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Where did the summer go? It seems like I feel that way every year, starting with the GEA annual meeting at Jekyll Island and on to the National Convention in Tampa. It was great being able to see everyone once again and as we say goodbye to summer and look forward to cooler weather we also think about our GEA people, so plan to attend and enjoy some autumn leaves



before the parade of flags

while in the mountains. The fall schedule can be found on page 17.

If you missed either the GEA annual meeting at Jekyll or the National Convention in Tampa, some of the highlights can be found on pages 6-7 for Tampa and pages 9-11 for Jekyll.

We wish Beth and Bob Colie a fantastic year and I know they will do an outstanding job for the Elks of Georgia. Learn more about our first couple and their family on page 8.

It's going to be a busy year for them as they prepare for the National Convention that will be held in Atlanta next year. A lot of volunteers will be needed, so if you are able, please consider volunteering for one of the many jobs that will be needed. If you have never been to a National Convention, there won't be a better time to experience it. Plan to attend, you will have a great time.



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Bob Colie GEA President

August 17, 2021

Georgia Elks,

We're off to a very good start to our Elk's year! What a wonderful Grand Lodge Convention we had in Tampa! One of several highlights for me was carrying the Georgia Flag across the Dais at the beginning of the Sunday Welcome Ceremony. We were fourth of the fifty states, by the way, since Georgia was one of the original colonies to sign the US Constitution. I'm sure I carried our flag higher and prouder than any other state! Another highlight for Georgia was Union City Lodge # 1617 Exalted Ruler Steve Henderson presenting the William A. King Ritual Award. Steve did a great job with his presentation. A third highlight was our very own Tim Whalen, Griffin Lodge #1207, Past State President and GEA Secretary/Treasurer being appointed as the Grand Lodge Esquire! That is truly a great honor as Tim will be the Esquire for the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta next year.

Our Georgia Elks Association focus this year is increasing our membership. We must sit up front at the Atlanta Convention in 2022 (state seating is based on membership status the prior year). New members are our life blood and we need to return to the significant progress we made in 2019-2020 under President

Bruce Hayden and Membership Chair Steve Petrie. All Lodges did a wonderful job in attracting new members and limiting the loss of delinquent members. 2020-21 gave us no chance to improve as Covid 19 Lodge closures limited the ability to help our communities and heavily impacted our membership. A big thanks to President Bill & First Lady Lynda Lewis for fighting to keep us on course.

This is a new year and we've already gained 293 members in Georgia while our delinquencies are down. We've already had two, Membership focused, meetings with Lodges in the NE and NW Districts. The feedback from those meetings has been very positive. We'll meet in the South District soon but already the response from Larry Pope's South District Deputy clinic at Valdosta Lodge #728 is very positive.

Future updates from me will continue to focus on Membership. However, I'll also be addressing our second priority which is the, previously mentioned, Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta in July of 2022. We'll need lots of volunteers to help us put on a Great show. Past State President Tim Whalen is our Chairman and we've already had several organizational meetings to include a lessons learned session with the Florida Elks Convention Team. We'll continue to work with our sponsor, Past National President Mike Smith, our team and you all to ensure Georgia is ready. Our convention slogan is "Georgia on my mind"!

Let's sit up front in the Atlanta Convention in 2022! Thank you all for what you do for Georgia Elks!

Fraternally,

Robert (Bob) Colie President, Georgia Elks Association

Cell: 770-401-8306



Sarah Hendricks Auxiliary President

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to beautiful Jekyll Island. We had a good turnout for our meetings, installation luncheon and all the fun social events. We are ready to be the "Guardians of Aidmore" and we began that process at our Elks Aidmore Auxiliary workshop that the Covington Auxiliary so graciously hosted. The guest speaker, Aidmore Chief Operating Officer Vickey Hale, gave a very inspirational and motivating speech.

The local auxiliaries are off to a great start this year. Keep up the work you do in your communities for women, children, veterans and families in need. October is Red Ribbon month and the focus is on Drug Awareness. A big problem with our youth now is vaping and hopefully we can make an impact.

Gaining membership is of importance and it always will be. Each auxiliary and each member have a greater importance. No matter the numbers, stay strong and work together for our common goals.

I pray for all our members that we can stay healthy and be together again for our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations at Aidmore.

The Toccoa Auxiliary is working hard in preparation for our Fall Meeting October 22 &23. I hope to see you there. Don't forget about the beautiful John Hardy bracelet! One lucky person will go home with the bracelet and the proceeds will benefit Aidmore.

See you soon!

Sarah Hendricks Auxiliary President





Mike Smith PGER, PNP

State President, Bob Colie, and his wife, Beth, have been serving the Georgia Elks Association for about half of his term and are doing a great job in growing and improving our association. With your officers and memberships support this can be a remarkable year. What a better time to show our pride is with the GEA hosting our Orders National Convention. As we have discussed, the states with the higher improvements per capita get to sit in the front area of the Convention Hall. STAND TALL GEORGIA!

Lets respond to the call for an increase in membership and give GEA the boost we need. When our Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills and First Lady Amy come to the GEA Convention let's give them something to brag about.

By now I expect the lodges will have complied with the Financial Reporting System and avoided the significant fines. This is a valuable tool that the membership voted and approved to assist the lodges in tracking the financial stability of their lodge along with helping the District Deputies give guidance before it is too late. Hopefully there is not a lodge in the GEA that is not on the automatic billing system. It saves the lodge time, money, and offers tremendous follow-up for delinquent members. Check it out!

Finish the year positive in attitude as well as in membership. Give Bob and Beth your support and energy to grow and expand our community reach. Help out in your local lodges and remember the oath you took as you were initiated along with the purpose of being an Elk. I am excited to see a huge upswing this year.

