



2028 Convention Communique No. 1 ~ October '26

MINNESOTA ~ June 21-25, 2028

DoubleTree by Hilton Saint Paul Downtown

We're returning to Minnesota's Capital City for the

25th International Convention of the Sons of the Desert!

The DoubleTree by Hilton is in downtown Saint Paul and they're giving us an incredible rate of \$109 per night (plus tax, of course) for a Double-Double or King room! (That is *NOT* a typo — One-Hundred-Nine dollars a night!) The rate will be honored three days before and three days after the convention for early birds and hangers-on ... reservations won't be open for a while yet ... we'll keep you posted. And convention registration info will be coming, too.

The Block-Heads tent is dedicated to making the **50th Anniversary of the Sons of the Desert Conventions** an occasion you won't want to miss! We are bringing all the traditional Sons events to you in Saint Paul, plus we will be making some new presentations that are *firsts* for our conclaves. A quick look at our tentative agenda is as follows — **there will be much more news with future communiques...**

TUESDAY, JUNE 20 — evening "Early Bird" Reception & Registration

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 — optional tours, Opening General Session, Parade of Tents, Keynote Address, a Salute to 50 Years of Sons Conventions, Hal Roach Cinema

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 — Special Speakers, Authors' Panel, **Minnesota Buffet Dinner**, Tribute to Minnesotans at Hal Roach Studios (music man Leroy Shield, June Marlowe, Muriel Evans, June Lang, Our Gang's Leonard and Sid Kibrick), Hal Roach Cinema

FRIDAY, JUNE 23 — **Continental Breakfast**, big screen presentation at the historic Heights Theater featuring live Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Pipe Organ accompaniment, fun & games in Como Park, **Picnic Dinner**, special surprise evening Guest Speaker, "twins" film program, late night Hal Roach Cinema

SATURDAY, JUNE 24 — Grand Council, more Guest Speakers, Trivia Quiz, "Ask the Experts" Q&A panel, **Grand Costume Banquet** with live music, Hal Roach Cinema

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 — **Farewell Brunch**, Closing General Session, Awards, the Passing of the Pineapple... **"That's all there is, there isn't anymore."**

But that's NOT all there is...

...stay tuned for more exciting details!