

UTAH ELKS



State Convention, May 2023

SPRING MEETING WAS "GRAND"

The Utah Elks Association held their Spring Meeting in St. George at the Dixie Lodge in March with the current Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley and First Lady Helen, State Sponsors and Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Jim Grillo and Lucia and Bob Duitsman and Beth in attendance. Their attendance was an honor and privilege. Out-of-State dignitaries also included Arizona State President and First Lady, Mike and Kathy Weishan and Grand Lodge Area 7 Auditing and Accounting Chairman Janet Leur and Ed from Arizona.

State President and First Lady, Eric and Natalie Crocker planned and executed a busy and informative weekend that included meetings, breakouts along with visiting Millcreek High School, Ivans Veteran's Home, and the former polygamy community of Hilldale. Mrs. Hidley was honored at a luncheon on Friday by First Lady Natalie and again on Saturday hosted by the Utah Ladies of Elks under the direction of President Donna MacBean. Those that attended the closing banquet were treated to comments by GER Hidley.

Dixies Lodge and Dixie LOE hosted flawlessly and entertained everyone Friday night with a performance that left everyone singing and laughing. The cherry on top though was hearing our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce sing "New York, New York."



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MILCREEK HIGH SCHOOL VISIT



VETERAN'S HOME



Eric Crocker, UEA President

Greetings fellow Elks!



My how the time flies! This past year has been a whirlwind for Natalie and I as we travelled around Area 7 and visited you in all your lodges across the state. First and foremost, Natalie and I would like to thank you for having the confidence in us to serve as your President and First Lady. This has been a great honor for us, and we have had a wonderful time representing the Utah Elks Association through Area 7 and Grand Lodge. We have travelled to California, Nevada, Arizona, and attended the National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago to support our Utah shooters as they compete against the rest of the kids from around the country. We've logged several thousand miles of driving across our beautiful state visiting you in your lodges and have been shown the greatest hospitality from all of you! You have succeeded in living up to the motto I set at the beginning of this journey of "Elks Leading By Example" in the work you do in your lodges and communities! Your lodge programs and community support are second to none and we have seen shining examples of the work you do. We are excited looking forward to what comes next but are also a little sad that it is over so soon. Keep up the fine work you do and continue Leading by Example!

Fraternally,

Eric L. Crocker

State President , Utah Elks Association

Cindy Shepherd, UEA President Elect

I would like to welcome you all to Provo Lodge for our final meeting (State Convention) of the UEA for the year 2022-2023.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to ALL of our visiting dignitaries. Most of all I would like welcome our own membership and Thank You All for coming, not only for spending your hard earned wages but your time. Because without you I would not be where I sit today.

I would also like to thank our outgoing President and First Lady Eric and Natalie Crocker for their outstanding job on representing our state with pride and honor. You have made us proud.

May our bonds and friendship become stronger thru our knowledge we will receive and the fun we will have. I look forward to a fun and informative convention.

Grand Lodge Area 7 Fraternal Committee Member, Ron Brooks

The countdown is coming for all of the GL Fraternal Committee's Contests / Awards . Now is the time for All New ER'S to start his/her year. The first place to check is the GL Fraternal Committee at ELKS.ORG . All of the Forms will be there some Awards / Contest's are date specific please take note of that. You must fill out the paper work all the form's are fillable online it help's the Committee member to read it. Email the form back to the Committee member over that Contest or Award that you are asking about.

Remember if you have any questions call/e-mail the Committee member over the item that you have questions about We are ready to help you with it.

One last thing CONGRATATIONS on being your Lodge New ER for 2023/2024.

Fraternally,

Ron Brooks GL Fraternal Committee Member Area 7

Message from State Sponsor, Honorable James Grillo, PGER

To The Officers and Members of the Utah Elks Association:

I would like to congratulate you on the excellent job you did during your State Meeting in Saint George. You not only hosted the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady, but you also showed them the excellent Charitable Programs the Utah Elks are putting forward into the communities.

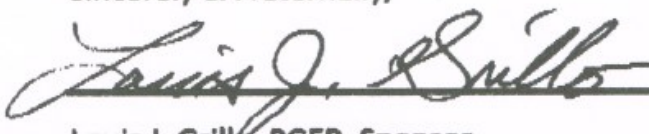
The Grand Exalted Ruler Hidley was most impressed with the visit to Mill Creek High School. It showed how the Utah Elks are helping these children obtain an education for a brighter future. He was then taken to the Veteran Center where he saw, first hand, how Elks never forget the Veterans of our Country. As Utah Elks, you should be very proud of what you are doing and what you stand for. Your President and First Lady, Eric and Natalie Crocker, have done an excellent job this year of representing the Utah Elks. It is no small task to take on the responsibility of the position of President. It takes much time out of their lives and a great deal of dedication. They are to be commended for what they have given to the Utah Elks Association and to our Order.

