

UTAH ELK



Fall Meeting September 2023

MESSAGE FROM UEA STATE PRESIDENT



wELKome All,

I would like to welcome all of you to the UEA Fall Meeting being held at our beautiful Camp Wapiti.

With summer ending. I look back at what a fun filled summer I have had. Bob and I have visited the other Area 7 States, made new friends, and got to visit with old friends. What a fabulous experience!

Let me say a little something about the Grand Lodge Convention. WHAT An HONOR it was to represent Utah and to carry the State Flag!

We have scheduled and / or attended most of the lodge visitations. Bob and I have enjoyed spending time with the members of each lodge. Keep up the great work.

My time as President is brief, but my memories with all of you will last a lifetime.

Can't wait to see you all at Camp!

Fraternally,

Cindy Shepherd, UEA State President



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Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani

Adele and I, on behalf of all Elks in Utah, want to welcome our State Sponsors, PGER Jim Grillo and Luci and PGER Robert Duitsman and Beth, to our Fall Meeting. We know they will enjoy their time with all of you at Camp Wapiti. We also welcome the Nevada State Presidents Frank Reynolds, III and his lovely wife, Marie.

The Utah Elks Association year is halfway through, and I want to thank everyone for your continuous support. We want to thank our Madame President and First Gentleman, Cindy and Bob Shepherd. They showed everyone that Utah Elks are the best people on earth at Grand Lodge.

We all want to thank our Travel Coordinators Hortt and Suzzane Carter for a great Utah Night at Grand Lodge and arranging all our accommodations. Congratulations to our new District Deputy North, Jared Wanlass and our returning District Deputy South, Sharon Goetzman. This will be Sharon's last year as District Deputy South so PER's from the five lodges in the South District to your lodge send your applications in January for those eligible and interested in serving as the next DD.

The Past Exalted Rulers need to step up and mentor the officers in their lodges. The future of your Lodge leadership is in play. Recruiting new leadership and supporting it is the most important task I can think of for a successful and lasting Lodge.

I would like to address all members about Ritual. The duties of Grand Lodge and State Ritualistic Committee are to promote and encourage good Ritual and stress the importance of a good Ritual program in lodges. Ritual is one of the major foundations of our Order and we would like to see Utah get more involved. Presently we do not have enough judges. We are looking for word, floor, and computer judges. These are two-year commitments(GL Ritualistic Manual 2021). With the State Sponsors and UEA Trustees and approval, we have funds to send members to district or out of state clinics and get our program going. We know it is going to take a few years to accomplish this. More members need to get involved; Ritual is important. Remember also that yearly participation in the Eleven O'clock Toast and Flag Charge competition. If you are interested, please contact Anthony Uriona UEA Ritual Chair or me.

Fraternal yours SDGER Utah, Robert D. Pagnani



BRAG ABOUT WHAT YOU DO

Public relations is more than just bragging about what the Elk's do for their communities. It is also about getting the mayors of your various cities to do Proclamations for Patriotism week, Red Ribbon week, Veteran's week and Youth week. Get your mayors to do these Proclamations and along with that you will be letting the entire community know as well. Elks do good things for our communities and need to be recognized for that effort.

Bob Matteson

Exalted Ruler St. George 1743

UEA State PR Chair

Utah Membership

Since taking the Membership chairman position, my eyes have been opened. There are a lot of friends that we have not met yet waiting to be initiated. I know that we are on our summer pause, but we have 87 new candidates waiting to be initiated as of August 4th. Please contact those who are waiting and arrange for an initiation meeting soon. There are Officers in place that are just getting their feet under them – like me. So, let's learn together. Whatever I can do to help you please let me know.

Utah State Membership Chair

Wayne Barnes

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UTAH NIGHT AT GRAND LODGE IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Like many of you, I attended the Grand Lodge Convention. The DAP Directors held a two day training on the Saturday and Sunday before the opening ceremony. I will say it was a very informative and enlightening training. Never dull or boring with speakers on various problems of what is happening in our communities. Just one of these is the illegal drugs that are coming into this country and killing many individuals due to synthetic materials that are being used to resemble the real opioids.

You may have heard about the recent fentanyl and xylazine that are being used as filler material to produce these pills and other forms of drugs. Unfortunately, as last year's DAP Essay contest stated "One Pill Can Kill" is a true fact as has been proven over and over again. This year the contest title is "Be Kind to Your Mind – Live Drug Free." See website elks.org/dap for rules.

I have reached out to each of our local DAP chairs with information on the elksdap.org site that is available to share with everyone in their communities to bring even more awareness of the dangers for our young people. One of these things we can do is the "Red Ribbon Week" Oct 23-31 it is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. It was started after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "KiKi" Camarena who was brutally tortured and murdered in 1985 by drug traffickers that he was investigating in Mexico.

Also, there is an award for a local/state and national officer that fits the criteria that have been set by DAP. See website for rules and deadlines.

We all need to work together to get this message out, please help your lodge DAP chair to succeed in your communities.

Priscilla "Perk" Matteson

UEA State DAP Chair



Grand Lodge at Minneapolis was GRAND.

VETERANS ARTICLE AUGUST 2023

We have had a lot of activity at the VA Homes and Salt Lake Medical Center since the last newsletter.

Ogden was busy serving Birthday cakes each month and visiting with the Veterans.

Our volunteers at the Salt Lake Medical Center were planning to go shopping for clothing and food for the Food Bank to help homeless Veterans in July. I am sure that was a great success, and the Veterans will be taken care of.

The Payson Home had their Ride of Honor and enjoyed three (3) hours of fun. They reported that everyone had a great time. Payson also had a BIG Car Show in June that had over 100 cars and over 1000 people attended. They raised funds to take Veterans to the theater, fishing, and on gambling trips.

