

# KANSAS CITY



## PROGRAM

### ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH GRAND LODGE SESSION

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**JUNE 29 – JULY 2, 2025**  
**KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**





# WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY

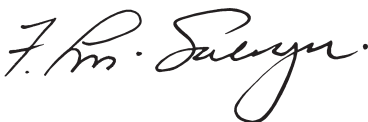
**O**n behalf of the members of the Missouri Elks Association, I welcome delegates, spouses, and guests to the 160th Grand Lodge Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! It has been 26 years since Kansas City hosted a Grand Lodge Convention, and I am confident that we will have another successful convention here. Your hosts, the Elks of Missouri, have experience and knowledge and can assist you with all your hospitality needs.

From the Opening Ceremony to the Closing Ceremony and everything in between, this convention will offer you many opportunities to celebrate the accomplishments of our Order. You will receive information and ideas that you can share with your Lodges, districts, and states.

When the convention is not in session, you can be sure Kansas City has much to offer. It is renowned for its jazz music, world-class barbecue, vibrant arts scene, and World War I museum. A free streetcar connects visitors to multiple entertainment destinations, including Crown Center, the Power & Light District, and the City Market, which is home to the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Restaurants, bars, shopping, and much more are waiting for you!

I hope you are looking forward to this year's convention. You can be sure Kansas City and the Elks of Missouri are excited to welcome you back to the "Show Me State" and will do their best to make you feel at home!

Sincerely and fraternally,



**F. Louis Sulsberger**  
Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
Missouri State Sponsor





**D**ear Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks:

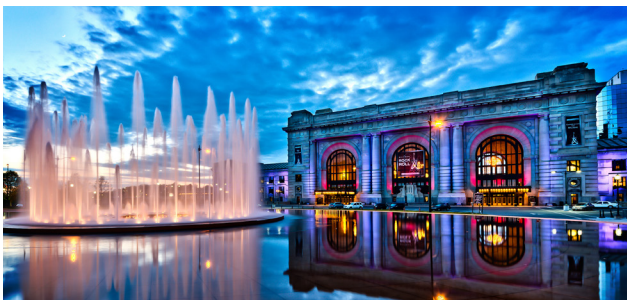
I am honored to welcome you to Kansas City for your National Convention this summer.

As you gather in the Heart of America, our entire community joins me in extending our warmest Midwestern hospitality to each of you.

Kansas City takes great pride in hosting organizations like the Elks, whose commitment to community service, youth programs, and veteran support mirrors our city's values. Your extensive legacy of charitable work and patriotism resonates deeply with Kansas Citians, who share your dedication to strengthening our communities.

Your visit coincides with one of the most vibrant times to experience Kansas City. As you arrive for your convention, you'll find our city in full summer bloom, with our fountains flowing, the parks bustling, and our spirits high. The timing couldn't be better to experience everything that has earned Kansas City recognition as one of BBC's 25 Best Places to Travel in 2025.

I encourage you to explore beyond your convention activities and discover what makes Kansas City unique. Sample our world-famous barbecue at one of our legendary smoke joints. Experience our rich musical heritage at the American Jazz Museum in the historic 18th & Vine District. Visit the National WWI Museum



Henry Wollman Bloch Fountain at Union Station is one of more than 200 fountains in the Kansas City metro area | Photo: otmman/Adobe

and Memorial. Stroll through our Country Club Plaza with its distinctive Spanish architecture and beautiful fountains.

For convenient travel throughout the downtown area, hop aboard our free KC Streetcar, which connects many popular destinations. Our friendly residents will happily guide you toward hidden gems throughout the city.

We deeply respect the Elks' commitment to community service in Kansas City. Like your organization, we believe in the power of coming together to build stronger, more caring communities. Your presence here reinforces those shared values and reminds us of the importance of service organizations in American life.

On behalf of all Kansas Citians, thank you for bringing your convention to our city. We're honored to host an organization with such a distinguished history of service and fellowship. I hope your time here is filled with productive sessions, meaningful connections, and memorable experiences that will inspire you long after you return home.

Wishing you a successful convention and a wonderful stay in the Heart of America.

Very truly yours,



**Quinton D. Lucas**  
Mayor of Kansas City



*The Scout statue in Penn Valley Park stands in the foreground of the Kansas City skyline | Photo: SeanPavonePhoto/Adobe*

# REGISTRATION

## BADGES AND EVENT RESERVATION INFORMATION

All Grand Lodge Members, Exalted Rulers, visiting Elks, and their guests must be registered. Your badge must be displayed for admission into the session halls and all Elks-related functions associated with this convention.

