



Joint First Quarter Conference

Oct. 3-4, 2025



Capitol Plaza Hotel

415 W. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101

Tentative Agenda

- Means two separate meetings, one for EMO and one for WEMO

Friday –

5:30 to 7:00 – VIP Dinner on site if possible (by invitation)

7:30 to 9:00 – Welcome reception – Light Refreshments

- Play Get to Know You Bingo – 30 minutes
- Welcome from the following
 - EMO Governor Jennifer Bagwell
 - WEMO Governor Brian Mills
 - Middle America VP Liz Christman
 - OI President Tom Kendo

9:00 – OIF Fun fundraiser- Paper Airplane build and fly - Different colors for the two different districts. Winners from each district. The winners wear captain hats for the conference and wings on their name badges

The hospitality room is open until 11:00 pm.

Saturday –

7:00 to 8:00 – Past Governors Breakfast Meeting

8:15 to 8:50 – Executive Committee meetings ##

8:30 to 9:00 – First Timers Meeting

8:50 to 9:30 – Board of Directors Meetings ##

9:45 to 10:45 - General Sessions ##

11:00 to 11:50 - Be The Change, Making the most of the 25-26 year – OI President Tom and First Lady Jennifer

12:00 to 1:30 - Lunch and Message from Middle America VP Liz Christman – EMO Governor Jennifer Bagwell will be the luncheon host and introduce the head table and speaker

1:45 to 2:15 - Breakout Town Hall Meetings. People would choose one session.

- Using AI to communicate and grow the club
- OIF Grants and programs with Jennifer Kendo, OIF Board Member
- Community engagement, partnering with other organizations

2:30 to 3:45 - Breakout Town Hall Meetings/ Best Practices. People would choose one session.

- Using Optimist International contests to grow your club presence
- Spreading Optimism through new club building
 - Using new tools to grow
- Reaching all ages through member engagement tools to grow your club

4:00 to 4:30 – Governors Team Meetings ##

4:30 to 5:30 - Hall of Optimism and hospitality room

6:30 to 8:15 – Dinner and Message from OI President Tom Kendo – WEMO Governor Brian Mills will be the dinner host and introduce the head table and speaker.

- Will conduct drawings for all the raffle prizes

8:30 to 11:00 - OIF Fun fundraiser and Hospitality Room

In the hall of Optimism, there will be gift baskets for OIF fundraisers for different programs, both districts can have items to raffle, Jr. Golf fun fundraisers, and everyone can participate.

EMO meetings will use the Jefferson Rooms

WEMO meetings will be in the Truman Rooms