

Utah Elks Association
Minutes for U.E.A. Fall Meeting
Golden Spike Lodge #719
Friday, September 5, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am, President Glen Smith presiding.
The Sgt. At Arms retired to the anteroom and escorted dignitaries to the Altar and introduced them to the membership:

Ben Reed, Nevada State President.
Robert Pagnani, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.
Jared Wanlass, Area 7 Fraternal Committeeman.
Brenda Shaw, Area 7 Hoop Shoot Chairman.

Both State Sponsors send their regrets. Jim Grillo had back surgery and Bob Duitsman is working on California/Hawaii Elks issues.

Also, in attendance-Larry Torres, Past Area 7 Hoop Shoot Chairman and his wife, Betsy.

The dignitaries were then escorted to the seats on the dais.

The invocation given by State Chaplain, Mike Nelson, Cedar City Lodge #1556.

The posting of the Colors was conducted by Utah Military Academy.

Sgt. At Arms, Tinamarie Teeples, lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Roll Call of Officers conducted by State Secretary and Sgt. At Arms.

State President, Glen Smith, then introduced:

District Deputy GER Utah North, Jay Averett.
District Deputy GER Utah South, Wayne Barnes.
Golden Spike #719 Exalted Ruler, Lisa Amidan.
Golden Spike #719, Meeting Chairman, Tracy McNally.

Sickness and Distress:

Gary Brinkmeyer, long time Golden Spike Secretary passed away in early August.

Betty Johnson, Golden Spike, passed away.

Robert Reguto, PER, Price, passed away.

Tom Davin, Park City, passed away last week.

Jay Broadbent, Esquire, Provo, had an accident. He's having eye surgery.

State Secretary announced that the minutes from the U.E.A. Spring Meeting were uploaded to the State website for review and made a motion to accept them as published. After a second by Ron Brooks, the motion passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: Jesse and Bernadette Gallo presented the 5 Star Award for the Grand Lodge Camp Wapiti booth to State President, Glen Smith.

Announcements:

Money collected for fines will be used by Park City Veteran Coordinator, Jean Combs, for upcoming Veterans Projects. Specifically, to help with taking Vets to the Real women's soccer game in November. (\$134 collected all weekend)

DD's are selling Elks Rose Bowl float pins. The float will be representative of the Elks National Memorial in Chicago. The Memorial is celebrating its 100-year anniversary next year. Grand Lodge sessions will be in Chicago next year and there will be a special dedication. Pins are \$5 each.

The Meeting was then adjourned until Saturday at 8:30 am.

The following meetings were then held in the building:

Past President's Roundtable Meeting
Public Relations Meeting.
Advisory Council Meeting.
Camp Wapiti Board Meeting.

Lunch was served at Noon.

The U.E.A. Trustees Meeting.
Grant Writing Meeting.
The U.B.E.T. Board Meeting.
Alcohol 101 Meeting with outside speaker.
Park City LOE Meeting.

Dinner was served at 6:30 pm.

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Secretary - <i>BONNIE BLACKSON</i>	P
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Sergeant at Arms - <i>TINAMARIE TEEPLES</i>	P
Chaplain - <i>MIKE NELSON</i>	P
Inner Guard - <i>JEAN COMBS</i>	P
Tiler - <i>SERENA HASLAM</i>	P
State Photographer - <i>SHEILA WEBSTER</i>	P
1 Year Trustee - <i>DAVE MCCALL</i>	P
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3 Year Trustee - <i>JIM BLACKNER</i>	E
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5 Year Trustee - <i>JIM BLEECKER</i>	P
Organist -	
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GOLDEN SPIKE 719	15
PARK CITY 734	6
PROVO 849	8
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CEDAR CITY 1556	7
TOOELE 1673	11
ST GEORGE 1743	9
VERNAL 2375	2
BOUNTIFUL 2442	6
TOTAL PRESENT	71

