



New York State Elks Association
2026 Grand Lodge Convention



Chicago, Illinois
Arrival July 4, 2026 Departure July 8, 2026
New York State will be housed at the
Marriott Marquis Chicago
2121 S. Prairie Avenue, Chicago, IL 60616

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/chimq-marriott-marquis-chicago>

Name: _____ Title: _____

Your **Home** Address:

_____ STREET CITY ZIP

Lodge Name: _____ District: _____

Spouse/person sharing room: _____
First Name Last Name

Your Contact Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Your E-Mail address **CLEARLY PRINTED:** _____

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PAID IN FULL. NO PARTIAL PAYMENTS
Make checks payable to: NYSEA GL CONVENTION FUND and mail to
PDDGER Tony Thanopoulos to 4 Mayflower Drive, Albany, NY 12205.
DO NOT MAIL THE CHECK NOR THE FORM TO THE HOTEL.

FULL PAYMENT is due by May 15, 2026 Amount paid: \$ _____

This hotel has an indoor smoke-free policy. Check-In is **4 PM** Check-Out is **12:00 PM**.

Package price for four nights: Double: **\$1400.00** Single: **\$ 1300.00**

Extra night(s) can ONLY be booked thru Convention Committee: \$260 per night # of extra nights ()
Request: **One Bed** **Two Beds**

Will small children be with you? _____ How Many Children? ____ Age(s) of Child(ren) _____

There is a maximum of 3 people to a room at no additional cost. A 4th person will be \$10 extra per night.

ALL rooms have a mini refrigerator. No charge.

No pets except service animals- note this on form below under special needs.

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____
Sunday, July 5 NYS plated Brunch-at our hotel 11:00AM Great Lakes Ballroom -2nd level

List any food allergies or dietary needs: _____

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

KEEP this page and the next 2 pages for your information. **Return only page 1 with your payment**

Convention ends on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 @ about 11:00AM

PLEASE BOOK YOUR AIRLINE RESERVATIONS AND RETURNS ACCORDINGLY.

BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE A REAL ID OR ENHANCED LICENCE OR PASSPORT FOR FLYING. TSA REQUIREMENT AS OF MAY 7, 2025! SEE NYSDMV FOR FURTHER INFO OR www.dhs.gov

The package includes Room nights, NYS Brunch on Sunday and NYS hospitality room during specified posted hours.

The hotel will ask for a credit or debit card upon arrival for any incidentals.

ANY cancellations, addition of extra nights or late arrival issues for whatever reason **MUST** be made and handled through Tony Thanopoulos.

NYS Brunch Sunday, July 5 at 11AM at our hotel

Dress is Lodge or State jacket. Each person will be assigned a seat by district.

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 Wednesday session.

DRESS

NO TUX needed except for DD-Designates and State President
Business Sessions and NYS Brunch- State or Lodge Jacket & Tie

TRANSPORTATION

THE HOTEL DOES NOT HAVE A COURTESY SHUTTLE FROM THE AIRPORT.

The Chicago Midway Airport (MDW) is about 10 miles from the hotel. This is the closest airport.

A cab ride from the airport is about \$35-40 one way. UBER/LYFT and many taxi services are available in Chicago. Check rates at ride.guru

Super Shuttle Express is listed as available in Chicago. www.supershuttle.com
773-247-1000

Chicago Airport Shuttle (Go Airport Express or Go With Us). www.airportexpress.com or gowithus.com

NOTE: McCormick Convention Center is connected to the hotel via the skybridge. It is connected to the West Building of the McCormick Place Convention Center –where the convention will be happening!!

PARKING: Overnight self-parking for hotel guest is \$40.00 per 24 hours, Overnight Valet \$60.00 per 24 Hours. Overhead clearance maximum for garage Lot A is 8 (Eight) feet.

INTERNET: FREE Hotel WIFI in rooms.

CAUTION: Use of unsecured WIFI hotspots in hotels and convention center raises risk of hacking.

WHEELCHAIRS, POWER CHAIRS AND ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:

Cloud Of Goods 407-545-3103 www.cloudofgood.com/Chicago-il
Midwest Mobility Scooter Rentals 847-604-3444 info@midwestmobility.net
Elks Discount 10 percent booked before 6/15/2026 Code: ElksConvention
Mobility City of Chicago 877-275-4892 chicagoil@mobilitycity.com
Mention Elks for a discount if booked by 6/15/2026

OTHER

Our hotel is connected to the Convention Center but Grand Lodge will provide shuttles each morning to/from the hotel to the Convention Center.

All rooms have a coffee maker, hairdryer and iron/board and safe. All rooms have a mini fridge.

The hotel has a 24 hour- fitness center, concierge desk, convenience store, Showroom Food Court with many choices, Woven and Bound Restaurant, 2121 Pantry Restaurant.

The Marriott Marquis Chicago hotel does NOT have a pool.

100th Anniversary Celebration and the Elks Memorial Building

Information is online at elks.org, Our Programs, Elks National Memorial and then the link for 100th Anniversary.

- Bussing to the Elks Memorial Building will be available from the Convention hotels Saturday July 4 - Tuesday, July 7 during hours of tour operation. Info to follow.
- A ticketed ceremony celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building will be held on the morning of July 4.
- **Elks wishing to attend the anniversary ceremony must enter the online-only ticket lottery at elks.org from January 1 through March 15, 2026.**
- Onsite Registration and credential pick-up will open Friday July 3rd at noon in the McCormick Place - West Building Hall F1A, Level 3 from 12PM to 6PM for everyone. Friday evening hours were extended to 6PM this year to allow for those arriving to Chicago Friday to pick up credentials and tickets, if applicable (chosen in the lottery) to attend the 100th Anniversary celebration.

CHICAGO CUBS and CHICAGO WHITE SOX

The Chicago Cubs are in town, playing home games on July 2-3-4-5 and the White Sox play home July 7 and July 8.

The Chicago Cubs are excited to welcome the BPOE to Wrigley Field. The Saturday, July 4 game is a 1:20PM home game with the Cubs playing the Cardinals. The Cubs are donating a portion of each ticket sale by elks to benefit the Elks Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust. Single game day tickets will be released to the general public soon. Tickets will be available through a dedicated link at elks.org at a forthcoming date. Watch for updates on the elks.org National Convention site.

SHIPPING and HANDLING and storage of packages

There is a FedEx Office on site-print and ship. Open 7 days. Please schedule packages to arrive no earlier than 4 days prior to your arrival date, See attached information for weights, rates, inbound and outbound charges.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Tony T will send an info packet with everything needed as convention gets closer.
Also: See elks.org, Under Members Only, National Convention link
Check out: www.choosechicago.com

Mail all reservations to:

TONY THANOPOULOS, PDDGER
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THANK YOU FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE!