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***Reference: 157th Grand Lodge Convention – Tampa, FL - July 4-7, 2021***

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and **returning the forms immediately** with the full payment required. You can pay all items by check. Forms may be e-mailed to ron2353nsea@hotmail.com. **Please note:** We have been given a limited number of rooms and we are giving you this information early in order to ensure that we have a room for you.

If you have other Elks that wish to attend the convention, registration forms are available on NSEA website (nsea-elks.org). Pre-registration is available on elks.org for \$50 until mid-June. We try to get all of the Elks from each district located on the same floor. If you would like to include other Elks reservation with your, it is okay.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN TAMPA, FL.**

**Where are we staying and how much will it cost?**

We are staying at the Hilton Tampa Downtown, 211 N. Tampa, FL 33602 (813) 204-3000. The room rate is \$137.40 per night, including taxes. Be sure to send a check for your one night's deposit with your room request. If you have any problems, let me know. **Be sure to put an e-mail address on the registration form. This is the only way that we will send out a confirmation notice for your room.** If your arrival date changes please let Ronald Douglass know right away and I will do my best to accommodate your needs. I may be reached at (702) 350-7384. If you fail to arrive on the listed arrival date, you will be charged for one night and lose your room.

**How should I book my flights and car rental?**

You can book flights and car rentals online; don't delay. Please see enclosed Discount Sheet from Grand Lodge.

**Airport Shuttle and Transportation:**

There is a shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. To use this service please call (813) 333-3598 when walking off of your plane prior to picking up luggage. Pricing is \$15 for a single

passenger or \$12 per person for two or more passengers. Taxi service is available and the cost is estimated to be \$30.00 per carload. Both Uber and Lyft are available. **Transportation will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions from hotels in the Grand Lodge block.**

### **When should you arrive?**

We suggest that you plan to arrive on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Opening Ceremony which takes place on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. The convention will be over on Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Parking:**

Discounted parking is available at a rate of \$20.00 per night. Self-parking is not available.

### **What functions are planned for the convention?**

1. Sunday Opening Ceremonies and Celebration (4:00 p.m. – 6:00p.m.) at the:

**Tampa Convention Center  
133 South Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602**

2. A Celebration will follow the Opening Ceremony offering the “Party Crasher” for entertainment plus food and drinks for purchase.
3. Registration and local vendors will be set up at the Tampa Convention Center.
4. Ritual Contest will be held at the Tampa Convention Center.
5. District Deputy-Designates Seminar will be held on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m. Location to be determined.
6. Due to COVID restrictions, the Pacific Southwest Reception will not be held this year but may return in the future.

These events are subject to change and the times may be a little off. Be sure to check the Elks Magazine June issue for exact information. You will also be receiving a program of events when you register. The badge(s) you receive at registration, which is \$60 (including spouse), in Tampa is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings.

### **What do I do if I need assistance due to disability?**

If you need assistance due to disability, please submit a letter describing the type of assistance required. This letter should be attached to your room reservation request.. I will pass this information along to the Grand Lodge National Convention Office.

### **Is there anything else to do while we are in Tampa?**

There is so much to do in Tampa. Tampa’s Riverwalk, The Florida Aquarium, Tampa Museum of Arts, Busch Gardens, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

### **What about smoking at the hotel?**

The Hilton Tampa Downtown is a no smoking facility.

### **What about face coverings?**

Face coverings are required in all indoor public areas of the Hilton Tampa Downtown and at the Tampa Convention Center.

### **What to do if there is a problem?**

I will be in the Hilton Tampa Downtown hotel if you need to reach me please feel free to contact me at (702) 350-7384.

**One Last Thing**

Be sure to register. Many of the State will not allow you into their hospitality room unless you have badge around your neck. Bring your current membership card and your State Major Project vest, Blue Blazer and Tie.

This is going to be a great convention that you will not soon forget. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me (702) 350-7384. I hope that we will be able to address all of your needs and make Tampa a great experience for all attending.

Fraternally,

*Ron Douglass*

Ronald Douglass, PER  
Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

Enclosures

*Room Reservation Form*

*Map of Tampa Area*

*Grand Lodge Travel Discounts*

# DOWNTOWN TAMPA & CHANNEL DISTRICT

**Downtowner**  
FREE  
Point-to-Point Ride Service

**Service Area**  
Mon-Thur: 7am-9pm  
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[www.RideDowntowner.com](http://www.RideDowntowner.com)



**MAP LEGEND**

- One Way Streets
- Major Parking Lots/Garages
- Visitor Information
- Hospitals
- Taxi Stands



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TECO Line Streetcar System

Streetcar services may be temporarily reduced due to COVID-19.

Visit [www.goHART.org](http://www.goHART.org) for the latest service information or call Customer Service at 813-254-4278.

**Route & Stops**

**MON-THU** 7am - 11pm  
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**SAT** 8:30am - 2am  
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Check [goHART.org](http://goHART.org) for Holiday Hours

- STATIONS**
- 8 STREETCAR SOCIETY STATION
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  - 6 PUBLIX STATION
  - 7 YORK STREET STATION
  - 7 CUMBERLAND AVE STATION
  - 8 AMALIE ARENA STATION
  - 6 HSBC STATION
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  - 11 DOWNTOWN TAMPA Whiting Street Station

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Route & Stops on Maps

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**ROUTE 30**  
Between Downtown & Tampa International Airport  
Route & Stops  
Service every 30-35 minutes.

**ROUTE 8**  
Between Downtown & Progress Village/Brandon  
Route & Stops  
Weekday stops serviced every 30 minutes.  
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# TAMPA



# JULY 2021

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Meeting Code: NGMZT

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Beginning on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, B.P.O. Elks National Convention attendees will receive a **discount on airfare** and **50% bonus Rapid Rewards points** from Southwest Airlines through our SWABIZ® account when traveling to and from Tampa (TPA). Purchase your tickets before June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to take advantage of the discounted rates. Book your flights to leave as early as June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and return no later than July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Go to [www.SWABIZ.com](http://www.SWABIZ.com) and click "Flight" in the top right then click "Book a Flight" to book your travel!

- Enter Corporate ID: **99219886**.



American Airlines # A9461GM

American Airlines is offering a 4 % discount on applicable fares when traveling to Tampa, Florida for the Elks National Convention.

Visit [AA.com](http://AA.com) to book your flight. After selecting your flights, enter promo code **A9461GM** when completing passenger details.

Contact the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at **1-800-433-1790** for assistance with reservations and ticket purchase.