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The Grand Lodge Convention for 2021 is being held in Tampa, FL, July 4th – 7th, 2021. Iowa has been assigned to the **Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel and Marina**. The Grand Lodge Headquarters hotel is also the **Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel and Marina**, which is adjacent to the Tampa Convention Center. Other State Associations assigned to the Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel are Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. The Grand Lodge will provide a shuttle service to all Grand Lodge functions.

The Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel sits adjacent to the Tampa Convention Center and just steps from the Tampa Riverwalk, Florida Aquarium, Amalie Arena and Sparkman Warf. The hotel is 27 floors with 699 guest rooms with private balconies. The hotel has a rooftop pool with Bar & Grill and a 24 hour state-of-the-art fitness center.

The Tampa Marriott hotel is located 9 miles from the Tampa International Airport. Estimated taxi fare from the airport is \$25.00 one way. Blue One Transportation \$15.00 one way with reservations. Valet Parking at the hotel is \$32.00 per day, the Hotel has agreed to discount the Valet Parking fee for all elks by 20%.

The Grand Lodge is holding a Celebration on Sunday, July 4th, immediately following the opening ceremony at 6:00 pm. This event will offer the **“Party Crashers”** for entertainment plus food & drink for purchase.

Enclosed you will find a form for making your reservation. Please return this form to me as soon as your plans are completed. If other members are planning to attend from your Lodge, please make out a separate form for each room reservation. Either make copies of the attached form or contact me for additional forms.

The negotiated rate is \$122.00 per day plus tax, currently 14.5%, total rate \$139.69. The room rate shall apply to those who wish to stay 3 days before or after the convention. The hotel requires a one-day deposit to guarantee the reservation. Checks or major credit cards with the appropriate number and expiration date are acceptable. Make checks payable to **Tampa Marriott Water Street Hotel**. Credit cards will be processed as they are received. The cut-off date for reservations is **May 19th**; however, as this convention will be very popular, I would appreciate receiving your room reservations as soon as possible. Confirmation will come from me. No direct or telephone reservations with the Hotel will be accepted.

For more information on the hotel, please go to the hotel’s website, www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tpamc-tampa-marriott-water-street. Please visit the Visit Tampa website www.visittampabay.com for more information.

Fraternally,

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