



# Catholic Daughters of the Americas®



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## 60th Biennial National Convention

August 14-18, 2024  
New Orleans, Louisiana

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### Time Table for National Convention

March 15th	Delegate and Alternate forms <b>MUST</b> be returned to the National Office
June 1st	Deadline for early registration
June 1st	Deadline for Exhibitor and Vendor Registration
June 1st	Deadline for Meal Reservations
June 1st	Deadline to reserve a Candidate table/State CDA fundraiser item table
June 1st	Hotel reservations must be made in order to assure group rate if block has not yet been filled
August 11-13	Pre-Convention Tours
August 13	Convention Workshops
August 13	Pre-Convention Concert
August 14	Opening of the 60th Biennial National Convention

### Tips for enjoying convention:

Make the most of your time at convention. Network with fellow Catholic Daughters, especially those you don't yet know. Share ideas, gain insight, make friends.

The dress code for business sessions is "Business Casual" – sweatpants, shorts, gym attire, revealing clothing and t-shirts (even CDA t-shirts) are not appropriate attire.

The meeting rooms are large, and it is difficult to regulate the temperature and keep everyone comfortable. You are advised to dress in layers: a short-sleeved top with a cardigan or blazer is always a good choice.

Evenings, after meals and events, are generally spent in casual clothes, visiting friends and relaxing.

Take advantage of workshops before the convention. These are tremendous educational opportunities for you.

Benefit from the opportunity to sit with members outside of your court and state while enjoying breakfast or lunch. This is a great time to make connections.

Remember that hotel staff keep different schedules. The housekeeper you have on Wednesday may not work weekends. It's a good idea to leave \$1 on your pillow each morning to let the staff know they are appreciated and ensure that the proper person receives your tip.



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**CLERGY/CHAPLAIN/SPIRITUAL ADVISOR REGISTRATION FORM**

COURT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL ADDRESS **must** be provided for confirmation that registration was received \_\_\_\_\_

- I require Handicapped accessibility in meeting rooms.  I use a scooter/wheelchair.  I can move into a chair on my own.

**PRIEST** CDA Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salutation \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DEACON** CDA Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salutation \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

**SISTER** CDA Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Salutation \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is your **first** National Convention. ID Tag Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First Name, Last Name or Nickname, i.e., Fr. Doug or Fr. Toomey)

Please send a **Letter of Suitability** from your Bishop to:  
 Fr. Shenan Boquet  
 4 Family Life Lane  
 Front Royal, VA 22630

**With a copy to** Emily Guilherme, National Regent  
 14691 Walters Street  
 Corona, CA 92880

Please check the dates you will be attending and are available for the following:

- Liturgy—Opening Mass, Wednesday, August 14 9:00 a.m.
- Liturgy—Memorial Mass, Thursday, August 15 11:00 a.m.
- Liturgy—God and Country, Friday, August 16 11:00 a.m.
- Liturgy—Installation Mass, Saturday, August 17 4:00 p.m.
- Liturgy—Sunday Mass, Sunday, August 18 9:00 a.m.

Are you willing to hear Confessions from 12 noon to 3:00 PM in the Meditation Room?  
 If so, circle the day you are willing to help—  
 Wednesday, August 14, Thursday, August 15,  
 Friday, August 16.

- Priest and Deacons, please bring alb and white chasuble. CDA stoles will be available.

**PLEASE MAIL ORIGINAL FORM TO:** CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, 10 West 71<sup>ST</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023



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## STATE OFFICER CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Complete a separate form for each State Officer/Immediate Past State Regent attending. Authorization required of local court as below. Type or print neatly. Keep a copy for your records.

COURT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Must be provided for notification that registration has been received.)*

I require Handicapped accessibility in meeting rooms.  I use a scooter/wheelchair.  I can move into a chair on my own.

### AUTHORIZATION FROM LOCAL COURT

We hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is an active member in good standing of  
 Court \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regent's Signature Financial Secretary's Signature

Please print your **First** name as you want it to appear on your name tag. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(For example, Margaret prefers to be known as Peggy.)*

Please print your CDA State Title. \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is your first National Convention.

**PAYMENTS:** (Write the amount to be paid in the blank at the left.)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00 Non-Refundable **EARLY BIRD DELEGATE** Registration Fee (postmarked **on or before June 1**)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$225.00 Non-Refundable **DELEGATE** Registration Fee (postmarked **June 2 or later**)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Mail Registration form(s) with **Court Check** payable to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** to:  
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023

Early registration deadline **postmarked: June 1**. Registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances. One check may be sent for the total registration fee for all state officers, if all registration forms are sent together with a check.

National Office use only: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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**DELEGATE & ALTERNATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Complete a separate form for each person attending. If you are a State or National Officer DO NOT complete this form.  
**TYPE OR PRINT NEATLY.** Form may be duplicated as needed. Keep a copy for your records.

COURT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS must be provided for confirmation that registration was received. \_\_\_\_\_

- I require Handicapped accessibility in meeting rooms.  I use a scooter/wheelchair.  I can move into a chair on my own.

**AUTHORIZATION FROM COURT**

At our court meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, this member of our Court was elected as a

**Delegate** or  **Alternate** for our court. We hereby attest that she is an active member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regent's Signature Financial Secretary's Signature

Please print your **First** name as you want it to appear on your Name Tag. \_\_\_\_\_

(For example, Margaret is known as Peggy)

Please print your **CDA National title, State title, or Local Court Office or title.** \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is your *first* National convention.

**PAYMENTS:** (Write the amount to be paid in the blank at the left.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$175.00 Non-Refundable **EARLY BIRD DELEGATE** Registration Fee (postmarked on or before June 1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$225.00 Non-Refundable **DELEGATE** Registration Fee (postmarked June 2 or later)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$155.00 Non-Refundable **EARLY BIRD ALTERNATE** Registration Fee (postmarked or before June 1)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$185.00 Non-Refundable **ALTERNATE** Registration Fee (postmarked June 2 or later)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Mail registration form(s) with one **Court Check** payable to **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** to:  
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, NY 10023

Early registration deadline **postmarked: June 1.** Registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances. One check may be sent for the total registration fee for all delegates, alternates, and members from the same court, if all registration forms are sent together with the check.

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**NON-VOTING MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM**

*Complete a separate form for each person attending. Type or print neatly.  
 Form may be duplicated as needed. Keep a copy for your records.*

COURT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL *must* be provided for confirmation that registration was received. \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorization from Local Court for Non-Voting Member**

We hereby confirm that \_\_\_\_\_ is an active member in good standing of

Court \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regent's Signature Financial Secretary's Signature

**Non-Voting Members are permitted into the convention room, but may not vote or sit in the Delegate's section.**

Please print your **First** name as you want it to appear on your name badge. \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your **CDA National, State or Local Court Office title.** \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if this is your **first** National Convention.

