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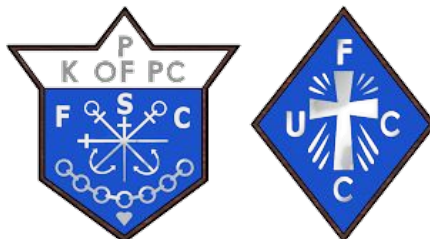
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93rd TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE MAY 5-7, 2023



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January 2, 2023

To: National Council Board of Directors, National Court Board of Directors, Clergy, Texas State Conference Officers, Grand Knights, Grand Ladies, and Membership of the State of Texas

It is an honor to invite each of you to the 93rd Annual Texas State Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary being held May 5-7, 2023 in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, home of the USS Lexington.

We anticipate a spirit-filled Conference as we strive to “**Follow Christ as F.I.T. Clavers**” and 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 grow and move our State forward through Resolutions. Therefore, we encourage each Council and Court to review our current Bylaws and submit changes that can meaningfully and positively impact the State of Texas.

For the first time Conference registration will be conducted online via Eventbrite. You can also submit credentials, apply for awards, submit advertisements for our digital Souvenir Book, and send in photos of the service projects you conducted throughout the year via our various online submission forms. Additionally, you can offer spiritual upliftment during our Conference Mass by joining the Texas State Conference Choir.

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

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

Yours in Claverism,

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I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Schedule at a Glance*

Thursday, May 4

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Pre-Conference Hotel Meeting

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Pre-Conference Joint Board Meeting**

5:15 PM - 6:30 PM Pre-Conference Ladies Board Meeting**
Pre-Conference Knights Board Meeting**

Friday, May 5

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Community Service Group #1***

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM Health Fair

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Community Service Group #2***

2:00 PM - 6:30 PM Registration/Credentials

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM First-Time Attendees Workshop

3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Vendors

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Delegates Technology Workshop

4:00 PM - 11:00 PM Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction
Conference Prayer Room

7:00 PM Scholarship Fundraising Banquet****

Saturday, May 6

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7:00 AM - 11:00 PM Conference Prayer Room

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM Fitness Activity

Saturday, May 6 (cont.)

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Registration/Credentials

8:00 AM - 11:00 PM Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction

8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Joint Plenary Session I

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Vendors

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM State Deputy Workshop

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Ladies Plenary Session I
Knights Plenary Session I

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Ladies Plenary Session II
Knights Plenary Session II

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Conference Mass

8:00 PM Conference Awards Banquet and Ball

Sunday, May 7

7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7:15 AM - 8:15 AM Conference Breakfast

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM Conference Prayer Room

8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Joint Plenary Session II

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Vendors

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM Ladies Plenary Session III
Knights Plenary Session III

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM Post-Conference Joint Board Meeting

* Schedule is subject to change.

** Denotes hybrid meetings that will require registration.

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

**** Not included in registration. Additional cost applies.

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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](#)

Courts, Individual Ladies, and Guests of Ladies must register at the following link: [Ladies Registration](#)

Timely registration is \$100 per Claver and must be submitted by **March 15, 2023**.

Registration includes the following: Badge, Bag, Awards Banquet Ticket, Breakfast Ticket, Digital Souvenir Book, access to the Health Fair, and access to fitness activities.

Late registration will run from March 16, 2023 through April 7, 2023 at \$125 per Claver. Barring extenuating circumstances, to be determined by the Joint Texas State Conference Board, any registration payments postmarked after April 7, 2023 will be returned and registration will not be processed.

**THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!
NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PAYMENT METHODS

Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and debit cards will be accepted for card payments 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 7, 2023 or the Council/Court will forfeit the right to seat a delegation.

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Personal checks will not be accepted. All personal checks will be returned and registration will not be processed until an appropriate payment method is remitted.

MAIL-IN PAYMENTS

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

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, 2023**.

Late registration mail-in payments must be postmarked by **April 7, 2023**.

UNIT FEES

All applicable per capita, representation, and other fees must be paid by each Council/Court by **March 15, 2023** to seat a delegation.

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION POLICIES

Requests for cancellations should be submitted by April 7, 2023 using the following form: [Registration Cancellation Form](#)

Approvals for cancellations submitted between April 7th and April 21st are at the sole discretion of the Joint Texas State Conference Board. We will not be able to honor cancellation requests after April 21, 2023 due to planning commitments.

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

Hotel Rates and Reservation Information

The Texas State Conference has committed our lodging to the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel located at 900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. **The rate is \$143 per night plus applicable taxes.** All attendees will be responsible for their own room, tax, and incidental charges. The last day to reserve your room is **Thursday, April 13, 2023.**

Members and guests should make their own reservations by calling the hotel directly at **361.887.1600** or visiting the following link: [Hotel Reservations](#)

Please make sure to identify “Knights of Peter Claver” when making your reservation via phone.

Self-parking is offered at a discounted rate of \$5.00 per day.

The hotel check-in time is 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is at 12:00 p.m. The hotel will accommodate you as rooms become available should you arrive early to participate in other Conference activities. **Early check-in is not guaranteed and may result in additional cost to you.**



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Credentials

KNIGHTS CREDENTIALS

All Credentials **MUST** be submitted by the **Grand Knight** or his **designee** through the online form located at the following link: [Knights Credentials](#)

All Credential forms must be submitted by **March 15, 2023** through the online portal.

Failure to submit Credentials by **March 15, 2023** through the portal will forfeit a Council's right to seat a delegation.

LADIES CREDENTIALS

All Credentials **MUST** be submitted by the **Grand Lady** or her **designee** through the online form located at the following link: [Ladies Credentials](#)

All Credential forms must be submitted by **March 15, 2023** through the online portal.

Failure to submit Credentials by **March 15, 2023** through the portal will forfeit a Court's right to seat a delegation.



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Conference Submissions

KNIGHTS SUBMISSION FORMS

Councils, please use the below links below to submit award applications, funds, and resolutions for consideration at the 2023 Texas State Conference. All deadlines are listed on the forms.

[Human Development Fund Application](#)

[Moses M. Hopkins Award](#)

[In Memoriam - Knights](#)

[Junior Knight Commander of Year](#)

[Outstanding Knight of the Year](#)

[Resolutions](#)

LADIES SUBMISSION FORMS

Courts, please use the below links below to submit award applications, funds, and resolutions for consideration at the 2023 Texas State Conference. All deadlines are listed on the forms.

[Education Fund Application](#)

[Inez Y. Bowman Award](#)

[In Memoriam - Ladies](#)

[Junior Daughter Counselor of the Year](#)

[Outstanding Lady of the Year](#)

[Resolutions](#)

JOINT SUBMISSION FORMS

[Charitable Service Form](#)

[George "Mickey" Leland Memorial Food Drive](#)

[Veterans Service Project](#)

OTHER SUBMISSION FORMS

[Souvenir Book Advertisements](#)

[Texas State Conference Choir](#)

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Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Raffle Information

Thank you for your support of the Texas State Conference (TSC) Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee. Last year's Virtual Raffle was such a success that we will be conducting the Raffle again in support of the efforts of the Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee. The Committee will also hold its Annual Silent Auction! So, start thinking about the item(s) that your Council/Court will donate. This year's proceeds will benefit a local Corpus Christi organization - [Triumph Over Kid Cancer](#).

The TSC Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee raffle will include a large screen smart HD TV (50" or larger) and cash prizes.

Councils/Courts and members have two opportunities to support the TSC Texas 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 Virtual Raffle will be held at the end of the evening on Saturday, May 6, 2023, in the 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 payment, 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:

Here is the form that is to be used to list individuals that purchase raffle tickets: Raffle Ticket Form

The form should list the purchaser's name, court/council number, email address and phone number. **If physical raffle tickets are preferred, please contact Lady Delilah Francis at dgauthia@aol.com or (832)722-5976. Raffle forms listing names of those that have purchased virtual raffle tickets and any physical ticket stubs must be received by April 30, 2023 via email to dgauthia@aol.com**

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

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Clavers
FIGHTING CANCER
Silent Auction

MAY 5 & 6, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 PM

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**TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET**



**FRIDAY
MAY 5TH**

7 PM

**TICKETS
\$60**

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SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED!

Suggested Attire: Red, Green, or White Cocktail



**All proceeds from this event will
go to the Scholarship Fund.**

The background of the poster is a vibrant purple with a textured, paper-like appearance. On the left side, there are three ornate Mardi Gras masks. The top mask is light blue with gold and black scrollwork. The middle mask is silver with black scrollwork and a black cross-hatch pattern. The bottom mask is gold with blue and black scrollwork. A string of red beads is draped across the top right. A vertical dashed line separates the date and time information.

MARDI GRAS!

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE AWARDS
BANQUET AND BALL

SATURDAY
MAY 6TH

8 PM

Suggested Attire:

Purple, Green, or Gold Formal
Mardi Gras Masks Encouraged

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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 vocational scholarships within the State of Texas.

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 is used to facilitate grants for charity and religious vocations.

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 KPC 100 Club, please download the following form and return it to Lady Ollie Duplechain at 9410 Dulcimer, Houston, TX 77051: [KPC 100 Club Membership Form](#)



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Other Information

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE ATTIRE

Friday:

Workshops:

Business Casual (KPC Shirts Encouraged, Denim Bottoms Acceptable)

Scholarship Fundraising Banquet:

Theme: Cinco de Mayo

Red, Green & White Cocktail Attire

Saturday:

Meetings:

Business Attire

Conference Mass:

Fourth Degree Full Turnout Regalia

Third Degree Full Turnout Regalia

Conference Awards Banquet and Ball:

Theme: Mardi Gras

Purple, Green & Gold Formal Attire

Sunday:

Meetings:

Business Casual (KPC Shirts Encouraged, No Denim Bottoms)

THINGS TO DO IN CORPUS CHRISTI

Restaurants:

[Snoopy's Pier](#)

[Blackbeard's on the Beach](#)

[Water Street Market](#)

Attractions:

[USS Lexington](#)

[Texas State Aquarium](#)

[South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center](#)

[Corpus Christi Museum of Science & History](#)

[Art Museum of South Texas](#)

[Selena Museum](#)

[Hurricane Alley Waterpark](#)

Shopping:

[La Palmera Mall](#)

[HEB](#)

[Walmart](#)

VENDORS

Vendors will be onsite during the entirety of the Texas State Conference. Should you wish to invite vendors to participate in our Conference, please have them submit this form to Lady Norma Woodson at njwoodson@yahoo.com:
[Vendor Agreement Form](#)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Should you need assistance registering for the Texas State Conference or completing Conference submission forms, please complete the following form and a member of the Texas Technology Committee will contact you: [Texas Technology Support Request](#)

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