



February 2025

**TO:** All Texas Elks

**RE: 2025 Grand Lodge Convention – Kansas City, Missouri**

**The 160<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Session will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, from June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.** The Texas delegation has been assigned to the Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza Hotel.

The room rate is \$159.00 plus \$3.00 city fee plus 17.475% tax for a per night total of \$190.31 for single, double, triple, or quad occupancy.

- Self-parking is available. Elks are receiving a 20% discount on parking. The cost should be approximately \$21 a day for self-parking.
- The hotel is approximately 4.5 miles from the Convention Center.
- The hotel is non-smoking.
- The hotel does allow pets up to 60 pounds with a \$75 deposit. Service animals do not require a deposit.
- All rooms have refrigerators and microwaves.

The Hilton has both handicap and hearing-impaired rooms available. If needed, such requirements need to be requested at the time the reservations are made. Ensure a note is made on the reservation form under Special Needs.

Check-in time is 3:00 PM; an earlier check-in time may be requested at the time reservations are made but is subject to room availability upon check-in.

Check-out time is 11 AM. A later check-out time may be requested when the reservation is made 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 the time the reservation is placed to block the required room type. If a double room is required, all names staying in the room need to be listed on the reservation form. If you are going to be the only person in the room, please do not request a double room; there is a shortage of double rooms available.

The Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza does not have shuttle service to and from the Kansas City airport. Lyft or Uber are available for approximately \$45 one-way cost. A Taxi will cost approximately \$60.

**Listed below is general information regarding the Kansas City convention:**

- The Co-Headquarter hotels are the Westin Kansas City and the Sheraton Kansas City at the Crown Center Hotels.
- Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business Sessions, and Closing Session will take place at the Kansas City Convention Center, 301 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64105.
- Sunday afternoon opening ceremony will be 4:00 – 6:00 PM, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Kansas City Convention Center.
- The Daily Business and the Closing sessions will start at 8:00 AM.
- Registration and Exhibits will be set up in the Kansas City Convention Center.
- Ritual Competition will be at the Kansas City Convention Center.
- The Texas Elks Caucus will be held at 2 PM on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza Hotel in the Plaza Ballroom.
- DDGER-Designates Seminar will be at the Kansas City Convention Center, on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:45 PM. Location to be determined.
- 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 at some point during May 2025.
- Convention Pre-Registration will open early April, 2025.

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

All reservations are subject to availability. **The Texas Elks room block is for the period of Wednesday, 25 June 2025, through Friday, 4 July 2025.** Any reservations requested outside these dates can be requested but cannot be guaranteed. **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 only make, change, or cancel the reservations through the State Association Housing Chairman.** If you need to make a change or cancel your reservation, contact me and I will make whatever change is necessary.

**Deadline for reservations is June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025;** I need to have all reservations to the hotel by this date.

Guarantee of first night by credit card is required; **The credit card will only be charged at time of check-in or in the case of a reservation cancellation.**

**A reservation must be cancelled 48 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 the Lodge Alternate Representative; if that applies, select the appropriate one.**

**If there is more than one person in your party, provide the names of ALL the individuals who are to be included in the reservation.** This will help ensure that you get the room type that you need and will speed up check-in when you arrive at the hotel.

Please publicize this information within your Lodge and encourage all members that plan on attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City to make reservations as soon as possible.

If you have not received a confirmation e-mail or phone call from me within seven (7) days after submitting your reservation form, contact me to ensure that I received the reservation.

**All Reservation need to be sent to the following email address: [TexasGrandLodgeHousing@gmail.com](mailto:TexasGrandLodgeHousing@gmail.com).**

If you have any questions, give me a call at 325-374-4541 or email me at [TexasGrandLodgeHousing@gmail.com](mailto:TexasGrandLodgeHousing@gmail.com).

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Jim Stansbury*

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TESA Housing Chairman  
Grand Lodge Convention

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# Grand Lodge Convention Housing Reservation

The Hilton Kansas City Country Club Plaza, 770 West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64112

29 June - 2 July 2025

One night's deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Major Credit Cards are 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 two (2) days (48 hours) prior to day of arrival. Notify Jim Stansbury of ALL cancellations and changes.

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(Please print) LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE PHONE NUMBER

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LODGE NAME AND NUMBER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

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

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

NORMAL CHECK-IN AFTER 3:00 PM.

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

LATE CHECK-OUT REQUESTED? YES\_\_\_ NO \_\_ (CIRCLE ONE) IF YES, REQUESTED CHECK-OUT TIME: \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Late checkout is subject to availability of rooms at time of checkout)

GROUP RATE: \$159.00 per night plus \$3.00 city fee plus \$28.31 (17.475% tax) - Total \$190.31 per night.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Other People in Party – Note below (or on back)

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

Hotel Rewards Number \_\_\_\_\_

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:**

Jim Stansbury

Phone: 325-374-4541

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Address: 3121 Palo Duro Dr., San Angelo, TX 76904