In the interest of everyone's safety, all attendees of the 2025 Elks National Convention will be required to preregister on the Elks.org website. On-site registration will be limited.

The registration area will open on Friday, June 27, at 12:00 p.m. at the Kansas City Convention Center. The registration staff will be available during the convention to address any issues with badges or voting credentials. The Kansas City Convention Center should be considered your information center.



Kansas City Convention Center and Loews Kansas City Hotel

Photo: Nicole Bissey Photography/Visit KC

## REGISTRATION HOURS

Hall D

Kansas City Convention Center

Friday, June 27 . . . . .	12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 28 . . . . .	8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, June 29 . . . . .	8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Monday, June 30 . . . . .	7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1 . . . . .	7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## EVENT RESERVATIONS

All attendees are asked to make reservations for all seminars and workshops. Attendees are not required to make reservations. *An event reservation does not guarantee a seat in the seminar.*

# REGISTRATION

## EXHIBITS

Displays for the activities of Grand Lodge committees and programs, state major projects, and trademark licensees will be in the Kansas City Convention Center in Hall D.



Booths in the exhibit hall | Photo: Coppersmith Photography

## EXHIBIT HOURS

Hall D

Kansas City Convention Center

Saturday, June 28 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 29 . . . . . 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, June 30 . . . . . 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1 . . . . . 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## GRAND LODGE SESSIONS

Sessions will be held daily at the Kansas City Convention Center in Hall B.

Seating map for the general sessions for Monday through Wednesday.

No assigned seating at the Opening Ceremony.



**Seating Map**

[elks.org/convention/files/seatingMap.pdf](https://elks.org/convention/files/seatingMap.pdf)

## RITUALISTIC SCHEDULE

Ritualistic Contest finals will be held at the Kansas City Convention Center on Monday, June 30.

## CHURCH SERVICE

A Catholic Mass will be held on Sunday, June 29,  
at 9 a.m. at the Westin Kansas City  
at the Crown Center in Century Ballroom A.

# GRAND LODGE

All Grand Lodge Sessions will be held daily at the  
Kansas City Convention Center  
Hall B  
301 West 13th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64105

## KCCC=Kansas City Convention Center

### Sunday, June 29

**10–11:30 a.m.** Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing—“What’s New?” seminar will cover how Exalted Rulers can be visionary leaders and membership champions. Topics include setting Lodge goals to align with membership growth; managing engagement, recruitment, and retention of Members; strengthening community outreach through partnerships with local businesses, schools, and organizations; and using that outreach to support membership growth, Lodge financial stability, and community involvement. The seminar will also include updates on OSG and Aliaswire bill paying software. **KCCC, Room 3501G.**

**10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler seminar. PGERs are invited to attend. **Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, Liberty Room.**

**10 – 11 a.m.** The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to the magazine. **KCCC, Room 2203.**

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to the magazine. **KCCC, Room 2203.**



**1–2 p.m.** The Elks National Veteran Service Commission—Elks Voluntary Service seminar. Celebrate as we present the National Veteran Service Volunteer of the Year award to an outstanding Elks volunteer. Then stay for the Elks Voluntary Service seminar to learn how this longstanding program is making a crucial difference in the everyday lives of veterans across the country. In State Veterans Homes, VA Medical Centers, housing facilities, and more, the Elks Voluntary Service Program provides consistent, reliable support to veterans in need. You’ll hear program ideas, lessons learned, and inspiration from Elks who have volunteered for years. **KCCC, Room 3501A.**



# PROGRAM

**General Sessions will start each morning promptly at 8:00 a.m.**

All attendees are required to register and requested to make event reservations to attend seminars and workshops. Please be sure to attend all sessions to receive the 2025-2026 program information.

## FUTURE ELKS CONVENTIONS

**July 5–8, 2026 • Chicago, Illinois**

**July 4–7, 2027 • Denver, Colorado**

**July 2–5, 2028 • Baltimore, Maryland**

**1:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Discover Elks seminar. Explore bold, forward-thinking campaigns designed to introduce the Elks to a new generation. Featuring 17-year-old Super Late Model race car driver Madex Moran, this presentation highlights how supporting emerging youth leaders aligns with cutting-edge awareness efforts, combining streaming media and motorsports to reach community-minded families. Gain insight into how these strategies build grassroots awareness and strengthen the Elks' presence at the local level. **KCCC, Room 3501G.**

