



KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, INC.

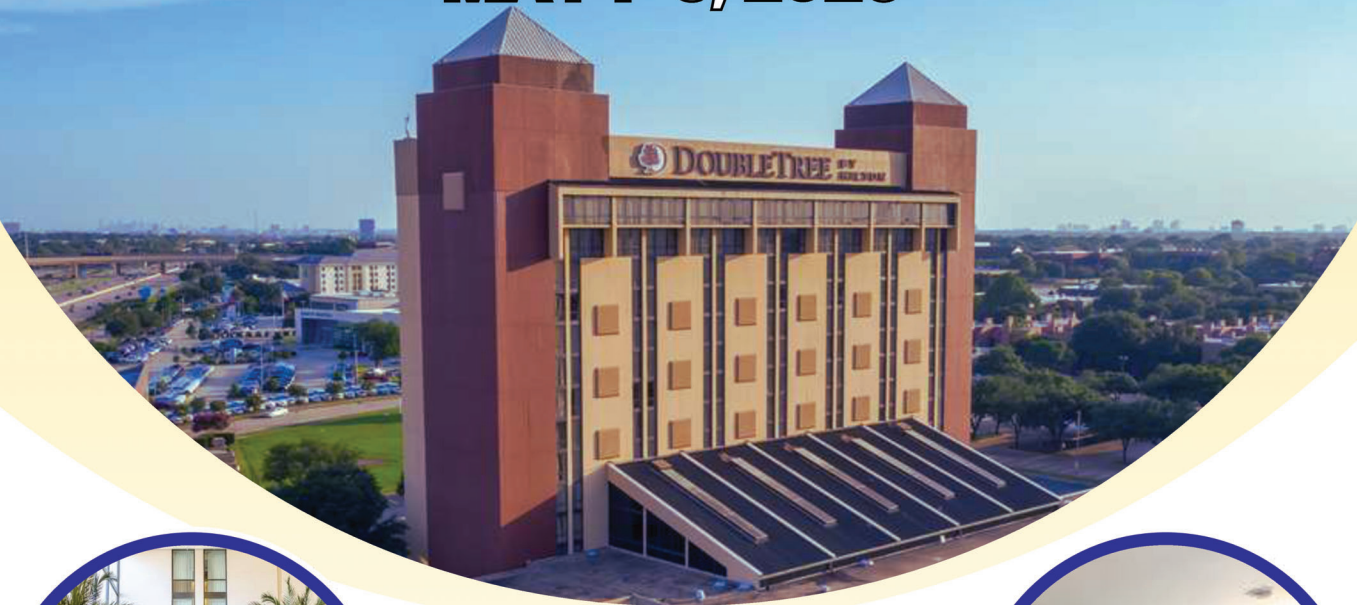
TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE



Clavers: Called to Love, Commissioned to Serve

96TH TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE

MAY 1-3, 2026



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Dallas-Richardson
1981 N. Central Expy
Richardson, Texas 75080

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BROTHER DARRION SMITH, SR.
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January 1, 2026

We are honored to welcome you to the 96th Annual Texas State Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, **May 1–3, 2026**, in Richardson, Texas. We are grateful for your presence, your commitment, and your continued dedication to our Order and its mission.

This year's theme, "**Clavers: Called to Love, Commissioned to Serve**," is rooted in Matthew 28:19–20, which prompts us to **go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you**, reminding us that our faith is not meant to be passive, but lived out through intentional love, faithful service, and courageous witness. We are called not only to care deeply, but to go forth courageously, carrying Christ's love into our parishes, communities, and families.

We encourage each of you to come ready to engage and to share your gifts, voice, and vision so that together we may continue to grow, strengthen, and sustain this Order for generations to come. As this is an **election year**, we invite every eligible Claver to prayerfully discern God's call to leadership, remembering that leadership in our Order is a ministry and a sacred responsibility to serve with humility, integrity, and love.

We are also blessed to celebrate the **100th Anniversary of the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary**, honoring a century of women whose faith, sacrifice, service, and unwavering commitment have strengthened this Order and uplifted countless lives across our communities.

Throughout the weekend, may our time together in prayer, workshops, fellowship, and at the Conference Mass renew our spirits, deepen our bonds, and strengthen our shared commitment to Claverism. Together, let us serve faithfully and continue the mission entrusted to us.

We look forward to seeing each of you in Richardson.

