



Registration Package



2024 Texas State Conference

*Claverism:
Living a Life of Servanthood*



I Peter 4:9-11

Houston

Hyatt Regency
Houston West



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Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



OFFICE OF TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS
BROTHER DARRION SMITH, SR.
LADY SHAUNTÉ M. COLLINS-JOHNSON

December 1, 2023

It is truly an honor to invite each of you to the 94th Annual Texas State Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary being held May 3-5, 2024 in Houston, Texas, the Birthplace of Claverism in Texas.

We anticipate a spirit-filled Conference as we remember our calling and purpose by meditating on our theme: **Claverism: Living a Life of Servanthood**. We challenge everyone to attend all workshops, meetings, and other activities to fully immerse yourselves with your Claver Family.

This year's Conference provides the membership with opportunities to continue to move our State forward through elections of Conference Officers for 2024-2026. Therefore, we encourage each eligible Claver to prayerfully consider running for an office.

Once again, Conference registration will be conducted online via Eventbrite. You can also submit credentials, apply for awards, and submit advertisements for our digital Souvenir Book via our various online submission forms. Additionally, you can offer spiritual upliftment during our Conference Mass by joining the Texas State Conference Choir and joining us for our first Conference Gospel Brunch Sunday morning. Finally, we are pleased to have Step Rideau and the Zydeco Outlaws join us for our Denim and Diamonds Zydeco Dance on Friday evening.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming Conference in Houston.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Yours in Claverism,

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TSC President, Knights
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Lady Shaunté M. Collins-Johnson
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Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Schedule at a Glance*

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Conference Community Service Project**
Pre-Conference Hotel Meeting

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM Pre-Conference Joint Board Meeting
10:45 AM – 11:45 AM Pre-Conference Knights Board Meeting
Pre-Conference Ladies Board Meeting
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own
1:00 PM – 9:00 PM Vendors
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM Registration and Credentials
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM Workshop: First-Time Attendees
Facilitators: Brother Nick Cormier & Lady Keema Volter Jones
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Workshop: Claverism: Living a Life of Servanthood
Facilitator: Very Reverend Kevin Fausz, C.M., V.U.
3:00 PM – 11:00 PM Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction
Conference Prayer Room
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Joint Opening Plenary Session I
5:30 PM – 6:15 PM Workshop: State Deputies
Facilitators: Brother Paul Landry & Lady Rose Ellis
6:15 PM – 8:00 PM Dinner on Your Own
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM Denim and Diamonds Zydeco Dance***

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

7:00 AM – 11:00 PM Conference Prayer Room
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Grab & Go Continental Breakfast
7:15 AM – 7:45 AM Conference Recitation of the Holy Rosary
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM Registration & Credentials
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Joint Plenary Session II
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Vendors
10:15 AM – 12:30 PM Knights Plenary Session I
Ladies Plenary Session I
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Lunch on Your Own****
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Knights Plenary Session II
Ladies Plenary Session II
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM Memorial Service & Conference Mass
8:00 PM – 12:00 AM Roaring 20s Conference Awards Banquet & Ball

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

A.E. WOODLEY DAY

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Election of Officers
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM Conference Prayer Room
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Grab & Go Continental Breakfast
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Conference Recitation of the Holy Rosary
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Knights Plenary Session III
Ladies Plenary Session III
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Vendors
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Conference Gospel Brunch
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM Installation of Officers
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM Post-Conference Joint Board Meeting

* Schedule is subject to change.

** Denotes offsite activity that will require registration. More details to follow.

*** Denotes activity not included with Registration. Additional cost applies.

**** Saturday boxed lunches available for purchase through Eventbrite.

Registration Information

REGISTRATION

All registration **MUST** be submitted online through Eventbrite. Attendees may choose to register with their Council/Court as a group or individually.

Councils, Individual Knights, and Guests of Knights must register at the following link:

[Knights Registration Link](#)

Courts, Individual Ladies, and Guests of Ladies must register at the following link:

[Ladies Registration Link](#)

Registration includes the following: Badge, Bag, Saturday Awards Banquet Ticket, Sunday Gospel Brunch Ticket, Digital Souvenir Book, and Workshops.

The Friday Zydeco Dance is not included in registration and is \$35 per attendee.

Timely registration is \$125 plus applicable Eventbrite fees per attendee and must be submitted by March 15, 2024.

Late registration will run from March 16, 2024 through April 12, 2024 at **\$150 plus applicable Eventbrite fees** per attendee. *Allowance of registration after April 12, 2024 will be at sole discretion of the Board and will be \$175 plus applicable Eventbrite fees per attendee.* Please note, should you register after April 12, 2024, you may not receive all printed or pre-ordered materials.

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.