Sandra and I are looking forward to your progress and friendship. I am honored to be the GEA Sponsor and appreciate your efforts and energy. Please focus on Atlanta in July 2022 for our National Convention. We desperately need volunteers in many areas to make the Convention an exceptional experience for our membership. We hope to see many of you at the conference in Toccoa.

BE LOUD, PROUD AND VISIBLE, now!

Michael F. Smith, PGER/PNP GEA State Sponsor



Bruce Hayden, PSP Special Deputy

Will the real Leader of the Lodge please stand up! This is of course a line from the classic game show To Tell the Truth and unfortunately one that is playing out in many Lodges. Please make sure your Lodge does not fall victim to this Leadership trap. We see Lodges who are infighting at the Leadership level, we see Lodges who have a Lodge Leader who steps back from their role and does nothing and we have the free for all Lodges where either everyone is in turmoil or no one at all is doing anything.

So who is the Lodge Leader? It is the Exalted Ruler. This is who you should go to with your problems, suggestions, needs and wants or even praise. Your Lodge elected him or her to step up and direct your Lodge for the year. This Exalted Ruler appointed the committee chairs for the various committees required by Grand Lodge Statutes. This Exalted Ruler was elected by the MAJORITY of the Lodge. Just because you may not have voted with the majority does not mean that you can disagree with everything the Exalted Ruler does or show disrespect to the duties. In "most" cases the Exalted Ruler took the position in order to step up and LEAD their Lodge by making it flourish in the community, expand membership, bring on additional projects and assist with the financial affairs of the Lodge. Not only that but the Exalted Ruler has to be visible when your Club is open, attend all Lodge committee meetings, attend all Board of Director meetings, attend all State meetings, attend the Leadership Training Academy, attend all DD

Clinics and attend the Grand Lodge Convention all while running your Lodge meetings on meeting night. Then throw in conflict with a healthy dose of hatred and then we ask "Will the real Leader of the Lodge please stand up".

Why is this being brought up you might ask, don't let your Lodge fall victim to having to ask that question. Support the Exalted Ruler, step up and do your part in helping your Lodge have a successful year. Don't add to the problems, again because you don't agree with the Exalted Ruler doesn't give you the right to disrespect the office of the Exalted Ruler. Take this time to wave your hand and serve your Lodge, become part of the leadership. Instead of being a complaining spectator, step onto the field and take a shot at building a winning Lodge. If your Exalted Ruler is slack in being the Leader and moving your Lodge forward, then legitimately ask for the Board of Directors to address the concerns of the membership. Should you feel that it isn't being handled there, give me a call and I will gladly work with you to direct your problems.

There is a right way and a wrong way to have your Leader of the Lodge stand up, make sure that we are all doing it the right way, you will see your Lodge flourish if you help in doing it the right way.

Thank you,

Bruce Hayden SDGER - Georgia Cell 229-560-5859

Highlights from the National Convention in Tampa, Florida

The Elks National Convention began on July 4th and went through to July 7th in the beautiful city of Tampa, Florida. The opening ceremony was spectacular, as always, with pipes and drums, first responder flags and the always anticipated parade of State Flags. GEA President, Bob Colie, escorted by Bill Lewis, PSP, proudly carried in the Georgia Flag. Since there was not a convention last year due to Covid 19 restrictions, the order decided to let last years president escort the flag into the convention hall beside the current president. The keynote speech was given by GER Paul Ryan, who spoke of his strange but exciting year. There were updates on the Hoop Shoot conpetition and the Most Valuable Student Scholarship program.

After the opening ceremony, the always fun and exciting Party Crashers Band performed for the crowd. The evening finished up with a fantastic fireworks display over Tampa Bay.

Nine resolutions were passed at the legislative session and the GER-Elect, T. Keith Mills encouraged all of the ERs to be active in national programs during his speech at the session.

There were parties, receptions, luncheons and dinners throughout the week. Tropical Storm Elsa decided to "crash the party" (no reference to the band), which had everyone a little concerned but it turned out to only be some rain and wind overnight.

On Wednesday morning, Georgia's own Tim Whalen, PSP, from the Griffin Lodge #1207 was sworn in as the Grand Lodge Esquire. Congratulations to Tim on a well deserved appointment.

Georgia's District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers were also sworn in on Wednesday morning. Congratulations to Steve Petrie from Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 for the NE, Dan Tatum from Marietta Lodge #1657 for the NW and Larry Pope from Valdosta Lodge #728 for the South.

Also on Wednesday morning there was a memorial service with the eleven o'clock toast given by Karen Buchanan from Redondo Beach, California Lodge #1378. Georgia said farewell to two of our Elks that were committeemen who served on Grand Lodge Committees. We will miss Tommy Thompson, PSP, from Albany Lodge #713 and Pete Somerindyke from Tifton Lodge #1114.

After a wonderful convention, everyone here in Georgia is looking forward to next year when the National Convention will be in ATLANTA! Plan to attend and volunteer!



