

Fellow Elks,

It is that time again, to start talking about the Spring Convention.

This years Convention will be held at the Isleta Casino and Resort on April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. April 4<sup>th</sup> will consist of Board meetings for all Commissions, FIC and the NMEA Board of Directors. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are the Business Sessions, with the DD Clinic being held on the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> as well. Full agendas will be sent out by President Housley as we get closer to the event.

The code for the room reservations this year is NME0424. You must utilize this code to get our room rates of \$149 for regular rooms and \$169 for Junior Suites. You need to use the phone numbers of 505-848-1999 or 505-724-3800. **\*\*\*The cutoff date for room reservations is MARCH 18, 2024. After this date you WILL NOT get the room rates previously mentioned. Also note, the check in times and check out times have changed. Check in time is now 4:00 pm and check out is 11 am.\*\*\***

Since we cannot have named hospitality rooms, we will call them SOCIAL GATHERING rooms. The rules will remain the same as last year – YOU MUST CONCEAL THE ALCOHOL AND BEER WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE LOBBY!!! The Convention Committee will be outside while people arrive and we will be ensuring all alcohol and beer is concealed or you will be turned away to conceal it. This is the only thing they have asked us to ensure is done, so the Convention Committee will enforce it.

If your lodge, or your district, is planning on having a social gathering room, contact me so I know who is the responsible member/contact for the room and we can touch base.

If you have any questions or comments, DO NOT hesitate to email me – [cjhill3@msn.com](mailto:cjhill3@msn.com).

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