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[HTTP://CHEAMEETINGS.COM/GLHC](http://cheameetings.com/glhc)

**Reference: 161st Grand Lodge Convention –
Chicago, Illinois – July 5 - July 8, 2026**

Please respond by filling out the order blank for room reservations 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. Also note that forms are available to be completed online at cheameetings.com/glhc.

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](http://chea-elks.org/Meeting/Grand%20Lodge%20Convention)). Pre-registration is available on elks.org for \$70 after April 1st or for \$80 in Chicago. 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 Chicago, IL

Where are we staying and how much will it cost?

We are staying at the Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605, (833) 994-9863. The room rate is **\$187.62** 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 from 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 and write as clearly as possible. 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 is enclosed or 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 \$30.00 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 4th for the Opening Ceremonies taking place on Sunday, July 5th at 4:00 p.m. The convention will be over on Wednesday, July 8th.

Parking:

Valet parking is available at a rate of \$80.00 per night. Self-parking is available at a rate of \$72.00 per car per day.

What functions are planned for the convention?

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

**McCormick Place, West Building
2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive, Chicago, IL 60616**
2. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the McCormick Place, West Building.
3. Daily Business Sessions –
 - a. Monday, July 6th and Tuesday, July 7th 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (estimated end time)
 - b. Wednesday, July 8th 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
4. Ritual Competition will be held at the McCormick Place, West Building - Room locations to be determined.
5. District Deputy Designates Seminar will be held on Monday, July 6th and Tuesday, July 7th at 12:30 p.m. in the McCormick Place, West Building, 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 \$80 (including spouse), in Chicago is your ticket for admission to all events and meetings.

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.

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

There is much to do in The Windy City! Visit the Willis Tower Skydeck, Navy Pier, Millennium Park, home of the famous Cloud Gate sculpture. Museum of Ice Cream, Shedd Aquarium. Check out Lincoln Park Zoo, Lakefront Trail, and lots of wonderful restaurants, bars, clubs and plentiful shopping.

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What to do if there is a problem?

I will be at the Hilton Chicago 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 Chicago a great experience for all attending.

Fraternally,



Cliff Wadley
Grand Lodge Convention Coordinator

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Enclosures: *Room Reservation Form*
Grand Lodge Volunteer Form
Map of Chicago Area
Grand Lodge Discount Information