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124th ANNUAL OHIO STATE CONVENTION - FIRST OFFICIAL CALL LETTER MAY 19-21, 2023

Worthy Grand Knight:

It is with great excitement to issue this **FIRST OFFICIAL CALL** for the 124th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus!

This year the Convention Committee has lined up a delightful new experience for our brother knights, families and guests as we change venues in Columbus. Welcome all to the Hilton Columbus Downtown, part of Hilton Hotels & Resorts, as it boasts the states only 1,000 guest room hotel, over 75,000 square feet of meeting and ballroom space, and 4 additional restaurants including the Stories on High, located on the 28th floor, will be the tallest rooftop bar in Columbus, boasting two outdoor terraces offering expansive 360-degree views of the city. In addition, our convention host has numerous activities planned to offer you, your family and/or guests for an event to remember!

Now that we have your attention to an exciting new venue, please read all the information in this packet and follow the instructions carefully to make your convention stay enjoyable.

Your council should benefit itself with full representation at this convention by having two (2) accredited delegates attending. The success of the work of our Order in Ohio and your council depends on your council's full participation at the annual convention.

The rules of the Order provide:

1. The Grand Knight, by virtue of his office, will be a delegate.
 2. The other delegate must be selected from among the Past Grand Knights of your council if they can attend. If there are NO Past Grand Knights available, any third-degree member in good standing may be elected.
 3. That alternates for the two (2) delegates are also elected. They need not be Past Grand Knights but must be third-degree members in good standing.
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DELEGATE REGISTRATION (Ohio State Council By-Laws Article II Sections A and B)

All the forms and information for the 2023 Ohio State Council State Convention are available on the state website at <https://kofcoho.org/state-convention-4/>

The **CONVENTION REGISTRATION** form is the single most important document to be completed and submitted. Each individual person/family planning to attend is required to register. There is no joint registering delegates or alternates. Each must do their own registration. This is the only form you must complete for delegate and guest registration.

**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AT THE CONVENTION
PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!**

Delegate and guest registrations are due no later than **May 03, 2023.**

The registration form can be completed in one of the following methods:

1. Complete and submit the online registration form available at <https://kofcoho.org/state-convention-4/>. Credit card payment is available on the state website. If payment by check, please include the **confirmation number** from online registration in the memo field. A copy of your registration will be sent to the email address supplied when completing the form and to the Columbus Convention Committee.
2. Print out the PDF version, complete and send in the form and payment. Make all checks payable to the **OHIO STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** and send to:

Christopher Sarka, Convention Chairman
7239 Winterbek Ave.
New Albany, Ohio 43054-9097



Mailed forms should be postmarked no later than **April 28, 2023.** Banquet table reservations will be taken directly from the Convention Registration Form. No separate form is required. Delegate registration will be used to prepare the Official Credential List.

To conform to the Supreme Council's Charter Constitution Laws (Section 12e), The Ohio State Council will pay per diem and mileage for two (2) delegates to the state convention. This amount will be remitted to the council after its State Per Capita Tax is paid.



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Nothing in this letter or any subsequent correspondence should be construed as an invitation to your council to participate in this convention if it has failed to meet the requirements of Article II, Section E of the Ohio State Council Bylaws (Councils Failing to Pay Assessments not Entitled to Representation) prior to the date of the convention.

All Delegates and Non-Voting Members wanting access to the business sessions, are **REQUIRED** to bring their **3rd Degree Travel Card**. Access will be denied to those that do not provide the required credentials.

RESOLUTIONS (Ohio State Council By-Laws Article VII Section D)

Resolutions on any subject relevant to the work of the order may be presented by your council for consideration of the delegates. The resolution must be submitted on Council letterhead paper (8 ½" x 11") and be typewritten. The resolution must show the date the council approved the resolution, signed by the Grand Knight attesting the council vote, and filed with the State Secretary no later than **April 19, 2023**. Proposed By-Laws changes must be submitted by **March 20, 2023**.

IN MEMORIAM

The In Memoriam Form should be completed with the names of all your council members who passed away during the past year. The PDF Form or **Online Form** can be used. If the PDF Form is used, mail the completed form to the **Columbus Convention Committee**, and postmarked no later than **April 28, 2023**. The **online form** will be closed on **May 3, 2023**, at 11:59 PM. PDF forms received after the date will not be included in this year's Convention Memorial Book.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

The Convention Committee under the leadership of State Warden, Christopher Sarka is diligently preparing for the reception and entertainment of everyone who will attend the 124th Annual State Convention. They will assure that every effort will be made to make your visit to the Hilton Downtown Columbus a most enjoyable one.

It is extremely important that you follow the instructions in this letter concerning hotel reservation and convention registration. Preferred method is registration online along with online payment. If you complete by mail and/or submit the online form, please include the correct convention registration payment amount with a check payable to **OHIO STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**. Your promptness and meticulous steps taken next will ensure that you have an incredible experience.

Although costs are up, the Ohio State Council officers are pleased to announce that the convention registration for each registered delegate, or guest attending will remain at **\$100.00**. We understand inflation costs are having an impact for many of our brothers and their families. In addition, the Ohio State Council will be covering parking fees for per **registered delegate / guests**.



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What is covered with the registration fee: State Convention book, snacks and beverages during the Friday Night Party, State Deputy Banquet, Sunday Men's Luncheon and men's gift or Sunday Women's Luncheon and women's gift, and Ohio State Council pin. Additional items may be available for purchase. **Note:** All other meals are on your own.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All attendees must make their own hotel reservation and register for the convention. No reservations or registrations are automatic. You are responsible for your own paperwork.

The room rates available as supplies last:

- ROH: King or Queen/Queen Standard Rooms (special contracted rate of **\$169/night** +taxes and fees.)
 - Guestroom Wi-Fi (Daily): \$9.95 **Complementary**
 - Guest Parking (Daily): \$35.00 **Complementary**

Hilton Columbus Downtown (Website):

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cmhdwhh-hilton-columbus-downtown/>

Hotel reservations should be made immediately by:

1. Visit <https://book.passkey.com/go/KCSC> and follow the instructions to complete.
2. Calling the Hilton Downtown Columbus at **1-855-380-9591**.
When making your reservation, please let the attendant know you are with the Knights of Columbus Ohio State Convention.



The reservation deadline for the discounted room rate and complementary services for the hotel is **April 28, 2023**, no exceptions. Hotel reservations need to be made as soon as possible so please do so immediately.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact **Christopher Sarka, State Warden, and Convention Chairman at 614-546-6357 or via email at c_sarka@hotmail.com**.

Vivat Jesus,

Jeff Kiliany, State Secretary