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EXCURSIONS AND GUIDED TOURS

Welcome to Cleveland, Ohio and the 126th Annual Knights of Columbus Ohio State Convention Excursions page! This vibrant city and the dynamic Northeast Ohio region offer a wealth of opportunities for members and their families to find just the activity or activities to enhance their experience this weekend. There are downtown events with transportation available, an event at the hotel itself, and for those with more time and a willingness to explore further out, opportunities to visit some of the regions remarkable Catholic locations as well as some well-known Cleveland landmarks.

To begin, we will have a bus operating on a loop around the downtown area on both Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 17th, starting at 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The bus will depart and drop off on the west side of the building off Ontario Street. There will be signs and people to assist. This bus will connect you with the following downtown locations:

- The Hilton Hotel
- [Cleveland Museum of Art](#) - FREE
- [The Public Square](#) - FREE
- [The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) – [Purchase Tickets](#)
- [The Great Lakes Science Center](#) – [Purchase Tickets](#)
- [USS Cod Memorial](#)
- [The Cleveland West Side Market](#)

The bus included with your registration fee. Your badge is your ticket to get on the bus.

For those of you who are arriving early or staying later or perhaps just want to explore more we offer the following suggestions. Most require a short drive but can be well worth the time. If the weather is nice and you're longing for a stroll, downtown Cleveland has a delightful Walking Tour. Cuyahoga and the surrounding six county region offer a wealth of museum opportunities for just about every age and interest. Their website can be found here.

For those interested in the many Catholic sites in the area, we offer the following suggestions:

- [Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine](#)
- [Shrine of Our Lady of Mariapoch](#)
- [Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon](#)
- [Nativity of the Lord Jesus Catholic Church](#)
- [Shrine of St. Elizabeth of Hungary](#) (oldest Catholic church in the region)

And it wouldn't be Cleveland without these two closing thoughts:

- The wonderful [Cleveland Metroparks Zoo](#)

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- The [Christmas Story House and Neighborhood](#)

The Host Committee is pleased to offer the following excursions and programs to the attendees of the 2025 Ohio State Convention being held in Cleveland, Ohio in May.

Friday, May 23, 2025

1 – Guided Tour of the [Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument](#) - Free

1:30pm Limited to 30 people Free for participants

2 - Guided Tour of the [Old Stone Church](#) - Free

3pm Limited to 40 people Free for participants

3 – Guided Tour of the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) - Free

1:30pm Limited to 30 people Free for participants

4 – Guided Tour & Show and Tell of the [Archives of the Diocese of Cleveland](#) – Free

1:30pm Limited to 15 people Free for participants

2:30pm Limited to 15 people Free for participants

3:30pm Limited to 15 people Free for participants

5 -Guided Bus Tour of [Lakeview Cemetery](#) - \$15 per Person

1:30pm Limited to 20 people \$15.00 per Person

6 – Presentation on the Historic Churches of Cleveland by the Cleveland Restoration Society – Free

2pm Limited to 50 people Free for participants at the Hilton

Saturday, May 24, 2025

1 – Presentation on the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist by the Archivist of the Diocese of Cleveland – Free

2pm Limited to 50 people Free for participants at the Hilton

We look forward to having a great time here on the north coast!

Committee Team Members

- Tim and Mary Louise Daley
- Mark and Diane Kosobud