**PAYMENTS** *(Write the amount to be paid in the blank at the left.)*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$155.00 Non-Refundable **EARLY BIRD NON-VOTING** member Registration Fee (postmarked **on or before June 1, 2024**)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$190.00 Non-Refundable **NON-VOTING** Registration Fee (**postmarked June 2 or later**)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 per day Non-refundable **DAILY** non-voting Registration Fee (\$100.00 X Number of Days)

Please mark days attending:  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Send Registration form(s) along with **Court Check** payable to:  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
**10 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street**  
**New York, NY 10023**

Early registration deadline **postmarked June 1**. Registration fees are not refundable under any circumstances. One check may be sent or the total registration fee for all delegates, alternates, and members from the same court, if all registration forms are sent together with check.

National Office use only: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## Guest and Spouse Registration Form

*Complete a separate form for each person attending. Type or print neatly. Form may be duplicated as needed.*

COURT NUMBER _____	STATE _____	COURT NAME _____
NAME (First) _____ (Last) _____		
ADDRESS _____		PHONE (____) _____
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
E-MAIL Address must be provided for confirmation that registration was received. _____		
This person is attending convention as: <input type="checkbox"/> Guest <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse		

**There is no fee for guest and spouses. They may not enter the meeting room at any time except during Liturgical Services such as Adoration and Daily Mass and are entitled to a name badge only.**

Please print your **First** name as you want it to appear on your name tag. \_\_\_\_\_  
(For example, Michael may want to have Mike.)

Check here if this is your **first** National Convention.

**Send Completed Registration form to:**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
10 W. 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10023

National Office use only: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_



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## MEAL RESERVATIONS FORM

Please type or print all information and send in the form with a **separate check** for meals.  
**Meal reservations deadline is June 1, 2024**

COURT NUMBER _____	STATE _____	COURT NAME _____
NAME (LAST) _____ (FIRST) _____		
ADDRESS _____		PHONE (____) _____
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____		
<i>(Address must be provided to receive confirmation that reservation has been received.)</i>		

1. Send the **original form** to the **Meal Reservation Chairman**:  
 Sheila Moore  
 44410 Edward Guidry St.  
 Armant, LA 70774  
 LaCDAFirstVSR@gmail.com
2. Send one copy of the meal reservation form to your **State Regent**.
3. Bring your copy to the Meal Reservation table at Registration to pick up your tickets.
4. ALL reservations must be made by **STATE or LOCAL Court Regents** and paid for with a **State or Local Court Check**. Make check payable to: **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** with a notation "*Meal Reservation*" in the memo corner.
5. Those attending the meals only are not required to pay daily registration fees.

*Please tally the total number of meals to be served for your court.*

NUMBER	EVENT	COST	TOTAL
_____	<b>Clergy/Spiritual Advisor Luncheon</b> (For Chaplains, Spiritual Advisors and Clergy) Thursday, August 15 12:30 p.m.	\$65 per person	_____
_____	<b>State Regents' Luncheon</b> (State Regents ONLY) Friday, August 16 12:30 p.m.	\$65 per person	_____
_____	<b>New Orleans Fun Night</b> , Friday Night Friday, August 16 6:30 p.m.	\$80 per person	_____
_____	<b>Appreciation Banquet</b> , Saturday Evening Saturday, August 17 7:00 p.m.	\$90 per person	_____
_____	<b>TOTAL TICKETS / TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED</b>		\$ _____

Check here if you have Special Dietary needs. If so, you must also submit the **Special Dietary Needs** form.





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## SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

COURT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ COURT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF PERSON WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS**

(LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: (Must be provided for confirmation that registration was received.)

\_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIFIC DIETARY CONCERN: (PLEASE PRINT)**

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**MEET THE CANDIDATES TABLE REGISTRATION FORM**

*Meet the Candidates will be held after the business session on Wednesday, August 14, 2024.*

The main focus of the Candidate Social Hour is getting to know the candidates, their ideas, their goals, and their reasons for wanting to serve. The following rules govern this event.

- 1) Each candidate reserving a table will have a space on which to display their name and fliers.
- 2) Campaign material is limited to ONE SHEET of paper ( 8.5 x 11 ), printed on ONE SIDE ONLY, with or without a photograph.
- 3) Display will be limited to tabletops and "skirts." No floor displays; nothing on the walls.
- 4) No campaign material shall be distributed or worn in the Convention Meeting Room or during the election process.
- 5) No campaign favors are to be distributed at any time.
- 6) You may not bring in or hand out food or beverages of any kind.
- 7) Only one table per candidate may be reserved.
- 8) States may decide to use one table for more than one candidate (i.e., Officer, Director and Nominating Committee).
- 9) There is a \$30 non-refundable table registration fee.
- 10) Refer to the Bylaws for Campaign/Election rules.
- 11) All candidates must observe these rules or may be disqualified.

In order that there are a sufficient number of tables available for the Candidates, it is imperative that this form be completed as soon as you know your State Candidate is running for the National Board or for the Nominating Committee.

**To order a table, please return this form and \$30 non-refundable fee by JUNE 1ST to:** Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
10 W 71<sup>st</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10023

Retain a copy for your records. Please bring a copy with you for presentation at the time of registration. Set-up will start no earlier than 3:30 pm. Tables will be assigned by the National Office Staff. Please respect the table assignments as well as those around you who are setting up.

STATE COURT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PERSON RESERVING THE TABLE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL Address must be provided for confirmation that registration was received. \_\_\_\_\_



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## Exhibitor Registration Form

As an exhibitor at our convention, you are entitled to one table. There may be a fee for any additional tables.

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL *must* be provided for confirmation that registration was received. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all workers \_\_\_\_\_

Please print your **First Name** as you want it to appear on your name tag \_\_\_\_\_

All exhibitors will be entitled to *one table* in the Exhibit Area, if you need more tables the cost will be \$100.00 per table.  
**Registration deadline: June 1st.**

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TABLES \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00 PER TABLE  X \$ 100.00

CHECK HERE IF YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEARBY (\$50 Fee) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration form along with a **Check payable to: Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
 10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023

*Please contact the hotel directly if you should need any special A/V equipment including extension cords. You will be responsible for any A/V charges incurred.*

Attached is a copy of the agenda, as well as hotel information for your reference. The Exhibit Area opens at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> (set up on Tuesday morning). You must provide someone to staff your table at all times the room is open. The Exhibit Area will close Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm.

We will be attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention and will be in the Exhibit Area on the following days:

Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday (Must be Packed Up by 5:00 pm)

Food will be available from the restaurants in the hotel. Complete one form for each participant.

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## Vendor Registration Form

There is a \$300.00 registration fee per vendor which entitles you to one display table. Catholic Daughters requires that you donate 15% of your **gross sales** to the Catholic Daughters.

TYPE OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ (FIRST) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL *must* be provided for confirmation that registration was received. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL WORKERS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT YOUR **FIRST NAME** AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG \_\_\_\_\_  
 (For example, Michael is known as Mike)

All vendors will be entitled to one table in the Sales Room. If you need more tables the cost will be \$100.00 per table.

**Registration deadline: June 1st.**

REGISTRATION FEE \_\_\_\_\_ \$300.00

NUMBER OF TABLES (FIRST TABLE IS FREE) \_\_\_\_\_

\$100.00 PER ADDITIONAL TABLE \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK HERE IF YOU REQUIRE AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET NEARBY (\$50 Fee) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration form along with a **Check payable to *Catholic Daughters of the Americas***, to:  
 Catholic Daughters of the Americas, 10 West 71st Street, New York, NY 10023

*Please contact the hotel directly if you should need any special A/V equipment including extension cords. You will be responsible for any A/V charges incurred.*

Attached is a tentative copy of the agenda, as well as hotel information. The Sales Room opens at 1:00 pm on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** (set up on Tuesday morning). You must provide someone to staff your table at all times the room is open. Sales Room will close **Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm. Pack up will happen on **Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial National Convention and will be in the Sale of Articles Room on the following days:  
 Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday (Pack Up Only)

Food will be available in the hotel restaurants.

\_\_\_\_\_ **By initiating here, you acknowledge that a donation representing 15% of your gross sales will be collected. The National Office Manager, Martha Hamboussi will be come to each table before 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to pick up the donation.**

National Office use only: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# State Court Fundraising Tables

## TO BE HELD DURING CAMPAIGN NIGHT

### WED. 8/14

Tables will be set up around the perimeter of the campaign tables for states to sell **one** CDA promotional item for **one** hour. Items cannot be sold from a campaign table.

### WHAT CAN YOU SELL?

Each State Court may sell only **one** item with the registered CDA logo or name on it. Examples would be a mug, tumbler, scarf, etc. Items without the registered logo **will not** be accepted.

### COST

Each state may purchase a table to sell **one** CDA item for **one** hour. The cost for a 6 foot table is \$25.00. The Cost is non-refundable.



CONTACT CONNIE DRONETTE AT [CONNIECDA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CONNIECDA@YAHOO.COM) IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

### RESERVE A TABLE AT CAMPAIGN NIGHT

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM YOU ARE SELLING \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE TO SEND FORM AND NONREFUNDABLE \$25.00: JUNE 1, 2024.

The fee for the table is nonrefundable.  
Send application with check made out to  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas by June 1, 2024, to  
Darlene Moritz, 2015 225th Street, Milford, IA 51351

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**Hotel Information**

The 60th Biennial National Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be held at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside.

**Convention Dates:**

Pre-convention Workshops and Concert  
Opening Convention Mass

Tuesday, August 13, 2024  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024

**Meeting Days**

(Wednesday-Saturday)  
Closing Banquet

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday,  
August 14-17, 2024**  
Saturday, August 17, 2024

**Hotel Location:**

Hilton New Orleans Riverside  
Two Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

**Hotel Reservations:**

You have two options to secure your hotel room, online or by telephone.

State Regents cannot secure more than a block of five (5) guest rooms under one name.

All actual attendee names will be required to be provided to the Hotel **no later than July 1, 2024:**

**Instructions to make your room reservation online:**

- Step 1 Go to: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50691838>
- Step 2 Select your arrival/departure dates
- Step 3 Select room type
- Step 4 Enter name and payment information

**Instructions to make your room reservation by telephone:**

- Step 1 Call 1-800-HILTONS
- Step 2 Once you reach a live agent, request the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Two Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
- Step 3 Identify that you are with a Group (“Catholic Daughters of the Americas 2024,” the code is ACD)

**Discounted Group Room Rate:**

\$155.00 USD, per room, per night; plus occupancy fee of \$3.00 USD, per room, per night  
Discounted rate is available from August 3-18, 2024.

**The last date to make a room reservation at the discounted rate is Monday, July 15, 2024.**

**Deposit Required:**

The hotel will require a first night’s deposit (room and tax) to secure your reservation.

**Guest Room Cancellation Policy:**

In order to avoid cancellation charges, a 72-hour cancellation notification to the hotel is required.  
Please keep your cancellation confirmation number in case of any discrepancies.

# Friday Fun Night

2024 National Convention

August 16, 2024

New Orleans

without

Mardi Gras?

NO WAY!!!!

Wear all your PURPLE, GOLD, and GREEN

Along with your BEADS and BLING

Come join us and take a CHANCE

At our celebration of FUN and DANCE

**All attendees, please bring a decorated Mardi Gras Mask**

**on a handheld stick.**

Sponsored by

Louisiana State Catholic Daughter



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***COME AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF NEW ORLEANS***

Reservations: [www.noladmctours.com](http://www.noladmctours.com)

Password: NewOrleans2024 (case sensitive)

*Tours with less than 25 participants will be canceled and the money will be refunded.*

**PONTOON SWAMP TOUR - PRIVATE**

Explore Louisiana in its natural state with a tour through our swamp lands. Native Americans and Louisiana Cajuns have been living in harmony with these marshlands for centuries, home to one of the richest and most diverse ecosystems in the world. Our authentic Cajun guides will escort your group on an expedition through the winding waterways beneath a canopy of ancient cypress trees dripping with Spanish moss. Learn the history of the Cajun people and encounter the unsurpassed beauty of the plants and critters indigenous to the bayous of Louisiana from the comfort of a pontoon boat.

You're likely to see alligators, bald eagles, herons, egrets, raccoons, deer, black bears, nutria, turtles, ducks, and many species of water snakes. Round trip private motorcoach transportation to and from this Cajun village will be provided.

**Time:** Approximately three and half (3.5) Hours    **Cost** \$178.00 per person

**Inclusions:**

- Roundtrip transportation
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed tour guide per motorcoach.
- Private Flat Boat Swamp Tour
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

**Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Box lunch
- Group lunch at designated location.

**Sunday August 11th, Monday August 12th, Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> Monday August 19th**

1:00pm - Depart for Pontoon Swamp Tour

2:00pm - 3:45pm - Narrated Pontoon Swamp Tour

4:45pm - Arrive at Hotel

**Tuesday August 13th**

8:45 am - Depart for Pontoon Swamp Tour

9:45pm - 11:30am - Narrated Pontoon Swamp Tour

12:30 pm - Arrive at Hotel



## **MARDI GRAS WORLD TOUR**

Let us bring you a real, behind-the-scenes look at New Orleans Mardi Gras. With a tour of Mardi Gras World, your group will see firsthand what it takes to bring Mardi Gras to life year after year. Walk through the artistry and craftsmanship that go into this grand event with a tour of Blaine Kern Studios, an operating workshop that has created breathtaking floats for Mardi Gras since 1947. Our Mardi Gras World tour provides an overview of the history of Mardi Gras before our guides take your group through the float den where artists work year-round to build over 500 spectacular floats and props.

