

Iowa Knights of Columbus Bowling Association

Worthy Grand Knight:

Has your Council ever considered hosting the State Knights of Columbus Bowling Tournament? If you are interested, now is the time to put in your bid for the year 2026 tournament...and here is how it works:

Starting in 1977, the by-laws of the Iowa K of C Bowling Association state that the tournament must rotate from West to Central to East to Central and so on...in other words, every other year it would be in the Central section. However, we modified that rule starting in 1988 by making the tourney equally divided between East, Central and West.

Prior rules did state that all bidding Councils must have participated in 4 State K of C Bowling tourneys immediately preceding the year they bid but the board has waived this rule with the goal to have new councils and bowlers involved. We are opening up to any council that is interested in hosting the tournament.

Last season (2023), the tourney was held in Davenport, 2024 in Ankeny, and in 2025 Peosta. To place your bid, simply write a letter to me, the State K of C Bowling Association Secretary at the address below and be sure to include your bowling alley facilities and motel/hotel accommodations.

In order to protect the Knights of Columbus brand, and to limit liability of the State Council, the following procedures must be followed to have a fraternal recreation event recognized as a "state" event.

- One member of the organizing committee MUST be approved (appointed) by the State Deputy as the point of contact between the State Council and the respective program
- Proper promotional materials are made with the marking of the State Council
- Promotional materials are given to the state-appointed coordinator at least 3 months in advance of the event
- A percentage of the funds raised is donated to the Charitable Foundation (amount and fund determined by the host committee/council)

All bids must be in my hands by January 31, 2024. These bids are then reviewed and all acceptable bids are then placed on the ballot. All captains of teams that enter the 2024 State K of C Bowling Tourney in Davenport are eligible to vote for the 2026 host, so it behooves you to send bowlers to vote and campaign for your Council if you wish to host the 2026 tourney. The winner will be announced at the State K of C Bowling meeting in May of 2024 at the State KC Bowling Assn Meeting in Waterloo.

While there is considerable work and dedication needed in hosting a State K of C Bowling Tourney, on both the local and state board level; working together it is rewarding work, both financially and fraternally. For more information, to turn in your bid or if you are not the current Grand Knight of your council, please write to me at the e-mail address below with any questions or updated information.

Fraternally,

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