

NSEA Annual Meeting

Las Vegas, Nevada

April 27th – 30th, 2023

Ahern Hotel & Convention Center

(300 West Sahara Ave. – Meals and Meetings)

The Strat Hotel & Casino

(2000 Las Vegas Blvd. S – Accommodations)

Welcome Members and Guests



Nevada State



Elks Association

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April 1, 2023

Members and Guests,

Bill and I welcome you to our Nevada State Elks Association 98th Annual Meeting. This year you will find that we are doing things a bit differently from the past out of necessity, but we hope you will enjoy the accommodations, hospitality, and meals that our Meeting Committee has worked hard to put together for us.

Our state sponsors, the Hon. Jim Grillo, PGER and his wife, Lucia; the Hon. Bob Duitsman, PGER and his wife, Beth will be in attendance as well as our Special Deputy GER, Jim Shirkey and his wife, Pam, PER. Also in attendance will be California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) First Vice President Ted G. Talbot and his wife, Jeanie; Utah Elks Association President-Elect Cindy Shepherd and her husband, Bob; and Arizona Elks Association First Vice President West, Albert S. Kayal and his wife, Brenda. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself to our Distinguished Guests. You will find that they all have a wealth of experience to share from their years with the BPOE.

Bill and I thank all of our Association members and our guests for the support and hospitality we have enjoyed this year as we traveled around the state and to the CHEA, AEA, and UEA meetings. The best part about our year has been reconnecting with long-time friends and making new ones along the way. I also want to offer special thanks to all the NSEA Officers and Committee Chairs who have volunteered their time this year to fulfill all of our responsibilities as a State Association.

If you can, make it a point to attend our State Major Project Luncheon and learn more about all the great work St. Jude's Ranch is doing for the precious youth of Nevada. I welcome you to also attend our traditional Memorial Service on Saturday where we honor and remember those from the past year who will come no more, but who will never be forsaken.

Please be safe in your travels. We wish you and your families all the blessings that life has to offer this coming year. Thank you for being a very important cog in the wheel that is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Fraternally,
Debbie Oskin

Debbie Oskin
NSEA President, 2022-2023

Welcome to the 98th NSEA Annual Meeting. This year has brought many changes to the way we administer the two NSEA meetings. After considerable discussion over the past one and a half years, the PSP Advisory Council determined the Association needed to take on the responsibility of administrating our two yearly meetings. The decision is based on the rising cost of food, the ongoing difficulty getting the hotels to comp any rooms including the hospitality room, two added guest and more difficulty getting lodges to host the two yearly meetings with this additional financial burden.

At the Mid-Term meeting in Las Vegas, the Advisor Council appointed a committee to investigate the possibility of establishing two semi-permanent locations to hold our meetings, one in the North District and one in the South District. The committee consisted of Chris Coyer, PER and Dee Boskie, PSP. They were to report the results to the Advisory Council at the Annual Meeting in Boulder City.

The committee reported that we had positive results for the South District based on the success of the accommodations at the Ahern Hotel. They reported we were having difficulty establishing a similar situation in the North District. The Advisory Council appointed Chris Coyer as Committee Chair with direction that the Committee continue to investigate opportunities in the North District and report to the Advisory Council at the Mid-Term Meeting at Tahoe/Douglas. The Committee was asked to look into outlying areas not just Reno and Las Vegas.

At the Mid-Term Meeting, the Committee reported very positive results for the South District, but was still struggling with the North District. GER Bruce Hidley along with sponsors PGER Jim Grillo and PGER Bob Duitsman suggested with the difficulties the Committee was having we should consider holding both meetings in the South District. The Advisory Committee expanded the Convention Committee to include Chris Coyer, Chair, Dee Boskie, PSP North, Bill Bohnett, PSP South, Frank Reynolds, III President-Elect and Jack Eslinger, PER. The Committee was directed to move forward and get agreements in place for the 2023 Annual Meeting.

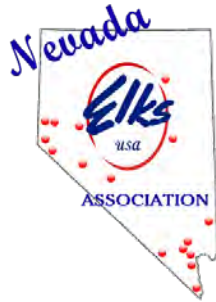
I commended the Committee for the effort and amount of hours they have devoted to getting accommodations in place and getting meal cost under control with the rising cost of everything. It has been a struggle getting food cost under control and maintaining quality we have grown to expect.

The Committee is working diligently sorting out the 2023 Mid-Term Meeting. The issue with the Mid-Term is the direct conflict with the Formula 1 race in Las Vegas.

The Advisory Council ask for your full support in getting any issues worked out. **It will continue to get better!**

Fraternally,

Bill Wiseman, PSP
President Advisory Council



Registration



**Nevada State Elks Association
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Las Vegas, NV 89107
(702) 523-2278**

Registration: Pre-registration of \$40.00 for Member and \$0.00 for Non-member Spouse/Companion, must be post marked on or before April 20, 2023. Registrations received post marked after April 20, 2023 will be \$45.00 for Member and \$0.00 for Non-member Spouse/Companion. Please use a separate registration form for each Member.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Title: _____ Lodge: _____ Lodge #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Make checks payable to: **Nevada State Elks Association**
Mail Registration and Check to:
Sabina Bye, NSEA Treasurer
4081 Siena Dr., Carson City, NV 89703-5320

	<u>Before 4-15-23</u>	<u>After 4-15-23</u>
<u>Registration:</u> Member	\$40 x ___ = \$ _____	\$45 x ___ = \$ _____
Non-Member Spouse/Companion	\$00 x ___ = \$ _____	\$00 x ___ = \$ _____
<u>Friday April 28th</u>		
Breakfast at Ahern	\$22 x ___ = \$ _____	\$25 x ___ = \$ _____
Members and Guests' luncheon at Ahern	\$31 x ___ = \$ _____	\$34 x ___ = \$ _____
State Presidents' Dinner at Ahern	\$56 x ___ = \$ _____	\$60 x ___ = \$ _____
<u>Saturday April 29th</u>		
Breakfast at Ahern	\$22 x ___ = \$ _____	\$25 x ___ = \$ _____
State Major Project Luncheon at Ahern	\$48 x ___ = \$ _____	\$52 x ___ = \$ _____
Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet at Ahern	\$56 x ___ = \$ _____	\$60 x ___ = \$ _____
<u>Total Amount Enclosed</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____

Prices Include 8.375% Sales Tax and 18% Service Charge

**98th ANNUAL MEETING
 AGENDA**

Thursday, April 27th

- Registration at The Strat Hotel & Casino 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Ritual Practices at N. Las Vegas Masonic Lodge 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- Taco Bar available at the N. Las Vegas Lodge 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, April 28th

- Lodge Open for Ritual 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- Breakfast – Ahern Trattoria 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
- Registration at The Strat Hotel & Casino 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- First Gent’s Breakfast (Invitation Only) – Hospitality Room 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Ritual contest at N. Las Vegas Masonic Lodge 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Sponsor Meeting (Invite only) – Ahern Venice Room 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- SMP Trustee’s Meeting – Ahern Venice Room 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM
- NSEA Trustees Meeting – Ahern Venice Room 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Member & Guests Lunch – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM
- Past Exalted Rulers’ Meeting – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
- Advisory Council Meeting – Ahern Venice Room 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- State Presidents’ Dinner
 - * No host cocktails – Ahern Piazza Bar 6:00PM – 7:00 PM
 - * Dinner – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Hospitality Room at The Strat 9:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturday, April 29th

- Registration at The Strat Hotel & Casino 7:00 AM – 8:30 PM
- Breakfast – Ahern Trattoria 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM
- First Gent’s Coffee (Invitation Only) – Hospitality Room 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Business Meeting at Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- State Major Project Luncheon – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- Memorial Service – Ahern Emerald Room 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- State Presidents’ Reception (Invitation only)
 Hospitality Room at The Strat 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet
 - * No host cocktails – Ahern Piazza Bar 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - * Dinner – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM
- Hospitality Room at The Strat (Conclusion of Banquet) 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, April 30th - Have safe trip home!

