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All Delegates to the National Division

Re: 2022 National Convention

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

You are receiving this correspondence because you are shown in the records of the National Division as the delegate from your local division. This means that your attendance is expected at the Fifth National Convention of the BLET at the Bally's Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, beginning Monday, October 10, 2022, and ending Thursday, October 13, 2022. If you are not the delegate, or if you know that you will not be attending the National Convention for any reason, please notify your division secretary-treasurer immediately so that records can be updated and your alternate delegate can be properly advised.

This mailing contains information that will provide you with the details of BLET Convention that should make your experience more productive. Please read the enclosed Delegate Information Sheet carefully, and review the hotel maps, which include a diagram of the area of the hotel where most of our convention activities will occur.

Bally's is the official convention hotel, and all convention-related events will be held there; we have secured a group rate of \$102.00 per night, plus tax; please note that Bally's has lowered their daily resort fee to \$35.00 for those in our room block. Delegates may check into the hotel beginning on Saturday, October 8, at 4:00 p.m. local time; however, space is limited on Saturday night, and will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. It is important that you promptly make arrangements for travel to and from Las Vegas, and make a reservation for your hotel room. You should make your room reservation online at: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SBLET2>

You may call Bally's Reservation Center at 1-800-223-7277 to secure a reservation in our block. However, you should be aware that a \$15.00 processing fee per reservation will be incurred. Callers should use group code: SBLET2.

The final cutoff date for reserving a sleeping room at the convention rate is 5:00 p.m. PDT, Monday, August 29, 2022. After that time and date, any remaining rooms in our reserved room block will be returned to the hotel for re-sale and any reservations made after that time and date will not be at the convention rate and will be considerably more expensive, or may not be available at all. Please do not delay in making your room reservations.

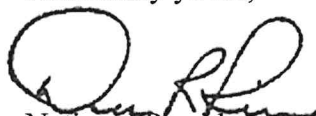
Two (2) convention-related events will take place on Sunday, October 9, 2022. The first is Delegate Registration, which will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Delegate Registration is mandatory, as you will not be allowed on the convention floor until you are registered and receive your badge. The second event is the Welcome Reception, which runs from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. This is a hosted reception, with finger foods and refreshments provided at no cost to you. It is a good opportunity to meet other Brothers and Sisters, and Officers of both the BLET and the BLET Auxiliary.

The delegate's packet that you will receive at registration will include all necessary food and beverage coupons as well as your Delegate Badge, which is required for participation in the convention. Therefore, it is important that you arrive in Las Vegas in time to register. If your only choice in travel gets you to Las Vegas late in the afternoon or the evening on Sunday, you may want to consider traveling on Saturday, October 8 so that you can register in time to participate in Sunday's events. If you do not arrive in time to register on Sunday, registration will be open for a limited time on Monday morning, October 10. The Convention is scheduled to adjourn on Thursday, October 13, and it is recommended that you plan on departing Las Vegas no earlier than Thursday evening.

Delegate pay and expenses will be issued per Section 25 – National Division Rules of the BLET Bylaws. You will receive the maximum allowable per diem established by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for meals and lodging expenses for each day of the Convention, and also on your two (2) travel days (one day before and one day after). The IRS per diem for Las Vegas is \$189.00 for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2022, which expires on September 30, 2022; information concerning the FY 2023 per diem, which begins on October 1, 2022, will be provided as soon as it becomes available. Additionally, you will receive a \$600 travel allowance. Your salary as a delegate is the responsibility of your division.

Looking forward to seeing you in Las Vegas, with warmest personal regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,



National President

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