First Responder Flags



Pipes and Drums



GEA President Bob Colie carries in the Georgia Flag escorted by Bill Lewis, PSP



Bill Lewis, PSP, left and GEA Pres. Bob Colie pose with the Georgia Flag

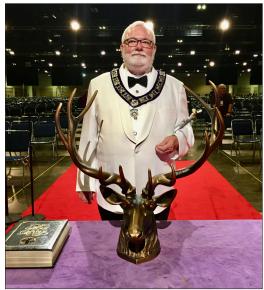


L-R: John Vanek, MS President, Suzi Simonelli, FL President, Bob Colie, GA President and Carl Brown, AL President



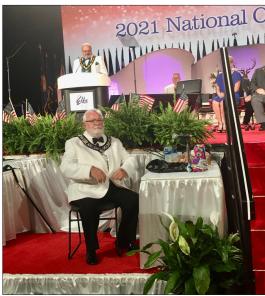
GEA Pres. Bob Colie signs the Georgia Flag with Bill Lewis, PSP





Tim Whalen, Grand Lodge Esquire being sworn in with the rest of the GL Officers

Tim Whalen, PSP, Grand Lodge Esquire



Tim Whalen, PSP, Grand Lodge Esquire takes his place



District Deputies L-R: Steve Petrie, NE, Dan Tatum, NW and Larry Pope, South





Elks remembered - Tommy Thompson, PSP from Albany Lodge #713 and Pete Somerindyke, PSP from Tifton Lodge #1114 who both served the Grand Lodge as committeemen. They will be missed but not forgotten.





GA Pres. Bob Colie introduced Union City #1617 ER Steve Henderson who presented the William A. King Ritual Awards. Also pictured is **GER Paul Ryan**



L-R: GA first lady Beth Colie, Lisa Hayden, MS first lady Lynn Vanek and AL first lady Ann Brown at National First Lady Stacey Ryan's luncheon

Meet GEA President Bob Colie, First Lady Beth And their Family

Robert (Bob) Colie grew up in Northern Minnesota and earned an appointment to the US Military Academy at West Point. Graduating as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1976, he entered the US Army as an Infantry officer where he served 22 years retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Among assignments in Georgia was a tour at Fort Benning, in Columbus, and two tours at Fort McPherson in Atlanta.

A lot of Elk folks might not know, but Bob was a football player at West Point when he attended the military academy and continues to be a huge fan of Army football. He and Beth often go to the Army-Navy game each year to cheer on his team.

Upon retiring from the Army, Bob worked in Atlanta at Bell-South (which later became AT&T) retiring in 2016. Bob joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 2007 with the Lake Oconee Elk's Lodge #2849. He served in several positions and on numerous committees before becoming the Lodge ER from 2013 to 2015. Following Bob's terms as ER, he served as Chairman of the Lodge Board of Directors for 5 years. He was voted in as the North East Georgia District Vice President 2015-2016. Following that service, Bob was appointed as the North East District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, for the year 2016-2017. In 2020 he was elected to be the Georgia Elks Association (GEA) President-Elect. Bob was installed as the Association's President in June, 2021 at the GEA State convention at Jekyll Island.

Bob lives in the Lake Oconee area of Eatonton with his lovely wife Beth who is also very active in Elk life. She has served Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 as Lecturing Knight and twice served

> as treasurer. She is the lodge's current treasurer and for implementing FRS in the lodge. She has also served at the State level as Sergeant

The whole Colie clan at the beach in 2020. Back row L-R: son Ryan Craig with grandson Wesley, son Brandon was responsible Craig, Bob Colie and daughter Erin Colie Middle row L-R: Beth Colie, daughter in law Ashley Craig with grandson Austin, son in law, David and daughter, Jenna Remion with grandson Robbie and Front Row L-R: grandaughter Nora Craig and grandson Daniel Remion

at Arms twice. As one can see, Elkdom is a major part of their lives.



Beth and Bob had a great time at the Tampa Convention. Here they are taking a ride on one of the Tampa trolleys.

Texas. Spending time with family is always a high priority on both of their lists. Bob and Beth try to live life to the fullest. One look at their calendar would tire most of us out just looking at it. They both enjoy playing golf together. As Beth says "Our

Our first couple like to travel and cruise Lake Oconee with their friends. Beth is very proud of her husband and says "Bob is the love of my life and continues to be a Bob Colie during his football days blessing to me each day."



at West Point Military Academy

Highlights from the GEA Annual Convention



David Hicks, left and Tim Whalen, PSP, right get the registration packages ready

It was great getting to go back to Jekyll Island this year for the 120th annual convention. There were a large number of Elks, Auxiliary and family members attending this years meetings and get togethers. It was wonderful seeing everyone again and get some hugs that have been missing this past year and a half.

Tim Whalen, PSP, and David Hicks from the Griffin Lodge did a great job getting everyone checked in at registration, starting on Thursday, and for those that missed the Thursday night dinner at the Brunswick Lodge, you missed a delicious meal and good fellowship.

Friday morning started off with the annual GEA business meeting and Memorial Service with various group meetings during the afternoon. The Ladies Auxiliary held their installation of officers at the convention center. The room was beautiful and the meal wonderful. Later Friday afternoon, the Aidmore Auction was held and a lot of items brought in much needed funds for Aidmore. Jesup Lodge provided a picnic dinner after the auction and the evening finished up with a dance at the Villas convention center with DJ "Savannah Steve" taking care of the music.





The Youth Scholarships were awarded to Autumn Hampton, Sarah Harris and Kurali Grantham. Junior Roberson, Scholarship Chair presented 2 of the checks at the meeting.

Saturday morning started off with the Americanism Program and the GEA awards program. The public safety officer of the year was awarded and the scholarship (most valuable student) winners were presented with their checks and each gave a speech about their future plans. A Volunteer Veteran of the Year award went to Jim Green from Lake Oconee Lodge #2849. Nita Knighton from Marietta Lodge #1657 was elected as President-Elect. Congratulations to our first Georgia Lady President!

On Saturday afternoon, a cocktail party was held for outgoing GEA President, Bill Lewis, incoming GEA President, Bob Colie, incoming President-Elect, Nita Nighton and the Ladies Auxiliary. A sudden thunder storm shortened up the fun but all took cover until the sun came back out.

