



GMM 2020 Sunday October 4th

Hello Brothers & Sisters,

It is that time of year to start thinking about the Locals next GMM meeting. With the pandemic, it has caused me to have to think about strategies on how to still hold the yearly meeting safely.

I have decided that what I would do is plan the meeting based on the current criteria the state laws has, while having the flexibility to change those specifications as we determine where things are in October, when the meeting is scheduled. (including canceling/reschedule all together.)

The state currently allows meetings to be held with a reduced capacity by 50% without the audience exceeding 50 people. There must be social distancing of at least 6 feet and mask must be worn. Our local will observe all those rules, in addition, all temperatures will be taken and a series of question will be asked before anyone is allowed admittance, also anyone showing any signs of sickness will not be allowed to attend.

The Meeting will be held Sunday October 4th at the Saratoga Hotel and Casino on 342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs, N.Y 12866. Anyone attending that currently has a union shirt should wear it to the meeting.

Beginning Thursday August 6th. I will begin to take RSVP for the meeting. We will conduct as many meetings as we need to (max 4) to make sure anyone that is interesting in attending can come. How it will work is once you RSVP, I will let you know the time of your meeting. The first meeting will be from 10am-12:30pm (Registration at 9am) the second meeting (if necessary) will be from 1pm-3:30pm (registration at 12), ETC, so contacting me sooner will secure you place in an earlier meeting. We have average between 100-135 people in the last 2 years, so I am preparing upward of 150 people, though I realize it may be less this year due to the pandemic.

If the rules change to allow more per meeting or less, we will make those necessary adjustments and contact anyone effected by those changes.

Mask are Mandatory, the local will supply some if anyone forgets (while supplies last), Sanitizer will be available as well as gloves for anyone that wants them (while supplies last). Non touch temperature's will also be taken and only 1 person will be allowed per table. Finally, a questionnaire will need to be filled out.

To RSVP, you can email me at jjohnsonlocal408president@gmail.com, or text, call, Facebook message me as well. When RSVP please let me know if you have a union t-shirt or not and if you don't, what size you wear.

Registration will end around September 6th. So that I can give a final head count and order supplies. YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND.

Provided the Casino is open, all attendees will receive a voucher for lunch at Smoky Joes café and \$10 slots play. There will also be door prizes and other goodies for those that attend.

I have also blocked a certain number of rooms for Saturday and/or Sunday for anyone that is looking to stay the evening. To book a room, simply book online at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/102302> and mention group code IUE20.

For anyone traveling from far distances, the local may be able to help pay a portion of the hotel cost for a limited number of rooms on a first come first serve basis. It is also important that if you are traveling out of the state, that you review the list of states that N.Y has a mandatory quarantine restriction. Anyone that travels from a banned state will not be admitted without proof of quarantine.

I am hoping that by taking these precautions, we can safely hold our meeting and still get a decent turn out. Hopefully in October, when the meeting is held, things have continued to improve, but we are prepared in the event that anything needs to change.

I look forward to seeing many of you at that time.

In Unity
Jason