



Organization of Triangles, Inc.
"For A Finer American Womanhood"



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Dear Junior Deputy, Beloved Queen, Members and Advisors of Triangle,

The 32nd Biennial Convention of the Organization of Triangles, Inc. will be here before any of us even realizes it. We know that most of you have already begun to prepare months ago, but here are the long-waiting details. Convention will be held from Friday, October 6th through Monday, October 9th, 2023 at the Albany Hilton in Albany, New York. Registration will begin at 3pm on Friday, October 6th and activities will conclude prior to lunchtime on Monday, October 9th.

The Junior Advisors have chosen the theme of this year's Triangle Convention to be "Triangle Takes On the Wizarding World." They are so excited to explore the magical wizarding world of Hogwarts and find your inner power together as an organization!

The cost for the weekend (per person) is as follows:

Quadruple Occupancy (Four per room): \$350

Triple Occupancy (Three per room): \$375

Double Occupancy (Two per room): \$425

Single Occupancy (One per room): \$600

This above cost includes the hotel room rate, meals, gratuities and all activities. Attendees are invited to bring a small amount of additional spending money for raffles, TriangleGrams and expenses while traveling, but that is completely optional. Children under 3 years of age will be no additional cost, and children 3 years of age and older are the same price as an adult. Please contact Mrs. Callaghan at TriangleConvention@gmail.com with your specific needs.

Enclosed is a copy of the Convention Registration & Medical Release Form, the Room Registration Form and the Media Release Form. The Convention Registration & Medical Release Form must be completed *completely* by each person attending Convention, whether Triangle girl, adult, child or guest. It must be signed by the attendee and a parent/guardian for ALL Triangle girls, regardless of age. The Room Registration Form must be completed by the Junior Deputy of the Triangle. The Media Release Form is to be completed by ALL Triangle members, regardless of whether they are attending Triangle Convention or not. Please have your members complete this form as an update, even if they completed one in 2021.

A **nonrefundable** deposit of \$50 per person is due with all registration forms by **July 1st to Mrs. Callaghan**, but earlier registration forms and deposits are greatly appreciated. This deposit will be deducted from the final balance. You will receive a notice of the final balance due by **August 1st**. As a reminder, each Triangle's per capita balance from 2022 must be paid in full in order for that Triangle to register and participate in Convention activities.

Family, friends, Rainbow, DeMolay and Masonic family members, and guests are encouraged to attend the public sessions on Sunday, October 8th. For those who will be visiting for the day and would like to attend a meal, the cost will be as follows: **breakfast \$25, lunch \$40, dinner \$60**. When you send your registration to Mrs. Callaghan please include a list of anticipated additional guests, notating if they would like to attend meals. **All final payment, including for guests attending only meals, is due to Mrs. Callaghan by September 1, 2023.**

Convention Dress Code:

- **Sessions:**
 - Beloved Queens & Members: floor-length white gown, appropriate undergarments, white shoes and sash.
 - Past Beloved Queens: floor-length colored gowns, appropriate undergarments, matching dress shoes and sash or tiara (may be either an officer's or PBQ sash).
 - Female Adults: Dress or skirt and blouse and dress shoes.
 - Visiting DeMolay and Male Adults: Dress/khaki pants, shirt, tie and dress shoes. Jacket is optional.
- **Meals:**
 - Triangle Members and Female Adults: Dress or skirt and blouse and dress shoes. Pants/jeans may be worn for Friday dinner ONLY.
 - Visiting DeMolay and Male Adults: Dress/khaki pants, shirt, tie and dress shoes. Jacket is optional. Jeans may be worn for Friday dinner ONLY.
 - If you would like to wear formal dress to meals rather than changing for sessions that is acceptable.
 - Appropriate length for dresses and skirts is no more than two (2) inches above the knee.
- **Free-Time Activities:**
 - All attendees are expected to wear Triangle appropriate clothing at all times. Jeans, pants, shorts, t-shirts, tank tops and sweats are acceptable, however tight or revealing clothing, clothing with rips, tears, or holes, and clothing with controversial or suggestive printing will not be allowed.
 - Bathing suits must be in good taste and fit properly. Cover-ups and appropriate shoes must be worn when traveling to and from the pool area.
- **Banquet & Dance:**
 - Triangle Members: Floor-length white or colored gowns, appropriate undergarments and matching dress shoes.
 - Female Adults: Dress or skirt and blouse and dress shoes. Gowns are optional, but acceptable.
 - Visiting DeMolay and Male Adults: Dress pants, shirt, tie and jacket and dress shoes. Tuxedos are optional, but acceptable.

Please remember the Convention dress code when packing for the weekend. Failure to follow the Convention dress code will result in being sent back to your room to change and/or inability to participate in activities or meetings. If you have any questions, please contact your Junior Deputy or Senior Advisor.

Fitting with the theme of this year's Convention, each Triangle has been assigned a Hogwarts' House to use in contests & decorations, as follows:

- Bal-On-Sen Triangle #65 – Gryffindor
- Cassiopeia Triangle #202 – Hufflepuff
- Fidelity Triangle #4 – Gryffindor
- Lockport Triangle #128 – Slytherin
- Sunrise Triangle #146 – Hufflepuff

- Truth Triangle #31 & Meridian Triangle #71 – Ravenclaw

Convention Competitions/Contests:

As always, we will be having several contests, competitions and events:

Individual Competitions:

Creative Writing Contest:

This Convention, we want you to use your imagination to create YOUR OWN Hogwarts' character. You will describe key details as how they look physically, as well as their backstory, their favorite classes at school, how they found out they were a witch/wizard, even if they themselves helped Harry and his friends defeat Voldemort. Use your creative wit to bring this character to life from the page!

