



PENNSYLVANIA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION

April 22, 2019

TO: Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries, District Deputy Designates, Grand Lodge Officers, Advisory Committee, State Officers and all interested Elks

Dear Members:

Arrangements are now complete for the Grand Lodge Convention to be held June 30-July 3, 2019 in St Louis, Missouri. The Pennsylvania State Association has been assigned to the Holiday Inn St Louis, Downtown Convention Center St Louis, Missouri. The room rates, as negotiated by the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, will be \$133.30 per room per day including 16.929% service charge for single or double occupancy. Free internet and coffee maker in room. Transportation from the Airport is available each way by shuttle for \$40.00 round trip. Hotel parking is \$15.00, no valet parking is available and taxi service is \$40.00.

IMPORTANT

All housing reservation requests for the Pennsylvania Delegation **MUST** be made through the PA Elks State Office. The enclosed reservation form must be completed in its entirety and mailed, along with your **credit card information or check for \$133.30 made payable to Holiday Inn-St Louis.**

2019-2020 DDGERs must use the form but send no payment.

Mail **check and reservation form** to the

PA Elks State Association, 703 Georgian Pl, Somerset, PA 15501

BEFORE JUNE 7, 2019.

NOTE: Transportation to St Loius is the responsibility of each individual. To avoid any last minute reservation changes please check with your airline flight reservationist for departure rates on Monday, June 24 for possible savings. There will be bussing for the delegates between outlying Hotels. Transportation from the Airport is avaialable by shuttle for \$40.00 per person round trip. Cab Fare is approximatley \$40.00 per couple.

The social functions being planned for the Pennsylvania attendees will consist of a formal cocktail party and dinner. This year the Pennsylvania delegation will have a hospitality room on the 1st floor. The cost will be \$75.00 for members and guests. It is suggested that tickets be purchased by our subordinate lodges with the cost to be deducted from the allowance granted to the lodge delegate. Social function tickets will be handled through the PA Elks State Office and will be forwarded to you prior to the Convention. **The check for the SOCIAL FUNCTIONS should be made payable to the PA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION.** No credit cards.

OPENING SESSION

Sunday, June 30, 2019 - 3:00 p.m. – America’s Center Convention Complex, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63101

RECEPTION

Monday, July 1, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. – Holiday Inn, St Louis Downtown, Grand Ballroom.

The reception will end at 7:00 p.m., at which time dinner will be served.

DINNER

Monday, July 1, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. – Holiday Inn-St Louis Downtown, Grand Ballroom.

ATTIRE

Attire for the Monday evening cocktail party and dinner the dress will be optional, with white dinner jackets suggested, if available.

PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITALITY ROOM

The location is the Holiday Inn-St Louis Downtown, Lindell Suite, 1st floor. The hospitality committee will be in charge, assisted by the 2019-2020 District Deputies of Pennsylvania. The Hospitality Room will be in operation during the following schedule:

Sunday, June 30, 2019	Noon. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, July 1, 2019	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m./9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 2, 2019	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The 2019-2020 District Deputies will serve as door checkers for the various social functions and supervise their respective bartenders in the Hospitality Room. The 2019-2020 District Deputies will also see that the delegates get to the Convention Business Sessions and sit together throughout those sessions. The District Deputies will receive complete instructions at their annual spring meeting.

PGER Paul D. Helsel will expect the delegates to report to their respective 2019-2020 District Deputies in order that an accurate roll call of the delegates can be taken for all sessions of the Convention.

Detail planning is all-important and your committee needs your full cooperation in the pre-registration program. **Please return your Social Function Registration form to the PA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION, 703 GEORGIAN PL, SOMERSET, PA 15501 before June 7, 2019, along with a check (no credit cards) for the reception, dinner, and hospitality room (\$75.00 for members and \$75.00 for guests) made payable to PA ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION.**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please check program or signage at convention to confirm times/locations of Grand Lodge functions.

1. The Grand Lodge headquarters hotel is the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel.
2. The Opening Ceremony will be 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday June 30 at the America's Center Convention Complex. A Celebration will follow the opening ceremony.
3. The opening, business and closing sessions will take place at the America's Center Convention Complex on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4. The Seminars for Special Deputies, District Deputy Designates, State Presidents, State Secretaries and Exalted Rulers have been incorporated in to the General Session program. Please be prepared to attend all sessions.
5. The Exalted Rulers Ball has been cancelled, in its place there will be a Celebration following the opening session on Sunday.
6. Ritual Competition will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex.
7. Registration and Exhibits will be set up at the America's Center Convention Complex.
8. District Deputy Designate seminar will be held at the America's Center Convention Complex on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 1:00 p.m..

Sincerely and fraternally,

Victor J. Cid, PGT,
PESA National Convention Committee