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## **2023 K of C MD State Convention Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. Where do I find the most current information regarding the convention?**

**You found it!** Frequently visit this page for the latest convention information.

### **2. What are the IMPORTANT dates to remember for the convention?**

Convention online registration will open **January 9, 2023**. The annual convention golf tournament and Sunset Cruise will be on **Thursday, May 4, 2023**. **Convention check-in** opens on **May 4 and runs through May 6, 2023**. Convention events begin on **Friday, May 5, and end on Sunday, May 7, 2023**. See the Convention Schedule posted on this page.

### **3. Where is the convention being held?**

The convention will be at the Crowne Plaza, located at 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, Maryland. The recently renovated property features ample parking with convention registration and ground floor meeting rooms. Handicapped guest rooms will also be available upon request. (<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/annapolis/anpam/hoteldetail>)

### **4. How will I register?**

You will (continue to) register online for your room and all convention activities. Rooms will be available at the Crowne Plaza for \$145/night plus tax. **Convention online registration will open January 9, 2023. Two changes for 2023:**

1. The Crowne Plaza will assign rooms
  2. Room keys will be in the convention packets (after-hours hotel check-in will also be available).
- Delegates and Grand Knights are strongly encouraged to register **BEFORE January 22, 2023**, to receive priority hotel room assignments. While online convention registration will close on April 30, 2023, online convention post-registration will remain open thru Saturday, May 6. Starting May 1, "walk-in" registrants will be encouraged to register online prior to arrival to expedite final registration/check-in processing. Continue to visit this page during December 2022/January 2023 for the latest registration information.

## 5. Will the convention agenda be like prior conventions?

We are working to preserve a similar convention agenda/activities/traditions for the 2023 Annapolis convention. The Ladies Activities, Business Meetings, Grand Knight Olympics, Award Ceremony, Mass, and the Convention Banquet. Continue to visit this page for the latest convention schedule information. Also see the Convention Schedule posted on this page.

## 6. Where will Mass be held?

Mass will be celebrated in the Crowne Plaza Arundel Ballroom by Archbishop William Lori at **3:30PM**.

## 7. Will there be hospitality?

We recognize hospitality rooms have long been a cornerstone of the convention and we are striving to preserve the legacy, spirit, and camaraderie of the hospitality at the Crowne Plaza. Our District Deputies have been provided information on the current plans for hospitality and will be soliciting your input/ideas for re-imagining hospitality in Annapolis. Please contact them (or me) for more information and give them your support and feedback! A few FAQs on Hospitality:

- **Will there be Hospitality Friday & Saturday Evening?** *Yes.*
- **Since there will be no "Hospitality Rooms", where will food and drink be served?**  
*Alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks will be served at "cash bars" in the Annapolis Bar & Grill (see the diagram posted on our web page) and at "event bars" throughout the first-floor lobby area. Food will be served in the Annapolis Bar & Grill and food/non-alcoholic drinks will be served at participating District/Council Kiosks throughout the first-floor lobby area.*

Continue to visit this page for the latest updates & FAQs on hospitality.

## 8. Will there be a Convention Program Book?

**The Program Book Letter and Contract are posted on this page for easy download.** The Program Book will only offer color ads in 2023. The Program Book provides important financial support for our convention. Plan now to support the Program Book and consider soliciting commercial ads to defray your ad cost. Program Book ads are a great way to showcase the good works of your council! Please contact Ray Cilento ([rcilento@verizon.net](mailto:rcilento@verizon.net)) for the latest information or questions regarding the Program Book.

## 9. Will there be activities in the Annapolis area to enjoy?

Annapolis has activities for everyone of all ages! We have met with the Mayor of Annapolis, the Annapolis Visitors Center, and representatives from the Annapolis business community. They are excited we have chosen Annapolis for our convention! We are actively working to make sure you will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy Annapolis and all that it has to offer.

(<https://www.visitannapolis.org>) We are planning a **2-hour Annapolis waterfront sunset cruise for Thursday, May 4 departing downtown Annapolis**. Please see the flyer on this page for more details on the sunset cruise, the Annapolis Visitor's Guide (<https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2022-Annapolis-Visitors-Guide.pdf>) and continue to visit this page for the latest Annapolis activity information.

## 10. What is the location of the Convention Golf Tournament?

The Convention Golf Chairman, A. Paul Weber has selected The Preserve at Eisenhower located at 1576 Generals Highway, Crownsville, MD to host this year's golf tournament.

(<https://www.thepreserveateisenhower.com>) The course is conveniently located to Route 97 and the Annapolis Crowne Plaza. The tee time on **May 4** will be **9AM** which is a change from the traditional 12:30PM time. Continue to visit this page for the latest convention golf tournament information.

## 11. Will there be a Youth Activities Program?

Muffy and John Cullum have joined the 2023 Convention Team to chair our Youth Activities Program! We have also added two additional couples to youth activities to assist Muffy. Muffy Cullum has been working hard to put together entertainment and delicious menus for our youth! This year's theme is "Carnival at the Crowne Plaza" that will include (4) sessions of fun activities for kids 4 -14! Registration for the Youth Program will be available when you register for the convention. Continue to visit this page for the latest youth activity information.

## 12. Who is the 2023 K of C MD State Convention Team?

- Chairman – Curt Phillips
- Advisor – Michael Sallese
- Treasurer – Thom Partenope
- Golf – A. Paul Weber
- Banquet and Hospitality – Sherman Casey
- Olympics – E. Paul Jones
- Program Book – Ray Cilento
- Online Registration – Rick Askins
- Youth – Muffy Cullum

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