General Orders

MAY 2024



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

Commander Dave has offered \$200 to any person that signs up 3 new members for their own personal use OR \$100 for 2 new members!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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Please send your Post financial donations to the Department office. The goal was to send \$1,500.00 to the Special Olympics in South Dakota, currently sitting at \$1,305.00 total. So close!!!

AUDIT REPORTS

Audit Reports are not only required by National and Department Bylaws, but also an IRS requirement. Please get your Audits turned into the Department office as soon as possible.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

According to Section 217, page 73 Manual of Procedure, "the Post Commander-elect will select the installing officer who holds or has held a rank at least as high as that Post Commander. Post officers shall be installed in their respective offices prior to the convening of the Department Convention, but shall not assume their duties until the Department Commander is installed. The installation may be conducted publicly at an open meeting."

Unpaid Bills & Expense Vouchers

Department Quartermaster reminds all members with unpaid bills and/or expense vouchers incurred during this Command Year are hereby requested to submit to the Department office NLT June 15, 2024 for end of fiscal year processing.

You can find the expense vouchers on the Department website at https://vfwsd.org >templates and forms > Department of SD VFW **Expense Voucher Form**

POST / DISTRICT ELECTION REPORTS

FOR COMMAND YEAR 2024-2025

National Headquarters sent an Election Report letter to all Post / District Commanders. You can send that letter in, but it is much more highly encouraged to utilize the online OMS system to send in your Election Reports. If you have problems or need help, contact Anna, QM/ADJ at the Department office, and she can help. 605-332-7441

Please have your Election Report turned in by June 1, 2024, or National will put your Post on the Suspension List immediately. Each position must be filled. Members cannot hold more than one elected position.

All-State Judging will take place on May 10, 2024. All reports need to be in the Department office by COB May 8, 2024. If you have questions, please call Anna at 605-332-7441 or email anna@vfwdeptsd.com.

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES FOR STATE CONVENTION

DELEGATES & ALTERNATES

According to National Bylaws Section 222, Page 78, Delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Delegate strength will be based on members in good standing as of June 30th.

Delegates and alternates of each Post shall serve as delegates throughout the year provided, they remain members in good standing in the respective Post within the District.

In the back of these General Orders, there will be a Delegate and Alternate form(s) for you to register your Post for the State Convention. If you have any questions, contact Anna at the Department office 605-332-7441 or anna@vfwdeptsd.com

National Convention Delegates: Reference National Bylaws Section 222, Page 17, each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of \$25 which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention Information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a \$10 delegate fee.



PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY: The United States Flag shall be flown at half-mast on Wednesday May 15, 2024 until noon. All Posts are requested to comply with this order.

VFW Buddy Poppy

Distribution will be conducted under the authority of Section 711, Page 99 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure and according to the rules of the National Buddy Poppy Committee. Posts are reminded to complete their arrangements for this year's Poppy distribution.

STATE CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED JUNE 7-9, 2024 AT THE HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER IN SPEARFISH, SD

Please see attached flyer for the State Convention or go to the Department website <u>www.vfwsd.ord</u> > resources > State Convention for more information.

All Posts that have not done so, please contribute \$.65 cents per member of your Post as of June 30, 2023, for the Service and Rehabilitation Fund, Memorial Park Fund, and Hospital Fund. These are in-state obligation programs the Department funds annually.

National Bylaws Section 213, Page 15, any Post in arrears for any financial obligations to County Council (if applicable), District, Department and National fees, dues, poppy money, supply money, failing to have the office of QM properly bonded in accordance with Section 703, failing to submit properly completed quarterly Post Trustees Report of Audit, Post Election Report for the ensuing year, or other obligations, shall be deprived of all representation in County Council, District, Department and National Conventions.

THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Any Comrade interested in placing their name in the nomination for any of these Offices should contact Department Headquarters.

