

Youth Activities Report

Fall Meeting 2022

Believe it or not, there are other youth programs Grand Lodge recognizes and we can implement, that are outside Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Junior Golf, MVS scholarship, Anders, and Drug Awareness. I would like to remind or inform you of the others programs, and these can be found in the Grand Lodge Youth Activities program manual under the Activities Committee.

- These include:
- The Dictionary Project
 - Boy Scouting (Marvin M. Lewis award)
 - Student/Tenager of the Month/Year
 - JROTC Awards
 - Public Safety Medal of Valor
 - Public Safety Medal of Service

Some of these are as simple as ordering the award from Grand Lodge and some take some planning and coordination.

I am happy to help ~~and~~ any Youth Activities chairmans or committeemen at the lodge level.

Fraternally,

Anthony Uriona
Youth Activities Chairman

Americanism Report Fall Meeting 2022

With school beginning their new year now is the perfect time to send to your local schools the Americanism Essay Contest. This years theme is "What is your American Dream".

Please make sure that you receive the contest forms from the schools and students by Dec. 15, 2022 ~~judge~~ you need to judge them and turn them in to myself by March 31st 2023. I can send them to Grand Lodge.

This concludes my report

Thank you,

Jesse Gallo State Americanism Chair

Business Practices

Have your staff and/or bar tenders break down the beer and liquor boxes before taking them out to the trash dumpster so that they make sure nothing is left in the boxes.

When you have raffles in your ledges it is best to have 2-3 officers and/or chair members to count money and ~~put~~ put in safe every couple days.

When having an event or dinner after collecting the money it should be counted by at least 2- officers and/or chair then turned over to the sec. so she can receipt it and turn it over to the treasurer.

Make sure your events are making a profit or consider raising your prices.

Thanks

Study Money Rachel

Elks National Foundation Report

State President, honored guests and members

To date, we have donated \$18,627.17 yay!!

To date, we have received \$22,000 in grants from two lodges! Great work, but everyone else this is free money for you, be sure to get your grants in to help your lodge and community.

If you are the ENF chairs for your lodges. Please stand!

The Fidelity Club reached their 35 member goal by Spring Meeting!!! We are now at 34, St George lost a member! Do you remember how many I asked to have by Spring Meeting of 2023! That would be 45 Fidelity Club members!!! I think we can do it! Remember it is just \$5 a month and some give more! We have 3558 members in the state and if all donated just \$5 a month that would be: \$17,790 a month and \$213,480 per year! Wow! And all for one soda or coffee a month!

ENF chairs...remember get your lodges excited about ENF and let's get our totals up this year!! Again, I love being an Elk! We do Share and Care!!!

Presentation:

That concludes my report

Respectfully submitted



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 and start your gift today! If you prefer to sign up through the mail, the form is online.

Questions? Contact 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.

Fall Meeting UBET Minute
Prayer/Pledge

September 9, 2022

Welcome Dignitaries and Guest

Secretary's reading of minutes **Read and Approved**

Treasurer's Report **Handed to Board Members and Discussed**

Old Business

PSP Pins are in the house, and will be finalized and paid as well. **Done**

There is a new name for the Defunct Lodge account
UECAF- Utah Elks Community Assistance Fund (**New Name accepted**)

We have received the EO to release the funds from Richfield Lodge- when we requested the funds were about 180K, but I haven't looked as of today, 50% to UBET, 50% to UEA Which we will need to discuss because the UEA doesn't have an account other than savings for the money for Ritual. And that UBET would create an account like hoop shoot, would not need to be a match request, but Ritual Chairman would need to request fund.

Per our discussion at State convention the break out for the funds would be as follows.