As we start a new year, Members must step forward to fill the positions in our Lodges and in our Association. They will need membership support to carry out their responsibilities. Remember, we are a volunteer organization. The membership must step forward for the order to succeed. This order is only as strong as its volunteers.

To the members that fill their lodge and state positions, you must learn everything you can about the position you have taken. That way you can share your knowledge with the membership. State Chairman must write articles for the state paper to enlighten the membership to what they are accomplishing. We must use every means of communication to let the members know what we are doing.

I thank all of the Elks that have held positions this past year. You have helped to carry our charitable programs forward. I have no doubt that under the leadership of Utah's new President, Cindy Shepherd, these programs will continue to flourish and grow into the communities.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis J. Grillo", written over a horizontal line.

Louis J. Grillo, PGER, Sponsor

Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani

Welcome all Utah Elks Association members and guests to our 2023 State Convention. Wow another year is gone and we could not be prouder of our State President and First Lady Eric and Natalie Crocker. They have shown our members and Area # 7 how great we are. Adele and I would also like to welcome our new President and First Gentleman for 2023-2024 Cindy and Bob Shepherd. They will do "BIG" things for our state. We want to welcome back our State Sponsors , Jim and Lucia Grillo, PGER and Bob and Beth Duitsman, PGER. We also want to welcome CHEA's State President Brad and Agnus Smith.

I would like to touch a little bit on reporting of committees at conventions and your lodge meetings. State and lodge chairpersons must review the duties of the job, know who you report to and have your report ready. State chairpersons must only report three times per year and to stand up and state " I have nothing to report" is unacceptable. If you don't understand your committee job ask a PSP,DD,PDD or a passed committee chairperson who held that position.

Lastly, I have been asked many times in our state and other state lodges what the duties of the Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler are. Well besides being a pretty face, here are some of the duties as outlined in our GL handbook:

- You are the eyes and ears for the State Sponsors and should be prepared to answer questions about Lodges when asked. Perform all duties and assignments requested by our State Sponsors.
- Keep the State Sponsors informed on the operations of the State Association and Lodges, as well as the performance of individual Elks as appropriate and consistent with the State Sponsor's desired level of involvement.
- In the absence of the State Sponsors, serve as the Grand Lodge representative within the individual state, attending State and Lodge functions and events.
- Provide oversight to state committees and efforts that are directed toward Lodge membership control and growth, financial well-being, community involvement, and general participation in Elksdom.
- Plan and coordinate with state officers all visits by the State Sponsors, the Grand Exalted Ruler, other Grand Lodge Officers or Committee Members, and other visiting dignitaries as appropriate.
- Provide recommendations to the State Sponsors for Grand Lodge appointments and Grand Lodge Officer positions.
- Assist and report to the State Sponsors regarding the administrative affairs of the state.
- Assist in selecting District Deputies within the state and provide recommendation to the State Sponsors through the process in place for the state and approved by the State Sponsors.
- Investigate and address individual Lodge problems and/or situations as identified by the District Deputy, state officials, GL, and others with the goal of keeping the State Sponsors informed. Provide recommendations and/or direction for appropriate corrective actions, then offer oversight and follow-up to ensure that the corrective actions are implemented.

I am here to assist you in every way possible and to make our state grow with membership and be strong.

Fraternally,

Robert D. Pagnani SDGER Utah

Making Memories



GER Hidley and First Lady Helen with
Hildale Mayor Donia Jessop.



STATE VETERANS COMMITTEE

Has your Lodge's Veterans Committee made any plans for Memorial Day? This year, St George #1743 will be presenting a Memorial Day Program in conjunction with the St George American Legion Post 90. The event will take place at the Lodge and will begin with the American Legion Honor Guard presenting colors of each branch of our Armed Forces. We'll follow with a presentation from the Lodge's Veteran Committee, music, a POW display and presentation by the Legion Commander, Bennett Navarro, followed by light refreshments. Please let me know if you have planned any events to mark Memorial Day.

Bob Pagnani reports that volunteers were busy during February gathering supplies for Valentine's Day at the Payson VA Home. They were putting together treats of coloring books, candy, paint brushes, paint, and watercolors which the Veterans really enjoyed. This was a good option to the candy only as a usual treat.

At the Southern Utah VA Home in Ivins the Veterans Committee started Spring by cleaning out the large flower boxes and pots of all weeds and dead plants. On our second trip to the Home, we put in 250 new flower plants to add color to the nine (9) Patios. This is the second year that we've done this project and the Veterans loved the result and some of them continue caring for the plants by weeding and watering through the summer. It is a project that makes both volunteers and veterans happy.

Have you heard of the "Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride"? In September the St George ELKS Lodge #1743 will host 15 to 20 riders at the Lodge September 14th and 15th. The riders make scheduled stops at Gold Star Families who live in the area and present each home with a Memorial Plaque of Distinguished Service to acknowledge their service member's sacrifice and to remind each family that their fallen service member has not been forgotten. The Lodge will provide overnight accommodations and their meals at the lodge.

