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

Subject: **153rd Grand Lodge Convention Reno, NV 2017**

Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Reno, NV starting Sunday July 16 through Wednesday July 19, 2017.

**It is each Lodge's responsibility 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 ASEA Secretary by the April 1, 2017 deadline. It is imperative the registration form be received by the April 1 deadline.**

Three important change for the Grand Lodge Convention, first is the **OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3:00 PM ON SUNDAY JULY 16 in Hall 4 at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center 4590 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV. Second the convention is one day shorter then in the past and will now end on Wednesday July 19. Third the Open House/President's Reception will now take place on Monday July 17 from 1-4:00 PM.**

**The Alaska State Elks will be housed at the Peppermill Resort Casino 2707 S. Virginia St. Reno, NV.**

All room reservations must be made on the form which is provided with a first night room deposit of \$136.09 plus the meal payment. The room deposit and meal payment **MUST BE PAID BY CHECK TO THE ASEA GL COMMITTEE ONLY** and received by April 1, 2017. Room rates are \$136.09 Single/double occupancy per night which includes the 13% room tax, \$2.00 City Fee and Resort Fee. **The hotel will NOT accept your individual reservations.** Standard rooms available will be smoking and non-smoking with a standard king or two queen beds and every effort will be made to accommodate your desires (e.g. king or two doubles, ADA handicapped or other special needs). Smoking rooms and two queen bed rooms are limited. All efforts will be made to house the Alaska Delegation on the same and/or adjacent floors.

All Exalted Rulers, District Deputy Designees and other Grand Lodge Delegates will be expected to attend the **Sunday evening** dinner with cocktails from 6:00 – 7:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. The dinner will be held at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane Reno, NV located across from the Convention Center and the cost will be \$45.00 per person.

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 April 1, 2017 will assist us to that end. Your mode of travel to Reno is strictly up to you, however, since most of you will be flying; make your reservations early to get the best rates and to arrive in time to attend the 3:00 PM Opening Ceremony on Sunday July 16, 2017.

If you have questions regarding housing or meals, please contact me at the numbers and addresses listed above. **Our hospitality room will be hosted by Kerry Tomlinson and Mark Daum (907) 321-1232 or (907)-321-7898.** This entire packet of information and registration form will also be found on our website [www.alaskastateelks.org](http://www.alaskastateelks.org).

Fraternally,

*Paul*

Paul J. Whitney, Chair  
ASEA Grand Lodge Housing Committee

PEPPERMILL RESORT CASINO  
2707 South Virginia Street  
Reno, NV  
153rd Grand Lodge Convention  
Reno, NV  
July 16-19, 2017

**ASEA REGISTRATION FORMS AND CONVENTION OVERVIEW**

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FORM CAREFULLY.

**Hotel Information**

- ❑ **Location:** The Alaska Delegation is housed at the Peppermill Resort Casino.
- ❑ **Amenities:** Smoking rooms are available and be sure to indicate on the registration form as they are limited and may not be located on the same floors as other delegates. Swimming pool and exercise rooms are available. Free shuttle service to and from the airport.
- ❑ **Room Costs:** Standard room costs per night are \$136.09 per night (tax & resort fee included) single King or Double Queen. Double queen rooms are limited. Room upgrades are available and may be requested at time of check in; prices range from \$149-\$199 plus tax. You can view the rooms by going to the Peppermill website at [www.peppermillreno.com](http://www.peppermillreno.com).
- ❑ **Parking:** For those driving there will be free self-parking or free valet parking.
- ❑ **WIFI:** No charge for internet.

**Other States In Hotel**

- ❑ Alaska, Washington, Illinois, Oregon, Wisconsin, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota & South Dakota

**Grand Lodge Hotel:** Grand Sierra Resort 2500 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Reno, NV 89595

**Registration for Attendance**

- ❑ **ALL HOTEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE ASEA SECRETARY. NO EXCEPTIONS. The hotel will not accept individual registrations.**
- ❑ Registration packets will be sent out after January 1, 2017 for All Grand Lodge attendees (Exalted Rulers, State Representatives, District Deputies Designates, and other interested Elks.) Please complete the Registration Form and return to the ASEA Secretary by **April 1, 2017. It is imperative the registration form be received by the April 1 deadline.**

**Ground Transportation**

- ❑ The Peppermill Resort Casino provides a shuttle bus service from the Airport to the Hotel every thirty (30) minutes. The bus will be located at the end of the terminal in the baggage claim area. Taxi cabs are also available in the same location.
- ❑ Rental cars: Available at reasonable rates, however taxes and service charges can add a substantial additional cost.

