

State Ball and Raffle Tickets

Each year, the State Ball is held typically in October. The Ball is used as a fundraiser for the State Scholarship program. The Council usually will receive raffle tickets at one of the quarterly meeting. The Grand Knight is usually asked how many his Council wants. We typically will ask for 2,000 tickets.

The Grand Knight appoints an individual who will be responsible for the distribution of the tickets to members via mail and the coordination of other ticket via bingo, etc. We do not “sell” these tickets at any time; they are given away at no obligation. No purchase is necessary to be eligible for any prize. We do, however, hope that any recipient would donate to our charities.

Typically, a motion is made at the August or September Council meeting to approve the purchase from the Council for four meal tickets to the Ball itself. It is up to the Grand Knight as to the distribution of the tickets, but typically they would be for himself and his spouse and the raffle chairman and his spouse/guest.

The Council also usually sponsors a full page ad in the State Ball ad book. This is done in conjunction with the the fourth degree, which pays for half. (See “Advertising” page). It is the Grand Knight's responsibility to insure that the Ad get placed each year.

At the Ball or thereafter, the Council has the responsibility of notifying the State Treasurer where the proceeds of the Council's share of the State Ball raffle tickets should go. We receive half of our donations back. The money goes into our general fund to defray the total cost of the budget item of our charity of choice. We have been allocating the money to the Council's TAPS (Tuition Assistance for Parochial School) fund.

IMPORTANT: The Grand Knight should ensure that either he or the Ticket Chairman sends this letter out. The State will not send out any disbursements to us without the letter each year.

Jan 2016 update:

There is a form that State wants us to fill out; a letter is not needed. The form also asks how many raffle tickets are desired. In 2015, we asked for 900 but only “sold” 500 and gave excess away to other councils. Also, any tickets mailed out that got no returns were “lost.”

For the summer of 2016, we asked for 700 books. (6 tickets/book)