80% to UBET- 50K to a Ritual Account, balance to UECAF holding account (formally the Defunct account)

20% to UEA State Project (Camp Wapiti) but we agreed to a flat 40K

in round numbers

90K to UECAF

40K to Camp Wapiti

50K to Ritual Account

180K

New Business

We received the checks from ENF for Grant and Scholarship funds- they have been deposited and will provide check to UEA at Saturday's General meeting. **Done**

Also I forgot to have PSP Jared who our recommendation for the new UBET member was - Brian Lindsey-we will take care of this at the General Session, and yes the fine will apply to both Jared and myself... **This was done on the Lodge floor at General Meeting.**

Ken will not be able to attend but want his input for the meeting,

we have few request submitted already

- 1- Park City is request a match for Meals on Wheels, fundraiser on Flag Ceremony in June **Approved and Paid**
- 2 -Tooele has a request to match 2k for a fundraiser for an Emergency account for their Lodge **Denied**
- 3 - Tooele has a request to match 200.00 for lunch for Camp Valor **Denied**
- 4- St George has a request to match 1400.00 PER Fundraiser for Scholarship **to be resubmitted at a later time.**
- 5- Golden Spike has a request to match fundraiser for their Christmas charity **Approved and Paid**
- 6- Vernal has a request for Warrior Fundraiser **Approved and Paid**
- 7 - St George has a Hoop Shoot fundraiser match to assist with the cost of the Gym to hold their hoop shoot in (this is new fee, use to be free)
there fundraiser raised 1400.00, but the cost of the gym is 250.00) **Suspended**
- 8-Price Lodge for medical assistance for a member. **Approved and Paid**
- 9-Vernal Lodge- assistance to help build a ramp, **Approved and Paid**
- 10- Salt Lake Annual Donation **Approved and Paid**

We will discuss the request and motion/2nd/vote at UBET meeting, but will discuss after meeting which account (and get needed approvals) the funds should come from and distribute checks to the lodges on Saturday

We have already requested match's for
Tooele 4K for member with Cancer (UECAF account)
Price 1500.00 for member with Cancer (UECAF account)

Donations to UBET

Richard Clayton	\$10.00
MaryAlice Johnson	\$200.00
Louis Manson	\$100.00
Robert Matteson	\$100.00
Dave Troseth	\$100.00
Phil Johnson	\$15.00
Susan Shurtliff	\$10.00
Jared Wanlass	\$10.00
Total	\$545.00

Susan Somers Shurtliff
UBET Chairman

UTAH STATE
FALL MEETING September 2022
VETERANS REPORT

The State Funds for the Veterans Homes in Utah were spent for the Ogden, Payson, Salt Lake and Ivins facilities to purchase Birthday Cakes, flowers for their gardens, fishing trips, birdseed, bird feeders and clothing.

The Ivins Home was closed to volunteers until August 15th. While closed, 10 volunteers from St George Veterans Committee were allowed to work outdoors at the nine patios and cleaned the 12 box gardens of weeds and planted 200 plants of different flowers. The veterans also requested birdseed for the various feeders and candy which we supplied during the long lockdown.

In St George we are working and networking with the Veterans Coalition, Utah Tech University Veterans Club, Rotary Veterans Club, the Veteran's Homeless Rep at the Vet Clinic and the City of Santa Clara where we have proposed a Veteran's Box Garden to be worked into a new park in Santa Clara. The Ivins VA Home is excited for the opportunity this will give their residents to get their hands dirty. The city has approved our plans. They will also include a flagpole monument to Veterans.

At the St George Lodge we have installed a large bulletin board for Veterans. We will post updates of interest to veterans, for example, Pact 22 news, new conditions from Agent Orange, the five new locations around the world that Agent Orange was used, Burn Pit's 20 identified locations and the drinking water issues at Camp Lejeune. I would recommend that each lodge install a bulletin board for veterans with information that may affect them.

The numbers usually presented have certainly been affected by the closure of the VA Homes and the restrictions at many of our retirement homes.

Please note the following:

Participated 542 ELKS 42 Elk Hours 376

Total Hours @ \$22 hour = \$9,338

Total non cash = \$2345

Total cash contributions = \$3778

Note this represents existing reports through August 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Wilson
State Chairman

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

I would like to thank Provo, Price, Park City and St. George for submitting their reports for Public Relations reports. Even Eureka/Tintic supplies some.

I just have to ask why the other 5 Lodges are not as proud of what they do in their community. Each of you have a Face Book Page...but only 3 of you have your own legitimate website. You all tag team with the Elks website and get some exposure.

I just don't understand why the other 5 or 6 Lodges do not submit Public Relations reports.