Enhance your group's visit with a mask-making workshop to decorate their own one-of-a-kind Carnival creation to take home.

**Time:** Two (2) Hours

**Cost** \$150.00 per person

### **Inclusions:**

- Private tour of Mardi Gras World
- Round trip transportation
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed tour guide per motor coach.
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

### **Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Group lunch at designated location
- Mask Making Activity

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Itinerary:**

9:00am - Depart for Mardi Gras World

9:15am - 10:15am - Mardi Gras World Tour

10:30am - Depart for Hotel

10:45am - Arrive at Hotel

## **NEW ORLEANS CITY TOUR**

Our knowledgeable and friendly tour guide will point out the landmarks and architecture that made New Orleans famous as you enjoy the sights and sounds of the famous French Quarter and historic Jackson Square. Follow the path of the St. Charles Avenue streetcar, past Tulane and Loyola Universities across from Audubon Park, and see the homes of former Kings & Queens of Mardi Gras, huge mansions, and the world-famous, exclusive Garden District.

**Time:** Three (3) Hours

**Cost** \$110.00 per person

### **Inclusions:**

- Narrated New Orleans City tour.
- Round trip transportation
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed tour guide per motor coach.
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

### **Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Group lunch at designated location
- Cajun Tasting

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Itinerary:**

9:00am - Depart for City Tour

9:00am - 12:00pm - Narrated New Orleans City Tour

12:00pm - Arrive at Hotel

## **THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**

Offering a compelling blend of sweeping narrative and poignant personal detail, The National WWII Museum features immersive exhibits, multimedia experiences, and an expansive collection of artifacts and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of *The War that Changed the World*. Beyond the Museum's galleries, online collections, virtual field trips, webinars, educational travel programs, and renowned International Conference on World War II, it offers patrons new ways to connect to history and honor the generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom.

### **The Louisiana Memorial Pavilion**

Start your Museum visit in this original museum pavilion, with a recreated 1940s train station which serves as the perfect introduction to the Museum experience, inviting guests to follow in the footsteps of new recruits on their way to war.

Additional exhibits in this pavilion take visitors into the monumental efforts on the Home Front with Arsenal of Democracy, and to the beaches of Normandy, focusing on the thousands of men and women who made Allied victory possible.

Don't miss the **LCVP Higgins Boat** to learn the city's connection to WWII and why Congress designated New Orleans as home to the official National WWII Museum.

### **The Solomon Victory Theater**

The Solomon Victory Theater is home to **Beyond All Boundaries**, a 4D cinematic experience produced exclusively for The National WWII Museum by Tom Hanks, who narrates the film. *Beyond All Boundaries* features dazzling effects, CGI animation, multilayered environments, and first-person accounts from the trenches to the Home Front read by Brad Pitt, Tobey Maguire, Gary Sinise, Patricia Clarkson, Wendell Pierce, and more. The 48-minute film plays every hour on the hour, and tickets can be purchased for an additional cost.

### **Campaigns of Courage: European and Pacific Theaters**

Follow in the footsteps on the citizen soldier in these 360-degree displays that take visitors through key settings in WWII. The galleries serve as an immersive timeline and provide a service member's view of the war.

Don't miss **Road to Berlin** which details the European Theater, and **Road to Tokyo** which details the Pacific Theater.

### **The US Freedom Pavilion: The Boeing Center**

Stand beside ground-level tanks and trucks, or brave sky-high catwalks for an up-close look at the WWII airplanes suspended from the soaring ceiling above. The exhibits describe the history and production of war machines, and honor service in every branch of the military. This is the story of America at war -- on land, in the air, and at sea -- told in a way that will fully engage the senses, the mind and the heart.

Don't miss the interactive **Final Mission: USS Tang Submarine Experience** which places visitors aboard the most successful submarine in WWII for its fifth and final war patrol in October 1944. Guests relive the last epic battle of the USS Tang and feel a deeper appreciation for the bravery and sacrifice of those who served in the intense, confined world of underwater warfare.

### **The John E. Kushner Restoration Pavilion**

Get an up-close view at some of the Museum's extensive collection of macro-artifacts, and learn how STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) helped solve some of WWII's toughest problems.

**Time:** Five (5) hours

**Cost** \$198.00 per person

**Inclusions:**

- Admission to The National WWII Museum
- Admission to Beyond All Boundaries
- Round trip transportation
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed tour guide per motor coach.
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

**Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Group lunch at designated location
- Lunch at WWII Museum

**Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>, Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Itinerary:**

9:00am Depart

9:30am - 1:30pm - WWII Tour with Beyond All Boundaries Movie & Final Mission

2:00pm - Arrive at Hotel

## **CATHOLIC TOURS OF THE CRESCENT CITY**

Catholic Tours of the Crescent City invites you to visit some of the most authentic, cultural places in New Orleans, its sacred places. We will visit churches, some of which were built in the 1800s by various nationalities who have immigrated to New Orleans and explore the many different religious orders that helped shape and still influence the culture of this great city. We will also visit one of our Catholic cemeteries and learn about the different types of tombs and why they are built as they are. We will also visit shrines and learn about some of the holy people who have lived here. It is my sincere hope that you will join me in this wonderful journey through the rich Catholic history of this beautiful city.

Tour includes visits to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Shrine of St. Jude, Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church and Shrine, St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary's Assumption Church, Blessed Seelos Shrine, Immaculate Conception Church, St. Louis Cemetery #2 and the grave site of Venerable Henriette Delille.

We will drive through the outskirts of the French Quarter, Central Business District, Magazine St., Irish Channel, Garden District, St. Charles Ave., Uptown and University areas.

