

UTAH ELKS



Spring Meeting March 2023



UTAH ELKS WELCOME GRAND EXALTED RULER BRUCE A. HIDLEY & FIRST LADY HELEN

Bruce A. Hidley was born and raised in Albany, New York. Bruce graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School, and then attended Hudson Valley Community College, earning an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice in 1979. Bruce worked as an Auditor for the New York State Comptroller's Office for 11 years, and as the City Clerk for the City of Watervliet for over 22 years. Bruce was elected Albany County Clerk in 2013, re-elected in 2017 and currently serves in that position

Bruce and Helen reside in Watervliet, New York. They enjoy camping in the Adirondacks and spending time with their numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. They will be celebrating 40 wonderful years of marriage.

Bruce and Helen are excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, making new friends during their travels, and talking about their motto, "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm." They are honored and proud to work and promote all of the programs in the Elks with great enthusiasm.

“Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm”

Eric Crocker, UEA President

Greetings Fellow Elks!



Natalie and I have been busy representing our state so far this year but having a wonderful time! We have made visits to several of the lodges in the state and seen first-hand the hard work you do in your communities. We have also seen the great fun and wonderful hospitality you have shown us during our visits to your lodges. We have made some visits around to our Area 7 counterparts as well with visits to Arizona, California, and Nevada. All through these visits we made a great many new friends and reconnected with some great Elks we hadn't seen in a while. As we start winding down toward the end of our term, we look forward to visiting the few remaining lodges we haven't visited yet and closing out a wonderful year representing you! You have shown us that without a doubt our members are the Elks leading by example!

Fraternally,

Eric L. Crocker, UEA State President

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Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani

The Utah Elks Association will be hosting our GER, the Honorable Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady Helen at our Spring Convention. On behalf of all UEA members we welcome them along with both of our State Sponsors and their lovely wives, the Honorable Jim Grillo, PGER and Lucia and the Honorable Robert Duitsman, PGER, and Beth. We are happy to have you all in beautiful Southern Utah. Arizona President Mike Weishan and Kathy will also join us.

The Utah Elks Association year is about over, and it has been amazing. I want to thank our President and First Lady, Eric and Natalie Crocker and UEA members for a great year. They showed everyone that Utah Elks are the Best People on Earth.

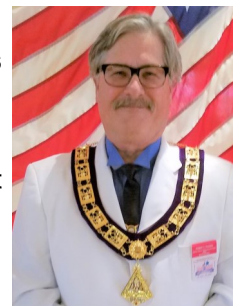
Election of new officers is upon us and the PER's need to step up to mentor them. The future of your Lodge leadership is in play. Recruiting new leadership and maintaining it is the most important task I can think of for a successful and lasting Lodge.

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

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 to share this with your other members and potential members to make Elkdom strong and to help our organization grow. Remember to send those monthly reports to our state Public Relations Chairperson Bob Mattinson from Dixie Lodge.

Grand Lodge session will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 2-5, 2023. This is an awesome way to see what Elkdom is truly about and why we are so strong. The information you receive and the Elks friends you meet throughout the country last a lifetime. You do not have to be an officer to attend, it is open to everyone. There will be a travel meeting at this convention; come listen to what they have to say.

Adele and I welcome Everyone to our Spring meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you.



HONORED GUESTS



Honorable Jim Grillo, PGER, and Lucia



Honorable Robert Duitsman, PGER, and Beth



AZ State President Mike Weishan and First Lady Kathy

STATE VETERANS COMMITTEE

Our Utah ELK volunteers across the State have been very busy the last three months. The following is a report on some of those activities with emphasis on our work at the VA facilities throughout Utah.

Mary Croxen reports that each month at the Ogden Home, Birthday cakes and ice cream were enjoyed by the Veterans while music played, and of course we listened to the Veteran's stories. In October Halloween candy was handed out to children who marched in a Halloween parade at the Home.

Payson celebrated Halloween by filling plastic pumpkins with candy that the Veterans and staff handed out. Bob Pagnani tells us that the Veterans were very busy in November with Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. In December Santa and Elf hats were purchased and all the volunteers walked around singing and handing out the hats to the residents.

Mr. Pagnani also reported that in October we purchased Levi's and winter boots for the Salt Lake Medical Center. Thirteen pairs of pants and 8 pairs of boots were delivered. The staff were very happy. In December enough food was bought to feed 55 homeless Veterans.

At the Ivins Home in St George, we helped their twice weekly Bingo 8 times in October and 8 times in November and 4 times in December as well as bringing out Veterans to a Car Show put on at the Home. We also helped the Vets hand out candy to the parade of children on Halloween. Of course, there was also a Birthday cake and visit each month. The St George Dixie Elks #1743 did their annual Christmas Tree for gifts for the Veterans at Ivins (105) and veterans at eight other retirement homes for a total of 185 gifts. This year Ivins Home allowed us to distribute the gifts to the residents at 8 a.m. on Christmas morning. It was a great way to start this wonderful day and to see the smiles in each room.

For the months of October, November, and December our Veteran volunteers to the three VA homes and the Salt Lake Medical Center put in 250 hours and served 1,065 Veterans.

Thanks to all the Veteran Committees who helped to accomplish so many good works.

Remember to always reach out to veterans with care and honor.

Dick Wilson
Utah State Veterans Chair

STATE ENF COMMITTEE

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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 Fall meeting, I gave the challenge of having 45 Fidelity Club Members and I'm so happy to report as of today, we have 43!!! We need two more by May 5th! I know we can do that!!! Let your Lodge's ENF Chair know if you have questions or hunt me down and I can help!!! Be thinking of ways to get those other two 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

STATE HOOP SHOOT COMMITTEE

Hello fellow Elks, Ladies and guests, We are looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Our State is taking 6 great free throw shooters to the Regional contest in Las Vegas on February 25th. The contest is open to anyone who would like to attend to cheer on our State kids. I look forward to sharing their results of that Hoop Shoot at our next meeting. Our participants names ages and state scores are as follows. 8-9 Braylee Fieldsted 18, Emmett Hoyt 23, 10-11 Alyssa Okerlund 18, Stratton Hallows 23, 12-13 Addison Kuszmaul 20, Jevin Miller 24. Thankyou again for the opportunity to represent our awesome state in a position I dearly love.

Respectfully Utah State Hoop Shoot Chairman Brenda Shaw

UEA Spring Meeting 2023 Agenda

Thursday, March 9, 2023

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge
6:30 p.m. Dinner- St George (Dixie) Lodge

Friday, March 10, 2023

TBD Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

UEA MEETINGS

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

9:00am **UEA OPENING MEETING**

9:45 a.m. – Noon Ritual Competition- Lodge Floor – Business/Lodge Dress
11 O' Clock Toast and Flag Charge Contest

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. UBET Board Meeting - Board Room

Noon Lunch – Dining Room

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Advisory Council – Lodge Floor

1:35 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. UEA Trustee meeting – 19th Hole

1:35 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Grand Lodge Audit Breakout
Required that all Lodge Treasures, Secretaries, Exalted Rulers attend

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. State Major Project / Camp Wapiti- Board Room

LOE MEETING

4:30 p.m. *Park City LOE*

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

Saturday, March 5th

TBA Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

LOE MEETINGS

9:30 a.m. *Board Meeting*

10:00 a.m. *General Meeting*

Noon *Luncheon*

8:30 a.m. **UEA 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

1:15 p.m. Grand Lodge Travel Meeting

2:00 p.m. Joint North/South DD Clinic – Lodge Floor

7:00 p.m. Banquet – St George (Dixie) Lodge - GL & State Officers: Black Tux & Spring Formal,
Members: Coat/Tie