Yours in Claverism and Christ's Love,

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Schedule at a Glance*

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026	
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Workshop: First Time Attendees** Facilitators: Past Presidents Brother Nick Cormier & Lady Nan Arceneaux
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026	
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Pre-Conference Joint Board Meeting**
5:45 PM – 6:45 PM	Pre-Conference Knights Board Meeting** Pre-Conference Ladies Board Meeting**
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026	
7:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Conference Community Service Project #1*** Location: Minnie's Food Pantry, 661 18 th Street, Plano, Texas 75074
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on Your Own
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	Conference Community Service Project #2 Benefitting: The Network of Community Ministries
1:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Vendors
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration and Credentials
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Workshop: <i>Maximizing Your Voice: Ensuring Representation Through Credentials</i> Facilitators: Brother Cortney Pichon & Lady Ashton Baltrip Guerrero
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	Workshop: <i>Fulfilling Our Mission: Strengthening Local Units to Serve with Excellence</i> Facilitators: Past Deputies of Texas Brother Adrian Adams & Lady Barbara Murray
3:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction Conference Prayer Room
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	Workshop: <i>Clavers: Called to Love, Commissioned to Serve**</i> Facilitator: Reverend Father Kevin Fausz, C.M.
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM	Joint Opening Plenary Session I
5:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Workshop: State Deputies Facilitators: Deputies of Texas Brother F. Paul Landry & Lady Rose Ellis
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Dinner on Your Own
8:30 PM – 11:30 PM	Game Night**** Benefitting: Texas State Conference Junior Division Scholarships
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026	
7:00 AM – 11:00 PM	Conference Prayer Room
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (Discounted Hotel Breakfast Buffet Tickets for Purchase)*****
7:30 AM – 8:00 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
8:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Joint Plenary Session II
10:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Vendors
10:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Knights Plenary Session I Ladies Plenary Session I
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own (Boxed Lunch Pickup)*****
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Knights Plenary Session II Ladies Plenary Session II
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Memorial Service & Conference Mass**
7:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Reception Commemorating 100 Years of the Ladies Auxiliary
8:30 PM – 12:00 AM	<i>A Night in Paris</i> Conference Awards Banquet & Ball
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026	
A.E. WOODLEY DAY	
7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Conference Prayer Room
7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Conference Recitation of the Holy Rosary
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Conference Gospel Breakfast
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Vendors
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Knights Plenary Session III Ladies Plenary Session III
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Post-Conference Joint Board Meeting

- * Schedule is subject to change.
- ** Denotes Zoom and/or Hybrid meetings that require pre-registration. See Website to pre-register.
- *** Denotes offsite activity that requires pre-registration. See Website to pre-register. **Space is limited.**
- **** Denotes activity not included with Registration; additional cost applies. See Website to purchase tickets.
- ***** Discounted Hotel Breakfast Tickets available for purchase; you must pre-purchase your ticket to receive discount.
- ***** Boxed lunches available for purchase

Registration Information

REGISTRATION

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

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

The Friday Game Night benefitting the **Texas State Conference Junior Division Scholarship Fund** is not included in registration and is \$35 per attendee.

Timely registration is \$125 and must be submitted by March 15, 2026.

Late registration will run from March 16, 2026 through April 12, 2026 at **\$150** per attendee. *Allowance of registration after April 12, 2026 will be at sole discretion of the Board and will be \$175 per attendee.* Please note, should you register after April 12, 2026, you may not receive all printed or pre-ordered materials.

THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.

Important Payment Information

There are no processing fees when submitting payments through the Texas State Conference website. Our registration platform, Zeffy, automatically adds an optional "tip" to each transaction to support its free service for nonprofit organizations.

If you do not wish to include a tip, please select "Other" in the tip options and enter "0" in the amount field before completing your payment.

Please note, that the Texas State Conference does not receive or control these tips and is unable to refund any tip amounts submitted.

[Register Here](#)

PAYMENT METHODS

Payment must be made at the time of registration.

Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Discover, Debit Cards, and Electronic Checks will be accepted through the Texas State Conference website.

UNIT FEES

All applicable per capita, representation, charitable and all other fees must be paid by each Council/Court by **March 15, 2026** to seat a delegation. Communication on the payment of unit fees will be sent to individual Councils and Courts. **All payments for fees and assessments must be paid through the Texas State Conference website.**

[Unit Fees & Assessments](#)

CANCELLATION POLICIES

All requests for cancellation should be submitted by April 12, 2026 using the appropriate form on the Registration page of the Texas State Conference Website.

