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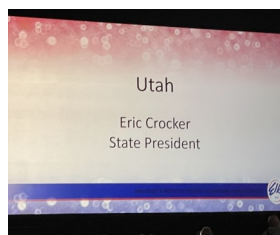
**Fall Meeting September 2022**

## GRAND LODGE 2022 WAS GRAND

The Utah Elks had an impressive representation at Grand Lodge in Atlanta, Georgia. We bid farewell and said “thank you” to PGER T. Keith Mills and Amy and gave an enthusiastic welcome to GER Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady Helen. GER Mills is the Albany County Clerk, Albany, New York. They live in Watervliet, New York and will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary during the year. His theme for the year is “Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm”

UEA President Eric Crocker & First Lady Natalie represented our state with dignity and the GER’s call for enthusiasm.

District Deputies to the Grand Exalted Ruler were installed. Dusty France will serve the North District and Sharon Goetzman will serve the south lodges. Meryl Arns was thanked for his 4 years of service as the Area 7 Fraternal Chairman and Ron Brooks was installed to take his place. Congratulations to all these outstanding Elks and their spouses for their service.



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## **MESSAGE FROM UEA STATE PRESIDENT ERIC CROCKER**

Greetings fellow Elks!

The year has started off fast and furious for Natalie and I in our adventure as your President and First Lady. We have already started off with visitations in Nevada and California for our Area 7 counterparts and have visited Vernal and Eureka lodges in the state. We had a great time representing Utah in Atlanta for our Grand Lodge convention as well.

With all the visits and traveling we have been doing it seems like we have something going on nearly every week. Things are busy but we are having a blast and very much look forward to our remaining lodge visitations and our visit to Arizona for their mid-term convention.

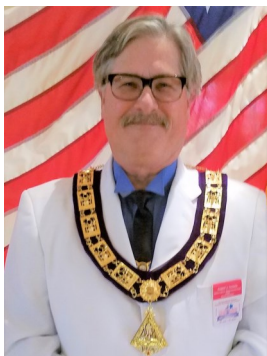
We are also looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Meeting, which after a number of years is coming back to our beloved Camp Wapiti! We hope you all can come and enjoy reconnecting after the busy summer and see the great work we do for the kids and our other visitors to the camp.

Natalie and I are looking forward to seeing everyone and continuing our visitations through all the lodges. Take care, stay safe, and we will see you all at Fall Meeting!

Fraternally yours,

Eric L. Crocker

UEA State President



### **Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani**

Adele and I would like to welcome our State Sponsors, PGER Jim Grillo and Lucia and PGER Robert Duitsman and Beth to our Fall Meeting at Camp Wapiti. We are sure they will enjoy the beauty and peace of our state project as much as we do.

The Utah Elks Association year is halfway through, and it has been amazing. I want to thank our President and First Lady, Eric and Natalie Crocker for a wonderful time at Grand Lodge. They showed everyone that Utah Elks are the Best People On Earth. We also want to congratulate our incoming District Deputy South Sharon Guetzman and our returning DD North Dusty France. Thank Meryl Arns for his four plus years as our Area #7 Fraternal Committee Chairperson, you did a wonderful job. We also would like to congratulate Ron Brooks as our new Fraternal Committee Chairperson for Area 7.

Reporting of our charitable hours, miles driven, and dollars spent is still not being done, Report all the remarkable things we do! Be loud and proud of what you do for our TEAM and Elkdom in Utah.

As we have stated in the past 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, use social media, lodge newsletter and bulletin boards. Share this with your other members and potential members to make Elkdom strong and to help our organization grow. Remember to get those monthly reports to our state Public Relations Chairperson Bob Mattinson from Dixie Lodge.

Remember that you can donate as little as \$5.00 monthly to the Elks National Foundation, any questions contact Lil Barron.

Adele and I also would like to say thank you to all the members and volunteers that made our Little Warriors Camp one of the best ever. The camp looked great the families had an outstanding time. Thank you!

Welcome everyone to our Fall meeting, We are looking forward to seeing you!

**The ENF Fidelity Club**  
**The Foundation's Monthly Giving Program**  
*The easiest way to support the ENF all year round!*

Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation often? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF's monthly giving program.

### **Why Join the Fidelity Club?**

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

### **Ready to Join?**

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](https://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, the form is online.

Questions? Contact [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or 773/755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

**Already a member?** If you have an active monthly gift agreement with the ENF, you have automatically been enrolled in the ENF Fidelity Club!

### **Lodges**

The ENF Fidelity Club is an individual giving and recognition program. We are unable to accept enrollments from groups or Lodges. We encourage Lodges to submit donations via the Online Remittance form and credit individual donors.

### **What are the Benefits?**

The longer you are a member of the Fidelity Club, the more benefits you'll receive!

- **Fidelity Club Sticker:** Following your first monthly gift, you'll receive a special Fidelity Club sticker for your membership card, and your name will appear in the online **Fidelity Club Honor Roll**. At the end of each calendar year, you'll receive a new sticker with your annual statement.
- **Fidelity Club Pin:** Once you've made 12 monthly gifts, you'll receive the ENF Fidelity Pin!
- **Pin Attachments:** Each time you reach an additional benchmark—starting at 25 monthly gifts—you'll receive a pin attachment to wear with your Fidelity pin. Additional attachments will be sent at 50 and 100 gifts.