PAYMENT METHODS

Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, and debit cards will be accepted through Eventbrite. Council/Court checks, money orders, and cashier's checks will be accepted via mail and should be made out to "KPC Texas State Conference." **Any Council/Court checks returned from the bank will be assessed a \$50 service charge that must be satisfied by April 12, 2024 or the Council/Court will forfeit the right to seat a delegation as registration will not be timely.**

Personal checks will not be accepted. Any personal checks received by the Conference Financial Secretaries will be returned and the accompanying registration will not be confirmed until an appropriate payment method is remitted.

MAIL-IN PAYMENTS

Should Councils/Courts, Individuals, and/or Guests choose to mail in payments, please mail to the following address:

Councils, Individual Knights, and Guests of Knights:

Brother Courtney Pichon
13314 Baron Hill Lane
Rosharon, Texas 77583

Courts, Individual Ladies, and Guests of Ladies:

Lady Julie Guillory
2603 Hyland Park
Houston, Texas 77014

On-time mail-in payments must be postmarked by March 15, 2024.

Late registration mail-in payments must be postmarked by April 12, 2024.

Please note, if you mail your payment, you MUST still register via Eventbrite and the amount of your mailed-in payment MUST match the amount as shown in Eventbrite.

UNIT FEES

All applicable per capita, representation, charitable and all other fees must be paid by each Council/Court by **March 15, 2024** to seat a delegation. Communication on the payment of unit fees will be sent to individual Councils and Courts.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICIES

All requests for cancellation should be submitted by April 12, 2024 using the following form:

[Registration Cancellation Form](#)

Approvals for cancellation submitted between April 12, 2024 and April 24, 2024 are at the sole discretion of the Joint Texas State Conference Board. **We will not honor any cancellation requests after April 24, 2024 due to planning commitments.**

All refunds will be returned to the original form of payment minus any applicable fees from Eventbrite.

Hotel Reservation and Parking Information



The Texas State Conference has committed our lodging to the Hyatt Regency Houston West located at 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77079. **The rate is \$119.00 per night plus applicable taxes.** All attendees will be responsible for their own room, tax, and incidental charges. **The hotel requires a hold of \$50.00 for incidentals per night.** The last day to reserve your room is **Monday, April 15, 2024.**

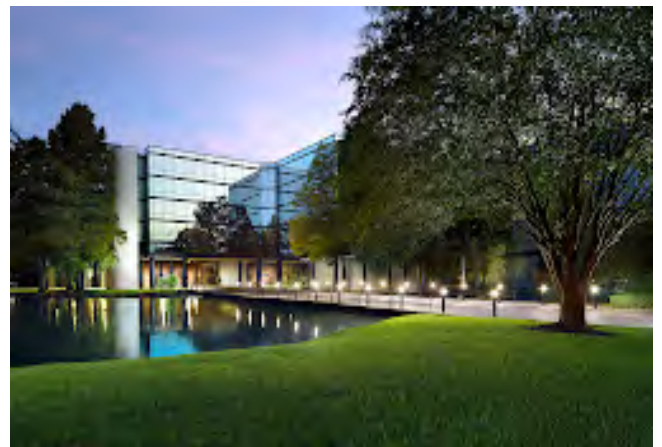
Members and guests should make their reservations by calling the hotel directly at 281.558.8338 or visiting the Texas State Conference booking site at the following link:

[Hotel Reservations](#)

If making your reservations by phone, please make sure to identify “Knights of Peter Claver” to receive the room block rate.

The hotel check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 PM. Should you arrive early, the hotel will make every attempt to accommodate you as rooms become available. Please note, early check-in is not guaranteed and may result in additional cost to you.

Self-parking is available at no charge. Event valet parking is available at \$10.00 per car. Overnight guest valet parking is available at \$21.00 per day. Bus parking is available at \$100.00 per day.



Credentials

All credentials **MUST** be submitted by the Grand Knight/Grand Lady or their designee through the appropriate online form located at the following links:

[Knights Credentials](#)

[Ladies Credentials](#)

All credential forms must be submitted by **March 15, 2024** through the appropriate link. Failure to submit credentials by **March 15, 2024** will forfeit a Council's or Court's right to seat a delegation.

Election Information

The 2024 Texas State Conference will feature election of officers to serve from 2024-2026. If you are running for a **Conference** office and wish to reserve table and/or easel space to campaign, please complete the form at the following link no later than April 15, 2024:

[Table/Easel Reservation](#)

There will be a limited number of easels provided by the hotel. Should you choose to reserve easel space, we ask that you indicate whether you will be bringing your own easel or need one from the hotel. If you request to use a hotel easel and one is not available for use, you will be informed accordingly.

Campaign space reservations will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

Texas Candidates for National Offices will be allocated easel space only.

We will be unable to guarantee space for a table and/or easel without an advance reservation.