HATS IN THE RING 2023-2024

- Commander Glynis Collier, Pierre Post 2038
- Senior Vice Commander Dr. Martin Christensen, Mitchell Post 2750
- Junior Vice Commander Charles McKean, Parkston Post 3298
- Quartermaster Anna Arnold, Yankton Post 791
- Chaplain Russel Dramstad, Huron Post 1776
- Judge Advocate Rick VandenHoek, Brandon Post 4726 AND Dale Greenfield, Huron Post 1776
- Surgeon Kat Pyka, Rapid City Post 1273
- Inspector Allan Ochsner, Aberdeen Post 17

Following are Proposed Amendments to the Department of South Dakota Bylaws submitted to the Department Resolutions & Bylaws Committee.

For reference and comparison, the current Department of South Dakota Bylaws are on the Department website (www.vfwsd.org), under the Resources, Bylaws and Dept. of SD tabs.

This posting will serve as notification to the VFW Posts of South Dakota in accordance with Article 18 (Amendments) of the Department of South Dakota Bylaws.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DEPARTMENT BYLAWS

<u>ARTICLE 7 - DEPARTMENT OFFICERS</u>

ARTICLE 7, SECTION 1 - ADD 1(d) and 1(e) as follows:

SECTION 1(d): The Salaried Officers of the VFW Department of South Dakota shall be the Department Quartermaster and the Department Adjutant. The Council of Administration will approve the salaries of

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these positions. In the event that two separate individuals hold these positions the total allocated salary will be divided as follows: Department Quartermaster salary will be designated at a rate of Fifteen Percent (15%) of the total salary and the Department Adjutant salary will be designated at a rate of Eighty-Five Percent (85%) of the total salary.

SECTION 1(e): In accordance with Section 520 of the National Bylaws and Section 520 of the National Manual of Procedure the Department Commander or the Department Council of Administration may propose the Removal of an Elected Officer, Elected Committee Member or Appointed Salaried Officer. The notification of Removal will be as outlined in Section 520 of the Manual of Procedure. The Department Council of Administration, at a regular or special meeting, may by Two-Thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting declare the position vacant.

ARTICLE 7, SECTION 3 - ADD 3(a) and renumber current Section 3 to 3(b):

SECTION 3(a): Any nominated individual(s), other than the elected Officers who have performed the duties to which they were elected the previous year, must provide the Department with written documentation of accomplishments equal to that of the office they have been nominated for in the specific election as proof to the Department they are qualified for the position to which they are nominated, forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the date of the election as proof of their intent to run for office.

ARTICLE 9 - COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 9, SECTION 1 - REVISE to read:

SECTION 1: In accordance with Section 522 of the National Bylaws the Council of Administration shall consist of the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Judge Advocate, Chief of Staff, Inspector, Surgeon, Chaplain, District Commanders, and the four (4) Immediate Past Department Commanders. The current Department of South Dakota National Council Member shall hold an advisory non-voting position on the Council. District Commanders shall, in accordance with the provisions of the National Bylaws, each be elected from and represent a District as hereinafter provided. In the absence of a District Commander, the District Senior Vice Commander may function as a member of the Council of Administration.

ARTICLE 9, SECTION 2 - DELETE as follows:

District #6 - Delete Post #2741, Mobridge

ARTICLE 10 - STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

ARTICLE 10, SECTION 3(a) - REVISE to read:

SECTION 3(a): The Department Commander shall appoint a Committee on Auditing, consisting of at least three (3) Past Department Commanders who are not currently members of the State Council of Administration, or other VFW members if a Past Department Commander cannot fulfill this duty. They shall in addition to the quarterly audit make an annual audit immediately preceding the Convention and shall make a report of same to the Department Convention.

