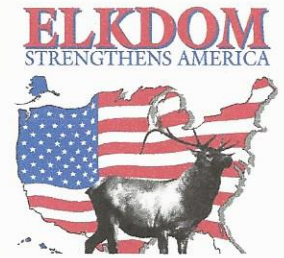




New York State Elks Association  
**2016 Grand Lodge Convention**  
HOUSTON, TX

Arrival July 2, 2016 Departure July 6, 2016  
New York State will be housed at the:  
Hilton Americas Houston  
1600 Lamar Houston, TX 77010



**Please print clearly.** [www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-americas-houston](http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-americas-houston)  
**Please read all pages before completing this form.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Home Address:

\_\_\_\_\_ STREET CITY ZIP

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/person sharing room: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

Your Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Bus or Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-Mail address - \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Note: All reservations MUST be accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00 or more. Make checks payable to "GL Convention Fund" and mail to Tony Thanopoulos, PDDGER to the address on page 3. FULL PAYMENT is due by April 15, 2016.**

This hotel block is a completely NON SMOKING. Room fee of \$250.00 for noncompliance  
Check-In is **3 P.M.** Check-Out is **12:00P.M.**

Package price for four nights: Double:  **\$860.00** Single:  **\$800.00**

**Extra night(s) can ONLY be booked thru Convention Committee: \$180 per night # of extra nights ( )**

Request:  **One Bed - King size**  **Two Beds -Queen size**

Will small children be with you? \_\_\_\_\_ How Many Children? \_\_\_\_ Age(s) of Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
There is a maximum of 4 people to a two-bed room at no additional charges.

Rollaway beds (King Room ONLY) are available at \$25.00 per stay. \_\_\_\_\_

Refrigerators-to be requested on check in-based on availability. Cribs are free.

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

List any special needs (handicapped room, shower chair, handicapped shower, etc)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Saturday July 2, 2016. Convention ends on Wednesday July 6, 2016 @ about 11:30AM  
**PLEASE BOOK YOUR AIRLINE RESERVATIONS AND RETURNS ACCORDINGLY.**

The package includes Room, Sunday Breakfast, Cocktail Reception (3 drink tickets per person) and NYS Banquet on Sunday evening. NYS will have a hospitality room during specified posted hours.

**There are 3 possible meal choices for the Sunday evening NYS Banquet. (indicate # how many):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Short Ribs \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Stuff Chicken with Baby Spinach and Feta

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Alaskan King Salmon

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KEEP this page and the next page 3 pages for your information. **Return only page 1 with your payment.**

The hotel (at check-in) will ask for a credit card (\$50 hold until check-out for incidentals) or debit card (hold

**Any cancellations, addition of extra nights or late arrival issues** for whatever reason **MUST** be made and handled through Tony Thanopoulos. First night deposits will not be refunded after May 20, 2016.

SEND IN A DEPOSIT FOR YOUR LODGE FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S EXALTED RULER NOW EVEN IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO THIS IS. YOU CAN SEND IN HIS/HER NAME AT A LATER DATE.

**IMPORTANT** The convention package covers four nights, Saturday night thru Tuesday night. Pending any extra days requested, your departure should be on Wednesday after the G.L. session. Any late checkout requests should be requested through Tony Thanopoulos. There is a secure luggage holding area should you wish to check out on time or late approved, store your luggage and attend the Thursday's session.

**DRESS**  
Sunday Breakfast - July 3 – State or Lodge Jacket & Tie  
Sunday Cocktail Reception and Banquet - July 3 - Summer Formal (white jacket)  
Business Sessions - State or Lodge Jacket & Tie

### **TRANSPORTATION**

There are 2 airports that service the Houston area.

Hobby Airport (HOU) is 12 miles (15 min) from the hotel. Cab is \$27.00 one way

Houston Intercontinental (Bush) Airport (IAH) is 25 miles (30min) from the hotel. Cab is \$56.00 one way.

Directions to and from each airport can be found on the Hilton Americas Houston website

The hotel does not have a courtesy shuttle. Getting to and from the airport and hotel: You may wish to make an advance online reservation (one way or round trip) with Super Shuttle at [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com) or 1-800-BLUE-VAN Cost is \$20.00 per person each way to/from hotel to Hobby Airport and \$24.00 per person each way to/from hotel to Intercontinental (Bush) Airport.

The George R. Brown Houston Convention Center is connected to our hotel by an indoor walk-bridge.

**PARKING:** Self parking in the parking garage on-site is normally \$22.00 per 24 hour period of time. The hotel has agreed to discount self parking 30 percent so it's \$15.40 per 24 hours for Elks attendees  
Valet parking -cost is \$34.00 per 24 hour period of time.

### **INTERNET:**

Hi-Speed internet connection in sleeping rooms will provided at no cost.

Lobby and Public spaces have free wireless.

### **SHIPPING AND PACKAGES:**

There is a 24 hour key card access full service business center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. A UPS/Fed Ex Shipping facility is located at the business center.

UPS Store (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, phone 713-577-6122) can handle any packages shipped in or out.