**Alaska Hospitality Room**

- ❑ Upon checking in you can ask the front desk clerk the room number of the Alaska Hospitality Room and it will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> floor. The Hospitality Room will be non-smoking.
- ❑ ASEA President Elect, Kerry Tomlinson and Mark Daum, will oversee the liquid refreshments, food and staffing in the hospitality room for your relaxation and enjoyment. A member of the

ASEA Charitable Trust Fund Trustees and Kerry 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 President's Reception/Open House.

- After you check into the Peppermill Resort Casino, please go to the Alaska hospitality room as soon as possible so that we can record your contact information. The front desk will be able to give you the room number. We require this information for several reasons:
  1. In case of emergency.
  2. So that we know that you have arrived.
  3. So our information correlates with the hotel registration information for billing and accountability purposes.

### Hospitality Room Hours

- The Hospitality Room will be open the following hours for the Alaska Delegation from Friday afternoon July 14th thru Wednesday night July 19th:
  - Friday 1:00 PM to Last Call
  - Saturday 10:00 AM to Last Call
  - Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Closed during Grand Lodge Opening Session @ 3:00 PM and the Dinner 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) **Reopen at 9:00 PM to Last Call**
  - Monday 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Closed during Open House/Pin Exchange 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM) **Reopen at 4:30 PM to Last Call**
  - Tuesday 10:00 AM to Last Call
  - Wednesday 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM
- This room is for all Alaska Elks, 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. If you bring guests to the room please remember to stay with them until they leave. 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 Designee.**



← 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 Dinner**:



- ✓ ASEA Wheat Jacket
- ✓ Black Belt and Black Slacks
- ✓ White Shirt ( Blue & Red ASEA or White/Gold Polo)
- ✓ 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 acceptable.
- Appropriate dress for the **Sunday evening dinner** is the Alaska Official Dress.
- This year for the Exalted Rulers Ball the white summer dress jacket/tuxedo pants is optional. A dark business suit for the gentlemen and an evening gown or long dress for the ladies is appropriate; you will see everything from the simplest to the most exquisite in dress for this affair.

### **ASEA President, Grand Lodge Officers & Committee Members and District Deputy Designees**

- 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 MEAL FOR ALASKA ELKS/DELEGATES**

#### **Sunday Evening Dinner at the**

- A joint Alaska/Washington dinner will be held on **Sunday evening** (a change from previous years) after the Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony. Cocktails from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and dinner 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The dinner will be held in the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane Reno, NV. The cost will be \$45.00 per person. Dress code will be the Alaska State Official Dress.

### **OTHER GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Ritual Contests:**

- Ritual contests will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center. Time allowing, let's watch and support the Washington team(s). Check the ritual schedule upon arrival for the time, location and date for the ritual contests.

#### **ASEA Open House and Presidents Reception:**

- **The ASEA Open House day has changed from previous years and will now be held on Monday July 17 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.** This event is to raise funds for the ASEA Charitable Trust Fund and the Wounded Veteran Project. The Open House will be held at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane, which is directly across from the Convention Center. Alaskan delicacies will be served along with beer and wine. This is the time when all the Alaska Exalted Rulers get to meet Elks from around the country and exchange pins. Show up on time with your

pins! Aprons with your Lodge name and number will be provided and wear a shirt identifying you as an Alaskan Elk.

