

Good Afternoon,

The Spring Convention for 2026 will be held on March 27-29 at the Isleta Casino and Resort.

The room rates will be \$159. The code for this rate is NME0326. Deadline is March 6 for the hotel and meal counts. Do NOT get this confused with the deadline for the convention.

The registration fee will be \$35, if on time, same as last year. The meal prices will also remain the same as last year.

In regards to the Hospitality rooms, the rules will be the same as before. There will be no signs in the hallways, the doors will have to be closed, as there is absolutely no reason to be so loud that people can hear you from the elevators. Isleta tries to keep Elks only on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, but that is not always possible, so we must be cognizant of that.

The alcohol situation – same as before. They know we have them, their thought is what we do in our sleeping rooms is our business they just don't want security to see us bring in all the alcohol. So, when you pull up, beer and alcohol should not be seen. Put it in ice chests, other coolers, unmarked boxes, suitcases, cover it up – it doesn't matter just don't make it obvious and blatant.

I will be the only one to assign the hospitality rooms. So, whether you want one as a district or your lodge wants one for yourselves, let me know. I will have 5 Junior Suites available.

We will have the District Deputy Clinic at this Convention again. The Clinic will be held on FRIDAY afternoon, in the Ballroom. Saturday afternoon we will be having the 11 O' Clock Toast and Flag Charge Ritual Competitions. The participants to compete for the Toast can be any member in good standing, the Flag Charge must be an ER or PER. The State President has already sent out information pertaining to those.

The registration forms are available. We have one you can fill out online, and we have one you can print and scan or snail mail to the State Secretary.

We have also added a line in which you can place any food allergy concerns you have. Isleta will try and accommodate the best they can.

If there are any questions or concerns, email me.

See you soon.

Johnny Hilliard PSP  
Convention Committee Chair