ARTICLE 16 - MISCELLANOUS

ARTICLE 16, SECTION 5 - Revise to read:

SECTION 5:

- (a) In accordance with Section 703 (Bonds) of the National Bylaws each Officer accountable for funds or property pursuant to any provision of these Bylaws shall be bonded with an Indemnity Company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the Liquid Assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, they may be accountable. The Department has interpreted Liquid Assets as Cash on hand, or an asset easily converted to Cash, such as Savings Accounts, Electronic Funds Transfer, Cryptocurrency, Treasury Bills, Treasury Bonds, Certificates of Deposit, Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Money Market Funds and Exchange Traded Funds. This list of Liquid Assets is not all-inclusive.
- (b) The Department has further determined that Illiquid Assets to include Antiques, Art, Collectibles, Equipment and Machinery, Hedge Funds, Jewelry, Land and Real Estate do not meet the criteria outlined in Section 703 of the National Bylaws concerning Bond requirements. This list of Illiquid Assets is not all-inclusive.
- (c) Each and every District and Post within the jurisdiction of the Department of South Dakota Veterans of Foreign Wars shall Bond with the Indemnity Company designated by said Department.

General orders

Membership

We are at 97.15%, we need to make 102% and for that we need 353 new members. You guys have done a great job so far this year, let's finish out the year strong. I have \$5000 to help as an incentive for membership: for every three people you sign up between now and the end of June you'll receive \$200, for every two people you bring in you will receive \$100; these must be new members. This money is to spend however you choose.

Upcoming convention is June 7th and 8th at the Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center. The block on our hotel rooms comes off the 1st of May so call and get your room booked now! I need all candidate fees in by the 1st of May so I can order everything we need for candidate night. The agenda for the convention will be attached. I know everybody's thinking that this might not be what it used to be but if you don't change with times, times will leave you behind and we do not want our VFW to be behind.

Judging for All-State and All-American is May 10th-- make sure you have all your stuff in by this time, if you're not at 102% you will not make All-State.

Dave Baumiller

State Commander

Greetings Fellow Veterans!

April has been a month and full of new information and change. I will keep this months comments brief.

I attended the VFW Sr. Vice Training and am confident the changes coming from our national headquarters are positive ones that will bolster our membership.

The District 4 meeting in Watertown was very enjoyable. Thank you, Dave Huntimer for attending and reviewing Veteran benefits with the members at our meeting that day.

I hope you are all planning your Loyalty Day and Day of Service projects occurring on May 1-15, 2024. Below is a link for Day of Service ideas supported by the VFW. <u>https://todaysvfw.org/vfw-day-of-service-resources/</u>

As you all know I will be putting my hat in the ring to be the State Commander for our great organization. If any of you would like to hold a position as a chairperson or committee member on this year's VFW team (that isn't already dictated by the bylaws), please contact me at my email address below. I will be contacting individuals interested until the week before our State Convention, and if elected, I will announce our new team members following the election.

As always, I am honored to be among all of you fellow Veterans and your Family Members fighting the good fight. Please contact me if you need anything at all.

//Original Signed// Very Respectfully, Glynis Collier Sr. Vice CDR DEPT of SD VFW <u>dakpatriot@gmail.com</u> Cell #803-466-7031 "One Team, One Fight"

General Orders May 2024: Dept. SD Jr Vice Commander

The Department of SD as of April 22, 2024 has 7055 total members, 6098 Life members, 113 new members, 43 reinstated members and 799 continuous paid members. As of Mar22 2024 we are at 97.06%. We still have 187 unpaid members and 122 expiring members in the Department. Our goal is to reach 102%. So we need 359 more paid members to reach our goal.

I will attend the District 1 in Canton, SD at 1pm on April 28. I plan to discuss membership and recruiting measures.

I will be representing Dept SD VFW at the DAV Dept Convention on April 26-27 in Deadwood.

I plan to visit our National Home in Michigan May 16-18.

I plan to do recruiting, sell Poppies, do raffles at Count Fair 13-26 May 24.

On May 22, 2024 I will serve as Guardian for Lyle Sunderland to attend the honor flight to Washington, DC.

VFW Post 2750 will be hosting the Memorial Day Services in Mitchell this year at Serviceman's Cemetery at 1000pm on 27 May 24.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Dept SD Convention in Spearfish, June 7-8.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Christensen, Dept. SD Jr Vice Commander

Surgeon Report

May General Orders

Spring is here and things are growing and getting green. It is the time that people are doing yard work and getting in the field. Make sure you and your equipment are ready to go.

