



Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

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June 22, 2009

To: Members of the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges
Invited Guests

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska is excited to host the 2009 Midwest Conference of Masonic Grand Lodges on August 14-16, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska! Most Worshipful Russ Reno, his wife, Julie, and the conference committee are working hard to ensure the conference will be a worthwhile and enjoyable event.

The conference headquarters is the Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market, located at 555 S. 10th Street in Omaha. Please make your reservations directly at 402-346-9000. Be sure to ask for the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges room rate. **Rooms must be reserved by July 22, 2009** to guarantee the rate of \$154 per night. Visit the hotel web site at www.embassysuitesomaha.com.

Enclosed you will find a conference brochure and the registration form. Please make additional copies as needed, as we ask that you complete a separate form for each attendee from your jurisdiction. **All registration forms and accompanying payment need to be received no later than July 31, 2009** at the Grand Lodge of Nebraska no later than July 31, 2009. Please make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Conference information and forms are also posted on our web site at www.gln.org/midwestconf.aspx.

Your ladies are encouraged to attend. Special activities have been arranged specifically for their enjoyment!

M.:W.: Russ and the Grand Lodge Officers look forward to welcoming you to Nebraska and sharing the hospitality and fellowship that is a tradition of our outstanding Midwest Conference.

Fraternally,

Bruce A. Watkins
Grand Secretary

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MIDWEST CONFERENCE OF GRAND LODGES
August 14-16, 2009
Omaha, Nebraska

The Grand Secretary of each Jurisdiction should collect all registration information from the attendees and mail them together with a check to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, PO Box 81852, Lincoln, NE 68501-1852.

Registration Deadline – July 31, 2009

Conference Fee, includes everything but hotel.....\$150.00
 Additional Fee for ladies who will attend\$125.00

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

My lady wishes to take part in the Millionaires and Mansions Tour
 and Lunch on Saturday. Yes No
 We understand that this outing is limited to the first 36 registrations.

 Name Current Title (MW, RW, W) and Office

 Grand Jurisdiction Lady's Name

 Mailing Address State Zip

 E-mail Address Telephone



Please let us know when you will be arriving, and your travel arrangements, in order for us to meet you at the Omaha Eppley Airfield, if you desire.

_____ I (we) will be arriving by car.

_____ I (we) will be arriving by air; information as follows:

Arrival

Date: _____ Time: _____ Carrier: _____ Flight # _____

Departure

Date: _____ Time: _____ Carrier: _____ Flight # _____

MEN'S AGENDA

Friday, August 14

3:00 – 5:00 pm Arrival and Registration Embassy Suites
6:00 pm Friday Evening Banquet Embassy Suites - Missouri Room
Following Hospitality Room Embassy Suites

Saturday, August 15

7:00 am Breakfast Embassy Suites
8:00 am - Noon General Session Embassy Suites Big Blue
Noon Lunch Embassy Suites Big Blue
1:00 – 4:30 pm General Session Embassy Suites Big Blue
4:30 pm Session Recessed from Labor
5:30 pm Leave for Joslyn Art Museum for Cocktails and Linger Collection Tour Joslyn Art Museum
6:30 pm Saturday Evening Banquet Scottish Rite
Following Hospitality Room Embassy Suites
202 S. 20th Street, Omaha

Sunday, August 16

7:00 am Breakfast Embassy Suites
8:15 am Worship Service Embassy Suites
8:45 am General Session Resumes Embassy Suites Big Blue
11:00 am Conference Adjourns

LADIES' AGENDA

Friday, August 14

3:00 – 5:00 pm Arrival and Registration Embassy Suites
6:00 pm Friday Evening Banquet Embassy Suites - Missouri Room
Following Hospitality Room Embassy Suites

Saturday, August 15

7:00 am Breakfast Embassy Suites
9:30 am Gather for tour transportation Front of Embassy Suites
10:00 am Millionaires & Mansions Tour Trolley
Noon Lunch Lo Sole Mio Restaurant
1:30 pm Return to Embassy Suites
The rest of the day is reserved for shopping and strolling in the Old Market or Henry Doory Zoo
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General Session Details

Saturday, August 15

8:00 am Welcome
8:15 am Manitoba Big Ideas
8:35 am Michigan Big Ideas
8:55 am Issue #1
9:40 am North Dakota Big Ideas
10:00 am Break
10:15 am Wisconsin Big Ideas
10:35 am Minnesota Big Ideas
10:55 am Issue #2
11:40 am Illinois Big Ideas
Noon Lunch
1:00 pm Oklahoma Big Ideas
1:20 pm South Dakota Big Ideas and Invitation to
2010 Conference
1:45 pm Issue #3
2:30 pm Break
2:45 pm Kansas Big Ideas
3:05 pm Iowa Big Ideas
3:25 pm Issue #4
4:10 pm Nebraska Big Ideas
4:30 pm Wrap up

Sunday, August 16

8:15 am Worship (Ecumenical) Service

REGISTRATION FEES

Men \$150.00
Ladies \$125.00

ACCOMMODATIONS

Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market
555 S. 10th Street, Omaha
www.embassysuitesomaha.com
402-346-9000

Rooms single or double occupancy - \$154 per night, plus applicable taxes. The rate includes made-to-order breakfast each morning and hotel hospitality hour in the afternoon. To make reservations, call the Embassy Suites at 402-346-9000 and ask for the Midwest Conference of Grand Lodges room rate.

TRANSPORTATION

While in Omaha for the Midwest Conference, each attending jurisdiction will be hosted by an Omaha-area Masonic Lodge. Lodge members will be available to provide transportation to planned venues and for shopping/site seeing. If you will be flying in to Eppley Airfield, please indicate the time of your arrival and arrangements will be made to meet you at the airport for transportation.

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Next year's conference will be held in South Dakota.

Ladies Tour Information Saturday, August 15

Millionaires and Mansions

Brought to us by the Durham Museum, the Millionaires and Mansions tour will explore Omaha's Gold Coast and Cathedral neighborhoods, where the entrepreneurs of early Omaha built their opulent homes. The tour will visit the former homes of influential Omahans such as Arthur Metz, Louis Nash, Sam Mercer, George Joslyn, and Arthur and Zerlina Brandeis, noting their contributions to the growth of the city. The tour lasts approximately one and one-half hours.

Lunch will follow at the Lo Sole Mio Restaurant. Transportation will be provided. **Due to space restrictions, this outing is limited to the first 36 registrants.**

Following lunch, the ladies will return to the Embassy Suites, and the remainder of the day has been reserved for shopping and strolling in Omaha's Historic Old Market area in which the hotel is located, or other site seeing in the Omaha area.

Old Market Farmer's Market Saturday, August 15

Ladies who do not wish to attend the tour may wish to stroll down to the Farmer's Market located at 11th & Jackson Streets in the Old Market.

The Farmer's Market is open from 8:00 am until 12:30 pm. The market features over 100 vendors with vegetables, meats, cheeses, baked goods and handmade items.

About Omaha's Old Market

At the end of the 19th century, Omaha was in its prime as a great railroad center, connecting the settled East with the wide-open West. The Old Market area was at the height of its splendor – bustling with produce dealers, buyers and transporters.

Today, under sidewalk canopies, along tree-lined streets and in the sky-lighted Old Market Passageway, more than 100 businesses present an extraordinary variety of attractions in a revitalized Old Market.



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