



99th Annual Convention

of

**The Funeral Directors & Morticians
Association of North Carolina, Inc.**



CONCORD CONVENTION CENTER

June 15-18, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa
5400 John Q. Hammons Dr. NW
Concord, North Carolina 28027



Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc.

April 17, 2026

Greetings!

Registration for our 99th Annual Convention of the Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc. is now opened. We will convene on Monday, June 15, 2026 - Thursday, June 18, 2026 in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort & Spa, 5400 John Q. Hammonds Dr. NW, Concord, NC 28027. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel at 704.455.8200.

In addition to conducting the business of our association, we will be educated on new innovations and ideas, fellowship with colleagues, have the opportunity to speak directly with exhibitors to learn of their new products and celebrate our honorees at the Awards Banquet. Our host, the Western District has been working tirelessly to welcome us at the Tuesday Night Outing. Here are a few points to remember.

Points of Interest

- Room rate for hotel reservations is \$189.00 per night. **The deadline for receiving this discounted rate is Tuesday, May 26, 2026.**
- Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 16, 2026. Members are asked to wear white and accent with the color of your choice. Service Project – The Florence Crittenton Home, Charlotte, NC
- **Souvenir Journal ads are due no later than Friday, May 15, 2026.** Please see the flyer attached or on our website.
- Awards Banquet will be Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Colors are emerald green and gold. The attire is semiformal.
- **All pre-registration forms and monies should be mailed to our treasurer, Mary Frances White.**
- **Deadline for pre-registration is Saturday, May 30, 2026. No exceptions.**

If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the registration committee. We look forward to seeing you in Concord as we learn and grow together.

Yours in service,

Annie Boone-Carroll, Tracey Cartwright
Tiffany Dove, Inez Green
Bernetta Gregory, Thomas Hildebrand
Tiffany Huger, Stanley Jones, Jr.
Valdus Lockhart, Regina Brown Tew
Carla King, Registration Chairperson

2026 TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

GENERAL SESSION I (1 CEU)

HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

8:00 AM to 8:30 AM

DEVOTION

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

EXHIBITOR SETUP

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

CONTINUING EDUCATION (2 CEUs)

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

MEMORIAL SERVICE

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

LADIES AUXILIARY LUNCHEON

2:30 PM to 4:30 PM

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS (1 CEU)

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

TUESDAY NIGHT OUTING

HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

8:30 AM to 9:00 AM

DEVOTION

8:30 to 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION OPENS

9:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

GENERAL SESSION II

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

EXHIBITORS BREAKDOWN

2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

CONTINUING EDUCATION (1 CEU)

3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

CONTINUING EDUCATION (1 CEU)

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

AWARDS BANQUET

HOSPITALITY SUITE OPENS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

POST CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS (NAYE)

JENNIFER THOMAS & TRE CUTCHINS, CHAIRPERSONS

AGES 13-18
-TENTATIVE SCHEDULE-



TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

9:00AM
9:30AM
12:00PM
1:30PM
4:00PM

MEET IN YOUTH ROOM
DEPART FOR UNC-CHARLOTTE COLLEGE TOUR
LUNCH
K1 SPEED
RETURN TO HOTEL

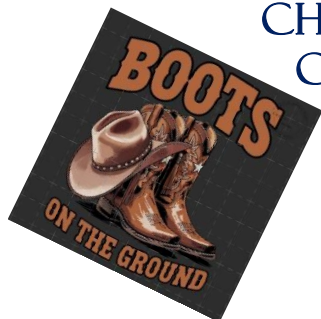
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

9:00 AM
9:30AM
12:00PM
1:00PM-3:00PM
3:00PM

MEET IN YOUTH ROOM
DEPART FOR ESCAPE ROOM
LUNCH
CONCORD MILLS
RETURN TO HOTEL

YOUTH

CHERYL ANDERSON, CFSP, CHAIRPERSON
CLARISSA BROWN, HEAD CHAPERONE



AGES 4-12
-TENTATIVE SCHEDULE-

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
10:30 AM
11:45 AM – 3:30 PM

MEET IN YOUTH ROOM
DEPART FOR FIRST ACTIVITY: *SEA LIFE-CONCORD MILLS*
DAVE & BUSTER'S

*****Lunch will be provided during this event.*****

3:30 PM

RETURN TO HOTEL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
11:00 AM – 3:30 PM
3:30 PM
6:30 PM

MEET IN YOUTH ROOM
DEPART FOR *GREAT WOLF LODGE WATER PARK*

*****Lunch will be provided.*****

RETURN TO HOTEL

FAREWELL PARTY- THEME "*BOOTS ON THE GROUND*"

*****Dinner will be served. (Mrs. Brown will decide on the meal.)*****

2026 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES

Pre-registration Fees

Members \$275

Guests \$315

NAYE/Youth \$75

Students

Registration fee is waived. Tickets for the Awards Banquet, Ladies Luncheon, and Tuesday Night Outing will have to be purchased.

