

Degree of Honor's 2009 National Convention
Evening Meals
and Activities

Thursday, July 16

FREE!

Great Minnesota Get Together

At 5:30 Degree of Honor members will gather in the lobby for a reception with a state fair atmosphere. Enjoy face painting, jugglers and balloon artists. The Grand Welcome dinner will start at 6:30 with everything on a stick and Hot Dish! We will have games for kids, entertainers, and mascots. We want everyone to bring their craft items for display. You can find free knitting, crochet or woodworking patterns on the website at degreeofhonor.org. We will be collecting new and gently used books and pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

At 7:20, the St Paul Police band will perform, kids will meet their chaperones and get to know other kids in their group.

Friday, July 17

\$60.00 adults/\$30.00 youth

Murphy's Landing

Buses will deliver you from your chosen full day tour or the hotel at 5:00 to our venue. Murphy's Landing will take you back to the mid 1800's where you can experience how Minnesotans lived in the 19th century! You will be able stroll the 88 acre park or just sit and visit with old friends, take a tour in a horse-drawn wagon, talk with the costumed interpreters, shop at the general store, visit the bank, watch demonstrations by the blacksmith, listen to old fashioned music and much more. Dinner will be cooked on outdoor grills and served buffet style. Buses will depart at 8:30 to return you to the hotel.

\$20.00

Comedy Sportz (*Space is Limited*)

As a family group, you have the option to leave Murphy's Landing at 7:00 to head over to the ComedySportz club. ComedySportz is improvisational comedy played as a sport! (If you've ever seen "Whose Line Is It Anyway", you've got the general idea.) Two teams of actors compete for the biggest laughs while a referee calls the fouls and gets suggestions from you, the audience. The show bills itself as "Fun enough for a bachelor party. Clean enough for your Grandma." You don't have to know sports to enjoy this interactive entertainment option. The improv comedy covers any topic and the sport is two comedic teams competing against each other for your laughs. You get to decide the winner of the event.

The show begins at 8:00 and is approximately 90 minutes. Those who choose to go must be able to sit in one place and enjoy the show without disrupting the audience for that length of time. This is a family event recommended for those over the age of 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. No exceptions.

Saturday, July 18

\$75.00 adults/\$20.00 youth

Reception and Banquet

Saturday night's Gala Dinner will be at the Hilton Hotel with a pre-dinner reception beginning at 5:30. The Hilton is known for their elegant surroundings, impeccable service and stunning presentations with award-winning food & beverage! After our meal Evening entertainment will be a variety show featuring Sean Emery, the world's tallest leprechaun. He is one of the more sought-after entertainers on the international market! He will be joined by a other local entertainers in a show that will have something for all ages.

Sunday, July 19

FREE!

Closing Meeting and Celebration

We will have a closing meeting following breakfast for adults and kids alike. We will have entertainment, a memorial service and the opportunity to win some amazing door prizes. ***(Must be present to win)*** Don't miss the drawing for the doll house! If you haven't purchased your tickets, please make sure to contact us or watch for the table at the convention.

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Fun Day Tours

Friday, July 17

1. Mall of America

This is a free, self guided event. Shuttle buses will be available from the hotel throughout the day. You will need to be back to the hotel no later than 4:30. Mall of America® features something for everyone; 520 stores, 50 restaurants and attractions galore, including Nickelodeon Universe® indoor amusement park. Kids won't want to miss the opportunity to meet SpongeBob SquarePants, Dora, Blue, Jimmy Neutron, and many others during your visit to Nickelodeon Universe. Meet and greets with the characters will provide the perfect photo opportunity, as your family gets up close and personal with the characters they love. It all adds up to an amazing entertainment experience for the whole family! You will be on your own for lunch.

The Mall of America is handicap accessible, strollers, electric carts, wheelchairs and shopping carts are available for an additional fee at the mall.

