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Going to Anaheim?

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B.P.O.E. Grand Lodge Convention

July 6 – 10, 2008

Hilton Hotel
Anaheim, CA

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Spouse / Sig. Other _____

Title _____ Lodge name and number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____

Email _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Special Accommodations _____

The room rate is \$126.50 per night, taxes included.

Parking is \$15 per night

Room Type (Circle one)

2 Dbl – King

ALL ARE NON-SMOKING

Room Deposit: \$125 _____ (Except DDGER Designates)

Hospitality Room: \$30 PER PERSON _____

TOTAL: _____

I do not wish to use the Hospitality room.

I will not be staying with the Illinois delegation, but wish to use the Hospitality Room.

(Accommodations not made through the State Housing Chairman or Grand lodge must have prior approval of the State Housing Chairman or State President to be allowed access to the Hospitality room.)

Make check payable to: IEA Housing. Mail completed form and check to:

Kirk Wallace
306 NE 4th ST
Fairfield IL 62837 (618-842-7785) E: wally82@verizon.net

*****Reservation Deadline: May 18, 2008*****

Rooms reserved on a first come, first served basis.

Illinois has only 130 rooms available

Membership loss forces budget cutbacks for Newsette

The loss of a \$10,000 payment from Charitable Trust and the \$1 per capita associated with the decrease of almost 700 members resulted in nearly \$11,000 less revenue this year for the IEA Publication Corporation than a year ago, reported Tony Dardano, Publication Corporation chairman.

After three issues in this fiscal year, the corporation experienced an increase in expenses of almost \$2,400 more than the cost of three

issues a year ago. Expenses in January 2007 totaled \$34,213.28, compared to the \$36,601.72 in January 2008. The increase was seen across every line item of the budget.

P&P Press, which prints the Newsette, increased printing costs for the spring edition by about 9 percent. That cost of printing was based on printing 44,000 Newsettes, but the loss of approximately 3,000 members

since P&P first started printing the publication is prompting the Publication Corporation to take another look at the mailing list. The corporation hopes to reduce the increase by at least half by reducing the number of Newsettes printed by 4,000.

The corporation's 2008-09 budget totaled \$48,200 for a balanced budget. Expenses for 2008-09 dropped by \$1,100 from the 2007-08 budget.

Talk to state officials before complying with smoking ban

Before making any expenditures for smoking patios or other facilities, lodges should contact the state or local Department of Public Health to ascertain whether the proposed building complies with the law or rules.

Government Committee Chairman John Shull pointed lodges to the State of Illinois Web site, where the rules can be found under Department of Public Health, rule 77 III, Adm., Code 975.

Shull also reminded exalted rulers and secretaries to make sure the lodge survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service programs is properly completed and all activities are fully reported.

"This information will not only reinforce the not-for-profit status of your lodge, but will also help in increasing membership and in getting cooperation from local, state and national government officials when the questions arise regarding the value of the Elks and whether Elks' concerns should be

considered when legislation that might affect our lodge and our Order is pending," wrote Shull in his January report.

The Judiciary Committee reminded lodges that Grand Lodge has recommended that each lodge provide to its presiding justice a copy of the most recent Statutes of the Order. Also, Grand Lodge suggested that in addition to any Forum duties, the presiding justice act as a resident expert on laws and

assist in the speedy resolution of any issues that arise in the lodge. Additionally, Grand Lodge urged lodges to approve written guidelines on sexual harassment and discrimination, make the guidelines known, and enforce them.

The newly revised Discrimination and Harassment Guidelines for Subordinate Lodges (Code 510900) is available at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago.

**"Rules found on State of Illinois Web site under Department of Public Health."
—John Shull, chairman, IEA Government Relations Committee**



IEA Easter Bunny Chairman Dave Culbertson presents GER F. Louis Sulsberger the first Easter basket for 2008. Culbertson is hopeful all Illinois lodges will again participate this year in the IEA Easter Bunny program. Also at the IEA convention in January, Culbertson presented attendees at the leading knights class an Easter bunny bag containing a bunny and candy.

Forms available for Easter Bunny program

Easter Bunny Program reporting forms are available from district chairmen.

Twenty-four members attended the State Easter Bunny Committee meeting in January. The members

discussed what different lodges do with the program.

David Culbertson, State Easter Bunny chairman, encouraged lodges and districts to maintain 100 percent reporting.