



5-State Gathering  
Friday, July 24 – Sunday, July 26, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The 5-State Gathering will be held Friday, July 24 to Sunday, July 26 at Leavenworth, Kansas. Kansas is looking forward to hosting our Sisters and Brothers and your family or friends from Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Dress is casual for all events.

A block of rooms and headquarters will be at Fairfield Inn, 1101 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Leavenworth. Phone number is 913-758-9303 and rooms are reserved under **Eastern Star Conference**. Room must be reserved by **June 24, 2026**. Rate \$129.00 per night plus tax, breakfast is included. Rooms available Standard Queen Double or Standard King. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Twyla or Nora, all information is at bottom of the letter.

Below is some interesting information so please be sure to complete if you want to visit or want the item.

(1) If you would like to visit Fort Leavenworth you must be preregistered 10 to 14 days before you arrive. Website <https://home.army.mil/leavenworth/about/visitor-information/gate-information>. You should receive an email clearance with instructions.

(2) Purchase a T- shirt to remind you of the FUN and FELLOWSHIP you had this weekend. All shirts are Glidan 50/50 unisex sizing in HEATHER PURPLE. They will be available for pickup when you check in. Order on second page – sizes range from small to 4XL.

(3) Silent Auction – Money from silent auction will be prorated to each state according to the number of items your state contributes. Items will be on display in the community room at the hotel and winners announced at the conclusion of the Saturday evening dinner and picked up later that evening. Please be sure Twyla or I get your item(s) checked in so we have the correct information.

Friday evening will be a box dinner, see page 2 to select choices which will also include pasta and potato salad, tea or water price \$10.00. Dessert will be provided by Leavenworth Convention and Visitors Bureau. Saturday will be a set down dinner at Heritage Center; directions will be in your welcome package. Dinner will be salad, pork loin with peach sauce, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, rolls, chocolate cherry cake or peach spice cake, coffee, tea, or water. Price \$25.00. We are asking each state to present a skit, limited to 7 minutes.

You are free to roam the prairie on Saturday and hunt buffalo around Leavenworth. The Tourism Services in Leavenworth has provided a page that gives you places you can visit and shop. Any questions we will be glad to answer them and/or direct you. Again, the community room will be available all day so you can just relax and enjoy the weekend. Herb Merrick, Worthy Grand Patron, is inviting everyone to his church for services on Sunday, Pilgrim Community Church, 500 Arch Street at 10:00.

If we didn't answer any of your questions, please feel free to contact Twyla - text or phone – 816-261-1232 or email [tetebay@aol.com](mailto:tetebay@aol.com) or Nora - text or phone – 816-261-4022 or email [nanabayl@aol.com](mailto:nanabayl@aol.com)

5 State Committee