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JACK RYAN	TOOELE #1673	SECRETARY
Gary Robinson	Tooele #1673	Treasurer
DAVE McCAIL	TOOELE #1673	Trustee
Brian Lindsay	Tooele #1673	PSP
Steve Johnson	Cedar City 1556	Leading Knight
MIKE NELSON	Cedar City 1556	Chap.
Randy Clark	Cedar City 1556	E.R.
Seth Dischborn	Cedar City 1556	Loyal Knight
Robert Shepherd	Btfl #2442	Trustee
Cindy Shepherd	Btfl. 2442	TREASURER
Dan Ashworth	Golden Spike 719	PER
Anthony V. Uriona	Golden Spike 719	Ritual Chairman
Brad Hill	Golden Spike 209	PSD/PDD
Larry Torres	Coalinga #1613	PRHS / PDD
ROBERT MATHESON	1743 St Geo	PER
ERIC MATHESON	1743 St Geo	STATE DAP
Lance Wright	1743 Dixie	ER
Sheila Webster	Btfl 2442	St. photo
Richard Heinze	Vernal 2375	Esteemed leading
Cody Webster	Vernal 2375	ER
Terry Bleecker	Stg 1743	
JIM Bleecker	Stg 1743	Trustee
Tracy McHally	719	chairman House Committee
Alyxandra Grimsdell	Bntfl. 2442	Leading Knight
Steffanee Wanlass	Tooele 1673	ER
Cheryl Sosznik	Park City 734	Treasurer
ANDREW CAPLAN	PC 734	ER
Saula Winter	PC 734	Camp Wapah Sec.
Eric Crocker	Tooele 1673	Americanism/Kamp Director
Justin Miller	Provo 849	Trustee

Linda Gaines

Provo Lodge

Lodge Secretary

Eric Gaines

Provo 849

Inner Guard

Dawn Christensen

Tintic 711

Treasurer

Anna Bellows

Tintic 711

Secretary

Jason Callaway

Tintic 711

ER

MATT GRAHAM

Provo 849

ER

Jennifer Ogren

Provo 849

member

Jean Combs

Park City 734

State Inner Guard

Serena Haslam

Bountiful 2442

ER

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Robert Pagnani, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

He also introduced our special guests, Ben Reed, Nevada State President and Larry Torres, Past Area 7 Hoop Shoot Chairman.

He introduced Golden Spike Lodge #719 Exalted Ruler, Lisa Amidan and Golden Spike Lodge #719 Meeting Chairman, Tracy McNally.

All attending Past Everything were asked to stand and introduce themselves. (See Attached Report).

Sickness and Distress: None.

Meryl Arns, then greeted the entire audience with a protocol Good Morning and the Committee Reports began:

Reports under 2nd Vice President, Sharon Goetzman

Business Practices – Kari Davis #1556 – Contact her if there are any questions.

Elks Training – Natalie Crocker #1673 – Make sure our Lodge is working together when doing training.

Membership – Wayne Barnes #1743 – Utah had +204 last year. All Lodges received a “Citation of Outstanding Contribution Net Member Gain”.

Americanism – Eric Crocker #1673 – New materials on elks.org. Essay contest is starting. Materials can be found in the Fraternal Section of Manuals.

Ritualistic – Anthony Uriona #719 – Ritual Meeting will be held in afternoon. He would like all to be there. Will be discussing the October 11 scheduled Ritual Clinic.

Elks National Foundation – Lil Barnes #1743 – Per member giving goal is \$5.15 this year. We have 130 Fidelity Club members; goal is 150 by Spring Meeting. Park City member has Cumulative donation of \$10,000. St George PER, Wayne Barnes is 3rd in Nation for Per Member Giving. State took 1st place for per member giving.

Elks Veterans Services – Dick Wilson #1743 – Sharon reported for Dick. Salt Lake-refreshments after recreational therapy, move in kits, travel kit, took Vets to the rodeo, baseball game and there’s an upcoming soccer game. Payson-Easter activities, car show and upcoming fishing trips planned. Ogden-Easter and Flag Day activities. Southern Utah-twice weekly visits for Bingo and visiting, birthday cake monthly, shopping trips, hair cut money and garden boxes with vegetables are doing well. Helping to move residents in wheelchairs from room to activities.

Utah Elks Veterans Programs – Bob Pagnani #711

Sponsor’s Award – Paul Cheney #719 – All American Sheet is the basis for the Sponsors Award. Contact him if there any questions.

Reports under 1st Vice President, Jesse Gallo

Accident Prevention/Insurance – Mary Alice Johnson #1550

Lodge Activities & Brochures – Marlene Brackin #1556-Glen passed out packets to each Lodge. Brochures are a way get to know your Lodge and what you do for the community. Appoint a member to do a binder and track your activities for the All-American Contests.

Public Relations – Lisa Amidan #719-All 10 Lodges are turning in their reports with very little reminding.

