

UTAH ELKS



Spring Meeting March 2024

UTAH ELKS WELCOME GRAND EXALTED RULER RANDY P. SHOOK & FIRST LADY WANDA



Nashville, Tennessee is the birthplace of country music, bluegrass, and Randy Paul Shook who was born in its rolling hills on the 25th of November..

Completing school in 1974, Randy worked in the family farming operation until 1977 when he joined the team at Genesco, a shoe manufacturer in nearby Pulaski.

In 1984, Randy discovered his vocation while studying Real Estate, Banking, and Economics at Columbia State Community College and became an affiliate real estate broker. After continuing to take courses through the Tennessee Real Estate Educational System and graduating from the Nashville Auction School, Randy became a licensed Real Estate Broker and Auctioneer in 1986. He founded his company, Appraisals Plus, in 1992 after becoming a Certified Real Estate Appraiser,

Randy was proposed and initiated into Lawrenceburg Lodge No. 2206 in 1993 and continues to this day to be an active and dedicated member, He served as Tennessee State President in 2005- 2006. Randy was named Area 3 Grand Lodge Government Relations Member from 2007 through 2009. He was elected Grand Treasurer for 2009-2010. Randy was named Area 3 Public Relations and Marketing Member from 2014 to 2018. In 2018, he was elected to represent Area 3 on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Building Applications–West Member in 2018-2019, as Pensions and Benefits Member in 2019-2020, as Secretary of the Board in 2020-2021 and Chairman of the Board in 2021-2022.

Randy and Wanda were married on March 19, 1982, and together they have two sons: Brad and Billy. Tragically, Brad died in 2021 after a brave fight against pancreatic cancer. Randy and Wanda continue to reside in Lawrence County, Tennessee where they are surrounded by extended family, friends, and most importantly, their four wonderful grandchildren: Madison, Jacob, Griffin, and Vaida.

Cindy Shephard, Utah Elks Association President



Bob and I would like to welcome you all to Spring Meeting in sunny St. George. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook and First Lady Wanda, along with our State sponsor's Jim (Luc[a] Grillo and Bob (Beth) Duitsman. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our visiting Arizona State President Al (Brenda) Kayal.

At this point in my presidency. Bob and I have had the great opportunity to visit all the area 7 states, Grand Lodge, area 7 hoop shoot and many of the lodges in the Great State of Utah. We enjoyed every one of them, but

mostly we enjoyed meeting and making new friends throughout our travels. Elks are truly the Best People On Earth.

I would like to congratulate Jean Combs for representing the state of Utah on the Elks Rose Bowl float. You made us proud to be an Elk.

May we have a productive and informative weekend and let's have some fun doing it. Learning from other lodges what has worked for them on different things may also work for another lodge.

Most of all I would once again like to thank all of you for not only spending your money but your time in coming to these meetings. I hope you will leave this meeting with a little more knowledge and more people that you call family.

Fraternally,

Cindy Shephard, UEA State President

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Message from Special Deputy GER Pagnani

Welcome all Utah Elks Association members and guests to our 204 Spring Convention. We want to welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler Randy and Wanda Shook. Let us show them what a great organization the Utah Elks Association is. We want to welcome back our state sponsors, Jim, and Lucia Grillo PGER and Bob and Beth Duitsman PGER. Congratulations to our State President Cindy Shepard and First Gentleman, Bob. The stars have been shining brightly over Utah the past year.

I would like to thank all lodges that have been very conscientious about over-serving members. Remember that outside drinks should not be allowed, that includes water bottles, coffee cups, closed cans of soda to mention a few. Section 15.090 The possession or consumption of alcohol beverages at any regular or special meetings of a Lodge or at any statutorily required service held within the Lodge is prohibited.

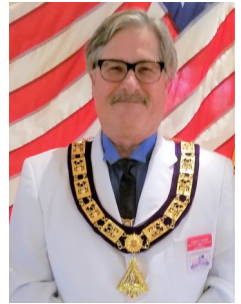
Remember members: Section 9.070 decision 16. Vile, obscene, and insulting language used in Elks club is an offense against the Laws of the Order.

I would like to touch a little bit on reporting of committees at conventions and your lodge. State and lodge chairpersons review your 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 do not understand your committee job, ask a PSP, DD, PDD or a passed committee chairperson who held that position.