## VETERANS ARTICLE

This is my first article for the Utah State Newsletter. I will be writing to keep members and Veterans informed with what is going on at the VA. I hope that you will approve of this kind of information and look forward to hearing your comments.

On July 16, 2022, the new **Crisis Line** for Veterans was activated. The new number is **988**, and **then press 1**. This number is for the use of Veterans, caregivers or family members. You may also text 838255. 988 is up and running in Utah and replaces 1-800-273-8255.

Congress has passed a new act and this one is titled *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022*. Under this Bill two new conditions for Agent Orange were added, High Blood Pressure (also called Hypertension) and Monoclonal Gammopathy of Undetermined Significance (MGUS). This is not a single disorder but a group of disorders. In this condition there is abnormal activation of plasma cells and excessive build-up of gamma globulin.

Five new locations have been added to the list of contamination for Agent Orange:

Military Bases in Thailand January 9, 1962 through June 30, 1976.

Laos December 1, 1965 through September 30, 1969.

Cambodia @ Mimot or Krek, Kampiong Chan Province April 16, 1969 through April 30, 1969.

Guam or American Samoa, waters off of them from January 9, 1962 to July 30, 1980.

Johnson Atoll on a ship that called there from January 1, 1972 to September 30, 1980.

If you served on active duty in any of these listed locations the VA will automatically assume or presume that you have been exposed to Agent Orange.

Here is a phone number for Veterans to call if their bank accounts are hacked and they are receiving a new account number from their bank (s). You need to notify the VA if you are receiving disability payments. The number is 1-800-827-1000. Veterans need to have their DD214 in front of them as they will be asked questions from the DD214 to verify their identity.

Please feel free to contact your Lodge Veterans Committee if you need assistance and/or contact me directly. Remember to always reach out to our Veterans with care and honor.

Welcome members ladies and visiting guests. I am excited to return to our beautiful camp wapiti for fall meeting. I have some big announcements for my reports this meeting and will be happy to meet with you after for questions. I look forward to seeing you all soon! Much love Utah First Vice President

Brenda Shaw

## LADIES OF ELKS

At the time of this edition the LOE State President Donna MacBean is dealing with some medical issues and not able to write an article. We wish her the best and extend a warm welcome to all the Utah Lady Elks on her behalf.

### Friday, September 9, 2021

LOE MEETINGS

4:00pm Park City LOE Pavilion

### Saturday, September 10, 2021

LOE MEETINGS – Infirmary

10:00am Board Meeting

10:30am General Meeting



# LITTLE WARRIORS CAMP

The Little Warriors Camp” is a program sponsored by the Utah Elks Veteran program. The children who attend this camp had Warriors who were killed in action or committed suicide due to P.T.S.D.

This year there were 110 total campers and over 175 total volunteers to make this camp such an incredible opportunity for children who have lost a parent in military combat or to military PTSD related suicide.

This beautiful camp is located in the mountains outside of Tooele. There are a large variety of volunteers who come just to work with these children to teach them a variety of skills and provide opportunities for them to try a sport in the beautiful outdoors that they may not have otherwise.

Among the many volunteers were; The Battlin Bettie’s, Tooele City Royalty, in their beautiful gowns, Utah National Guard, Tooele, with a Rock Climbing Wall, Tooele Utah DNR, Tooele with Archery safety training as well as swimming and crafts, and the favorite zip line. The kids also got to learn how to bake cookies, make necklaces, bird feeders, tie dye shirts and hats and roast marshmallows around the campfire.



# Utah Elks Association Fall Meeting 2022 Agenda

## Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

4:00 – 6:30	Registration	Main Lodge Drive Way
6:30	Dinner	Main Lodge

## Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 10:00	Registration	Main Lodge Drive Way
8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast	Main Lodge
9:00 – 10:00	Advisory Council (Exalted Rulers & Leading Knights Required to attend)	Main Lodge
10:00 – 11:00	Drug Awareness Clinic (All members are encouraged to attend)	Main Lodge
10:30 – 11:45	UEA Trustee Meeting	TBD
11:00 – 12:00	Clinic TBD (All Members are encouraged to attend)	Main Lodge
Noon	Lunch	Main Lodge
1:00 – 2:30	Camp Wapiti Board Meeting	TBD
2:00 – 3:00	UBET Meeting	TBD
5:00 – 6:00	Registration Main Lodge	Drive Way
6:30	Dinner	Main Lodge

## Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 – 10:00	Registration	Main Lodge Drive Way
8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast	Main Lodge
9:00 – 11:45	UEA General Meeting	Main Lodge
Noon	Lunch (General)	Main Lodge
Noon	Lunch (PSP/PDD w/spouse)	TBD
1:30	DD Clinic	Main Lodge
6:00	Dinner	Main Lodge

## Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00am	9/11 Remembrance	Camp Wapiti Flag Pole
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