

Grand Lodge June 29 – July 2

InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza

401 Ward Parkway

Kansas City, MO 64112

New Mexico will be sharing the Intercontinental with Colorado and Kansas for the 160th Session of the Grand Lodge.

Room Rates:

All room rates will be at \$159 a night plus tax – roughly \$171 nightly.

Registration with Housing Chairman must be made no later than Thursday, May 24, 2025. Any reservations attempted to be made after this date could result in no rooms – depends on the hotel. ALL reservations require a credit card as the first night room charge holds the room. If you do not show up on the first night of the reservation, without contacting the Housing Chair or the hotel, you will be forfeiting your entire reservation!

Check in is 4pm unless your room is ready prior to that. Do not plan for an early check-in. The hotel may allow for late check-outs as well as early departures should the need arise. For check out on Wednesday check with the front desk on a time for late departure. This will be entirely up to the Hotel. They will securely hold luggage in storage if late check out is unavailable.

It is very important that you register with me in a timely manner. As the room nights are closely watched. 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 accommodation, you MUST inform me of your needs as soon as possible for room arrangements. If you will be using 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. The convention center is 5 miles from the Hotel. I would not recommend walking! The city is completing a downtown rail system that should be open by the time of our arrival. The train is free currently and the station is only 2 blocks east of the hotel. Your best option however is the Convention Bus.

Be advised that self-parking at the hotel is complementary but very limited. The garage may be available, however there may be a charge. There is Valet beginning at \$35 daily Very large vehicles and trailers are not recommended as downtown is very tight.

An Uber/Lyft from the Airport to the Hotel is about 30 minutes. Afternoon and evenings are at a higher rate. This service will range from \$25-\$75. Also getting to the pickup location can be a bit confusing so follow all the signs. This is the best option for getting to the Hotel.

Within a few blocks radius of the hotel there are multiple restaurants and several shopping areas As well a river walk area and tours. Closer to the Convention center there are more areas of interest and places to eat and shop.

It is highly recommended to go onto the Grand Lodge website and pre-register at Elks.org, it will be much faster if you do to process and shorter lines once you arrive at the registration room in Kansas City.

Each ER is to sign for a packet from me before leaving this convention. Inside this packet are maps of Downtown and 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 several airlines and the discount codes are included within the packet. They have also made arrangements with Avis and Budget rental cars; discount codes are also 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 that 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 Kansas City link. There is a lot of great information.