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Wisconsin State Council

Knights of Columbus
125th Annual Meeting
and State Convention

Worthy State Deputy Patrick Reiff, Presiding



May 15th – 17th, 2026

Madison Marriott West - Madison, Wisconsin

Register at www.wikofc.com

**O most holy heart of Jesus,
fountain of every blessing, I adore you,
I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly
obedient to your will.**

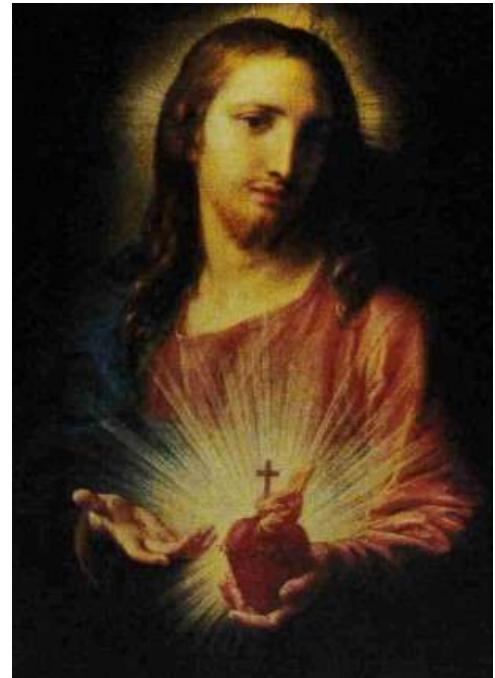
**Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and
for you.**

Protect me in the midst of danger.

Comfort me in my afflictions.

**Give me health of body, assistance in my
temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy
death.**

Amen.



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Convention Delegate Certification Form (the YELLOW form - DUE DATE: MARCH 15th)

WHEREAS, Chapter II, Section 12, Supreme Constitution, provides that the State Council shall consist of two representatives of each of the subordinate councils within the State, and it is beneficial that each subordinate council in good standing have two representatives at the State Council Convention meeting each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each subordinate council in the Wisconsin Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus in good standing at the time of the 2026 State Council Meeting shall be entitled to have reimbursed two Delegates who attend said State Council meeting at the rate established by the Supreme Council, **for the distance necessarily traveled from the city in which their council is located to the convention and return**, said expenses to be paid directly to said Council.

Delegates:

Council shall have two (2) Delegates

Delegates must be the Grand Knight and a Past Grand Knight.

Alternates:

Council shall have two (2) Alternates.

Alternates can be any Third Degree member of the Council.

The **DELEGATES CERTIFICATION** included in the forms packet is used to identify your Delegates and Alternates. It should be completed and returned to the State Office immediately after your council elects its Delegates and Alternates.

 Meal and Activity Registration Form
(the PINK form - DUE DATE: MARCH 15th)

Preferred: Registration on-line at www.wikofc.com

All Delegates, State Officers, Past State Officers, District Deputies, State and Diocesan Coordinators, State Committee Chairmen and Guests must register on-line at www.wikofc.com or send the enclosed Meal and Activity Registration Form to the State Office prior to March 15, 2026. Please provide copies to each of your Delegates, Alternates, Members attending Convention and Chaplain. These forms should be completed and mailed to the State Office NO LATER THAN MARCH 15th, 2026 or register on-line wikofc.com by the same date. FILL OUT THIS FORM EVEN IF YOU “ARE NOT” PLANNING TO ATTEND ANY SOCIAL EVENTS. If additional forms are needed, copies can be generated.



In Memoriam Request to Necrology Roll (the GOLDENROD form - DUE DATE: MARCH 15th)

We have the deepest respect for our Brothers who have been called to their eternal reward. Therefore, it is our obligation to remember our deceased Brothers and their families in prayer. We will do this in part by listing the names of all Brothers who have passed away during the period of March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026 in the annual Convention Book. These names will be listed according to Councils and the book will be distributed to all delegates and others at the convention. To assure the names of your Council's Deceased Members are listed in the convention book the form must be mailed to the State Office NO LATER THAN MARCH 15th! The "In Memoriam" FORM is enclosed in this packet. Please use it to list members of your council who passed away during the past year and for ordering additional memoriam cards. Two Memoriam Cards are enclosed in this mailing. You may request extra cards from the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus Office if needed. The number of cards needed would be one for each family of a Deceased Brother. MEMORIAL CARDS Your Council Grand Knight must sign each card. Please bring the cards to the convention, addressed, sealed and with proper postage. There will be a basket near the registration tables at Convention Registration. We will place the cards in front of the Altar during the Convention/Memorial Mass on Saturday May 16th, and mail them immediately following the State Convention.

