



2026 DMM Convention

The Shrine Center
4091 Sturgis Road
Rapid City, SD 57702
BEE the Change



Thursday, August 20, 2026

6:00 **BEE Social**
DMM BBQ & social: Storybook Island Park (1301 Sheridan Lake Road)
Option: Summer Nights celebration, Downtown Rapid City

Friday, August 21, 2026

7:30-11:30 **DMM Officer Training: BEE Educated**
~ Continental Breakfast

11:30-1:00 **Registration:** The Shrine Center
WELCOME to the 2026 **BEE the CHANGE** DMM Convention

1:00-1:30 **GENERAL SESSION: BEE Informed**
Call to Order
Presentation of Colors / Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthems / Toast to Canada
Invocation
Head table introductions
Introduce Past Governors and Secretary/Treasurers
Introduction of First Timers/ **BEE Curious Activity**
Welcome to Rapid City

1:30-1:35 **BEE Energized**

1:35-2:00 Transfer Gavel over to Governor Cricket Palmer
State of Optimist International (OI)– **BEE Supportive**
State of the DMM District

2:00-2:20 OI Foundation Representative – **BEE Encouraged**
DMM OI Foundation Representative

2:20-2:40 **BREAK – BEE Refreshed**

2:40-3:15 **Speaker – BEE Inspired**

3:15-3:20 **BEE Energized**

3:20-3:25 Moment of Optimism

3:25-4:30 **DMM Business Session: BEE Orderly**
Adoption of convention rules
Policy Committee Recommendations
Candidate Qualifications committee report
Call for additional nominations
2028 DMM Convention Bid

4:30 **Optimist CREED**

4:30-6:00 **BEE Relaxed** – Change & grab a jacket

6:00 BUS for Mt. Rushmore leaves at 6:00 pm from Shrine Center

6:00-10:00 **Mt. Rushmore: Dinner & Night Lighting Ceremony – BEE Patriotic**
Group Photo



Don Stover, Gov Asst
DMM Veterans
Mady Neuhardt / Larry Pelzer
Rev. Terry Naasz
Don Stover



Susan Fix
Mayor Jason Salamun
Susan Keller
Don Stover
President Tom Kendo
Governor Cricket
Jennifer Kendo
Mark Kline
Sponsors
Laura Armstrong
Susan Keller
President Kendo



Larry Pelzer
Linnea Solem/Larry Pelzer
Gary Lambert

President Tom & First Lady Jennifer

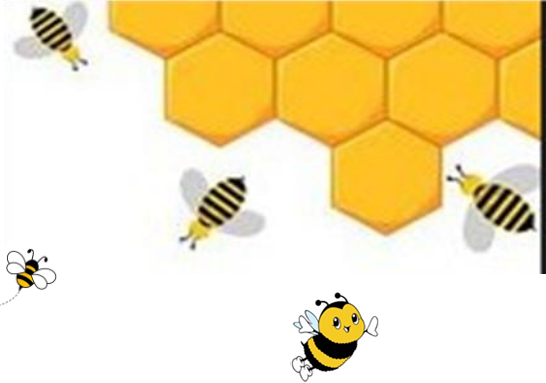
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Saturday, August 22, 2026

8:30-9:15	Registration OPEN Breakfast – <i>BEE Refueled</i>	Shrine Center
9:15-9:20	Moment of Optimism ~ <i>BEE Motivated</i>	Malcom Chapman
9:20-9:50	OI President message – <i>BEE the CHANGE</i>	President Kendo
9:50-10:00	Moment of Optimism – <i>BEE Connected</i>	ALL
10:00-10:30	Youth Leadership Presentation – <i>BEE Amazed</i>	Youth Action Board
10:30-10:45	BREAK: <i>BEE Refreshed</i>	
10:45-11:30	Roundtable on Membership – <i>BEE Creative</i>	Sioux Valley Club
11:30-12:00	OI Foundation – <i>BEE Generous</i>	Jennifer Kendo
12:00-12:15	<i>BEE Encouraged</i>	Governor Cricket
12:15-1:00	Lunch & First Timers	Cater: Taco Bar
1:00-1:20	DMM OI Foundation Representative - <i>BEE Generous</i>	Mark Kline
1:20-2:00	DMM Memorial Service – <i>BEE Touched</i> (exit quietly)	Terry Gorman
2:00-2:15	BREAK – <i>BEE Refreshed</i>	
2:15-2:45	DMM Club Projects: Group Share - <i>BEE Creative</i>	Governor Cricket
2:45-3:20	Self-Care for the Volunteer - <i>BEE Leaders</i>	Susan Fix
3:20-3:30	BREAK – <i>BEE Filled-up</i>	Sponsors
	Silent Auction final bidding / <i>Turn in BEE Curious Sheets</i>	
3:30-4:00	DMM Awards: <i>BEE Recognized</i>	Governor Cricket
	DMM Foundation Awards	DMM Foundation Rep Mark Kline
4:00-4:10	2027 DMM Convention Update – <i>BEE Optimistic</i>	Governor Elect Carmen
	2026-2027 Meeting Schedule	
4:10-4:15	Convention Credentials Report	Don Berger, DMM Secretary
4:15-4:20	Introduction of 2026-27 DMM Leadership team – <i>BEE Leaders</i>	Governor Elect Carmen
4:20-4:30	Governor Final remarks – <i>BEE the CHANGE</i>	Governor Cricket
4:30	OPTIMIST CREED: <i>BEE Grateful</i>	
6:00	<i>BEE Social</i> – Music by Michael Shaw	Shrine Club
6:30-8:30	Governors Banquet – <i>BEE Happy</i> (Business Casual) ~ Speaker: – <i>BEE Inspired</i> ~ Induction of 2026-27 DMM Officers – <i>BEE Leaders</i> OPTIMIST CREED: <i>BEE Optimistic</i>	Cater: Lori Jeffries Malcom Chapman President Kendo Current DMM Officers
8:30-10:30	Dance: Music by Nervous Turtles - <i>BEE Moving</i>	



Share Your Optimism. Promote Growth. BEE the Change! 🐝
Thank you for being part of the DMM Hive. Have a safe journey home!



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