

February 1, 2017

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

Welcome to the 2017 Nebraska State Council Annual Convention. For many of you, this may be your first opportunity to attend a state convention and we want to welcome you. We wanted to pass on some information that should help make your weekend enjoyable and memorable.

**Friday evening** is our State Awards banquet. This is a time when we recognize those Councils and individuals who have done an outstanding job over the past fraternal year. This is a semi-formal dinner and as such, it is suggested that men and women be in business attire.

**Saturday morning** is our family program. This year's program will be announced in the future Courier. Dress for this session is casual. Shorts and T-shirts, jeans, slacks or business casual are appropriate for this session.

**The Saturday noon luncheon** is our celebration of the outstanding families in our great state and includes the the Family of the Year presentation. This also is a casual lunch and business casual attire is appropriate.

**Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning are the business sessions of the weekend.** Delegates and members will meet to begin conducting the business of the State Council. District Deputies and State Directors and Chairman should be in appropriate business attire as State Officers will be in shirts and ties. Delegates and members should plan to dress accordingly.

**The Ladies' program on Saturday afternoon** and the appropriate dress will be announced in the upcoming Courier.

**The Saturday evening Mass** is our State Mass. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights are encouraged to be in full regalia. All other Knights, ladies and family members should be in appropriate attire for Mass.

**The Saturday evening State Banquet** is the highlight of our weekend. This is a formal evening where you will hear about the status of the Knights of Columbus from members of our State Council and from our honored Supreme guest. Many of the Brother Knights who stood honor guard at Mass will still be in their tuxedos. It is suggested that men wear coats and ties to this dinner and ladies wear dress pant suits, skirts or dresses. All State Officers will be in their white dinner jackets and you are also welcome to wear a dinner jacket or your Council's blazers if you so desire.

There will be a **Sunday morning Mass** for those that would like to attend and appropriate Mass attire should be worn.

**The Ladies' brunch** is Sunday morning and features a guest speaker or entertainer. Business casual is suggested.

The suggestions above are just that, suggestions. We just wanted to give you a little glimpse of the weekend and help you prepare for a great convention. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Fraternally,

Your State Officers