

## **The 34th Annual Chesterton Conference FAQ**

Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas

(August 6 – August 8, 2015)

### **Q. What do I need to know about this year's event?**

A. This year's 3-day conference will be held at the Menger Hotel in San Antonio, Texas. Located in downtown San Antonio and across the street from the Alamo, the historic Menger Hotel is famed as the probable site where Oscar Wilde had lunch and President Theodore Roosevelt recruited the Rough Riders.

Registration will commence at 1pm on Thursday, August 6, and the conference will end Saturday, August 8.

### **Q. Where do I sign-up?**

A. You may register and purchase tickets for the 3-day conference by visiting our conference page or by calling us toll-free 1-800-343-2425.

### **Q. Who is speaking at this year's conference?**

A. The theme of this year's conference is "A Miscellany of Men." We have an excellent roster of speakers including Dale Ahlquist, Joseph Pearce, Dr. Peter Howard, John C. Médaille, Kevin O'Brien, Carl Hasler, James Woodruff, Geir Hasnes, Kent Feuerborn, Cameron Moore, Sean P. Dailey, and Fr. Spencer Howe.

## **REGISTRATION**

### **Q. How much is this going to cost?**

A. If you are a member of the American Chesterton Society, discounted tickets are available. Please check the conference page on our website.

Registration entitles you to attend all of the conference lectures and breakout sessions. Tickets for our annual banquet are sold separately.

### **Q. Why should I register early?**

A. Please make sure to register right away as both the banquet and conference sold out quickly last year. Registration for the conference will end on **June 15** or whenever we reach maximum capacity.

**Q. Is student or clergy/religious discounted pricing available?**

A. Yes. Please check our conference page for more information.

**Q. May I bring family to the conference? Will there be anything for younger people?**

A. There are many area attractions including the Alamo, the famous San Antonio River Walk, the Witte Museum, the Institute of Texas Cultures, haunted houses, and spooky ghost tours.

**Q. Do you have directions to the conference?**

A. Yes, please visit our website to download directions and airport transportation options.

**Q. Where do we check-in once we arrive at the Menger Hotel?**

A. Registrants can check in at Ballroom C for the conference. Attendees with room reservations should first stop by the main hotel lobby to get their room assignments.

## **MEALS**

**Q. I plan to attend the conference. Will registration include meal options?**

A. Registration *will not* include meals. To keep costs low this year, we are not offering a six-meal package option. There are dozens of marvelous eateries nearby including the hotel restaurant. A list of local restaurants will be provided with your registration packet upon arrival.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

**Q. Will discounted lodging be available at the Menger Hotel?**

A. YES. Blocked rooms are available at the conference group rate of \$118 plus tax for one King or two Double beds, or \$189 for Traditional Member or Luxury suites. Please contact Menger Hotel reservations at 800-345-9285 or book online at [www.mengerhotel.com](http://www.mengerhotel.com) using the group code CHESTERTON. When contacting the hotel by telephone, please identify yourself as attending the American Chesterton Society conference and provide the sales representative with the group code.

**PLEASE NOTE: blocked rooms at the group rate are limited. We cannot guarantee availability at the time you call.**

**Q. Are other hotels available in the area? Do they offer conference rates?**

A. Many hotels are located near the Menger, however, the conference rate is available only at the Menger Hotel.

For lodging alternatives you may also wish to check:

**Hotel Indigo Downtown-Alamo**

105 North Alamo Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

**The Emily Morgan Hotel**

705 East Houston Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

**The Westin Riverwalk San Antonio**

420 West Market Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

**Q. Is parking available at the Menger Hotel?**

A. Yes, a special parking rate of \$18 plus 8.25% tax is available for hotel guests only. Various city lots surround the hotel that range between \$12 and \$20 per day.

**Q. Where will the Afterglow take place this year?**

A. Our daily afterglow get-togethers are the gem of the conference. Expect singing, cigar smoking, and good ol' fashioned camaraderie. The location for this year's afterglow will be determined soon, so check our website for updates.

**BANQUET**

**Q. Is the Saturday evening banquet *included* with the price of registration?**

A. All banquet tickets are sold separately. The price of this year's banquet is \$75 and must be purchased by no later than **June 15 or when the banquet sells out**, whichever comes first. A catered dinner will be served, special items will be auctioned, and someone will drink from the famous Cup of Inconvenience.

**Q. What if I want to buy tickets to the banquet onsite?**

A. Due to capacity limitations and hotel requirements, banquet tickets will not be available for purchase at the conference. Please make sure to book in advance. Banquet tickets are available online or by calling toll free 1-800-343-2525, on a first come, first served basis.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Q. Whom should I contact about requesting a vendor table at the conference?**

A. Vendors should contact our executive director at [richard@chesterton.org](mailto:richard@chesterton.org).

**Q. Is Mass available to attendees at the conference?**

A. Yes. Saint Joseph's Church and St. Mary's are located within walking distance from the hotel and both offer noon daily Mass.

As is our tradition, we will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass to wrap up the conference on August 8, at 5pm, at St. Joseph's Church, located one block from the Menger Hotel.

### **Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

East Commerce Street  
San Antonio, TX 78205

**Q. I would love to sponsor a seminarian. How may I do that?**

A. Introducing the next generation of priests and religious to G.K. Chesterton is vital to their formation. Please contact us directly at 1-800-343-2425.