

Minneapolis



ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHTH GRAND LODGE SESSION

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

JULY 2-5, 2023

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



WELCOME TO MINNEAPOLIS

Welcome to Minneapolis, Minnesota! We have 24 Lodges in one great state. It is time to Get Your Plaid On!

As you all come together in Minneapolis to meet new friends and old acquaintances, make sure to keep a look out for Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. After the meetings, make sure to walk the street known as Nicollet Mall, or venture over to the Mall of America.

There may still be tickets left to see the Minnesota Twins take on the Kansas City Royals, where Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley will throw out the first pitch. The game is on Monday, July 3, and tickets are available in the exhibit hall near registration.

The Minnesota Elks have been diligently working for the last year to make sure that your visit here is nothing other than extraordinary. You will see the convention volunteers in red vests as you wander. And yes, the phrase Minnesota Nice is true, so please feel free to ask for their assistance. They, along with the Grand Lodge Convention Commission, have been preparing to make this a fabulous destination for the convention. Make sure to attend all the workshops and take in the vendors at the exhibit hall. Don't leave without the wonderful Get Your Plaid On merchandise.

We will have the honor of hearing from GER Hidley and Endorsed Candidate Randy P. Shook. As we, the Best People On Earth, gather to do the business of our Order, let's enjoy the moments we have together. Best of luck to all the ritual teams and the participants in the Flag Charge Contest and Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest. Let's all celebrate, Get Our Plaid On, and have a super convention.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and God bless!



Paul R. Ryan
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Minnesota State Sponsor



CONVENTION COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PRECAUTIONS

Please be aware that attendance at the Grand Lodge National Convention in **Minneapolis, Minnesota**, may pose a risk of exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and its potential variants. While the CDC and federal government has lifted the rigid pandemic requirements, we recommend each attendee evaluate their risk of exposure and take such precautions as they deem necessary. Registration and/or attendance at any event constitutes waiver of any claims related to any such potential exposure.

All convention attendees are encouraged to:

- Wash their hands frequently during the convention.
- Monitor their own health on a daily basis to be alert for known symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Do not attend convention events if you are experiencing any of these symptoms.

Please refer to the Elks.org website for further information and updates concerning the 2023 Elks National Convention and the COVID-19 safety guidelines and precautions that may be in place to help ensure that everyone has a safe and healthy experience.

Please do not forget to pre-register for the convention and make event reservations on the Elks.org website. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!

Fraternally,

Arthur H. Frost III, PGER

Elks National Convention Commission Chairman

Tina M. Haran

Convention and Meetings Director

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On behalf of the City of Minneapolis, I would like to personally extend a warm welcome to all who plan to attend the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks 2023 National Convention. We are thrilled to welcome you to our fine city and hope that you make it a point to get out and explore everything we have to offer. There will be plenty to keep you busy over the Fourth of July in Minneapolis. There is something for everyone here.

In addition to offering all the amenities of a world-class city, Minneapolis is also a warm and welcoming destination for visitors to our first-class hotels, restaurants, entertainment venues, museums, family-friendly activities, transit systems, parks, beautiful outdoor spaces, and the Mississippi River, all within the city limits.

Our transit system makes it easy to get around the city—whether it's taking the light rail from the airport or travelling throughout downtown. Our parks system includes seven golf courses, 12 gardens, 22 lakes, 55 miles of biking/walking paths, and 180 parks. Our seven cultural districts are home to some of the best food, cultural events, and public art in our country.

We look forward to having the 2023 convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America at our Minneapolis Convention Center. Our commitment is to offer and deliver to all attendees a superior experience here in Minneapolis!

Yours truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey
City of Minneapolis



REGISTRATION

BADGES AND EVENT RESERVATION INFORMATION

All Grand Lodge Members, Exalted Rulers, visiting Elks, and their guests must be registered. Your badge must be displayed for admission into the session halls and all Elks-related functions associated with this convention.

In the interest of everyone's safety, all attendees of the 2023 Elks National Convention will be required to preregister on the Elks.org website. On-site registration will be limited.

