



NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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National Commandant Baker,

This past year has been a very active time for the National Convention Committee, making many visits and getting back on track with the Quadrant rotation.

We have made visits to Palm Springs (2024) and Dallas (2025). It's very inspiring to see both teams ready to host their respective Conventions. In OKC both will be making presentations on the hotels and their plans for our members. Also, the decision was made to have our Mid-Winter at the Sheraton in Pentagon City, Va.

I have made some changes to the RFP (Request for Proposal) which will benefit the MCL when negotiating with hotels. One is that we get the privilege of room cancellations going back into our block instead of the hotel's inventory.

We need to make a MCL policy regarding making reservations for conventions. We have members making several reservations in their name and then canceling. This makes it difficult for our room block. I will discuss this at the convention at OKC.

I want to sincerely extend a "thank you" to the committee and our National Executive Director/COO Bob Borka for all the assistance and input at our site visits. It's a great team and knowledgeable in what our requirements are for a hotel hosting our league. All participate and work together as one.

As we forge forward it's great to get feedback from previous convention team members. This has been helpful to teams hosting the next conventions.

It's been an honor and privilege serving the MCL as Convention Chairman and want to thank all the committee and Bob Borka.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Ransom
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