

**GEA FALL MEETING
VALDOSTA LODGE #728
2309 U.S. HIGHWAY 84 W
October 23 - 24, 2026**

Friday October 23rd

**All events at Valdosta Lodge
Dress for Friday is Casual**

10:00 - 4:00	Registration Desk Open
4:00 - 5:00	Lodge Secretary/Treasurer Meeting
4:00 - 5:00	Past State Presidents Meeting
5:00 - 5:30	GEA Board Meeting
5:30 - 6:00	GEA Charity Board Meeting
6:00 - 7:00	Cocktails
7:00 - Until	Dinner and Dancing

Saturday October 24th

**Breakfast is on your own.
Dress is Casual for our Meeting**

7:00 - 9:30	Registration Desk Open
7:00 - 9:00	Credentials Desk Open
8:00 - 9:00	GEA President Mtg with VP's & President-Elect
9:00 - 11:00	Business Meeting
11:00 - 1:00	Lunch at the Lodge on your own
1:00 - 2:00	PER Association Meeting
2:00 - 4:00	Athletic Activities; (cornhole, etc.) Mike Johnson
5:00 - 6:00	Meet/Greet President-Elect Candidates
7:00 - Until	Banquet and Dance

(Dress: Men Coat & Tie: Ladies-Dressy)

**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026
9:00 - 11:00 AM**

Call to Order	Steve Petrie, President
Presentation of Colors	Valdosta Lodge #728
Pledge to the Flag	Brian Russell, Pres.-Elect
Invocation	Laura Nichols, Chaplain
Welcome/Introduction to Valdosta	
ER Yvonne Wyche	Steve Petrie, President

Georgia Elks Auxiliary Fall Meeting Schedule

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Valdosta, Georgia**

October 23 & 24, 2026

Friday, October 23

All Events at Valdosta Lodge: casual dress

Registration Desk Open	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Past State President's Luncheon	11:00 AM
Austin's Steak House 2101 West Hill Ave. Valdosta, GA 31601	
Auxiliary Past President's Meeting	2:00 PM
Horseshoes	3:00 PM
Cocktails	6:00 - 7:00 PM
Dinner/Dance	7:00 - 11:00 PM

Saturday, October 24

Breakfast on your own. Dress casual for the meeting.

Credentials Desk Open	8:00 - 8:45 AM
General Business Meeting	9:00 - 11:30 AM
Lunch (on your own or at the Lodge)	
Cocktail Hour (Meet GEA candidates)	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Banquet/Dance	7:00 - 11:00 PM
Ladies - Dressy Attire, Men - Coat & Tie	

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA (continued)

Intro of Grand Lodge Officers

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Mike Smith, PGER & State Sponsor
Bruce Hayden, SDGER & Past Grand Tiler
Tim Whalen, Past Grand Esquire &
GEA Secretary/Treasurer

Intro GEA Officers (Head Table)

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Brian Russell, PDDGER, President-Elect
Vance Rhodes, PSP, Parliamentarian
Laura Nichols, Chaplain

Recognition of District VPs

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Mike Parker, VP NW
Jula Burton, VP NE
RJ Fernandes, VP South

Recognition of Past State Presidents

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Recognition of District Deputy GER

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Steve Hernley, DDGER NW
David Marrero, DDGER NE
Jerry Holley, DDGER South

Roll Call

State Officers/Lodges Tim Whalen, PSP, Sec./Treas.
Minutes of Previous Session Tim Whalen, PSp, Sec./Treas.

Sickness & Distress

Steve Petrie, Pres.

Introduction of State Sponsor

Bruce Hayden, SDGER
Past Grand Tiler
Mike Smith, PGER

State Sponsor Remarks

Reports

President Steve Petrie
President-Elect Brian Russell
Chairman, GEA Board &
GEA Charity Board Junior Roberson, PSP
Aidmore Stanley Santee, PSP
DDGERs NW, NE, South Hernley, Marrero, Holley
District VPs NW, NE, South Parker, Burton, Fernandes

Reports of Committees (as needed/as requested)

Membership Cyndi Russell
Leadership Jane Santee, PDDGER
Business Practices Cliff Arden, PDDGER
New Lodge Development Bruce Hayden, SPDGER
Disaster Relief Bill Lewis, PSP
Drug Awareness R J Fernandes
Activities Wendy Morris
Budget Beth Colie
Convention Tim Whalen, PSP
Government Relations Tim Whalen, PSP
Insurance/Accident Prevention Ned Thompson
Scholarships Stan Jones, PSP
ENF Brian Russell, Pres.-Elect
Elks Nat. Ser. Veterans Daryl Chandler
Americanism Nikki Thompson
Public Safety Officer Authur Anderson
Memorial Service Amber Henderson
Fundraising Bethany Jackson, PDDGER
Grants Michelle Langham
Hoop Shoot Vance Rhodes, PSP
Soccer Shoot Junior Roberson, PSP
Athletic Activities Mike Johnson
Ritualistic Bruce Davis
Credentials Heather Hickey, PSP Aux.

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Resolutions

Adjournment

Awards
Vance Rhodes, PSP
Steve Petrie, Pres.