[Cancellation Request](#)

Approvals for cancellation submitted between April 12, 2026 and April 19, 2026 are at the sole discretion of the Joint Texas State Conference Board. **We will not honor any cancellation requests after April 19, 2026 due to planning commitments.**

All refunds will be returned to the original form of payment.

Hotel Reservation and Parking Information



The Texas State Conference will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Dallas-Richardson located at 1981 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, Texas 75080. **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 **April 10, 2026.**

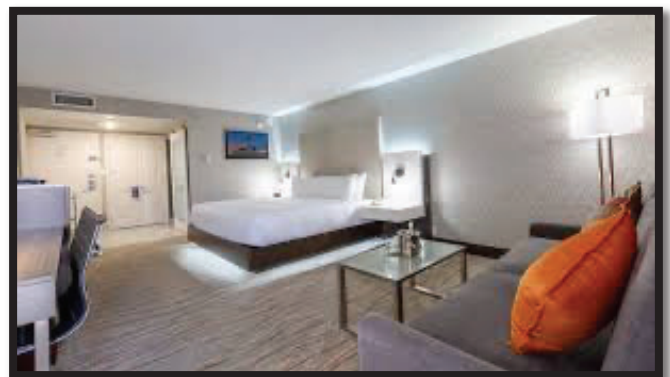
Members and guests should make their reservations by calling the hotel directly at 972.644.4000 or visiting the Texas State Conference booking site at the following link:

Hotel Accommodations

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 11:00 AM. 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 an additional cost to you at \$50.00.** Late check-out up to 2:00 PM may be available to you at a rate of \$25.00.

Self-parking is available at no charge.



Credentials

All credentials **MUST** be submitted by the Grand Knight/Grand Lady or their designee through the appropriate online form located on the Submission page of the Texas State Conference website:

Credentials Submission

All credential forms must be submitted by **March 15, 2026** through the appropriate link. Failure to submit credentials by **March 15, 2026** will forfeit a Council's or Court's right to seat a delegation.

Community Service

This year's Conference will feature two opportunities to give back to the local Dallas/Fort Worth community:

Minnie's Food Pantry

Minnie's Food Pantry is a faith-based organization dedicated to providing healthy meals and hope to families experiencing food insecurity. Through grocery distributions and community outreach, Minnie's Food Pantry works to restore dignity and nourish both body and spirit for individuals and families in need throughout North Texas.

Please click the link above to sign up to volunteer. **Slots are limited and will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.** Once all slots are filled, we will open a waitlist.

The Network of Community Ministries

The Network of Community Ministries was created when local churches and community organizations came together during an economic downturn to support families in need. This year, Conference members will support the Network's stabilization program by donating clothing and toiletries during the Conference. Click the link below to sign up to donate items and to volunteer to help with sorting.

Community Service Sign-Up

Committees

Each **on-time registrant** for the 2026 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.

[Knights Committees](#)

[Ladies Committees](#)

[Joint Committees](#)

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

Election Information

The 2026 Texas State Conference will feature election of officers to serve from 2026-2028. 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, 2026**:

Election Space Reservation

There will be a limited number of tables/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.

Submissions

All required Conference documents, including Credentials, award applications, funding applications, digital souvenir book advertisements, reports, must be submitted through the Texas State Conference website via the “Submissions” page. **Submission deadlines are firm, and late materials will not be accepted.**

Submissions

Form	Deadline
Charitable Service (Joint)	April 15, 2026
Conference Choir	March 15, 2026
Education Fund (Ladies)	March 15, 2026
George “Mickey” Leland Memorial Food Drive (Joint)	April 15, 2026
Human Development Fund (Knights)	March 15, 2026
<i>In Memoriam</i>	April 15, 2026
Inez Y. Bowman Award (Ladies)*	March 15, 2026
Jr. Knight Commander of the Year	March 15, 2026
Jr. Daughter Counselor of the Year	March 15, 2026
Military Information Form	April 15, 2026
M.M. Hopkins (Knights)*	March 15, 2026
Outstanding Lady of the Year*	March 15, 2026
Outstanding Knight of the Year*	March 15, 2026
Veterans Service Project (Joint)	April 15, 2026

*The M.M. Hopkins, Inez Y. Bowman, and Outstanding Knights/Ladies of the Year will be presented at the Larry Bell and Consuella Broussard Scholarship Luncheon in Fall 2026.