Antlers – Serena Haslam #2442-The kids sell and serve snacks at Bingo. Proceeds go to 3 local High School Teen centers that provide a safe space for struggling students. Upcoming spook alley and Chili Cookoff. Vernal has reached out for help starting an Antlers group. She would be happy to help other Lodges. Antlers will be serving dinner.

Hoop Shoot – Brenda Shaw #849-New balls handed out to Lodges. Mark the balls with marker 'Elks' so kids don't take them. Get your dates in the dashboard ASAP. Jan 3 District N shoot; Jan 10 District S shoot; Feb 7 State Shoot; Feb 21 Regional shoot in Las Vegas; Apr 18 National shoot. Working on Facilities for District and State shoot.

Scholarships – Rebecca Yager #1743-Scholarship season has started. MVS applications Aug 1-Nov 12; Lodge judging Dec 3-22; District judging Jan 2-13; State judging Feb 5-23; National judging Mar 13-23. Legacy scholarship applications Sept 1-Feb 2; judging done by ENF. Up to 3 Legacy scholarships which are \$1,000 a year for 4 years. Budget of \$44,000 approved.

Soccer – Gary Nelson #849-Soccer event at Little Warriors.

Junior Golf – Wayne Barnes #1743-Work with your local golf courses, they have youth programs. Contact him with questions.

Drug Awareness – Perk Matteson #1743 – Elroy the mascot costume available for events. (Make sure someone is always with Elroy, he can't see well). Essay and video contest going on, Red Ribbon week is Oct 23, 31. Report hours to Secretary.

Committees under President, Glen Smith

Grand Lodge Travel – Hortic Carter #711-He doesn't make his trip to Chicago until January. More information at Spring Meeting.

Meeting Coordinator – Brian Lindsay #1673-Spring Meeting Mar 5-7, 2026 in St George; State Convention Apr 30-May 2, 2026 in Tooele. Let him know if there's something you'd like to see or cover at meetings. Make sure you're communicating what you learn at these meetings.

State Directory/CLMS – Linda Gaines #849–2025 Directory complete. There are some inaccuracies as there were changes coming in after they were sent to the printer. She has extra copies if you need one. There is massive amount of information in CLMS. Reports are accessible under the reports tab. She will help if you need her.

Webmaster – Glen Smith #1556–John Coniff from St George will take over the webmaster role. He's going to update and enter our state website in the GL competition. His contact info is: dixiewebmaster@elks1743.org (512) 779-8374.

Government Relations – Susan Shurtliff #734– Charitable reports should be updated frequently during a month. 2 Lodges are behind in by-laws, Park City and Provo. Start looking at your by-laws 3 years in advance. 100% participation on reporting.

Laws – Jay Averett #719-No changes.

Utah Elks – Steffanee Wanlass #1673-3 newsletters a year one of which is printed and mailed. Make sure your Secretary has your current mailing address and email. She does get email and printed newsletters come back due to bad information. Check your spam/junk email.

U.E.A. Advisory Board Report by advisor, Brian Lindsay. Brian made a motion to hold the Fall Meeting 2027 at Cedar City Lodge #1556 in September, 2027. After a second by Tinamarie Teeples, the motion passed.

U.E.A. Trustee Report – Justin Muir-Reviewed budget. President elect pin budget will be reviewed for adjustments due to rising costs. November meeting to discuss where to invest money from the sale of the Moab Lodge. Money will be sent from

UBET electronically from now on. Jay Averett joining the Advisory Board to Trustees. STAY WITHIN OUR BUDGETS.

U.B.E.T. Report – Susan Shurtliff and Brian Lindsay-\$7,500 to all Lodges for their Charity Funds. Application deadline is Feb 1, 2026. Requests for matching funds are 2 times per year. Spring and Fall meeting. 2 requests per Lodge per meeting. Susan made a motion to extend the Fall meeting deadline (for this meeting only) until Sept 30. Brian 2nd the motion. Vote on Lodge floor passed the motion. ALL requests must be based on a fundraiser that occurred between April and now. Emergencies and medical issues are separate. UBET matches up to \$4,000. For this meeting only, they matched 100% as they only had 3 requests.

CAMP WAPITI BOARD REPORT – Justin Muir-Raffle tickets being sold for baskets. Golf Tournament in Mesquite in Dec and golf tournament in Tooele Sep 27. 2 new groups joining the coalition; Burn Camp and Stone of Hope (inner city kids struggling – 13-18 yrs old).

