



Meet **Minneapolis**  
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Dear Patty:

Congratulations on receiving the Meet Minneapolis **"Lifetime Achievement Award!"** This esteemed recognition reflects your exceptional dedication and remarkable contributions to Kelber Catering, the events industry, and the Minneapolis Convention Center. Additionally, your efforts have been instrumental in the ongoing success of the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Your journey has been nothing short of inspiring. You began your career at Kelber Catering as a Catering Sales Coordinator from July 1993 to March 1995, before venturing into entrepreneurship as the owner and operator of Glenbrook Station Restaurant in Sayner, Wisconsin. In October 1996, you joined Monona Catering's Sales Team with the opening of Monona Terrace in Madison, Wisconsin. Over the next two decades, you excelled in various roles, including Director of Sales and General Manager at Monona Terrace.

In 2016, you returned to Kelber Catering, taking on the role of General Manager and Chief Operating Officer. Since 2018, you have held the esteemed position of CEO of both Kelber Catering and Monona Catering. Your unwavering commitment extends beyond your professional achievements. As a valued member of NACE since 1997, you have demonstrated remarkable dedication throughout the years.

Congratulations once again on this well-deserved honor. Your contributions and passion have left an indelible mark on the hospitality industry.

We will be reaching out shortly to schedule a time to present this award.

Warm regards,

*Melvin Tennant*

Melvin Tennant, CAE  
President & CEO

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