



Knights of Columbus

Georgia State Council

124th Annual Meeting – Savannah, Georgia – May 15-17, 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR The Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus; December 7, 2025

SUBJECT: 124th Annual Meeting Knight of the Year Nomination Instructions

The Georgia State Council, Knights of Columbus, will honor the Georgia State Knight of the Year at the annual banquet in Savannah, Georgia on May 16, 2026. The selected Knight need not be present at the banquet. The criteria for judging are as follows:

1. Any Third-Degree Knight of Columbus of a Council in the Georgia jurisdiction who has been a member of the Order for at least one year is eligible for nomination as the Georgia State Knight of the Year.
2. Local Councils will submit narrative typed nominations of at least 100 words but no more than 500 words.
3. Council entries must include the Knight's name, Council number, membership number, age, present position in the Council, and reasons for the nomination. It should include involvement with faith, community, family, and life, with special emphasis on present and past achievements. Demonstrate support of Council and Parish activities, as well as participation in those activities.
4. The nomination must be signed by the Grand Knight and Chaplain, or Pastor.
5. The State Chaplain and Associate State Chaplains will serve as the selection committee, calling on others as needed to review the nominations and confer on the selection in total secrecy. Do **not** submit your nomination electronically. **Only mail** nominations. Mail three copies, one to each of our Chaplains:

Reverend Juan Areiza
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta GA 30004-4048

Reverend Sunny Punnakuziyil
801 Tom Smith Road SW
Lilburn GA 30047-2215

Reverend Christopher R. Hassel
2607 Lumpkin Road
Augusta GA 30906-3222

6. Entries received after April 1, 2026 will be rejected.

Fraternally,

Paul J. Zock
Georgia State Secretary

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