The registration area will open on Friday, June 30, at 12:00 p.m. at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Hall C, located at 1301 Second Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55403. The registration staff will be available during the convention to address any issues with badges or voting credentials. The Minneapolis Convention Center should be considered your information center.



Minneapolis Convention Center Plaza | Photo: Ric Rosow Photography/Minneapolis Convention Center

REGISTRATION HOURS

Hall C

Minneapolis Convention Center

Friday, June 30	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 18:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 28:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Monday, July 37:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, July 47:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

EVENT RESERVATIONS

All attendees are asked to make reservations for all seminars and workshops. Attendees will be required to make reservations on the Elks.org website. *An event reservation does not guarantee a seat in the seminar.*

REGISTRATION

EXHIBITS

Displays for the activities of Grand Lodge committees and programs, state major projects, and trademark licensees will be located in the Minneapolis Convention Center in Hall C.



View of Downtown Minneapolis from Boom Island Park |
Photo: Lane Pelovsky, Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

EXHIBIT HOURS

Hall C

Minneapolis Convention Center

Saturday, July 1 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 2 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 3 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

Sessions will be held daily at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Hall D at 1301 Second Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

RITUALISTIC SCHEDULE

Ritualistic Contest finals will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on Monday, July 3.



CHURCH SERVICE



A Catholic Mass will be held on Sunday, July 2,
at 9 a.m. at the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel
in Minneapolis Ballroom A.

GRAND LODGE

All Grand Lodge Sessions will be held daily at the
Minneapolis Convention Center
Hall D
1301 Second Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55403

MCC=Minneapolis Convention Center

Sunday, July 2

9 – 10 a.m. Elks.org 101 for Exalted Rulers workshop. Director of Internet Operations Frederick Mensch will take Exalted Rulers on an insider's tour of the Elks.org website, with a particular focus on some new features of interest to Exalted Rulers. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

10 – 11:30 a.m. Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Marketing—"What's New?" seminar. New programs to enhance the Member experience. Ideas to drive Member enthusiasm, activity, and revenue. Ideas to attract new Members through favorable publicity. **MCC, meeting room 101B.**

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler seminar. PGERs are invited to attend. **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Rochester meeting room.**

10 – 11 a.m. Funding Veteran Programs seminar. Learn how Local Lodges can obtain federal, state, and county funding to support veterans and active service men and women. This session will be presented by Washington State Vets Chairman Elizabeth Johnston, a past ENVSC Award winner who has been recognized nationally by the Veterans Administration for her work with veterans and active service members. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar at the on how to submit fraternal news and photos to The Elks Magazine. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

11:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee—All American Lodge & Americanism Essay Contests workshop. **MCC, meeting room 101I.**

12 – 1 p.m. The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to The Elks Magazine. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

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Sessions will start each morning promptly at 8 a.m.

All attendees are required to register and requested to make event reservations to attend seminars and workshops. Please be sure to attend all sessions to receive the 2023-2024 program information.

12 – 2 p.m. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission—Serving Today’s Veterans: How Your Lodge can be a Resource for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans. Much has changed since Vietnam veterans came home. Learn about what is different and what has stayed the same as we review some of the top issues affecting Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, and how your Lodge can help veterans of all eras. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Elks.org 101 for Exalted Rulers workshop. Director of Internet Operations Frederick Mensch will take Exalted Rulers on an insider’s tour of the Elks.org website, with a particular focus on some new features of interest to Exalted Rulers. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

4 p.m. Official Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Members and accompanied guests are invited to attend. Opening remarks and Introduction of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Past First Ladies by Master of Ceremonies Robert L. Duitsman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler. Introduction of State Presidents and presentation of Flags by the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, William J. Lindsey. Welcome Guest Speaker, Drug Awareness Program Report, Elks National Foundation Report, Elks National Veterans Service Commission Report, Hoop Shoot® and Scholarship presentations, and a Rose Bowl presentation. Principal Address by Bruce A. Hidley, Grand Exalted Ruler. **MCC, Hall D.**



Boats on Lake Harriet in southwest Minneapolis | Photo: Lane Pelovsky, Courtesy Of Meet Minneapolis

GRAND LODGE

Monday, July 3

8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Opening Grand Lodge Business Sessions. **MCC, Hall D.**

- **8 a.m.** Opening Grand Lodge Business Session. Annual Report given by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Reports from Elks National Convention Commission, National Memorial & Publications, Veterans Restoration Trust, Board of Grand Trustees, Committee on Judiciary Preliminary Report, and Legislative Session Discussion.
- **9:40 a.m.** All registered guests are invited to attend the Session.
- **9:45 a.m.** Preliminary Ritual Report.
- **9:55 a.m.** Nomination & Election of Grand Lodge Officers for 2023-2024.
- **10:55 a.m.** *Celebration* and Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Acceptance Speech.

