

**ALASKA
STATE**



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

Enclosed are forms for you to complete before attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida on July 4 – 10, 2010.

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FORM CAREFULLY. THESE FORMS GO TO THE STATE SECRETARY. The Lodge is responsible 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 State Secretary by the April 30, 2010 deadline.

Alaska State Elks are staying at the Hilton Orlando Hotel located at 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, FL 32819.

All room reservations must be requested using the enclosed form accompanied by a **first night room deposit of \$122.63**. Room rates are \$122.63 Single/Double occupancy per night (12.5% room tax included). Standard rooms available are **non-smoking with a king or two queen beds**. Every effort will be made to accommodate your desires (e.g., king or double queen, ADA handicapped or other special needs). A limited number of smoking rooms are available on the 16th floor to be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The Alaska Delegation will be housed together on the same floor to the extent possible however the Alaska Hospitality Room may be located separately depending on final assignment by the hotel.

NOTE: The hotel will NOT accept your individual reservations.

All Exalted Rulers, District Deputy Designates and other Grand Lodge Delegates will be expected to attend the Tuesday evening Mystery Dinner Show and Wednesday morning breakfast. Attendance at the Tuesday evening Mystery Dinner Show by spouses and other guests is strongly encouraged. The cost of the dinner show is \$55 per person (add \$4.00 for the prime rib entrée) and the Wednesday breakfast is \$39 per person. This cost is to be prepaid with your housing registration, as we are required to provide a guaranteed count to the theatre and hotel with advance payment. **All activities are joint functions with the Washington State Elks Association.** The Mystery Dinner Show will be held at Sleuth Mystery Dinner Shows, 8267 International Drive. The location is less than a mile away but bus transportation will be available.

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 the deadline will assist us to that end.

If you have questions regarding housing or meals, please contact me at the numbers and addresses listed in the letterhead. Our hospitality room will be hosted by Roland Reiswig, (907) 376-6951. Fraternally,

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Rick Eckert
ASEA Grand Lodge Housing Chairman

146th Grand Lodge Convention
Orlando, Florida
July 4 – 8, 2010
ASEA Registration Forms and Convention Overview

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FORM CAREFULLY.

Hotel Information

- **Location:** The Alaska Delegation is housed in the Hilton Orlando Hotel located at 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando, Florida. It is located 14 miles from the airport next to the convention center. The Grand Lodge sessions will be held in the West Concourse of the convention center, accessible by a covered skywalk that is attached to the hotel.
- **Room Costs:** Room costs per night are \$122.63 per night (tax included).

Other States In Hotel

- Arizona, California/Hawaii, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming

Registration for Attendance

- **ALL HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE ASEA CHAIRMAN. NO EXCEPTIONS. The hotel will not accept individual registrations.**
- Registration packets are enclosed for All Grand Lodge attendees (Exalted Rulers, State Representatives, District Deputies Designates, and other interested Elks.) Please complete the registration form(s) and return to the State Secretary by **April 30, 2010**.

Alaska Hospitality Room

- ASEA Vice President, Roland Reiswig will oversee the supplies for liquid refreshments, foods (chips, crackers, etc.), and staffing for your relaxation and enjoyment. Jan Jonker, ASEA Trust Fund Trustee and Roland will be contacting Lodges regarding the provision of special Alaskan delicacies such as smoked salmon, crab and reindeer sausage. The food will be allocated between our hospitality room and the ASEA Trust Fund Reception.
- When you arrive in Orlando and check into the Hilton Orlando Hotel, please contact or go to the Alaska hospitality room. The front desk will be able to give you the room number. We want to know your hotel room number for several reasons:
 1. In case of emergency.
 2. So that we know that you have arrived.
 3. So that our information correlates with the hotel's registration information &
 4. If a delegate...**so that if you are late to breakfast, your District Deputy knows where to find you. In this case.....bring \$\$\$\$\$\$.**

Hospitality Room Hours

- The Hospitality Room will be open the following hours for the Alaska Delegation from Saturday, July 4th thru Thursday, July 9th :
 - Saturday 12 Noon to 11:00 pm
 - Sunday 10:00 am to 7:00 pm (Closed during Grand Lodge Opening Session) 10:00 to 11:00
 - Monday 11:00 am to 11:00 pm
 - Tuesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, 8:30 pm to 11pm (Closed during Pin Reception and Alaska/Washington Mystery Dinner Show)
 - Wednesday 11:00 am to 11:00 pm
 - Thursday 12 Noon to 11:00 pm
- This room is for all Alaska Elks and 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. We are there to have a good time and show Alaska's hospitality to visiting Elks. HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

ASEA 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 Alaska, 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 Designate.**



← **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 breakfast**:



- ✓ ASEA Wheat Jacket or Business Suit
- ✓ Black Belt and Black Slacks
- ✓ White Shirt (Blue ASEA, White/Gold Polo too)
- ✓ 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 ASEA wheat 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 also acceptable.
- Appropriate dress for the Tuesday evening Mystery Dinner Show is business casual for the gentlemen and ladies (slacks, collared shirt or blouse, optional sports coat – no shorts, tee shirts or tank tops).
- Appropriate dress for the Exalted Rulers Ball is white dinner jacket/tuxedo pants or dark suit for the gentlemen and an evening gown or long dress is most appropriate for the ladies; you will see everything from the simplest to the most exquisite in dress for this affair.

Spouse Special Entertainment

- No required dress code, casual with dignity is most acceptable. There are no pre-assigned seating areas; therefore it is unlikely that all the spouses from the State of Alaska and Washington will be seated together.

ASEA President, Grand Lodge Officers & Committeemen and District Deputy Designates

- In addition to the standard ASEA 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 MEALS FOR ALASKA ELKS/DELEGATES

Tuesday Evening Dinner and Reception

- ❑ A joint Alaska/Washington dinner will be held on Tuesday evening at the Sleuth Mystery Dinner Theatre. It is located about one mile away from the Hilton at 8267 International Drive. It will include a 2 ½ hour comedy/mystery show. The show is like a living clue game in which you become the detective and help solve the crime. Surprise twists in the plot are likely. The price includes transportation to and from the theatre.
- ❑ The cost of the dinner is \$55 per person with a choice of Honey Glazed Cornish Hen, herbed stuffing, ½ baked sweet potato, vegetables and cranberry sauce, or a Four Cheese Lasagna, with or without meatballs, vegetables and a garlic bread stick. For \$4.00 more (\$59), you may choose Prime Rib, served medium, baked potato and vegetables. *All meals come with garden salad, bread, crackers with their Signature Cheese Spread, a choice of Mystery Dessert, unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks.*
- ❑ Attire for the Mystery Theatre Dinner is business casual for the gentlemen and ladies (slacks, collared shirt, optional sports coat – no shorts, tee shirts or tank tops).

Wednesday Morning Breakfast

- ❑ **Attendance at the Wednesday Morning Breakfast is mandatory for the Exalted Rulers and District Deputy Designates.** All other Elks in attendance at the convention are encouraged to attend.
- ❑ Breakfast will be served at **6:30 AM in the Orange C Ballroom** of the Hilton Orlando Hotel. The cost of this meal is \$39 per person.
- ❑ This breakfast will be held jointly with the delegation from Alaska and is for Elks and Delegates only. There will be no breakfast that includes spouses or guests. Official ASEA attire for Delegates and other Elks will be required.

OTHER GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES

Ritual Contests:

- ❑ Preliminary ritual contests will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Time allowing, let's watch and support the Washington and Alaska(?) teams. Contest finals are on Tuesday. Check the ritual schedule upon arrival for the time and date the Washington team will be performing.

ASEA Trust Fund Benefit:

- ❑ We will be hosting a reception on Tuesday from 1: pm – 4: pm for the purpose of raising funds for the ASEA Trust Fund. A location has not been established yet. We will have this information available during our State Convention in Skagway. This is the time when all the ER's get to meet Elks from around the country as they enjoy our hospitality. Show up on time with your pins and an apron to hold everything too.
- ❑ This is our opportunity to show our Alaskan hospitality to the Elks of the USA. Make sure you greet them and make sure they are welcome. Take the time to hug the ones you want to and shake the hands of the ones you don't want to. Bottom line is to have fun and make sure our guests do too! And always sing them a song GOODBYE!!!!
- ❑ Many people come with pins to "trade". Make sure of what you are trading. Some pins offered will not be official Lodge or state pins, but only souvenir type pins brought for the purpose of trading, which is okay as long as you know. Just remember the formula – metal for metal, plastic for plastic, etc. Your best opportunity for new and different pins is the first two to three days, after that, choices are limited.

Fraternal and Fun Supplies

- ❑ You may have already received or will receive invitations from companies that sell fraternal supplies. Do plan on visiting their show rooms 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

General Information

- ❑ The **Grand Lodge Headquarters Hotel** is the **Peabody Hotel** and the site of the following functions and activities:
 - ❖ Exalted Rulers Luncheon and Seminar Tuesday, July 5
 - ❖ Seminar for District Deputies and Special Deputies Wednesday, July 6
 - ❖ State Presidents' Photo Session Tuesday, July 6
 - ❖ District Deputy Designates' Photo Session Tuesday, July 6
 - ❖ Spouses Entertainment Activities Tuesday, July 6
 - ❖ State President and State Secretary Luncheon Wednesday, July 7
 - ❖ Exalted Rulers' Ball Wednesday, July 7

- ❑ The **Orange County Convention Center** is the site of the following functions and activities:
 - ❖ Sunday Evening Opening Session Sunday Evening, 8:00 pm, July 4
 - ❖ Daily Business Sessions Monday – Thursday, July 5-8
 - ❖ Elks Memorial Service Wednesday Morning, 11:00 am
 - ❖ Ritual Competition Saturday – Tuesday, July 3-6
 - ❖ Closing Session Thursday Morning, July 8
 - ❖ Grand Lodge Registration & State Association Exhibits Sat. – Wed., July 3-7
 - ❖ Grand Lodge Licensed and Approved Vendors Saturday – Thursday Morning

- ❑ In addition, representatives from Local Area Elks Lodges will be on hand to distribute information concerning special events at their Lodges during the conventions.

DAILY SCHEDULE & INFORMATION

Saturday & Sunday, July 3 & 4

- ❑ Upon arrival, get registered as soon as possible. Registration is at the Orange County Convention Center.
 - ❖ Registration Fee for all Elks is \$50.
 - ❖ There is no fee for Non-Elk Spouses/Guests, however; they must be registered to gain admittance.
 - ❖ **The Sunday Evening Opening Session begins at 8:00 pm SHARP.** You should try to arrive early so that you can sit as a group and try to sit with the Washington delegation if seating is available.
- ❑ **Except for the aforementioned obligations, Saturday & Sunday are free days, so enjoy the sights and special activities provided by the City of Orlando and the surrounding areas.**

Monday – July 5

- ❑ **8:30 am SHARP, Business Session begins (no ASEA/WSEA breakfast)**
 - ❖ Your District Deputy Designate will have your seating saved at the Convention Center and will take attendance **EVERY DAY**. Seating will be with the Washington Delegation. This seating arrangement will apply for all of the Business Sessions.

- ❑ **12:30 pm – 3:00 pm, Exalted Rulers' Luncheon and Seminar with the Grand Exalted Ruler Elect @ the Peabody Hotel (Exalted Rulers Only).**

- ❑ Monday evening you are on your own. A good time to visit the Local Lodges or enjoy some of the other venues available in Orlando and surrounding areas.

Tuesday, July 6

- ❑ 8:00 am SHARP, Business Session begins (no ASEA/WSEA breakfast)
- ❑ 10:00 am, Spouses/Guests Entertainment – Peabody Hotel (Convention Badge is required for Admittance) More information will be provided at registration.
- ❑ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, ASEA T/Fund Pin Reception. Location is to be determined.
- ❑ 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm, State Presidents' Photo Session – Peabody Hotel
- ❑ 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, District Deputy Designates' Photo Session – Peabody Hotel
- ❑ 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm, Dinner & Reception with the Washington Delegation – Sleuth Mystery Dinner Theatre

Wednesday, July 7

- ❑ 6:30 am SHARP, Elks/Delegates Breakfast with Washington Delegation, Orange Ballroom C, Hilton Orlando Hotel (coffee is available at 6:00 am)
- ❑ 8:00 am SHARP, Business Session begins
 - ❖ **ELKS/DELEGATES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT BADGES & VOTING CREDENTIALS**
- ❑ 11:00 am, Elks Memorial Service @ Orange County Convention Center
 - ❖ Spouses/Guests are invited to attend. **Note: Convention Badges are Required**
- ❑ 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm, State Presidents and State Secretaries Luncheon with the Grand Exalted Ruler Elect at the Peabody Hotel
- ❑ 8:30 pm – Exalted Rulers' Ball – Peabody Hotel (Summer Formal, Jacket Required)

Thursday, July 8

- ❑ 8:00 am SHARP, Final Business Session begins (no ASEA/WSEA breakfast)
 - ❖ Spouses/Guests are invited to attend. **Note: Convention Badges are Required**
 - ❖ Meet our "Elks Hoop Shoot"® and Elks National Foundation Scholarship Winners.
- ❑ 9:30 am – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Designates
 - ❖ 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 their schedule at the time of registering and in the Hospitality Room. Please make certain to check the time(s) posted for the Open Hospitality Room



Hilton Orlando standard room with king size bed.



A Fraternal Organization

Grand Lodge Convention

Orlando, Florida

Recommended Budget for Exalted Ruler and Spouse

As approved by Roger True, PGER, State Sponsor

Travel (Round Trip, 2 people @ \$650 average).....	\$1300.00
Housing (6 nights @ \$123.00, see Housing Form).....	738.00*
Per Diem (6 Days @ \$100.00).....	600.00
State Wheat Jacket and Slacks.....	150.00
Convention Activities (One per Lodge, hospitality room).....	175.00*
Meals (ER – 1 Breakfast) (ER & Guest – 2 Mystery Dinner Show).....	157.00*
TOTAL.....	<u>\$3120.00</u>

*Expenses for one night’s room deposit, Convention Activities, and Meals, totaling **\$455.66 are payable and due to the State Secretary by April 30, 2009.**

Roger R. True
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

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GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
JULY 4 – 8, 2010



HOURS & SCHEDULES

REGISTRATION HOURS

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HOURS

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **
**** Trademark Licenses only**

BUS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

GL SESSION HOURS

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Tuesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Orange County Convention Center Site Plan

