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***Reference: 154th Grand Lodge Convention – San Antonio, TX - July 1-4, 2018***

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and *Pacific Southwest Reception* tickets and **returning the forms immediately** with the full payment required. You can pay all items by check. Forms may be e-mailed to [dyerelks@yahoo.com](mailto:dyerelks@yahoo.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.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN SAN ANTONIO, TX.**

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

We are staying at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, TX 78205, (210) 223-1000. The room rate is \$127.25 per night. There is no additional charge for extra guests in a room.

You will need to send a one night deposit. 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 let Ross Dyer know right away and I will do my best to accommodate your needs. I may be reached at 702-539-1712. If you fail to arrive on the listed arrival date, you will be charged for one night and lose your room.

**What about travel arrangements?**

**If you fly:**

You can book through the internet. There is no shuttle to the hotel. Taxi service is available and the cost is estimated to be \$25.00.

**Car Rental?**

Again I suggest that you get on the internet and find the best deal. Normally Dollar or Budget has good rates. It seems that there is little competition between companies.

**Parking?**

Both self-parking and valet parking are available at the Marriott Rivercenter, however self-parking is \$40.05 per night, and valet parking is \$45.47 per night.

**When should you arrive?**

We suggest that you plan to arrive on Saturday, June 30th. This will give you an opportunity to get settled in and see the town. The Opening Ceremonies are on Sunday afternoon, July 1st and checking in on that day may present a problem. We also suggest that you plan on staying over until Thursday, July 5th in order to avoid the rush. If you must leave on Wednesday, be sure to book your flight late enough so that you can stay through the closing ceremonies. You can store your luggage with the Bell Desk or arrange for a late checkout. We will also have a place

designated in the lobby (still in negotiations) to leave your luggage until you leave for the airport. I have found over the years that you will be quite busy at the convention and Wednesday afternoon will be a great time to see the sites and relax before going home.

### **How close are we to the Convention Center and Headquarters Hotel?**

The Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center is two blocks from the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. Sunday afternoon Opening Ceremonies, Daily Business, and Closing sessions will take place in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and shuttle service will be provided.

### **What functions are planned for the convention and how much will they cost?**

1. *Sunday Opening Ceremonies (3:00 p.m.), Daily Business, and Closing Sessions* will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. You will also want to register and view the exhibits there. The badge you receive will be your admission to all Grand Lodge functions including the Exalted Ruler's Ball. Also, some states do not let you in their hospitality rooms without your badge.
2. *The Pacific Southwest Reception* will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd. Cost is \$55 per person. White coats and summer formals are the recommended dress for this elegant affair. It will be held in the **Grand Ballroom Salon E, Marriott Rivercenter**.
3. Exalted Rulers Ball will be held on Tuesday evening, July 3rd at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio. (White coats and summer formals.)
4. Ritual Contest will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

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. This will give you some idea of what to expect if this is your first convention. 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 San Antonio is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings with the exception of the Pacific Southwest Reception. Preregistration is available on [elks.org](http://elks.org) for \$50.

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

There is so much to do. The Alamo, The Witte Museum, San Antonio Zoological Gardens and Aquarium, The River Walk (Paseo Del Rio), over 100 wonderful restaurants, bars, and clubs and plentiful shopping.

### **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 that is needed. This letter should be attached to your room reservation. I will pass this information along to the Grand Lodge National Convention Office. This information will assist in making appropriate transportation and wheelchair availability arrangements. We will also be able to arrange for appropriate housing for you at the hotel. Wheelchair and scooter rentals may be arranged by calling Tom's Wheelchairs at (210) 223-7878.

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

The San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter is a no smoking facility.

### **What about hospitality needs?**

COSTCO and Walmart are located within about 20 minutes from the hotel and there are a couple of liquor stores near the hotel.

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

We will have people available in the hospitality room on Monday, July 2nd from 11:00 to 2:00. You can pick up your *Pacific Southwest Reception* tickets at that time. If you fail to pick them up, don't panic, we will have them for you at the door. If you need to contact me at any other time, call my room. I will be in the Marriott Rivercenter beginning on Tuesday, June 26th if you need to reach me. The concierge desk is located in the lobby of the hotel and is very able in assisting guests of the hotel.