Days are getting longer and summer activities are going to be in full swing shortly. Make sure that you are ready to go. We still need to get plenty of rest and take care of ourselves. For my fellow

motorcycle riders, make sure you take a good look at your bike before hitting the road. Make sure that you are cautious the first few times out to rebuild the skills. Also pay attention to others, they are not looking for you on a bike.

The Day of service is coming up along with Loyalty Day. Let's ensure that we are doing things for our respective communities. They are the reason we can thrive as an organization and we need to give back to them.

I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous month.

Rick Vanden Hoek

Surgeon

Greetings veterans! I would like to say first off, thank you for your support for me as your Department Judge Adv. I am here to let you know I am pulling my name from the hat to become your next Dept Junior Vice Commander. I am dealing with some personal issues that I cannot ignore anymore. I have already let the powers to be known that I am doing this, and I have their support. I have been dealing with these issues for the past year, rest assured that it is not a health issue. I have spent the last 2-3 months with this on my mind, it was not an easy decision to come to. I feel I would not be doing the Department justice if I keep going the course while dealing with what I have been dealing with and going through. I cannot give you 100% of my attention and be effective for the cause and not give the 100% that needs to be addressed. I truly am thankful for the support that you have given me the past 2 years. Thank you once again. I will be still active in Post 6897 and in District 7, just not at the Department level.

Rob Harrington Dept Judge Adv.

Greetings VFW members,

I just returned from Annapolis, attending the Department Service Officer update training. There are several changes occurring within the VA that will be affecting compensation benefits.

The main change will take affect May 19th. The VA will be making approximately 50 changes to the CFR as it relates to the digestive system. Some new conditions will be added, others will be changed in percent of rating and some will have symptom clarifications. Any claim that is submitted prior to May 19th will be rated under the current CFR rules and anything submitted after, will fall under the new rating criteria. Any current conditions will not be re-evaluated by the VA unless you request an increase in any condition related to the digestive system. The changes have been sent to all County/Tribal Service Officers, so please contact them to look at any digestive conditions you are

currently rated under. Some people may benefit from requesting an increase. While others may find out it will be best to leave their current rating as it is. I created an easy to read cheat sheet as a reference to go along with the updates put out in detail by the VA. If any post would like a copy of these, just send me an email and I can respond back with the attachments.

There were also some new court cases decided at the CAVC that will affect and clarify how the AMA appeals process will go. If you have a decision that you wish to appeal, your Service Officer can help you decide which route would be the best option. I will also be discussing these changes at the Department Convention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your local Service Officer or myself at the State Office.

David Huntimer Department Service Officer David.huntimer@va.gov 605-333-6869

SD VFW Comrades,

4/23/2024

Let's take a quick look at the SD VFW Posts who have meet or exceed the 102% membership goal.

District 1 has: Yankton VFW Post 791 is at 102.83% Brandon VFW Post 4726 is at 103.97%

District 4 has: Sisseton VFW Post 3342 is at 102.14% Flandreau VFW Post 3351 is at a whopping **152%** They currently rate 9th in the whole nation in membership division 11!

District 6 has: Miller VFW Post 3214 is at 103.7% Eureka VFW Post 5126 is at 102% Gettysburg VFW Post 8530 is at 106.77%

District 7 has: Mitchell VFW Post 2750 is at 107.66% Currently they are ranked 14th in the whole nation in membership division 4. Plankinton VFW Post 6554 at 103.44% Wagner VFW Post 7319 is at 103.14%

District 10 is the leader of the pack with 5 posts meeting the 102% goal: Lemmon VFW Post 2969 is at **120.68%** Belle Fourche VFW Post 3312 is at 102.63% Custer VFW Post 3442 is at 104.21% Faith VFW Post 5751 is at 105.26% Newell VFW Post 5807 is at 102%

Our Department of SD VFW is currently ranked in 17th place nationally.

