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127th ANNUAL CONVENTION – OFFICIAL 1st CALL
COLUMBUS HILTON EASTON, COLUMBUS, OH

MAY 22-24, 2026

Worthy Grand Knight:

It is a pleasure to issue this **FIRST OFFICIAL CALL** for the **127th Annual Convention** of the Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus. Please read all the information in this packet and follow the instructions carefully to make your convention stay enjoyable.

Your council should avail itself of the 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 who are elected. They need not be Past Grand Knights but must be third-degree members in good standing.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION (Ohio State Council By-Laws Article II Sections A and B)

All registration must be completed through the link provided below. It is recommended that you complete your registration online and pay by credit card. In the event you cannot complete using electronic payment, print your registration with confirmation number and send a check to the State Treasurer.

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

Registration options:

1. Click on the following link below for convention registration:

[127th Annual Ohio State Convention](#)

2. Print out the PDF version, complete and send the form and payment prior to due date OR complete registration form available at <https://kofcoho.org/state-convention-4/>.
 - a. A copy of the registration will be sent to the email address supplied when completing the form and to the Ohio State Council. Payment can be made either via credit/debit card or check. Please include the **Confirmation Number** in the memo field of the check.
 - b. Make all checks payable to the **Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus** and mail to registration chair: **Jim Maslach, State Secretary, 4927 Autumnwood Ln, Brunswick, OH 44212**

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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.

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 22, 2026**. Proposed By-Laws changes must be submitted by **March 23, 2026**.

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, send the completed form to the **Ohio State Council** no later than May 1, 2026. The online form will be closed on **May 1, 2026**. PDF forms received after the date will not be included in this year's Convention Memorial Book.

SUPER CASH BONANZA

The Super Cash Bonanza Drawing will take place on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Columbus Hilton Easton. Please plan to send your tickets to the State Treasurer by Friday, May 15, 2026. Please contact Chris Sarka for any last-minute tickets. If you have questions, please contact Chris Sarka by phone/text at 614-546-6357 or email at c_sarka@hotmail.com

HOTEL INFORMATION

It is extremely important that you follow the instructions in this letter concerning hotel reservations, convention registration, and the State Deputy's Banquet. If you complete and mail or submit the online form and include correct convention registration payment, your convention check-in, and stay will be a simple and orderly task.

Hotel reservations should be made immediately by visiting by clicking on the link below:

[Hilton at Columbus Easton](#)

The **deadline for hotel reservations is May 1, 2026**, no exception. Hotel reservations need to be made as soon as possible. After this date, the hotel will release room block for the public and may sell out.

The convention registration fee for everyone attending is **\$150.00**. This includes your registration, convention book, Friday Night Party, State Deputy Banquet, and Sunday Men's or Ladies Luncheon. Additional items are available for purchase.

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The Convention Registration Form is available on the state website (<https://kofcoho.org/state-convention-4/>) as a PDF to print and mail or electronic Online form. The deadline for registration is **May 8, 2026**. Any registrations after May 8, 2026, are subject to a **\$50.00 Late Fee**. **No convention registration can be accepted after May 14th due to hotel contract**. If you need to cancel, do so 96 hours prior to the event to be eligible for a refund after the convention. Banquet table reservations are taken directly from the Convention Registration Form. No separate form is required.

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.

Check-in 4:00 PM

Check-out 11:00 AM

Parking Self-parking - ~~\$12.00 / night~~ **Free for all Knights of Columbus and guests.**

Parking Valet parking - \$40.00 / night

The Columbus Hilton Easton has provided a block of **standard king and two (2) queen rooms** available. These rooms have the rate of **\$179.99 per Night plus appropriate taxes and fees**. The rooms rates are based on averages for the number of rooms that will be used throughout the weekend and are only used to be an approximate cost. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact **Chris Sarka, State Treasurer and Convention Chairman** via phone/text at 614-546-6357 or via email c_sarka@hotmail.com

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James K. Maslach".

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IMPORTANT DATES:

March 23, 2026 - Proposed By-Law Changes due to State Secretary (Jim Maslach)

April 22, 2026 – Resolutions due to State Secretary (Jim Maslach)

May 1, 2026 – In Memoriam due to State Treasurer (Chris Sarka)

May 1, 2026 – All hotel reservations must be made to guarantee room block and rate. (Hilton Easton)

May 8, 2026 – Convention Registration Deadline (Ohio State Council)

May 8, 2026 – Convention Ads due to Program Book Chairman (Eric Yang)

May 14, 2026 – Convention Registration CLOSED

May 15, 2026 – Final SCB Ticket Turn-in due to State Treasurer (Chris Sarka)

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In Memoriam

Hilton Easton

Registration

Area Map

The graphic features a night cityscape with a river and bridge. It includes the KofC logo, the event title, and four QR codes with labels: "In Memoriam", "Hilton Easton", "Registration", and "Area Map".