



name: **Stanis, Nicholas**

office: **Parliamentarian**

sponsor: Eleanora Denning

school: St. Xavier

grade: 10

Classics/JCL Experience:

Years of Latin/Greek: **4**

State Conventions attended: **2**

National Conventions attended: **3**

Will you attend all Executive Board Meetings, Fall Forum 2021, and State Convention 2022?

(Y/N): **Yes**

Will you attend the 2021 Virtual National Convention? (Y/N): **Yes**

Experience/Activities:

Club Offices:

I served as a Co-Consul both my freshman and sophomore year

Relevant experience or traits, general and with specifics for the given Office:

I am confident in my public speaking, a large role of the Parliamentarian. I was also one of my chapter's voting delegates in last year's online election. Additionally, during the virtual NJCL convention I compared the candidates of every office and made my own predictions as to who I felt was the most qualified and capable candidate, keeping myself involved in the JCL election scene despite the online circumstances..

School & non-school related activities/sports/etc.:

Outside of school, the main activity I participate in is football. Additionally, I am active in several social clubs within St. Xavier. In my personal time I often will watch a bit of TV or play video games collaboratively. I am already accustomed to managing my time and I am confident I can easily assimilate the duties of Parliamentarian into my schedule. Should there be an overlapping conflict of events, I shall put the duties of Parliamentarian before other social obligations.

Executive Board:

Ability to communicate with students and adults (chaperones, sponsors, teachers):

Among my peers I have started a club playing the board game "Diplomacy" which requires constant explanation, communication, and clarification. My friend and I began this club from scratch in November and we currently have over 20 active members. I am not afraid to reach out for help or advice, whether it be to my peers or adults. I often communicate with my sponsor and

other teachers, and am able to work well with both adults and peers.

What have you done to understand the duties of the office you are seeking?

To better understand the duties of Parliamentarian I have spoken with former OJCL parliamentarians Julia Dean and Krish Gupta on the specific duties of parliamentarian as well as former OJCL president Ryan Burns and OJCL secretary Alan Zhang on the more general duties that come with being an officer. I also have thoroughly read and understood the OJCL Constitution and By-Laws as well as the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. I have done outside research on public speaking and group communication in order to best fulfil the duties of Parliamentarian.

Do you have any goals/ideas for the Executive Board and/or the OJCL? Please be specific to the office you are seeking.

A large idea I have for the OJCL is the creation of a pamphlet to aid potential candidates in deciding which office they may wish to run for and how to go about preparing for that office. The pamphlet will indicate official and unofficial prerequisites for all OJCL offices informing candidates not only what is mandated by the OJCL Constitution but also what delegations look for in candidates. I also plan to set up active communication between the office of Parliamentarian and all OJCL delegations, especially smaller chapters. This will be fulfilled via email and with the hope of finding the most qualified and capable candidates for the following election.

Other Biographical Information/Comments:

I would like to be a member of the OJCL Executive Board because I believe that I can offer my service to an organization that has become a cornerstone in my life. I wish to help other students find the joy the organization has left me and serving on the Executive Board is exactly how I hope to give back.

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Qualifications

FOR PARLIAMENTARIAN

Club Experience

- ~ Served 2 years as club Co-Consul
- ~ Created a constitution for my local chapter
- ~ Led club commercial and T-shirt
- ~ Led service projects within local club
- ~ Co-led intra-school Latin related events such as Quizlet Live tournaments

JCL Experice

- ~ Attended 2 state conventions
- ~Attended 3 national conventions
- ~Spoken with Julia Dean and Krish Gupta (former Parliamentarians) on the duties of Parli
- ~OJCL Certamen Captain at nats in both Novice (2019) and Intermediate (2020)
- ~Active member in current OJCL events (OJCL Game Night Rocked)

Parli Qualifications

- ~ Confident in public speaking
- ~ Witnessed the election processes at both OJCL and NJCL Conventions
- ~ Voting Delegate for local chapter for the 2020 OJCL elections
- ~ Recorded candidates information and relayed back to chapter
- ~ Read and understood Robert's Rules of Order
- ~ Read and understood OJCL Constitution and By-laws

Peer Leadership/Experience outside of JCL

~ Creation of a club with 20+ active members

~Member of tutoring organization "Tutor Teens"

~Member of St. Xavier's Football Program

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Goal 1

For Parliamentarian

Pre-Convention Pamphlet

~ The idea I'm most excited for is my Pre-Convention Pamphlet. The job of the pamphlet is help potential candidates both decide which office they are most interested in applying for and help candidates prepare for and become qualified for their desired position.

~The hope is to encourage inexperienced chapters to run for elections, but this guide will help any JCLers interested in running for office.

Pre-Convention Pamphlet

~ The pamphlet will begin with brief descriptions of each office and their official as dictated by the OJCL Constitution and By-Laws.

~Following this will be unofficial recommendations that delegations look for in each office. These would be things that would not fit in the Constitution and By-Laws, but are an important part of an office such as a president should have attended a national convention or a secretary should be well organized.

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Goal 2

For Parliamentarian

Relaxed communication between local and state officers

~ To continue to aid JCLers interested in running for office, but also make a closer OJCL community, I want to create an online forum where JCLers can easily interact with each other and state officers

~I plan for this to be a relaxed forum between JCLers and State Executives without necessary formalities. Simply put, a place to hang out with other JCLers and easy access to Executive Board members.

~ A good media for this forum is Discord which, although less professional, helps in removing the red tape sometimes seen between Officers and JCLers, and is able to make organized roles, chat channels and voice channels.

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Goal 3

For Parliamentarian

Open communication from the office of Parli to local delgations

- ~ My final goal is to have all the resources from my other 2 goals 100% transparent and accessible to any and all JCLers as well as open communication from myself as Parli.
- ~ I want to make sure the Pre-Convention Pamphlet and open forum are known by the OJCL community and accessible via emails all year round.
- ~ This will promote open communication between the Parliamentarian and local officers while keeping the idea of running for office fresh in potential candidates' minds allowing for the best candidates to run for office.