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Auditing and Accounting Committee—Introduction to Lodge Accounting for Officers seminar. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Fraternal Committee—Town Hall Meeting on State and Local Lodge Communication Contests workshop. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Elks National Foundation—Hoop Shoot: Developing Gritty Kids. Learn about what's in store for the upcoming season and how you can help develop gritty kids. **MCC, meeting room 101B.**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Elks National Foundation—Fundraising Chair seminar. The chair challenge provides a clear roadmap to fundraising success. Learn more about your role as a member of Team ENF in 2023, along with tools and tips to implement a broad-based fundraising program and best utilize the roadmap. Though the content for this seminar is designated for ENF Fundraising chairs, all are welcome to attend. **MCC, meeting room 101I.**

12:30 – 3 p.m. District Deputy Designate orientation. SDGERs are required to attend. **MCC, meeting room M100D on the mezzanine level.**

1 p.m. Ritualistic Finals. **MCC, 2nd level.**

1 – 2 p.m. “My Elks” Mobile App: Helping Lodges Engage Members seminar. From getting up-to-date event information and notifications to paying dues right

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from the palm of their hands, the My Elks mobile app is allowing Lodges to connect with and engage Members like never before. This session will be presented by the Area 8 My Elks app development team, and our developer partner GiantKiller will be on hand to answer questions. **MCC, meeting room 103B.**

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The Board of Grand Trustees will be available for questions. **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, meeting room Directors Row 1.**

1:30 – 4 p.m. Committee on Judiciary will be available for questions. **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Executive Lounge.**

2 – 2:30 p.m. Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with the State Presidents. **MCC, meeting room M101B on the mezzanine level.**

2 – 3 p.m. The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to The Elks Magazine. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

2 – 3:15 p.m. Auditing and Accounting Committee—Advanced Lodge Accounting Topics seminar. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

2 – 3:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Marketing—"What's New? Part Two!" seminar. A panel-lead discussion of successful Lodge leaders, focused on the ideas they are using that enhance the Member experience, increase enthusiasm and activity, drive revenue, get favorable publicity in the community, and grow membership. **MCC, meeting room 101B.**

2:30 – 4 p.m. Activities Committee seminar. The Activities Committee seminar will provide an overview of the committee's programs, including the Soccer Shoot, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, JROTC Awards, Scouting, Dictionary Project, Antlers, Community Projects Contest, Public Safety Medals, and the Junior Golf Program. At the end of the seminar, there will be a panel discussion and the opportunity for the Members to ask questions of the committee regarding the programs. **MCC, meeting room 103B.**

2:45 – 4 p.m. Elks National Foundation—Community Investments Program: #ElksAlwaysCare seminar. This session will be an opportunity to learn more about the 2023-2024 Lodge grants, including best practices for grant use. **MCC, meeting room 101I.**

3 – 4 p.m. Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with the District Deputies Designate. **MCC, meeting room M101B on the mezzanine level.**

GRAND LODGE

Tuesday, July 4

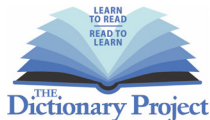
8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Grand Lodge Business Session. **MCC, Hall D.**

- **8 a.m.** Grand Lodge Business Session. Report of Resolutions Committee, Registration (Final), Board of Grand Trustees (Final), Grand Forum/Pardon Committee.
- **8:40 a.m.** Committee on Judiciary Legislative Session.
- **9:10 a.m.** Disaster Relief Fund Report, Government Relations Auditing & Accounting.
- **9:30 a.m.** All registered guests are invited to attend the Session.
- **9:35 a.m.** GER-Elect Program Remarks. Activities Committee, and Fraternal Committee “All American Lodge Awards” Committee Reports.
- **10:20 a.m.** Chicago Headquarters 2023-2024 Program.