TREASURER'S REPORT – Betty Archembault (See attached report)

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bonnie Blackson (See attached report and copies of any correspondence read at the meeting)

Old Business: None

New Business: Banner with signature of visiting dignitaries is in Cedar City. It was forgotten for this meeting. Glen was fined for not bringing the banner.

Lisa Amiden has been working with Jared and Patrick Akes from GL in making a UEA commercial. She played us a song they've put together using AI which references all the Lodges in Utah. She will be contacting each Lodge to work on getting a video to go along with the song. Song is not quite complete.

Linda Gaines has been appointed the new State Chair for the FRS accounting system.

Remarks from Grand Lodge Officers and Dignitaries: Everyone thanked Golden Spike for a great time and place.

Announcements: District Deputy Clinic on Sunday at 9 am at Golden Spike.

Meeting was then adjourned until 7:00 pm Saturday night.

Lunch was served at Noon.

The following meetings were then held in the building:

Protocol
Premeeting Spring Meeting 2026
Ritual Judges Clinic

Dinner was served at 7:00 pm.

Dinner report:

Servers were from Bountiful Antlers. They passed around a donation basket and collected \$1,500 for the Teen Centers they support. Serena Haslam, Bountiful ER, made all the cupcakes the Antlers were passing out.

Ben Reed, Nevada State President made remarks and donated \$200 for our State Major Project-Camp Wapiti.

Adele Pagnani communicated that the State Sponsors wives had contacted her to make apologies for not being here. She extended thanks to Golden Spike.

Bob Pagnani expressed appreciation to Golden Spike.

Camp Wapiti raffle and Jesse Gallo's President fund raiser raffle tickets were pulled and prizes given out.

The Convention of the Utah Elks Association was then adjourned.

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Treasurer - <i>BETTY ARCHAMBAULT</i>	P
Sergeant at Arms - <i>TINAMARIE TEEPLES</i>	P
Chaplain - <i>MIKE NELSON</i>	P
Inner Guard - <i>JEAN COMBS</i>	P
Tiler - <i>SERENA HASLAM</i>	P
State Photographer - <i>SHEILA WEBSTER</i>	P
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VERNAL 2375	5
BOUNTIFUL 2442	4
TOTAL PRESENT	85

EVERYTHING PAST - SATURDAY	
ADELE PAGNANI, PEY, VET VOLUNTEER	X

Officers and Lodges Roll Call

Saturday

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ALAN MANSON, PDD	
ANTHONY URIONA, POY	X
ARLEN HUMPHIRES, PDD	
BARBARA STRINGHAM, PCY, PCHY, PEY	
BERNADETTE GALLO, POY	
BETTY ARCHAMBAULT, PAST CIP VOLUNTEER	X
BOB PAGNANI, POY, PSP, PDD, SDER, PEY	X
BONNIE CAMPBELL, POY, PEY	
BRAD HILL, PDD, PSP	X
BRENDA SHAW, PDD, POY, PSP	X
BRIAN LINDSAY, PDD, PSP	X
CHARLES REAY, PDD	
CINDY SHEPHERD, POY, PEY, PDD, PSP	X
CLIFF HARRISON, PDD	
DAVID BAKKE, PDD, PSP	
DAVE MCCALL, PDD	X
DAVE TROSETH, PDD, PSP	
DELBERT EGGETT, PEY	
DENNIS HOWLAND, PCY	
DICK WILSON, PAST VET VOLUNTEER	
DON JOHNSON, PSP	
DOU MOE, PEY	
DUSTY FRANCE, PDD	
DYLE WEBSTER, PDD	
ERIC CROCKER, PDD, PSP	X
FRANK ROBINETTE, PAST VET VOLUNTEER	
GARY NELSON, PEY	
GEORGE WILBERGER, POY	
GLEN SMITH, PDD	X
HORTT CARTER, PDD, PSP	X
JACK RYAN, PDD, PSP	
JACKIE COMEAU, PAST MARVIN LEWIS AWARD	
JARED WANLASS, POY, PSP, PDD, PGL	X
JAY AVERETT, PDD, PSP	X
JEAN COMBS, PAST VET VOLUNTEER	X
JERI SMITH, POY	X

