

Lodge Secretaries,

Please read and post this letter for your membership at the next regular meeting of your Lodge. Find attached copies of the registration forms for Mid-Winter Elks Conference to be sponsored by Hattiesburg Lodge number 599 in Hattiesburg November, 29th, 30th, and December 1st, 2007.

First let me say it is our privilege and pleasure to host this event. We look forward to having as many of you to attend as possible. It is our hope that you will enjoy the fun and fellowship of this event as well as the opportunity to meet our new Grand Exalted Ruler. You will hear a great message from him concerning our Order as well as from our State Sponsor and new State President. It will be a great time to voice any concerns you may have for our Lodges and the continued growth of membership, programs and goals of our Order in Mississippi.

Please be advised and take note that the accommodations are going to differ from what we have had in the past. A block of rooms are reserved for your stay at the Holiday Inn and Suites at 10 Gateway Drive in Hattiesburg. This is at the intersection of Hwy 49 North and I-59. Reservations **MUST BE MADE BY NOVEMBER 1ST**. This is the cutoff date to guarantee your room and the reduced rate. After that date late reservations and registration for the convention will still be accepted but at a higher rate. So please, make your reservations as soon as possible. Please note as well that all the Hospitality Rooms have been blocked off and reserved for you at Candlewood Suites located adjacent to the Holiday Inn. These are one-bedroom apartment style suites with full kitchen facilities and adjoining bedroom. These will be great for this purpose and will work very well for your ER or whoever you might elect to have charge of your hospitality room. Rooms at Candlewood have also been set-aside for the Grand, State Sponsor, State President and Special Deputy. Before anyone asks, don't panic. These buildings are about 100 feet apart and travel from your rooms at the Inn to the hospitality rooms at Candlewood will require only the short walk. The Business Meetings and President's Luncheon will take place at the Holiday Inn. The Ladies Auxiliary Meeting and Luncheon as well as Saturday Evening dinner will take place at our Lodge. A meal will be provided at Candlewood on Friday. Weather permitting a Golf Tournament will take place Friday and we have other entertainment planned as well.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time. Please note the locations below. Room rates and registration fees are noted and again, please reserve your room, or your hospitality room before the November 1st dead line.

Fraternally Yours
Mike Nobles, PER
& Mid Winter Conference Chairman
Ph 601-258-6180 or Cell 601-408-2558

Regular guest rooms

Holliday Inn
10 Gateway Dr.
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39402
Ph. 601-296-0302
\$89 per night

Hospitality rooms

Candlewood Suites
9 Gateway Dr.
Hattiesburg, Ms. 39402
Ph 601-264-9666
\$109 per night

Note: please let them know you are with the Elks when reserving your rooms to get this room rate.