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Dear Members,

It's time to make your reservations for the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Elks Association. Our convention will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn, April 30th & May 1st 2021 with our overflow hotel being the Days Inn, 1901 Hackley (off Fleur Drive). Our room rates have increased to \$102.00 per night, plus taxes or \$114.24 per night. We will be requiring a \$114.24 deposit for each room. Banquet tickets remain \$35.00 each; Brunch tickets remain \$22.00 each.

With the continuation of the Covid 19 virus the following are the changes made to comply with the State of Iowa and the Hotel's requirements:

- 1. Masks are required to be worn by everyone when in the public areas of the Hotel.
- 2. No District or Lodge Hospitality rooms will be allowed.
- 3. The tables for the Banquet and the Brunch will be set for a maximum of 6 people per table with each table spaced 6 feet apart.
- 4. The General Business Session, Memorial Service & Installation of Officers has been moved from the Ballroom South to the Iowa Ballroom to allow for proper social distancing. At all other meetings the rooms will be set up to ensure proper social distancing.
- 5. The President's Reception has been moved from Room 158 to Ballroom North, Central & South.
- 6. Friday and Saturday night we will have a DJ providing entertainment in the Courtyard and the Hotel will have a Cash Bar in the Courtyard area.
- 7. The Hotel will have a light lunch available in the Courtyard area for Saturday following the General Business Session.
- 8. We must have the application and deposit monies in hand before reservations can be made. No reservations, without application and monies in hand, can be made by telephone.
- 9. All reservations, cancellations and/or changes, must be made through Jerry Long, Convention Coordinator. The Holiday Inn or the Days Inn will not accept any direct reservations or changes.
- 10. Remember, reservations, except the 1 room reserved for each Lodge, are accepted on a first come, first serve basis for the convention hotel. The Holiday Inn is reserved for members staying a minimum of two nights.
- 11. The date of your arrival is very important to us. PLEASE put it on your reservation form. Also, please put the name and address of the person to receive confirmations at the bottom of the form.
- 12. All special requests, i.e. catering menus for committee meetings, equipment needs, meeting rooms, etc., must be made through the conventions coordinators. If there is a rental charge for any equipment needs and you will be billed directly for any rental charges.
- 13. Final date for reservations and refunds for Room Deposit, Brunch or Banquet tickets is April 16, 2021.

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- 14. Please remember that because you have sent your applications in early, we cannot insure rooms in the headquarter hotel as we do fill up very quickly.
- 15. At this convention, Mark Huegel and I will be handling all convention problems on an individual basis. If you have any questions, please contact me at my home phone (641) 858-9012, cell phone (641) 777-8616 or you may e-mail me at iaelkpsp92@msn.com.

Fraternally yours,

Jerry T. Long, PSP **Convention Coordinator**