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JESSE GALLO, POY	X
JIM BARNES, PEY, PDD, PSP	
JO ANN ALDRIDGE, PDP, PDD, PDD, PGL, POY	
JUDY COOLEY, PAST VET VOLUNTEER	
JUDY GAUTHIER, PDD	
JUDY SMITH, PDD, PSP	
KATY BELL, PEY	
KEN KAY, PDD, PSP, PSP PGL	
KRYSTAL LAKE, PCY	
LANCE WRIGHT, PDD	X
LINDA GAINES, POY	X
LOUIS MANSON, PDD	
MARTY KAY, PEY	
MARY CROXEN, PAST VET VOLUNTEER	
MARY ALICE JOHNSON, PAST VET VOL, PDD	
MIKE JONES, POY	
MIQUEL SANDOVAL, PEY	
MERYL ARNS, PDD, PSP PGL	X
MONTY HATCH, PDD	
PHILLIP JOHNSON, PDD, PSP, PGL	
ROBERT JARVIS, PDD, PSP, PGL	
RODNEY DRAPER, PDD	
RON BROOKS, POY, PDD, PGL	X
RUTH HUMPHRIES, POY, PAST VET VOL	
SHARIJOY CARR, PEY	
SHARON GOETZMAN, PDD	X
SUSAN SHURTLIFF, PDD, PAST VET VOL	X
TED SALAZAR, POY, PDD	
TERRY ANDREGG, PDD, PSP	
TONI HOPES, PCY	
TONY COFFMAN, PDD	
TRACY MCNALLY, PEY	
JIM SZATKOWSKI, PSP	
LARRY TORRES, PDL, PGE, PHS	X
BEN REED, PDD, PEY	X

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Kahi Davis	Cedar City	Secretary
Seth Dischheim	Cedar City 1556	Loyal Knight
Randy Clark	Cedar City 1556	E.R.
Meryl Arns	Cedar 1556	PSP
Mike Nelson	CC 1556	Chaplin
Linda Gainer	Provo 849	Lodge Secretary
Eric Gaines	Provo 849	Inner Guard
Cody Webster	Vernal 2375	ER
Justin Muir	Provo 849	Trustee
Denise Jackson	Vernal 2375	Treasurer
Richard Heinze	Vernal 2375	Leading Knight
Cindy Shepherd	BHFI 2442	Treasurer
Brax Hill	LSA 719	PJP/PRO
Larry Torres	Coalinga 1613	PDDGER
Anthony Uriona	Ritual Chairman	
Serenata Haslam	Bountiful 2442	ER
Jean Combs	P.C. 734	Esquire
Tracy McNally	719	chair house committee
Bill Christensen	719	PER
Dan Ashworth	Golden Spike 719	PER
Michele Ashworth	Golden Spike 719	Member

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Jessie Amundson	719	UEA PR
Jen Wolfe	719	member
Rob Wolfe	719	PFR
Paul Cheney	719	Leading Knight
Shanna Cheney	719	Esquire
Larry White	719	Trustee
CRAIG M. HANCOCK	719	SECRETARY
Kenneth A. Jovan	1550	E.R.
Denise Jovan	1550	Secretary
Brian Lindsay	1673	PSP
Natalie Chickel	1673	PFR
Ken Brooks	1673	Past GLEM/D
Gary Robinson	1673	Treasurer
Eric Crocker	1673	PSP PDD
JOE RYAN	1673	SECRETARY
DAVE McCAH	1673	Trustee
Jason Callaway	#711	ER
Jeanni Callaway	#711	ER's wife
Anna Bellows	#711	Secretary
Heath Carter	#711	Past
Rebecca Jorgensen	1743	UEA Schol. CHAIR
Adelle Jorgensen	#711	member
Sheila Webster	#2442	St. photo
Terry Bleecker	#1743	Member
Jim Bleecker	#1743	Trustee
Phil Barron	#1743	ENF Chair
Susan S Shurtliff	734	GOV Relations
PERK MARRESON	1743	DAP Chair

ROBERT MATTESON	1743	PER
Noah Garland	734	
Cheyl Soshk	734	Treasurer
ANDREW CAPLAN	734	ER
Paula Winter	734	Camp Hope Sec
Steffanee Wanlass	1673	ER

UEA Fall Meeting 2025

Good morning

I have the pleasure of doing Elk training again this year. As I said last year, I have had predecessors that have talked about lack of participation. As the year went on, coming up after the holidays, I sent out a reminder that Elks training is required. I did get some response; we had 4 lodges that had that had participated. At spring meeting, I anticipated to have all lodges participate. We had two more lodges completed their training and we had one that never turned it in. We had some do the Elk's training on the Elk's .org. I feel Elk's training is about the officers and the members coming together as a team and learn about the duties of the lodge and the statutes of the lodge. This doesn't have to be an individual effort it can be a team effort.