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Elks National Foundation—Community Investments Program: #CIPTurns20 seminar. This session celebrates 20 years of helping Elks build stronger communities through Lodge grants. Learn more about the 2025-2026 grant specifics, including a \$1,000 increase to the Gratitude Grant base amount and best practices for grant use. **KCCC, Room 3501E.**

**4p.m.** Official Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Members and accompanied guests are invited to attend. Opening remarks and Introduction of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Past First Ladies by Master of Ceremonies T. Keith Mills, Past Grand Exalted Ruler. Introduction of State Presidents and Presentation of Flags by the Chairperson of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, Gwendolyn B. Parker. Elks National Veterans Service Commission Report, Drug Awareness Program Report, Elks National Foundation Report including Hoop Shoot and Scholarship presentations. Principal Address by Douglas A. Schiefer, Grand Exalted Ruler. **KCCC, Hall B.**



# GRAND LODGE

## Monday, June 30

**8 a.m.** Opening Grand Lodge Business Sessions. **KCCC, Hall B.**

- **8 a.m.** Annual Report given by the Grand Exalted Ruler. Reports from Elks National Convention Commission, National Memorial & Publications, Veterans Restoration Trust, Board of Grand Trustees, Committee on Judiciary Preliminary Report, Legislative Session Discussion, and Preliminary Ritual Report.
- **9:30 a.m.** All registered guests are invited to attend the Session.
- **10 a.m.** Nomination & Election of Grand Lodge Officers for 2025-2026.
- **11 a.m.** *Celebration* and Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Acceptance Speech.

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee—All American Lodge & Americanism Essay Contests workshop. **KCCC, Room 3501E.**



**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** Elks National Foundation—Hoop Shoot: Unleashing Gritty Kids. Learn about what's in store for the upcoming season and how you can help develop gritty kids. **KCCC, Room 3501A.**

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** Elks National Foundation—Fundraising Chair: Soliciting ENF Donations seminar. This session will help identify prospective donors in your Lodge and provide details on how to solicit gifts. Though the content for this seminar is designed for ENF Fundraising Chairs, all are welcome to attend. **KCCC, Room 3501G.**

**12:30 – 1:45 p.m.** Auditing and Accounting Committee—Introduction to Lodge Accounting for Officers seminar. **KCCC, Room 3501C.**

**12:30 – 3 p.m.** Congratulations, DDGER Designates! You've reached an incredible milestone — and now it's time to take the next step in your leadership journey. Join us for the DDGER Designate Orientation, a must-attend seminar designed to equip you with the tools, insights, and inspiration for the year ahead. **Attendance is required for all SDGERs.** This session is packed with valuable information you won't want to miss!

*Location:* Use the designated escalators inside the general session hall to reach the seminar room. **Room 2103B.**  
*Box lunch provided:* Starting at noon, enjoy a complimentary lunch to refuel and connect with fellow attendees.

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Be sure to bring the box lunch ticket you received with your registration credentials—it's required to claim your meal.

We can't wait to see you there and celebrate this exciting chapter with you. Let's kick off your DDGER journey in style!

**12:30 – 2:30 p.m.** Ladies of the Elks workshop. Florida Ladies of Elks will host a meet and greet. Ladies affiliated with Elks Lodges across the country can meet and share event and fundraising ideas. Go back to your home Lodge with innovative ideas that can enhance attendance and participation in your events and fundraisers. This is a social workshop not a structured meeting or lecture. **KCCC, Room 2105.**

**1 p.m.** Ritualistic Finals. Please be advised that the area designated for the Ritualistic Finals is acoustically sensitive. To maintain the integrity of the proceedings and ensure a respectful environment for all participants, we kindly request that noise levels be kept to a minimum in this vicinity. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. **KCCC, 2nd Level.**

**1–2 p.m.** The staff of The Elks Magazine will give a seminar on how to submit fraternal news and photos to the magazine. **KCCC, Room 2203.**

**1–2 p.m.** Elks National Veterans Service Commission—Roundtable Introduction to the Veterans Leather Program. Learn how you can start the Veterans Leather Program at your Lodge and in your state. Program Chairs will share their expertise, review program requirements, and offer instructions on how to get started. **KCCC, Room 2204.**



**1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** The Board of Grand Trustees will be available for questions. **Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Benton Room.**

**1:30 – 4 p.m.** Committee on Judiciary will be available for questions. **Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Van Horn Room.**

**2 – 2:30 p.m.** Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with the State Presidents. **KCCC, Room 2103C.**

**2–3 p.m.** Elks National Veterans Service Commission—Elks Veterans Programs office hours and roundtable discussion. Connect with Elks volunteers, visit with Elks National Veterans Service Commission staff, share ideas, and brainstorm solutions. New to Welcome Home Kits? Looking for Voluntary Service ideas? Planning to apply for a Freedom Grant? Stop by. **KCCC, Room 2204.**



