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West Virginia Elks Association

February 6, 2023

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 July 2 through July 5, 2023 in Minneapolis, MN. West Virginia has been assigned to the **Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot, at 225 3RD Avenue South, Minneapolis Minnesota 55401**. The room rates, as negotiated by the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, will be \$124 per room per night plus tax for single or double occupancy. With tax the room rate will be \$141.40 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 or a check for \$ 141.40

made payable to the Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot

2023-2024 DDGER's must use form but send no payment

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

Before May 25, 2023

NOTE: Transportation to Minneapolis 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.

HEADQUARTER HOTEL

The Headquarter hotel will be the **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel**.

OPENING SESSION

Sunday, July 2, 2023 – 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday afternoon opening ceremony and celebration, daily business and closing session will take place at the, **Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 Second Avenue, South, Minneapolis, MN 55403.**

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 **Minneapolis Convention Center**.
3. Ritual Competition will be held at the **Minneapolis Convention Center**, room locations to be determined.
4. District Deputies Designate Seminar will be held on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4 at 12:45 pm in the **Hilton Minneapolis Hotel**.
5. State Housing Chairperson Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 4 at 2pm at the **Hilton Minneapolis 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 **Minneapolis 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 March 2023.
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 opens online April 1st with new procedures being implemented. 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 **Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot** is located 12.9 miles from Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. Approximately 19 minutes by taxi or Uber, or LYFT and 33 minutes by TRAM. Taxi and UBER fares range from \$30 to \$40 based on traffic. LYFT for up to 4 passengers \$18-\$21 and 6 passengers sharing \$30-\$40. The TRAM subway is \$2 to \$3.

Amenities include complimentary high speed internet, 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.

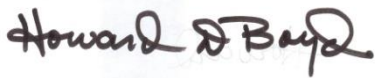
Overnight self-parking in underground or surface facilities is available for \$27 a day or \$10 an hour.

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/mspdd-renaissance-minneapolis-hotel-the-depot/overview/> for an overview of the hotel. West Virginia will be sharing our hotel with the state of New Jersey.

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

Sincerely and fraternally

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard D. Boyd Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Howard D. Boyd Sr, Secretary
West Virginia Elks Association

Enclosures (1)

Cc: James L. Nicholson, PGER
Jeff Miller, Grand Lodge Special Deputy to Grand Exalted Ruler
Ken Kormendy, State President

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

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

**July 2-July 5, 2023
Minneapolis, MN**

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 \$ 141.40, INCLUDING TAX

HOTEL REQUIRES ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT IN ADVANCE (either by check or credit card)

- I will be paying with a CHECK for \$141.40 payable to:
Renaissance Minneapolis Hotel, The Depot

- I will be paying with a **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 25, 2023 (No Later) to:

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