Natalie Crocker

Elk's training



**SEPTEMBER 2025-26
FALL MEETING**

I attended again this year the two-day National Convention DAP training and have updated the lodge chairs of several changes for this year.

Thank you to those DAP chairs for reaching out to me for assistance on how to proceed with getting their lodge more involved with this program.

The contest theme for this year is "Illegal Drugs Are a Grave Mistake". The information for the poster, essay and video contest has been sent to the chairs with several suggestions on getting into the schools and other avenues to pursue.

Coming up in October 23-31 is the DAP "Red Ribbon Week". This is a time to get your city officials on board by asking them to issue a proclamation declaring your community "Drug Free" during this time. This request should be submitted this month to give them time to vote on the proclamation.

One last reminder to report all activities relating to DAP (1801) to your lodge secretaries.

Respectively submitted,

Priscilla "Perk" Matteson
UEA State DAP Chair

UEA State Scholarships Committee Report Fall Meeting 2025

Members and Guests:

It is scholarship time again for the Elks Most Valuable Student, Legacy and UEA scholarships. Our budget of \$44,000 has been approved.

The on-line ENF scholarship has been available since August 1st of this year. It will continue to be available until November 12, 2025.

Lodge judging will be December 3rd thru December 22nd

District judging will be from January 2nd thru January 13th

State judging will be from February 5th thru February 23rd

National judging will take place from March 13th thru March 23rd.

Once the national judging is complete, I will have the finalists at Spring meeting in March and will be handing out certificates. Applications are available on line at elks.org/enf/scholarships

The online applications for ENF Legacy scholarship will become available on September 1st. The deadline for the Legacy scholarship is February 2nd. Judging for the Legacy scholarship is done entirely by ENF and is announced in late April. Utah may be awarded up to three Legacy scholarships. I encourage members in good standing with children and grandchildren, including step-children, step-grandchildren or legal ward who are high school seniors to apply for this scholarship. This scholarship is for \$1,000 per year for 4 years. This application may be found on the ENF website at elks.org/enf/scholarships.

The ENF website also has information available for the Weigel Medical scholarship as well as the Emergency scholarship

The UEA scholarship is for high school seniors that are in a vocational or alternative high school, have a documented mental or physical disability or are in financial hardship. This scholarship is funded by ENF money and gives us a chance to assist these students with their educational goals. The application is open now and will be closed on January 31, 2026. Applications may be found by googling Utah Elks Association and the link to the UEA application is in red.

I encourage all scholarship chairman to visit the Elks National foundation website and become familiar. There are some excellent scholarship resources and tutorials as well as a place to order pamphlets and posters regarding ENF scholarships.

Americanism Report

Good morning!

The new materials for Americanism are available on the Grand Lodge Fraternal page. Along with this is this years Essay contest rules and theme which is "What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?"

Try and contact your schools to get some participation from 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

The prizes for this contest for each level nationally are 1000⁰⁰ for first, 500 for 2nd, and 250 for 3rd.

We will also do cash awards for the top Essays from the state.

The other material you can download are ~~notes~~ the handbook for the all American Lodge contest. I urge you to download the materials and participate.

Eric Cocker
UEA Americanism Chairman

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Ritual Report

Reminder - Ritual Clinic on Oct. 11 2025 at
Provo Lodge

Ritual meeting scheduled today at 2:30 PM on Lodge floor.
We will discuss clinic scheduled for Oct 11th
and afterwards I invite all members interested in becoming
judges to stay further.

Utah Elks Membership

Fall Report

If you were there you know, but have you heard? Utah is an up-and-coming Powerhouse. This statement was made by Rick Gathen (Grand Lodge Membership & Marketing Director) at the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City. In the last three years, Utah has gone from a plus one membership gain to 204 membership gain for 2024-2025. I applaud all of our Lodges for working to bring more Elks into the Order. I hope that we can continue to grow at this pace or higher.

For all of you on the Membership Committee, there is a ton of information on elks.org to help us sell the opportunities that being an Elk gives us all. Many of our uninformed citizens think that we are just another bar. But as we know that just is not true. We need to enlighten the citizens of our communities about what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks really does. There was a dollar amount from the donations that we as Elks have been credited with. This number comes from the cash donations that we make but it also comes from the hours that we volunteer, the miles that we drive to support our charities and programs and the non-cash donations that we make. That number is more than \$520,000,000.00 last year. Now really, who wouldn't want to be a part of the greatest organization in the country? All we need to do is tell our story.