## GRAND LODGE

**2 – 3:15 p.m.** Auditing and Accounting Committee—Advanced Lodge Accounting Topics seminar. **KCCC, Room 3501C.**

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Marketing—“What’s New? Part Two!” seminar. A panel-led discussion featuring successful Lodge leaders. Best practices for new Member Orientation and investigations. Engagement strategies to inspire active participation. Success stories showcasing effective membership initiatives. **KCCC, Room 3501G.**

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Elks National Foundation—Community Investments Program: #CIPTurns20 seminar. This session celebrates 20 years of helping Elks build stronger communities through Lodge grants. Learn more about the 2025-2026 grant specifics, including a \$1,000 increase to the Gratitude Grant base amount and best practices for grant use. **KCCC, Room 3501A.**

**2:30 – 4 p.m.** The Activities Committee seminar will provide an overview of the committee’s programs, including the Soccer Shoot, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, JROTC Awards, Scouting, Dictionary Project, Antlers, Community Projects Contest, Public Safety Medals, and the Junior Golf Program. At the end of the seminar, there will be a panel discussion and the opportunity for the Members to ask questions of the committee regarding the programs. **KCCC, Room 3501E.**

**3 – 4 p.m.** Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with the District Deputies Designate. **KCCC, Room 2103C.**

### Tuesday, July 1

**8 a.m.** Grand Lodge Business Session. **KCCC, Hall B.**

- **8 a.m.** Report of Resolutions Committee, Registration (Final), Board of Grand Trustees (Final), Grand Forum/Pardon Committee.
- Committee on Judiciary Legislative Session.
- Disaster Relief Fund Report, Government Relations Auditing & Accounting, Activities Committee.
- Chicago Headquarters 2025-2026 Program.
- GER Elect Program Remarks.
- **10:00 a.m. Non-Members Admitted.**
- Fraternal Committee All-American Lodge — Contest “A” Committee Reports.
- Legislative Results.
- Final Report and team awards of Ritualistic Committee.

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**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Meet the Grand Exalted Ruler–Elect. Join us at the iconic Elks Memorial Clock for a special opportunity to meet the incoming national leader of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. This is your chance to connect with the Grand Exalted Ruler–Elect, the highest-ranking Officer in our Order, and celebrate this momentous occasion.

*Capture the moment:* Take a memorable photo with the Grand Exalted Ruler–Elect to commemorate this significant event.

*Membership card signing:* Don't forget to bring your membership card for a personalized signature from the Grand Exalted Ruler–Elect.

Be part of this historic moment and show your support for our national leader. We look forward to seeing you there. **KCCC, Hall C.**



**12:30 – 2 p.m.** Activities Committee seminar will provide an overview of the committee's programs, including the Soccer Shoot, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, JROTC Awards, Scouting, Dictionary Project, Antlers, Community Projects Contest, Public Safety Medals, and the Junior Golf Program. At the end of the seminar, there will be a panel discussion and the opportunity for the Members to ask questions of the committee regarding the programs. **KCCC, Room 3501A.**

**12:30 – 1:45 p.m.** Auditing and Accounting Committee—Advanced Lodge Accounting Topics seminar. **KCCC, Room 3501C.**

**12:30 – 3 p.m.** District Deputy Designate conference. SDGERs are required to attend. Box lunch will be provided. Use designated escalators when leaving the general session hall to access seminar room. **KCCC, Room 2103B.**

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.** Mobile App/Virtual Membership Card—Discover Elks Group seminar will present their beta project work on the Elks Digital Membership Card and the opportunities it offers the modern Elks Member and their Lodge. The seminar will also feature the My Elks Mobile App. Come prepared to learn and ask productive questions that will benefit all in attendance. **KCCC, Room 3501E.**

# GRAND LODGE PROGRAM

**1:30–3 p.m.** The Elks National Drug Awareness Commission seminar. This seminar is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Elks Drug Awareness Program. From the smallest idea to the largest event, attendees will hear from actual people who have had success in educating youth and parents in their hometown. Hear about our extensive catalogue of “no cost” literature; learn about the latest drug trends in your community and what you as an individual can do to help make you community safer; meet some of the Young Marines who want to help you; and lastly come and meet our 2024-2025 Enrique S. Camarena Award winner as he is presented with his award. This is the most prestigious award within the DAP and the history behind the award is spellbinding. As always, expect some surprises and giveaways. **KCCC, Room 3501G.**

