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# BPOE Grand Lodge Session

## July 5-9, 2009

A \$125 room deposit is required with all room reservations. If room is not canceled four weeks before arrival date, your deposit will be forfeited. You will be considered a now-show if you do not show up on your arrival date. It will result in the loss of your entire reservation and deposit.

**B.P.O.E. Grand Lodge Convention**  
**July 5 - 9, 2009**  
**UNIVERSITY PLACE**  
**310 SW Lincoln Street - Portland, Oregon**  
**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse / Sig. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge name and number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Accommodations \_\_\_\_\_

The room rate is \$123.00 per night, taxes included.  
 Parking is \$12 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:  
 (All changes go through me by fax or e-mail only)

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\*\*\*\*Reservation Deadline: May 17, 2009\*\*\*\*

**Rooms reserved on a first come, first served basis.**  
**Illinois has only 120 rooms available**



## Portland is great place for convention, tourism

By John Horkay  
 IEA First Vice President

### Greetings All:

Your Third Vice President, Kevin Kennedy, his wife Janet, along with Louise and I just got back from our site inspection of our hotel in Portland. The facility we are assigned is the University Place Hotel. It is not the Hilton, but it is very comfortable and they are assigning us a great room for our hospitality room. Illinois and our friends from Wisconsin will be the only delegations housed there. We are looking forward to a great National Convention.

Portland is a beautiful city, with large areas of park, loads of dining and shopping. Our hotel is on the south end of downtown about 3 miles from the Convention Center. Grand Lodge will run shuttle buses back and forth between the hotels and convention. Better than that, our hotel is in the "fareless square." You can jump on any bus, streetcar or train and travel for free. The No. 17 bus is across the street and will take you a few short blocks to the center of downtown with all of its restaurants and stores where you can also transfer to the light rail and take it to the front door of the Convention Center.

For the more adventuresome, you have Mount St. Helens, Mount Hood with its Timberline Lodge, the Columbia River Gorge with all of its waterfalls, Bonneville dam and the Pacific Ocean. You can follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark as they finished their epic journey to the Pacific. Visit the Willamette (pronounced will-am-it) valley wineries or the towns of Seaside, Cannon Beach, Tillamook or Lincoln City. All of these are within a half day trip of the hotel.

This is a great area to visit and if you can I would plan for a couple of extra days just to take in as much as possible. Remember, the Grand Lodge dates are July 5-9. We only have 120 rooms assigned to us so get your reservations in to Kevin as soon as you can.

## IEA shopping for its fifth Drug Awareness trailer

The IEA Drug Awareness program is working on getting its fifth Drug Awareness trailer.

Grand Lodge has awarded a matching grant to make the purchase, and program officials are getting quotes to buy the trailer.

"If anyone knows of someone who could provide a quote, please let me know," IEA Drug Awareness Chairman Frank Burr said at the Fall meeting in Springfield.

Burr also presented Drug Awareness District Awards. The districts that received the awards and their respective district vice presidents are: East (Greg Verdun), North (Ed Lundmark), Northwest (Drake Daley), South (Jim Himes).

Burr also urged Illinois Elks to redouble their efforts in combating illegal drug use.

"Every one of us can and will make a difference in a child's life, but it is time we start working outside of the box and the norm," he said. "There are many children in Illinois who we will never reach if we keep doing the same thing year after year."