11 a.m.– 1 p.m. Meet the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect by the Elks Memorial Clock for a picture and get your membership card signed. **MCC, outside Hall D.**

12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Auditing and Accounting Committee—Advanced Lodge Accounting Topics seminar. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

12:30 – 2 p.m. Activities Committee seminar. The Activities Committee seminar will provide an overview of the committee’s programs, including the Soccer Shoot, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, JROTC Awards, Scouting, Dictionary Project, Antlers, Community Projects Contest, Public Safety Medals, and the Junior Golf Program. At the end of the seminar, there will be a panel discussion, and the opportunity for Members to ask questions of the committee regarding the programs. **MCC, meeting room 101I.**



12:30 – 3 p.m. District Deputy Designate conference. SDGERs are required to attend. **MCC, meeting room M100D on the mezzanine level.**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to The Elks Magazine. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

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1:30 – 4 p.m. Committee on Judiciary will be available for questions. **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Executive Lounge.**

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The Board of Grand Trustees will be available for questions. **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel, Directors Row 1.**

1:30 – 3 p.m. The Elks National Drug Awareness Commission will host a “Drug Awareness Open



House.” Come and meet the "movers and shakers" of the Elks Drug Awareness Program. Learn about current drug trends. Meet this year's recipient of the Enrique S. Camarena Award, Deputy Kyle Mason, from Green Bay, Wisconsin. Learn how to become an Ambassador for the Drug Awareness Program. Prizes and giveaways. **MCC, meeting room 101B.**

2:15 – 3:30 p.m. Auditing and Accounting Committee—Introduction to Lodge Accounting for Officers seminar. **MCC, meeting room 101G.**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Elks.org 101 for Exalted Rulers workshop. Director of Internet Operations Frederick Mensch will take Exalted Rulers on an insider's tour of the Elks.org website, with a particular focus on some new features of interest to Exalted Rulers. **MCC, meeting room 101E.**

Wednesday, July 5

8 – 11 a.m. Final Grand Lodge Session. Open Session, Members and accompanied guests are invited to attend. All District Deputy-Designates are required to attend. **MCC, Hall D.**

- **8 a.m.** Memorial Service under the direction of PGER T. Keith Mills.
- **9 a.m.** Membership & Marketing Presentation.
- **9:15 a.m.** Installation of 2023-2024 Grand Lodge Officers by PGER Paul R. Ryan.
- **9:35 a.m.** Installation of 2023-2024 District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers.

All registered attendees are invited to attend. Grand Lodge Session will conclude by **11 a.m.**

Departure plans should be made accordingly. Late checkouts should be arranged with individual hotels in advance.

ENF MAKES A MARK IN MINNEAPOLIS



The Elks National Foundation has exciting events and presentations planned for you. Here are some highlights:

ENF AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Don't miss the Foundation's presentation during Sunday's Opening Ceremonies!

Sunday, July 2 | 4 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT: MEET THE ELKS SCHOLARS

Elks scholars will be at the convention center to talk to the people who have helped make their scholarships possible. Be sure to say hello to these outstanding members of the #ElksFamily.

Sunday, July 2 | ENF Booth in Hall C
Minneapolis Convention Center

STANDING IN THE HALL OF FAME: MEET THE ELKS HOOP SHOOT GETTY POWELL WINNERS

The 2023 National Finals highest overall scoring boy and girl, along with their families, will be at the convention center to meet and greet adoring fans. Be sure to say hello to the best youth free-throw shooters in America!

Sunday, July 2 | ENF Booth in Hall C
Minneapolis Convention Center

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!

Throughout the week, the Elks National Foundation will be hosting a Spotlight Grant Drive. We're asking convention attendees to bring a pack of new socks for veterans experiencing homelessness, or a new or gently used children's book to promote literacy. Your Lodge will then be entered into a raffle to double the value of its Spotlight Grant to \$4,000.