**Time:** Four (4) Hours

**Cost** \$175.00 per person

### **Inclusions:**

- Catholic Tours of the Crescent City
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed NOLA DMC tour guide.
- Transportation on mini or motor coach
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

### **Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Group lunch at designated location

**Monday August 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Itinerary:**

8:00am - Depart

8:30am - 12:30pm - Catholic Tour of the Crescent City

12:45pm - Arrive at Hotel

## **OLD URSULINE CONVENT MUSEUM**

The Old Ursuline Convent is the oldest building in the Mississippi Valley. Constructed by French Colonial Engineers under the auspices of the crown, the convent was designed in 1745 and completed in 1752-1753. Over the centuries, this building has been a convent for the Ursuline nuns, a school, an archbishop's residence, the archdiocesan central office, a meeting place for the Louisiana Legislature. Later, it served as a residence for priests serving mainly the Italian community and then housed the Archdiocesan Archives. Today, together with the St. Louis Cathedral and St. Mary's Church, it forms the Catholic Cultural Heritage Center of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

The Old Ursuline Convent Museum is part of the Catholic Cultural Heritage Center. Our mission is to support a vibrant spiritual life within the New Orleans Catholic community by recognizing and displaying the contributions of our multicultural and multi-ethnic past. Visit our other sites at St. Louis Cathedral and St. Anthony's Garden.

St. Mary's Church at 1116 Chartres St. is a slightly older building than St. Louis Cathedral. Although parts of the cathedral date back to 1727, the bulk of the cathedral-basilica was rebuilt in 1850 and rededicated in 1860. St. Mary's Church served as the place of worship for the bishops and archbishops of New Orleans when they were in residence at the Old Ursuline Convent.

**Time:** Sixty (60) minutes

**Cost** \$128.00 per person

### **Inclusions:**

- Old Ursuline Convent Museum & St. Mary's Church
- One (1) professional, licensed, uniformed NOLA DMC tour guide.
- Transportation on mini or motor coach
- Complete pre-event and on-site management by NOLA DMC
- All taxes are included.

### **Enhancements:**

- Beer/water/soft drinks on the bus
- Group lunch at designated location

**Monday August 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Itinerary:**

9:40am Depart

10:00am - 11:00am - Ursuline Convent Museum and St Mary's Church Tour

11:15am - Arrive at Hotel

## **1 - ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

### **Sec. 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP (page2)**

D Life members are those who have held membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for not less than fifty (50) years. Life membership is transferable to another Court. The Local Court may pay National and State dues on such members.

#### **Proposed Change**

D Life members are those who have held membership in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for not less than fifty (50) years. Life membership is transferable to another Court. The Local Court **should** pay National and State dues on such members.

#### **Rationale**

Clarification of dues for life members. Life members may not be obliged to pay dues at the decision of their court. However, the local court is still responsible for paying both state and national dues for the life members.

#### **Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

## **2 - ARTICLE VI NATIONAL COURT**

### **Sec. 3. ELIGIBILITY (page 6)**

- A. To be eligible for National office, a candidate shall be a member in good standing, available to handle all responsibilities the office entails. She must be a current or past National Officer or a current or past National Director and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.
- B. To be eligible for National Director, a candidate shall be a member in good standing, available to handle all responsibilities the office entails.
- C. She must be a current or Past National Director, a current or Past State Regent, and a Catholic who publically obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.

- D. Not more than two (2) members of the National Board shall be from the same state, with one as a National Officer and the other as a National Director.

**Proposed Change**

**Sec. 3. ELIGIBILITY**

- A. To be eligible **as a** National officer, a candidate shall be a member in good standing and available to handle all responsibilities the office entails. She must be a current or past National Officer or a current or past National Director and a Catholic who publically obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.
- B. To be eligible for National Director, a candidate shall be a member in good standing **and** available to handle all responsibilities the office entails. **She must be a current or Past National Director, a current or Past State Regent, and a Catholic who publically obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.**
- C. Not more than two (2) members of the National Board shall be from the same state, with one as a National Officer and the other as a National Director.
- D. **A member with dual membership in two (2) states may hold National Office endorsed by her primary state.**

**Rationale**

Primary state of the candidate is where she fulfills all the eligibility requirements to be endorsed for a national office

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**



**3 - Article VI NATIONAL COURT  
SEC. 3 ELIGIBILITY (page 7)**

C. She must be a current or Past National Director, a current or past State Regent, and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.

**Proposed Change**

C. She must be a current or Past National Director, a current or past State Regent **who has completed at least one full term in office**, and a Catholic who publicly obeys the laws of the church and in accordance with these can licitly (in accordance with Church Law) receive the Eucharist.

**Rationale:**

A first-term State Regent should not be splitting her time and energy between two very important Offices.

The possibility exists that the duties required by one, or both, of these commitments will suffer. A State Regent is elected to be focused upon the well-being of her State Court for the full two year term, culminating in presiding over a state convention. Completing a full two-year term as State Regent is an invaluable learning experience that will also help prepare her for future responsibilities on the National level.

**Proposed by New York State Court, Theresa Duran State Regent**

**4 - Article VI NATIONAL COURT  
SEC. 3 ELIGIBILITY (page 7)**

D Not more than two (2) members of the National Board shall be from the same state, with one as a National Officer and the other as a National Director.

**Proposed Change**

D. Even if she holds Dual Membership, not more than two (2) members of the National Board shall be from the same state, **even if she holds Dual Membership**, with one as a National Officer and the other as a National Director.

**Rationale:**

The purpose of Dual Membership is to allow members to participate in a court where they currently reside while not forcing them to resign membership in a court they may have belonged to for a long time. This proposed change eliminates the potential loophole whereby 2 members from any one state may both serve as National Officers or National Directors at the same time.

**Proposed by New York State Court, Theresa Duran State Regent**

**5 - ARTICLE VI NATIONAL COURT  
Sec. 7. DUTIES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS (page 9)**

- A. The National Regent shall:
  - 4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee.

**.Proposed Change**

- A. The National Regent shall:
  - 4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees and the elected Nominating Committee.

**Rationale:**

Serves the National Nominating Committee as a resource for explanation of the committee duties, answering questions that may arise during the vetting of potential candidates for National office.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**6 - ARTICLE VI NATIONAL COURT  
Sec. 7. DUTIES OF NATIONAL OFFICERS (page 9)**

- B. The National Regent shall:
  - 11. At the request of a State Regent, authorize an alternate time of year for the convening of a State Convention.

**Proposed Change**

Remove #11

**Rationale:**

This is a duplication of ART X -Sec. 2 - B and should appear only under state conventions as this is the duty of the State Regent to request from the National Regent.

### **Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

## **7 - ARTICLE VII NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

### **Sec. 5. LOCAL AND CAMPUS COURT DELEGATES (page 15)**

Representation shall be:

- a. Two (2) delegates for the first 75 or fewer members.
- b. And one delegate for each additional seventy-five (75) members or major fraction thereof.
- c. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court delegates.
  - A. Local courts shall elect delegates to the National Convention at a business meeting preceding deadline for submitting delegate registration to the National Office.
  - B. The number of Local Court delegates shall be determined by membership dues recorded by the National Office as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - C. A Campus Court is allotted two (2) delegates.
  - D. Expenses to the National Convention may be paid by the Local Court.

