

Worthy Brother Knights,

Fr. Bob Binta Council 12246 from St. Benedict in Phoenix is delighted to announce that it will be hosting the 118th Annual Knights of Columbus Arizona State Convention. This year's convention will be held May 2-3, 2025, at:

Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd Chandler, Arizona, 85226

Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino stands out as one of the top-tier resorts in Arizona. In addition to their luxurious convention center facilities, it offers two championship golf courses, scenic walking trails, and variety of outdoor activities that guests can enjoy throughout their stay.

Hotel reservations can only be made directly with the hotel, either by phone at (800) 946-4452 or online. Let them know you are booking for the 118th Annual Knights of Columbus State Convention.

Make reservations at: HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room rates at \$155 per night are guaranteed through April 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM and are applicable three days before and three days after the convention based on availability. Reservations made after this date will be accepted on a space-available basis at a non-discounted rate.

Hospitality Suites are available but limited; these suites may not be booked directly through the hotel. To reserve hospitality suites, contact Isauro Amaro at 480-748-1449 or isauroamaro@yahoo.com for assistance.

Convention Registration is required for all who attend (YOU MUST BE A 3RD DEGREE KNIGHT TO ATTEND ANY GAVELLED SESSION OF THE CONVENTION). The preferred method to register for the Convention is through the State Convention section of the State Council's website, where you may pay by credit or debit card online. If you desire to use this method, please proceed to the website for more instructions. Register at: Convention Registration.



If registering by mail, <u>refer to the registration page</u>. Fill out the registration form and send it, along with a check (payable to: Fr Bob Binta Council 12246 Attention: 2025 State Convention) to:

K of C 2025 Convention ATTN: Registration 1461 W Courtney Lane Tempe, AZ 85284

All registrations and payments must be received by **Friday, April 18, 2025.** Registrations received later than this date will be assessed an additional \$10.00 fee for late processing. Late registrations place an additional burden on the host Council and the hotel to ensure that there are sufficient seating and meals for all in attendance. Credit card payments must be made directly on the website.

Delegate Registration - To attend the convention as a Delegate or Alternate, your Council must submit the names at <u>Delegate Registration</u>. All registrations must be received by **April 2, 2025**. The link to the form has also been provided in a separate email to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR DELEGATES: If you are a Delegate or Alternate, you still MUST register for the Convention in addition to submitting the Delegate form from your Council. Your Council DOES NOT register for you!

Delegates: bring your council banners and we will line the inside of the chamber! Make sure to bring a stand for them.

Council Chaplains - On Friday, all Bishops, Priests, Council Chaplains and Assembly Friars are invited to take part in the Opening Mass of the convention. Councils and Assemblies are urged to invite your Council Chaplains, Assembly Friars and Parish Priests to attend these events. Councils and Assemblies should reimburse / pay for any expenses incurred by travel, meals and lodging.

Friday's State Program Award Dinner will be Kentucky Derby themed. Come dressed in Derby attire and support your favorite horse!

Ladies Activities and Ladies Program - The theme for Friday night's awards dinner is "Kentucky Derby," so plan on dressing in your bright spring/summer attire. Flowers and bold patterns are the highlight. And of course, a hat! But don't fret about getting a hat because you have the option to register for a hat decorating event on Friday afternoon. The cost for this activity is \$20. It includes a hat and all the



materials you will need to decorate it yourself. Then you will be able to wear it that evening. Note: this event will take place off site from the convention hotel property from 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

On Saturday, the Ladies Luncheon will host Dr. Anne Borik, who will enlighten us about St. Sharbel. St. Sharbel is a Maronite Catholic Monk and Hermit from Lebanon. He is one of the most active saints in the Church today, with well over 30,000 miracles attributed to his intercession. You will learn all about St. Sharbel as well as hear several powerful testimonies of healing attributed to his intercession.

Program Book - We ask all Councils and Assemblies to advertise in the Convention Program. This is a great way to support convention activities, show support for our State Officers and show solidarity for our Chaplains, Friars, and Priests. Be creative with the advertising! Have pictures from your council activities that you did throughout the year! Advertising must be submitted no later than **April 12, 2025**. Please use the State Convention Advertising section at <u>State Convention Registration</u>.

Vendor Tables - If you are interested in participating as a vendor for the convention, send an email to: <u>isauroamaro@yahoo.com</u>. As a charity or organization promoting your program, consider hosting a table. There is limited space available, so book early!

With the increase in pricing for food and venues, we are offering an incentive for those registering early. There will be a discount for the Friday and Saturday dinners that will be reflected in the registration form. To take advantage of this incentive, you must register by March 31, 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the convention registration or website, please contact: isauroamaro@yahoo.com

We look forward to seeing you in May!

Fraternally,
Tom Kato
Arizona State Deputy

Isauro Amaro, Past Grand Knight Convention Chairman