



Knights of Columbus® Indiana State Council

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Worthy Brother Knights,

We invite you to the Knights of Columbus 125th Annual Indiana Jurisdictional Meeting (State Convention) being held at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne on April 17th to 19th, 2026. The State Council Officers, Director's, Chairmen, and District Deputies hope you enjoy the weekend of celebration, recognition, and training. We believe we have prepared an outstanding program that will be both informative and rewarding for all who attend.

Our annual State Convention is a time-honored opportunity for Brother Knights from across Indiana to gather in fraternity, faith, and service. Together, we will conduct the important business of our Order, celebrate our accomplishments, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as Catholic gentlemen committed to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

This convention is especially important as 2026 is an election year. Elections will be held for a new State Advocate and the State Officer positions, along with Diocesan Caucus elections to select delegates to attend the Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado, in August 2026. Your participation matters—make a difference by being present and voting for the future leadership of our jurisdiction.

On Friday, April 17, 2026, we will host a special Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony exclusively for clergy members wishing to join the Patriotic Degree. Members are encouraged to attend and invite and sponsor their chaplains, deacons, and seminarians in attending Friday's events. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our clergy into the Fourth Degree. Only Clergy will be exemplified.

Everyone is invited to attend the Vocations Dinner on Friday evening, where we will celebrate and honor our clergy—from seminarians to bishops—and all religious who faithfully serve the Church. Please invite your Priest and join us in welcoming and showing appreciation for those who give so much to our faith.

To support the Vocations Dinner, we ask each council to consider sponsoring a seminarian with a \$125 donation to help offset the cost of attendance. Checks should be made payable to "Indiana State Council" and mailed to State Secretary Bob Zielinski by April 7, 2026. Quarter, half, and Full page advertisements in the Convention Book will help offset the convention costs. If you, your council/assembly, or business would like to place an advertisement in our State Convention Book, please contact State Secretary Bob Zielinski.



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Throughout the convention, there will be numerous breakout sessions covering a variety of topics to help councils grow and succeed. State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen will be available to share insights and answer questions. In addition, our State Treasurer will present a Saturday afternoon session on creating and using online payment systems for dues, donations, and events.

There will be many breakout sessions, covering a variety of topics & discussions to learn more about the Knights and to help councils grow and succeed. State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen will be onsite to discuss topics and help answer questions you may have. In addition, our State Treasurer will present a Saturday afternoon session on creating and using online payment systems for dues and donations.

Our General Agent will be there with the Field Agents for their meeting, and to share information with us on the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program in a breakout session.

Financial Secretaries from councils throughout the State will be gathering in their annual meeting to share information and answer questions.

There will also be events for the ladies, so we encourage you to bring your wife and enjoy the weekend together with us.

Indiana has worked hard to improve our membership growth and development as a State Jurisdiction. Let's encourage each other to make the final push to meet our Circle of Honor goals. We have a great chance to be one of the elite Jurisdictions.

We sincerely hope you will be able to attend and take part in shaping the future of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana. I am looking forward to seeing you all at this event as we celebrate our accomplishments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gilbert E. Spisak'.

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