



CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

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Reference: *158th Grand Lodge Convention – Minneapolis, MN – July 2 - 5, 2023*

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations and Pacific Southwest Reception tickets and **returning the form immediately**. Please note that **all major credit cards may be used to reserve hotel rooms**. The completed form should be returned to your District Housing Coordinator. **Please note:** We have been given a limited number of rooms and we are giving you this information early in order to ensure we have a room for you.

If you have other Elks that wish to attend the convention, the room registration form is available on the CHEA website (chea-elks.org/Meeting/Grand Lodge Convention). Pre-registration is available on elks.org for \$50 after April 1st or for \$60 in Minneapolis. We try to get all of the Elks from each district located on the same floor. If you would like to include other Elks reservations with yours, it is okay.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Where are we staying and how much will it cost?

We are staying at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, 30 S. 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402, (612) 349-4000. The room rate is \$141.39 per night, including taxes. Be sure to send credit card information to hold your reservation with your room request. Keep in mind, it is always easier to take a day off of your stay than to add one on. If you have any problems, let me know. **Be sure to put an e-mail address on the registration form. This is the only way the hotel will send out a confirmation notice for your room.** If your arrival date changes, please reach out to Angela Trujillo at the CHEA office and let her know right away so she can do her best to accommodate your needs. She can be reached at (559) 255-4531 ext. 4. If you fail to arrive on the listed arrival date, you will be charged for one night and you will lose your room.

How should I book my flights and car rental?

You can book flights and car rentals online; don't delay. Discount information can be obtained on the Grand Lodge website.

Airport Shuttle and Transportation:

There is no shuttle service to the hotel. Taxi service is available and the cost is estimated to be \$36.00 per carload. Both Uber and Lyft are available. **Transportation will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions from hotels in the Grand Lodge block.**

When should we arrive?

We suggest that you plan to arrive on Saturday, July 1st for the Opening Ceremony which takes place on Sunday, July 2nd at 4:00 p.m. The convention will be over on Wednesday, July 5th.

Parking:

Valet parking is available at a rate of \$49.00 per night. Self-parking is available at a rate of \$26.00 Sunday-Thursday; \$15.00 Friday and Saturday.

What functions are planned for the convention?

1. Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony and Celebration (4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) at the:

Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 Second Avenue, S Minneapolis, MN 55403
2. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the Minneapolis Convention Center.
3. Daily Business Sessions –
 - a. Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (estimated end time)
 - b. Wednesday, July 5th 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4. Ritual Competition will be held at the Minneapolis Convention, Room locations to be determined.
5. District Deputy-Designates Seminar will be held on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th at 12:45 p.m. in the Hilton Minneapolis Hotel – Room location to be determined.

These events are subject to change and the times may be a little off. Be sure to check the Elks Magazine June issue for exact information. You will also be receiving a program of events when you register. The badge(s) you receive at registration, which is \$60 (including spouse), in Minneapolis is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings with the exception of the Pacific Southwest Reception on Tuesday.

Pacific Southwest Reception:

1. Pacific Southwest Finger food Reception will be held on Tuesday evening, July 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

How can I attend the Pacific Southwest Reception?

Don't miss the Pacific Southwest Finger Food Reception from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. The cost for this event is \$65 per person and includes Finger Food and one complimentary drink per person. Business Attire / Coat and Tie is the recommended attire for this elegant affair. It will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, 4th Floor. Pick up your tickets on the 4th floor follow the signs to the PSW designated area on Sunday July 2nd, Monday July 3rd, or Tuesday July 4th, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. If you fail to pick them up, don't panic, we will have them for pickup or purchase for you at the door.

What do I do if I need assistance due to a disability?

If you need assistance due to a disability, please submit a letter describing the type of assistance required. The letter should be attached to your room reservation request. I will pass this information along to the Grand Lodge National Convention Office.

What about smoking at the hotel?

The Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel is a non-smoking facility.

Is there anything else to do while we are in Minneapolis?

There is much to do in Minneapolis. The Mall of America, Target Field, Minnehaha Falls Minneapolis Institute of Art, U.S. Bank Stadium (Home of the Minnesota Vikings), Mill City Museum, lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

What to do if there is a problem?

I will be at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel if you need to reach me please feel free to contact me at (951)203-8668.

One Last Thing

Be sure to register. Many of the States will not allow you into their hospitality room unless you have a badge around your neck. Bring your current membership card and CHEA Blue Coat and Tie.

This is going to be a great convention that you will not soon forget. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (951)203-8668. I hope that we will be able to address all of your needs and make Minneapolis a great experience for all attending.

Fraternally,



Cliff Wadley
Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

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Enclosures: *Room / PSW Reservation Form*
Map of Atlanta Area

158th GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
JULY 2ND – 5TH, 2023 ~ MINNEAPOLIS, MN



Name _____ Title _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Res. Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail: _____
(Required for hotel reservation confirmation)

Lodge Name & Number _____

District _____

ROOM RESERVATION ~ MINNEAPOLIS MARRIOTT CITY CENTER HOTEL

_____ *Number of Regular Room(s) \$141.39, per night*

Number of People Per Room: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Number of Beds Per Room (1 or 2): _____

Departure Date: _____

Special Requirements: _____ *Disabled Accommodation Needed* _____

Other: _____

TICKETS ~ PACIFIC SOUTHWEST RECEPTION

Number of Tickets: _____ @ \$65/each

TICKET TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

PSW TICKET PAYMENT (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR CHECK HERE TO USE SAME CREDIT CARD FOR TICKETS)

