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February 6, 2024

TO: Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries, District Deputies Designate, State Officers and all interested Elks

Dear Members:

Arrangements are now complete for the Grand Lodge Convention to be held June 30 – July 3, 2024 in Austin, TX. West Virginia has been assigned to the **JW Marriott Austin Hotel at 110 E. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701**. The room rates, as negotiated by the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, will be **\$135** per room per night plus tax for single or double occupancy. With tax the room rate will be **\$158.77** per night. This rate applies to anyone wishing to stay three days before and after the convention.

IMPORTANT

All housing reservation requests for the West Virginia Elks **MUST** be made through the office of the West Virginia Elks State Secretary. The enclosed reservation form must be completed in its entirety and mailed or emailed,
Along with your

credit card information for \$ 158.77

2024-2025 DDGER's must use form but send no payment

Mail reservation form to:
Howard D. Boyd, WV Elks Secretary
7 Hogan Court, Shallotte, NC 28470

Before May 28, 2024

NOTE: Transportation to Austin is the responsibility of each individual. It is recommended to make your flight reservations as early as possible. There will be bussing for the delegates between outlying Hotels and the convention center. We are three blocks from hotel to the Convention Center.

HEADQUARTER HOTEL

There are **C0-Headquarter** hotels in Austin, the **Hilton Austin** and the **JW Marriott Austin** hotels.

OPENING SESSION

Sunday, June 30, 2024 – 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon opening ceremony and celebration, daily business and closing session will take place at the **Austin Convention Center, 500 East Cesar Chavez Street, Austin, TX 78701.**

Additional Information

The various Committee Seminars will be scheduled on Sunday 9am and following the General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Please check program or signage at convention to confirm times/locations of these Grand Lodge functions.

1. Daily Business Session Schedule:
 - a. Monday and Tuesday 8am-12pm
 - b. Wednesday 8am-11am
2. Registration and Exhibits will be at the **Austin Convention Center**.
3. Ritual Competition will be held at the **Austin Convention Center**, room locations to be determined.
4. District Deputies Designate Seminar will be held on Monday July 1 and Tuesday, July 2 at 12:45 pm in the **Austin Convention Center**.
5. State Housing Chairperson Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 2 at 2pm at the **Hilton Austin Hotel**.
6. A Shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions. (Watch the website for a shuttle schedule by the middle of June.)
7. The varying Committee Seminars will be held at the **Austin Convention Center** and scheduled on Sunday as early as 9am and following the General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. These will be listed on the website after April 2024.
8. Remember Grand Lodge Statutes specify that Lodges send their Exalted Ruler or a designated representative to the National Convention.
9. **Please consider Pre-Registration for the Convention. Pre-registration will be the best way to avoid lines and safely receive your credentials and other critical attendee information.** Watch the Elks web site for updates.

The **JW Marriott Autin Hotel** is located 8 miles from Austin Airport. Approximately 14 minutes by taxi or Uber. Taxi fares range from \$44 to \$50 based on traffic. Uber Rates are \$36 to \$45.

Amenities include complimentary high speed internet (must register free to be Marriott member), indoor heated pool, 24-hour fitness center, restaurant and bar. You will have the ability to choose one King size bed or two Queens. Check-in is at 3pm and checkout is at 12 noon. If you need to cancel, you can do so without penalty 72 hours before your arrival date. If you cancel your reservation after this date, you will forfeit your deposit. If you do not show for your reservation you will also forfeit your deposit.

Overnight self-parking is available for \$54 a day..

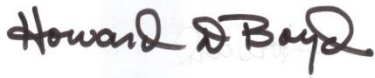
All Hospitality space will follow Center for Disease Control and hotel room capacity guidelines. I am positive Heidi Hubbard and Wayne Martin will have your refreshments and entertainment ready when you arrive.

Please visit https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ausjw-jw-marriott-austin/overview/?scid=45f93f1b-bd77-45c9-8dab-83b6a417f6fe&y_source=1_MjEwNjEwOC03NjktbG9jYXRpb24ud2Vic2l0ZQ== for an overview of the hotel.

West Virginia will be sharing our hotel with the states of Colorado, Indiana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

On behalf our state sponsor, PGER James L. Nicholson, Special Deputy Rick Romino, and myself, we hope all our delegates have a successful, and enjoyable convention in Austin.

Sincerely and fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard D. Boyd Sr." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Howard D. Boyd Sr, Secretary
West Virginia Elks Association

Enclosures (1)

Cc: James L. Nicholson, PGER
Rick Romino, Grand Lodge Special Deputy to Grand Exalted Ruler
Jeff Cionni, State President

WEST VIRGINIA ELKS—HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
(PLEASE FILL IN ALL INFORMATION)

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 30-July 3, 2024

Austin, TX

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: __ (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____ (for confirmation number)

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NO. _____

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____

DEPARTURE DATE: _____ DEPARTURE TIME: _____

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ROOM: _____. One (1) or Two (2) Beds _____

SPECIAL REQUEST: HANDICAP: _____ OTHER: _____

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

COST OF ROOM (FOR EITHER CHOICE) IS \$ 158.77, INCLUDING TAX

HOTEL REQUIRES ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT IN ADVANCE BY CREDIT CARD

Am. Exp. _____ MC _____ Visa _____ Discover _____

Full Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

**Please fill out this form with one (1) night's lodging and return by May 28, 2024
(Absolutely No Later) to:**

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