



PROHIBITION ON USE OF MEMBERSHIP TO PROMOTE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

A member may not use his membership in the Knights of Columbus, including the name and emblem, for political advantage or to imply that the Order supports a candidate for public office. Specifically, Section 162.23 of the Laws of the Order prohibits a member from “issuing or soliciting by virtue of his membership in the Knights of Columbus, aid, or assistance or support by or in behalf of . . . candidates for public office” Consistent with this Law, the Board of Directors will not authorize any use of the name and emblem of the Order, or one’s membership in the Order, to promote any political affiliation or candidate for public office. If a member wishes to express his public support for a candidate or political party, he may not identify himself as a member of the Knights of Columbus. To the extent any member is himself a candidate for public office, failure to observe this rule may expose the member to disciplinary action under Sections 162.11 and 162.23 of the Laws of the Order.

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