The District Deputy Utah North and South and I are 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



Greetings fellow Elks, Ladies and Honored guests, Greg and I are excited to once again be with our elks family at our spring meeting. We are looking forward to some warm spring weather and meeting our Grand Exalted Ruler and his first Lady. Safe travels!

Brenda Shaw, UEA President Elect

U.E.A. Constitution and By-Law

Every five years our By-laws need to be updated and ratified by U.E.A membership, Lodges and submitted to Grand Lodge.

Our last update was completed in 2020. In this current process it was requested that three additional items in U.E.A Constitution and By-Law be changed.

To accomplish this a rough draft will be submitted to U.E.A membership at Spring Meeting in March in St George for discussion and input. If supported by the membership, a final draft will be submitted at the State Convention in May in Provo. The next step would be to read and post proposed changes to the membership in preparation for voting at the Fall Meeting.

Item 1. Proposed change: for U.E.A going to **two** State meetings a year, instead of **three**.

Item 2. Proposed change: for the eliminating the office of President Elect.

Item 3. Proposed change: Past State President / Past District Deputies Association to Past State President Association.

Item 4. Correct any spelling, punctuation, and formatting issues in the final document.

For some of these items, the members at the Spring Meeting will be asked for a consensus on the changes. For example: if the U.E.A support the two meetings a year, what meeting will be utilized March or May and what will this meeting be called (Spring Meeting or Convention). Several names are used in the document, need some clarification.

I know this does not answer all your questions, but hopefully during the Spring Meeting we will be able to do that.

Thanks,
Jay Averett PDD, PSP
Laws Chairman

If you have any updates or changes to the Constitution or By-laws, Please E-mail me at averettjay@gmail.com.

I was honored to be selected to ride on the Elks 2024 Rose Parade float. I was able to do so because of the amazing support I received from Utah Elks. The generous donations from our state made this trip possible and I am extremely grateful for this unique opportunity.

This year's Rose Parade theme was "Celebrating the World of Music" and the Elks entry was titled Chimes of Liberty, Protecting Our Future. The parade team wanted a member from each of the six armed forces on the float. I am a 30-year veteran of the United States Air Force and was excited for the opportunity to ride the float as the Air Force representative. My sister, Bonnie Blackson Park City Lodge 734 Secretary, accompanied me on this adventure. One of our goals for this trip was to visit as many Elks Lodges as possible. We wanted to hear about projects other Lodges were involved in and we especially enjoyed touring the buildings and meeting other Elks. Members of every Lodge we visited had unique stories to tell and everyone was very happy to show off their stomping grounds. Unfortunately, many of the Lodges we visited were not open because we wanted to do all our traveling during the day. A few of the Lodges we visited were over 100 years old, full of character and tradition.

Another goal of our trip was to travel along Route 66 from Albuquerque to Santa Monica. We managed to stop at every Americana roadside attraction along that portion of the route.

Once we arrived in Pasadena, we ventured to the float hanger to meet the Elks volunteers who spent countless hours preparing the magnificent float. I'm not sure how much we actually helped but we enjoyed meeting everyone and getting a glimpse of all the hard work involved in the preparation. That evening we met the other veteran float riders and attended the float recognition dinner at the newly renovated Pasadena Elks Lodge. The next day we participated in the float judging and had the opportunity to meet the three young Antlers who were riding the float with us. New Year's Eve was another magnificent celebration with a formal dinner and dance at the Pasadena Elks Lodge.

Parade day started bright and early at 5:15 am. The floats were lined up and riders needed to be in place before the roads were closed. Bonnie was taken to the Pasadena Lodge for breakfast and had a seat right up front to view the parade. Our float was entry number 75 so we had plenty of time to prepare. The first corner of the parade route is called TV corner. Fortunately, this corner is owned by the Pasadena Elks. From the moment we passed TV corner until the end of the parade route the spectators gave us standing ovations and thanked us for our service. The support and the well wishes we received were extremely heartwarming.

Once again thank you all for the support and the amazing opportunity to participate in the 2024 Rose Parade.

Jean Combs, Park City Lodge 734





Editors Note: Jean was selected from applications across the nation. An selection all Utah Elks are proud of. Thank you Jean for representing us with dignity, style, and grace.