### **Proposed Change**

### **Sec. 5. LOCAL AND CAMPUS COURT DELEGATES**

- A. Local courts shall elect delegates to the National Convention at a business meeting preceding deadline for submitting delegate registration to the National Office.
- B. The number of Local Court delegates shall be determined by membership dues recorded by the National Office as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1. Representation shall be:**
    - a. Two (2) delegates for the first 75 or fewer members.**
    - b. And one delegate for each additional seventy-five (75) members or major fraction thereof.**
    - c. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court delegates.**
- C. A Campus Court is allotted two (2) delegates.
- D. The Local and Campus Court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates as their designated number of delegates.**
- E. Expenses to the National Convention may be paid by the Local Court.

**Rationale:**

Representation to be included as part of B for clarification and delegates are determined by membership and not dues. Adding D and D becomes E. This was approved in July 2022 and was left out of the reprinting of the 2022-2024 Bylaws

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

## **8 -ARTICLE VII NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

### **Sec. 6. QUORUM (page 16)**

A majority of registered voting members of the National Court shall constitute a quorum provided that not less than one hundred (100) members or ten percent (10%) whichever is less, is present.

**Proposed Change**

### **Sec. 6. QUORUM**

A majority of registered voting members of the National Court shall constitute a quorum provided that not less than one hundred (100) members or ten percent (10%) **of potential delegates**, whichever is less, is present.

#### **Rationale:**

To better clarify what represents a quorum for a convention.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

## **9 - ARTICLE VIII NATIONAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

### **Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (page18)**

D If a member of the Nominating Committee intends to become a candidate for office, she must resign from the Nominating Committee by February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the National Convention, by submitting her written resignation to the National Regent.

**Proposed Change**

D. If a member of the Nominating Committee intends to become a candidate for office, she must resign from the Nominating Committee **with a written resignation**

submitted to the National Regent prior to the start of the National Convention.

**Rationale:**

Once the slate of officers has been presented to the National Regent, the members of the committee have completed their duties, except for the chairmen who presents the slate to the convention body. Members of the committee are therefore able to run from their floor by presenting the required paperwork to the National Regent before the start of the convention.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**10 - ARTICLE VIII NATIONAL NOMINATIONS  
AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 3. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
(page 19)**

B The Committee shall meet at least once, or business may be conducted by a conference call, to consider only those names and qualifications submitted. The Nominating Committee shall not be obligated to accept as candidates all persons who have submitted resumés. The Nominating Committee shall have the responsibility to verify qualifications of intended candidates running for office.

**Proposed Change**

B The Committee shall meet at least once, or business may be conducted **by telephone or video conference** call, to consider only those names and qualifications submitted. The Nominating Committee shall not be obligated to accept as candidates all persons who have submitted resumés. The Nominating Committee shall have the responsibility to verify qualifications of intended candidates running for office.

**Rationale:**

Provide the committee with additional options for the chairmen to conduct meetings with the committee in a more personal manner.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**11 - ARTICLE VIII NATIONAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 4. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (page 19)**

A The report of the Nominating Committee shall be printed and sent to the National Regent who shall submit it to the Courts at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The report shall be read on the first day of the Convention following which additional nominations may be made from the floor.

**Proposed Change**

A The report of the Nominating Committee shall be printed and sent to the National Regent who shall submit it to the Courts at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The report shall be read on the first day of the Convention following which additional nominations may be made from the floor. The committee's term ends with the reading of the slate at the National Convention.

**Rationale:**

Someone from the elected Nominating Committee must be present at the National Convention to read the results.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**12 - ARTICLE VIII NATIONAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 4. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (page 19)**

B. Nominees from the floor must submit to the Chair prior to the convening of the first meeting of Convention, a statement of eligibility, a statement of endorsement signed by a majority of the State Officers present at the convention, and a written consent to serve signed by the candidate.

**Proposed Change**

B. Nominees from the floor must submit to the Chair prior to

the convening of the first meeting of Convention, a statement of **qualifications**, a statement of endorsement signed by a majority of the State Officers (~~present at the convention,~~) and a written consent to serve signed by the **candidate indicating the office they intend to seek.**

**Rationale:**

Candidates need the same endorsement of a majority of their state officers as the candidates listed on the slate are required to have. Once the slate is announced, the candidate has ample time to obtain signatures and are held to the same vetting of all candidates.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**13 - Article XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
(page 31)**

There is no current wording to address the proposed amendment. This would be an addition to the section.

**Proposed Change**

Nominating Committee members may submit the required state officers oaoerwork after the State Officers proposed slate is published and before the convening of the first meeting of the State Convention.

**Rationale:**

Since the nominating committee's duties are completed once the slate is published, a member of that committee should be allowed to submit paperwork and be nominated from the floor for a state officer position.

See Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised in Brief page 163, Standing and Special Committees. "Special committees which are created for a particular purpose and go out of existence when that purpose is completed."

**Proposed by Texas State Court, Carolyn Ritche,y Texas State Regent**

**14 - ARTICLE IX STATE COURTS**

**Sec. 3. ELIGIBILITY (page 22)**

Letter D to be added

D. A Present officer nominated for reelection or running from the

floor for State Office will be removed from the ballot if they failed to present assigned report(s) or had their previous state officers reports unavailable for presentation to the State Convention at the appointed time, or an alternatively agreed upon time; prior to presenting the slate of nominees, the officer responsible for presenting the report shall withdraw her name as a nominee whether on the slate or nominated from the floor.

**Rationale:**

To accommodate the election process, state board reports shall be presented or made available for review by the delegates and alternates present at the State Convention prior to the Nominating Committee's Report and nominations from the floor. State Officers' reports shall be presented or made available for review to allow for discussions or questions that may arise due to the contents of reports. The assembled delegates and alternates to the convention shall have the opportunity to respectfully question the contents of a report before the election.

**Proposed by California State Court, Maria Santos-Silva California State**

**15 - Article IX STATE COURTS**

**Section 4 Term of Office (page 22)**

A The term of office shall be for two (2) years beginning thirty (30) days after election or until successors are elected.

**Proposed Change**

A. The term of office shall be for two (2) years beginning thirty (30) days after election or until successors are elected. For State Courts with over 175 Local Courts, the term of office begins forty-five (45) days after election or until successors are elected.

**Rationale:**

Thirty days to finish state transactions and learn new duties is not enough time for State Courts with over 175 local courts. The extra time for state transactions and necessary training will ensure the state court with function effectively and in a timely manner.

