

# RMD Weekly

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## **URGENT CONVENTION HOUSING NEWS**

The RMD has negotiated room blocks AND rehearsal space for the Fall Convention in Layton Utah. With large volume bargaining power, our Association of Chapters is able to package the deal together so that VERY EXPENSIVE rehearsal space is reserved for use by Convention attendees (choruses) staying in the contracted hotel rooms.

For example, at the previous Fall Convention in Cheyenne, the Little America alone waived over \$5,000 in ballroom rentals (for rehearsal space) as part of the negotiated package.

The RMD has negotiated similar space in Layton WITH THE CONVENTION HOTELS. The rehearsal space assignments were allocated to the competing choruses with the expectation that our choruses would LODGE IN THE CONVENTION HOTELS USING THE NEGOTIATED ROOM BLOCKS.

It has come to the attention of our Board that some in our Association of Chapters are searching online for reservation options, seeking “cheaper rates”. Please realize that the RMD is committed to making our events as affordable as possible for our members, and realize that if individual chapters had to negotiate and pay for their own rehearsal space then no one would probably come to a Convention because of the astronomical cost that would be. TOGETHER (remember, this is an ASSOCIATION OF CHAPTERS) we negotiated a large number of sleeping rooms (which attendees pay for) and a large number of ballrooms (which we don’t pay for) at a rate that we can all live with. If we do not meet the sleeping room minimum in order to get the ballrooms without additional charge, then the additional charges will be assessed to the choruses who did not obtain lodging within the RMD room blocks and therefore enable us to get the ballrooms at no additional charge. And chapter treasurers will CHOKe when they get the bill. It’ll be a LOT more than the measly individual savings.

Rather than focus on these very ugly and expensive consequences should any chapter defeat the efforts of our Association, in a selfish attempt to save a few bucks per night, PLEASE USE THE CONVENTION ROOM BLOCKS FOR YOUR LODGING AT THE FALL CONVENTION.

Realize that those “few bucks” are what PAYS FOR your rehearsal space (at a MUCH CHEAPER rate than your chapter could ever possibly rent it on your own).

The ONLY way our Association provides a chorus rehearsal space (without charge) is for that chorus to lodge in the contracted hotel room blocks.

## **REMINDER: SILVERTON FESTIVAL NEXT WEEKEND**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silverton Festival is July 21-23 with some GREAT PLANS for fun!

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