

Reference: 158th Grand Lodge Convention - Minneapolis, MN - July 2 - 5, 2023

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and Pacific Southwest Reception tickets 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 Minneapolis. 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 MINNEAPOLIS, MN

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

We are staying at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, 30 S. 7Th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, (612) 349-4000. The room rate is \$141.39 per night, including taxes. Keep in mind it is always easier to take a day off 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 Ron Douglas and let him, know right away so he can do his best to accommodate your needs. He can be reached at (702) 350-7384. 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 \$36.00 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, July 1st for the Opening Ceremony which takes place on Sunday, July 2nd at 4:00 p.m. The convention will be over on Wednesday, July 5th.

#### **Parking:**

Valet parking is available at a rate of \$49.00 per night. Self-parking is available at a rate of \$26.00 Sunday-Thursday; \$15.00 Friday and Saturday.

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

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

#### **Minneapolis Convention Center**

#### 1301 Second Avenue, S Minneapolis, MN 55403

- 2. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
- 3. Daily Business Sessions
  - a. Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (estimated end time)
  - b. Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 4. Ritual Competition will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, Room locations to be determined.
- 5. District Deputy-Designates Seminar will be held on Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m. in the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel 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 Minneapolis is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings with the exception of the Pacific Southwest Reception on Tuesday.

#### **Pacific Southwest Reception:**

 Pacific Southwest Finger food Reception will be held on Tuesday evening, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### How can I attend the Pacific Southwest Reception?

Do not miss the Pacific Southwest Finger Food Reception from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost for this event is \$65 per person and includes Finger Food and one complimentary drink per person. Business Attire: Coat and Tie is the recommended attire for this elegant affair. It will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. Pick up your tickets on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor follow the signs to the PSW designated area on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, or Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup>, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. If you fail to pick them up, do not panic, we will have them for pickup or purchase for you at the door.

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#### 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 Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

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

There is much to do in Minneapolis. The Mall of America, Target Field, Minnehaha Falls Minneapolis Institute of Art, U.S. Bank Stadium (Home of the Minnesota Vikings), Mill City Museum, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

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

I will be at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center 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 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 Minneapolis a great experience for all attending.

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Ron Douglas

Ron Douglas Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

Enclosures: Room / PSW Reservation Form

Map of Minneapolis Area



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#### Nevada State Elks Association Reservations

Name		Title	
Home Address			
City, State, Zip			
Res. Phone	Cell Phone	E-mail (Required for hotel reservation Confirmation)	
Lodge Name & Number		District	
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Room Reserva	-	s Marriot City Center Hotel pet friendly hotel)	
Number of	Regular Room(s) \$14	1.39, per night	
Number of People per Room:		Arrival Date:	
Number of Beds per Room (1 or 2)		Departure Date:	
Special Requirem	ents: Disable	d Accommodation Needed	
Other:			
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		Ticket Total Amount Due: \$ City Center 4:00pm – 6:00pm	
All rooms will	be assigned on a FI	nailed Directly to you from the HOTEL ONLY RST COME/FIRST RESERVE BASIS. A accompany this completed form.	
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BUD Light B	udweiser Coors Li	ght Coors MGD Other	
Bourbon Gin	Brandy Vodka	a Tequila Rum Other	
Wine: White Zinfa	andel Merlot (	Chardonnay Cabernet Other	
Mixers: Club Sod	a Tonic Coke	Diet 7up Diet Root Beer	
Other			

## 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:** 

RONALD DOUGLASS PER NSEA Housing Chair 9064 SENDERO AVE. LAS VEGAS, NV 89178

ron2353nsea@hotmail.com

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

First Night: (Tax is included)_	\$141.39			
Pacific Southwest Reception (\$65 per person)	\$			
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

