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West Virginia Elks Association

February 18, 2026

ATTN: West Virginia Elks Lodge Secretaries/Exalted Rulers,

The West Virginia Elks Association will hold our Annual Convention, April 30 to May 3, 2026, at the Oglebay Park Resort located at 465 Lodge Drive, Wheeling, WV 26003. Please refer to their web site for driving and other related hotel information at oglebayresort.hotelguides.com

At this Annual Convention, we will be honored to have as our guests Kentucky State Elks President Ken Hooper and his wife Dava from Louisville Lodge #8. We are also honored to have as our guests Virginia State Elks President Lynn Rutherford-Snow from Waynesboro Lodge #2270.

IMPORTANT: Attendees will be responsible for making their own reservations.

Reservations may be made by calling **(304) 243-4090** and asking for the West Virginia Elks Association Room Block. A major credit card will be required upon reserving individual rooms and a seventy two (72) hour cancellation period will apply whereby an attendee cancelling their reservation within seventy two (72) hours of arrival will be charged one nights lodging at the group rate. All reservations must be made no later than **March 31, 2026**. After that date any unused rooms remaining in the block will be released for use by the general public. Reservation requests received after this date will be subject to availability at the prevailing rate. The group rate per room is **\$119.00**, single or double room and is subject to state and local taxes currently totaling twelve (12%) percent. Dates of availability are April 30, 2026 through May 3rd, 2026.

Check in time is after 4:00pm Eastern Time and checkout time is 11:00am Eastern Time. Guests arriving before 4:00pm will be accommodated as rooms become available.

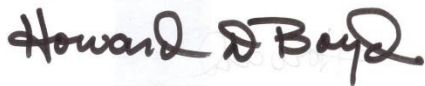
Our Annual Convention Ad Form and Booster Ad Form are enclosed. We encourage your lodge to submit an ad advertising your lodge to the convention attendees. Individuals can also have their names placed in the brochure through the Booster Ad Form. The deadline is **April 10, 2026**. Also enclosed is the registration form for the conference which requests attendee name(s) and specifics.. A registration fee of \$30.00 is mandatory for each attendee. Write your

name(s) as you wish it/them to appear on your name tag(s). Name tags and meal tickets will be included in your Registration Packet that you will pick up when registering for the Convention at Oglebay Resort. Please post this information in your lodge and/or pass it to all members and encourage their attendance.

Make remittance for Registration and Meals payable to West Virginia Elks Association and return remittance with the Registration Form enclosed no later than **March 31, 2026**.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please email me at yamudder@gmail.com or call me at (910) 547-2767 (Cell), or contact the WV Elks Convention Committee Chairman, , Dennis Hayes at dghwvelks388@gmail.com or at (304) 986-3450 (Home).

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard D. Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'H' and 'B'.

Howard D. Boyd, Secretary
WV Elks Association

Enclosures

ccs: James L. Nichelson., PGER, State Sponsor (w/enclosures)
Richard Romino, Grand Lodge Special Deputy to GER (w/enclosures)
Richard Maack, State President (w/enclosures)

Registration Form
West Virginia Elks Annual Convention
Oglebay Park, Wheeling WV
April 30-May 3, 2026

Name: _____ Title: _____

Spouse: _____ Title: _____

Lodge Name & No. _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Members:

Registration _____ \$ 30.00 per person (Mandatory Fee)

Meals _____ \$ 35.00 per person Friday Lunch

_____ \$ 37.00 per person Saturday Lunch

_____ \$ 68.00 per person Saturday Banquet

_____ **Salmon (or)** _____ **Chicken**

Past State President (PSP) Dinner _____ \$ 40.00 Per person Friday Dinner (PSPs and Spouses)

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____.

Please return the completed Registration Form and remittance payable to West Virginia Elks Association, Inc. to:

Howard D. Boyd, Secretary
West Virginia Elks Association
7 Hogan Court
Shallotte, NC 28470

REMINDERS!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE ON OR BEFORE March 31, 2026
AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE March 31, 2026

**FOOD SELECTIONS
WV ELKS ANNUAL CONVENTION 2026**

For Lunch Buffet Friday May 1, 2026 **\$35**

- *Plated Lunch – House Salad- Baby Lettuce, Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Carrots, Ranch or Balsamic Vinaigrette
- *Rigatoni Bolognese – Classic Italian Meat Sauce, Shredded Parmesan, Garlic Bread

For Lunch Buffet Saturday May 2, 2026 **\$37**

- *Custom Lunch Buffett – Salad Bar- Field Greens With Ranch Dressing and white Balsamic Vinaigrette
- *Sandwiches and Wraps
 - Chicken Ceasar Wrap-Grilled Chicken, Romaine And Parmesan in Spinach Wrap
 - Angus Sirloin Sandwich-Sliced Sirloin, Caramelized Onions, and Balsamic Aioli on Brioche
 - Roasted Turkey Sandwich -Turkey, Brie, Horseradish Mayonnaise on fresh baked Croissant
- *Sides and Desserts- Pasta Salad, Brownies, Tea and Lemonade

For Dinner Saturday May 2, 2026 **\$68**

- *Plated Dinner – Rolls and butter, Iceberg Salad, New York Cheesecake
- ***Choice of either:**
 - Roasted Atlantic Salmon, Maple Glaze, Lemon Orzo Broccolini
 - OR**
 - Broccoli Stuffed Chicken Breast, Tomato Thyme Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus

Past State Presidents Dinner April 30, 2026 **\$40**

- *Plated Dinner – Rolls and butter, Baby spinach, Peppered Bacon, Mushrooms, Hard-boiled egg. Parmesan-Reggiano, Champagne Vinaigrette
- New York Cheesecake
- *1.8 oz Chianti Braised Short Rib, Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Caramelized Cipollini, Sous Vide Carrots and Pancetta

**WEST VIRGINIA ELKS AGENDA
ANNUAL CONVENTION – April 29 – May 3, 2026**

THURSDAY, April 30, 2026

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	STATE TRUSTEES' MEETING	WEST BALLROOM 3
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	ADVISORY BOARD MEETING	WEST BALLROOM 3
5:30 PM - 6:20 PM	PAST STATE PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION	HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221
6:30 PM - 6:40 PM	PAST STATE PRESIDENTS' AND PSP LADIES' PICTURE	FORT HENRY ROOM
6:45 PM - 8:45 PM	PAST STATE PRESIDENTS' DINNER	FORT HENRY ROOM
11:00 PM	ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST	HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

7:00 AM - 12:30 PM	GOLF	TO BE ANNOUNCED
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	PAINT AND SIP	FORT HENRY ROOM
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	WAYS AND MEANS	TERRACE ROOM
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	REGISTRATION	WEST BALLROOM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	DIGNATARY TOUR	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BUFFET LUNCH	FORT HENRY ROOM
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	MEMORIAL SERVICE	WEST BALLROOM 1 & 2
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	WORKSHOPS & BREAKOUT SESSIONS	WEST BALLROOM 1 & 2
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	LADIES ENTERTAINMENT	HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	DISTRICT DEPUTIES & DISTRICT DEPUTY ESQUIRES MEETING W/ STATE SPONSOR JAMES L. NICHELSON. PGER	WEST BALLROOM 3
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	CONVENTION COMMITTEE	WEST BALLROOM 3

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM COOKOUT W/ ENTERTAINMENT
SPONSORED BY VP MARTIN KIMBALL CAMP RUSSELL

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM VP NORTH CANDIDATE KISNER HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 217

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM HOSPITALITY HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221

11:00 PM ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221
WV. ELKS STATE PRESIDENT, RICHARD MAACK

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM ELECTION/VOTING WEST BALLROOM 3

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM REGISTRATION WEST BALLROOM REGISTRATION

8:00 AM - 12:00 AM WAYS & MEANS TERRACE ROOM

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM BUSINESS SESSION WEST BALLROOM 1 & 2

Call to Order – Richard Maack State President #313
Introduction of Guest – Sgt.-at-Arms, Harry Taylor #411
Invocation – State Chaplain, Charles Callison #1758
Pledge of Allegiance – WV State President
Nominating Report – PM Carper #202
Statutory – David Robinson #28
Major Project Report – Rick Perry #269
Trustee Report – Bill Verelst, Jr. #388
Advisory Board Report – JB Phillips #1701
Committee Reports – WV State Vice Presidents
Convention Committee Report – Dennis Hayes #388
Secretary Report – Howard Boyd #778
Treasurer Report – JB Phillips #1701
Credentials Report – Bruce Cionni #1553
Remarks by PGER James L. Nichelson, Ohio River Valley #231
Remarks by KY State President Ken Hooper, Louisville #8
Remarks by VA State President Lynn Rutherford-Snow, Waynesboro #2270
Remarks by Other Guests
Announcements
Closing

11:00 AM -12:00 PM	MAJOR PROJECT COMMITTEE MTG	WEST BALLROOM 3
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	BUFFET LUNCH	FORT HENRY ROOM
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	PAST EXALTED RULERS MEETING	WEST BALLROOM 1 & 2
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	PGER NICHELSON’S MEETING	WEST BALLROOM 3
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND PRESIDENT ELECT PROGRAM	WEST BALLROOM 1 & 2
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG AND 11 TH HOUR TOAST CONTEST	WEST BALLROOM 3
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	STATE PRESIDENT RECEPTION	FORT HENRY ROOM
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR	WEST BALLROOM 1, 2, & 3
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	BANQUET	WEST BALLROOM 1, 2, & 3
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN	HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221
11:00 PM	ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST	HOSPITALITY BYRD RM. 221

COMMITTEE REPORTS (3 MINUTES MAXIMUM) MAY CONVENTION

Martin Kimball V.P. NORTH

NATIONAL SERVICE

HOWARD BOYD #778

ENF

JEFF CIONNI #1553

LODGE ACTIVITIES

KEVIN BLOSSER #1135

Jeff Pritt V.P. CENTRAL

ADOPT-A-VET

MARTY KIMBELL #28

HOOP SHOOT

JB PHILLIPS #1701

SOCCER SHOOT

JAMES MC INTYRE JR. #333

JACKIE BARLOW PSP V.P. SOUTH

WAYS AND MEANS

DALLAS SCADDON #1701

HOSPITALITY

HEDI HUBBARD #333

CITIZEN AND OFFICER OF THE YEAR

JODI PARRISH #1553

ELK OF THE YEAR

WALTER ICE #202