The contest will be divided into three age groups, 10-13, 14-16 and 17-21.

- For girls ages 10-13, please write 250-350 words
- For girls ages 14-16, please write 350-550 words
- For girls ages 17-21, please write 550-750 words

All entries can be emailed in .pdf format to *TriangleConvention@gmail.com* by **September 30, 2023**, or a paper copy can be handed in at registration on the day of arrival at Convention. Entries received prior to September 30th will be published in a booklet to be given to Convention attendees. First Place winners of the contest will be asked to read their essays at the Convention Banquet.

Design Your Own Hogwarts' Creature Competition:

Here is your opportunity to get creative and design your own fantastical creature. You can make any kind of creature you want. Use any materials you would like to bring your creature to life in either 2D (poster) or 3D (diorama) form, including but not limited to papier-mâché, cardboard, tin foil or pipe cleaners.

- Your creation may not exceed 12" in width, length or height.
- In addition to creating your creature, please give a brief 4-6 sentence description of it and tell us why you chose it.

The competition will be divided into three age groups: 10-13; 14-16; 17-21 and your creation should be handed in at registration on the day of arrival at Convention.

Ritual Competition:

This Convention the degree for the Ritual Competition will be the **Founder's Day Degree**. Below are the recommended parts based upon age, but if you wish to compete in a part above your age group you may:

- Ages 10-13: Chaplain & Guardian
- Ages 14-16: Junior Lady-in-Waiting and Senior Lady-in-Waiting
- Ages 17-21: Beloved Queen
- Participants are expected to memorize the designated part in its entirety.
- Participants will be judged on many aspects of their ritual proficiency, including accuracy, appearance, expression, enunciation, pace, volume, eye contact and body language.

The dress for the ritual competition is the same as dress for a formal Triangle meeting: floor-length white gown, appropriate undergarments, white shoes and sash (any officer's sash is sufficient).

Group (Triangle) Competitions:

Swap Contests:

Swaps are simply souvenirs that are exchanged at Convention with other Triangle members. We would like all swaps to have a safety pin or button of some sort so that they can be attached to the Convention lanyard.

When you are chosen for a Hogwarts' House you should know each signifies strengths and weaknesses of the wizard it sorts. Gryffindors are brave, Hufflepuffs are loyal, Ravenclaws are smart, and Slytherins are cunning... but it goes far beyond that. Your task is to create swaps that symbolize your Hogwarts' House. (ex. tied to a meaningful color, animal, place, style, etc)

- Your Triangle should make enough of this item for every member and advisor of Triangle to receive one (around 100 items, but the final number will be announced by September 1st).
- All swaps for the Triangle should be identical.

Please have one swap in a plastic baggie labeled with your Triangle's name to submit at registration for judging. Also include a short written explanation of the meaning behind your swap, and why you chose to include the elements that you have.

Door Decorating Contest:

Each Triangle is asked to decorate their hotel room doors based upon the respective Hogwarts' House that your Triangle has been assigned.

- You may decorate your door however you please, but make sure it is 'Triangle appropriate' and reflects your Hogwarts' House in some way.
- Whatever goes up must come down by the end of the weekend with no permanent marks, so you may only use painter's tape to hang your decorations.
- You may decorate as many doors as you like (and we hope you will decorate all of your Triangle's doors), but by breakfast on Saturday morning you must designate which one door you would like to have judged.

Talent Competition:

Do you sing, dance, act or make people laugh? Show us your skills, whatever they may be! Each Triangle may have as many acts as they would like but are limited to a 3-4 minute time limit for each act.

- The categories for the talent competition are:
 - Musical Act
 - Comedy Act
 - Drama Act
 - Advisor Act –Senior Advisors, Junior Deputies, Supervisors and Masonic Supervisors are encouraged to take part in the talent show and be judged in their own category.
- Within each category, the judging will be based upon group size:
 - Small: solo, duet, trio
 - Medium: 4-6 people
 - Large: 7 or more people

We would like to have as many acts as possible participate in the talent competition this Convention. Each act must be approved as 'Triangle appropriate' during rehearsals prior to the talent show on Saturday, October 7th.

Other Non-Competitive Events:

Pie Auction:

This year, we are having our first ever Pie Auction! Have a chance to throw a pie at a Junior Advisor, Senior Advisor or Supervisor to benefit the Rose E. Scherer Scholarship Fund.

Basket Raffle:

Each Triangle is asked to donate at least one basket of unique items with a minimum cost of \$25 to be raffled off on Sunday afternoon. Please have your basket labeled with your Triangle name to turn over at registration.

Triangle Grams:

Triangle Grams will be available throughout the weekend to send to your Triangle sisters and supervisors.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Callaghan via phone or the Convention email address at TriangleConvention@gmail.com. We are excited and looking forward to a fun-filled and reinvigorating weekend that is sure to be out of this world!

In Triangle Love,

Mrs. Nancy Callaghan
Convention Chairman

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