

# Special Rules for the Convention



## FOR THE ELECTRONIC PORTION OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1) Delegates wishing to speak shall use the “Speaker Queue” function in the online platform.
- 2) After being recognized by the Chair, before addressing the business before the Assembly, the Delegate shall give their name, Jurisdiction of affiliation, and their Local Court name. If the Delegate is a current High Court Officer, current High Court Trustee, former High Court Trustee or High Court Officer or Committee member, they shall also state their position.

## FOR THE IN-PERSON PORTION OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1) Delegates wishing to speak shall rise and proceed to a microphone in the aisle, forming a queue.
- 2) After being recognized by the Chair, before addressing the business before the Assembly, the Delegate shall give their name, Jurisdiction of affiliation and their Local Court name. If the Delegate is a current High Court Officer, current High Court Trustee, former High Court Trustee or former High Court Officer or Committee member, they shall also state their position.

## FOR BOTH THE ELECTRONIC AND IN-PERSON PORTIONS OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

- 1) Each Delegate may not address any issue more than twice.
- 2) Delegates may speak no longer than two (2) minutes without permission of the assembly, granted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote without debate.
- 3) Any Delegate wishing to speak a second time on any issue must wait until after any other Delegate desiring to speak to the issue and who has not spoken.
- 4) All reports and other materials for the permanent record of the proceedings have been posted to the Catholic Order of Foresters National Convention Website and are available on LUMI, the National Convention online meeting platform.
- 5) All Delegates should have reviewed the reports prior to the beginning of the National Convention.
- 6) The reading of the Greetings Committee, Resolutions/Petitions Committee, and Fraternal Activities Committee reports will be dispensed due to their previous posting on the Convention Website.
- 7) Committee Reports will be presented to the convention for acceptance. In addition, time will be allotted for discussion and debate. The Committee Chair will propose resolutions and/or recommendations, if necessary.
- 8) No Delegate should repeat comments made previously raised by another Delegate speaking on the same issue.
- 9) All Delegates should review comments raised to the posted Preliminary reports and responses of the Committee. Unless further clarification is necessary, issues raised and responded should not be raised again.

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- 10) The election of High Court Officers and High Court Trustees will be held using LUMI-supplied handheld devices and in accordance with the rules contained in the report of the Nominating/Election Committee.
- 11) No recording of the sessions shall be allowed except for the official recording.
- 12) The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, (12th ed.), shall govern in all cases, to which they are applicable and which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution & By-Laws of the Catholic Order of Foresters and these standing rules. The rules shall be adopted by a majority vote and may be amended, rescinded or suspended by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 13) The Minutes of this 52nd National Convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters shall be submitted to the High Court for review and approval.

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