Saturday evening the annual banquet was held at the convention center. There was a delicious buffet dinner followed by awards from Aidmore and a very emotional Secretary of the Year award that went posthumously to Tommy Thompson, PSP from the Albany Lodge #713. President Lewis presented the Presidents Appreciation award to Steve Petrie from Lake Oconee #2849 and the Elk of the Year award went to Stan Jones, PSP, from the Albany Lodge #713. Stan & Margie Jones also received an appreciation award for everything they have done for the Georgia Elks. The ER of the Year was Chuck Myers from Covington Lodge #1806 and the Lodge of the Year went



Scott Pitocchelli, Lake Oconee Lodge #2849's ER, accepted the Veterans award on behalf of Jim Green from Veterans Chair, Maureen Manning.



Public Safety Officer of the Year went to Sheriff John Carter (center) with the Wayne County Sherriff's Department, sponsored by the Jesup Lodge #2133 Above, left, Steve Shirah, Sayannah Lodge presented the award with Sheriff Carter's wife to the right.



Calvin Sneed from Gainesville Lodge # 1126 was the big winner in the 50/50 PAGE 9



To the left, Congratulations to Nita Knighton, newly elected President-Elect for 2021-2022. Nita will be Georgia's first lady president.

And congratulations also to Georgia's First Dude, Ronnie Knighton. Nita and Ronnie are from the Marietta Lodge #1657.



to the Covington Lodge as well. The Phillip E. Bailey Past State Presidents award went to Steve Petrie, Lake Oconee #2849. Congratulations to everyone! After the awards came the swearing in of the new GEA President, Bob Colie, President-Elect, Nita Knighton and Vice Presidents Bill Becker, Greg Shelby and Brian Russell. Bill Lewis, now a PSP, gave his farewell speech and President Bob Colie gave his acceptance speech. The evening closed the door on another successful convention, the best part, we were able to

Above, right is Steve Shirah, from Savannah Lodge #183 with left, Col. Richard L. Noel, the keynote speaker for the Americanism Program.



GEA President Bob Colie and First Lady Beth being escorted into the banquet hall by Harriet Thompson, PSP Auxiliary.



GEA President-Elect Nita Knighton and First Gentleman Ronnie being escorted into the banquet hall by PSP Steven & Debi Spradley



President Bill Lewis presented Stan Jones, PSP with the Elk of the Year Award



A very emotional presentation as Harriet Thompson, PSP Auxiliary, accepted the Secretary of the Year posthumously for Tommy Thompson, PSP from the Albany Lodge #713. Pictured L-R: Stan Jones, PSP, Larry Westberry, Harriet Thompson, PSP Aux. and Vance Rhodes, PSP



PSP Stan and Margie Jones received Appreciation plaques for everything they have done over the years for the Georgia Elks.



GEA President Bill Lewis presented ER Chuck Myers from Covington Lodge #1806 with the ER of the Year Award. Covington Lodge also received the Lodge of the Year Award. Pictured are Cathy & Chuck Myers



President Bill Lewis presented Steve Petrie with the President's Appreciation Award.



Mike Bailey, PSP, right presented Steve Petrie with the Phillip E. Bailey Past State Presidents Award.



Newly installed GEA President Bob Colie presented an Appreciation Plaque to now PSP Bill Lewis



Left, Ladies Aux. President, Sarah Hendricks and right, Sue Sneed, PSP Auxiliary

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Auxiliary Installation of Officers at Jekyll



Outgoing Ladies Aux. Pres. Sue Sneed escorted by Calvin Sneed



Incoming Ladies Aux. Pres. Sarah Hendricks escorted by Charlie Hendricks, PSP



Charlene Westberry, Parliamentarian, escorted by Larry Westberry



Cherie Becker, Chaplain, escorted by Bill Becker



Pam Stewart, PSP, Auxiliary Treasurer



Judy Arden, Vice Pres. South, escorted by Cliff Arden



Mickie Emmett, PSP Aux., Recording Secretary, escorted by Jane Santee



Deborah Johnson, Pres.-Elect, escorted by Mike Johnson



Cheryl McDaniel PSP, Auxiliary Vice Pres. NW



Miriam Wheeler, Vice Pres. NE



Nancy Strickland, PSP Aux., Corresponding Secretary escorted by Bud Strickland PAGE 11



Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2021-2022 - Charlene Westberry, Deborah Johnson, Judy Arden, Axiliary President Sarah Hendricks, Pam Stewart, Mickie Emmett, Cheryl McDaniel and Miriam Wheeler

Message from Aidmore CEO Abe Wilkinson

NEWS FROM AIDMORE

DR. VICKEY HALE SELECTED AS NEXT AIDMORE CEO

The Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees unanimously approved the selection of Chief Operations Officer Vickey Hale as the CEO-Designate for Elks Aidmore. Vickey will assume the position upon the retirement of current CEO Abe Wilkinson in July 2022.

"Transitioning into the CEO role allows me to continue serving the children, youth, and families that we work with daily and provide guidthis role will also allow me to continue strengthening our partnership with other agencies and community stakeholders. Abe will be missed. We have worked together for 28 years, and I have grown tremendously under his

ance to some phenomenal staff doing amazing work with the kids on our campus and in our foster homes," says Vickey Hale. "Transitioning into leadership. Our program and services are much stronger because of his grit and determination. I am

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Dr. Vickey Hale

indeed most excited about the ability to continue providing leadership to this great organization." "There could not have been a better choice to become the next CEO of Elks Aidmore," says Abe

Wilkinson. "Vickey and I have worked together over the past 28 years. She worked in various positions in the agency before being named Chief Operations Officer in 2015, a testimony to her passion and dedication to the children and families we serve. While working fulltime, she obtained her MSW and her Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work Policy Planning and Administration...another witness to her hard work and perseverance. Low staff turnover, high staff morale, and positive client outcomes are due to her communication skills, strength-based problem solving and family-focused approach. Vickey will, no doubt, maintain the integrity of the program services, nurture the agency culture, and contribute to the continued expansion of Elks Aidmore in meeting the needs of Georgia's children and families."