At the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins, we were busy with their twice weekly Bingo, and monthly Birthday Cakes and we helped celebrate Pioneer Day at the Home with a Pie Party. We also assisted at several field trips, helping with wheelchair bound veterans. We visited the Warbird Museum at the St George Airport, Walmart for shopping, and the Golden Corral for lunch. We also purchased batteries for two Veterans for their electric wheelchairs and gave the Home \$300 for the cost of haircuts for those veterans who cannot afford these extras.

The St George Memorial Day Event was a success with 90-100 people attending. This was put on by the St George Lodge #1743 Veterans Committee as a first-time endeavor. Many have asked that we do it again next year. We are now looking forward to the visit of the "Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride" September 14th and 15th. We've received word that more than the originally reported twenty riders will be coming. This will be a significant event for our Gold Star Families.

I would like to hear what the Lodges are doing for your local veterans and/or events you are holding.

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

Dick Wilson
Utah State Veterans Chair
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UEVP LITTLE WARRIORS CAMP



Picture credit to Shelia Webster, State Photographer

Ladies of Elks



I hope everyone had a great summer and stayed safe during the extreme heat! I am excited for the Fall Meeting to be held at Camp Wapiti again this year. All State LOE meetings will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, in the Dispensary. Board meeting will be at 9:00 am, General meeting will be at 10:00 am, and please join us in a celebration of the L.O.E. Past Presidents at 11:00 am. The theme for this special event is "Be a Hippy/Dippy". Feel free to wear hippy clothes and come have some fun as we celebrate those who were once Presidents of this great organization.

Lastly, please join me on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at 7:30 am at the flagpole by the main lodge for a special 9-11 tribute performed by South Davis Metro Fire Honor Guard to honor those who lost their lives for us.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Tooele. If you are unable to attend, you will be dearly missed. For those attending, please travel safely!

Jessica Hardy, President
Utah Ladies of Elks Association

Friday, September 8, 2023

4:30pm Park City LOE—Pavillion

Saturday, September 9, 2023

LOE MEETINGS – Dispensory

9:00am Board Meeting
10:00am General Meeting
 Past State Presidents Gathering
 Immediately after general meeting

Utah Elks Association Fall Meeting 2023

Agenda

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:00pm – 7:00pm Registration – Camp Wapiti

6:30pm Dinner – Main Lodge
Dress: Casual

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:00am – 11:00am Registration – Camp Wapiti

7:30am – 8:30am Breakfast – Main Lodge

9:00am - 9:30am UEA General Meeting – Main Lodge
Dress: State Officers: coat and tie
 Members: coat & tie or business casual (collar shirt)

General Meeting adjourned until 8:30 am Saturday, September 9th

9:30am Advisory Council Meeting – Main Lodge

10:00am Drug Awareness Breakout Meeting – Main Lodge

10:30am UEA Trustee Meeting – Main Lodge

11:15am UBET Board Meeting – Main Lodge

Noon Lunch – Main Lodge

1:00pm Ritual Breakout Meeting – Main Lodge

1:45pm Little Warriors Camp Meeting – TBD

2:00pm Camp Wapiti Board Meeting – TBD

2:30pm Corn Hole (50/50) Tournament – TBA
\$5.00 Entry
½ Goes to Camp Wapiti
½ Prize Money (1st, 2nd, & 3rd)

6:30pm Dinner – Main Lodge
Dress:

Saturday, September 9, 2023

7:30am - 9:00am Registration – Camp Wapiti

7:15am – 8:00 am 9/11 Tribute - Flagpole

8:30am UEA General Meeting – Main Lodge
Dress: State Officers: coat and tie
Members: coat & tie or business casual (collar shirt)

Committee Reports

Committees reporting to 2nd Vice President

Business Practices	Donna MacBean
Elks Training	Annette Hansen
Brochures/Lodge Activities	Bonnie Blackson
Protocol	Meryl Arns
Accident Prevention/Insurance	Mary Alice Johnson

Committees reporting to 1st Vice President Glen Smith

Americanism	Dan Ashworth
Ritualistic	Anthony Uriona
Membership	Wayne Barnes
Elks National Foundation	Lil Barnes
National Veterans Service	Dave Wilson
Sponsor's Award	Brian Lindsay

Committees reporting to President-Elect Brenda Shaw

Public Relations	Bob Matteson
Youth Activities	Anthony Urinoa
Antlers	Brenda Shaw
Scholarships	Jared Wanlass
Hoop Shoot	Brenda Shaw
Soccer	Gary Nelson
Drug Awareness	Perk Matteson
Junior Golf	Gary Nelson

Committee reporting to President Cindy Shepherd

Utah Elk	Adele Pagnani
Laws	Jay Averett
State Meeting Coordinator	Brian Lindsay
Government Relations	Susan Shurtliff
Webmaster	Justin Muir
State Directory	Linda Gaines
Grand Lodge Travel	Hortt Carter

UEA Advisory Council	Advisory Council President
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UEA Trustees	Adele Pagnani, Chairman
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UBET Board	Susan Shurtliff, Chairman
Camp Wapiti Board	Jim Barnes, President
UEA Treasurers Report	Betty Archambault, UEA Treasurer
UEA Secretary Report	Linda Gaines, UEA Secretary
Old Business	
New Business	
Remarks from Grand Lodge Officers and Dignitaries	
Announcements	
General Meeting Closed	

Noon Noon	PSP/PDD Luncheon – Spouses Invites – Main Lodge Lunch – Pavilion
2:00pm	DD Clinic – Main Lodge
6:00pm	Dinner – Main Lodge Dress: Casual