Check (*Please make out to CHEA*) _____ **or** Credit Card ~ AMEX _____ Discover _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Number (3-digits on the back of the card) _____

Card Billing Address: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

RESERVATION CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO YOU FROM THE HOTEL ONLY.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION REQUIRED TO RESERVE ROOM

Credit Card ~ AMEX _____ Discover _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Number (3-digits on the back of the card) _____

Card Billing Address: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

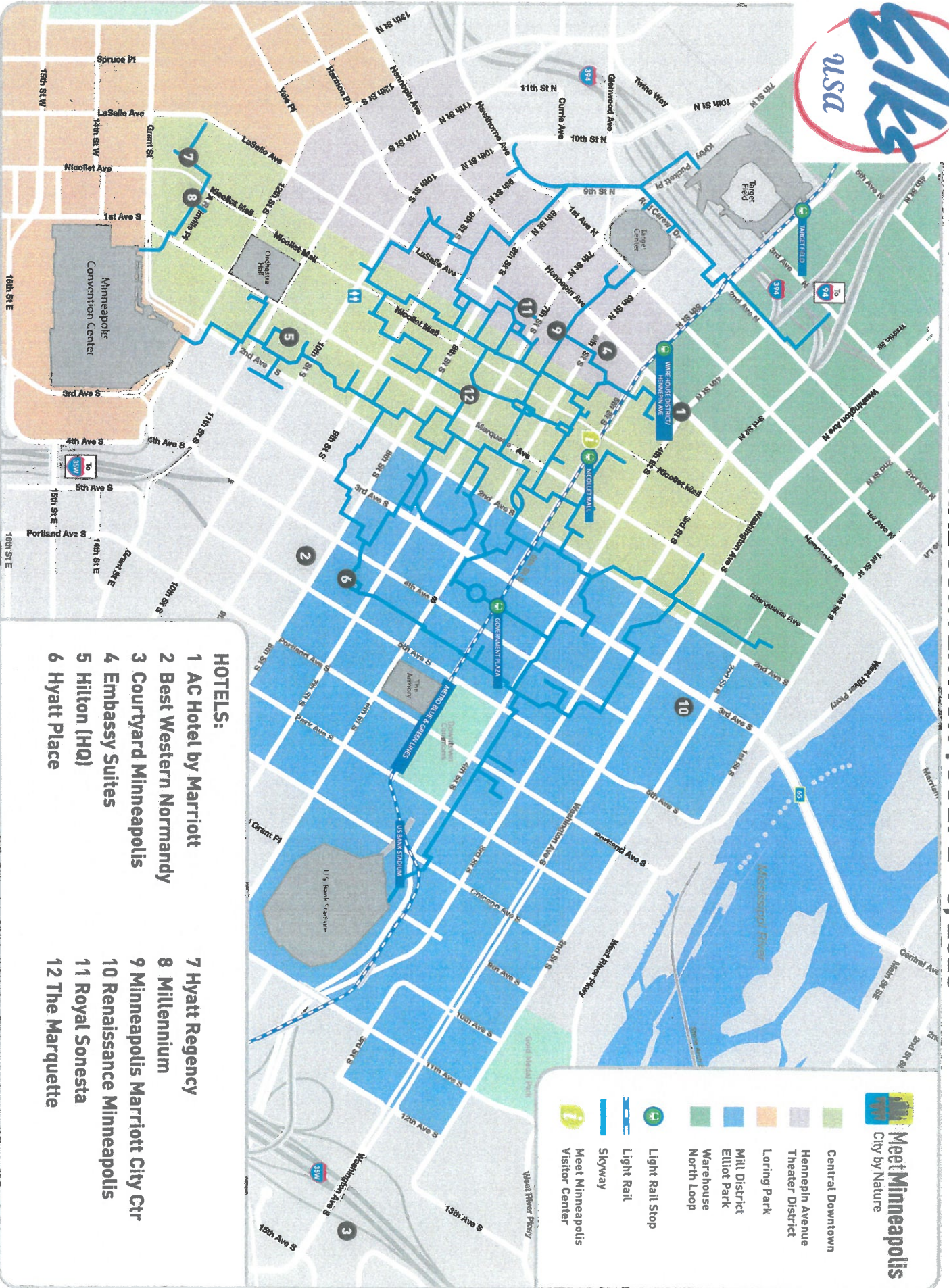
****Please note, you may write one check payable to CHEA for both the room deposit and Reception tickets, if you wish****

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN MARCH 27th TO: District Housing Coordinator

1. THIS FORM
2. YOUR CHECK **or** CREDIT CARD INFORMATION



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HOTELS:

- 1 AC Hotel by Marriott
- 2 Best Western Normandy
- 3 Courtyard Minneapolis
- 4 Embassy Suites
- 5 Hilton (HQ)
- 6 Hyatt Place
- 7 Hyatt Regency
- 8 Millennium
- 9 Minneapolis Marriott City Ctr
- 10 Renaissance Minneapolis
- 11 Royal Sonesta
- 12 The Marquette

Meet Minneapolis
City by Nature

- Central Downtown
- Hennepin Avenue Theater District
- Loring Park
- Mill District
- Elliott Park
- Warehouse North Loop
- Light Rail Stop
- Light Rail
- Skyway
- Meet Minneapolis Visitor Center