UBET

UBET Crown Royal Quilt Opportunity drawing in Genny B honor!!! Mindy Williams (Golden Spike LOE) made this quilt to honor Genny B's support for UBET and the UEA Association. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 Tickets for \$20.00. The drawing will take place at State Convention in Provo. See any UBET Board member for tickets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

I am going to brag, just like Adele stated, about what the Utah Elks Association did this Christmas season. From Tintic, Golden Spike, Park City, Provo, Price, Cedar City, Tooele, St. George, Vernal and Bountiful...each of these Lodges and their members helped to make it a Joyful Christmas. Thank you for the generous way you contributed to the Angel Trees and the Veterans Tree. You made someone happy, and we know that because we received notes and cards from many of those who received gifts and food. Saying it was the "Best Christmas Ever."

I am proud to be a part of the Elks and the PR person in charge of the state of Utah. Thank you for reading my ramblings.

Bob Matteson

U.E.A. State Public Relations Chairperson

STATE VETERANS COMMITTEE

This quarter has been very busy throughout the State with winter and the Holidays.

At the Ogden Home the Veterans celebrated their Birthdays and were visited each month.

The Committee that volunteers at the Payson Home helped with a Halloween Party for over 800 kids plus parents and everyone had a great time. In December the Committee purchased stockings for all the Veterans at the Home and filled them with candy and flashlights. They also contacted a local credit union who supplied each Veteran with a calendar. These treats were delivered on Christmas Eve.

The Committee who works at the Salt Lake City VAMA coordinated with the Homeless Veterans Department to purchase needed items for the winter. They purchased 21 pairs of boots, 14 pairs of gloves and 21 pairs of winter socks. They were also able to distribute 50 winter jackets that had been donated.

Volunteers from St George Lodge 1743 donated many hours to helping with programs at the Southern Utah Veterans Home in Ivins. They supply help to Bingo 2 days a week, a Birthday Cake and visit each month, assisted Veterans with shopping at Walmart, assisted the Veterans at restaurants for breakfast or lunch and travel in the vans for fun excursions to help with wheelchairs and walker dependent veterans. Additionally, we provided many volunteers to assist at the Halloween party with over 800 kids and parents. This is an annual event that the community looks forward to and we were able to provide 8 volunteers, in costume, to help the Veterans and Trick or Treaters. Christmas was a busy time in Southern Utah as we held our Christmas Tree event again this year. 173 Veterans names were on the tree this year. The Stars with gift wishes were taken by Lodge members very quickly and Veterans at 8 different homes and care facilities received much that they asked for. The Ivins Home allowed the Veterans Committee to deliver the gifts to each of the 100 Veterans at 8:30 a.m. on Christmas morning. What a great way to start this special day with a gift, a Merry Christmas wish, and a big smile. We were met with a sincere Thank you!

I would be happy to share activities from the individual Lodges if you would forward your information to us.

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

Dick Wilson

Utah State Veterans Chair

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STATE TRUSTEES

The Trustees remind you that the registration fees for the State Convention are changing. All members and Ladies of Elks will pay \$10.00 if registered early. Elk members will need to pay full registration of \$35.00 after early registration closes or at the door. If you are both a member of the Elks and a Lady Elk, only the member amount applies. The registration form will reflect these changes. Registering early is extremely helpful to the hosting lodge's meal planning.

This is a busy time of year for all the committee chairs. In accordance with our UEA State by-laws, ". It is the responsibility of each Chair to manage that program with the approved budget. Each Committee Chair or the reporting Vice-President or President has not authority to exceed the budget without prior written approval from the Board of Trustees." Plan ahead and if it looks like you might need to exceed your budget because of rising cost make sure you come to the Trustee's meeting at Spring Meeting for approval.