To enter the raffle, you must donate your item at the ENF booth during convention. However, anyone attending can participate—even guests! The socks and books will be donated to local organizations in the Minneapolis area. Donations can be dropped off at the ENF booth in the Exhibit Hall from Saturday to Tuesday.

SEMINARS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

When planning your schedule for the 2023 Elks National Convention in Minneapolis, don't miss the following Elks National Foundation sessions. Seating is limited for all of our seminars, and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Doors open 30 minutes before seminars begin.** For more information, email enf@elks.org or call (773) 755-4728.

ELKS HOOP SHOOT: DEVELOPING GRITTY KIDS

Learn about what's in store for the upcoming season and how you can help develop gritty kids!

Monday, July 3 | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 101B

ENF FUNDRAISING CHAIRS: A FUNDRAISING ROADMAP

The Chair Challenge provides a clear roadmap to fundraising success. Learn more about your role as a member of Team ENF in 2023, along with tools and tips to implement a broad-based fundraising program and best utilize the roadmap. Though the content for this seminar is designed for ENF Fundraising Chairs, all are welcome to attend.

Monday, July 3 | 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center – Room 101I

COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM: #ELKSALWAYS CARE

This session will be an opportunity to learn more about the 2023-24 Lodge grants, including best practices for grant use.

Monday, July 3 | 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center, Room 101I

*Rooms are subject to change. Visit our website, elks.org/enf, for more information.



Minneapolis

City by Nature

Minneapolis, Minnesota, welcomes the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to the 2023 Grand Lodge Convention. Once known as the "Flour Milling Capital of the World," Minneapolis and its sister city, Saint Paul, now form a dynamic metropolitan area with an economy based on manufacturing, healthcare, retail, and other industries. The city's downtown boasts a wealth of parks, museums, and restaurants, along with a spectacular waterfront along the Mississippi River.

Four blocks west of the Minneapolis Convention Center is Loring Park, a lightly wooded, 34-acre park that surrounds Loring Pond. Several miles of bicycle and walking trails circle the pond and provide a perfect place for exercise. At the west end of the park, a pedestrian bridge leads to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, home to more than 40 larger-than-life artworks, including the iconic Spoonbridge and Cherry.



Spoonbridge and Cherry at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden

Photo: Mike Krivit, courtesy of Meet Minneapolis. Art © Claes Oldenburg and Coosje van Bruggen

Just south of the sculpture garden is the Walker Art Center, a world-class contemporary art museum. Current exhibitions include colorful quilted paintings by Filipino-American artist Pacita Abad and ceramic sculptures of everyday objects crafted by Saint Louis-based artist Kahlil Robert Irving.

For visitors more interested in shopping and dining, downtown Minneapolis stretches northeast of the convention center along Nicollet Mall and Marquette Avenue, parallel streets that form one of the city's primary shopping corridors. Fine dining options in this area include Manny's Steakhouse, known for its filets and ribeyes. Manny's is at the corner of Marquette and Ninth Street, right next to Keys at the Foshay, a café offering breakfast, lunch, and a fabulous selection of baked goods for dessert.

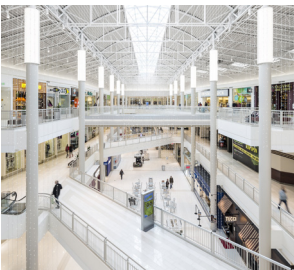
Northeast of downtown, visitors will find the Mississippi River and Minneapolis's many riverside parks, which cover more than 11 miles of the east and west banks of the river. West of the river, visitors will find Mill Ruins Park, which contains buildings, monuments, and other structures related to the history of the flour-milling and sawmilling industries in Minneapolis. Near Mill Ruins Park is Stone Arch Bridge, a pedestrian bridge over the Mississippi River that offers an excellent view of Saint Anthony Falls and is one of the best locations from which to watch the city's Red, White, and Boom! fireworks display on the Fourth of July.



Mill Ruins Park in Downtown Minneapolis

Photo: Krivit Photography, courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

About 10 miles south of downtown is the world-famous Mall of America. Visitors to the mall will find more than 500 stores, along with more than 50 restaurants, a theme park, an aquarium, several movie theaters, and other entertainment venues. For those without a car, the mall can be reached via the Metro, the city's light rail system, which has several downtown stops along Fifth Street, about half a mile northeast of the convention center.