***What are the Special Events?***

*Tuesday July 3rd – Pacific Southwest Reception ~ 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Grand Ballroom Salon E, Marriott Rivercenter.*

This is a don't miss party for the members of the Nevada Elks Association. The cost for this event is \$55 per person and includes a buffet dinner and two drinks per person. This event will be held at the **Marriott Rivercenter** in the **Grand Ballroom Salon E**. This year we will be honoring the state presidents of California-Hawaii, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah along with the sponsors of Area 7, PGER Jim Grillo and Lucia, and PGER Tom Brazier and Venita.

***Anything else I should know?***

All rooms have hair dryers, irons and coffee pots. Most rooms have refrigerators and they will be provided upon request for any that do not already have them. The food in the hotel is excellent and reasonable.

If you have other Elks that wish to attend the convention, registration forms are available on the NSEA website (nsea-elks.org). We try to get all of the Elks from each district located on the same floor. Reservations received after June 1, 2018 will be accepted based on availability at the convention rate.

This is going to be a great convention that you will not soon forget. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Fraternally,

*Ross Dyer*

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Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

Enclosures

*Room Reservation Form*  
*Map of San Antonio Area*

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**2018 Grand Lodge Convention  
San Antonio, TX**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Will your spouse/significant other accompany you? \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Arrival Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The Nevada Delegation has been assigned to the Rivercenter Marriott  
101 Bowie St, San Antonio, TX 78205

The room rate is \$127.25 per night.

All rooms will be assigned on a FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS. A \$127.25

First Night Deposit must accompany this completed form. There are no smoking floors in this hotel.

ADA rooms are available. ***Please indicate if you require an ADA room and for what purpose.***

Also indicate your preference for King or Queen bed. ALL ROOMS ARE NON SMOKING.

King \_\_\_\_\_ Queen \_\_\_\_\_ ADA \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROSS DYER**

**HOSPITALITY ROOM** - \$50 per person (\$30 per person for Non-Alcohol Drinkers)

Drink Preference/s: Bud Light \_\_\_\_\_ Coors Light \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ Mich Ultra \_\_\_\_\_  
Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ Crown Royal \_\_\_\_\_ Jack Daniels \_\_\_\_\_ Jim Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Brandy \_\_\_\_\_  
Dewars \_\_\_\_\_ Chivas Regal \_\_\_\_\_ V.O. \_\_\_\_\_ Beefeaters \_\_\_\_\_ Bacardi Rum \_\_\_\_\_  
Kahlua \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_  
White Zinfadel \_\_\_\_\_ Cabernet Sauvignon \_\_\_\_\_ Chardonnay \_\_\_\_\_  
Mixers: Club Soda \_\_\_\_\_ Tonic \_\_\_\_\_ O.J. \_\_\_\_\_ Grapefruit \_\_\_\_\_ Cranberry \_\_\_\_\_  
Coke \_\_\_\_\_ Diet Coke \_\_\_\_\_ Pepsi \_\_\_\_\_ Diet Pepsi \_\_\_\_\_ 7UP \_\_\_\_\_  
Other? \_\_\_\_\_

**Pacific Southwest Buffet & Cocktail Party - Grand Ballroom Salon E Mariott Rivercenter**  
Tuesday, July 3rd - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm                      **Dress Attire for this event**  
\$55 per person    **Formal/White Dinner Jacket**

**Send completed form and money by May 20th to**  
Ross Dyer - 309 Winter Breeze Ave, North Las Vegas, NV 89032  
Cell (702) 539-1712  
Email: dyerelks@yahoo.com

Amount Sent for Room            \$127.25                      First night (if comped, cross out)

**\*\*WE ARE ONLY ACCEPTING PAYMENT FOR FIRST NIGHT**

Amount Sent for Hospitality \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Sent for SW Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