We all know that the ENF is the Life Blood of our Order. I recommend that during your New Member Orientation that you spend a little time with your new members and tell them about the ENF. When our Lodge does an Orientation we hand out a paper that explains how to make a donation and how to become a Fidelity Club Member. I'm sure that you know that the New Member is bombarded with so much information during the Orientation that they will retain a very small portion of that information. So use a handout for the important parts a Lodge Bulletin or Newsletter, ENF, Bylaws etc. Do everything that you can do to get them back in the door of the Lodge.

Thrive with Five

Please spread the word and tell our story.

Fraternally,

Wayne Barnes

Utah Elks Membership Chairperson

Elks National Foundation
September 5, 2025
Report

In the newsletter I talked about Elks.org and going there to sign up for ENF Chair. So...If you are an ENF Chair from your lodge...please stand...if you are signed up on Elks.org, keep standing! I have a yummy treat for you! To the others, please let me help you get signed up! I would love to have 100% from Utah! Also, remember, your secretary does not sign you up for this. You have too!

I have a few awards to give out...

Park City had a member donate a cumulative \$10,000. That's huge! He wanted to be anonymous! But Park City should still feel the success of their members!

St George has had 2 people donate \$5,000 each and one has donated a cumulative of \$35,000. Great win!

St George, can I have Wayne Barnes Past Exalted Ruler please come up...St George was 3rd in the Nation in Per Member Giving! What a huge win that was for our State to have one of our own be in the top 3!! This year, let's get all of Utah to be in the top 10!!

Past State President Brenda?

Please remember, it is \$5.15 this year for per member giving. I said it was like a Starbucks and it would be at least a Vente Starbucks! At this time, the State as a whole has given \$48,907.60! We have 7 months to make it to \$102,716. That is just \$54,000. Think we can?? I think we can!!!

Fidelity Club: At State Conference in May, we had 122 members...Today, we are 130!!! I bet we can be at 150 by Spring Meeting! What do you think? All of our lodges except one have reached their 10% Fidelity Club goal. I would like to see ALL of our lodges get to at least that number! If you belong to the Fidelity Club, please stand and give a shout out!!! We have come so far and I couldn't be more proud of our Members!

Because of our donations, we get more back from ENF to help build stronger communities in our State...I love what we do and love that we do Care and we do Share! Thank you again!!

Antlers Report

Fall 2025

Bountiful Antlers Have Been busy planning a few Activities. They are gearing up for the Annual Spook Alley at the ELKS Chili Cook off on October 18th. They have been gathering more spooky items. And are excited to scare all guests.

They serve snacks at all ELKS Bingos and are using all proceeds to help out at the 3 local High School Teen Centers. They have decided this will be their major project for this year. The Teen Center is a safe space for any students that are struggling. They provide Hygiene items, Food, Counseling ~~and more~~ and the things necessary to stay up on school work.

Vernal lodge Has reached out and are currently working on starting their Antlers Program.

I am as always happy to help any of our lodges get this Amazing program up and running.

It is really Amazing watching these kids figure out how to be great Volunteers. They will be here tonight serving Dinner so please feel free to ask them about their program. and Events coming up.

This Concludes my Report.

Utah Elks Junior Golf

Fall Meeting

So, I volunteered for this position at UEA Convention in May of this year. Since then, I have been dealing with some fallout at our own Lodge Junior Golf Program. I am learning what this all means. Now I am asking all the Lodges in the State for a Junior Golf Chairperson. It will take some time to get set up, but the event is only once each year.

I have found out that many local Golf Courses already hold the Chip, Drive and Putt contest that the PGA and the USGA sponsors. Again, in our Lodge we teamed up with one of our courses and combined our Junior Golf with their program.

I am asking for help to make this program succeed and grow into the future.

Thanks

Wayne Barnes

Utah Elks Junior Golf Chairperson

UTAH ELK- Newsletter Report

Fall Meeting

Roy, UT Golden Spike Lodge

Sept 5 & 6, 2025

Each year I will provide 3 newsletters. Due to budgetary constraints, there is only one printed newsletter per year sent to every Elk household with a current address on file in the Spring.

This newsletter was only sent via email to all Elks with a current and valid email address on file with the state secretary. If you did not receive an email, please check your junk or spam and then work with your local lodge secretary to update your contact information.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffanee Wanlass, Editor, Utah Elk

VETERANS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2025

Thanks to our hard-working volunteers and leaders at the Veterans Homes in Utah, activities are being well supported.