**1:30–4 p.m.** The Committee on Judiciary will be available for questions. **Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Van Horn Room.**

**1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** The Board of Grand Trustees will be available for questions. **Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, Benton Room.**

**2:15 – 3:30 p.m.** Auditing and Accounting Committee—Introduction to Lodge Accounting for Officers seminar. **KCCC, Room 3501C.**

**2:30 – 3:30 p.m.** Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee—All American Lodge & Americanism Essay Contests workshop. **KCCC, Room 3501A.**

## Wednesday, July 2

**8 a.m.** Final Grand Lodge Session. Open Session, Members and accompanied guests are invited to attend. All District Deputy Designates are required to attend. Memorial Service under the direction of PGER Randy P. Shook. **KCCC, Hall B.**

- **9 a.m.** Membership & Marketing Presentation.
- **9:15 a.m.** Installation of 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Officers by PGER Bruce A. Hidley.
- **9:35 a.m.** Installation of 2025-2026 District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers.

All registered attendees are invited to attend. Grand Lodge Session will conclude by **11 a.m.**

Departure plans should be made accordingly. Late checkouts should be arranged with individual hotels in advance.

# RITUALISTIC SCHEDULE

## EASTERN DIVISION

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Friday, June 27	Saturday, June 28
1. SOUTH CAROLINA	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
2. NEW YORK	5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
3. FLORIDA	6:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
4. NEW JERSEY	6:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
5. OHIO	7:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
6. MAINE	7:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
7. [OPEN]	8:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, June 28	Sunday, June 29
8. PENNSYLVANIA	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
9. GEORGIA	5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.

## WESTERN DIVISION

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Friday, June 27	Saturday, June 28
1. ARIZONA	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
2. TEXAS	5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
3. CALIFORNIA	6:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.
4. OKLAHOMA	6:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
5. NEVADA	7:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
6. WASHINGTON	7:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
7. COLORADO	8:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, June 28	Sunday, June 29
8. OREGON	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
9. NEBRASKA	5:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
10. MISSOURI	6:00 p.m.	10:30 a.m.

## RITUALISTIC FINALS

STATE	PRACTICE	CONTEST
	Sunday, June 29	Monday, June 30
Team 1	7:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
Team 2	7:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Team 3	8:00 p.m.	3:30 p.m.
Team 4	8:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.

# CALLICOTT 11 O'CLOCK TOAST CONTEST SCHEDULE

*Sunday, June 29*

*Kansas City Convention Center • Kansas City, Missouri*

## EAST

### AREAS 1 & 2

**1:00 p.m.**

MD-DE-DC  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania  
Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
New York  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

### AREA 3

**1:45 p.m.**

Alabama  
Florida  
Georgia  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Tennessee

### AREA 4

**2:30 p.m.**

Indiana  
Kentucky  
Michigan  
Ohio  
Virginia  
West Virginia

## WEST

### AREAS 5 & 7

**1:00 p.m.**

Arizona  
California  
Hawaii  
Nevada  
Utah  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Wisconsin

### AREA 6

**1:45 p.m.**

Arkansas  
Colorado  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
Nebraska  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Texas

### AREA 8

**2:30 p.m.**

Alaska  
Idaho  
Montana  
North Dakota  
Oregon  
South Dakota  
Washington  
Wyoming

## FINAL FOUR TOAST TIMES

*Monday, June 30*

*Kansas City Convention Center • Kansas City, Missouri*

**Starting at 10:30 a.m.**

Contestant 1 • Contestant 2 • Contestant 3 • Contestant 4

**Note:** The preliminaries and finals for the 11 O'Clock Toast and Flag Charge contests will run concurrently.



# MULHOLLAND FLAG CHARGE CONTEST SCHEDULE

*Sunday, June 29*

*Kansas City Convention Center • Kansas City, Missouri*

## EAST

### AREAS 1 & 2

**1:00 p.m.**

MD-DE-DC  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania  
Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
New York  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

### AREA 3

**1:45 p.m.**

Alabama  
Florida  
Georgia  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Tennessee

### AREA 4

**2:30 p.m.**

Indiana  
Kentucky  
Michigan  
Ohio  
Virginia  
West Virginia

## WEST

### AREAS 5 & 7

**1:00 p.m.**

Arizona  
California  
Hawaii  
Nevada  
Utah  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Wisconsin

### AREA 6

**1:45 p.m.**

Arkansas  
Colorado  
Kansas  
Louisiana  
Nebraska  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Texas

