



RULES REGARDING HOSTING PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Knights of Columbus councils may not provide a forum, advertising, or funding for certain activities involving candidates for public office, including candidates' forums, meeting, and debates.

The Order's rules on partisan political activity, which apply to members and councils, are codified in Sections 162.11, 162.23 and 157.1 of the Laws of the Knights of Columbus. These laws strictly prohibit members and councils from engaging in any partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Specifically, members and councils may not use membership in the Order, council funds, council facilities (including email and social media), proprietary membership information, or dedicated council communication channels in connection with any action directed towards announcing candidates for public office, the success or failure of a candidate for public office, or the activities of a political party, or other political group. Even using the name "Knights of Columbus" in connection with candidates for public office and/or political campaigns, without permission of the Board of Directors, is prohibited.

DO NOT DISTRIBUTE

Rev. September 2022

THE CONTENTS OF THE OFFICER'S DESK REFERENCE MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED OR CIRCULATED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRATERNAL BUSINESS. THIS INCLUDES POSTING THE CONTENTS OF THE ODR ON PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITES.