159th Grand Lodge Convention – Austin, Texas – June 30 – July 3, 2024



<u>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODG CONVENTION IN</u> <u>AUSTIN, TEXAS</u>

Where are we staying and how much will it cost?

We are staying at eh Hilton Austin Hotel, 500 E. 4th Street, Austin, TX 78701, (512) 482-8000. The room rate is \$147.50 per night, including taxes. When filling out your registration form, use the "fillable form" from the NSEA website to ensure legibility. Fill out all the information, including e-mail address on the registration form. **E-mail is the only way the hotel will send out a confirmation notice for your room**.

Hotel amenities:

- Austin Taco Project (breakfast, lunch, dinner); Cannon + Belle; Starbucks
- Exercise Room
- Pool
- CVS Vending Machine
- Internet Guest room basic internet (wired/wireless) will be waived for guests.

How should I book my flights and car rental?

You can book flights and car rentals online. Discount information can be obtained on the Grand Lodge website.

Airport Shuttle and Transportation?

There is no shuttle service to and from the Hotel. Taxi service is available, and the cost is estimated to be \$40.00 per carload. Both Uber and Lyft are available. Shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions from the hotels in the Grand Lodge block.

When should we arrive?

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

Parking?

Valet parking is available at approximately \$50.00 per day. Self-parking is available at a rate of \$24.00 plus tax 0-6 hours; \$32.00 plus tax 6-24 hours with 25% discount for all registered Elk Guests for self-parking only.

What functions are planned for the convention?

• Sunday afternoon – Opening Ceremonies and Celebration (4:00-6:00pm) at the:

Austin Convention Center

500 E. Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78701

• Registration and exhibits will be set up at the Austin Convention Center

Daily Business Sessions -• Monday, July 1st and Tuesday, July 2nd 8:00am to 12:00pm (estimate end time) Wednesday. July 3rd

8:am to 11:00am

Ritual Competition will be held at the Austin Conventuon Center, Room • locations to be determined.

Is there anything else to do while in Austin?

There are things of interest in Austin. Tours of the State Capitol. Bat watching at the Congress Avenue Bridge, McKinney Falls State Park, Willie Nelson Statue, Bullock Museum, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and shopping.

Areas of interest or necessity within walking distance of hotel?

- Various restaurants, bars and pubs
- IHOP restaurant
- CVS Pharmacy
- Target
- Duck Tours
- Escape Room Adventure •

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.

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 (775) 742-9085. 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

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Grand Lodge Convention Housing Coordinator

Enclosures: Room Reservation Form Map of Austin Area



Home Address													
City, State, Zip													
Res. Phone Cell Phone				E-mail (Required for hotel reservation Confirmation)									
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Bourbon Gin Brandy Vodka Tequila Rum Other
Wine: White Zinfandel Merlot Chardonnay Cabernet Other
Mixers: Club Soda Tonic Coke Diet 7up Root Beer
Other

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND MONEY BY MAY 15, 2024, 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 Drive Sun Valley, NV 89433 <u>fmreynolds3@att.net</u>

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

First Night: (Tax is included)

<u>\$147.50</u>

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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