Mall of America

Photo: Don F. Wong, courtesy of the Mall of America and Meet Minneapolis



Metro Transit light rail

Photo: Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

With the variety of museums, parks, restaurants, and other attractions Minneapolis has to offer, convention attendees will have no shortage of things to do during their stay.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary shuttle service is provided between the Minneapolis Convention Center and the hotels listed. Updated shuttle information signs will be posted in the lobby of each shuttle hotel.

ROUTES, HOTELS, AND BOARDING

Route 1 {Red} Boarding Location

Hilton Minneapolis *11th Street Side Entrance
(Limited Service)*

Route 2 {Blue} Boarding Location

Minneapolis Marriott City Center
Front of Hotel – Curbside on 7th Street

Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown
Walk to Minneapolis Marriott – Curbside on 7th

Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown
Walk to Minneapolis Marriott – Curbside on 7th

Route 3 {Green} Boarding Location

The Marquette Hotel
On 8th Street at Marquette – Across the Street

Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites
Back Entrance – Curbside on 8th Street

Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown
*Walk to Best Western Plus Normandy – Curbside
on 8th Street*

Route 4 {Orange} Boarding Location

AC Hotel Minneapolis Downtown
Front of Hotel – Curbside on Hennepin Avenue

Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot
Front of Hotel – Curbside on 3rd Avenue

Route 5 {Purple} Boarding Location

Courtyard Minneapolis Downtown
Curbside on Washington Avenue

HOURS OF OPERATION

Shuttles operate at 15-20 minute intervals, except where noted. Last shuttle leaves the hotels approximately 30 minutes prior to the end of shuttle schedule. Last shuttle leaves the convention center at times listed.

Saturday, July 1	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*
Sunday, July 2	8:00 a.m. – Close of Opening Ceremony
Monday, July 3	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*
Tuesday, July 4	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*
Wednesday, July 5	7:00 a.m. – Close of Session <i>*Shuttle runs on 30-minute intervals</i>

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR HOTEL LOBBY
SIGNS FOR UPDATED SCHEDULES**

For special transportation needs,
call: (310) 900-9525.

Please allow 30-45 minutes advance notice.

*Special transportation is available only
for service and times listed above.*

OFFICE INFORMATION

ROOM AND PHONE NUMBERS

Room 102B • (773) 755-4770

Includes:

Accounting	Insurance
Convention	Magazine
Elks National Foundation	Shipping
Grand Secretary	CLMS

HOURS

Saturday, July 1	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 2	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday, July 3.....	7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4.....	7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Local Support Committee — Room 102D

Newsletter — Room 102A

**Public Relations Membership
& Marketing — Room 102A**

CONVENTION HOTELS

Grand Lodge—Hilton Minneapolis.

Alabama—Hilton Minneapolis.

Alaska—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Friday: 4–11 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.–11 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. & 7–11 p.m. (closed during Grand Lodge Opening Session); Monday and Tuesday: Noon–11 p.m.; Wednesday: Noon–4 p.m.

Arizona—Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Hospitality schedule to be posted at hotel lobby.

Arkansas—Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown.

California/Hawaii—Minneapolis Marriott City Center.

Colorado—Courtyard by Marriott Minneapolis Downtown. Saturday: Closed; Sunday through Tuesday: 6–10 p.m.; Wednesday: Closed.

Connecticut—Millennium Minneapolis, Suite 1033. Hours will be posted on the door.

Florida—Hilton Minneapolis. Florida only until 9 p.m.

Georgia—Hilton Minneapolis.

Idaho—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Illinois—Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown.

Indiana—The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown, Suite 1608. Saturday: 7–11:30 p.m.; Sunday: Noon–3 p.m. & 6 p.m.–Midnight; Monday and Tuesday: Noon–5 p.m. & 6 p.m.–Midnight.

Iowa—Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites, Continental Room. Opens Saturday at 4 p.m. Tuesday: Iowa only from 4–7 p.m.

Kansas—Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown, meeting room on second level overlooking atrium. Saturday: 6–10 p.m.; Sunday: 7–10 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday: 1–5 p.m. & 7–10 p.m.

