

UTAH ELKS



Spring Meeting March 2022

UTAH ELKS WELCOME GRAND EXALTED RULER KEITH MILLS & FIRST LADY AMY



Keith Mills was born in 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho. He graduated from the University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. He married his best friend and true love Amy in 1990. They have two children and two grandchildren. They now live in Nampa, Idaho. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

Keith was proposed for membership into the Elks in 1990 by his father. He is currently a member of Caldwell Lodge No. 1448. He moved through the chairs of his lodge and then through the offices of the Idaho State Association and served as President in 2006-07. He has served Grand Lodge as District Deputy, Special Representative, and Northwest Region Hoop Shoot Director. At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He was elected as Grand Exalted Ruler in 2021.

The Utah Elks Association are excited and honored to host our neighbors from the north, Keith and Amy Mills, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.



Meeting the Challenge

Jared Wanlass, UEA President



Hello Members! We are excited to invite the Grand Exalted Ruler, Keith Mills and his lovely wife Amy to beautiful southern Utah and our UEA Spring meeting hosted by the St. George Elks Lodge. We would like to also welcome to our spring meeting the Arizona State President Charyll McKean and her husband, Tim and the Nevada Elks Association President Danny Wells and his lovely wife Mary. Please take a moment out of your day to say hello to our visiting dignitaries.

A few things have changed in the meeting agenda, please take a moment and look over the agenda and familiarize yourself with the daily modifications.

Since our fall meeting in September, Steffanee and I accepted an invitation to the Arizona Elks Mid Term Meeting in October. We had such a great time meeting new Elks and learning about the wonderful work that our neighbors to the south do in their state. We visited the Bountiful Lodge for their Halloween party and Chili cook-off where I had the hard task of judging over 30 entries of some very delicious chili's. In November, we accepted an invitation to Las Vegas for the Nevada Elks Mid Term Meeting. We met some more great Elks and learned some new ideas from their members and meetings. In December, our

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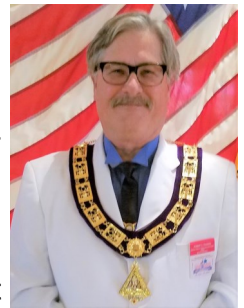
home Lodge, Tooele held a Christmas Party and Homecoming in our honor. We had a delicious homemade Lasagna dinner prepared by our Exalted Ruler, Jesse and his lovely wife Bernadette. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. Steffanee and I were also judges in the North District Hoop Shoot in January and witnessed some amazingly talented youth try their hardest.

We were invited to the Golden Spike Can-Can, which is their big charity fundraiser in February, we enjoyed our time with everyone. We also attended the Utah State Hoop Shoot Finals and Regional Hoop Shoot Finals in Nevada. In addition to all our travels, we managed to pull off a wedding for our daughter held at the beautiful Camp Wapiti in October. We are looking forward to visiting the rest of our lodges, please let us know of any activities you have planned or just have us stop by for dinner.

Steffanee and I would like to extend an extra thank you the St. George Elks and LOE for their wonderful hospitality and dedication to making this event successful and enjoyable.

Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani

The Utah Elks Association will be hosting our GER, the Honorable Keith Mills and First Lady Amy, at our Spring Convention. On behalf all UEA members it is an honor to have them visit Utah where they will find the Best People On Earth. A special welcome also to our State Sponsor PGER Robert Duitsman. We will miss his lovely wife Beth and hope she will be able to come next year.



You are working very hard in your communities and your efforts do not go unnoticed. Take a moment to reflect on the impact you have made and be proud of yourselves and your lodges. Remember to put articles in your local paper, social media, lodge newsletters, and bulletin boards. Share this with your other members and potential members to make Elkdom strong and to help our organization grow.

Charitable reports are still not being completed; I know all Lodges in Utah are doing great things! Be loud and proud of what you do. Count every hour, mile, and donation of every person that is involved in activities. This will verify your lodge as a charitable organization.

We are doing great on initiation and we really need to start grooming our younger generation to take over. We need to pass on our knowledge, proper etiquette at meetings, and the importance of ritual. We want our organization to last many, many years and if we can't give our future generation the right tools it won't.

Adele and I welcome everyone to our Spring meeting we are looking forward to seeing you!