ER's...if your PR person won't send them, then you are responsible for these reports...Jesse...Barry...Jon...Dyle...Shannon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Matteson

UEA Public Relations Chair.

UEA State Scholarships
Committee Report
Fall Meeting 2022

Members and Guests:

It is scholarship time again for the Elks Most Valuable Scholarship Contest and the UEA Scholarship Contest.

The ENF Scholarship has been available to students starting on August 1st and will continue to be available until November 14th.

Lodge judging will begin on December 2nd and will end on the 19th.

District Judging will begin on Dec 28th and will continue until 11th of January

State Judging will start on the 2nd of February and will continue until the 21st of February.

If anyone is interesting in judging at the district level, please contact the following.

For the North District – Anthony Uriona
And for the South – Lyn Murray

Please contact me if you are interested in Judging at the state level

The National Judging will be completed on March 14 and I should have the finalist at our convention in May.

The online applications for ENF Legacy Scholarship became available on September 1, 2021. The Deadline for the Legacy Scholarship is February 6th, 2021. Remember that Legacy Scholarships are to be submitted online as well, and will be judged by ENF. If you have members in good standing with children or grandchildren, that are seniors in high school, encourage them to apply for this scholarship. Winners are limited in each state, but this is a \$1000 a year for four years scholarship!!!

The UEA Scholarship is for seniors that are in a vocational, alternative, special needs or are in financial hardship. This scholarship is also funded by ENF money and gives us a chance to assist other students with their educational goals. This scholarship application is due by January 30, 2022 to the local lodges. The UEA scholarship form is on elksinutah.org

Lastly, I would like to thank Lyn Murray and Antony Uriona for once again accepting the roles of District Chairman.

