


New York State Elks Association
2012 Grand Lodge Convention
 Austin, Texas
 Arrival June 30, 2012 Departure July 5, 2012

New York State will be housed at the:
 Hilton Austin
 500 East 4th Street, Austin, TX 78701



Name: _____ Title: _____
 Your Home Address: _____
 STREET CITY ZIP
 Lodge Name & Lodge #: _____ District _____
 Spouse/person sharing room: _____
 First Name Last Name
 Your Home Phone: _____ Bus or Cell: _____
 Your E-Mail address - _____

Amount paid: \$ _____ **Note: ALL RESERVATIONS MUST be accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00 or more. Make checks payable to: "Grand Lodge Convention Fund" FULL PAYMENT with registration form would be greatly appreciated, otherwise**

>>> FULL PAYMENT IS DUE by April 15, 2012 <<<

This hotel block is a **NON SMOKING** hotel. Check-in is **3 P.M.** Check-Out is **12 NOON**

Package price for five nights: Double: \$960.00 Single: \$ 900.00

Extra night(s) can **ONLY** be booked thru Convention Committee: \$150 per night **# of extra nights** ()

One Bed - King size Two Beds -Queen size

Will small children be with you? _____ How Many? _____ Age(s) _____
 Rollaway beds (King Room ONLY) are available at \$25.00 per night _____ nights
 Refrigerators are available at \$25.00 per day _____ days Cribs are free.

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

List any special needs (handicapped room, shower chair, handicapped shower, etc)

Arrival Saturday June 30, 2012. Convention ends on Thursday July 5, 2012 @ about 12 Noon
PLEASE BOOK YOUR AIRLINE RESERVATIONS AND RETURNS ACCORDINGLY.

The package includes Room, Sunday Breakfast, Cocktail Reception (3 drink tickets per person) and NYS Banquet on Tuesday evening. NYS will have a hospitality room during specified posted hours.

Meal choices for Tues evening NYS Banquet (indicate #):
 _____ Combination Texas Braised Short Rib/Chicken Breast OR _____ Salmon Fillet (with dill sauce)

PARKING:
 There is self parking and 24 hour valet service/parking on-site at this hotel. Overnight self-parking is currently \$20 per night (24 hour time starting from your checked-in time). Valet parking and service is currently \$27 per night.

OTHER:
 There is a 24 hour UPS/Business Center and a Fed-Ex facility on site at the hotel. There is a charge for wireless internet connection in the rooms (\$13.95/day). Free Wireless internet can be accessed with your laptop in the lobby and coffee shop. Computers can be used in the Business Center. Boarding passes can be printed free.

For wheelchairs, power chairs or electric scooters, contact Durable Medical Equipment at 1-512-484-8663 or Mid-Tex Scooter Shop at 1-512-280-5580. They can also deliver equipment to the Hilton Austin.

Every room has a safe, a hairdryer, an iron/board, a coffee maker/coffee, 24 hour room service and laundry service. There is a fitness center for use at no charge, a 24 hour business center, and a 48-foot outdoor salt-water heated lap pool.

The Hilton Austin is directly adjacent to the Convention Center (less than a 1 minute walk).


FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Fischer, PSP Committee Chair 607-426-5302
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Mail all reservations to:
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Keep page 2 and 3 of this reservation form for your info. Additional information will be e-mailed to you after your reservation and payment has been received.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU CAN BE COUNTED AND WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GET MORE ROOMS SHOULD WE NEED THEM. THANK YOU FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE!!



KEEP this page and the next page for your information. Return only page 1 with your payment.

The hotel will ask for a credit or debit card upon arrival for any incidentals.

There is an early departure fee of \$75.00 that you will be responsible for should you need to depart earlier than your scheduled departure day.

ANY cancellations, addition of extra nights or late arrival issues for whatever reason **MUST** be made and handled through Tony Thanopoulos.

Deposits will not be refunded after May 25, 2012.

SEND IN A DEPOSIT FOR YOUR LODGE FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S EXALTED RULER NOW EVEN IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO THIS IS. YOU CAN SEND IN HIS/HER NAME AT A LATER DATE.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY !!!!! LIST SPOUSE OR ROOM PARTNER BY FULL NAME.
***** FILL IN ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION *****

IMPORTANT: The convention package covers five nights, Saturday night thru Wednesday night. Pending any extra days requested, your departure should be on Thursday after the G.L. session. Any late checkout requests should be requested through Tony Thanopoulos. There is a secure luggage holding area should you wish to check out on time or late approved, store your luggage and attend the Thursday's session.

DRESS: Sunday Breakfast - July 2nd - Jacket & Tie
 Tuesday Cocktail Reception and Banquet - July 4th - Summer Formal (white tux jacket)
 Business Sessions - State Jacket & Tie

TRANSPORTATION
 The Austin-Bergstrom Airport is 7.5 miles (15 minutes) from the hotel. There is no hotel run shuttle to and from the airport.

Directions from the airport to the hotel:
 Take Highway 71 West out of airport
 Travel West approximately 6 miles and exit North onto I-35
 Travel North on I-35 and take Exit 234C (6th-12th Streets)
 Turn left at first light (6th street)
 Go four blocks, turn left onto Neches Street
 Go one block, Hilton Austin will be on your left

Capital Metro can be taken to the hotel for 50 cents (yes, 50 cents). You can get on at terminal 3, at lower level of the airport near baggage claim. The Hilton is stop #2 on the Metro. No advance reservations can be made for this.

Super Shuttle can take you from the airport to the Hilton for \$13 per person one-way or \$25 round trip. You can reserve your ticket(s) in advance online at www.supershuttle.com or by calling 1-512-258-3826.

A cab ride is about \$25.00 one-way.

Vestal Lodge #2508



Johnson City Lodge #2821



Owego Lodge #1039



LODGES HIT BY LEE

The huge rains that Lee brought our way impacted many lodges in our State.

Owego 1039 was invaded by the Susquehanna River on Friday Sept. 9th. **Johnson City 2821** was again flooded,

having recovered from flooding in 2006. The members are discussing alternative lodging. **Vestal 2508** was again flooded as they were in 2006, just months after their new building was opened.. **Sidney 2175** has again been flooded, making the third time the lodge has been underwater.

NORTH TONAWANDA, NY (WKBW) Firefighters were called out to the historic Elks Lodge at 21 Main Street in North Tonawanda Saturday morning. Reports from the scene indicate this was a three alarm fire.

North Tonawanda Lodge #860 was devastated Saturday morning with a fire that totally destroyed their building. The fire was believed to have started in the boiler room in the middle of the night and was discovered at 5:45 a.m. The fire was pegged at 1.1 million and work was started Sunday morning to bring this once beautiful building to the ground. Thanks to PSP Larry Haase, Mary Jo Morganstern, Ken Perry and Jeff Becker for information and pictures at right.