- ❑ This is the time when you will be exchanging your Lodge Dog Pins for other pins and this is our opportunity to show our Alaskan hospitality to the Elks of the USA. Make sure you greet them and make them welcome. Take the time to hug the ones you want to and shake the hands of the ones you don't want to hug. Bottom line is to have fun and make sure our guests do too! And always sing them a GOODBYE song!!!!
- ❑ During the convention many people will come with pins to "trade". Make sure of what you are trading and **DO NOT trade Lodge Dog Pins until the Monday afternoon Open House**. Some pins offered will not be official Lodge or state pins, but only souvenir type pins brought for 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 of the convention, 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 to visit their booth at the Convention Center 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**

**(THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO LOOK FOR UPDATES)**

### **General Information**

- ❑ The **Grand Lodge Headquarters Hotel** is the **Grand Sierra 2500 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**, and the site of the following functions and activities:
  - ❖ **Exalted Rulers' Ball - Grand Sierra Tuesday Evening July 18 from 7-11 PM**
- ❑ The Reno-Sparks Convention Center is the site of the following functions and activities:
  - ❖ District Deputy Designate Seminar Monday July 17 at 1:00 PM
  - ❖ Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony Convention Center Hall 4 **Sunday July 16 from 3-5:00 PM**
  - ❖ Registration & Exhibits at the Convention Center Hall 3 Sat. – Wed., July 14-19
  - ❖ Daily Business Sessions Hall 4 8:00 AM Monday – Tuesday, July 17 & 18
  - ❖ Ritual Competition at Convention Center TBA
  - ❖ Closing Session Hall 4 Wednesday 8-11 AM, July 19
- ❑ In addition, representatives from Local Area Elks Lodges will be on hand to distribute information concerning special events at their Lodges during the conventions.
- ❑ Shuttle bus service will be provided from the Peppermill to the convention center.

### **DAILY SCHEDULE & INFORMATION**

#### **Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & July 16**

- ❑ Upon arrival, get registered as soon as possible. Registration opens on Saturday in Hall 3 Reno-Sparks Convention Center, **4590 South Virginia Street Reno, NV.**

- ❖ The Registration process has changed with registration now being available online at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) by credit card at a fee of \$50. Onsite registration will be \$60 and credit cards will be accepted
  - ❖ There is no fee for Non-Elk Spouses/Guests, however; they must be registered to gain admittance.
  - ❖ **The Sunday Afternoon Opening Session begins at 3:00 PM SHARP in the Convention Center Hall 4.** 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.
- ❑ **Alaska/Washington Dinner: Sunday Evening 6:00 PM cocktails, dinner 7:00-8:30 PM at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane.**
  - ❑ **Except for the aforementioned obligations, Saturday & Sunday are free days, so enjoy the sights and special activities provided by the City of Reno. There are many fine dining establishments in the surrounding area.**

### **Monday – July 17**

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Business Session begins**  
Your District Deputy Designee 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 Grand Lodge Business Sessions.
- ❑ **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Open House and President’s Reception will be held at the Reno Elks Lodge 597 Kumle Lane.**
- ❑ **District Deputy Designee Seminar will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center at 1:00 PM.**

### **Tuesday - July 18**

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Business Session begins ELKS/DELEGATES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED WITHOUT BADGES & VOTING CREDENTIALS SPOUSES/GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND (WITH BADGES).**
- ❑ **Exalted Rulers’ Ball – Grand Sierra 7-11:00 PM Summer Formal Optional**

### **Wednesday - July 19**

- ❑ **8:00 AM SHARP, Final Grand Lodge Business Session begins.**
  - ❖ **Spouses/Guests are invited to attend. Note: Convention Badges are required.**
- ❑ **9:30 AM – Installation of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputy Designees**
  - ❖ **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 the schedule given at the time of Registration and daily in the Hospitality Room.**

**Roger R. True**  
**Past Grand Exalted Ruler**  
A Fraternal Organization



**153rd Grand Lodge Convention**

Peppermill Resort Casino  
Reno, NV  
July 16 to 19, 2017

**PRELIMINARY**

**LODGE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

As approved by State Sponsor  
Budget for  
Exalted Ruler & Spouse

Travel (Round trip for 2 people @ \$545 to \$927.00).....	\$1,090.00-\$1,854.00
Housing (5 nights @ \$136.00, see Housing Form).....	680.00*
Per Diem (5 Days @ \$100.00).....	500.00
Hospitality Suite.....	240.00*
State Jacket and Tie.....	150.00
Meals ER & Guest – Dinner.....	90.00*
TOTAL.....	<b><u>\$2,750.00 - \$3,514.00</u></b>

\*Expenses for one night's room deposit, Convention Activities, and Meals, totaling \$466.00 are payable and due to the State Secretary by April 1, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger R. True".

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler