



95th Virginia State Lions Convention May 17 through 20, 2018

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Dear Lions, Lioness, Leos and Guests

WELCOME TO THE 95TH VIRGINIA STATE LIONS CONVENTION! Please make plans **NOW** to be part of an exciting convention that will be held May 17-20, 2018, at the Crossing Hotel in Glen Allen, Virginia. Visit the convention website: www.valions.org/convention.

The 2018 State Convention hotel offers us elegant and modern convention facilities, and is large enough to house everyone under one roof. It has a campus atmosphere. The single and double rate per day is \$135.00 plus taxes and includes **FREE parking** and **FREE Wi-Fi**. You must make your reservations **directly** with the hotel by **April 17, 2018**. Please call the hotel reservations at 1-804-727-1400. Make sure that you identify yourself as a Lion attending the 2018 Virginia State Convention.

The Convention registration desk will be open from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 17, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19. The delegates must register and be certified by the Credential Committee no later than 5:00 PM on Saturday, May 19, to be eligible to vote. For your convenience the Registration desk and the Credential Desk are located in the Hotel registration area.

Pre-registration for the convention and related events is **strongly** advised. Reservations are **advance basis only**. Meal tickets will not be available at the door. Please mail the meal registration form and payment as early as possible. The deadline date is **May 5, 2018**. Although there are restaurants in the Glen Allen area, they are quite busy on Friday and Saturday. Therefore, we encourage everyone to register for the planned meals. All Lions (delegates and non-delegates), Lioness, Leos, spouses and guests should pre-register.

The **\$20.00** per person, prior to **April 17, 2018**, **\$25.00** per person after **April 17, 2018**, registration fee includes an Official Identification badge, which allows you admission to all the Hospitality suites, Bland Competition, and the special VIP reception, honoring Lions Club International Director Lion Jerome Thompson on Saturday prior to the banquet, a 2018 Convention Lapel Pin, and the 2018 official State convention program.

Dress code for the Banquet will be semi-formal. The Council would like the banquet attire to be white jacket and semi-formal / cocktail dresses for ladies. It is up to you how you would like to dress for the Banquet, but it should be semi-formal.

We are delighted and proud to have the opportunity to host the 2018 Virginia Lions State Convention and look forward to seeing you in Glen Allen, May 17-20, 2018. We encourage you to preregister early for you hotel room and the convention activities.

Yours in Lionism

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