

JW Marriott Austin Hotel

110 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Austin, TX 78701

Austin Convention Center

500 E. Cesar Chavez Street

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New Mexico will be sharing the JW Marriot as a Grand Lodge Co-headquarters and multiple state Associations.

Room Rates:

All room rates will be at \$135 a night with 17.61% tax – roughly \$159.

Registration with Housing Chairman must be made before May 24, 2024. Any reservations attempted to be made after this date could result in no rooms – depends on the hotels. ALL reservations require a credit card as the first nights room charges for a deposit. If you do not show up on the first nights reservation, without contacting the Housing Chair or the hotel, you will be forfeiting your reservation!

The hotel will allow for late afternoon check-outs as well as early departures should the need arise.

It is very important that you register with me in a timely manner. As the room nights are closely watched. Should reservation problems arise, the hotel will make arrangements with comparable nearby hotel and those payments are covered. Please know that there is a \$50 fee for each Elk attending to assist in the Hospitality Room Expenses.

If you need assistance with ADA accommodations you MUST inform me of your needs. If you require walkers, or wheelchairs I must inform the GL Convention Coordinators to ensure proper transportation is provided at our Hotel.

There will be transportation provided if needed to and from the Hotel to the Convention Center. However the convention center is only one block away and about a 3 minute walk.

Be advised that parking at the hotel is giving a 20% discount to Elks however the average daily parking will still be around \$45 and up. Parking garages are located around the hotel but are at higher rates. Very large vehicles and trailers are not recommended as downtown is very tight.

An Uber/Lyft from the Airport to the Hotel is about 20 minutes and ranges from \$25-\$40. Keep in mind that it is a little of a walk from the baggage claim to the pickup locations so be aware of this before requesting a pick up. Also getting to the pickup location can be a bit confusing so follow all the signs.

Within a two block radius of the hotel there are multiple restaurants and several shopping areas As well a river walk area. There are also several convenience stores very near for small snacks and such.

It is highly recommended to go onto the Grand Lodge website and pre-register. Registration begins is open now at [Elks.org](http://Elks.org), and it will be much faster if you do to process and shorter lines once you arrive at the registration room in Austin.

Each ER is to sign for a packet from me before leaving this convention. Inside this packet is an aerial view of the hotels, and a couple maps of shopping, dining and entertainment for downtown Austin as well as a few registration forms that you may copy as needed and other Grand Lodge Convention information.

Grand Lodge has made arrangements with Delta, Southwest and United Airlines and the discount codes are included within the packet. They have also made arrangements with Avis rental cars, discount codes are included. However I strongly recommend checking with and without the code as I have found prices can vary. I have already stated that if you need assistance with mobility it is imperative you let me know on the registration form so I can let the Grand Lodge office know for bus and transportation during the convention.

I highly recommend that if you are going to attend this Convention, go on the Grand Lodge website and under the Grand Lodge Convention tab, browse through the Meet Austin link. There is a lot of great information.