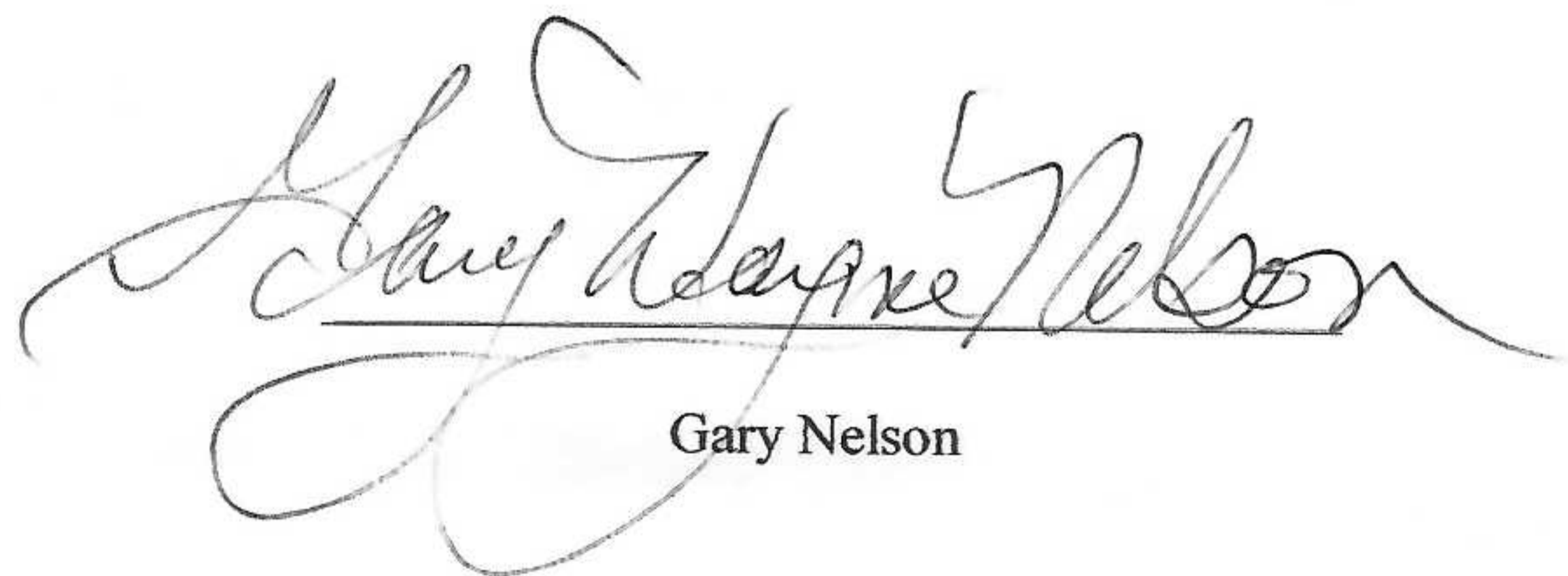
Fraternally,



Jared Variass
UEA Scholarship Chairman

2022 U.E.A. Soccer Shout

The state soccer shoot was held at Camp Wapiti on July 22nd, 2022. It was held in conjunction with the Little Warriors Camp. The shoot was well attended with 59 kids signing up and only 51 kids participating and several of the helpers also shooting. The soccer shoot was postponed for rain and we finished the shoot on Saturday morning and gave out award after eating. We had 4 elks helping and spending total of 52 hours of donated time and driving 250 miles to make a great success of this soccer shoot. I would like to also report and give thanks to all helpers and parents, who spent many hours and drove a lot of miles getting the kids to this event. The kids had a great time and really loved the Trophies, Pennants and T- Shirts that were presented for awards.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary Nelson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name "Gary Nelson".

Gary Nelson

Report Webmaster Justin Muir

09/10/2022

Good morning members all,

Reminder our website is ELKSinutah.org

First page has a calendar that I try to keep updated. It also has the newsletter for the state. *POST TAB*

You can send me events you want on the calendar to my email:

Mrscooter51@gmail.com or utahelkswp@gmail.com

Elks.ORG has some

Local Lodge Website Contest Due date is 10/1/2022

Website or Facebook page judging will be very similar to the state website Contest based on:

- **Content**
- **Layout**
- **Design**
- **Telling the Elks story**

These five points will receive 1-20 points each

I have copies of this application with me, or you can find it on ELKS.org.

Thank you,

Justin Muir

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TO: State Associations and Local Lodges:

The following has been approved by the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee.

LOCAL LODGE WEBSITE CONTEST

The Fraternal Committee of the Grand Lodge will award **Local Lodges** that keep their Members informed and active in Grand Lodge Programs and local communities' projects through a Local Lodge Website or Facebook page.

Local Lodges wishing to participate must have **competed in their respective State** and **having won, been submitted by their State Associations** before October 1, 2022.

Lodges in States not holding a State Website Contest, must submit an application to their Area Representative on the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. The Area Rep will then select a website winner from that State and submit it to the Website Contest Administrator for judging.

Websites **or** Facebook page judging will be very similar to the State Website Contest based on **Content** (news of Grand Lodge Programs, news of State and Local programs); **Layout** (menu or table of contents, accessibility of committees and readability); **Design** (special presentation methods); **Graphics** (pop up or scrolling messages, etc., overall continuity of site, use of photographs or graphics); **and telling the Elks story**. These five points will receive 1-20 points each.

Local Lodges will have their Website or Facebook page accessed three times during the year by the Website Contest Administrator. Website or Facebook page can earn from Three-Star to Five-Star Awards.

All inquiries to: **Ronald A. Brooks**, GL Fraternal Committeeman, 4958 W. Cherry Laurel Lane, West Jordan, UT 84081-6136. E-mail: rabrooks49@gmail.com.

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee



~ **Entry Form** ~

Web Page Address _____, **or**

Facebook Page _____

Local Lodge Name & Number _____

Address _____

Sponsoring State Association _____

Authorized Signature _____ *signature font* _____, Title _____

(Name printed) _____

(State Lodge Activities or Public Relations Chairman, State President, or State Web Page Administrator. Lodges with no State contest, Exalted Ruler)

~ **Register before October 1, 2022** ~

Entry to: Ronald A. Brooks
Contest Administrator
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*** Lodges with NO State Website Contest submit to AREA Fraternal Committee Member ***