VOTE

Claverism: Living a Life of Servanthood

Committees

Each on-time registrant for the 2024 Texas State Conference will be assigned to a Conference Committee. Please review descriptions of the Committees below. You will be able to select your first choice during registration on Eventbrite.

[Knights Committees](#)

[Ladies Committees](#)

[Joint Committees](#)

We will attempt to assign everyone to their chosen Committee, but please understand that is not always possible.

Please note, if you register to the Conference late, you may not be assigned to a Committee.

Suggested Attire

THURSDAY

Community Service Project: KPC Shirt and Casual Bottoms. Comfortable Shoes.

FRIDAY

Pre-Conference Board Meetings and Workshops: Business Casual Attire, KPC Shirts Encouraged, Denim Acceptable

Joint Plenary Session I & State Deputy Workshop: Business Casual Attire, KPC Shirts Encouraged, No Denim

Zydeco Dance: Denim and Diamonds Attire

SATURDAY

Plenary Sessions: Business Attire

Conference Mass: Full Turnout Regalia

Conference Awards Banquet & Ball: Roaring 20s Formal Attire

SUNDAY

Plenary Sessions & Gospel Brunch: Business Casual Attire, KPC Shirts Encouraged, no Denim

Conference Award and Service Submissions

Knights' Forms

Councils, please use the below links to submit award and fund applications for the Conference.

Form	Deadline
Human Development Fund	March 15, 2024
In Memoriam	April 15, 2024
Junior Knight Commander of the Year	March 15, 2024

Ladies' Forms

Courts, please use the below links to submit award and fund applications for the Conference.

Form	Deadline
Education Fund	March 15, 2024
In Memoriam	April 15, 2024
Junior Daughter Counselor of the Year	March 15, 2024

Please note, the following awards presented at the Conference Awards Banquet and Ball must be submitted through the [National Awards and Grants](#) website no later than **March 29, 2024**:

Council/Court of the Year
Grand Knight/Lady of the Year
Claver Lady of the Year

Joint Forms

Please submit one of the following forms **per Unit**:

Form	Deadline
Charitable Service	April 15, 2024
George "Mickey Leland" Memorial Food Drive	April 15, 2024
Veterans Service Project	April 15, 2024
Military Information Form	April 1, 2024

Individual Forms

Form	Deadline
Conference Choir	March 15, 2024

The M.M. Hopkins, Inez Y. Bowman, and Outstanding Knights/Ladies of the Year will be presented at the Consuella Broussard and Larry Bell Scholarship Banquet in Fall 2024.



Digital Souvenir Book

The Texas State Conference Souvenir Book is an opportunity to advertise your Council and/or Court's accomplishments, service projects, and upcoming events. We also welcome individuals and businesses to submit advertisements to reach the entire Texas State Conference. All advertisements are full-page and \$75 each. The deadline to submit advertisements is **April 15, 2024**.

Printed Souvenir Books are available for purchase on Eventbrite for \$35 each plus applicable Eventbrite fees and may be picked up during registration at the Conference.

To support the Texas State Conference and place an advertisement in our Digital Souvenir Book, please purchase an advertisement through Eventbrite and submit your print-ready ad at the below link:

[Digital Souvenir Book](#)

Vendors

Vendors will be onsite during the entirety of the Texas State Conference.

Vendor booths will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis as space is limited.

The booth rental is \$250.00 per 10x10 booth; each booth rental comes with one table and two chairs.

Should you wish to invite vendors to participate in our Conference, please have them complete the fillable contract located here:

[Vendor Agreement Contract](#)

Technical Assistance

Should you need assistance registering for the Texas State Conference or completing the Conference submission forms, please complete the following form and a member of the Texas State Conference Technology Team will contact you:

[Texas Technology Support Request Form](#)

Things to Do

The below establishments have agreed to provide discounted meals/experiences during the entirety of our Texas State Conference. **Please reference "Knights of Peter Claver, Texas State Conference" during the Conference weekend to receive the discount.**

BB's Café: 1275 Eldridge Suite 100

Café Benedict: 15455 Memorial Drive, Suite 100

Ginger Thai Cuisine: 303 Grasshopper Lane

Hank's Cajun Grill: 4409 Highway 6 N

Pasta Lomontes: 14510 Grisby

Top Golf West: 1030 Memorial Brook Blvd.

Below are additional restaurants in the area:

Los Cucos Mexican Café: 16216 Clay Road

Lupe Tortilla: 308 Stafford Street

Salata: 14515 Katy Freeway

Subway: 14515 Katy Freeway

KPC 100 Club

The Texas KPC 100 Club began in 1983 with the sole purpose of raising a perpetual endowment of \$100,000 to award Charitable Grants and Religious Vocation Scholarships.