Located in Convers, GA, Elks Aidmore, Inc. addresses the needs of youth and families in crisis. Elks Aidmore's mission is to provide youth and families in crisis with the necessary skills and resources to help heal their hearts, restore their hopes and rebuild their lives. The agency has provided services to Georgia's children for over 80 years. Elks Aidmore has built a stellar reputation by delivering our mission through a wide range of quality residential treatment and support programs that focus on creating success for at-risk teenagers and young adults. Learn more about Elks Aidmore by visiting the website at: www.elksaidmore.com. Article reprinted with permission of Claire Wood, Together Georgia.

Laura Nichols

ELKS AIDMORE WELCOMES NEW FINANCE OFFICER

The Elks Aidmore Board of Directors recently approved the addition of a Finance Officer position to the Aidmore staff. Laura Nichols, a current employee of Elks Aidmore, assumed the new role on July 1st. Laura came to Elks Aidmore in June 2017 as an Administrative Assistant. Prior to coming to us, she had over 10 years of experience in budgeting and accounting with the Fossey Gorilla Foundation (non-profit) in Atlanta. In December of 2020, she received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Mercer University, with a focus in accounting. She is currently enrolled in her MBA focusing on Healthcare Management. Her anticipated graduation date with her MBA will be January 2023.

Laura states, "It has been a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to work at Elks Aidmore over the last few years. The agency has an important mission focused on changing the lives of Georgia's children in need, which can be an uphill battle filled with heartache and joy. I am grateful to have the opportunity to continue working with Abe Wilkinson and Dr. Vickey Hale in the new finance officer role. While we have many staff members and foster parents

on the front lines fighting for the children in our care, there is a business aspect to what we do, and I am pleased to be a part of that rear guard, so to speak, in making sure we can continue to fulfill our mission for years to come."

Elks Aidmore CEO Abe Wilkinson added, "We are excited to have Laura move into this new position. Over the past four years, she has gained significant understanding of the Aidmore program. That knowledge, combined with her experience and on-going educational pursuits, will enable her to help Elks Aidmore build a sustainable financial future. We are looking forward to the many ways in which she will contribute to the on-going success of the Elks Aidmore program.

ELKS AIDMORE NEEDS YOUR VOICE

In the original submission of the FY23 budget, former DIVISION OF Family and Children Services Director Tm Rawlings included a per diem increase to private child welfare providers. Since that time, Governor Kemp has requested a "flat" budget proposal from each state department. However, significant efforts are being made by Together Georgia to include an across-the-board 7.6% increase for all Child Placing Agencies and Child Caring Institutions. An increase would mean an increase in funding of nearly \$500,000 for the Elks Aidmore Residential Treatment services and Therapeutic Foster Care programs. A special session of the Georgia legislature is being called in November. Over the next few weeks, we will have "talking points" made available to each of you to use in supporting this increase with your state representatives and senators. We will need your help, and your efforts in getting others to write letters of support as well. **PLEASE HELP!** Our collective voices *WILL* make a difference in the lives of Georgia's children and families.

GRANT RECEIVED FROM GENERAL MILLS

Elks Aidmore is the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the General Mills Foundation Hometown Grantmaking Program. The grant program is a Signature Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation. The process for receipt of a grant is an invitation to apply, submission of an application, interview with the staff from the General Mills plant in Covington, and review by the corporate office. Elks Aidmore has been fortunate to have received tens of thousands of dollars in grant funding through General Mills over the past years.

.AIDMORE UPDATE FROM THE GOLDEN ISLES

The Aidmore Auction returned to the Georgia Elks Association annual convention on Jekyll Island. Although attendance was down for the convention, enthusiasm was high for the auction. The auction raised almost \$6,200 for Elks Aidmore. Thanks to Auction Chairman Piker Penn, Silent Auction Coordinator Angela Spivey, auctioneer Dean Rosier, and a multitude of volunteers, for their leadership in making the auction such a success. In addition, the agency received donations from the Ladies Horseshoes (\$340) and the GEA Athletics Committee (\$269), as well as a few Eight for Aidmore pledges.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, the following awards were given to two retiring members of the Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees. Georgia Elks Association Past State President John Yost was recognized for 20 years of dedication, service and leadership as the Albany Elks Lodge Trustees (2001-2021). Georgia Elks Association Past State President Bob Carter was recognized for 13 years of dedication, service and leadership as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees (2008-2021).

The Aidmore Awards, normally presented at the annual convention for overall and per capita donations to Aidmore, were delayed until the fall meeting of the Georgia Elks Association in Toccoa in October.



Abe Wilkinson received an appreciation award at the Jekyll banquet for his dedicated service to Aidmore through the difficult world of COVID from the Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees L-R: Tim Whalen, PSP, Abe Wilkinson, Teresia Wilkinson, Charlie Hendricks, PSP, Jane Santee, Stanley Santee, PSP



John Yost, PSP, center was recognized for 20 years of service to Aidmore. Left of John Yost is Abe Wilkinson and to his right is Stanley Santee, PSP



Above, Abe Wilkinson accepts a donation from Nancy Strickland for the ladies horseshoe games.







The Aidmore Auction was back at Jekyll and was a big success raising almost \$6200 for Aidmore. Lots of great items to bid on! And no, they did not auction off Kori but doesn't she look cute with Mom, Bethany Jackson far right.







