



KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER, INC.

TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE



*Claverism: Imitating God's Love in Action*

**2025 TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE  
MAY 2-4, 2025**



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Holiday Inn & Suites  
Beaumont-Plaza  
3950 I-10 South & Walden Rd  
Beaumont, TX 77705



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## Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.

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



January 1, 2025

It is truly an honor and privilege to invite you to the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas State Conference of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary being held May 2-4, 2025 in Beaumont, Texas.

The theme of our Conference, **Claverism: Imitating God's Love in Action**, calls us to reflect on how we can embody God's boundless love in our daily lives and in the world around us. As St. Peter Claver did, we are challenged to love without limits, to serve the marginalized and oppressed, and to make God's love visible through our actions. In doing so, we follow the apostolic call to love as Christ loved – sacrificially, compassionately, and without distinction.

In keeping with this theme, we will reflect on the guiding words of Ephesians 5:1-2, which state:

*“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

This passage serves as our foundational inspiration throughout the Conference, and through our spirit-filled workshop from our State Chaplain, Father Kevin Fausz C.M., V.U. and our two service projects benefitting Henry's Place and Embracing Freedom, we will explore how we as Clavers, can mirror the love of Christ through our words and deeds, just as our Patron Saint did in his ministry to the enslaved, sick, and marginalized.

Throughout this Conference, you will have opportunities for spiritual upliftment during our daily rosaries, Conference Mass and Gospel Breakfast; engage in thought-provoking discussions; effect meaningful changes via resolutions; and reinforce our bonds through fellowship at our Friday night dance. Our hope is that this time together will not only deepen your understanding of our mission in Claverism, but will also strengthen your own commitment to loving and serving others as Christ loves and serves us.

May this Conference be a time of empowerment, renewal, and collaboration for all who attend.

We look forward to seeing each of you in Beaumont.

Yours in Claverism,

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# Schedule at a Glance\*

## SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

[Workshop: First Time Attendees\\*\\*](#)

Facilitators: Brother Nick Cormier & Lady Nan Arceneaux

## THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

[Pre-Conference Joint Board Meeting\\*\\*](#)

6:45 PM – 7:45 PM

Pre-Conference Knights Board Meeting\*\*

Pre-Conference Ladies Board Meeting\*\*

## FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[Conference Community Service Project #1\\*\\*\\*](#)

Location: **Henry's Place**, 1107 McFaddin Street

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch on Your Own

1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Vendors

1:00 PM – 2:45 PM

[Conference Community Service Project #2 \(Onsite\)](#)

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration and Credentials

3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Workshop: *Claverism in Action: Practical Steps to Imitate God's Love*

Facilitator: Father Kevin Fausz, C.M., V.U.

3:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Clavers Fighting Cancer Silent Auction

Conference Prayer Room

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Joint Opening Plenary Session I

5:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Workshop: State Deputies

Facilitators: Brother Paul Landry & Lady Rose Ellis

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Dinner on Your Own

8:30 PM – 11:30 PM

[Western Zydeco Dance ft. Step Rideau & Zydeco Outlaws\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

## SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

7:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Conference Prayer Room

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Breakfast in Atrium (Included in Hotel Room Cost)

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM

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 Lunches available](#))\*\*\*\*\*

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

Black & White Conference Awards Banquet & Ball

## SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

### 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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Knights Plenary Session III

Ladies Plenary Session III

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Post-Conference Joint Board Meeting

\* Schedule is subject to change.

\*\* Denotes Zoom and/or Hybrid meetings that require registration. Click the event above to register.

\*\*\* Denotes offsite activity that requires registration. Click the event above to register. **Space is limited.**

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

\*\*\*\*\* Boxed lunches available for purchase. Click the link above to order.

# Registration Information

## REGISTRATION

All registration **MUST** be submitted online. 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](#)

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

The Friday Western Zydeco Dance is not included in registration and is \$35.00 plus applicable fees per attendee.

**Timely registration is \$125 plus applicable fees per attendee** and must be submitted by March 31, 2025.

Late registration will run from April 1, 2025 through April 12, 2025 **at \$150 plus applicable fees per attendee.** *Allowance of registration after April 12, 2025 will be at sole discretion of the Texas State Conference Board and will be \$175 plus applicable fees per attendee.* Please note, should you register after April 12, 2025, you may not receive all printed or pre-ordered materials.

**THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.**

## 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 registration link.

**No personal and/or Council/Court checks will be accepted via mail.**

## UNIT FEES

All applicable per capita, representation, charitable and all other fees must be paid by each Council/Court by **March 31, 2025** 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, 2025 using the following form:

[Registration Cancellation Form](#)

Approvals for cancellation submitted between April 12, 2025 and April 24, 2025 are at the sole discretion of the Joint Texas State Conference Board. **We will not honor any cancellation requests after April 24, 2025 due to planning commitments.**

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

# Hotel Reservation and Parking Information

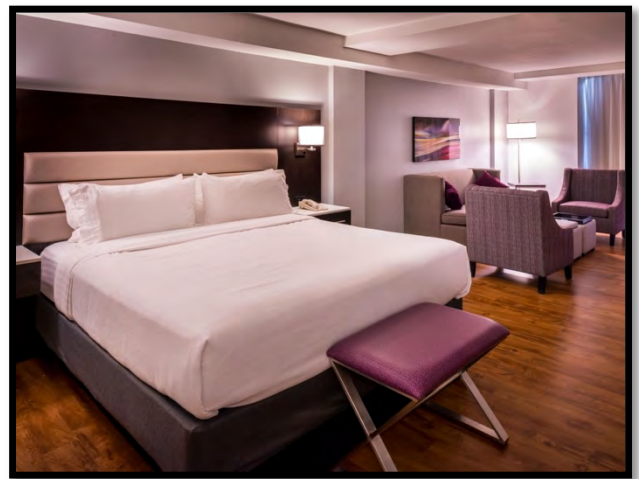


The Texas State Conference will take place at the Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont Plaza located at 3950 I-10 South, Beaumont, Texas 77705. **The rate is \$109.00 per night plus applicable taxes. The rate includes two breakfast tickets *per night*, for a total of four breakfast tickets per room if staying two nights.** All breakfast tickets may be used on Saturday morning.

All attendees will be responsible for their own room, tax, and incidental charges. **The hotel requires a hold of 25.00 for incidentals per night.** The last day to reserve your room is **Tuesday, April 1, 2025.**

You may reserve rooms by calling the hotel directly at 409.842.7806 and using “KPC” to receive the group rate or visiting the Texas State Conference booking site at the following link: [Hotel Reservations](#)

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.



## 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 31, 2025** through the appropriate link. **Failure to submit credentials by March 31, 2025 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 Beaumont community:

[Henry's Place](#)  
**1107 McFaddin Street**

Henry's Place is Some Other Place's Day Center for the unhoused. The mission of Henry's Place is to give the homeless a brief respite from the street. The Center offers breakfast, showers, laundry services, and access to an address and telephones.

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.

[Embracing Freedom](#)

Embracing Freedom is a Christian-based organization founded to respond to the epidemic of child sex trafficking.

We are asking individuals that each Court and Council to sign up to donate items for the victims and at-risk youth in the Beaumont area and help sort items for the Center at the Conference.

Please click the link above to sign up to donate items and volunteer to help sort items.

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## Committees

Each **on-time registrant** for the 2025 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.**

## Resolutions Information

### Knights' Resolution Submission Information

Resolutions to be considered at the 2025 Texas State Conference by the Texas State Council must be submitted by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary through the appropriate document. Please complete, sign, and return via email to [TSCpresident@hotmail.com](mailto:TSCpresident@hotmail.com):

[Knights Resolution Form \(Councils with Seal\)](#)  
[Knights Resolution Form \(Councils without Seal\)](#)

All resolution forms must be submitted by **March 31, 2025** for consideration. Forms not submitted through the correct process will not be considered at the Texas State Conference.