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Suggested Dress Code:

Thursday, April 27th

- N. Las Vegas Lodge Lite Diner Casual

Friday, April 28th

- Breakfast – Ahern Trattoria Lodge Uniform or Business attire
- Luncheon – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse Lodge Uniform or Business attire
- All meetings and Clinics – Ahern Lodge Uniform or Business attire
- State Presidents’ Dinner – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse Western or Business attire

Saturday, April 29th

- Breakfast – Ahern Trattoria Lodge Uniform or Business attire
- Business Meeting – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse Lodge Uniform or Business attire
- SMP Luncheon – Ahern Joel’s Chophouse SMP Vest or Shirt
- State Presidents Reception at The Strat Formal or Business attire
- Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet
Ahern Joel’s Chophouse Formal or Business attire

Sunday, April 30th

- Trip Home – No Breakfast Served Casual

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Menus

(Prices include 8.38% Sales Tax and 18% Service Charge)

Friday Breakfast Buffet - \$22.00:

Breakfast Pastries, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Buttermilk Pancakes, Applewood Bacon and Maple Sausages

Friday Member Guest Pizza Buffet Luncheon - \$31.00:

Italian style Tossed Salad, Sicilian Style Sheet Pan Pizza (Pepperoni, Margherita, mushroom Bianca and m\Mixed Veggie), Veggie Platter (Ranch Dressing and Hummus)

Friday State President's Buffet Dinner - \$56.00:

Fresh Tomato Salad (White Balsamic and Cucumber), Slow Smoked Brisket (With House BBQ Sause), Mac and Cheese (Four Cheese Blend), Pulled Pork Sliders (Pickle Chips and Cheddar Cheese), Southern Style Braised Green Beans, Honey Breaded Fried Chicken, Baked Beans (BBQ Style Brown Sugar)

Saturday Breakfast Buffet - \$22.00:

Fruit Platter (Seasonal sliced assortment of cantaloupe, honeydew, pineapple and watermelon with fresh berry garnish), Eggs Benedict, Breakfast Potatoes, Applewood Bacon and Maple Sausages

Saturday, State Major Project (SMP) Buffet Luncheon - \$48.00:

House Baked Rustic Bread (Garlic Olive Oil and Mozzarella Cheese), Traditional Caesar Salad (Parmesan and Romano Cheese, Focaccia Croutons, Little Gem Lettuce), Italian Beef Lasagna (Fresh Pasta Layered with Ricotta Cheese, Seasoned Beef and Mozzarella Smothered in House Marinara, Raspberry Cheesecake (Mascarpone and Jelly)

Saturday, Award & Installation Buffet Dinner - \$56.00

Assorted Artisan Bread (Sea Salt Whipped Butter), Couscous Salad, Arugula Salad with Shaved Parmesan (Apple and Lemon Vinaigrette), Pepper-crusted Sirloin with Red Wine Demi and Mushroom Fricassee, Tarragon-grilled Chicken with Natural Jus, Grain-mustard Seared Salmon with Pinot Sauce and Sweet & Sour Green Cabbage Sauté, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Herbs Grapeseed Oil and Lemon Zest, Farm-picked Grilled Vegetables, Carrot Cake topped with Decadent Cream Cheese Frosting and Walnuts



All meals and meetings will be at the Ahern Hotel and Convention Center. Breakfast will be in the Trattoria by Chef Joel. Lunches, dinners and the business meeting will be in Joel's Chophouse. The pizzas provided from the Roman Style Pizzeria. All three eateries in the Ahern Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada are overseen Executive Chef Joel Ott. Chef Joel brings regional dishes to his elevated Italian cuisine.

Trattoria by Chef Joel - Offers casual Italian dining room featuring regional specialties and Italian family favorites. Serving classic American breakfast and lunch, and Italian cuisine for dinner on the first floor.

Joel's Chophouse – Opened in January 2023 offering an upscale culinary experience. The menu consist of the finest Steaks, Roast, Chops and Seafood all served in an airy atmosphere.

Romana Style Pizzeria – Discover New York-style pizza made with authentic Romana dough for a unique, light and airy thin-crust pizza. From a simple pie to elevated gourmet toppings, their pizzas are made with only the highest quality, fresh ingredients.

Chef Joel Ott as VP of Culinary and Executive Chef has more than 70 team members reporting to him. He is involved in every aspect of Ahern Hotel's culinary activities, from planning and executing large banquet events, to creating new recipes for the Trattoria, to assisting in the kitchen as cook or expediter on busy shifts. Joel schooled at Le Cordon Bleu.