A beautiful Memorial Dedication Service was held on July 24th at Aidmore for our beloved Past State Sponsor and Past GER Val Bates. Pictured far left is Claudia Bates with their family at the Memorial donated by the Ga Elks Association, center is the tree dedicated to Val's memory and far right are Stan Jones, PSP, Claudia Bates and Margie Jones.

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HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

The staff and youth of Georgia Elks Aidmore, Inc. gratefully acknowledge the financial GEORGE WIEHRS support of every donor. The following lists are those whose recent gifts honor both living and deceased friends. For convenient reference, the list is printed in alphabetical order. We apologize should any names be omitted and if you call such errors to our attention, we will gladly make an appropriate correction in the future. Donations are from April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

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Shannon Hamrick Theresa Gauthier Sarah Keene Kim Parsons Nitya Nair

Ravi Patel Liz Sewell

Richie and Denise Bruce Alice Garrison and Family

HARRY PRINCE

Charlie and Sarah Hendricks

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BRICK DONORS

We wish to recognize the following donors to the Elks Aidmore Brick Plaza. The Patrons have purchased bricks in their own names. Honor bricks can be purchased in recognition of another person and Memorial bricks are purchased in the name of deceased relatives and friends. We apologize should any names be omitted and if you will call such errors to our attention, we will gladly make an appropriate correction in the future. Donations are from April 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

IN HONOR

AUGUSTA ELKS AUXILIARY 1953-2021 Augusta Elks Auxiliary

IN MEMORY

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Elks Auxiliary 1820 Toccoa, GA Shilpa Vyas

EIGHT FOR AIDMORE

We wish to recognize the following NEW supporters of the Eight for Aidmore Campaign.

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Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliaries





At Jekyll, Deborah Johnson and Judy Arden received washer necklaces for the washer toss held at the spring meeting at Atlanta-Northlake.

Right, Nancy Strickland holds up one of the coveted washer necklaces.



The State Ladies Auxiliary is selling tickets NOW for their yearly fundraiser for Aidmore. This beautiful John Hardy Designed 8" Bracelet (18k and Silver Icon Dot Design) has a retail value of \$795. 1 ticket is \$1 or 12 tickets for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Fall Meeting in Toccoa. (You do not have to be present to win)

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliaries continued





Calhoun Lodge #1883 Auxiliary held a Sunday afternoon get together to raise money for Aidmore. A great time was had by everyone. It looks like Santa also made an appearance at the fundraiser. To the left, Aidmore Auxiliary President Sarah Hendricks poses with Santa and right a beautiful group of ladies attending the fundraiser.



Covington Lodge #1806 was host to the State Ladies Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting on August 7th to make plans for the 2021-2022

year. Thank you to the Covington Elkadettes for hosting this planning session. We also had to say goodbye to one of our members who will be greatly missed. Martha Radford has relocated to Alabama to be with her family. Pictured to the far left, L-R: Pam Stewart, PSP Aux. (Treas.), Deborah Johnson, (Pres.-Elect Aux.), Pat Harper, PSP Aux., Mickie Emmett, PSP Aux. (Recording Secretary), Sarah Hendricks, (President Ladies Auxiliary), Martha Radford and Cheryl McDaniel, PSP Aux. To the right, the Covington Elkadettes in front of Elroy.



tured: Beverly Dodd is the lady in more. This is an ongoing project. charge of the 50/50.



Covington Lodge #1806 Aux-iliary does a 50/50 at Friday night dinners and meeting nights. Pic-backpacks for the children at Aid-



Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 Auxiliary (LOLA) drew the ticket for their fabulous "Summer Fun Raffle" and the winner was Dick Kemmerer, pictured above with his wife Christine. The raffle generated \$7,310 for the Aidmore Childrens Center.

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliaries continued



Ladies Auxiliary members had a good turnout to raise money for Aidmore. The diehard horseshoe teams pitched in some very extreme conditions. Pictured above the brave ladies that ventured out in the heat to raise some money for Aidmore.



Savannah Lodge #183 Auxiliary continues to support SAF (Savannah Area Family Emergency) shelter. On April 29th they delivered tote bags filled with personal items. Also delivered were paper goods, cleaning supplies and personal products. The auxiliary greatly contributed to the Mother's Day program that was planned for them. Pictured L-R: Agnes Brantley and Barbara Floyd, auxiliary members and Cheryl King, Coordinator for in house activities.



Marietta Lodge #1617 Auxiliary hosted the official visit of the NW Vice President Pam Stewart in Cartersville. Dining at Maine Street Coastal Cuisine is certainly a great and unforgettable experience. Those in attendance were Shirl Cusick, Marilyn Watson, Sandy Miles, Pam Stewart VPNW, Cheryl McDaniel and Barbara Burnett Hawk. Always a pleasure to have Pam. She is truly devoted to the Elks Aidmore Childrens Center as each of us.



Winners of the Horseshoe Tournament were: L-R: Jenny Taylor and Heather Hickey, PSP Aux. (won 1st place, both are from Brunswick), Deborah Johnson, Pres.-Elect Aux. and Dixie Spiker (won 2nd place, both are from Valdosta)



The **Savannah Elks Auxiliary** came our to support the Brotherhood Ride. These men and women ride to remember our Firefighters, Police Officers and Emergency Response Team members who lost their lives to save ours. They will continue their ride up the coast being hosted by Elks lodges every evening along the way arriving in NYC on September 11th. We were so glad to be there to support our lodge in this endeavor.



