

## **Florida State Council Charity Raffle**

The Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, will conduct a state-wide raffle in which the proceeds will go to raise funds for local affiliated councils as well as for Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Raffle books containing 4 raffle tickets each will be distributed directly to local councils during the organizational meeting. The number of books each council receives will be based on 50% of the council's membership. Suggested **donation** is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10 per book, however there is no fee to participate. Council member's and Councils sell the tickets. The council will send a check payable to **FLORIDA K of C CHARITIES, INC.** for \$6.00 per book sold. while retaining the other \$4.00 designated for the council's charitable programs.

For example, if a council collects donations for 300 books over the 8-month period that the raffle is operating, the council keeps \$1,200 and sends \$1,800 to the Florida State Council. There are no out-of-pocket costs to the local council. The Florida State Council will manage all the marketing and ticket printing costs, along with putting up the prize money.

In addition to the final drawing, there will be two other drawings for the members who are collecting donations, "**Quick Start**" and "**Early Bird**" drawings will be conducted for ticket book solicitors only. To be eligible for these drawings, ticket book solicitors must return the back cover, the tickets and donations collected by the dates indicated. **All checks and ticket books with staple removed must be mailed to Raffle Chairman Jerry Graceffo, Jr., 5250 Napoli Run, Bradenton, FL. 34211.**

**Councils cannot be named as the solicitor or donor of a ticket.** The council can purchase tickets in the name of their parish or in the name of a charity. Only an individual's name can be put on as ticket book solicitor.

### **ALL RETURNED TICKET BOOKS MUST HAVE STAPLES REMOVED AND RETURNED WITH A CHECK FOR THOSE BOOKS**

In **Quick Start**, one ticket solicitor wins \$250 in the drawing to be held during the Mid-year meeting on December 13, 2025. Ticket books with backs **and staples removed** must be received by November 20, 2025, with the commensurate donations to be eligible.

The **Early Bird** drawing will take place at the FSC Board meeting on March 13, 2026. One winner will be awarded \$400. Ticket books with backs **and staples removed** must be returned February 10, 2026, with commensurate donations to be eligible. Quick Start tickets will be included in the Early Bird drawing.

All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1, 2026. All tickets, donations and raffle tickets **with staples removed must** be in by May 10, 2026. The final drawing will be held at the Florida State Council - Annual Convention Dinner, May 23, 2026, in Orlando, FL.

**Prizes:** Total Prizes \$33,500

1<sup>st</sup> Prize **\$25,000**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize **\$5,000**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (2) **\$1,000** each

**Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:** 1st prize winning ticket gets \$500.  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$250.  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning ticket wins \$100.

**Quick Start Drawing:** One prize to seller – wins \$250.

**Early Bird Drawing:** One prize to seller - wins \$400.

## **Official Rules**

Donations accepted for tickets – no purchase required.

Random drawing of tickets received.

Need not be present to win.

Contributions to the Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Raffle are not deductible as a charitable donation for federal income tax purposes.

All prizes paid by Florida K of C Charities, INC.

Tickets will be given one per person, must be 18 years old or older to participate or win prizes.

Official numbered tickets only, no photocopy, reproductions or other forms accepted, cannot be combined, sold or re-distributed. Tickets have No commercial value.

Officers of Florida State Council, Florida K of C Charities, Inc., Members having oversight of Florida K of C Charities Inc. operations are not eligible to win. And their immediate family members are not eligible to win.

The Florida State Council and its various subsidiary councils are not eligible to win, Florida 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies are not eligible to win, squires circles and Columbiette Auxiliaries are not eligible to win and cannot purchase tickets in their name.

All Winners will be notified as soon as possible after the drawing and are required to provide to the Director Florida K of C Charities, Inc. by priority mail within 5 business days of notification copies of government issued identification, a completed IRS Form W-9, and a signed statement acknowledging that they understand their winnings will be reported to the

appropriate tax authorities, that at the determination of the tax authorities taxes due on winnings (withholdings) may be deducted from winnings and deposited with the appropriate tax authority, further that the winner agrees to use of their name and picture in Florida K of C Charities, Inc. publicity.

**Return raffle books with staples removed and checks to:**

**Jerry Graceffo, Jr., Raffle Chairman**

**5250 Napoli Run**

**Bradenton, Fl. 34211**

**[5250lwr@gmail.com](mailto:5250lwr@gmail.com)**

**727-542-5804**

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