Well, done comrades, keep up the great recruiting work.

Aide-de-Camp Lonny



COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT!

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With the possibility of historic growth ahead of us, it is time for every VFW Post to focus on recruiting and retention! We can make that 102% goal happen!

From the beginning of May through the end of the membership year on June 30th, the Commander-in-Chief is issuing one final membership challenge: the Post in each membership division that shows the highest membership increase in these last two months will receive a \$500 cash award and also a \$500 gift certificate to the VFW Store.

This is going to count all dues-paying members: new members, renewing members, reinstates, and paying transfers! Get out there and push for that 102% and beyond!

In addition, the Commander of the Department with the most Posts above 102% as well as the Commander of the Department with the highest percentage of their Posts above 102% will each receive a special Commander-in-Chief windbreaker jacket to commemorate all the hard work shown by the Department through the year!

We've done amazing work so far, let's finish the membership year strong!

This is our chance to make membership history. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of it! It's time to make one final push this year to **MEET THE CHALLENGE!**

This contest will compare membership totals from May 1st through June 30th. Applications and payments processed online before close of business will be credited that day, payments and applications made through the mail will be processed when received. Questions about this or other membership programs can be sent to membership@vfw.org.

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Sioux Falls VA Health Care System East River Legal Services

FINANCIAL & MEDICAL DIRECTIVES VETERAN ADVANCE CARE PLANNING CLINIC

2nd Wednesday of the month at the ALLIANCE South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, Inc.

1600 W. Russell Street, Sioux Falls

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Contact for questions:

rebekkah@erlservices.org







susan.morgan1@va.gov

Veterans Health Administration Sioux Falls VA Health Care System

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Department of South Dakota VFW Agenda June 7-9, 2024 Holiday Inn/Convention Center 305 North 27th Street (I90, Exit 14) Spearfish, South Dakota

All activities are at the Convention Center unless otherwise indicated

Registration		
Committee Meetings (Budget/Audit/Bylaws/Credentials)		
Break		
Council of Administration Meeting//Bylaws (PDC Tom Hafner)/Final 23-24		
Lunch (included in registration)		
Opening 94 th Annual VFW Convention		
Joint Opening Session/Awards/Guests		
Dusty Johnson/Round's office rep/VA rep/National Auxiliary		
Award Presentations: VFW and Auxiliary Awards		
Candidate Hospitality		
Registration		
Joint Memorial Service		
Training		
Lonny Potts: Dashboard		
Glynis Collier: Membership		
Dale Greenfield: Voice Of Democracy and Patriot Pen		
District Commander Training		
Break		
Election of Officers (suit/tie)		
Lunch on your own		
Joint Installation of Officers (suit/tie)		
No-Host Bar		
Banquet Dress Code—Ranch Style		
Hospitality Room		
Council of Administration Meeting (New)		

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Convention Registration for the Department of South Dakota June 7-9, 2024 Holiday Inn, 305 North 27th Street (I-90, Exit 14), Spearfish, South Dakota 57783

Registration for Convention will be \$100 per member prior to May 12, 2024, and \$135 after May 13, 2024.

Those who have registered by **May 12, 2024**, will have their name entered into an **"Early Bird Drawing"**. Two drawings will be made at the Convention for \$50 each. So, get your registration in by **May 12, 2024** to possible be a winner. Individual banquet tickets will be sold to nonmembers only for \$35.00 each. This will include a name badge. Name badges will be required for the Hospitality Night and banquet. Cut off time for Banquet Tickets will be 4:00pm on June 7, 2024.

COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM PER ATTENDEE.

