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# 125<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL OHIO STATE CONVENTION OFFICIAL FIRST CALL LETTER MAY 17-19, 2024

Worthy Grand Knight:

It is with great excitement to issue this **OFFICIAL FIRST CALL** for the 125th Annual Convention of the Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus!

This year we are celebrating our 125th Annual State Convention in the *Greater Cincinnati Area* at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. Two hotels, the Riverside Marriott and the Embassy Suites are conveniently located next to the convention center. The Marriott offers an inside bridge to the convention center and our gathering spaces at the Marriott and Embassy guest rooms boast the best views of Cincinnati found anywhere.

Come early and take advantage of all that the area offers, much of which is within walking distance. A Saturday tour will also be available for the ladies. But don't stray too far, our hospitality rooms return!

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 2024 Ohio State Council State Convention are available on the state website at <u>KOFCOHIO.ORG</u> > Activities > State Convention.

The **CONVENTION REGISTRATION** form is the single most important document to be completed and submitted. Each individual person and their 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!



#### Registration Page

# Delegate and guest registrations are due no later than April 26, 2024.

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

Complete and submit the online registration form available at our convention website:

**KOFCOHIO.ORG** > Activities > State Convention. Credit card payment is available on the state website. If pay ingby 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 Cincinnati Convention Committee.

### or

Print out the PDF version, complete and send in the form with payment. Make all checks payable to the OHIO STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and send to:

Michael Felerski, Convention Chairman 1580 Gelhot Drive #234 Fairfield, OH 45014-8360

Mailed forms should be postmarked no later than April 26, 2024. 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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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, Sunday Women's Luncheon and women's gift (if applicable). Additional items will be available for purchase. <u>Note:</u> All other meals are on your own (discounts available at <u>www.meetnky.com/nky-restaurant-pass</u>).

## **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:

Rates at our two hotels the Marriott (connected directly to the Convention Center) and the Embassy Suites are for King or Queen/Queen Standard Rooms at contracted rates of **\$159-164/night** (+ taxes and fees.)

Parking is available under both hotels, surface parking lot, or the public garage (both across the street).

Hotel reservations should be made immediately by:

# Visiting <u>KOFCOHIO.ORG</u> > Events > State Convention and click on the Hotel Reservations link.

### or

You may call to make your hotel reservation using the number located on our State Convention web page. 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 26**, **2024**, 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 myself Michael Felerski, State Secretary, and Convention Chairman at 513-869-0180 or via email at mfelerski@icloud.com.

Vivat Jesus,

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Michael Felerski State Secretary

