

Grand Lodge Attendee's 2021:

Just an update on the latest information concerning the Grand Lodge Convention scheduled for Tampa, Florida this July, Sunday, July 4th thru Wednesday July 7th.

We have been assigned the “Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel” as our official hotel for this convention. The Sheraton is located at 200 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, 33602. Room rate is \$112.00 plus tax, currently 14.5% which computes to \$128.25 per night. This rate also includes the “Resort Fee” which has been so common in the industry!

Opening ceremonies and all sessions will take place at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 South Franklin Street. Which is approximately ½ mile from our hotel. Shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions and Hotels housing the other State Associations. The shuttle schedule will be posted on the Grand Lodge website by the middle of June.

Opening ceremonies are on July 4th starting promptly at 4pm at the Convention Center. You must be pre-registered to attend this event!! Immediately following the opening a celebration event will take place with the “Party Crashers” for entertainment with food & beverages available for purchase.

Daily business session schedule:

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| Monday & Tuesday | 8am – 12:00pm (estimated time) |
| Wednesday | 8am – 11:00am (estimated time) |

Again, we suggest planning on your arrival on Saturday July 3rd, or earlier to allow time to register and get a “*lay of the land*”. Due to the time change you may want to consider departing on Thursday the 8th or Friday the 9th, to allow time to unwind after the convention. We will have the hospitality room open for those staying over the extra day(s).

The varying Committee Seminars will be scheduled on Sunday as early as 9am and following the General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. These will be listed on the website after March 2021.

We hope that this information will be helpful as you look forward to celebrating during this Grand Lodge Convention. We know that many of you are looking forward to “getting out” and sharing ***Elkdom*** with your fellow members and families.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact us anytime.

Fraternally,
Jerry & Linda Grimes
Grand Lodge Coordinators