On-site Registration

Members \$325

Guests \$365

NAYE/Youth \$75

One Day On-site Registration

Members \$225

Guests \$265

Exhibit Hall Only

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Members \$50

Guests \$50

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Members \$85

Guests \$85

Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon Ticket \$50

Awards Banquet Ticket \$75

Tuesday Night Outing \$60

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MEMBER/GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-Registration: Members - \$275.00
Guests - \$315.00

On-Site Registration: Members - \$325.00
Guests - \$365.00

One Day On-Site Registration: Members - \$225.00
Guests - \$265.00

NAME _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE (____) _____ FAX (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ DISTRICT AFFILIATION _____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: _____ CURRENT MEMBER _____ FS/FD # _____ GUEST/NON-MEMBER
_____ APPRENTICE (Please attach a copy of your current apprenticeship card.)

IF YOU ARE NOT A MEMBER, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION? _____ YES _____ NO

PLEASE LIST YOUR GUEST'S NAME. _____

PLEASE INDICATE IF ADDITIONAL EVENT TICKETS ARE NEEDED

_____ # OF EXTRA LADIES LUNCHEON TICKETS @ \$50 EACH

_____ # OF EXTRA AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS @ \$75 EACH

_____ # OF EXTRA OUTING TICKETS @ \$60 EACH

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:
FD & MA OF NC, INC.**

Please mail completed registration form and payment to:

FD & MA of NC, Inc. C/O Mary Frances White, Treasurer P.O. Box 1133 Lincolnton, NC 28093

For FD & MA of NC, Inc. Office Use Only: Date Received _____ Received by: _____

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YOUTH/NAYE REGISTRATION FORM

Fee: \$75.00 per youth

(Please complete one form per youth.)

NAME _____		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)
PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN _____		
MAILING ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
PHONE (____) _____	WORK TELEPHONE (____) _____	
Please check the appropriate group. _____ YOUTH _____ NAYE		
Parental Consent Waiver must be signed before youth will be allowed to participate at any event.		

PARENTAL CONSENT WAIVER

<p>The undersigned hereby declaring to be the parent or legal guardian of _____ _____ a minor, hereby grants permission for such minor to participate in the activities of the 99th Annual Convention of The Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc. in Concord, North Carolina on June 15-18, 2026.</p> <p>The undersigned further states and agrees that the FD & MA of NC, Inc. shall not be held liable for supervision of/for illness or injury to the above named minor during said minor's travel to, from or attendance at the 99th Annual Convention of the FD & MA of NC, Inc.</p> <p>By signing this form, the undersigned waives and releases the FD & MA of NC, Inc. its directors, district chapters, members, affiliates, agents, employees, successors, assignees, and invitees of and from all liability of whatever nature in connection with the above named minor, including a waiver and release of any claim or cause of actions against it or them, for personal injury or property damage of said minor.</p> <p>The undersigned further grants permission for the said minor child to travel to and from Concord, North Carolina and to participate in all programs and events of the FD & MA of NC, Inc. at its 99th Annual Convention.</p> <p>The undersigned further affirms to have the authority and capacity to execute this instrument in connection with said minor child and acknowledge that the same has been read, understood and/or fully explained to him/her by an attorney.</p>
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Parent/Legal Guardian _____ (SEAL)
Date Signed _____

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STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Please attach a current copy of your school identification card.

NAME _____		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)
MAILING ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP CODE _____
PHONE (____) _____	WORK TELEPHONE (____) _____	

INSTITUTION NAME _____
ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE _____
WILL YOU BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ASSOCIATION UPON GRADUATION? _____ YES _____ NO

LADIES AUXILIARY LUNCHEON TICKET \$50.00
AWARDS BANQUET TICKET \$75.00 (Semi-formal attire is required.)
TUESDAY NIGHT OUTING \$60.00

Please make official checks or money orders payable to:

FD & MA of NC, Inc.

This form is for students only. Students may register at no cost. However, registration does not include admission to the Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon, the Awards Banquet, or the Tuesday Night Outing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 – 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. (1 CEU)

**TOPIC: "THE MORTICIAN IS A MAGICIAN"
RESTORATIVE TRICKS BEFORE the CURTAIN OPENS:**



PRESENTERS:

Madeline Lyles

LICENSED MORTICIAN
(TN, AR, MS, AND TX)
FOUNDER & CO-OWNER,
AFTER LIFE MORTUARY SERVICES
EMBALMING SPECIALIST,
FRIGID FLUID COMPANY

Dana Taylor

LICENSED MORTICIAN
(TN AND MS)
FOUNDER & CO-OWNER,
AFTER LIFE MORTUARY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 – 2:30 P.M. TO 3:30 P.M. (1 CEU)

TOPIC: ORGAN, EYE and TISSUE DONATION and the FUNERAL HOME



PRESENTERS:

Allison Brouillette

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
DONATE LIFE
NORTH CAROLINA

Tucker Knox

LIFESHARE CAROLINAS
CERTIFIED TRANSPLANT SPECIALIST
CERTIFIED TISSUE BANK SPECIALIST

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 – 3:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. (1 CEU)

TOPIC: MASTERMIND – “AI IN THE FUNERAL PROFESSION: ELEVATING CARE, COMMUNITY & OPERATIONS THROUGH INNOVATION”



PRESENTER:

Rainah M. Davis

**CERTIFIED PRACTITIONER
GENERATIVE AI LEADERSHIP & STRATEGY
DIGITAL MARKETING SCIENCE
SOCIAL IMPACT STRATEGY
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS
BEST MEMORIAL GROUP, LLC**

ADDITIONAL CEU'S

GENERAL SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026 – 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. (1 CEU)

EXHIBIT HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026 – 2:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M. (1 CEU)

OR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026 – 12 P.M. TO 2 P.M. (1 CEU)



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SOUVENIR JOURNAL ADVERTISING FORM

Email print ready ads & Form to westerndistrictfdmanc@gmail.com

Submission deadline: May 15, 2026

Ad Size & Price

Full Page	8x11	\$150.
Half Page (Horizontal)	8.5x5.5	\$100
Half Page (Vertical)	5.5x11	\$100
Quarter Page	4.25x5.5	\$75
Back Cover	8.5x11	\$350
Inside Back Cover	8.5x11	\$250
Inside Front Cover	8.5x11	\$250
Business Card	3.5x2	\$50

File Format
High Resolution PDF
JPEG

**Checks & Money Orders Made out
to Western District FDMANC**

Company Contact: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Ad Size _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Mail all Correspondence to : C/O Mary Frances White P.O. Box 1133 Lincolnton NC 28093



Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina Inc.

Dear Supporter,

On behalf of the Western District of the Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina, we invite you to support the 99th Annual State Convention by placing an advertisement in our Souvenir Journal.

This annual convention brings together funeral service professionals, industry leaders, and community stakeholders from across the state. The Souvenir Journal serves as a lasting publication that highlights businesses, honors achievements, and celebrates the legacy of service within our profession.

Your ad is an excellent opportunity to:

- Promote your business or services
- Show support for the funeral service profession
- Honor a colleague, organization, or loved one
- Gain visibility among professionals across North Carolina

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2026
AD FORMAT: HIGH-RESOLUTION PDF, PNG, OR JPEG
PAYMENT METHOD: CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

FOR QUESTIONS, AD SUBMISSIONS, OR ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT:

Palmer Dupree (704) 576-7770
Mary Frances White (704) 473-0897
westerndistrictfdmanc@gmail.com

Please complete the attached Ad Request Form and submit along with your ad and payment by the deadline.

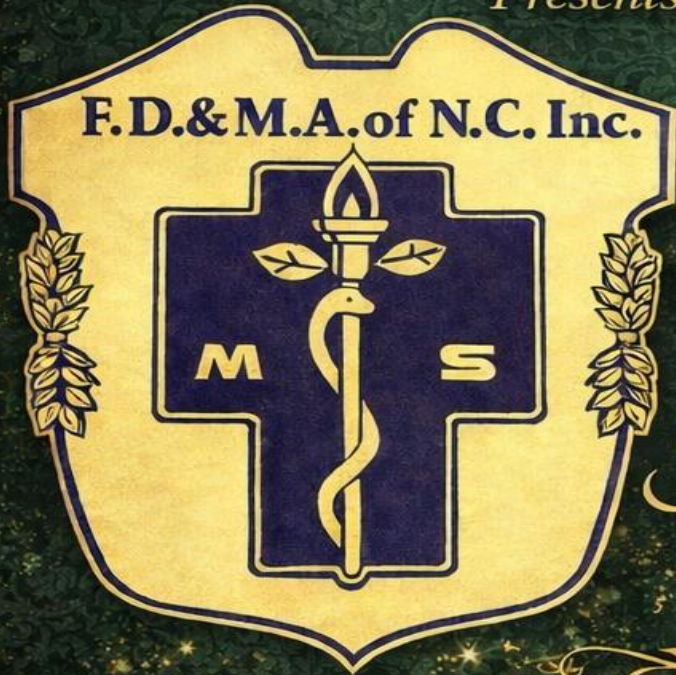
We sincerely appreciate your continued support of the Western District and the FDMA NC State Convention.

Respectfully,

Western District Leadership

Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of North Carolina, Inc.

The Funeral Directors & Morticians
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Presents...



An
*Enchanted
Masquerade
Evening*

-Renewing our purpose while growing our profession-

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Tickets are \$75.00



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