PRINT Name:			
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Membership: Aux	iliary Post. Post or Auxil	iary # & Location:	
		ld an elected office at the Post, Au	
BANQUET ONLY tickets	– PRINT Name:		
TOTAL AMOUNT SUBM	ITTED: \$		
Make checks payable to:	VFW Post #5807 Convention F VFW & A Convention 2024 c/o Nila Charles 18489 Twilight Rd. Newell, SD 57760 <u>Any requested refunds will b</u>	und e looked at on a case-by-case basis.	
	** Please use one form for	or each individual registration**	
YOU MUST MAKE YOU include tax.	JR OWN MOTEL RESERVATIO	ONS, ask for VFW Convention rat	t es. Rates listed do not
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Holiday Inn - Spearfish: 305 North 27th Street, Call 605-642-4683, \$119.99 Fairfield Inn: 2720 1st Avenue, Call 605-221-1925, \$215.00 Hampton Inn: 240 North 27th Street, Call 605-606-2913, \$252.00 Quality Inn: 2725 1st Avenue, Call 605-642-2337, \$116.00

A block of rooms is available at Holiday Inn. You are required to stay at this hotel to receive reimbursement.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN Wars and AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Friday, June 7, 2024

7:00 p.m. (MST) – 9:00 p.m. (MST)

Light Hors d'evours in conjunction with Hospitality Room

Convention Badges Required

<u>COST: \$100.00 PER CANDIDATE</u> <u>All Candidates Required To Participate</u> Payment and Registration Form <u>Due May 12, 2024</u>

Make checks payable to: VFW Post #5807 Convention Fund

Send This Form and Checks to: VFW Post #5807 c/o Nila Charles 18489 Twilight Rd. Newell, SD 57760

PRINT Candidate Name: _____

For the Office of: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Tables will be provided for candidates to campaign during the event and to display campaign materials.

If you need something else, please let us know.

If you have questions or concerns about Meet the Candidates Night please contact:

Dave Baumiller at <u>davebaumiller@gmail.com</u> or Nancy Worth at <u>nworth@rushmore.com</u>

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Agenda

June 7-9, 2024

Holiday Inn Spearfish, SD

Thursday, June 6, 2024

3:00pm - 5:00pm	Registration (Convention Center Foyer)
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Audit Committee (Neta Peterka, Sue Jones, Cheryl VanDyke)
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Budget Committee (Mary Kirkvold, Colleen Miller Foland, Sue Jones, Cheryl VanDyke)
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Officer March & Ritual Practice (Convention Center)
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Officer & Chairmen meeting (Convention Center)Colleen
5:00pm - 7:00pm	Dinner within community (on your own)
5:30pm - 7:00pm	Past Department President's Dinner (Lucky's 13 Pub)

Friday, June 7, 2024

7:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00am - 4:00pm	Registration (Convention Center Foyer)
8:00am- 10:30am	Council of Administration (last one) (Convention Center)
11:00am - 12:00pm	Opening Auxiliary Business Meeting (Convention Center)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Honor Lunch - Gold Star Family, Past Department Presidents & 45+
	Year Member Recognition (Swarm Room) Included in registration
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Joint Opening Session (Awards/Guests) (Convention Center)
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting (continues) (Convention Center)
5:15pm - 6:30pm	Dinner (on your own)
6:30pm – 9:30pm	Candidate's Night (light hors devours)-VFW Hospitality Room

Saturday, June 8, 2024

7:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast (on your own)
8:00am - 10:00am	Registration (Convention Center Foyer)
8:00am - 9:00am	Joint Memorial Service (Convention Center)
9:00am - 10:30am	Auxiliary Business Meeting (continues) (Convention Center)
10:30am - 10:45am	Coffee Break
10:45am - 12:00pm	Auxiliary Business Meeting (continues) (Convention Center)
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:15pm - 3:15pm	Joint Installation of Officers (Convention Center)
3:15pm - 5:00pm	Council of Administration (new)
6:30pm – 9:00pm	Convention Banquet (Convention Center – ranch style attire) Included in registration

****Please note that you do not need to arrive until 2:30pm on Thursday for Officer March and Ritual Practice on Thursday. We have worked to cut out downtime and utilize the time we have allotted for the meeting. We will be on a rolling schedule.