In over 8 years this group has partnered with more than 100 ELK Lodges across the United States. It is an honor to be asked to be part of this program and to continue our support of the Gold Star Families.

Remember to always reach out to our Veterans with care and honor.

Dick Wilson

Utah State Veterans Chair

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STATE ENF COMMITTEE

Lil Barnes

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop life-long skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

At our Spring Meeting, I gave the challenge of having 50 Fidelity Club Members by State Convention in May. If you remember our Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce A. Hidley challenged us to have 60 by State Meeting!!! I know right now we are over 45 and I couldn't be more proud of our Lodges!! But...I need your help!! As you know, my husband and I were escorts to the Grand and his beautiful wife, Helen and in his challenge he said that IF we reach the 60 by State Meeting, he would have my husband, Wayne stand at Grand Lodge and announce our State's Fidelity Club Members! Can you help me out!! I would love to see him have to do that!! To sign up is easy, go to Elks.org and when you donate, instead of a one time donation, click the recurring donation. Make it \$5, \$10 or \$100...whatever you can give! Each donation counts and not only does it help ENF and our programs, it helps our State take care of each of the Lodge's programs!!

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 in May!!!

STATE HOOP SHOOT COMMITTEE

I am so excited to once again have the state convention meeting at my home lodge. I love our building and the fun opportunity to have you all share it with us.

I hope all those who wanted to were able to send well wishes to our Region 7 Champions. Both of the 10–11-year-old shooters are from the Cedar City Lodge. Stratton Hallows and Alyssa Okerlund. Both shooters come with a great track record so far. I also hope that as many as possible tune in on the live you tube stream to watch our kids and cheer them on. I am so happy that the ENF Hoop Shoot Program is continuing to make it available so all who wish to watch have a chance. I look forward to giving you all their results at our meeting. I also want to again SINCERELY thank all of you who so kindly donated to our Hoop shoot families at the spring meeting. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Respectfully

Brenda Shaw

Utah 1st Vice President

Utah State Hoop Shoot Chairman



Utah Elks Association Convention 2023 Agenda

Thursday, May 4, 2023

5:00pm – 7:00pm Registration Provo Lodge (Lobby)
 6:00pm Dinner Provo Lodge Dining Room Dress: Casual
 7:00pm Bingo Provo Lodge Floor

Friday, May 5, 2023

8:00am Registration – Provo Lodge (Lobby)
 9:00am **GENERAL MEETING** – Provo Lodge Floor
 (Business Dress – Coat & Tie for State Officers & Committeemen)

 9:45am Exalted Rulers & Leading Knights Training/Breakout – (Lodge Room)
ALL EXALTED RULERS AND LEADING KNIGHTS ARE ASKED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE! Any new or
 upcoming Lodge Officers also please come to get an understand of what is ahead of you. All other UEA Members are
 welcome to attend also.

 10:15am UEA Trustee Meeting (Board Room)
 10:45am ENF-Grants Breakout (LOE Room)
 11:00am Camp Wapiti Board Meeting – (Board Room)
 11:30am Advisory Council Meeting (Exalted Rulers & Leading Knights) – (LOE Room)
 Noon Lunch – Lodge Dining Room
 1:00pm UEA Memorial Service – Lodge Floor
 Dress: Exalted Rulers: Black Tux
 Members & Guests: Coat & Tie or Business Dress

 3:00pm Campaigning Social – Outside Patio
 (Campaigning will last until 4:00pm)

 6:00pm Dinner – (Dining Room)
 Casual Dress

 7:00pm Camp Wapiti Exalted Ruler Walk – (Lodge Floor)
 (All Exalted Rulers will present their Lodge donations to Camp Wapiti)

 7:30pm Casino Night – (Lodge Floor)

| LOE MEETINGS | | |
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| 8:00am | Board Meeting | (Dining Room) |
| 9:30am | General Meeting | (Dining Room) |
| 11:00am | LOE Memorial Service | (Dining Room) |
| 4:15pm | Park City LOE | (Big Patio) |

Saturday, May 6, 2023

7:30am PER Breakfast – Provo Lodge (Dining Room)

 8:00am Registration – Provo Lodge (Lobby)

 8:30am **GENERAL MEETING** – Provo Lodge Floor
 (Business Dress – Coat & Tie for State Officers & Committeemen)

 Noon PSP/PDD Luncheon – LOE Room
 Noon Lunch – Dining Room

 2:00pm UEA 2021/22 Officer Installation – Lodge Floor

 6:00pm Champagne Toast Reception – Provo Lodge

 7:00pm UEA New President's Banquet – Lodge Floor
 Dress: Black Tux/Black Tie & Formal

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| 9:30am | General Meeting – | (Dining Room) |
| Noon | Lunch | (Dining Room) |
| 1:00pm | LOE Installation – | (Lodge Room) |
| 3:00pm | Board Meeting – | (LOE Room) |

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00am Grand Lodge Travel Meeting – Provo Lodge