

Dear Lions and Leos:

Our Forty-sixth Annual Mid-Winter Convention will be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud on January 12-14, 2024. The address is: 100 4th Ave S, St. Cloud, MN 56301. This is the same hotel as last year.

The information packet is on our [5m7 lions website](#) and it is also being sent to all club officers via email. We had worked hard to offer online registration to you for meals, but we have had some struggles with that and have worked through some of that, but not all at this time. We know you have been waiting for the convention packets. We are very sorry and apologize. We cannot wait to welcome you to our convention this year and it is going to be fabulous. We have more space for our larger meetings this year and we are excited for that.

On Friday we continue to hold the Gambling Meeting and Cabinet Meeting in the afternoon/early evening and in the evening we begin with our opening ceremony and impressive full flag ceremony. Clubs will be hosting hospitality rooms again on Friday in the pool area with bags tournaments in the hospitality area around the pool. Those hospitality clubs have received a separate email with information to switch their hospitality room into their club name.

Saturday morning begins with a complimentary continental breakfast in a hospitality room that you will find near the pool area. Seminars will be in a new space this year, just down the hall in the Opportunity Suite in the Convention Center. Our Annual Business Meeting will take place in the new larger space on Saturday afternoon. Our KidSight Chairpersons will be hosting a KidSight training on Saturday for all who would like to learn about this project. We have a live Band, Generation Radio, on Saturday night, a cash bar and a couple hospitality rooms open on Saturday night. On Sunday morning, we will begin with our Fellowship Service followed by a hot buffet breakfast and our breakfast program will include a speaker from Leaderdog, Council Chair BJ Blahnik. You will find the tentative schedule on www.5m7.org on the conventions/forums page and also is attached to the email sent to you.

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 (however you would like to show your passion during our silent auction.) Please see the flyer attached to this packet and also on the 5m7.org website.

It is requested that each club bring a **door prize** (\$20 value) to be given at the close of each meal. Please drop the door prizes off as soon as possible at the registration area.

Meals may be ordered by:

- Filling out the meal ticket form in this packet and your check must accompany your order to our registrar Lion Orville Lindquist and 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.

Rooms may be reserved by using this link:

- https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=P27TV4C2

– OR –

- By calling: (320) 253-0606

Your convention committee is 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 2024 Convention Committee