Jr Division Scholarship

We are excited to announce the launch of our Junior Division Scholarship Program and invite all eligible, graduating Juniors Knights and Junior Daughters to apply. This new scholarship reflects our commitment to supporting the educational goals of our young members, and we look forward to recognizing and investing in their future. We also encourage everyone to support Friday Night Game Night, as a portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the scholarship fund. Please review the application criteria carefully and ensure your Juniors complete and submit their applications through the Texas State Conference website via the “Submissions” page by **April 1, 2025**.

Jr. Division Scholarship

Digital Souvenir Book

The Texas State Conference Souvenir Book is an opportunity to advertise your Council and/or Court’s accomplishments, well wishes, 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, full-color and \$75 each. The deadline to submit advertisements is **April 15, 2026**.

One printed Souvenir Book will be provided to each Council, Court, individuals, and/or businesses that take out an advertisement. Additional printed Souvenir Books are available for purchase at \$35 each plus applicable fees and may be picked up during registration at the Conference.

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

Digital Souvenir Book

Things to Do

RESTAURANTS

Starbucks 101 W. Campbell Rd.	Velvet Taco 102 W. Campbell Rd.
Chick-Fil-A 106 W. Campbell Rd.	First Watch 202 W. Campbell Rd.
Cava 222 W. Campbell Rd.	Torchy's Tacos 300 W. Campbell Rd.
AJ's Hot Chicken 515 W. Campbell Rd.	Iron Restaurant 720 E. Campbell Rd.

Dimassi's Mediterranean Buffet
180 W. Campbell Rd.

ATTRACTIONS

AMF Richardson Lanes
2101 N. Central Expressway

Altitude Trampoline Park
110 W. Campbell Road

Centre for Dance
2080 N. Collins Boulevard

Frontiers of Flight Museum
6911 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas

Dallas Museum of Art
1717 N. Harwood Street, Dallas

Museum of Contemporary Visual Art
1201 E. 15th Street, Plano

Plano African American Museum
900 13th Street, Plano

Holocaust & Human Rights Museum
300 N. Houston Street, Dallas

Museum of Biblical Art
7500 Park Lane, Dallas

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 contract located here:

Vendor Agreement

Suggested Attire

THURSDAY

Pre-Conference Board Meetings: KPC Shirt and Casual Bottoms.

FRIDAY

Community Service: KPC Shirts, Casual Bottoms, Comfortable, Closed-Toe Shoes

Workshops, Joint Plenary Session I: Business Casual Attire, KPC Shirts Encouraged, No Denim

Game Night: More Information to Follow!

SATURDAY

Plenary Sessions: Business Attire

Conference Mass: Full 3rd and 4th Degree Turnout Regalia

Conference Awards Banquet & Ball: "A Night in Paris" Formal Attire

SUNDAY

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

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.

Currently, the Texas KPC 100 Club has over 1,200 members and is ALWAYS accepting new memberships. The goal is to ensure each Knight and Lady within the State of Texas, become 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 or submit a Grant or Religious Vocation Scholarships, please download the forms on the Texas State Conference website and submit them to Lady Ouida Thornton at othornton29@gmail.com.



KPC 100 Club

Clavers Fighting Cancer

Thank you for your support in 2025! Because of you, we were able to impact the Golden Triangle community through Winners for Life. We are excited to continue that work at the upcoming Texas State Conference in Richardson, TX.

We invite all Councils, Courts, and members to support the **Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction and Virtual Raffle**, benefiting a local organization in the Greater Dallas/Plano/Richardson area.

How to Participate:

- **Attending Conference?** Bring an item to donate to the Silent Auction.
- **Not attending?** Support us by purchasing Virtual Raffle chances or making a donation.

Virtual Raffle Prizes:

- 50+-inch Smart HD TV and cash prizes
- Chances: 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10
- Drawing: Saturday, May 2, 2026

Raffle tickets may be purchased on the **Texas State Conference website** or by sending payment via Zelle to texasclaversfightingcancer@gmail.com (please include your Council/Court number and whether it is for raffle tickets or a donation). Raffle chance listings may be emailed to Lady Delilah Francis with the purchaser's name and phone number. If physical raffle tickets are preferred, please contact Lady Francis at dgauthia@aol.com or (832) 722-5976.

Raffle purchaser names and phone numbers must be submitted by **April 26, 2026** to Lady Delilah Francis at dgauthia@aol.com. For physical tickets, contact her at (832) 722-5076.

For questions, please contact:

Lady Nan Arceneaux (832) 259-6930

Lady Janice Taylor (281) 384-7875

Knight Adrian Adams (832) 795-8597

Lady Delilah Francis (832) 722-5976

We look forward to seeing you in Richardson, Texas!

Clavers Fighting Cancer