2024 Jurisdiction Convention Checklist



This checklist is not exhaustive. Your particular Jurisdiction may have additional items to plan or complete, depending on your needs.

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By July 15 th , 2023	 Hold an informational Zoom meeting on Monday, June 26, at 12 p.m. CT. Provide Jurisdictions with: Planning guidelines Example meeting agenda Zoom recording 	 Reserve your Convention location and room blocks. Send contracts to Judy James for Home Office signature and payment of deposit (if required). Schedule a Jurisdiction meeting (online or in person) to finalize convention details and provide date and location to the Home Office.
August 2023	 Sign all contracts and provide deposit payment. Publish in the magazine the dates and locations of Jurisdiction Conventions. Publish the process and deadline for members of Jurisdiction holding courts to submit to be a delegate to the Jurisdiction Convention. 	 Hold a Jurisdiction meeting to determine the following: Schedule of events Business agenda Special guest list Menus Mass? Will a delegate guest be permitted to meals? Is audio/visual equipment needed? Any signage or other materials needed? Any other needs? Fraternal/Service Activity (optional) Finalize Jurisdiction Convention details with the venue(s) Schedule of events Menus Provide meeting minutes and all Convention details to the Home Office. Local Courts elect delegates no earlier than October 16, 2023, and no later than December 31, 2023.
September 2023	Assist Jurisdictions as needed.	
October 2023	Notify Local Courts and Jurisdictions of the number of delegates and alternates to the Jurisdiction Conventions via mail and email.	
November 2023	Assist Jurisdictions as needed.	
December 2023	 Publish in the magazine the process for members to nominate themselves or others to be delegates to the National Convention or Jurisdiction Officers or Trustees. Confirm Jurisdiction Convention details with the venue(s) and vendors. Process Jurisdiction Meeting Officer remuneration (upon receipt of meeting minutes). 	

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January 2024	 Send the Jurisdiction Officers the list of legally elected and qualified delegates and alternates from Local Courts and qualified delegates and alternates from the Jurisdiction holding court. Contact delegates and special guests to collect their registration information such as: Overnight stay Dietary restrictions Guests (if Jurisdiction allows) Guest payments (when applicable) Anticipated mileage 	 The Jurisdiction Officers determine who will be on each committee: Credentials Committee Resolutions/Petitions Committee Nominating/Elections Committee Fraternal Activities Committee (optional) Determine if/when Resolutions/Petitions and Fraternal Activities Committees will meet (online prior to the convention or morning of convention). Assign volunteers to the following positions:
February 2024	 Send the Nominating/Elections Committee the list of qualified National Convention delegate candidate names that were collected. Send the Nominating/Elections Committee the list of qualified Jurisdiction Officer and Trustee candidate names that were collected. 	 Delegate check-in Event contact(s) for delegates Other positions such as Parliamentarian, Sentinels, Conductors, etc. If audio/visual equipment is used, determine content. Provide/work with the Home Office. All Convention planning should be completed.
March – May 2024	 Reserve guest rooms with hotel. Finalize banquet menu with venue. Send reminder to attendees. Provide the following: Delegate/Alternate registration information. Attendee Badges Convention Program Meal / Drink Tickets National Delegate Ballots Jurisdiction Officer & Trustee Ballots Signage or other needed materials Post-convention forms Provide payment to venues/vendors. 	 Confirm Jurisdiction Convention details with the venue(s) and vendors. Credential Committee Meeting (day of convention after delegates check-in) Nominating / Elections Committee Meeting (day of convention after delegates check-in) Jurisdiction Conventions take place. Collect post-convention forms from each delegate to forward to the Home Office
Post- Convention	 Process payment of remuneration, <i>per diem</i>, mileage, etc. to delegates and Jurisdiction Officers and Trustees, as applicable. Contact elected National Convention delegates to register them for the National Convention. 	 Send the following to the Home Office: Jurisdiction Convention minutes Jurisdiction Constitution and Bylaws Post-convention delegate forms List of elected National Convention delegates and alternates List of elected Jurisdiction Officers/Trustees