

Reference: 159th Grand Lodge Convention - Austin, TX-June 30 - July 3, 2024

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and **returning the form immediately**. *Please note*: We have been given a limited number of rooms and we are giving you this information early in order to ensure we have a room for you.

If you have other Elks that wish to attend the convention, the room registration form is available on the NSEA website (nsea-elks.org/convention-info). Pre-registration is available on elks.org for \$50 after April 1st or for \$60 in Austin. We try to get all of the Elks from each district located on the same floor. If you would like to include other Elks reservations with yours, it is okay.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN AUSTIN, TX

Where are we staying and how much will it cost?

We are staying at the Hilton Austin Hotel, 500 E. 4th Street, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 482-8000. The room rate is \$147.50 per night, including taxes. Keep in mind it is always easier to take a day off you're your stay than to add one on. 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 the hotel will send out a confirmation notice for your room. If your arrival date changes, please reach out to Frank Reynolds, III and let him, know right away so he can do his best to accommodate your needs. He can be reached at (775) 742-9085. If you fail to arrive on the listed arrival date, you will be charged for one night and you will lose your room.

How should I book my flights and car rental?

You can book flights and car rentals online; do not delay. Discount information can be obtained on the Grand Lodge website.

Airport Shuttle and Transportation:

There is no shuttle service to the hotel. Taxi service is available and the cost is estimated to be \$40.00 per carload. Both Uber and Lyft are available. <u>Transportation will be provided to all</u> Grand Lodge functions from hotels in the Grand Lodge block.

When should we arrive?

We suggest that you plan to arrive on Saturday, June 29th for the Opening Ceremony taking place on Sunday, June 30th at 4:00 p.m. The convention will be over on Wednesday, July 3rd.

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Parking:

Valet parking is available at a rate of \$54.00 per night. Self-parking is available at a rate of \$24.00 plus tax 0-6 hours, \$32.00 plus tax 6-24 hours, 25% discount for all registered Elk guests for Self-parking only.

What functions are planned for the convention?

1. Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony and Celebration (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) at the:

Austin Convention Center

500 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78701

- 2. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the Austin Convention Center.
- 3. Daily Business Sessions
 - a. Monday, July 1st and Tuesday, July 2nd 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (estimated end time)
 - b. Wednesday, July 3rd 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 4. Ritual Competition will be held at the Austin Convention Center, Room locations to be determined.
- 5. District Deputy-Designates Seminar will be held on Monday, July 1st and Tuesday, July 2nd at 12:45 p.m. in the Austin Convention Center Room location to be determined.

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 Austin your ticket for admission to all events and meetings.

What do I do if I need assistance due to a disability?

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

What about smoking at the hotel?

The Hilton Austin Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

Is there anything else to do while we are in Autin?

There is much to do in Austin. Tours of the State Capital, Bat Watching off the Congress Avenue Bridge, McKinney Falls State Park, Willie Nelson Statute, Bullock Museum, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

What to do if there is a problem?

I will be at the Hilton Austin Hotel if you need to reach me please feel free to contact me at (775) 742-9085.

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One Last Thing

Be sure to register. Many of the States will not allow you into their hospitality room unless you have a badge around your neck. **Bring your current membership card**.

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 at (702) 350-7384. I hope that we will be able to address all of your needs and make Austin a great experience for all attending.

Fraternally,

Frank Reynolds, III

Frank Reynolds, III Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

Enclosures: Room Reservation Form

Map of Austin Area



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Nevada State Elks Association Reservations

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SEND COMPLETED FORM AND MONEY BY MAY15, 2023 TO: SABINA BYE,

NSEA State Treasurer 4081 Siena Dr. Carson City, NV 89703

AND COPY ME AT:

FRANK REYNOLDS, III PSP NSEA Housing Chair 5619 Pearl Dr. Sun Valley, NV 89433-7525 fmreynold3@att.net

** DO NOT PAY FOR YOUR FULL STAY HERE – WE ONLY NEED YOUR FIRST NIGHT!!

First Night: (Tax is included)	<u>\$ 147.50</u>						
Hospitality Room (\$50 per person)	\$						
Total amount of check	\$						
(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NSEA) Check Number:							

** YOU MAY BOOK 3 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER BASED ON AVAILABILITY **

NO LATE APPLICATIONS OR REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED

