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Elks National Convention 2012

Austin Texas

July 1st – July 5th

Attention: Michigan Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers, DDGER Designates, MEA P.S.P.'s
And Members All

As you probably have heard by now the Elks National Convention is going to be held in Austin, Texas this summer. The convention will run from July 1 – July 5 . I had never been to Texas before and what a pleasant time we had. We went out in December of 2011 for a fact finding mission and I liked what I saw. The people are very friendly and helpful.

Here is some information about the area:

- The Airport:
Austin- Bergstrom International web site; <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/austinairport/>
(On the left side bar look up ground transportation)
Austin- Bergstrom International Airport is only about a 10 minute ride to the Hotel. A cab should cost about \$20.00 to \$25.00 dollars. (Subject to change)
- **The address for the Austin- Sheraton Hotel is: 701 E. 11th St., Austin, TX**
- Taxis service:
Yellow Cab 512- 452- 9999, Austin Cab 512- 478- 2222 and Lone Star Cab 512- 836- 4900.
- Car Rental:
Of course there are numerous car rental companies at the airport (see ground transportation on the airport web site).
- Limousine and Shuttle service:
The Sheraton- Austin Hotel does not have a shuttle service.
Limo service contact ExecuCar 800- 410- 4444.
Super Shuttle at 1-800- BLUE VAN (258- 3826), this is one that I have used in the past very nice!
- For those of you who are taking the train, the Austin Amtrak Train Station is 2.1 miles from the hotel.

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- **Hotel:**

The Sheraton Austin at the Capitol Hotel will be housing the Michigan, Indiana and the Florida Elks Delegations. It is very impressive, and near the downtown area.

The newly renovated Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol is conveniently located next door to the famed Capitol and just steps from the University of Texas, the allure of the Sixth Street/Warehouse District, and Austin's burgeoning business district. The hotel is also ten minutes from Austin Bergstrom Airport and half a mile from the hotel are the Austin Convention Center, State Capitol, Frank Erwin Center, and University of Texas. Barton Springs is three miles away, Bob Bullock State History Museum is one mile away, and LBJ Library is two miles from the hotel. Lake Travis is 20 miles away.

Guests of the hotel enjoy complimentary use of the fitness center, pool, whirlpool, and sauna, a full-service business center, gift shop and newsstand, and self-service laundry facilities. The Sheraton's Landmark Restaurant serves American cuisine with a Southwestern flare for all meals. The Lobby Bar has a full bar selection and views of downtown. Starbucks coffee offered in the kiosk in the Gift Shop. Limited room service is available. Other hotel services include valet laundry, child care, express check-out, and various secretarial services.

Guest room amenities include high speed Internet (fee), cable television, work desk with lamp, speakerphone with voicemail, coffee maker, iron and ironing board, hairdryer, and weekday newspaper.

For additional needs and information, visit the concierge desk.

- **Hotel Parking:**

The hotel has a parking ramp with 5 levels. Parking rates will be discounted by 50% off prevailing rates or self-parking at \$8.00 per night and valet at \$12.00 per night.

- **Michigan Hospitality Room:**

The hospitality room is located on the 11th floor of the hotel, room 1104. It is located on the corner of the building and has a fantastic view of the city. It is very spacious with lots of windows. The Indiana hospitality room is directly above ours.

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- **Convention Headquarters:**

The Austin Convention Center is a **LEED® Gold** certified building located in the heart of the capital of Texas, one of the most affordable cities in America. The convention center has a convenient downtown location, between the shores of Lady Bird Lake and historic Sixth Street. It has easy access to I-35 and is a short distance from 6,000 downtown hotel rooms. It's about a 15 minute walk to the Center from the Hotel, with plenty of ATM's and watering holes in between.

The Center has two Parking Garages:

2nd Street Garage

201 East 2nd Street, Austin, TX 78701 Entrances on Brazos and San Jacinto streets.

5th Street Garage

601 East 5th Street, Austin, TX 78701 Entrance on 5th Street, between Red River and Sabine streets.

- On Monday July 2nd there will be a breakfast in the hospitality room honoring our "First Lady" Jean Zimmerman. All ladies are invited to attend this event.
- On Tuesday evening, July 3rd, we will be honoring our MEA State President, Ron Zimmerman, at our President's Night Banquet at the Sheraton Hotel in Creek Side Room I & II.

Elks Grand Lodge Convention 2012
General information

1. The headquarters hotel is the *Hilton Austin Downtown Hotel*.
2. Sunday afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business, and Closing session will take place at the:

Austin Convention Center
500 E. Cesar Chavez Street
Austin, TX 78701

3. Opening Ceremony will start at 3pm on Sunday, July 1, 2012.
4. Registration & Exhibits will be set up at the *Austin Convention Center*.
5. Ritual Competition will be at the *Austin Convention Center*.
6. The Seminar for Special Deputies, District Deputies Designates, State President, State Secretary and Exalted Rulers, will be held at the *Austin Convention Center* on Monday, July 2nd.
7. Spouse Entertainment has been eliminated from the program permanently.
8. District Deputies Designate Seminar will be held at the *Hilton Austin Downtown Hotel* on Tuesday, July 3rd. Yes, transportation will be provided for DD's attending the seminar.
9. Exalted Rulers Ball will be held on Wednesday evening July 4th at the *Hilton Austin Downtown Hotel*.
10. Transportation (Bussing) will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions (more details to follow).

Restaurants near the Sheraton Austin

Serranos Tex-Mex
1111 Red River Street
Sun – Thu: 11am – 10 pm
Fri – Sat: 11am – 11pm

Brick Oven (Wood fired Pizza & Italian)
1209 Red River Street
Mon – Thu: 11am – 9pm
Fri: 11am – 9:30 pm
Sat: 12pm – 9pm
Sun: 5pm – 9pm

Stubb's BBQ
801 Red River Street
Mon – Thu: 11am – 10pm
Fri – Sat: 11am – 11pm
Sun: 11am – 9pm
Sunday Gospel Brunch: 11am & 1pm

(reservations recommended)

Hoboken Pie (Pizza)
718 Red River
Tue – Fri: 11am – 2:30 am
Sat & Sun: 5pm – 2:30 am

Franklin Barbecue
900 E. 11th Street
Tue – Sun: 11am until sold out

Zandunga Mexican Bistro
1000 E. 11th Street
Tue – Thu: 11am – 10pm
Fri: 11am – 11pm
Sat: 10am – 11pm

Blue Dahlia Bistro
1115 E. 11th Street
Mon – Thu: 8am – 10pm
Fri: 8am – 11pm
Sat: 9am – 11pm
Sun: 9am – 10pm

11th Street Station (Southern Comfort Food)
1050 E. 11th Street
Mon – Thu: 11am – 9pm
Fri – Sat: 11am – 10pm
Sun: 10am – 4pm

Koriente (Asian)
621 E. 7th Street
Sun – Fri: 11 am – 9:30 pm
Sat: 1pm – 9:30 pm

Habana Calle 6 (Cuban)
709 E. 6th Street
Sun – Thu: 11am – 10pm
Fri – Sat: 11am – midnight

Boiling Pot (Cajun Style Seafood)
700 E. 6th Street
Mon – Thu: open at 4pm
Fri – Sun: open at 11am

Eddie V's (Seafood & Steaks)
301 E. 5th Street
Open daily @ 4:30 pm

Fast Food Outlets near the Sheraton Austin

Subway
809 Congress Avenue

Chipotle
801 Congress Avenue

Thundercloud Subs
1608 Lavaca

Taco Cabana
517 W Martin Luther King Blvd

Wendy's
619 Highway I-35 (take-out & drive through only)
413 W Martin Luther King Blvd (full service)

Schlotzky's
1915 Guadalupe Street

McDonald's
414 W Martin Luther King Blvd

KFC
2224 E Riverside Drive

Things To Do In Austin

Arts & Culture

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and IMAX Theatre 1.0 mile
Austin Museum of Art 1.0 mile
Austin Children's Museum 1.2 miles

Community

LBJ Library 1.0 miles
University of Texas, Austin 1.0 miles
St. David's Hospital 2.0 miles
Seton Healthcare - Austin 4.0 miles
Seton North Austin Medical Center 12.0 miles

Corporate Offices

Whole Foods Headquarters 2.0 miles
Dell Computers 15.0 miles

Golf

Shadow Glen Golf Course 13.0 miles
Circle C Golf Course 16.0 miles
Avery Ranch Golf Course 20.0 miles
River Place Golf Course 20.0 miles
Golf Club at Star Ranch 27.0 miles

Government Offices

Texas Capitol Building 1.0 miles

Local Attractions

Fourth of July Fireworks and Symphony 1.0 miles
South by Southwest Music Festival 1.0 miles
Austin Duck Adventures 1.0 miles

Congress Avenue Bat Flights:

Each evening around sunset the Congress Avenue bats emerge like a black cloud from the crevices of the bridge. Covering the countryside in search of food, it is estimated that the bats consume from 10,000 to 30,000 pounds of insects. Giving birth in June or July, the bats and pups hang around till October when they head back south. Watching the nightly forays for food is a favorite evening activity, especially in late summer.

Nearby Destinations

Red River District 0.0 miles
West End 2.0 miles

Recreation

Barton Springs Pool 3.0 miles
Zilker Botanical Garden 3.0 miles
Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve 5.0 miles

Shopping

Farmers Market 1.0 miles

Transportation

Greyhound Bus Station 5.0 miles

Entertainment

ACL (Austin City Limits) Music Festival 1.0 miles
Sixth Street 1.0 miles
SoCo (South of Congress) 1.0 miles

**Michigan Elks President's Banquet
Tuesday July 3rd, 2012
Sheraton Hotel
Creek Side I & II Room**



**At this banquet we will be honoring our
State President Ron Zimmerman and our
State Sponsor James C. Varenhorst, PGER**

**Meal will be a buffet at a cost of \$35.00 per person
Cocktails at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm
Dress will be Business Casual**

Dinner will consist of:

Mixed Wild Field Greens / Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Ranch Dressing and Balsamic Vinaigrette

**Chop House Caesar / Romaine, Shaved Parmesan Cheese, Homemade Croutons
Champagne Vinaigrette, Caesar & Bleu Cheese Dressings**

Marinated Vegetable Salad / Zucchini, Broccoli, Carrots, Peppers, Red Onions, Herb Vinaigrette

Fire- Grilled Sliced Sirloin

Pan- Roasted Atlantic Salmon Filets

Cider Marinated Pork Loin

Whole Grain Mustard, Lemon Aioli, Horseradish Cream

Oven- Roasted Steakhouse Asparagus

**Mashed Potatoes with Toppings: Sour Cream, Crumbled Bacon, Chives,
Cheddar Cheese, Soft Butter**

**Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit Compote
Chocolate Decadence Cake with Raspberry Coulis**

One drink of choice is included

Name(s) _____

Lodge _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

of Tickets _____ **X \$35.00 = \$** _____

Please return bottom portion of this form and include a check for the full amount payable to:

**George Sermon/MI Elks Association
2513 Curtis Rd.
National City, MI 48748- 9630**

Michigan Elks Association ROOM RESERVATION FORM

DUE BY MAY 01, 2012

Elks National Convention - Austin, Texas

July 1st - 5th, 2012

Sheraton Austin at the Capital

Room Rate: \$109.00 + 15% tax = \$125.35 single or double occupancy

All rooms and the entire hotel are non-smoking

Parking Rates will be discounted by 50% off prevailing rates or self-parking at \$8.00 per night & valet at \$12.00 per night

These Rates are available to Elks from June 28th - July 5th

Name			NUMBER	Arrival		Depart	
			OF PEOPLE	Day	Date	Day	Date
Address	King	Dbl	Special Needs ??				
	Bed	Bed					
All rooms are non-smoking							
City	State	Zip		Check	Visa	MC	Amex
Phone			Card Number				
email			Exp. Date				

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**Mail to: George Sermon 2nd VP
2513 Curtis Rd
National City, MI 48748-9630**

Hotel requires Credit Card or one nights deposit

Make check payable to: Sheraton Austin

Please copy and distribute as needed