The Shipping and Receiving Department provides storage (may be delivered to the hotel up to 3 days prior to your arrival date), pick-up and transfer of materials (less than 200 lbs.) from any internal location within the hotel.

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Packages should be addressed as: Hilton Americas Houston  
1600 Lamar  
Houston, TX 77010  
HOLD FOR: YOUR NAME  
NYS ELKS Guest  
Arrival Date: YOUR ARRIVAL DATE

Handling fees –in bound or outbound: (current prices per package):

0 to 10 pounds \$6.00	11 to 21 pounds \$12.00
22 to 41 pounds \$25.00	42 to 60 pounds: \$50.00
61 to 100 pounds \$80.00	101 plus pounds \$120.00

If storage exceeds 3 days, there will be a \$25.00 per item per day charge.

### **WHEELCHAIRS, POWER CHAIRS OR ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:**

Contact Sun Mobility at 1-800-592-2040 or [www.sunmobilityrentalshouston.com](http://www.sunmobilityrentalshouston.com) or  
Heal Well Medical Supplies at 1-281-645-6568 or [www.healwellmedicalsupply.com](http://www.healwellmedicalsupply.com)

### **OTHER:**

Every room has a safe, a hairdryer, an iron/board, a coffee maker/coffee, 24 hour room service and laundry service. Try services at their Skyline Spa. There is a fitness center for use at no charge, a heated indoor pool, oversized whirlpool and an outdoor sundeck

Please see the next pages for Downtown Houston map and some things to do.

Check out [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) (Click the link for National Convention, then Things to Do for a great walk-through of things to do, restaurants, nightlife and recreational activities.

Check out [www.visithoustontexas.com](http://www.visithoustontexas.com) for a Visitors Guide as well as link for things to do, maps and events.

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS CONTACT:**

Charles I. Noonan, PSP	Committee Chair	315-866-6667
Tony N. Thanopoulos, PDD	Housing Chair	518-225-1126
Anthony Gilberti, PSP	Shirts, NYS pins	914-761-6881
Timothy E. Kelly, PSP	Raffle	315-788-5461
PSVP John & Helen Blais	Hospitality Room	518-237-8908

**TONY N. THANOPOULOS, PDDGER**  
**NYS GL Convention Housing Chairman**  
**4 MAYFLOWER DRIVE**  
**ALBANY, NY 12205-1314**

**Mail all reservations to:**

**Phone 518-225-1126**  
**E-mail [tonyelks@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tonyelks@nycap.rr.com)**

**SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT YOU CAN BE COUNTED AND WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO GET MORE ROOMS SHOULD WE NEED THEM. THANK YOU FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE!!!**



Located in the bustling downtown area, the Houston Convention Center hotel is just steps from Toyota Center, Discovery Green Park, Minute Maid Park and BBVA Compass Stadium. Dine at Houston's Green Street of restaurants and entertainment or visit downtown Houston attractions. Spend a day in the nationally recognized Museum District, just minutes from the hotel. Take the family to the Houston Zoo, Memorial Park or NRG Stadium, all accessible via the light rail located just outside the hotel. Spend the day at the Houston Space Center or plan a day trip to Galveston Island.

Check out [www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g56003-Houston\\_Texas.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g56003-Houston_Texas.html) for Trip Advisors Best Rated Restaurants in Houston.

Restaurants to check out online: Taste of Texas Restaurant, Peli Peli, Chama Gauche Brazillian Steakhouse, Uchi, Pappas Bros. Steakhouse, Peli Peli Galleria, Eddie V's Prime Seafood, Brennan's of Houston, Vic&Anthony's Steakhouse, The Capital Grille, Super Chicken, Kenny & Ziggy's New York Deli, Artisans, El Tiempo Cantina, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Frenchie's Italian Cuisine

Bayou Place Entertainment District:

The district includes Bayou Music Center, Wortham, Alley Theater, Jones Hall and Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. Bayou Place is located at 500 Texas Ave. at the corner of Texas and Smith in the heart of the theater district. Bayou Place is 10 blocks down Texas from Minute Maid Park and 15 blocks from the convention center and the Toyota Center. Entrance into Bayou Place is free. Admission to the individual bar and clubs may vary. Please contact the Bayou Music Center directly for show dates and times.

Free view of the city-at JP Morgan Chase Tower-60<sup>th</sup> Floor –take in Downtown from the Sky Lobby's observation deck, open to the public weekdays, 9AM-5PM

See the bat colony at the Waugh Drive Bridge-hit the bridge up mostly every day at sunset to catch 250,000 Mexican free-tailed bats spiraling out from the crevices underneath

Explore the many acres of George Bush Park

Spend a day in Galveston-hit the beach and the historic Strand

Spook yourself at the haunted Glenwood Cemetery-this 60-acre cemetery, built in 1871, houses many of Houston's most prominent figures including famed business tycoon and aviator, Howard Hughes

The Houston Astros are in town from July 1-July 10 at Houston's Minute Maid Field. See the schedule included in this information. Times of the games TBA.



# DOWNTOWN HOUSTON TUNNELS, DISTRICTS & PARKS

TUNNELS  
SKYWALKS

THEATER DISTRICT

HISTORIC DISTRICT

PARKS & SQUARES