 Convention Book Ad Order Form
(the BLUE form - DUE DATE: APRIL 1st)

Each year the Wisconsin State Council prepares a souvenir convention book comprised of messages, reports and advertisements. We would like to give each Council, District, Assembly, Circle and Chapter the opportunity to have their name and officers included in this book.

Several sizes of ads will be accepted:

Quarter Page (1-7/8 x 4 1/2") \$ 25.00

Half Page (3-3/4"x 4 1/2") \$ 50.00

Three Quarters Page \$ 75.00

Full Page (7 1/2"x 4 1/2") \$ 100.00

Submit your name, location, officers and any other message you wish to include. Ads must be camera-ready and in appropriate size. Ads can also be submitted in .pdf format. Please do not send handwritten Ads. Ads must be accompanied with the BLUE Convention Book Ad Order Form. This year commercial advertising will be included in the book as well as advertising from Councils, etc. The prices for commercial Ads are the same as above. Commercial Ads must also be camera ready. If additional forms are needed, do not hesitate to copy the BLUE Convention Book Ad Order Form. The completed form, along with check or money order are made payable to: Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus and must be received at the State Office by March 15th to be included in the book. Email advanced copy to rlarson@wikofc.com

 Council Charity Grant – Form CCGF
(the GREEN form - DUE DATE: MAY 1st)

Active charity is thoughtfulness, courtesy, gentleness, kindness, and commitment. Technically charity is not giving what we have but giving what someone else needs.

Motivated by the thought of brother knights helping brother knights, their widows, and others in need, the entire membership of the Wisconsin State Council is committed to a very ambitious charitable fundraising activity – the STATE COUNCIL CHARITY RAFFLE!

Grants from the Charity Fund help alleviate sorrow, ease financial burdens, and restore hope to families and victims of accidents and illness. This fund will also be the source of funding for vocations by the State Council.

Please complete the GREEN Council Charity Grant form, by May 1st to request a distribution from this fund to your Council's Charity account.

