

## GRAND LODGE CONVENTION INFORMATION SHEET – 2026

The 2026 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Chicago, IL Jul 5-8, 2026

The North Carolina delegation will be staying at The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel, 17 E. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603. This may be the largest hotel (1600 rooms) that we have ever stayed in. The Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland-Delaware-DC, New England, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas Elks are also scheduled to stay there..

Room rate for Single, Double, Triple and Quad occupancy will be \$169.00 per night plus current taxes, which will bring the room rate to approximately \$200.00 per night. The rates shall apply to those who wish to stay a few days before and/or after the Convention as indicated on the reservation rooming list and **based on availability**. Late checkouts will be determined by the hotel's room availability for the following day. If you would like a "late checkout" on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, please request it on your Reservation Form. King size beds are available but cannot be guaranteed. **Handicapped rooms must be requested on the Reservation Form.** Valet parking (\$85 per night) and self-parking (\$57 per night) are available. Smoking & non-smoking rooms are available. If you need a non-smoking room, please request it on the reservation form. Hotel amenities include a restaurant, coffee shop, bar/lounge, swimming pool, fitness center and a full-service spa (reservations are required for spa treatments). **Refrigerators are available at \$40.00 per stay, so if you need one, please request a refrigerator on the reservation form.**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY DESIGNATES:** You must submit a reservation form to me even though your room will be paid for by Grand Lodge (4 nights).

**All reservations must be made through the State Housing Chairman (Michael Curran) and are due no later than May 31, 2026.**

The Sunday Opening Ceremony, Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm and the Daily Business Sessions will be held in the McCormick Place West Building Skyline Ballroom. Registration, Exhibits and Ritual Competition will be at the will also be at the McCormick Place West Building. **You must be registered to attend the Opening Ceremony, Business Sessions and Ritual Competition. Online Registration will be available in April.**

Shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions at McCormick Place and to the Elks Memorial Building during operation hours.

In order to improve assistance to handicapped members/guests and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act please let me know if you need transportation and/or wheelchair assistance ASAP so I can notify Grand Lodge.