Kentucky—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Open 4–11 p.m. Closed during sponsor visit.

Louisiana—Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites.

Maine—Millennium Minneapolis, Suite 1167. Maine Elks only on Saturday. Closed Sunday for Opening Ceremony.

Massachusetts—Millennium Minneapolis, 14th floor Nicollet Suite. Closed Tuesday night for Massachusetts only.

MD, DE, & DC—The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown, Suite 424. Saturday: Noon–11 p.m.; Sunday: Noon–4 p.m. & 8–11 p.m.; Monday: Noon–5 p.m. & 9 p.m.–Midnight; Tuesday: Noon–5 p.m. & 7–11 p.m.

Michigan—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, 4th floor Park Suite. Saturday: 7–11 p.m.; Sunday: After Grand Lodge Opening–11 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday: 2–5 p.m. & 7–11 p.m. Tuesday night Michigan only.

Minnesota—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Room 2412. Saturday: Minnesota Elks only. Sunday: Noon–3 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday: 3–6 p.m.

Mississippi—Hilton Minneapolis.

Missouri—The Marquette Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton, 19th floor Presidential Suite. Elks only. Missouri only times will be posted at entrance.

Montana—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Nebraska—The Marquette Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton.

AND HOSPITALITY SUITES

Nevada—Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Open daily from 1–11 p.m. except Tuesday (opens at 3 p.m.). All Area 7 Elks and guests.

New Hampshire—Millennium Minneapolis, Room 901. New Hampshire Elks only each day from Noon–3 p.m.

New Jersey—Renaissance Minneapolis, The Depot.

New Mexico—Minneapolis Marriott City Center. New Mexico Elks only.

New York—Hilton Minneapolis. Saturday: 2–5 p.m. & 8–11 p.m.; Sunday: 8–11 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday: 1–4 p.m. & 8–11 p.m. New York Elks only on Monday and Tuesday, 1–2 p.m.

North Carolina—Hilton Minneapolis.

North Dakota—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Ohio—AC Hotel Minneapolis Downtown. Saturday: 2–6 p.m. & 8–11:30 p.m.; Sunday 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. & 8–11:30 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday: 2–6 p.m. & 8–11:30 p.m. Only registered Elks with the convention.

Oklahoma—Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites.

Oregon—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

Pennsylvania—The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown, Suite 424. Open at Noon everyday, Saturday through Tuesday night. Closed for Opening Ceremony and open afterwards. All Elks are welcome.

Rhode Island—Millennium Minneapolis, Room 930.

Ritual—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

South Carolina—Hilton Minneapolis.

South Dakota—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. Opening time varies. Room closes after 11 O'Clock Toast every night.

Tennessee—Hilton Minneapolis. Sunday: 2–11 p.m. (closed during Opening Ceremony); Monday and Tuesday: 2–11 p.m.

Texas—Courtyard by Marriott Minneapolis Downtown. Saturday: 6–11 p.m. (Texas Elks only); Sunday: 1–3:30 p.m. & 7–11 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday: 1–5 p.m. & 7–11 p.m.

Utah—Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Sunday: Open after Opening Ceremony–11 p.m.; Closed Monday to visitors; Tuesday: 4–11 p.m.

Virginia—Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown. Closed to visitors Tuesday.

Vermont—Millennium Minneapolis, Room 896.

Washington—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

West Virginia—Renaissance Minneapolis, The Depot. Saturday: 1–4:30 p.m. & 7–Midnight; Sunday: 1–3:30 p.m. & 7–Midnight; Monday: 1–4:30 p.m. & 7–Midnight; Tuesday: 2–4 p.m. (West Virginia Elks only) & 6 p.m.–Midnight.

Wisconsin—Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown, Plymouth Ballroom B, 2nd floor. Friday: 3 p.m.–Midnight; Saturday: Noon–Midnight; Sunday: Noon–3 p.m. & 6 p.m.–Midnight; Monday: Noon–Midnight; Tuesday: Noon–2 p.m. & 6–8 p.m. (Wisconsin Elks only) & 8 p.m.–Midnight; Wednesday: Noon–2 p.m.

Wyoming—Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

All hospitality suites require registration badges

RITUALISTIC SCHEDULE

EASTERN DIVISION

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Friday, June 30	Saturday, July 1
1. NEW YORK	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
2. FLORIDA	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
3. MAINE	6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
4. PENNSYLVANIA	6:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
5. VERMONT	7:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
6. OHIO	7:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
7. NEW JERSEY	8:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
8. MICHIGAN	8:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, July 1	Sunday, July 2
9. SOUTH CAROLINA	6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.

WESTERN DIVISION

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Friday, June 30	Saturday, July 1
1. COLORADO	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
2. ARIZONA	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
3. MISSOURI	6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
4. NEBRASKA	6:30 p.m.	11:00 a.m.
5. NEVADA	7:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
6. WASHINGTON	7:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
7. CALIFORNIA	8:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
8. NEW MEXICO	8:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, July 1	Sunday, July 2
9. OREGON	6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
10. OKLAHOMA	6:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.

RITUALISTIC FINALS

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Sunday, July 2	Monday, July 3
Team 1	7:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Team 2	7:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Team 3	8:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Team 4	8:30 p.m.	4:00 p.m.

CALLICOTT 11 O'CLOCK TOAST CONTEST SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2

Minneapolis Convention Center • Minneapolis, Minnesota

EAST

AREA 4
1:30 P.M.

Virginia
West Virginia
Kentucky
Michigan
Ohio
Indiana

AREA 3
1:45 P.M.

Tennessee
North Carolina
South Carolina
Mississippi
Alabama
Georgia
Florida

AREAS 1 & 2
2:00 P.M.

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
New York
Connecticut
Rhode Island
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
MD-DE-DC

WEST

AREA 5
1:30 P.M.

Illinois
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Iowa
Missouri

AREA 6
1:45 P.M.

Arkansas
Louisiana
Nebraska
Kansas
Oklahoma
Texas
Colorado
New Mexico

AREA 7
2:00 P.M.

Utah
Arizona
Nevada
California
Hawaii

AREA 8
2:20 P.M.

Alaska
Washington
Oregon
Idaho
Montana
Wyoming
North Dakota
South Dakota

FINAL FOUR TOAST TIMES

Monday, July 3

Minneapolis Convention Center • Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contestant 1	10:00 a.m.
Contestant 2	10:05 a.m.
Contestant 3	10:10 a.m.
Contestant 4	10:15 a.m.

MULHOLLAND FLAG CHARGE CONTEST SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2

Minneapolis Convention Center • Minneapolis, Minnesota

EAST

AREAS 1 & 2
10:30 A.M.

Maine
New Hampshire
Vermont
Massachusetts
New York
Connecticut
Rhode Island
New Jersey
Pennsylvania
MD-DE-DC

AREA 3
11:00 A.M.

Tennessee
North Carolina
South Carolina
Mississippi
Alabama
Georgia
Florida

AREA 4
11:30 A.M.

Virginia
West Virginia
Kentucky
Michigan
Ohio
Indiana

WEST

AREA 8
10:30 A.M.

Alaska
Washington
Oregon
Idaho
Montana
Wyoming
North Dakota
South Dakota

AREA 7
11:00 A.M.

Utah
Arizona
Nevada
California
Hawaii

AREA 6
11:30 A.M.

Arkansas
Louisiana
Nebraska
Kansas
Oklahoma
Texas
Colorado
New Mexico

AREA 5
12:00 P.M.

Illinois
Wisconsin
Minnesota
Iowa
Missouri

FINAL FOUR FLAG CHARGE TIMES

Monday, July 3

Minneapolis Convention Center • Minneapolis, Minnesota

Contestant 1	10:30 a.m.
Contestant 2	10:40 a.m.
Contestant 3	10:50 a.m.
Contestant 4	11:00 a.m.

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2025	June 29–July 2	Kansas City, MO
2026	July 5–8	Chicago, IL

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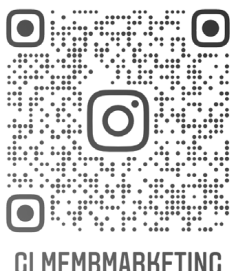
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