

# PROCLAMATION

**THIS PROCLAMATION MUST BE READ AT THE FIRST LODGE SESSION AFTER ITS RECEIPT AND  
THEN POSTED ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD.**

*To All Local Lodges and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.*

GREETINGS:

The *Grand Exalted Ruler*, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Article 3, Section 6, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in Tampa, Florida with the opening ceremonies and meetings held at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S. Franklin Street, Tampa, FL 33602 on Sunday, July 4, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

The opening business session will convene in the Tampa Convention Center at 8:00 Monday morning, July 5, 2021, at which session the election of Officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter at 8:00 a.m. on July 6, and 7, 2021, until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Tampa Marriott Water Street on 505 Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602 has been selected as the Headquarters hotel for the 156th Grand Lodge Session. A room reservation form with a letter outlining the procedure will be sent to Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, Special Deputies, Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen from the Grand Lodge Convention Office in Chicago, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, I L 60614-1889. District Deputies-Designate need to make their room reservations through their State Association Housing Coordinators. All Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen, and District Deputies-Designate need to make all airline travel arrangements through the Grand Lodge Convention Office.

Room reservations not outlined in the preceding paragraph must be made through each State Association Housing Coordinator. Those planning to attend the Grand Lodge Convention are urged to make that fact known to their State Association Housing Coordinators immediately. Neither the Grand Lodge Convention Office nor the official Tampa hotels will accept reservations directly from Lodges, individual Elks, or travel agencies.

**Registration will be required of all Members and their Guests attending the Convention. This includes the Sunday Afternoon Opening Session, and the Business Sessions for Members. State Ritualistic Teams are required to register before competing in the Grand Lodge contest.**

ATTEST:



*Bryan R. Klatt*  
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Grand Secretary

*Paul R. Ryan*  
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Grand Exalted Ruler

*Dated: March 1, 2021*