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To: **All WSEA Grand Lodge Convention Attendees**

Subject: 153rd **Grand Lodge Convention Reno, NV 2017**

Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, NV starting Sunday July 16 through Wednesday July 19, 2017.

It is each Lodge's responsibility to send their Exalted Ruler to the National Convention; however, it is the incoming Exalted Ruler's responsibility to complete the forms and see that the required funds are submitted to the WSEA Office by the March 24th, 2017 deadline. It is imperative the registration form be received by the March 24th deadline.

The Grand Lodge Convention **OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY JULY 16 in Hall 4 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV.**

The Washington State Elks will be housed at the Peppermill Resort Casino 2707 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV.

All room reservations must be made on the form which is provided with a first night room deposit of \$136.09 plus the meal payment and activity fee for All ER's or Alternate. These room payments **MUST BE PAID BY CHECK TO THE WSEA OFFICE** and be received by March 24th, 2017. Room rates are \$136.09 Single/double occupancy per night which includes the 13% room tax, \$2.00 City Fee and Resort Fee. **The hotel will NOT accept your individual reservations.** Standard rooms available will be smoking and non-smoking with a standard king or two queen beds and every effort will be made to accommodate your desires (e.g. king or two doubles, ADA handicapped or other special needs). Smoking rooms and two queen bed rooms are limited. All efforts will be made to house the Washington Delegation on the same and/or adjacent floors.

All Exalted Rulers, District Deputy Designees and other Grand Lodge Delegates will be expected to attend the **Sunday evening** dinner with cocktails from 6:00 – 7:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane Reno, NV located across from the Convention Center and the cost will be \$45.00 per person.

We want to make your trip to the Grand Lodge Convention an enjoyable one and will try to accommodate your needs as best we can. Your cooperation in filling out the forms completely and returning them prior to March 24th, 2017 will assist us to that end. Your mode of travel to Reno is strictly up to you, however, since most of you will be flying; make your reservations early to get the best rates and to arrive in time to attend the 3:00 PM Opening Ceremony on Sunday July 16, 2017.

If you have questions regarding housing or meals, please contact me at the numbers and addresses listed above. **Our hospitality room will be hosted by Sergeant at Arms Hal Bornstedt along with WSEA President John Fowler and first lady Joyce.** This entire packet of information and registration form will also be found on the Washington State Elks website.

Fraternally,

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Joe Basil, Chair
WSEA Grand Lodge Housing Committee

PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO
2707 South Virginia Street
Reno, NV
153rd Grand Lodge Convention
Reno, NV
July 16-19, 2017

WSEA REGISTRATION FORMS AND CONVENTION OVERVIEW

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FORM CAREFULLY.

Hotel Information

- ❑ **Location:** The Washington Delegation is housed at the Peppermill Resort Casino.
- ❑ **Amenities:** Smoking rooms are available and be sure to indicate on the registration form as they are limited and may not be located on the same floors as other delegates. Swimming pool and exercise rooms are available. Free shuttle service to and from the airport.
- ❑ **Room Costs:** Standard room costs per night are \$136.09 per night (tax & resort fee included) single King or Double Queen. Double queen rooms are limited. Room upgrades are available and may be requested **at time of check in**; prices range from \$149-\$199 plus tax. You can view the rooms by going to the Peppermill website at www.peppermillreno.com.
- ❑ **Parking:** For those driving there will be free self-parking or free valet parking.
- ❑ **WIFI:** No charge for internet.

Other States in Hotel

- ❑ Alaska, Illinois, Oregon, Wisconsin, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota

Grand Lodge Hotel: Grand Sierra Resort 2500 East 2nd Street Reno, NV 89595

Registration for Attendance

- ❑ **ALL HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE WSEA OFFICE. NO EXCEPTIONS.** The hotel will not accept individual registrations.
- ❑ Registration packets will be distributed at the January Mid-Winter Convention for All Grand Lodge attendees (Exalted Rulers, State Representatives, District Deputies Designates, and other interested Elks.) Please complete the Registration Form and return to the WSEA Office by **March 24th, 2017. It is imperative the registration form be received by the March 24th deadline.**

Ground Transportation

- ❑ The Peppermill Resort Casino provides a shuttle bus service from the Airport to the Hotel every thirty (30) minutes. The bus will be located at the end of the terminal in the baggage claim area. Taxi cabs are also available in the same location.
- ❑ Rental cars: Available at reasonable rates, however taxes and service charges can add a substantial additional cost.

Washington Hospitality Room

- ❑ Upon checking in you can ask the front desk clerk the room number and location of the Washington Hospitality Room. The Hospitality Room will be **non-smoking**.

- ❑ WSEA President, John Fowler and first lady Joyce along with Sergeant at Arms Hal Bornstedt will oversee the liquid refreshments, food and staffing in the hospitality room for your relaxation and enjoyment. If you have something from your area that you think might be a big hit in the hospitality room please contact Sgt. at Arms Hal with your suggestion.
- ❑ After you check into the Peppermill Resort Casino, please go to the Washington hospitality room as soon as possible so that we can record your contact information. The front desk will be able to give you the room number. We require this information for several reasons:
 1. In case of emergency.
 2. So that we know that you have arrived.
 3. So our information correlates with the hotel registration information for billing and accountability purposes.

Hospitality Room Hours

- ❑ The Hospitality Room will be open the following hours for the Washington Delegation from Friday afternoon July 14th thru Wednesday night July 19th:
 - Friday 1:00 PM to Last Call
 - Saturday 10:00 AM to Last Call
 - Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Closed during Grand Lodge Opening Session @ 3:00 PM and the Dinner 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) **Reopen at 9:00 PM to Last Call**
 - Monday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Closed during the Alaska Open House/Pin Exchange 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM) **Reopen at 4:30 PM to Last Call**
 - Tuesday 10:00 AM to Last Call
 - Wednesday 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- ❑ This room is for all Washington Elks, their spouses and guests to relax visit and have some refreshments. Please feel free to invite other Elks into our room and remember to greet all that come thru the doors. If you bring guests to the room please remember to stay with them until they leave. Please don't hammer guests with raffles and other drawings. If they react to a sign advertising the selling of calendars or other items then take care of their questions. We are there to have a good time and show Washington's hospitality to visiting Elks. HAVE FUN!

**PLEASE CHECK DAILY FOR ANY NOTICES & SCHEDULE CHANGES
WHICH WILL BE POSTED IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM**

WSEA Hospitality Room Attire

- ❑ Please wear appropriate dress while relaxing in the hospitality room. Please no bathing suits, short-shorts, cut-offs, tank tops or t-shirts with offensive language. We will be hosting guests periodically and we are all representing the State of Washington, so dress accordingly. Wear only clothing with logos on them that are tasteful. **If you are unsure of the proper dress, check with your District Deputy Designee.**



← **Note: This is not considered appropriate attire!**

CONVENTION ATTENDEES DRESS CODE

Elks/Delegates

- The **Official Dress** for all Grand Lodge functions including **Opening Session, all Business Sessions** and including the **Alaska & Washington joint Dinner**:



- ✓ WSEA Green Jacket w/state tie
- ✓ Black Belt and Black Slacks
- ✓ White Shirt
- ✓ Black Shoes
- ✓ Black Socks



Note: Shorts are unacceptable attire for any Grand Lodge Function or Activity.

Non-Elks, Spouses & Guests

- If you have them, please wear the WSEA green jacket with white shirt, black slacks or skirt. This dress is appropriate for attendance at the Grand Lodge Opening Session and all other Grand Lodge Sessions that are open to spouses and guests. If you do not have this attire, a casual dress, skirt or slacks, sports coat and suitable top/shirt is acceptable.
- Appropriate dress for the **Sunday evening dinner** is the Washington Official Dress.
- This year for the Exalted Rulers Ball the white summer dress jacket/tuxedo pants is optional. A dark business suit for the gentlemen and an evening gown or long dress for the ladies is appropriate; you will see everything from the simplest to the most exquisite in dress for this affair.

WSEA President, Grand Lodge Officers & Committee Members and District Deputy Designees

- In addition to the standard WSEA dress, the above and their spouses will have special functions to attend that require special dress such as summer formal (white dinner jacket/tuxedo, etc.).

REQUIRED MEAL FOR WASHINGTON ELKS/DELEGATES

Sunday Evening Dinner at the Reno Elks Lodge

- A joint Alaska/Washington dinner will be held on **Sunday evening** after the Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Cocktails from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and dinner 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The dinner will be held in the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane Reno, NV. The cost will be \$45.00 per person. Dress code will be the Washington State Official Dress.

OTHER GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES

Ritual Contests:

- Ritual contests will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Time allowing, let's watch and support the Bremerton team who will represent our state. Check the ritual schedule upon arrival for the time, location and date for the ritual contests.

ASEA Open House and Presidents Reception:

- ❑ **The Alaska Open House day has changed from previous years and will now be held on Monday July 17 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.** This event is where our sister state from the north exchanges dog sled pins and serves up Alaskan fare from reindeer sausage to smoked salmon. **We want to make a point of supporting our northern neighbors but remember not to take advantage of their hospitality.**

Fraternal and Fun Supplies

- ❑ You may have already received, or will receive invitations from companies that sell fraternal supplies. Do plan to visit their booth at the Convention Center and take your guests. It is an excellent opportunity to purchase gifts for your Lodge Officers or Elk friends and relatives.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION SCHEDULE INFORMATION

(THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO LOOK FOR UPDATES ON LINE)

General Information

- ❑ The **Grand Lodge Headquarters Hotel** is the **Grand Sierra 2500 East 2nd Street**, and the site of the following functions and activities:
 - ❖ **Exalted Rulers' Ball - Grand Sierra Tuesday Evening July 18 from 7-11 PM**
- ❑ The Reno-Sparks Convention Center is the site of the following functions and activities:
 - ❖ District Deputy Designate Seminar Monday July 17 at 1:00 PM
 - ❖ Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony Convention Center Hall 4 **Sunday July 16 from 3-5:00 PM**
 - ❖ Registration & Exhibits at the Convention Center Hall 3 Sat. – Wed., July 14-19
 - ❖ Daily Business Sessions Hall 4 8:00 AM 7/17 & 7/18
 - ❖ Ritual Competition at Convention Center TBA
 - ❖ Closing Session Hall 4 Wednesday 8-11 AM, July 19
- ❑ In addition, representatives from Local Area Elks Lodges will be on hand to distribute information concerning special events at their Lodges during the conventions.
- ❑ Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Peppermill to the convention center.

DAILY SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & July 16

- ❑ Upon arrival, get registered as soon as possible. Registration opens on Saturday in Hall 3 Reno-Sparks Convention Center, **4590 South Virginia Street Reno, NV.**
 - ❖ The Registration process has changed with registration now being available online at www.elks.org by credit card at a fee of \$50. Onsite registration will be \$60 and credit cards will be accepted
 - ❖ There is no fee for Non-Elk Spouses/Guests, however; they must be registered to gain admittance.
 - ❖ **The Sunday Afternoon Opening Session begins at 3:00 PM SHARP in the Convention Center Hall 4.** You should try to arrive early so that you can sit as a group and try to sit with the Alaska delegation if seating is available.

- ❑ **Alaska/Washington Dinner: Sunday Evening 6:00 PM cocktails, dinner 7:00-8:30 PM at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane.**
- ❑ **Except for the aforementioned obligations, Saturday & Sunday, prior to the 3:00 pm Opening Ceremony, are free days, so enjoy the sights and special activities provided by the City of Reno. There are many fine dining establishments in the surrounding area.**

Monday – July 17

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Business Session begins**
Your District Deputy Designee will have your seating saved at the Convention Center and will take attendance **EVERY DAY**. Seating will be with the Alaska Delegation. This seating arrangement will apply for all of the Grand Lodge Business Sessions.
- ❑ Alaska's Open House: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Open House and President's Reception will be held at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane. **Support our northern neighbors.**
- ❑ District Deputy Designee Seminar will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center at 1:00 PM.

Tuesday - July 18

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Business Session begins ELKS/DELEGATES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT BADGES & VOTING CREDENTIALS SPOUSES/GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND (WITH BADGES).**
- ❑ Exalted Rulers' Ball – Grand Sierra 7-11:00 PM Summer Formal Optional

Wednesday - July 19

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Final Grand Lodge Business Session begins.**
 - ❖ Spouses/Guests are invited to attend. Note: Convention Badges are required.
- ❑ 9:30 AM – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Designees
 - ❖ Spouses/Guests are invited to attend. Note: Convention Badges are Required
- ❑ 11:00 AM – Grand Lodge Session adjourns

Note: All Delegates are urged to reconfirm dates, times and places in the schedule given at the time of Registration and daily in the Hospitality Room.

Roger R. True
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
A Fraternal Organization



153rd Grand Lodge Convention
Peppermill Resort Casino
Reno, NV
July 16 to 19, 2017

PRELIMINARY
LODGE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
As approved by State Sponsor
Budget for
Exalted Ruler & Spouse

Travel (Round trip for 2 people @ \$450 each.....	\$900.00
Housing (5 nights @ \$136.09, see Housing Form).....	680.45*
Per Diem (5 Days @ \$100.00).....	500.00
ER Activity Fee.....(275.00 if after March 24 th deadline).....	225.00*
State Jacket and Tie.....	150.00
Meals ER & Guest – Dinner.....	90.00*
TOTAL.....	<u>\$2545.00</u>

*Expenses for one night's room deposit, Activity Fee, and Meals, totaling \$451.09 are payable and due to the State Office by March 24th, 2017. Late payments will be assessed an additional \$50.00 per above.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger R. True".

