

Frank Burns' Note on 2018 San Antonio Grand Lodge Convention

Grand Lodge National Convention – July 1-4, 2018

Virginia Elks!

Can you recall a Grand Lodge opening ceremony with “big-time entertainment?”

Can you recall a Grand Lodge opening ceremony with fireworks?

Well, it happens next year in San Antonio, TX, as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We want Virginia Elks to be a big part of that celebration. That means we start preparations now!

I am writing to begin to list the names and numbers of Virginia Elks who will attend the Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio. It is not too early, as the Grand Lodge and the Convention Hotels will begin to require room commitments from us beginning in August. You will recall that my wise predecessor, Paul Shoemaker, did exactly this one year ago in preparation for Reno. Paul was successful in getting high-quality accommodations for the Virginia delegation because of his early-preparation and follow-up activity.

Because of the 150th Anniversary, the “sex appeal” of San Antonio (the Alamo, the Paseo-del-Rio (Riverwalk), and the many Spanish Missions in the area), plus the fact that San Antonio will be celebrating its 300th Anniversary, we are certain that many Virginia Elk families will want to attend this convention. So, I am making a list! As Paul did last year, we will have a first-come, first-served policy in making room commitments throughout the year. However, we need early commitments to impress the Grand Lodge and the Hotels that we mean business in our commitment to attend this special BPOE event.

Email me at fburns15@verizon.net as soon as you can with names, numbers of attendees, and numbers of rooms needed, so that I can put you on the list. And spread the word to friends at your Lodge so they too can be assured of quality accommodations at the Convention next year.

ON TO SAN ANTONIO!!

Frank Burns

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P.S. Go to elks.org and “scroll around” for more information about the 150th Anniversary Celebration.

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