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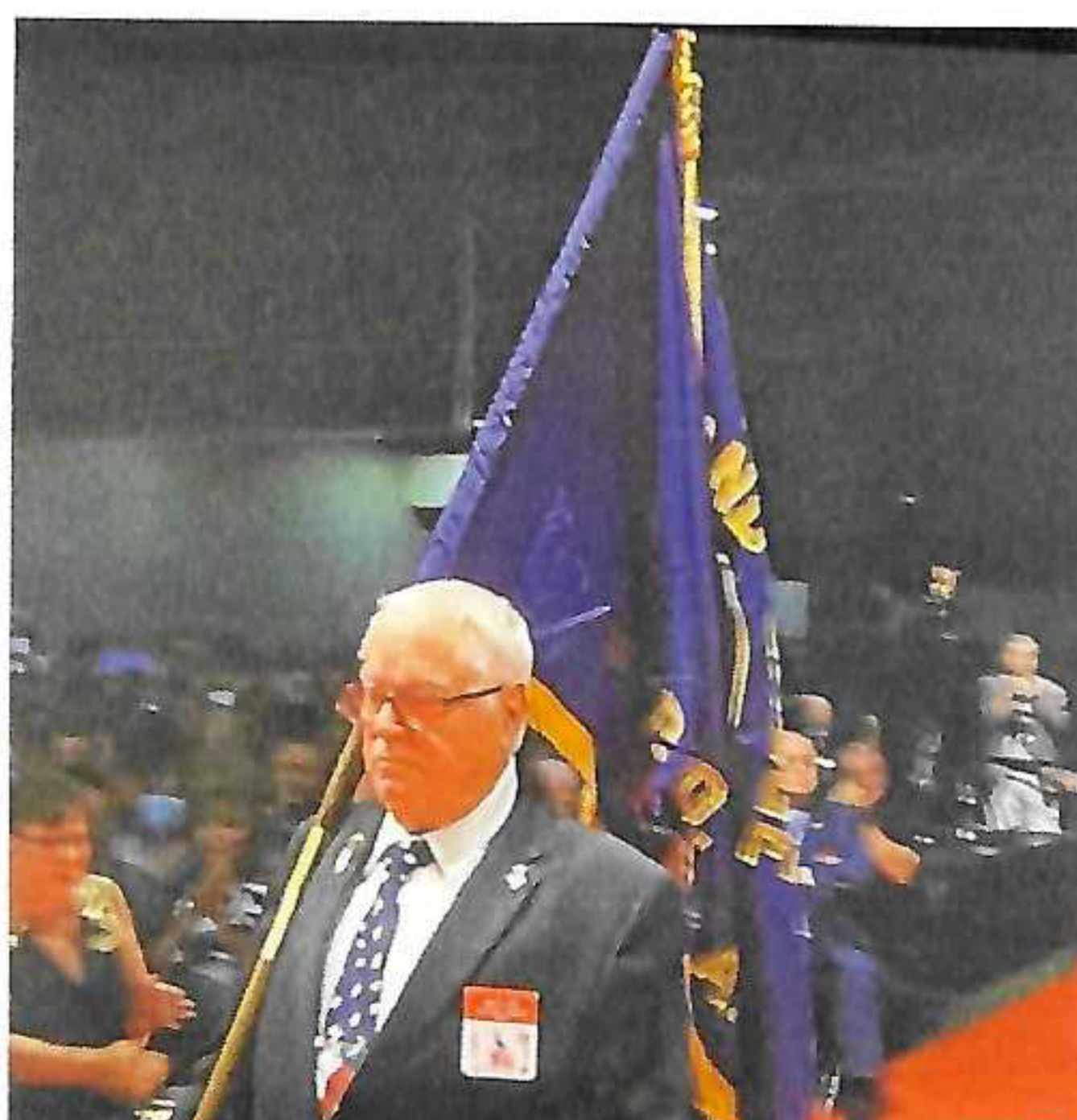
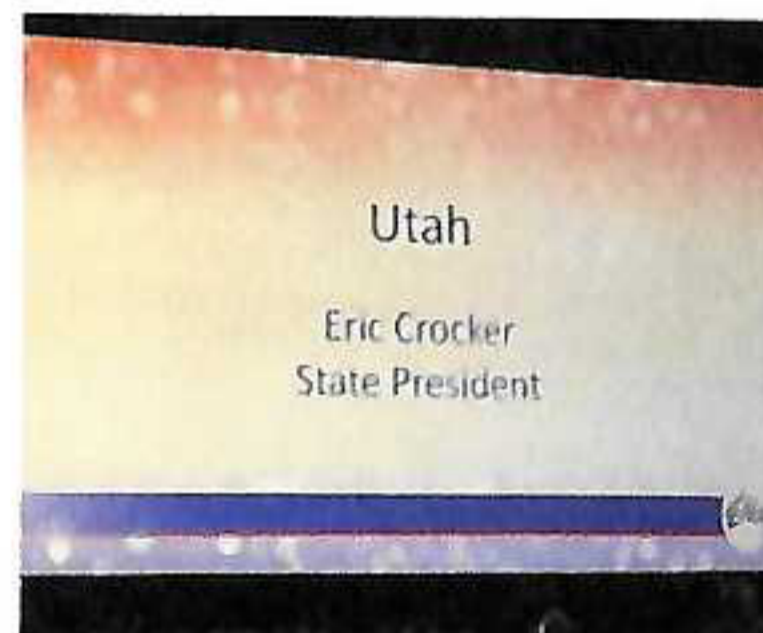
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GRAND LODGE 2022 WAS GRAND

