



**MARYLAND, DELEWARE, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELKS ASSOCIATION**

**A Fraternal Organization**

**BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS**

**Unites States of America**

April 5, 2022

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 July 3-6, 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. We have been assigned to the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel. The room rates, as negotiated by the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, will be \$165 per room per day including 16.9% service charge for single or double occupancy. Rooms are available as 4/5/6/or 7 night stays and cost is \$165 per night. Free internet and coffee maker in room. Transportation from the Airport is available each way by shuttle for \$35.00 - \$45.00 round trip per person. Hotel parking is \$17.00, no valet parking is available and taxi service is \$40.00 each way from the airport. Uber or Lyft are same cost as a taxi. There is a train from the Airport to Downtown Atlanta, The station Downtown is near our hotel at a cost of \$2.50 each way. You will find the Airport Train Station near baggage claim.

**IMPORTANT**

All housing reservation requests for the MD/DE/DC Delegation **MUST** be made via the online registration form located at

<http://www.mddedcelks.org/conventionconference.html>

Payment can be made via the state websiste by clicking the blue “Pay Now” button or by sending a check to the State Treasurer, Jackie Phillips. Checks should be mailed to:

6181 Quaker Neck Rd.  
Chestertown, MD 21620

2022-2023 DDGERs must use the form but send no payment unless staying for more than 4 nights Please conact Robert Broom if you will say longer than 4 nights.

**Register BEFORE May 27, 2022.**

**NOTE: Transportation to Atlanta is the responsibility of each individual.** There will be transportation for the delegates between outlying Hotels and the convention center. We are 1 1/2 miles from the convention center.

The social functions being planned for the MD/DE/DC attendees will consist of a formal cocktail party and dinner that we will attend alongside the Pennsylvania delegation. Cost of the dinner is \$85 per person, including 2 drinks per person. Menu: Chicken Picatta or Salmon, herbed potatoes, Iceberg wedge salad and chocolate cake. Dress is business suit or optional coat and tie. As a point of reference, the PA delegation will be in white dinner jacket or business suit optional. This year the we will have a hospitality room on the 2nd floor, near the Front Desk, Suite 203.

### **OPENING SESSION**

**Sunday, July 3, 2022 - 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Georgia World Congress Center, 285 Andrew Young International Blvd NW, Atlanta , Georgia, 30313**

### **RECEPTION**

**Monday, July 4, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. – Sheraton Atlanta Hotel**

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

### **DINNER**

**Monday, July 4, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. – Sheraton Atlanta Hotel**

### **ATTIRE**

Attire for the Monday evening cocktail party and dinner will be Business suit or coat and tie. As a reminder, PA will be dressed in white dinner jacket or optional business suit.

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM**

The location is the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel will be in Suite 203. The hospitality committee will be in charge, assisted by the 2022-2023 District Deputies. The Hospitality Room will be in operation during the following schedule:

Saturday, July 2, 2022	Noon to 11:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 3, 2022	Noon. - 4:00 p.m./8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Monday, July 4, 2022	Noon - 5:00 p.m./9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Tuesday, July 5, 2022	Noon - 5:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The 2022-2023 District Deputies will collaborate on Hospitality room food and be in charge of a designated day of the Hospitality room, to include bartending duties for their district Exalted Rulers and other attending members.

PGER Paul D. Helsel will expect the delegates to report to their respective 2022-2023 District Deputies in order that an accurate roll call of the delegates can be taken for all sessions of the Convention.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**This year, 2022, all members are asked to pre-register on line for the convention .**

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

1. The Grand Lodge headquarters hotel is the Atlanta Marriott Marquis and the Westin Peachtree Hotels.
2. The Opening Ceremony will be 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday July 3rd at the Georgia World Congress Center NW—Building C, Hall 2.
3. The opening, business and closing sessions will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center NW 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. Registration & Exhibits will be at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building C, Hall C1.
5. The District Deputy Designate Seminar will be held on Monday, July 4 and Tuesday, July 5 at 12:45 p.m at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building C. Room location to be determined.
6. Ritual Competition will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building C, Room locations to be determined..
7. Varying Committee Seminars will be scheduled on Sunday as early as 9:00 a.m. and following the General Session on Monday and Tuesday. These will be listed on the GL website after March 2022
8. Shuttle service will be scheduled for all Grand Lodge functions. Watch the website for a shuttle schedule by the middle of June

Sincerely and fraternally,

Robert Broom, PDD  
MD/DE/DC Elks National Convention Committee Housing Chair