### Ladies' Resolution Submission Information

Resolutions to be considered at the 2025 Texas State Conference by the Texas State Court must be submitted by the Grand Lady and Financial Secretary through the appropriate online form located at the following link:

[Ladies Resolutions Form](#)  
[Ladies Resolutions Submittal](#)

All resolution forms must be submitted by **March 31, 2025** for consideration. Forms not submitted through the correct process will not be considered at the Texas State Conference.

# Conference Award and Service Submissions

## Knights' Forms

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

Form	Deadline
<a href="#">Human Development Fund</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">In Memoriam</a>	April 15, 2025
<a href="#">Junior Knight Commander of the Year</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">M.M. Hopkins*</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">Outstanding Knight of the Year*</a>	March 31, 2025

## Ladies' Forms

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

Form	Deadline
<a href="#">Education Fund</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">Inez Y. Bowman Exemplary Award*</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">In Memoriam</a>	April 15, 2025
<a href="#">Junior Daughter Counselor of the Year</a>	March 31, 2025
<a href="#">Outstanding Lady of the Year*</a>	March 31, 2025

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, 2025**:

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

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## Joint Forms

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

Form	Deadline
<a href="#">Charitable Service</a>	April 15, 2025
<a href="#">George "Mickey Leland" Memorial Food Drive</a>	April 15, 2025
<a href="#">Veterans Service Project</a>	April 15, 2025
<a href="#">Military Information Form</a>	April 15, 2025

## Individual Forms

Form	Deadline
<a href="#">Conference Choir</a>	March 31, 2025

**\*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 2025. The Luncheon date will be announced at the 2025 Texas State Conference.**





## 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 and \$75 each. The deadline to submit advertisements is **April 15, 2025**.

**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](#)

## 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](#)

## Suggested Attire

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

**Community Service:** KPC Shirts, Casual Bottoms, and Comfortable Shoes.

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

**Dance:** Casual Western Attire

### SATURDAY

**Plenary Sessions:** Business Attire

**Conference Mass:** Full 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Turnout Regalia

**Conference Awards Banquet & Ball:** Black and White Formal Attire

### SUNDAY

**Gospel Breakfast & Plenary Sessions:** 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. To Request Grant funds, complete the appropriate Grant application form enclosed in the Texas State Conference registration packet and e-mail to Lady Ollie Duplechain at [ollie1938@att.net](mailto:ollie1938@att.net).

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

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](mailto:ollie1938@att.net)

## [Texas KPC 100 Club Membership Form](#)



# Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer

## Welcome to the Golden Triangle – Claver Family!

The Texas State Conference (TSC) Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Committee thanks you for your support in 2024! With your support we were able to leave an impact in the Houston community with the Angels Surviving Cancer organization! The committee is excited about the upcoming conference in the beautiful Golden Triangle city of Beaumont and to be hosting the upcoming Texas Clavers Fighting Cancer Annual Silent Auction!

Grand Knights, Grand Ladies and members 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 local organization – Winners for Life.

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 some 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 3, 2025, 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 via Zelle using the email address: [texasclaversfightingcancer@gmail.com](mailto:texasclaversfightingcancer@gmail.com). Please use the note area to indicate the council/court number and if the payment is for raffle tickets or a donation.

### RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION

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](mailto: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, 2025, via email to [dgauthia@aol.com](mailto: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.

We look forward to seeing you in Beaumont, Texas!





*Clavers*

**FIGHTING CANCER**

*Silent Auction*

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featuring

Step Rideau &  
The Zydeco Outlaws



# Country WESTERN Zydeco Dance

May  
2nd

8:30

Holiday Inn & Suites Beaumont Plaza  
3950 I-10 South  
Beaumont, Texas 77705



# Black & White Ball



**TEXAS STATE CONFERENCE  
AWARDS BANQUET & BALL**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 3RD**

**8 PM**

Attire: Black and White Formal

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