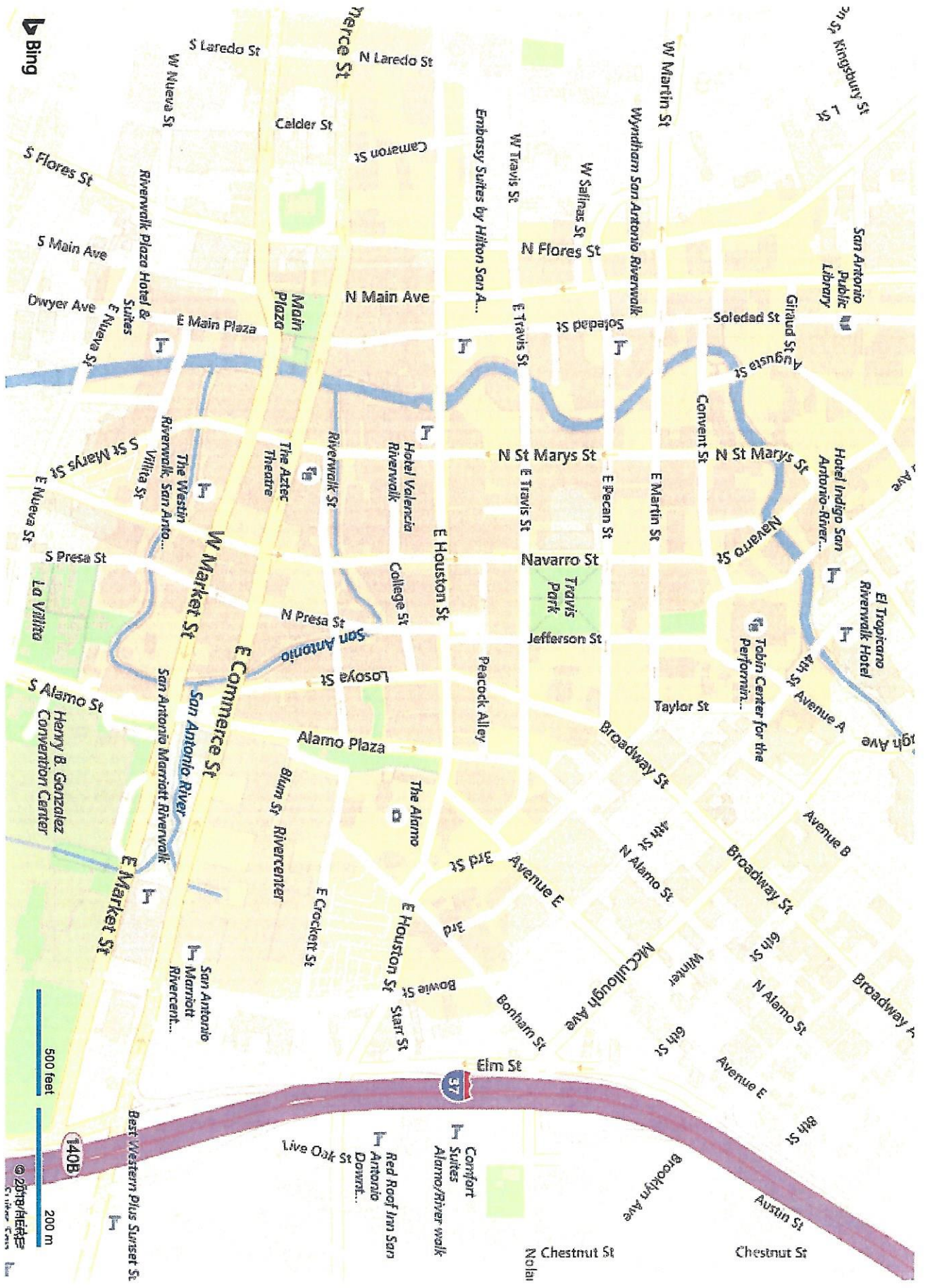
Total amount of check \_\_\_\_\_ **(make payable to Ross Dyer)**

Please supply us with an email address and phone number so we can send confirmation numbers once the rooms have been booked or if we need to get a hold of you.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*You may book nights 3 before and/or 3 nights after**



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