Harriet Thompson, PSP Aux., had fun fishing at the PSP retreat held in August at the Little Ocmulgee State Park

Fall Meeting Schedules

GEA Fall Meeting Toccoa Lodge # 1820 14 Remsdale Street Toccoa, Georgia 30577 October 22 & 23, 2021

Friday - Oct 22, 2021 (All locations TBD. Please NOTE that "Dress Casual" means slacks or Jeans and a collared shirt and maybe a jacket. For men: Casual means short pants, tee shirts and flip flops are acceptable)

10:00 - 4:00	Registration Desk Open
3:00 - 4:00	Lodge Secretary/Treasurer Meeting (Casual)
3:00 - 5:00	Horseshoes (Casual)
4:00 - 5:00	Past State Presidents Meeting (Casual)
4:00 - 5:00	ER/Leading Knight Meeting (Casual)
5:00 - 6:00	GEA President meeting with 5 Group Chairs (Casual)
6:00 - 7:00	Meet/Greet President Elect Candidates (Casual)
7:00 - 11:00	Dinner/Dance at the Lodge (Dress Casual)

Saturday - Oct 23, 2021

<u>Saturuay - Oct 25, 2021</u>			
7:00 - 8:00	PER Breakfast (Dress Casual)		
8:00 - 2:00	Registration Desk Open		
8:00 - 9:30	1st Committee Session (Dress Casual) Tentative Pending exact times		
9:30 - 11:00	2nd Committee Session (Dress Casual) Tentative Pending exact times		
11:15 - 12:15	GEA Board of Directors Meeting (Dress:Men-Coat/No tie, Ladies-Slacks/No jeans)		
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch at the Lodge		
1:00 - 4:00	GEA Business Session (Dress: Men-Coat/No tie, Ladies-Slacks/No jeans		
4:00 - 6:30	Free Time		
6:30 - 7:00	Cocktails		
7:00 - 11:00	Banquet & Dance (Dress: Men-Coat & Tie, Ladies-Dressy		

<u>Sunday – Oct 24, 2021</u> Depart on your schedule



Brian & Cyndi Russell VP NE



Bill & Cherie Becker VP South



Joan McIntosh, Greg Shelby, VP NW and Kathleen Shelby

GEORGIA ELKS AIDMORE AUXILIARY Fall Meeting Toccoa, Georgia October 22 & 23, 2021

Friday, October 22,2021

10:00 am – 4:00 pm 11:00 am	Registration Desk Open Past State Presidents Luncheon The X-Factor Grill, 27 Doyle Street, Downtown Toccoa
1:30 pm	Executive Board Meeting, Toccoa Lodge, Downstairs
2:00 pm	Auxiliary Past Presidents Meeting, Toccoa Lodge, Downstairs
6:00 pm- 7:00 pm	Meet and Greet for President Elect Candidates
7:00 pm- 11:00 pm	Dinner and Dance

Saturday, October 23,2021

8:00 am – 8:45 am	Credentials Desk Open, Toccoa Lodge, Downstairs
9:00 am – 11:30 am	General business Meeting
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the Lodge
1:30 pm	Horseshoes, Toccoa Lodge, Poolside
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Cocktails
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Banquet and Dance

Georgia Elks Family Fun Day in Gainesville









The first Georgia Elks Family Fun Day took place on May 15, 2021, in Gainesville and if you missed it, you missed a fun filled day with an awesome group of Georgia Elks from Covington Lodge Gainesville #1806, Lodge #1126, Lake Oconee Lodge #2849, Marietta Lodge #1657, Toccoa Lodge #1820 and Valdosta Lodge #728. Thirty-Three Elks joined together to help another lodge. Thank you to these lodges for participating, it just shows how Elks can come together to help one another!

By the time you receive this magazine, a second Elks Family Fun Day will have taken place in Marietta on September 25th. Hopefully it will be a sunny day with no rain postponements.

Steve Petrie did a great job putting this event together and he has numerous signs and materials that any of the Georgia lodges can use to put on their own family fun day. Hopefully if you missed the one in May you are planning to attend the one in Marietta. Everyone will have a wonderful time helping Marietta to gain some members and enjoying the company of your Elks friends from around the state.

Leadership Training in Macon



Bruce Hayden begins the training Steve Petrie gives his presensession on Saturday morning



tation with his cut off tie



The Leadership Training Seminar held in Macon, Georgia in the spring was a big success. Ev-

eryone arrived on Friday night for a little fun with some play acting and pizza. Some arrived early on Friday to pack some goody bags for everyone. On Saturday morning everyone started out fresh and got down to learning how to lead their lodges in a successful year. Bruce Hayden, PSP, planned and led the session. He incorporated a little humor by cutting off Steve Petrie's tie during the meeting. He stated he wanted it to be casual and he meant casual. So Steve did his talk with a cut off tie. Elroy, the drug awareness elk, even made an appearance on Saturday. His trailer was outside for anyone to take a look at during the day. Make plans to attend the next training session and learn how to better be of service in your lodge, district and state.

Ana Pope holds up a couple of the over 100 goody bags



Elrov entertained the attendees

Committee Reports

Drug Awareness



Cyndi Russell Drug Awareness Chair

Hello my fellow Elks,

I am happy to be the state DAP chair this year. I have some very big shoes to fill and pray I don't let anyone down. I was fortunate to attend the national convention in Tampa and be a part of the DAP training. I came away with a lot of knowledge and look forward to sharing with our lodge chairmen.

