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Chief Rabban Shriners

Re MSA 2022 Winter Session February 24 & 25 Alexandria MN

Noble \_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Attached is the paperwork for the MSA Winter Session being held in Alexandria MN on February 24 & 25, 2022. This includes the “Midwest Musings” (session call), Noble Registration Form, Housing Registration form, 2022 Temple Membership/Necrology Report, The 2022 Temple SBI Report, and the Temple arrival and meeting form. Feel free to make copies if you wish to distribute to your Officers and Nobility as required. I WILL NOT be mailing a package of the documents to the temple but will be emailing copies to the Office and Potentate.

As Chief Rabban, it is your responsibility to have these forms completed and returned to me as soon as possible but no later than **January 16, 2023**. With the MSA winter session being held in February I am always under time constraints with the Hotel to get rooming list information and delegate numbers to them. The MSA has blocked 150 Guest rooms, at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center for arrival Thursday February 23 with departure Saturday February 25, 2023. Your full cooperation is requested to ensure we have enough guest rooms available for the Temples, therefore it is very important all forms be completed and returned (emailed) to me as soon as possible but not later than January 16, 2023.

All guest room reservations must be requested through the Secretary Treasurer utilizing the room request form (word document). Osman Shriners have secured Rafters Bar on the 5th floor as a hospitality room. They have offered to partner/split the costs with other temples who wish to join them. Presently Zor, Zuhrah, Wawa, Kem, Khartum, El Zagal and Yelduz Temples have indicated they will join with Osman. If your temple would like to join them in this endeavor, contact Roger Robinson [rogerr60@gmail.com](mailto:rogerr60@gmail.com) and arrange directly with him. If your temple wishes to have their own hospitality room, a guestroom on the fifth floor can be reserved, however the Temple will require to pay the room rate of $140.95/night, in addition the furniture in these rooms cannot be removed. If requesting your own hospitality room, please indicate that on your room request form and I will do my best to accommodate the temple request.

Complete the Delegate Registration Form (word document), indicating their name and 2023 position/title. If the elections have not been held indicate **To be Elected** or **To be Appointed**. Each Temple is entitled to seven voting delegates for the general business sessions and the seven elected officers of your Temple are considered as voting delegates, unless otherwise indicated. Past MSA Officers must register and request housing through their own Temple. There is no limit on the number of Nobles each Temple registers for the winter session. The **registration** fee for this session is **$112.10/person US Funds** which will include Friday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet and Saturday Breakfast. If a Noble is not registered there will not be any meal(s) available or provided for them. Note the MSA Winter Session will adjourn by noon on Saturday February 25, therefore lunch is not provided as part of the registration, allowing the Delegates to get on the road quicker and have lunch along their journey home.

As part of the ongoing education for the MSA associated Temples we have requested/arranged for presentations on Marketing and Communications, Jurisprudence Laws Grievances and Appeals, Hospital/Patient Story, Membership, as well as Temple Budgeting and Finance for the plenary sessions in the main meeting room. The MSA Officers strongly recommend that the elected officers and future leaders from every Temple should attend these presentations. Concurrently there will be breakout sessions for SBI, Shrine Fund Raising, Chief of staff/Competition/Director Generals and an Audit and Per Capita Committee Meeting. All seminars and presentations are open to all registered delegates. In addition, the Midwest Clown Association and Midwest Motor Corps will be holding their annual meetings.

While the MSA Executive would like to see great numbers attending from every Shrine Center in the Midwest we recognize that there may be conflicts or constraints and hope that the Shrine Centers will support these endeavors to the greatest of their ability.

If you have any questions about the forms, please do not hesitate to contact me. I request that the forms be filled in by computer and returned to me. This will make these easier for me to read and avoid spelling errors for delegates attending. These forms will also be available from our website [www.midwestshrineassociation.org](http://www.midwestshrineassociation.org)

Best wishes to you for a successful year.

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