Adele Pagnani, State Trustee

STATE HOOP SHOOT COMMITTEE

Hello all, I am so excited for the finally of our 2023 2024 hoop shoot year. We have attended several local contests and can proudly say that our lodge hoopshoot chairman are doing an outstanding job. We have some Amazing shooters headed into our State contest. From the South in 8-9 girls is Taylee Westwood from Cedar City lodge. 8-9 boys is Hendrix Lay from St George Dixie lodge. 10-11 girls is Braylee Fieldsted from Cedar City lodge. 10 -11 boys is Zion Hallows from Cedar City lodge. 12-13 girls is Reece Roper from Cedar City lodge. 12-13 boys is Stratton Hallows from Cedar City lodge. In the North in 8-9 girls Hazel Montgomery from Golden Spike Lodge. 8-9 boys is Jack Olsen from Golden Spike Lodge. 10-11 girls is Scarlett Nelson from Golden Spike lodge. 10-11 boys is Jackson Fuller from Golden Spike lodge. 12-13 girls is Danielle Deem from Golden Spike lodge. 12-13 boys is Jevin Miller from Bountiful lodge. Let's wish the well on their last few rounds before Nationals. I look forward to seeing you all soon! Please remember all are welcome to come cheer our kids on at any level.

Respectfully Utah State Hoop Shoot Chairman Brenda Shaw

DRUG AWARENESS

This year I am proud to announce that we had two nominees submitted for the Enquire “Kiki” Camarena award. For those that may not know, this award is given to a Drug enforcement officer who has gone over and above in helping to stop the drug traffickers. One of the nominees came from the Cedar Lodge and the other from St. George, thanks to Tiffany Hansen and Mary Ann Novak Lodge Chairs. The State winner was from the Washington County Drug Task Force (WCDT), Detective Brett Gibson and was sent on to DAP Directors for judging at the National level. Results will be released in March. Below is an excerpt from the nomination letter.

“As a narcotics detective, Detective Gibson has excelled in every aspect of his responsibilities. Over the course of five years, Detective Gibson conducted over 267 drug related investigations. As a result of these investigations, multiple individuals were identified and arrested as persons involved in the distribution of illegal drugs in Washington County, Utah. One of his investigations identified a transnational Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) operating in our area. This DTO was responsible for the sales of methamphetamine and fentanyl pills in our Community. This investigation resulted in the federal indictment of multiple individuals in Utah, California, and Mexico. Over one hundred pounds of methamphetamine and thousands of fentanyl pills were seized in this investigation that would have ended up in our community.”

The nomination along with a copy of an award that the WCDT under the direction of Detective Gibson’s had been given “2021 Outstanding Task Force of the Year for your exemplary hard work and success investigating significant drug trafficking organization impacting the communities of the Rocky Mountain Region”.

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA), who was awarded WCDT, encompasses thirty-four designated counties in Colorado, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming. They have all been working together to reduce what is coming through the I-15 corridors. So please be aware that it is in your communities as well and the lodges need to continue to get this message out to our children/parents, and lodge chairs need your support just like any other committee.

Remember DAP can be incorporated with other events involving children and informational pamphlets should be displayed for parents and grandparents in your Lodge.

Thank you for all everyone does to make our Utah Elks the best it can be.

Priscilla “Perk” Matteson

UEA State DAP Chairperson

EMAIL AND SECURITY

Currently, we have so much information at our fingertips. Shopping at our fingertips, asking Google or Alexa or Siri for an answer and having it immediately. We carry a computer in our pockets that is more powerful than the guidance computer NASA used for the famous Apollo 11 mission. Ever faster, technology advances at warp speed and computing power grows exponentially.

It is good practice to stay away from suspicious attachments or links. In many cases it is possible to see the source of a link by right-clicking or long-tapping it. If you have any doubt as to the link’s origin, this technique may reveal its source. With attachments, carefully examine the email’s contents, subject line, and file extension before opening. If there are strange typos or odd extensions on the attached file, it is best to steer clear.

Here are 10 top tips to stay safe online:

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| 1. Keep a clean machine. | 6. Report phishing. |
| 2. Create long, unique passwords. | 7. Use secure Wi-Fi. |
| 3. Use password manager. | 8. Back it up. |
| 4. Enable multi factor authentication. | 9. Check your settings. |
| 5. Think before you click. | 10. Share with care. |

Thank you and be safe.