HOTEL

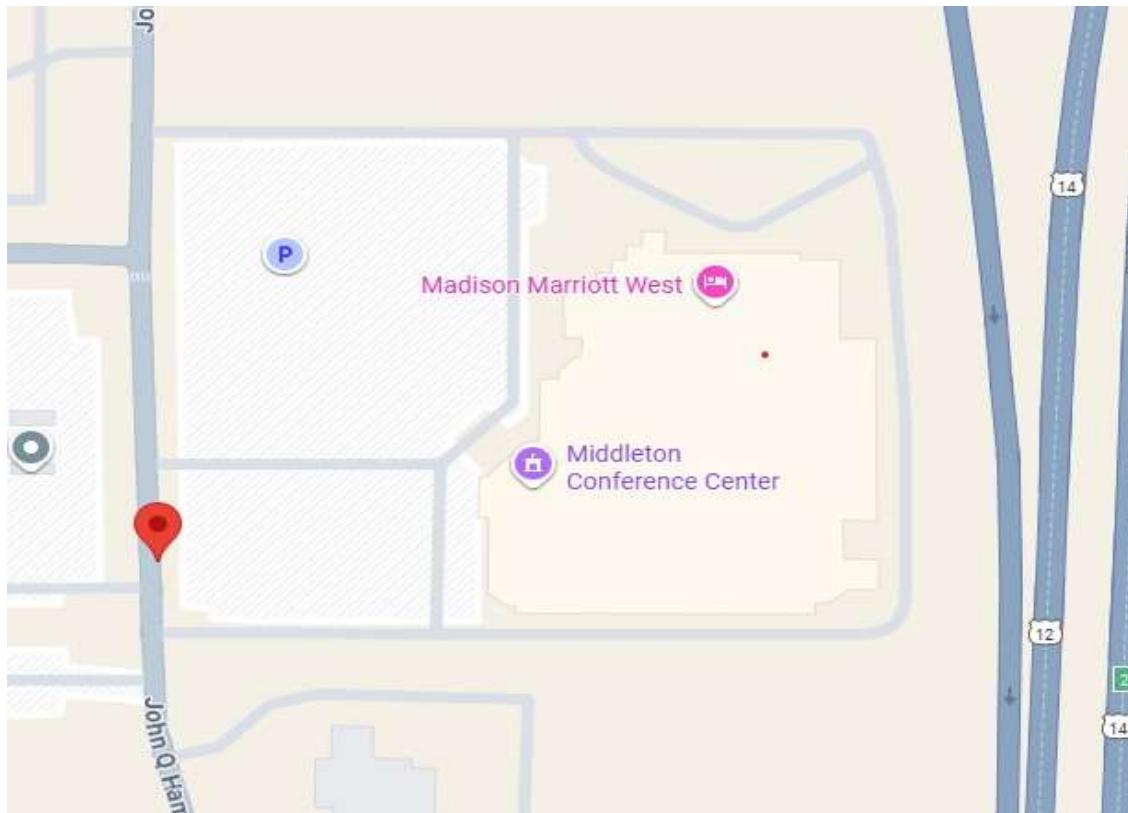


Madison Marriott West
1313 John Q Hammons Drive
Middleton, WI 53562

The Madison Marriott West, Madison is the host for Convention 2026.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Madison Marriott West and you can make your room reservation online at:

<https://www.marriott.com/reservation/rateListMenu.mi>



CHAPLAINS

Grand Knights: ask your Council Chaplain to attend the State Convention with you.

When doing this the Council is responsible for:

Making reservations and paying for the Chaplain's hotel room.

Paying the cost of any events the Chaplain may wish to attend.

Making sure the Chaplain's Pre-Registration Form is sent to State Office.

Making sure your Chaplain has a map of Madison and the surrounding area

Making sure your Chaplain knows the schedule of events.

Friday, May 15th, Chaplains are invited to attend a 1:00 P.M. Chaplains Briefing with the Worthy State Chaplain, the Very Reverend Fr. James Lobacz. All Clergy are invited to concelebrate the Memorial Mass Saturday at 4:30 P.M.

Questions should be directed to State Chaplain, Rev. Fr. James Lobacz
email: lobaczj@archmil.org or 414-769-3496.

Deadline March 15th. 2026

Resolutions

All Resolutions must be received by the Worthy State Advocate no later than February 10th. Resolutions to be considered at the State Council Meeting may only be submitted by a Subordinate Council, State Deputy, State Officers as a group, or by standing State Committees. Resolutions submitted by standing State Committees must pertain to the work of their committee.

As required by Wisconsin State Council By-laws, the following individuals are members of the Resolutions Committee in connection with the forthcoming State Convention.

State Advocate Dr. David Kreutz as Chairman #973Kenosha,
State Chaplain Very Reverend Fr. James Lobacz #4580 Hales Corners,
IPSD John Huttenhoff #4586 Madison East.

Worthy State Deputy Patrick Reiff will appoint the remaining members (Past State Deputies, District Deputies and Grand Knights) to the Resolutions Committee prior to the first formal meeting of the Resolution Committee. All resolutions must be prepared in writing and sent via email to:

State Advocate Dr. David Kreutz
bdkreutz@yahoo.com

Resolutions must be received no later than February 10th

Awards and Program Submissions

FAMILY OF THE YEAR:

Nomination form at www.wikofc.com Due by February 15th

Send completed nomination to:

James Hooymann

W4210 Moore Road

Hilbert, WI 54129-9475

MEDALLION:

Nomination form at www.wikofc.com Due by February 15th

Send completed nomination to:

Wisconsin State Council - Knights of Columbus

Attention: Tim Genthe

4297 West Beltline Highway

Madison, WI 53711

HISTORY BOOK:

On a calendar year basis Due February 1st

To be submitted to your District Deputy

(The District Deputy submits to the Diocesan Program Coordinator for judging)

PKD

Penny a Knight a Day money must be submitted to the State Office by June 30th to receive credit towards the award.

CULTURE OF LIFE FUND:

CULTURE OF LIFE money must be submitted to the State Office by June 30th to receive credit towards the award.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions call the State Office at 1-608-274-5750.

Supreme Convention

DELEGATES TO THE 144th SUPREME CONVENTION

Denver Colorado, AUGUST 4-6, 2026

Wisconsin is allowed ten delegates to the Supreme Convention. The State Deputy and the Immediate Past State Deputy automatically serve as the first two delegates. The remaining eight delegates are selected by the vote of those delegates attending the State Convention.

Supreme Council reimburses delegates per diem at \$400 per day for 3 days and mileage at \$0.30 per mile one way.

ONLY SEATED DELEGATES CAN MAKE NOMINATIONS AND HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF A VOTE AT THE CONVENTION; ALTHOUGH NON-DELEGATES CAN BE NOMINATED. We would like to remind you that previous delegates to the Supreme Convention should not seek a nomination in order that other members be given a similar opportunity to serve as a Supreme Delegate. The Delegates to this State Convention should be made aware of this Knight's accomplishments by the nomination speech given on his behalf. The person selected should be a Knight who has been extraordinary in promoting Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in the Knights of Columbus.

Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for the Ladies Brunch. You can participate in our fourth annual Baby/Diaper Drive, bid on some wonderful baskets in our bucket raffle, take your chance at a 50/50 raffle and enjoy some wonderful Entertainment. If you bring a donation item for the Baby/Diaper Drive you will receive one extra ticket for the bucket raffle. If anyone is interested feel free to bring a basket for the bucket raffle, but know this is not required. The State Team Wives are looking forward to seeing you in Madison!

Hospitality Rooms

Hospitality rooms may be permitted under the following conditions:

1. The room shall be sponsored by a council only with the Grand Knight of said council assuming full responsibility for any damage or costs incurred.
2. The Grand Knight of the sponsoring council shall abide by the rules and regulations of the facility wherein the hospitality room is located as to the purchase and furnishing of food and beverages and also as to any rules set by the Convention Chairman with the approval of the State Deputy.
3. No hospitality room may be open during daily Convention Sessions, Convention Mass or Convention Banquet. They may be open after the banquet and shall close by 11:30 pm. or as dictated by the hotel, whichever is earlier.
4. Any hospitality room may be closed by order of the State Deputy for breach of any rules or conditions as set forth by him.

Hospitality Rooms (continued)

The State Secretary shall be furnished, by Noon, on the first day of the Convention, prior to the opening of the Convention, the names of all councils sponsoring hospitality rooms, the room number, and the name of the person in charge. It is the responsibility of those councils which desire to host a hospitality room to have it registered by that time with the State Secretary.

The State Secretary will give a printed copy of the rules regarding the hospitality rooms to the persons designated as being in charge thereof. Such printed copy of the rules may also be mailed to all Councils and Delegates with the regular mailing notice prior to the Convention.

Recommended Dress

Men:

Shirt and tie at all events except the State Deputy's Dinner.
(Please no blue jeans or shorts).

General admission for State Deputy's Dinner is coat and tie.

Questions: If you have any questions, please call State Secretary Ross Larson 715-551-0714 or rlarson@wikofc.com

Ladies:

Convention/Memorial Mass – (Please no shorts or blue jeans).
Saturday Luncheon – (Please no shorts or blue jeans).
State Deputy's Dinner - Dress or dressy pant suit.
Questions: If you have any questions, call First Lady Therese Reiff, 414-403-7503.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Convention Registration:

Registration will be at the Madison West Marriott, Madison
Convention Registration Hours are:

Friday 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Friday 5:30 – 7:00 pm and

Saturday 8:00 – 9:00 am

At Registration:

- Locate your Diocese
- Know your District and Council number
- Present a copy of your Pre-Registration Form or On-Line Receipt
- You will receive all tickets and information at that time
- Turn in addressed & stamped Memorial Cards to the assigned basket
- There will be a “Welcoming Committee” at the Convention Center to assist you
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Charity Raffle Tickets:

Turn in any ticket stubs & money you may still have as soon as you arrive.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARRIVE (continued)

Hotels:

Check in at your hotel. If you are arriving Saturday morning, remember that your room may not be available before 4:00 pm.

Displays & Booths:

There will be many displays set up for you to view.

Note: All Displays must be completed and ready for visitors by 2:00 P.M. Friday.

Schedule of Events

ALL TIMES ARE TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE
All events will take place at the Madison Marriott West, Madison,
Wisconsin

Convention Agenda

Friday

3:00 – 7:00	Convention Registration
3:30 – 4:30	Chaplain's Meeting
5:00 – 7:00	Free time for displays and dinner
7:00 – 8:30	COR – Entertainment – 4 th Degree
8:30 – 9:00	Delegate Orientation and Resolutions
9:00 – 11:00	State Hospitality Room

Saturday

7:30 – 9:00	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass w/ Holy Hour (Blue Mass)
8:00 - 9:00	Convention Registration
9:15 – 10:15	General Assembly - Banner Presentation - Presentation of Colors - Awards Presentation
10:30 – 12:00	Business Session I

Saturday (continued)

Noon	recess for Lunch
12:45 – 2:45	Business Session II – Caucuses
4:00 – 6:00	Sacrifice of the Holy Mass – Memorial Mass
6:00 - 7:00	Convention Social
7:00 – 9:00	State Deputy Banquet
7:30	State Raffle Drawing
9:00 – 11:30	State Hospitality Room

Sunday

7:00- 8:30	Rosary (breakfast immediately following)
8:45 – 10:15	Business Session III
10:15 – 10:45	convene Wisconsin State Charity Inc Board Meeting
10:45 – 11:30	Business Session IV
12:00	adjourn

Important ...

**Bring this booklet
with you to the
State Convention.**



On-Line Registration @ www.wikofc.org