



# Branch 2184

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## To: ALL NATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES

The NALC 72<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention in Chicago, Illinois is quickly approaching and I would like to advise you of all the pertinent information that we have available, as well as provide an overview of your responsibilities as convention delegates.

Prior to leaving for the Convention, all delegates should obtain a vest to wear at the Convention if they do not already have one in their possession. Vests are available at the Branch office.

## TRAVEL AND LODGING ARRANGEMENTS:

### Train information:

The branch has purchased travel through Amtrak Group Sales.

Train (351) Departing at 9:53 AM from Dearborn, MI on August 7, 2022 Arriving at 2:19 PM in Chicago, IL on August 7, 2022. We will exit on 225 South Canal St. (Union Station).

Train (352) Departing at 2:15 PM from Chicago, IL on August 12, 2022 Arriving at 8:26 PM in Dearborn, MI on August 12, 2022.

Two carry-on bags (up to 50 lbs.) are allowed per passenger at no additional expense. There is free long-term parking at the Dearborn Amtrak Station, 21201 Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

### Hotel information:

Reservations have been made at Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 S. Martin Luther King Dr., Chicago, IL 60616. If you requested your own room, your cost of the room will be \$672.06. Money for the room is due by May 13, 2022. Make checks out to: NALC Branch 2184.

If you did not request your own room you have been paired in a room with another delegate from our branch. If you did not provide Recording Secretary, Melvin MacDonald with notice of a specific roommate request, he paired delegates as thought reasonable and appropriate.

**\*Any costs incurred due to cancellation of attending the convention are the responsibility of the delegate. Train reservations are not refundable. Hotel rooms cancelled after May 13, 2022 incurs a cancellation fee of \$30.00.**

**Delegate Expense Money:**

Per the decision of the Branch 2184 Executive Board, each delegate will receive \$200.00 for meals and expenses. You will be notified when expense checks are ready, which must be signed for.

**Parking at McCormick Place:**

There are three main parking lots on the McCormick Place campus. All are in close proximity and walking distance to the convention complex and are ADA accessible. Events in the West Building is designated Lot A as the primary parking location.

Parking Lot A Addresses: 2301 South Prairie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

Lot A (8' height clearance) is a six-level garage with 2,100 parking spaces located on Martin Luther King Drive, adjacent to the West Building. Covered walkways from Lot A leading directly into McCormick Place and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place Hotel also provide added convenience. The daily rate is \$25. Hours of operation: Thursday – Saturday, 6:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. There are no in-and-out privileges. Overnight parking is available in Lot A only. Lost tickets will pay the overnight fee per day of \$38.

A limited number of prepaid guaranteed parking spaces are available at the rate of \$38 per day by advance order of an Attendee & Exhibitor Parking Permit. This permit allows access to the garages with in-and-out privileges. Prepaid parking spaces are guaranteed even if lots fill to capacity.

**The Branch will not cover any cost for parking.**

**Convention Schedule and Expectations of Delegates:**

The Convention will be in session from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, August 8th-12th and from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Friday, August 12th. **Branch 2184 delegates are expected to be in attendance during each of the business sessions.** If you are going to be absent from any of the Convention sessions; please let me know. If I am unavailable, please contact EVP Jackie McGregory or VP Darryl Clay.

**IMPORTANT: Each delegate is responsible for registering themselves at the convention. I will have your Delegate Credentials available once we are in Chicago, Illinois so you may register and receive your convention materials. It is important that I have each delegate's cell phone number.**

**NOTE: All delegates will be required to show ID and proof of their Covid-19 vaccination. This is mandated by NALC Headquarters.**

Branch 2184 delegates will likely need to meet in caucus on a few occasions during the Convention. You will be notified by Branch officers of when and where any caucus meetings will occur.

**ALL Branch 2184 Convention delegates** are required to attend at least two (2) of the Workshops and Seminars that are scheduled prior to and after the Convention business sessions. Delegates will be required to make a written or verbal report about one of the workshops/seminars they attend. All delegates are encouraged to attend as many of the workshops/seminars as possible, which cover a wide variety of workplace and contract issues. Our stewards, formal Step A designees, and other Contract enforcers are especially encouraged to attend the Contract Administration Unit and the City Delivery workshops.

The NALC National Union has not yet released a Workshop/Seminar list of classes. When available I will share this information with you.

Also, "Captain" Robbie Gardiner (a long-time retired region 6 letter carrier) has secured for NALC region 6 a dinner cruise during the 2022 Chicago convention on Lake Michigan with views of the Chicago skyline. The cruise will board at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. The cruise is from 7 – 10 pm ending with fireworks. If we get 150 people, we will have our own floor of the boat. Each floor has its own cash bar, DJ, buffet menu and access to the open-air top for the fireworks. Everyone is responsible for their own transportation to and from Navy Pier.

Tickets cost \$134 each, children under 2 are free. The cruise departs from the Navy pier (600 E Grand Ave) at 7:00 pm. Please come and join with your brothers and sisters from region 6 for a three-hour tour. The \$134 dollars per ticket, needs to be paid to:

Robbie Gardiner  
14533 Old 24 East  
New Haven, IN 46774

Robbie needs the money paid to him as soon as possible, so he can purchase all the tickets. I have a spreadsheet that will need to accompany your check or money order to Robbie. Let me or EVP Jackie know if you plan to go. Please do not delay, as we need to take advantage of the discounted price.

**Other Information:**

There will likely be a welcome reception for all delegates and guests sponsored by the NALC National Union at the Convention Center late Sunday afternoon and evening, August 7th. Further details are not yet available. **The NALC will update their website periodically on information regarding the convention.** If you wish to check the NALC website yourself the address is [www.NALC.org](http://www.NALC.org)

Any delegate who has further questions or concerns should contact me at the Branch office. Thank you for your dedication to the Branch and our membership.

Sincerely,  
Walt Gregory  
President  
Br. 2184 NALC

