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## Announcement

The Grand Lodge has announced significant changes to the Convention registration procedure for the upcoming Grand Lodge Convention, July 4-7, 2021, in Tampa, FL.

The Convention Registration area will be significantly downsized. Because of the concerns regarding social distancing, the Grand Lodge is strongly encouraging attendees to Preregister for the Convention. You will be able to preregister on the Elks website, <a href="www.elks.org">www.elks.org</a>, beginning April 1, 2021. Preregistration ends on June 21, 2021. When you arrive in Tampa, you will receive your convention credentials from your State Association Housing Chairman, Jerry Long, after Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost of preregistration is \$50.00. You will need to present your paid receipt to Jerry in order to receive your credentials.

During the preregistration process, you will be able to preregister for any guests that are accompanying you to the Convention. There is no additional charge for guest's credentials. You will be given your guest's credentials when you receive your own from Jerry.

At the convention center, there will be no Grand Lodge Committee or State Major Project Booths. There will be several Grand Lodge workshops scheduled for those interested in learning more about a particular Grand Lodge Program.

The Local Support Committee will have a booth at the Convention Center to distribute information on the Tampa area and will have merchandise for sale. There may be 1 or 2 Trademark Licensees' booths with merchandise for sale, however those arrangements have not been finalized.

## **Event Registration**

Because of the seating restrictions required by the Tampa Covid ordinances, the following is added.

In addition to the Convention Registration, you will need to also register for all sessions and workshops that you plan to attend. This Event Registration will be available on the Elks website, <a href="www.elks.org">www.elks.org</a>, beginning May 1, 2021 and continuing through 1 day prior to the Event. The Event Registration is required for All sessions of the Convention, including the opening session and the daily business sessions. Convention credentials will be required to attend all sessions and workshops. Seating at the Opening and Business sessions is limited to 4,500 and the delegates will be required to sit with their State Association assigned area. Workshop attendance will be limited to the seating capacity of the room assigned for the workshop.

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