Knights and Ladies across the entire State were, and continue to be, encouraged to join the Texas KPC 100 Club with a one-time donation of \$100. In 1998, the perpetual fund goal was attained and the vision became a reality. Since then, the interest from the endowment has been used to facilitate grants for Charity and Religious Vocations.

Applicants for the Charitable Grants and Religious Vocation Scholarships are required to complete their grant request by the December 1 deadline prior to the next Texas State Conference. A maximum of \$10,000 can be requested for Charitable Grants with the final amount granted to be determined by the Texas KPC 100 Club Committee. A Religious Vocational Scholarship of \$4,000 can be requested on a one-time basis. If approved, \$1,000 per year will be distributed on behalf of the requestor for four years. To Request Grant funds, complete the appropriate Grant application form enclosed in the Texas State Conference registration packet and e-mail or send by US mail to the one of the addresses below.

[Texas KPC 100 Club Grant Application](#)
[TKPC 100 Club Religious Vocation Application](#)

E-mail to Lady Ollie Duplechain: ollie1938@att.net
or Send by U.S. Mail to:

Lady Ollie Duplechain, Co-Chair
TKPC 100 Club Committee
9410 Dulcimer Street
Houston, Texas 77051

Knight Mitchell Batiste, Co-Chair
TKPC 100 Club Committee, Co-Chair
11614 Summerwood Lane
Houston, Texas 77013

Currently, the Texas KPC 100 Club has over 1,200 members and is ALWAYS accepting new membership. The goal is to ensure each Knight and Lady within the State of Texas, becomes a member so we can continue to perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the name of our patron, St. Peter Claver.

To join or request additional memberships for the Texas KPC 100 Club, please complete the following TKPC 100 Club Membership form enclosed in the TSC Registration Packet and return it to Lady Ollie Duplechain at 9410 Dulcimer, Houston, TX 77051.

You may also make your Membership payment using ZELLE by following the directions on the Membership Form and emailing the Membership form to Lady Ollie Duplechain: ollie1938@att.net

[Texas KPC 100 Club Membership Form](#)



Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer

Thank you for your support of the Texas State Conference (TSC) Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee. The committee is excited to be hosting the upcoming Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Annual Silent Auction!

Councils and Courts start thinking about the item(s) that your unit will donate to this year's Silent Auction. The proceeds of this year's activities will benefit a Houston area organization: [Angels Surviving Cancer](#)

The TSC Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee will again hold a virtual raffle that will include a large screen smart HD TV (50" or larger) and cash prizes. **Chances are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.**

Councils/Courts and members have two opportunities to support the TSC Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee:

1. If attending the Conference, please bring an item to donate to the TSC Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee Silent Auction. Get ready to have fun and spend money on a worthy cause – supporting those fighting Cancer and survivors of Cancer!
2. If not attending the Texas State Conference, the opportunity to support the Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee still exists with the purchase of chances in the Virtual Raffle. The Raffle will be held at the end of the evening on Saturday, May 4, 2024, in the Cancer Committee Silent Auction Room! If your Council/Court will not be attending, a donation (of any amount) to the TSC Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee is welcomed and can be made through Eventbrite or mailed to Lady Julie Guillory at 2603 Hyland Park, Houston, Texas 77014-2872. If mailing your donation, please make the checks payable to "KPC Texas State Conference" and include "TSC Cancer Committee" in the check memo line. Please note, only Council/Court checks, money orders, and cashier's checks will be accepted. All personal checks will be returned to sender.

RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION

Raffle chance listings may be emailed to Lady Delilah Francis with the purchaser's name and phone number (in word document, email or excel). If physical raffle tickets are preferred, please contact Lady Francis at dgauthia@aol.com or (832) 722-5076. Raffle listings with names and phone numbers and any physical raffle ticket stubs must be received by April 26, 2024, via email to dgauthia@aol.com.

If you have any questions, contact the following committee members: Lady Nan Arceneaux at (832) 259-6930, Lady Janice Taylor at (281) 384-7875, Knight Adrian Adams at (832)795-8597 or Lady Delilah Francis at (832) 722-5976.





Clavers

FIGHTING CANCER

Silent Auction

MAY 3-4, 2024

**DOORS OPEN AFTER THE
ZYDECO DANCE**

HYATT REGENCY HOUSTON WEST

13210 KATY FREEWAY
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

DENIM & DIAMONDS

Zydeco Dance

FEATURING

**STEP RIDEAU &
THE ZYDECO OUTLAWS**

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

8:00 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT

\$35

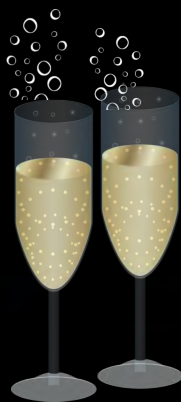
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MAY 4th

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