



January 2018

**TO:** All Texas Elks

**RE:** 2018 Grand Lodge Convention – San Antonio, Texas

The 154<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on July 1 – July 4, 2018. The Texas delegation has been assigned to the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. The room rate is \$109.00 plus 16.75% tax for a “per night” total of \$127.26 for single or double occupancy. Self parking at the hotel is \$37.00 plus tax. (There are other parking sites available in the immediate area at varying prices per day.) The hotel is non-smoking and the hotel does not except pets. Refrigerators are not available in rooms but are available upon request for medical needs. The San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter has both handicap rooms available and hearing impaired kits for rooms. 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. The Hotel has agreed to honor late check outs up to 1:00 PM. 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 Marriott does not have shuttle service to and from the San Antonio airport. Commercial shuttle service is available for approximately \$20.00 each way.

**Listed below is general information regarding the San Antonio convention:**

The San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter is conveniently located across the street from the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

The Headquarters hotel is the Grand Hyatt San Antonio (also across the street from the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter.

Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business Sessions, and Closing Session will take place at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

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

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will follow the Opening Ceremony on Sunday 1 July, 2018. This event will offer Entertainment plus Food and Drinks for purchase.

Registration and Exhibits will be set up at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

Ritual Competition will be at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

Texas Elks Caucus will be held at the Marriott Monday, at 1:30 PM (Room to be determined).

DDGER-Designates Seminar will be at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, on Monday, July 2, at 1:00 PM.

Exalted Rulers Ball will be held Tuesday evening, July 3, at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio from 7:00 to 11:00 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 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 it 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!**

**Also, if you are a volunteer at the convention, make sure that your arrival and departure dates cover the dates for which you have volunteered! Highly recommend that you decide on travel arrangements and make your transportation reservations prior to making hotel reservations! It's a whole lot easier to do everything once rather than have to change hotel reservations after travel reservations have been made and confirmed.**

**All reservations must be made through the Texas Elks State Association Grand Lodge Convention Housing Chairman; do not contact the hotel – they will make reservations only with the State Association Housing Chairman.**

**Deadline for reservations is June 1, 2018; I need to have all reservations in to the Marriott 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.**

**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 name(s) 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 San Antonio to make reservations as soon as possible; TESA only has 160 rooms guaranteed in the Marriott.**

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

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Tom Hougham*

Tom Hougham, PSP  
TESA Housing Chairman  
Grand Lodge Convention

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# Grand Lodge Convention Housing Reservation

San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter, 101 Bowie Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205  
1 – 4 July 2018

One night's deposit is required in order to confirm your reservation. Major credit Card accepted to guarantee reservations. All rates are subject to applicable taxes. You will be billed for 1<sup>st</sup> night's room and tax if reservations are not canceled 3 days (72 hours) prior to day of arrival. Notify Tom Hougham of cancellations prior to June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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LAST NAME (Please print)      FIRST      MIDDLE      PHONE NUMBER

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LODGE NAME AND NUMBER      YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

ARE YOU ATTENDING CONVENTION AS: Lodge Exalted Ruler ? Y \_\_\_ or Alternate Representative ? Y \_\_\_

ARRIVAL (MONTH DAY YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE ( MONTH DAY YEAR) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a volunteer at the convention does your arrival & departure dates include those dates?? Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_

NORMAL CHECK IN AFTER 4:00 PM.

EARLY CHECK IN REQUESTED? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ IF YES, ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Early checkin is subject to availability of rooms at time of checkin)

LATE CHECK OUT REQUESTED – 1:00 pm YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

GROUP RATES: \$109.00 per night plus 16.75 % tax - Total \$127.26

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Other People in Party – note below or on reverse of this form

ROOM TYPE: (subject to availability) \_\_\_\_\_ 1 bed (king) \_\_\_\_\_ 2 beds (doubles)

SPECIAL NEEDS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I hereby authorize the hotel to charge the Credit Card listed below to ensure my first night's room and tax.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type      Number      Exp Date      Signature

**Please make your reservations early. For more information contact:**

**Tom Hougham**

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