At the Salt Lake Medical Center, the following has been accomplished. We have provided refreshments to veterans in the PTSD and substance abuse program following their recreation program. Provided Move-in Kits to veterans that graduated the program and, also provided a travel kit and ticket for a veteran for a long ride home from the hospital after his discharge. Volunteers also took veterans to a Pioneer Days Rodeo and provided refreshments.

Volunteers at the Payson Home stuffed 1000 plastic eggs with candy for Easter. There were over 500 kids and family members at the event, and everyone had a great time. Plans to do some fishing trips over the summer became an awesome time for residents who caught lots of fish. On other trips the veterans caught their limits, and they ended the trips with a Fish Fry. June, the Payson Home held a car show with 100 cars and over 800 people showed. -202 Veterans

At the Ogden Home an Easter Egg Hunt was held for the kids in the area. The Committee supplied candy and the Easter Bunny. The Elks supplied 30 red shirts for a special event and gave the veterans the opportunity to paint the shirts for the June 11th Flag Day event.

The Southern Utah Veterans Home our volunteers visited twice weekly to help with Bingo and visit with the veterans. We also worked with the Dementia Wing at the Home. We continue with the tradition of supplying a Birthday Cake each month and had a few trips to Walmart with veterans who enjoy getting out to shop for bits and pieces and love talking to others as they shop. Some of us finish early and meet at the Subway in the store to share a soda and stories. We continue to purchase and supply candy for Bingo prizes and birdseed to keep both birds and veterans happy. We're glad to report that the garden boxes we planted this year are doing well, with the exception of the vegetables. Just too much heat for them this year. We also helped supply money for haircuts. One of the jobs we are asked to help with is moving residents in wheelchairs from rooms to a variety of activities at the Home.

The figures below are for May through July 2025.

Veterans served	1,146
Number of hours	516 @ 29.95 = \$15,454.20

Fall is a busy season for our volunteers. Please let me know of your plans for October through December. We would like to share your activities with our members.

Two things that I learned recently that may be of help to you.

1. Did you know you can be seen by your VA provider same day for unexpected minor illness or injuries?
2. Did you know you can talk to a nurse at any time? Symptoms? Have a question? Call 801-582-1565 option 2, Nurse Triage, after hours.

I'm sorry that I couldn't be with you today but hope to see you soon.

Remember to always reach out to our Veterans with Care and Honor.

Dick Wilson
State Veterans Chairperson

To: *Jared Smith*

From: *Marlene Brackin*

Contests & programs 2025-2026

From: Marlene "Mar" (jjjmar@aol.com)

To: jared.warlass74@gmail.com

Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 at 12:18 PM MDT

Jared,

Ref: My introduction to lodges at September meeting

Hello, I'm Marlene Brackin, chairman of the contest committee.
I'm a member of Lodge 1556, Cedar City, UT.

This position oversees the brochure-binder and All-American contests.
At the May 2025 meeting in Cedar City only 3 lodges of 10 participated in these contests. Less than 50% feel the need to share their lodges activities.
These contests are designed to get to know your lodges and the activities, community involvement and charitable programs you do each year. Awards will be given out at the May Meeting 2026.
I would encourage you to appoint a member to make the binder and keep documents for all the activities outlined for the All-American Contest. Let us know what being an Elk means to you. An outline of the contests was recently sent to the lodges by Jared Warlass.
It's important to follow the information provided to receive awards for your work.
I look forward to judging the binders(brochures) and meeting the members who worked hard to put them together.

If you have any questions, please contact me via my email (jjjmar@aol.com) or text or call at (702 818 6403)

Thank you,
Marlene Brackin
Chairman

Hello all,

Fall Meeting is happening now and I thought this would be a good time to have you remind your Lodge Activities Committee to get started on your brochures.

Lodge Activities Committee do a brochure on the following activities:

- Mothers Day
- Flag Day
- Memorial Day
- Lodge Bulletins and or Community Image

• *Membership as of 4/30/26 inside cover*
Include the program with pictures of the event and a letter signed by your Lodge Secretary that states how many members your Lodge has as of the beginning of our fiscal year. Mothers Day and Flag Day have passed, do them now while they're fairly fresh in your minds.

Please get them to me or a representative of the Park City Lodge at Spring Meeting (March 7-9, 2025) in St George.

Thanks, * Signed By Lodge Secretary - Lodge Letterhead