Justin Muir, Webmaster

Utah Ladies of Elks

I hope everyone has survived the winter and looking forward to hopefully a weekend of sunshine at Spring Meeting in St. George. Please help me in making our 1st Lady, Wonda, welcome to Utah and to the Utah Ladies of Elks. Let's be proud in showing her the amazing things the Utah LOE and Elks do in our great state! We will be honoring Wonda on Saturday at the Ladies luncheon, so please plan to attend. The dress for our meetings is business casual and our meeting schedule on Saturday, March 9th is as follows:



Saturday, March 9th in the main dining room

8:00 am – Board Meeting

9:00 am – State LOE Project Meeting (all ladies state project chairman is requested to attend)

10:00 am – General Meeting

Noon – LOE Luncheon Honoring First Lady

Please remember each Ladies organization has been asked to bring a basket or raffle item to Spring Meeting which will be raffled off at the general meeting on Saturday as part of our state project in raising funds for Little Warriors. We already have several amazing prizes! The raffle will be open to everyone! Along with the raffle, we will be selling sweat-shirts for the Little Warriors.

I would like to send a special **Thank You** to my local lodge and Ladies organization, Golden Spike, for supporting the Utah L.O.E. State Project by raffling off a gun. Tickets will also be available for sale with the winner being drawn on Saturday.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone travels safe! Remember, through "Teamwork, we can reach the stars together!"

Kindly,

Jessica Hardy
State LOE President - 2023-2024

LITTLE WARRIORS CAMP

Ten years ago, Robert and Adele Pagnani, along with three veteran friends, created the "Little Warriors Camp" for kids who have lost a parent killed in action or have committed suicide related to PTSD. There are currently 117 "Little Warriors" in Utah.

Little Warriors Camp is held at Camp Wapiti, a 50-acre mountain retreat operated by the Utah Elks, located up Settlement Canyon above the town of Tooele, Utah every July. The facilities include a dining hall, seventeen cabins which can sleep up to twelve people each, a swimming pool, zip line, basketball court, pavilion, outdoor theater, arts, and crafts building and many other amenities.

This year's Little Warriors Camp is July 19-21. This special weekend consists of an outdoor experience for the children, surviving spouses, and parents of the fallen Utah service members. Its purpose is not just for the kids, it also brings together families who are in a similar situation. The camp aims to provide a recreational healing opportunity and creates general fun times for families who are grieving. Robert Pagnani explains, "We bring them here for three days and try to spoil them the best way that we can. We hope that we can take away the sadness, give them happiness, and show them how much we care about them." In July 2024, the Little Warriors Camp will be celebrating their 10th anniversary!!

At the start of the camp, the Utah Elks Veterans Program also provides backpacks filled with a camp shirt and fun surprises.

Over 56 Elks are involved from Utah Elks Lodges. The meals, gift items, and activity stations are provided by donations. For additional information contact Bob Pagnani, 435-830-1599. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible since the Utah Elks Veterans Program is a 501(c)3 Organization!!

UEA Spring Meeting 2024 Agenda

Thursday, March 7, 2023

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge
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
10:00am	Ritual Competition- Lodge Floor – Business/Lodge Dress <i>11 O' Clock Toast and Flag Charge Contest</i>
10:00am	Charitable Reporting Breakout Meeting #1—TBD
10:30am	UBET Board Meeting—Board Room
10:45am	Protocol Breakout —TBD
11:30am	Breakout TBA Meeting #3—TBD
Noon	Lunch – Dining Room
1:00 pm	UEA Past State President Roundtable— 19th Hole All UEA Past Presidents encouraged to attend
1:30pm	UEA Bylaws Meeting—Lodge Room
2:15pm	Advisory Council— 19th Hole
2:45pm	State Major Project / Camp Wapiti– TBD
3:30pm	UEA Trustee Meeting—TBD
6:30pm	Dinner – St George (Dixie) Lodge Dress Business Casual

Saturday, March 5th

TBA

Registration – St George (Dixie) Lodge

8:30 a.m.

UEA General Meeting – St George (Dixie) Lodge Room
(Business Casual with coat & tie for State Officers and Committeemen)

Committee Reports
Nomination of UEA 2024-25 State Officers

Noon
Noon

PSP/PDD Luncheon –St George (Dixie) Lodge
Lunch – TBA

1:30pm

Grand Lodge Travel Meeting—Lodge Floor

2:00 p.m.

Joint North/South DD Clinic – Lodge Floor
Lodge ER, Leading Knight, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Trustee Chair required to attend

7:00 p.m.

Banquet – St George (Dixie) Lodge - GL & State Officers: Black Tux & Spring Formal
Members: Coat/Tie