



January 2019

**TO:** All Texas Elks

**RE:** 2019 Grand Lodge Convention – St. Louis, Missouri

The 155<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 30 – July 3, 2019. The Texas delegation has been assigned to the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark.

The room rate is \$114.00 plus 18.929 % tax for a “per night” total of \$135.58 for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy.

Self parking at the hotel is \$8.00 and valet parking is \$14.00 per day.

The hotel is non-smoking.

The hotel does allow pets with a one-time fee of \$75.00. Service dogs are allowed.

Refrigerators are not available in rooms but are available upon request. Refrigerators are available for medical needs.

The Hilton has both handicap and hearing impaired rooms available. If needed, such requirements need to be requested at time reservations are made.

Check in time is 4:00 PM; earlier check in time may be requested at time reservations are made and are subject to room availability.

Check out time is 11:00 AM. A late check out time may be requested at time of check in to the hotel, but is subject to room availability.

Room type requests (king or double) are subject to room availability at time of check-in. However, when a double room is requested for a family or a group, a request will be made at time reservation is placed in order to block the room type required.

The Hilton does not have shuttle service to and from the St. Louis Lambert Airport. Taxi, Uber, or Lyft transportation service is available.

**Listed below is general information regarding the St. Louis convention:**

The headquarters hotel is the Marriott St. Louis Grand.

Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business Sessions, and Closing Session will take place at the America’s Center Convention Complex, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

Sunday afternoon opening ceremony will be 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Daily Business & Closing sessions will start at 8:00 AM

A Celebration will follow the Opening Ceremony on Sunday, June 30, 2019. This event will offer free entertainment plus food and drinks for purchase.

Registration and Exhibits will be set up at the America’s Center Convention Complex

Ritual Competition will be at the America’s Center Convention Complex

Texas Elks Caucus will be held at the Hilton Monday, at 1:30 PM in the Grand Suite.

DDGER-Designates Seminar will be at the Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel on Monday, July 1, at 1:00 PM.

The varying Committee Seminars will be scheduled on Sunday as early as 9:00 AM and following the

General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. These will be listed on the Elks website after March.

**Enclosed you will find a housing reservation form – make additional copies as required ... but ... do not alter the form and no homemade forms! Please either type or legibly print your reservation information. Provide an email address (preferred) or a phone number for purpose of providing reservation confirmation information and please type or print email address and/or phone number clearly! If I can't read your reservation information, your email address or phone number, I can't make your reservation and I won't be able provide or contact you with your confirmation number!**

**All reservations, and cancellations, must be made through the Texas Elks State Association Grand Lodge Convention Housing Chairman; do not contact the hotel – they will make, change, or cancel reservations only with the State Association Housing Chairman. If you need to make any change to your reservation or cancel your reservation, contact me and I will make whatever change is necessary.**

**Deadline for reservations is May 30, 2019; I need to have all reservations in to the Hilton by this date!!!!**

**Guarantee of first night by credit card is required; credit card will not be charged until time of check-in at the hotel.**

**A reservation must be cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival; if not, one (1) night's accommodation and tax will be chargeable.**

**There is a block on the reservation form to indicate that you are attending the convention as either the Lodge Exalted Ruler or as the Alternate Representative; if you are representing your Lodge, so note.**

**If there is more than one person in your party, provide the names of all those individuals who are included in the reservation. Having all those names on the reservation will help ensure that you get the room type that you need and will speed up your check-in at the hotel!**

**Please publicize this information in your Lodge and encourage all members that plan on attending the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis to make reservations as soon as possible; TESA only has 105 rooms guaranteed in the Hilton.**

**If you have any questions, call me at 972-904-9140 or email at [jthouham@aol.com](mailto:jthouham@aol.com)**

Sincerely and fraternally,

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