

Incoming Exalted Rulers

Get all Exalted Rulers for 2022 – 2023 together

- Elect officers for your group (President, Secretary and Treasurer)
- Officer duties
 - President: calls all meetings and facilitates meeting; work with your Social Advisors
 - Secretary: take notes at all meeting and send them to all other Exalted Rulers, Social advisors, current VP and current DD
 - Treasurer: open a checking account for the group, chose another ER as a second signer for the checking account
 - The following should be invited to all group meeting, ERs, Social Advisors, current VP and current DD
- Decide the amount of dues to be paid by each ER. Suggestion is \$25 to \$50 per month. Most groups have just asked for \$150 every six months.
 - Dues pays for the required banners, gift and lunch for the DD's spouse at Grand Lodge, additional costs of the hospitality room if costs exceed what the District provides, dinner for all ERs, VP, DD and Social Advisors at Grand Lodge.
- Pick a name for the group
 - This can be anything the group wants, must be approved by the District Leaders
 - Most ER groups have been named something related to the area where they attend Grand Lodge (your Grand Lodge will be in Minneapolis, MN
 - Things to watch for when picking a name
 - Anything condescending to race, creed or nationality
 - Anything related to alcohol or drinking
 - Anything sexual or provocative
 - Keep in mind any connotations the name could have. In essence, nothing that will embarrass the Order or the District. If you have to question it, it's probably not good.
- Start thinking about your group pin

- o You will have to wait until after your group name has been approved, and design the pin around the name.
- o The pin can be either a single, shared pin or a pin set. You will need to wait on the final design until after the January District meeting where the VP and DD are chosen.
- o The advantage of a single pin is cost, fewer need to be ordered. The advantage of pin sets is collectors will seek each ER out to collect the full set. This results in a busier hospitality suite.
- o Assign someone to work with the pin company to design a pin. Pin companies will also give suggestions if they cannot think of a design or draw it.
- o Pin design should be completed and decided on before mid-February. They usually need to be ordered by March 1st to get the pins by State Convention (May)
- Banners: two banners are needed; these cannot be ordered until after the January meeting when the VP and DD are announced
 - o One banner for the VP, one banner for the DD
 - o Appoint someone to handle designing and ordering the banners. Sample verbiage: “The West Central District (name of group) welcomes State Vice President (name) and spouse (name)”. DD banner is the same just substitute “District Deputy”.
 - o These banners will be hung at the respective conventions (VP at State, DD at Grand Lodge) as well as in each Lodge during the visitation where they will be signed by the host ER.
- State Convention (May 16 – 19, 2023, Palm Springs, CA)
 - o Make sure the first thing you do is register and go to the blue coat room to pick up your coat
 - o When booking reservations, you should plan to arrive on Wednesday afternoon in order to attend opening ceremonies and stay until after closing ceremonies on Saturday at noon.
 - o During sessions look for the VP and DD, they will have held seats with purple chair covers.
 - o Attend the Vice President’s Reception in the hospitality suite
- Grand Lodge (July 2 – 5, 2023, Minneapolis, MN)

- o Attend District Deputy's Reception in the hospitality suite, dress is Blue Coat unless otherwise discussed
 - Spouses or significant others should help set up this event.
 - ERs are to socialize, act as bartenders
- District Deputy's First Lady luncheon
 - o Purchase a gift to be given to the DD's First Lady
 - o ER spouses or significant others are required to attend
- ER Dinner
 - o Work with the Social Advisors to set up a dinner, cruise or etc.
 - o The ER's fund pays for this event, VP, DD, ERs and their spouses/significates
 - o Social Advisors are usually paid out of the ER fund
 - o The ERs can choose to invite others from the district to attend at their own expense
- Attend DD breakfast on the first morning
- Blue coat for all meetings
- During sessions look for the VP and DD, they will have held seats with purple chair covers