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 40th wedding anniversary during the year. His theme for the year is "Promoting Elkdom 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.

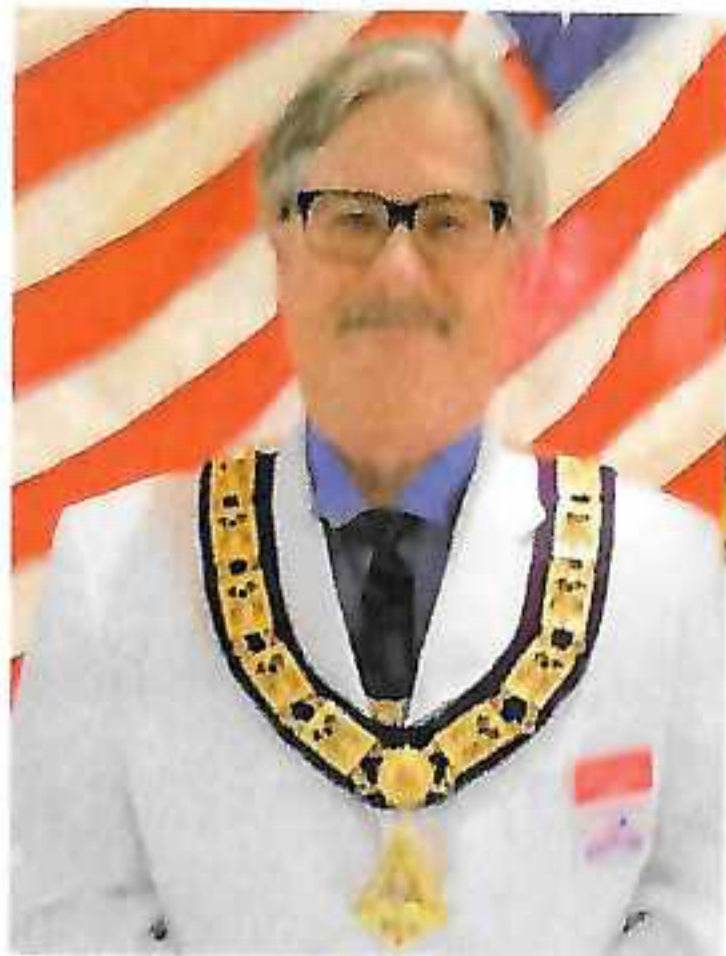
We are also looking forward to seeing everyone at Fall Meeting, which after a number of years is coming back to our beloved Camp Wapiti! We hope you all can come and enjoy reconnecting after the busy summer and see the great work we do for the kids and our other visitors to the camp.

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!

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 Undermined 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

Utah Elks Association Fall Meeting 2022 Agenda

Thursday, September 8th

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

Friday, September 9th

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 10th

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 11th

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