### AREA 8

**2:30 p.m.**

Alaska  
Idaho  
Montana  
North Dakota  
Oregon  
South Dakota  
Washington  
Wyoming

## FINAL FOUR FLAG CHARGE TIMES

*Monday, June 30*

*Kansas City Convention Center • Kansas City, Missouri*

**Starting at 10:30 a.m.**

Contestant 1 • Contestant 2 • Contestant 3 • Contestant 4

**Note:** The preliminaries and finals for the 11 O'Clock Toast and Flag Charge contests will run concurrently.

## ENF IN KANSAS CITY

The Elks National Foundation has exciting events and presentations planned for you. Here are some highlights:

### ENF AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES

Don't miss the Foundation's presentation during Sunday's Opening Ceremony!

**Sunday, June 29 | 4 p.m.**

**Kansas City Convention Center**

### THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT: MEET THE ELKS SCHOLARS

Elks scholars will be at the convention center to talk to the people who have helped make their scholarships possible. Be sure to greet these outstanding members of the #ElksFamily.

**Sunday, June 29**

**Kansas City Convention Center**

### STANDING IN THE HALL OF FAME: MEET THE ELKS HOOP SHOOT GETTY POWELL WINNERS

The 2025 National Finals highest scoring boy and girl overall, along with their families, will be at the convention center to meet adoring fans. Be sure to say hello to the best youth free throw shooters in America!

**Sunday, June 29**

**Kansas City Convention Center**

### SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE!

The Elks National Foundation is hosting a supply drive throughout the weekend. We're asking Convention attendees to bring a pack of new socks for veterans experiencing homelessness or a new or gently used children's book to promote literacy. Your Lodge will be entered into a raffle to win a \$2,000 CIP bonus grant. *Big news!* In honor of the CIP milestone birthday, we will be giving away twenty \$2,000 bonus grants!

To enter the raffle, you must donate your item at the ENF booth during convention. However, anyone attending can participate—even guests! The socks and books will be donated to organizations in the Kansas City area. Donations can be dropped off at the ENF booth in the exhibit hall on Saturday and Sunday.

## SEMINARS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

When planning your schedule for the 2025 Elks National Convention in Kansas City, don't miss the following ENF sessions. Seating is limited for all of our seminars, and admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. **Doors open 30 minutes before seminars begin.** For more information, email [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or call (773) 755-4728.

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENTS PROGRAM: #CIPTURNS20

This session is an opportunity to celebrate 20 years of helping Elks build stronger communities through Lodge grants. Learn more about the 2025-26 grant specifics, including a \$1,000 increase to the Gratitude Grant base amount and best practices for grant use.

**Sunday, June 29 | 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Convention Center, Room 3501E**

**Monday, June 30 | 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Convention Center, Room 3501A**

### ELKS HOOP SHOOT: UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS

Learn about what's in store for the upcoming season and how you can help develop gritty kids!

**Monday, June 30 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Convention Center, Room 3501A**

### ENF FUNDRAISING CHAIRS: HOW AND WHO—SOLICITING ENF DONATIONS

This session will help identify prospective donors in your Lodge and provide details on how to solicit gifts. Though the content for this seminar is designed for ENF Fundraising Chairs, all are welcome to attend.

**Monday, June 30 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Kansas City Convention Center, Room 3501G**

\*Rooms are subject to change. Visit our website, [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf), for more information.



**Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.**



Kansas City, Missouri, welcomes Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the 160th Grand Lodge Convention. Kansas City is located along a stretch of the Missouri River in the west-central part of the state—close to the Missouri-Kansas state line—and is the largest city in the state by both area and population. Visitors will find a wealth of attractions to explore in Kansas City, including many unique museums and hometown restaurants.

From the downtown area, many of Kansas City's must-see attractions can be accessed by riding the KC Streetcar, the city's free streetcar service, which travels a two-mile-long north-south route and makes a total of sixteen stops, most of which are along Main Street. The final stop at the southern terminus is just north of Pershing Road, close to Union Station, which boasts a planetarium, an award-winning fine dining restaurant called Pierpont's, and historical exhibits.



**The KC Streetcar system runs a two-mile route along Main Street**  
Photo: Visit KC

Just south of Union Station across Pershing Road is the National World War I Museum and Memorial, home to the 217-foot-tall Liberty Memorial Tower. Visitors can explore an 80,000-square-foot museum space containing the world's largest and most encompassing collection of World War I artifacts, including photographs, maps, medals, uniforms, posters, and artillery.

Situated less than three miles south of the National WWI Museum and Memorial along Main Street is Country Club Plaza, an outdoor shopping and dining district. Guests can admire the Plaza's Spanish-inspired architecture, red-tiled roofs, and ornate ironwork. Just

east of the Plaza, visitors can explore Kansas City's largest art museum, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, which houses more than 40,000 works of art that span 5,000 years of history.



**Liberty Memorial Tower honors those who served in WWI**

Photo: National WWI Museum and Memorial

Other museums not to be missed are the American Jazz Museum and the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. They share an address at 1616 East 18th Street, just one mile northeast of the convention center in Kansas City's historic 18th and Vine District. The American Jazz Museum offers exhibits and artifacts recounting a century of the city's rich jazz history. The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum tells the story of teams in the leagues, including the Kansas City Monarchs of the 1920s, and is sure to appeal to both history buffs and sports enthusiasts.

Kansas City has a rich culinary scene but is best known for its world-class barbecue. Many of the city's most famous barbecue establishments are near the downtown area, including Arthur Bryant's at 1727 Brooklyn Avenue and Q39 at 1000 West 39th Street. These popular spots serve up classics like brisket and spare ribs, as well as a regional favorite called burnt ends, consisting of caramelized chunks of meat cut from the fatty end of a brisket.

Whether visitors to Kansas City are in the mood for a heaping helping of barbecue, a ride on the KC Streetcar, or a stroll through a museum, they will find a feast for their senses in Kansas City.



**Brisket sandwich at Q39**

Photo: Visit KC



**Negro Leagues Baseball Museum**

Photo: Jason Dailey/Visit KC

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*Complimentary* shuttle service is provided between the Kansas City Convention Center and the following hotels.

## ROUTES, HOTELS, AND BOARDING

### Route 1 Boarding Location

**Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza**

*Side of hotel on W. 47th St.*

**InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza**

*Main entrance from Wornall Rd.*

### Route 2 Boarding Location

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza**

*Outside the main entrance on W. 43rd St.*

**Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza**

*Corner of E. 45th St. and Main St.*

### Route 3 Boarding Location

**Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center**

*Outside main entrance on McGee St.*

### Route 4 Boarding Location

**Westin Kansas City at Crown Center**

*Outside main entrance on E. Pershing Rd.*

### Route 5 Boarding Location

**Hotel Savoy Kansas City**

*On the corner of Central St. and W. 9th St.*

### Route 6 Boarding Location

**Courtyard Kansas City Downtown/Convention Center**

*Walk to Loews Kansas City Hotel*

**Loews Kansas City Hotel**

*Outside main entrance on Baltimore Ave.*

### Route 7 Boarding Location

**Kansas City Marriott Downtown** *Side of hotel on Central St.*

### Route 8 Boarding Location

**Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown**

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### Route 9 Boarding Location

**Hotel Phillips Kansas City**

*Main entrance on W. 12th St.*

### Route 10 Boarding Location

**Hilton President Kansas City**

*Lower Lobby Circle Drive*

### Route 11 Boarding Location

**Hotel Kansas City**

*Side of hotel on W. 13th St.*

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Saturday, June 28	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*
Sunday, June 29	8:00 a.m. – Close of Opening Ceremony
Monday, June 30	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*
Tuesday, July 1	7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.*
Wednesday, July 2	7:00 a.m. – Close of Session

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**Shuttle schedule**

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## CONVENTION HOTELS

**Grand Lodge**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center.

**Alabama**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

**Alaska**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Arizona**—Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.

Sat: 11:30am–5:30pm & 7:30–11pm; Sun: 10am–2pm & 7–11pm; Mon and Tues: 11:30am–5:30pm & 7:30–11pm.

**Arkansas**—Hilton President Kansas City.

**California/Hawaii**—Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.

**Colorado**—InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza.

**Connecticut**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown. Sat: Connecticut Elks only. Sun: Noon–3pm (Connecticut Elks only), reopen after Opening Ceremony. Mon through Wed: Noon–2pm (Connecticut Elks only) & 2pm–Midnight.

**Florida**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Truman A/B + Bar M (East Muehlebach Tower, East Lobby Level). Sat through Mon: 7–11pm.

**Georgia**—Hotel Kansas City.

**Idaho**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Illinois**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, 18th floor. Sun through Tues: Noon–11pm. Closed during Opening Ceremony. Illinois Elks only during lunch and dinner times.

**Indiana**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center.

**Iowa**—Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center. Sat: 4–10pm; Sun: Noon–2pm & 6:30–11pm; Mon: 2–11pm; Tues: 1–3pm, 4–7pm (Iowa Elks only) & 7–11pm.