HONORED GUESTS



Honorable Robert Duitsman, PGER



AZ State President Charyll MaKean
and First Gent Tim



NV State President Dan Wells
and First Lady Mary

GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

A Grand Welcome to Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and your lovely wife, Amy. We have put in an order for warm spring weather, that you may enjoy your visit.

I want to remind all Exalted Rulers to apply for the Exalted Ruler and Local Lodge G.E.R. Special Citation Award, and for the Outstanding Members G.E.R. Special Commendation Award. For these awards, send the application to: Meryl Arns, GLFC Area 7 (marns1946@hotmail.com), or to Meryl Arns, P.O. Box 360, Littlefield, AZ 86432). The dead Line is March 31st. Also, please enter the ALL AMERICAN LODGE Contest. Complete the form and submit to your District Deputy no later than April 1st. You can go online (elks.org) and apply for Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Elk of the Year. Let's recognize the hard work our members do. Remember we are "Meeting the Challenge" by showing that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Tina and I look forward to seeing all of you in St. George. Please drive carefully, and stay safe.

Fraternally,

Meryl Arns

STATE ENF COMMITTEE

Each donor, each gift, makes our charitable mission possible. Our donors' support provides youth with a healthy beginning, honors veterans and funds projects that improve the quality of life in our local communities. There are so many ways to donate, individual donations, Fidelity Club, and Planned Giving. Choose which way works best for you and just give! It's so easy to give and to know that your money is going to help with the greater good of our communities!

At our State meeting, I gave the challenge of adding 25 Fidelity Club Members and I'm so happy to report as of today, we have 35!!! We exceeded my challenge!! Can we get a Hell Yeah!!!! Now we need to come up with another challenge for next year! Does 50 sound good? Can we do it?? Be thinking of ways to get others to join!

I'm so grateful to each and every one of you for your commitment to the Elks National Foundation! We couldn't do all the good that we do in our State without your help!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Lil Barron
ENF State Chair

IS THERE STILL VALUE IN THE *UTAH ELK*?

Hi. Hello. Is anyone reading this? The Utah Elks Association will spend about \$2500.00 to publish this edition of the *Utah Elk* and mail a copy to every member in Utah. If the membership no longer reads it, should we still be spending the money? The other editions are electronic only; should we consider moving this edition to that format as well? Do you take time to seek out the electronic editions?

Tell us if there a better way to get the information from the Utah Elks Association to you or if your like having a printed version delivered to you at least once a year.

Please discuss this with the members of your lodge and offer feedback to me at ad3l3p3g@gmail.com or your local officers. You can also let any State Officer know or reply on to the state webpage at elksinutah.org.

UEA Spring Meeting 2022 Agenda

Thursday, March 3, 2022

4:00 – 8:00 pm Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

6:30 pm Dinner – St George (Dixie) Lodge

Friday, March 4, 2022

TBA Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

UEA Meetings (Business casual with coat & tie for State Officers & Committeemen)

9:00 – Noon Ritual Competition – Lodge Floor (Dress – Business)
11 o' clock toast and flag tribute

10:00 – Noon UBET Board Meeting – Board Room

Noon – 1:00 pm Lunch – Dining Room

1:00 – 1:30 pm Advisory Council – Lodge Floor

1:30 – 3:00 pm UEA Trustee meeting – 19th Hole

1:30 – 3:00 pm State Major Project / Camp Wapiti – Board Room

4:00 – 5:00 pm Park City LOE – TBD

6:30 pm Dinner – St George (Dixie) Lodge (Dress – Casual)

Saturday, March 5, 2022

TBA Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

Meeting begins PROMPTLY at 8:30 a.m.

General Meeting – St George (Dixie) Lodge Room (Business Casual with coat & tie for State Officers and Committeemen)

Noon PSP/PDD Luncheon – St George (Dixie) Lodge

Noon Lunch – St George (Dixie) Lodge

1:30 pm Grand Lodge Travel Meeting

7:00 pm Banquet – St George (Dixie) Lodge (GL & State Officers – Black Tux & Spring Formal.
Members – Suit & Tie Spring Formal)

Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:00 am Joint North/South DD Clinic – St. George (Dixie) Lodge

LOE MEETINGS

Friday, March 4, 2022

2:00 pm *LOE Executive Board Meeting*

4:00 pm *Park City LOE*

Saturday, March 5, 2022

10:00 am *General Meeting*

Noon *Luncheon*