He subsequently worked for many high-end restaurants and premier properties such as the Loews Resort at lake Vegas, the M Resort Spa Casino, and Koi Restaurant at Planet Hollywood. He spent seven years at the Wynn's Allegro and Sinatra restaurants and three years as Chef de Cuisine for Italian restaurant at the Four Seasons. He also worked at Le Cirque, Circo, Picasso by Julian Serrano, and Todd English's Olives – all at the Bellagio.

He joined Ahern Hotel in September of 2019 as Executive Sous Chef and was subsequently promoted to Vice President of Culinary. In September of 2022, he added the role of Executive Chef to his many responsibilities.

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GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS

The Strat is presently holding the following block of rooms for your use:

Day Date	Thursday 4/27/23	Friday 4/28/23	Saturday 4/29/23
Room Block	60	60	60
Room Rates	\$45.00	\$100.00	\$105.00

All above room rates are based on single or double occupancy.

Daily Triple/Quad Charges: \$15.00 for each additional person age 12 or older in a room. Maximum 4 persons in one room. There is a \$39.95 plus tax resort fee added to each room per night, which will be posted on the guest room account. It is the policy of The STRAT to require at least one adult over the age of twenty-one (21) to occupy each room.

Clark County and City of Las Vegas room tax, presently at 13.38% will be applied to the above rates.

Tax rate is subject to change without notice.

RESERVATIONS

We understand that each individual will call our Group Reservations Department at 1-800-998-6937 between the hours of 7AM to 10PM PST and reference the Group: Las Vegas Elks #1468 and/or Group Code: C-ELKS3 and provide an approved credit card with the appropriate information, at the time of reservation. Upon check-in if the individual guests are to be responsible for incidental expenses, the guest will be required to leave a valid credit card deposit in the amount of \$50.00 per day at the time of check-in. It will be the responsibility of the group contact to inform its members of this requirement.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

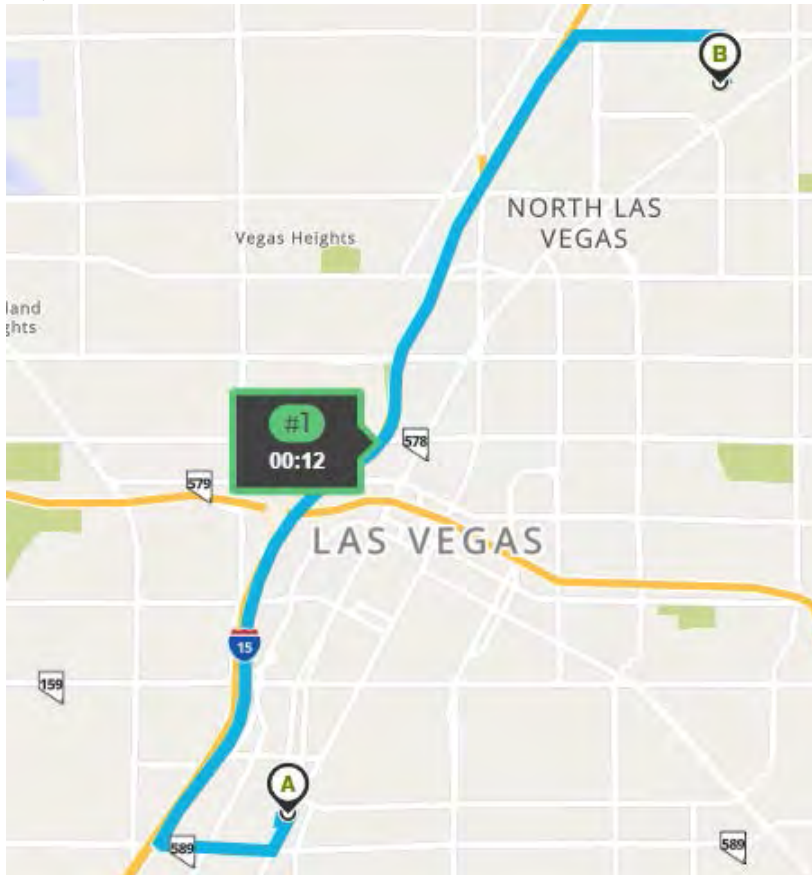
A first nights room and tax charge, per room, will be billed immediately to the cardholder's account. The cut-off date to confirm a reservation is April 6th, 2023. No changes to the reservations will be accepted within seventy-two (72) hours prior to the first arrival date. It is understood all guests will be responsible for the balance of their room, tax and incidental charges. All information, changes or method of payment for guest reservations must be indicated and completed at least 72 hours prior to arrival. These changes will not be accepted at the Front Desk.

If the room block is not filled by that designated cutoff date, the room block will be reduced to actual room nights and the remaining unsold rooms will be released for resale. Reservations thereafter are subject to the hotels current prevailing rate structures and discounted rates may not apply.

In the event one (1) credit card is utilized for multiple rooms, the Hotel requires a credit card authorization form to be completed and returned to the Hotel to process the approved charges.

The STRAT accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and most other major credit cards for your master account and/or guest incidental accounts. Cashier check and/or money order is acceptable for payment and is considered a cash payment. Personal or company checks require fourteen (14) days for processing time prior to your groups cutoff date and/or arrival date.

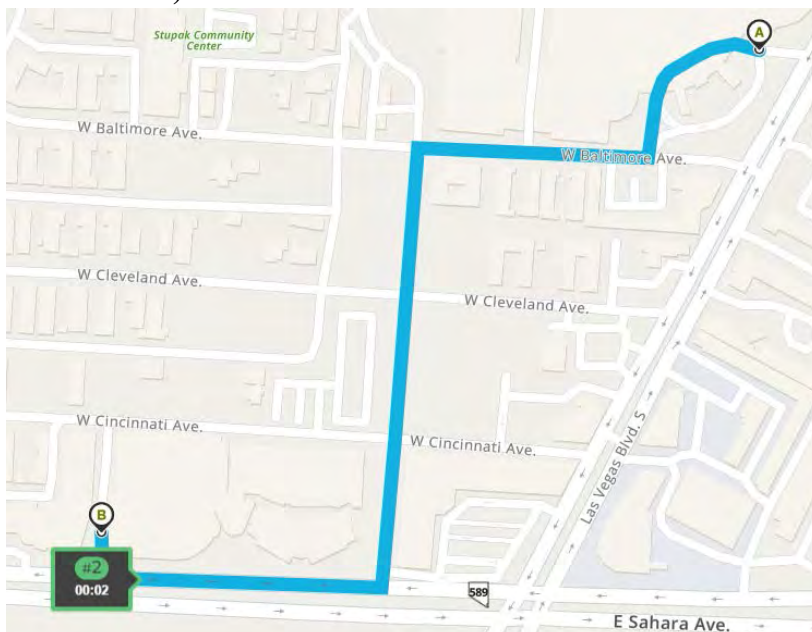
The STRAT (2000 Las Vegas Blvd. S) to N. Las Vegas Lodge #2353 (2939 Van der Meer St.).



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- Turn right onto Las Vegas Blvd S. Go for 0.2 mi.,
- Turn right onto W Sahara Ave (NV-589, Go for 0.7 mi.,
- Turn right and take ramp onto I-15 N. Go for 0.3 mi.,
- Keep right onto I-15. Go for 4.4 mi.,
- Take exit 46 toward Cheyenne Ave/Cheyenne Ave East. Go for 0.4 mi.,
- Continue on E. Cheyenne Ave (NV-574). Go for 0.9 mi.
- Turn right onto Van der Meer St. Go for 0.3 mi.,
- Turn right. Go for 184 ft.

(A) The STRAT
(B) North Las Vegas Lodge & Masonic Lodge

The STRAT (2000 Las Vegas Blvd.) to Ahern Hotel & Convention Center (300 West Sahara Ave.)



- Head West. Go 413 ft., Turn right onto W Baltimore Ave. Go for 509 ft.,
- Turn left onto Fairfield Ave. Go for 0.2 mi,
- Turn right onto W. Sahara Ave (NV-589). Go for 0.1 mi.,
- Turn Right. Go 98 ft.

(A) The STRAT
(B) Ahern