**Proposed by Texas State Court, Carolyn Richey Texas State Regent**



**16 - ARTICLE IX STATE COURT**

**Sec. 7. DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS (page 23)**

A. The State Regent shall:

4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee.

**Proposed Change**

**A. The State Regent shall:**

4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees and the elected Nominating Committee.

**Rationale:**

Serves the State Nominating Committee as a resource for explanation of the committee duties, answering questions that may arise during the vetting of potential candidates for National office.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**17 - ARTICLE X STATE CONVENTIONS**

**Sec. 4. VOTING BODY (page 28)**

A. The Voting Body of the State Convention shall be the National Regent or her representative, State Officers, Past State Regents, Local Court Regents, Campus Court Regents and delegates from each Local Court who are in attendance at the convention.

**Proposed Change**

A. The voting body of the State Convention IN STATES WITH TWELVE OR LESS COURTS shall be the National Regent or her Representative, State Officers, Past State Regents, DISTRICT DEPUTIES (NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE), Local Court Regents, Campus Court Regents and Delegates from each Local Court who are in attendance at the convention.

**Rationale:**

In states with 12 or less courts, District Deputies are an integral part of the State Court. Because they are not an elected Local Officer, but appointed by the State Regent, it is important they serve as a delegate (if not serving as a

delegate in another capacity) at the State Convention without taking a delegate position from the local court.

**Proposed by Arkansas State Court, Connie Boutwell, Arkansas State Regent**

**18 - ARTICLE X STATE CONVENTIONS**

**Sec. 5. LOCAL AND CAMPUS COURT DELEGATES (page 29)**

B The number of local court delegates shall be determined by membership recorded by the National Office as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**1. Representation shall be:**

- a. Two (2) delegates for the first 25 or fewer members
- b. And one delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.
- c. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court's delegates.

C A Campus Court is allotted two (2) delegates

D The Local Court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for the delegates elected

E Expenses to the State Convention may be paid by the local court

**Proposed Change**

B The number of local court delegates shall be determined by membership recorded by the National Office as of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Representation shall be:**

1. Two (2) delegates for the first 25 or fewer members
2. And one delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof.
3. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court's delegates.

D The Local **and Campus Court** may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates ~~for the delegates elected as~~ **their designated number of delegates.**

E Expenses to the State Convention may be paid by the local and campus court

**Rationale:**

To correct proper alignment and numbering in B and to include campus courts

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**19 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 2. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (page 31)**

D If a member of the Nominating Committee intends to become a candidate for State office, she must resign from the Nominating Committee, with a written resignation submitted to the State Regent which is postmarked prior to Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> of the State Convention year.

**Proposed Change**

D If a member of the Nominating Committee intends to become a candidate for State office, she must resign from the Nominating Committee, with a written resignation submitted to the State Regent prior to the start of the State Convention..

**Rationale:**

To align with National in ART VIII Sec. 2 – D

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**20 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 3. DUTIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE (page 32)**

B Names submitted for consideration of the Nominating Committee must be accompanied by the office the candidate intends to seek a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate signed by a majority of the Local Court Officers, and a consent to serve signed by the candidate. Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked prior to February 1st of the State Convention year and mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman.

**Proposed Change**

B Names submitted for consideration of the Nominating Committee must be accompanied by ~~the office the~~

~~candidate intends to seek~~ a statement of qualifications, a current photograph, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate signed by a majority of the Local Court Officers, and a consent to serve signed by the candidate **indicating the office she intends to seek**. Five (5) copies of each shall be postmarked prior to February 1st of the State Convention year and mailed to the Nominating Committee Chairman.

**Rationale:**

To align with National in ART VIII Sec. 3 – 1

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**21 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 4 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (page 32)**

- A. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be printed and sent to the State Regent who shall send it to Regents of Local Courts at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. The report shall be read on the first day of the convention following which additional nominations may be made from the floor.

**Proposed Change**

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**Rationale:**

Someone from the elected Nominating Committee must be present at the State Convention to read the results.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**22 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 4 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (page 32)**

B Nominees from the floor must submit to the Chair prior to convening of the first meeting of the Convention, a statement of eligibility, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate by the candidate.

**Proposed Change**

B Nominees from the floor must submit to the Chair prior to convening of the first meeting of the Convention, a statement of **qualifications**, a statement of endorsement by the Local Court of the candidate signed by a majority of the Local Court Officers and a written consent to serve signed by the candidate **indicating the office she intends to seek**

**Rationale:**

To align with the wording in National Art IX

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**23 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS  
Sec. 4 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND  
NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (page 33)**

D. If a candidate on the slate is opposed, the Local Court Regent, or a delegate from the Court of the candidate shall read a statement of qualifications of the candidate. The State Board shall determine the amount of time to be allowed for this statement. Delegates shall be informed of this allowed time before the opening of the biennial convention. Thereafter, nominations shall be closed.

**Proposed Change**

D. If a candidate on the slate is opposed, ~~the Local Court Regent, or a~~

~~delegate from the Court of the candidate~~ **she, or her representative,** shall read a statement of qualifications ~~of the candidate~~ **and intent to serve.** The State Board shall determine the amount of time to be allowed for this statement. Delegates shall be informed of this allowed time ~~before~~ **at** the opening of the biennial convention. Thereafter, nominations shall be closed.

**Rationale:**

Often times, there is no other delegate from a candidate's court present at the convention. In the current wording, no provision is made for this. Additionally, the convention body should have the opportunity to hear and see the candidate express her desire to serve in her own words.

Furthermore, the time set for these statements is usually set forth in standing rules which are read and adopted *after* the opening of the convention so the delegates could not be informed *before* the opening of the convention.

**Proposed by New York State Court, Theresa Duran State Regent**

**24 - ARTICLE XI STATE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Sec. 3. ELIGIBILITY (page 34)**

C. A member with Dual Membership in the same state may hold office in only one court at a time

**Proposed Change**

C. A member with Dual Membership (~~in the same state~~) may hold office in only one court at a time.

**Rationale:**

No matter what state the member belongs to, she may hold only one local office

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**25 - ARTICLE XII LOCAL COURT**

**Sec. 7. DUTIES OF LOCAL OFFICERS (page 36)**

A. The Regent shall:

4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee.

**Proposed Change**

- A. The Local Regent shall:
  - 4. Appoint all Committees and be an ex-officio member of all Committees **and the** elected Nominating Committee.

**Rationale:**

Serves the Local Nominating Committee as a resource for explanation of the committee duties, answer questions that may arise during the vetting of potential candidates for National office.

**Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

**25 - Article XIII Local Court Nominations and Elections  
Sec. 2 Duties of the Nominating Committee**

- A. The Committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office.
- B. The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve.
- C. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office.
- D. If there is a vacancy on the slate, the Committee shall report that office vacant (open).
- E. The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

**Proposed Change**

- A. The Committee will receive the names of prospective candidates. If no names are received, the Committee may contact members of the Local Court and ask if they are interested in running for a local court office.**
- B. The Committee shall meet and consider possible candidates for office.
- C. The Chairman shall call each possible candidate and ask if she is willing to serve.
- D. The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Local Court Regent the name of one candidate for each office.
- E. If there is a vacancy on the slate, the Committee shall report that office vacant (open).
- F. The Chairman shall report the slate of officers to the court at the April meeting.

**RATIONALE:**

Our court does not always have ladies lined up to run for office. Sometimes it

takes a little “nudge” like a telephone call from someone they know (like a member of their own court) asking them to run for office. In the past, there has been some confusion on the part of the Nominating Committee Members when no one has stepped up to run. Now what do they do? Can they or can’t they make contact with or call any prospective candidates? This amendment explicitly gives a Nominating Committee Member permission to seek out qualified candidates.

**Proposed by Colorado State Court, Louise Johnson Colorado State Regent**

## **26 - ARTICLE XIV CAMPUS COURT**

### **Sec. 7. DUTIES OF CAMPUS OFFICERS (page 43)**

D The Financial Secretary shall:

3. Report any changes in membership when they occur to the National Office and to the State Secretary. All changes in membership must be in the hands of the National Office no later than March 15 for dues billed April 1 based on membership as of March 1 and no later than October 1 for dues billed October 15 based on membership as of September 15.

### **Proposed Change**

3 Report any changes in membership when they occur to the National Office and to the State Secretary. All changes in membership must be sent to the National Office.

### **Rationale:**

Campus courts are billed annually

### **Proposed by National Bylaws Committee**

## **27 - ARTICLE XII TERRITORIAL COURTS**

### **Sec. 1. COMPOSITION**

Territorial Courts shall be composed of the National Regent or her representative, a Territorial Regent and members of four or fewer local courts, unless the total membership is less than 200, then five courts are permissible.

### **Sec. 2. OFFICERS**



Territorial Courts shall elect biennially a Territorial Regent.

**Sec. 3. ELIGIBILITY**

A. To be eligible for Territorial Regent, a candidate must have previously served as a local court officer for at least two years unless this is the first local court in a Territorial Court.

**Sec. 4. TERM OF OFFICE**

A. The term of office shall be for two (2) years beginning thirty (30) days after election.

B. Territorial Regents shall serve only two (2) consecutive terms of four (4) years in office. They may be re-elected at a future time as needed.

**Sec. 5. VACANCIES**

In the event of a vacancy or inability of the Territorial Regent to fulfill her duties, a new Territorial Regent shall be elected from her court to complete her two year term.

**Sec. 6. DUTIES OF THE TERRITORIAL REGENT**

A. The Territorial Regent shall:

1. Be the chief administrative officer of THE ORDER in the Territory, responsible to the National Board and the National Regent.
2. Enforce the laws of THE ORDER.
3. Preside at all meetings of the Territorial Court.
4. Represent the Territory at meeting of the National Court. She shall be a voting delegate at the National Convention.
5. Set a date (in collaboration with the Local Regents of the Territory) for a biennial meeting of all the Local courts at least six months in advance of the meeting. The location of the meeting will rotate among the local courts within the territory.

The hosting local court shall determine the location of the meeting and arrange for a joint Installation Ceremony of all the Local Court officers of the Territory. The National Supervisor of the Territory (or an appointed representative from National) shall attend the meeting and preside over the Installation of Local Court Officers and the Territorial Regent who is elected at that meeting.

6. Preside at the biennial meeting of the Territorial Court.
7. Attend at least one Financial Review of each Local court in the Territory each year. (Reimbursement for mileage to be determined at the biennial Territorial meeting).
8. Preside over the Reception of New Members Ceremonies in the Local Courts of the Territory. (Reimbursement for mileage to be determined at the biennial Territorial meeting).
9. Appoint Territorial Court Chairpersons for the National contests. These chairpersons will receive the entries from the local courts, get the entries judged, and send the winners on to National. At the biennial meeting, the Territorial courts will decide whether or not there will be prizes for winning at the territorial level and from where the prizes will come.
10. Receive a copy of Financial reports and officer lists from Local courts within the Territory.
11. Work to institute new courts in the Territory (expenses to be paid by National until a State Court is established). Notify the National Supervisor of any potential new courts.
12. Be the liaison between the Territory and the National Supervisor.
13. Perform other such duties as needed by the Territory and/or assigned by the National Supervisor.

#### **Sec. 7. SPIRITUAL ADVISOR**

The Territorial Chaplain shall:

- A. Serve at the request of the Territorial Regent.

B. Conduct the Ceremony of Installation of Officers at the Biennial meeting of the Territorial Court.

Sec. 8. **TERRITORIAL MEETINGS**

A. Territorial Courts shall:

1. Meet biennially between June 1 and June 30 in the year of the Biennial National Convention rotating the location and hosting among the local courts of the territory. Other meetings as often as the Territorial Court decides to meet.
2. Discuss concerns of the Local Courts within the Territory.
3. Consider all matters related to the good of THE ORDER within the territory and make recommendations concerning improvement of THE ORDER and report same to the National Court for action.
4. The Recording Secretary of the host court shall take minutes of the meeting/s. The official record of these minutes will be kept by the Territorial Regent.

Sec. 9. **ATTENDANCE**

All members of the Local Courts of the Territory are encouraged to attend the Territorial meeting.

Sec. 9. **VOTING BODY**

A. The Voting Body of the Territorial Meeting shall be the National Regent or her representative and the Local Court Officers.

Sec. 10. **TERRITORIAL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

A. Nominations for Territorial Representative shall be from the floor. Any candidate nominated shall have served at least one term as an officer of her Local court (unless this is a new court).

B. A written ballot election shall then take place with the counting of the votes done by the highest ranking officer from each Local court.

**RATIONALE FOR THESE PROPOSED BYLAWS**

**A motion was passed at the 2022 National Convention to study the Territorial Courts and make recommendations regarding governance of them in order to improve communication and give the courts more guidance in terms of Financial Reviews, Education Contests, answering roll call at the National Convention and other unanswered questions from these courts. Our committee has studied and discussed the problems/questions and we believe the above added section to the bylaws will help to answer many questions and are needed to clarify how Territorial Courts may/will operate.**

These proposed bylaw changes come from the Committee on Territorial Courts and were passed unanimously at our meeting on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Seyfried".

Shirley Seyfried, Past National Regent Chairman

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