quebec City. It is truly the experience of a lifetime. You should arrive on or before Monday, August 5th and depart Thursday afternoon. Now is the time to start planning and to notify the State Council of your desire to attend this year's Supreme Convention as a South Dakota Delegate.

You will pay all expenses yourself. This includes all travel, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses. You will receive a partial reimbursement check at noon on Thursday of the convention. The State Council cannot help you financially. Delegates do receive a reimbursement of approximately \$400 per diem for lodging and meals for the 3 days of the convention and for travel: \$.30/mile for the first 1,500 miles and \$.20/mile for every mile over 1,500 miles. Total mileage is calculated one-way. Please use these rates to ensure this does not place an undue burden on you and your family.

Here are some mandatory items regarding the convention.

- ❖ You must have a formal white dinner jacket, black bow tie, black tuxedo slacks, black cummerbund (optional), and white tuxedo shirt. Cuff links and studs normally adorn the shirt. (rentals are often used)
- ❖ You must have a valid passport that has at least 6 months remaining as of the date of the Supreme Convention. This means your passport **MUST not expire before March 9, 2025.**
- ❖ You must have a credit card.
- ❖ You must attend the states dinner Tuesday evening. The delegate's cost for dinner is deducted from the reimbursement check. You are responsible for your spouse's meals when you complete your registration.
- ❖ You must attend all business meetings.
- ❖ You must stay in the convention hotel(s) that Supreme selects.
- ❖ The State Council hosts a South Dakota Delegation dinner on Wednesday evening with the South Dakota bishops that are in attendance. The State Council pays for this meal.
- ❖ You must be a 3rd Degree Knight in good standing, possess your current membership card, ***you must present it to enter business meetings at the convention!***

If you desire to nominate yourself to be a delegate and represent the Jurisdiction of our state, you must complete the enclosed background information form. You need not be present at the State Convention to be nominated but a seconding speech for your nomination will be required by a delegate or other representative at the State Convention. If you are not going to be present at the State Convention, please have all accompanying attachments with your nomination form, especially a copy of page 2 your passport clearly indicating your expiration date.

If you are not attending the State Convention, you may mail your nomination package to the State Secretary by April 15, 2024. If you are attending the State Convention, please present it to the State Secretary when you check-in.

Nomination of delegates will occur at the end of the business meeting on Sunday morning.

Ray Pierson
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Enclosure: Nomination Form / Background Form