



International Association of Lions Clubs

47th Annual District 5M7 Midwinter Convention

January 24 - 26, 2025

Best Western Kelly Inn St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Lions and Leos:

Our Forty-Seventh Annual Midwinter Convention will be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on January 24-26, 2025. The address is: 100 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. This is the same hotel as the last few years. We cannot wait to welcome you to our convention this year and it is going to be fabulous. We have new online registration options and will have some increased opportunities for learning, inspiration and fun for 2025.

On Friday we will conduct our Charitable Gambling Seminar and will have an optional "Lunch in the Dark" session with Leos, in conjunction with Leader Dogs. In the evening we begin with our opening ceremony and impressive flag display. Clubs will be hosting hospitality rooms on Friday, with bags tournaments around the pool area.

Saturday morning begins with a complimentary continental breakfast in a hospitality room. The morning will begin with the Cabinet meeting, then move to two large-group sessions, followed by several small-group seminars on topics that will help you grow your club's health and community service. The Annual Business Meeting and elections will take place in the afternoon, right before the banquet, with inspiration from our Lions International Director. A second night of hospitality suites, a blackjack tournament and social time wrap up the day.

On Sunday morning, we will begin with our Fellowship Service followed by a hot buffet breakfast and our concluding program will include a presentation on the impact of Camp Sweet Life.

The information packet and registration materials/links can be found on our website <https://e-district.org/sites/5m7/>

We are holding a Silent Auction! We are raising funds for our District Governor's favored charity. We invite all of you to participate. We will ask, what is **YOUR PASSION?** Think about that and please bring an item/basket/bag. Please see the flyer attached to this packet and also on the 5M7 website.

It is requested that each club bring a **door prize** (\$20 value) to be given at the close of each meal. Please bring the prizes to the registration table in the hotel lobby when you arrive.

Conference Registration and Meals may be ordered via the registration form or the online registration system. It is fastest and best to register and pay online. If you register with a paper form in the mail, your check must accompany your order to our registrar, Lion Orville Lindquist. His information is on the form.

THESE ARE THE ONLY WAYS THAT YOU CAN GET TICKETS FOR THE MEALS. THERE WILL BE NO MEAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE CONVENTION.

We have an early bird registration deadline of **December 1, 2024**. Prices go up after December 21. We encourage you to register early so you can get all the updates and have your spot secured for the Convention.

Rooms may be reserved by using the link below. Rate is \$139 per night plus taxes; the cutoff is December 21.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=4W4Y15C6

Reservations can also be made by calling the hotel directly: (320) 253-0606 - confirmation #652162

We are doing everything possible to ensure that the convention this year will be the BEST! Your attendance and participation will make it just that. Make your plans now!

Your 2025 Convention Committee