Roger R. True
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Badge Order
Washington State Elks Association

Send to:

TAGS Trophies
3643 Pacific Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Phone: (360) 491-2525
Fax: (360) 438-0434
Email: service@tagstrophies.com

Men's #3 Fold Badge (2 ½" tall – longer back x 3 3/16" wide)

- Badge face white; letters green; 3 lines (1) Name (2) Title (3) Lodge name and lodge #
- Cut-out of WA –Face green; letters white with Washington State Elks Association engraved in Green State.
- Price \$12.50 ea

Ladies Badge (1 ½" x 3)

- Badge face white; letters green; 4 lines (1) First name (2) Last name (3) Title (4) Lodge name & lodge #
- Magnetic back
- Cut-out of WA –Face green; letters white with Washington State Elks Association engraved in Green State.
- Price \$14.50 ea

Name as you want it to appear on the badge: _____

Office Title: _____ or Wife of: _____

Lodge Name: _____ Elks Lodge #: _____

Badges \$ _____ + Shipping \$ 4.50 = Sub Total \$ _____ +
Tax (Sub Total x Tax Rate) = \$ _____ = Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Tax:

Tax is calculated on the total order including shipping. Use the tax rate based on the city the badges are being shipped to.

Ship Badges to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

State/Zip: _____

(In case we need to contact you)

Phone #: _____

Fax #: _____

E-Mail address: _____



CLOTHING ORDER FORM 2017



******* NEW DEADLINES PLEASE PLAN YOUR ORDER CAREFULLY *******

GOLF SHIRT - with pocket with **State Logo**- Colors: **Green or White or Red**

Sizes - M (38-40), L (42-44), XL (46-48), 2XL, 3XL

Size : _____ Color: _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

JAUARD POLO W/POCKET: **State Logo**—Color: **Spruce Green**

Sizes - M (38-40), L (42-44), XL (46-48), 2XL, 3XL

Size: _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$30.00 \$ _____

DRESS SHIRT - with pocket with **State Logo**- Color: **Spruce Green or White**

Sizes - M (38-40), L (42-44), XL (46-48), 2XL, 3XL

Size: _____ Color: _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

LADIES POLO W/TRIM - **State Logo**- Color: **Pine**

Sizes – S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Size _____ Qty _____ X ----- \$30.00 \$ _____

LADIES GOLF SHIRT—with **State Logo**-Color: **White**

Sizes- S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Size _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

THERAPY POLO (Mens)- Color: **White or Purple**

M (38-40), L (42-44), XL (46-48), 2XL, 3XL

Size: _____ Color _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

THERAPY POLO (Ladies) – Color: **White or Purple**

Size – S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Size _____ Color _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

STATE TIE

Tie Qty : Reg Length _____ X ----- \$20.00 \$ _____

Tie Qty : Long Length _____ X ----- \$20.00 \$ _____

LADIES SCARF

Scarf Qty: _____ X ----- \$25.00 \$ _____

THERAPY TOTE BAG

Qty: _____ X ----- \$15.00 \$ _____

PRESIDENT'S PIN

Qty: _____ X ----- \$3.00 \$ _____

STATE PIN

Qty: _____ X ----- \$3.00 \$ _____

THERAPY APRONS

Qty: _____ X ----- \$20.00 \$ _____

COMPLETE PAYMENT AND SHIPPING INFORMATION ON BACK OF FORM



CLOTHING ORDER FORM 2017



******* NEW DEADLINES PLEASE PLAN YOUR ORDER CAREFULLY *******

BLAZERS – ORDER EARLY

MENS BLAZER, (Sports Coat), Color: **Green** (Back Order may take up to 8 weeks)

Sizes - to 50 Size: _____ L M S Qty: _____ X ----- \$105.00 \$ _____

Sizes: 51 - 56 Size: _____ L M S Qty: _____ X ----- \$115.00 \$ _____

LADIES BLAZER, (Sport Coat), Color: **Green** (Made Special Order – Takes 8 weeks)

Sizes - 4 to 20 Size: _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$105.00 \$ _____

Sizes: 22 - 24 Size: _____ Qty: _____ X ----- \$115.00 \$ _____

Sub Total----- \$ _____

Shipping & Handling \$ _____

up to \$30-----\$5.00

\$31-\$50-----\$6.00

\$51-\$99-----\$7.00

\$100 over -----\$8.00

TOTAL ATTACHED----- \$ _____

**IF ORDERING FOR GRAND LODGE
THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28, 2017.**

(Mail Order Form with payment to: WSEA, PO Box 110760, Tacoma WA 98411-0760)

PAYMENT METHOD

Check # _____ (enclosed)

MASTER CARD _____ VISA CARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____

CREDIT CARD NUMBER & EXPIRATION DATE

Exp date: /

Signature

Date

Ship To:

Name: _____ Lodge#: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Day Ph #: _____ Eve Ph#: _____