

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION INFORMATION SHEET - 2020

The 2019 Grand Lodge Session/Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD July 5-8, 2020.

The North Carolina delegation is assigned to the **Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel**, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 which is located in **Baltimore Inner Harbor** area. The Kansas, Nebraska, South Carolina, Tennessee and New Jersey Elks are also scheduled to be in the same hotel. The Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor is the Grand Lodge/Headquarters hotel.

Room rate will be \$120.00 + tax, which will be approximately \$141.00 per night. The same rates apply for those who wish to stay 3 days before (July 2) and/or 3 days after (July 10) the convention if requested on the reservation form. Late checkout must be requested on the reservation form. Cancellation of a reservation must be made 72 hours prior to 4:00 PM of scheduled arrival date to receive refund of deposit. Most rooms have two full size beds. A room with a king size bed can be requested but is not guaranteed. Handicapped rooms are available and should be requested on the reservation form. All rooms have a television, refrigerator, coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board. Hi-speed internet is available at \$12.95 per day. **THIS IS A SMOKE FREE HOTEL and PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** The hotel is approximately 8 miles from Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall Airport and 45 miles from Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington, DC. **There is not a complimentary shuttle service provided by the hotel.** Taxis, Uber and Super Shuttle are available for transportation between the hotel and the airports. Average cab fare one-way from Baltimore-Washington (BWI) airport is \$30 and \$135 one way from Ronald Reagan National. For those driving or renting a car: Onsite parking is available at \$36 per day. Valet Parking is \$46 per day. The hotel's Watertable Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and the Watertable Lounge is open for lunch and dinner. The Ground Floor Café & Bar (Starbucks) serves coffee and pastries and has **free Wi-Fi.** There is a fitness center on site.

District Deputy designates must submit a reservation form to me even though their room will be paid for by Grand Lodge. **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE STATE HOUSING CHAIRMAN (Michael Curran) AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 25, 2020.**

The Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony & Celebration and the Daily Business Sessions will take place at the Baltimore Convention Center, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Shuttle service will be available. The Opening Ceremony will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 5, 2020. This event will offer the "Party Crashers" for entertainment plus food and drinks for purchase. The Daily Business Sessions Monday-Wednesday will begin at 8:00 AM and end around noon. Registration & Exhibits will be at the Baltimore Convention Center. **You must be registered to attend the Opening Ceremony & Celebration and the Daily Business Sessions.** There is no longer an Exalted Rulers Ball.

In order to improve assistance to handicapped members/guests at the convention and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, will those that might need transportation and/or wheelchair assistance while attending the convention let me know ASAP so that I can pass that information on to Grand Lodge. Please include that information on your reservation form.

The State President will make available the location and operating hours of the North Carolina State Elks Association Hospitality Suite and where to send your donations.

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Preferred Travel Carriers



Meeting Code: NMU2U

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American Airlines # 4860ES

American Airlines is offering a 4 % discount on applicable fares when traveling to Baltimore, Washington Dulles and Washington Reagan Airports for the Elks National Convention.

Visit AA.com to book your flight. After selecting your flights, enter promo code **4860ES** when completing passenger details.

Contact the American Airlines Meeting Services Desk at **1-800-433-1790** for assistance with reservations and tickets.



Avis Worldwide Discount (AWD) # D529399

For Reservations call the Avis Meeting Sales Desk at 1-800-331-1600. Special rates are guaranteed and available from one week before, through one week after the meeting dates, subject to car availability. Standard rental conditions and qualifications apply, including minimum rental age. Check with your Avis representative for further details.



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SuperShuttle: Group Code: TG3MB

For special reservation questions call 1-800 BLUE VAN (800-258-3826), available 24/7. Group desk is open Monday to Friday – 6am to 6pm Arizona time. Please use your confirmation number if you need to call customer service after you booked online and give the discount code if calling to book a new reservation. You may begin booking now for transportation between June 26, 2020 to July 12, 2020.



More information is updated on the elks website www.elks.org/convention under the discount section.