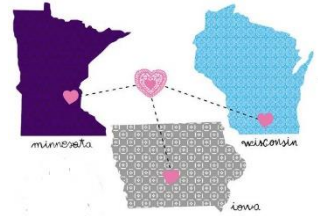


## Fall 2021 Tri-State Eastern Star Exchange

We want you all to join in on a fun weekend with Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers from Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin September 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. This is for ALL STAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS! Come for the whole weekend, or just a day. We'd love to see you either way!



Minnesota is hosting this year, and our headquarters will be with Queen Esther Chapter #26 at the St. Paul Park Minnesota Masonic Center (644 Broadway Ave., St. Paul Park, MN). This is a fun, social event, so dress is casual for the weekend.

We will start with a Friday night Pizza party. Saturday begins with a Pancake Breakfast served by Newport Lodge #118. Saturday afternoon is open for seeing the sights of the Twin Cities. We have a Mississippi river tour on the Jonathan Padelford Steamboat planned (Reservations required) Or you may choose to go on your own to a number of local sights like Como Zoo and Conservatory, Historic Fort Snelling, the James J. Hill House and many others, even the Mall of America!

Saturday evening starts with a great buffet dinner followed by entertainment by each Jurisdiction and time to meet and socialize with Sisters and Brothers from our three states. Sunday morning, we will have a light breakfast and Sunday service at the Masonic Center before you all travel back to your homes.

We hope to “See you in September”, as the old song goes.

Sue Bay and Ravelle Smith, co-chairmen

### **Housing for the Tri-State Exchange**

A block of rooms is available at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites on 700 Bielenberg Dr., Woodbury MN 55125. They have rooms with two Queen beds for \$99 per night available for Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Make reservations on your own at 651-264-0144 and ask for the “Eastern Star Fall Exchange” block of rooms. This block will be available until August 22nd.

If this facility fills, here are some additional hotels in the nearby area:

Sheraton St. Paul/Woodbury; 676 Bielenberg Dr., Woodbury MN 55125 651 209-3280

AmericInn Inver Grove; 5861 Blaine Ave. E., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 651 450-7511

Microtel Inn & Suites 5681 Bishop Ave., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 651 552-0555

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**THINGS TO DO ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON**  
**(Make your own reservations EXCEPT for the Jonathan Padelford boat ride)**

SCIENCE MUSEUM Reservations Required

[new.smm.org](http://new.smm.org)

120 West Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul

651-221-9444 Cost: \$19.95, Seniors \$14.95

Known for it's "hands-on" exhibits and Omni Theatre presentations

COMO PARK ZOO AND CONSERVATORY Reservations Required

[www.comozooconservatory.org](http://www.comozooconservatory.org)

1225 Estabrook Drive, Saint Paul

651-487-8201 SUGGESTED DONATION \$3.00

The zoo hosts gorillas, bears, and tigers, and many more animals. The conservatory has a Japanese Tea Garden, orchids, plus many more plants and flowers.

FORT SNELLING STATE PARK

[www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_parks/park.html?id=spk00154#homepage](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00154#homepage)

101 South Snelling Lake Road, Saint Paul

612-279-3550 COST:\$8.00 PER CAR

Enjoy nature, walking trails etc.

HISTORIC FORT SNELLING Reservations requested

<https://www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling>

200 Tower Ave, St. Paul, MN 55111

612-726-1171

Explore the voices and stories of the men, women, and children who crossed paths here over the centuries - from the Dakota, Ojibwe, and enslaved people, to immigrants, soldiers, and fur traders.

JAMES J HILL HOUSE. Reservations Required

[www.mnhs.org/hillhouse](http://www.mnhs.org/hillhouse)

240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

651-297-2555 COST:\$12.00, SENIORS \$10.00

Visit the house of a powerful railroad magnet.

JONATHAN PADELDFORD BOAT RIDE. Reservations Required – with your registration.

[riverrides.com](http://riverrides.com)

205 OR Justus Ohage Blvd. St. Paul

651-371-5361

Cost \$21.00

Length- 90 minutes on the Mississippi River

Arrive- 2:00 PM boat leaves at 2:30 PM

Narrated Tape

Reservations may not be required for some activities by September. Check the web sites for changes in requirements, hours and so forth.

EXCEPTION: the Jonathan Padelford is a group excursion and requires reservations with your registration.

Additional suggestions and directions to activities will be available when you arrive at the Exchange