**Kansas**—InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza.

**Kentucky**—Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza. Saturday through Wednesday: Noon–11pm. Closed periodically for Kentucky Elks only (TBA).

**Louisiana**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center.

**Maine**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown. Open to Maine Elks only until after the Opening Ceremony. Open to all Elks through Wednesday evening. Closings will be announced and posted on the door.

**Massachusetts**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown, Club Lounge (4th floor). Fri: 7–11:30pm; Sat: 1–4pm & 7–11:30pm; Sun: 1–3pm & 7–11:30pm; Mon: 1–4pm & 6–11:30pm (Massachusetts Elks only 6–8pm); Tues: 1–4pm & 6–11:30pm; Wed: 1pm–closing.

**MD, DE, & DC**—Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza. Sat: Noon–11pm; Sun: Noon–3:30pm (MD, DE, & DC Elks only) & 6–11pm; Mon: Noon–5pm & 7–11pm; Tues: Noon–Midnight.

**Michigan**—Courtyard Kansas City Downtown/Convention Center, Rooms 532 & 534. Fri: 7–11pm; Sat: 2–5pm & 7–11pm; Sun: Noon–3pm & 7–11pm; Mon: 1–5pm & 7–11pm; Tues: 1–4pm & 8–11pm.

**Minnesota**—Hotel Kansas City, Room 601. Sat through Tues: 5–11pm.

**Mississippi**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

**Missouri**—Hotel Phillips Kansas City, Mezzanine Terrace. Sat: 3–11pm; Sun: 11am–3pm & 6–11pm; Mon and Tues: 11am–2pm (Missouri Elks only) & 2–11pm.



## AND HOSPITALITY SUITES

**Montana**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Nebraska**—Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza.

**Nevada**—Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.  
Tues: Nevada Elks only from 5–8pm.

**New Hampshire**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown.

**New Jersey**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

**New Mexico**—InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza.  
Sat: New Mexico Elks only. Sun through Tues: New Mexico Elks only after 8pm.

**New York**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Royal Hall (East Tower, lower level). Sat through Tues: 8–11pm.

**North Carolina**—Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza.  
Sat through Tues: 5–11pm.

**North Dakota**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Ohio**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Fri: 8–11:30pm;  
Sat: 11:30am–3pm & 8–11:30pm; Sun: 11:30am–2:30pm & 8–11:30pm; Mon and Tues: 11:30am–3pm & 8–11:30pm.

**Oklahoma**—Hilton President Kansas City, Room 512.

**Oregon**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Pennsylvania**—Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza, Brookside Banquet Room. Fri: 7–11pm; Sat: 1–4:30p.m. & 7–11pm; Sun: Noon–2:30pm & 8–11pm; Mon: Noon–5pm & 9pm–Midnight; Tues: Noon–5pm & 7–11pm.

**Rhode Island**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown.

**Ritual**—Kansas City Marriott Downtown.

**South Carolina**—Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza, Suite 1202.

**South Dakota**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**Tennessee**—Hotel Savoy Kansas City, 21C Suite (7th floor).  
Sun: After Opening Ceremony–11pm; Mon and Tues: 2–11pm.

**Texas**—Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza, Summit Room (3rd floor). Sat: 7–11pm (Texas Elks only); Sun: 1–3pm & 7–11pm; Mon and Tues: 1–4pm & 7–11pm.

**Utah**—Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.  
Sat: 3–11pm; Sun: 6–11pm; Mon: 3–11pm; Tues: 1–3pm & 9–11pm; Wed: 3–10pm.

**Virginia**—Embassy Suites by Hilton Kansas City Plaza, Room 1212. Sat: 1–11pm; Sun: Noon–3pm & 5:30–11pm; Mon: Noon–11pm; Tues: 3–7pm (Virginia Elks only) & 7–11pm; Wed: Noon–8pm.

**Vermont**—Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown, Room 2412. Sat: Noon–11pm; Sun: Noon–3:30pm & 6–11pm; Mon: 8am–11pm; Tues: 8am–5pm & 9–11pm; Wed: 8am–11pm (Vermont Elks only).

**Washington**—Loews Kansas City Hotel.

**West Virginia**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center.

**Wisconsin**—Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. Fri and Sat: Noon–11pm; Sun: 6–11pm; Mon: Noon–11pm; Tues: 4–7pm (Wisconsin Elks only) & 7–11pm; Wed: Noon–4pm.

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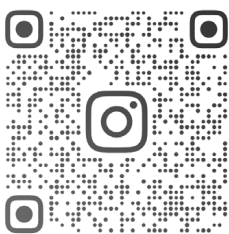
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