2. Wabasha Street Caves/Gangster Tour

Buses leave the hotel at 9:30. This tour is not recommended for young children under the age of 8. Historically-dressed character guides converse and interact with the group members. Enjoy the unusual, fun-filled blast from the past tours! Hear and see the history of the sandstone caves. You will explore the original mined caves and see the finished caves (once a romantic night club called The Castle Royal). Hear the legends of the mobster massacres and ghostly lore in the most unique setting from Chicago to San Francisco. See the sights where the gangsters lived it up as they planned and executed some of the most notorious crimes ever perpetrated in the Upper Midwest. Your guide takes you past the most infamous gangster hideouts and the famous nightclubs where many gangsters spent time socializing with the public. You will stop for lunch at Joseph's Grill in St Paul. Buses will return to the hotel at 3:00.

There is some walking involved in these tours, but you will have the option of staying on the bus.

3. Mill City Museum/Guthrie Theater

Board the bus at 9:30. A box lunch will be provided by D'Amico at Mill City. An attraction for all ages, Mill City Museum chronicles the flour milling industry that dominated world flour production for roughly a half-century. Built within the ruins of a National Historic Landmark, the museum provides a multi-sensory, interactive journey. The story of flour milling, and its impact on Minneapolis, the nation and the world, comes to life through the eight-story Flour Tower and other hands-on exhibits.

A backstage tour offers a look at what goes on behind the scenes at the Guthrie. You'll discover the stunning and expanded features of our state-of-the-art facility and learn how we take our plays from script to stage, including the many intriguing steps in between. On the tour, you'll visit our various production departments, including the shops where costumes, sets and props are expertly crafted by talented artisans. Return to hotel at 4:30

This tour will involve a lot of walking.

4. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

The buses leave the hotel at 11:00. The Arboretum features more than 1,000 acres of magnificent gardens, 12.5 miles of garden paths, model landscapes, and natural areas-from woodlands and wetlands to prairie-with extensive collections of northern-hardy plants. There will be a motorized Trumpet Creeper Tram tour of the three mile drive. A special exhibit, "Waterosity: Go Green with a Splash" features juried exhibition of 15 artworks celebrating water and other water-related components. A unique, Flowerpot lunch will be served. The bus will depart the Arboretum at 4:15 and take you directly to dinner at Murphy's Landing, it will not be returning to the hotel prior to dinner.

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5. Mystic Lake Casino

The buses depart the hotel at 11:30. Lunch will be on your own. Mystic Lake is the Twin Cities' only casino hotel and one of the largest Midwest casinos. Their unparalleled casino buffet features gourmet cuisine from around the globe, and is just one of five restaurants designed to satisfy every craving. The finest in Midwest gaming, and floors offer everything from penny slot machines to high stakes Blackjack and Bingo. With nearly 4,000 slot machines and 96 Blackjack game tables. The casino will be providing a play \$10.00/get \$10.00 coupon to each individual. You will be boarding buses from the casino at 4:30 to take you directly to dinner at Murphy's Landing, it will not be returning to the hotel prior to dinner.

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3. Mill City Museum/Stone Arch Bridge

Board the light rail near the Hilton into downtown Minneapolis at 1:00. An attraction for all ages, Mill City Museum chronicles the flour milling industry that dominated world flour production for roughly a half-century. Built within the ruins of a National Historic Landmark, the museum provides a multi-sensory, interactive journey. The story of flour milling, and its impact on Minneapolis, the nation and the world, comes to life through the eight-story Flour Tower and other hands-on exhibits.

You will have time to walk the historic Stone Arch Bridge. It is the only bridge of its kind over the Mississippi River. It is made of native granite and limestone, and measures 2100-feet long by 28-foot wide. The bridge consists of 23 arches, and spans the river below St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis, MN. Buses return to the hotel at 4:30

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5. Relax at the Hotel

We will have a number of activities at the hotel for those that want to kick back and visit with other Degree of Honor members. There is no cost for attending these activities.

- Fraternal Project Opportunity
- Digital photographs – Make a card using your own pictures!

You will be able to come and join in at any time and have enough time to return to your room and prepare for the evening reception and dinner.