

## "Lions of Virginia, welcome!

It is with immense pleasure that we welcome you to the 2025 Lions of Virginia State Convention, held in the heart of historic Williamsburg, Virginia. As you gather here, you walk on ground that witnessed the very birth of our nation.

Williamsburg, once the vibrant capital of colonial Virginia, played a pivotal role in the shaping of American ideals. Here, the seeds of liberty were sown, and the foundations of our democracy were laid. From the halls of the College of William & Mary, where future presidents were educated, to the streets where patriots debated the course of revolution, this city resonates with the spirit of innovation and civic duty.

Just as those early Virginians worked to build a better future, so too do the Lions of Virginia dedicate themselves to service and community. We hope that the historical significance of this location will inspire you as you engage in the important work of this convention. May your time here be filled with productive discussions, renewed camaraderie, and a deeper appreciation for the legacy of service that we all share.

Welcome to Williamsburg, and welcome to a convention that honors both our past and our future!"

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