- Have you seen the new Elks TeenZone? We are all familiar with the Elks Kidzone, but the newest Teen zone is a wonderful tool for parents, teachers, and teens. If you are curious about how the lesson plans work, I am here to help you navigate and organize a quick lesson plan for a class, the boy scouts, girl scouts, church youth programs, the possibilities are endless. Visit www.elksteenzone.org
- Another great tool is the new www.elksdap.org site. This site is much more user friendly than the older DAP link at elks.org. you can also access the teen zone from this website. In the very near future you will be able to access other DAP from across the states and see what other lodges are doing.
- We all know the Elks partner with the DEA to combat drug abuse and foster education, but just recently we have also partnered with the Young Marines Program. Look at all the life skills the Young Marines offer our youth.
- Do you ever have time to get on YouTube? I was clueless to all the videos available on YouTube until now. One video that really tugged at my heart was the TRY- Elektrohorse feat Floyd Holloway video. Very moving. Also look up the Ray Lozano videos. Ray is a national motivational speaker who works with youth to bring awareness to drug misuse and drug abuse. He is also doing webinars for schools along with in person presentations.

I am working on getting a full list of drug awareness chairmen in each lodge. Please help me by submitting the name, email address and phone number to me asap. I look forward to working with each of you. I am usually quick to respond to email or text even facebook messages.

See you all in Toccoa at the fall meeting October 22 & 23. We will have such a good time together.

Cyndi Russell 864-247-5768 Cyndilay@yahoo.com

Hoop Shoot



Vance Rhodes Hoop Shoot Chairman

The Elks Hoop Shoot program is celebrating 50 years. It is a great opportunity to reach out into our communities to show them the good work that we as Elks do for children. You may also gain new members through your participation in this program.

We were able to complete our 2019-2020 season by holding virtual shoots close to our participant's homes. Madison Hoffpauir from the Albany Lodge competed on the National Shoot and came in ninth place. We look forward to seeing her compete this season in the 10-11 girls.

We are moving ahead with a full Hoop Shoot season, but cautiously. This year may prove to be a bit challenging due to the Covid Virus, we will adhere to the CDC and Grand Lodge guidelines. Due to the lingering effects of the pandemic, setting Lodge and District contest dates may prove to be difficult with some areas experiencing possible disruptions. Lodges will need to check with schools, private academies, county recreation centers, etc. to find a location to hold their local hoop shoot. Please contact your District Director for more information about the changes to the 2021-2022 Hoop Shoot Program.

Be sure to post your contest dates on your Lodge and the National Websites https://www.elks.org. Please check the GA Elks Website for periodic updates, (gaelks.org). If you need assistance please contact your District Director or myself.

Northeast District Competition February 5, 2022
Chuck Myers, NE District Director: cmyers4864@yahoo.com
Northwest District competition tentative date January 30, 2022
Randy Keener, NW District Director: Randy.Keener@mktalliance.com
Southern District Completion February 12, 2022 at Monroe High School Gym in Albany, GA
Robert Reardon, S District Director: bob31791@yahoo.com
GEA State Hoop Shoot, February 19, 2022
National Hoop Shoot, April 30, 2022, Chicago
Vance Rhodes, State Hoop Shoot Director: wvrhodes1@gmail.com, 770-833-5048 mobile

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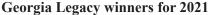
Hopefully by now all lodges have their Soccer Shoot planned or planning. One date to keep in mind is for the **State Shoot at Aidmore on November 21st at 2 pm.** Any lodge needing help with their first shoot, contact me with 1 week notice and I am willing to come help.

Contact info email: willierobersonjr@gmail.com and phone number is: 706-847-7122

Scholarships

The MVS portal opened August 2, 2021 and will close on November 15, 2021.

Lodge judging is December 3-20, 2021
District judging is December 27, 2021
State judging is January 28-February 14, 2022
National judging is March 2-14, 2022
National Finalists announced - Late March 2022



Gray Davis - Sponsored by Jesup Lodge #2133 Amber Franklin - Sponsored by LaGrange Lodge #1084 Christo Hickey - Sponsored by Brunswick Lodge #691



Junior Roberson Scholarship & Soccer Chairman



Legacy Awards opened September 1, 2021 and the deadline for 2022 applications is February 7, 2022

Beast Buggy



Reminder, bring all Beast Buggy ticket stubs and money to the October Quarterly in Toccoa. If you have not purchased your Beast Buggy ticket, please see your Lodge Secretary as they have them. They are \$100.00 with a minimum of 400 available.

Thank You,

Bruce Hayden SDGER - Georgia Cell 229-560-5859

Bruce Hayden, PSP

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 11, 2021

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary Decorating Party, 10 am Gymnasium, Conyers, GA

Program Planning and Evaluation Committee, 10 am Conference Room, Conyers, GA

Elks Aidmore Executive Committee, 1 pm Conference Room, Conyers, GA

Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees, 2 pm Gymnasium, Conyers, GA

December 12, 2021

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary Christmas Party, 10:30 am Gymnasium, Conyers, GA

February 25 & 26, 2022

Georgia Elks Association Spring Meeting Savannah, GA

March 5, 2022

Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees, 10 am Conference Call



News From Lodges Around the State





Albany Lodge #713 recognized Flag Day with Gary Fowler and Boy Scout Troop 15 presenting the flags. Pictured above is the troop with the flag presentation.

Albany Lodge #713 held a Kentucky Derby Party at the Lodge in May. Pictured above to the left are Dan and Corie Fitzgibbon with the Derby sign and to the right is Rani Pace Bailey dressed in her finest hat with her horse in tow.

LIFE IS GOOD



Atlanta-Northlake Lodge #78 received an ENF grant for Hillside, a residential mental health facility near Midtown Atlanta. They purchased 500 personal water bottles for the kids to help keep them germ free. The campus is currently closed to volunteers. The chairman for the Hillside project is Ren Brennan.



Augusta Lodge #205 used the Freedom Grant to purchase and donate a projector, screen and snacks for the Ga War Veterans Nursing Home. They showed movies like they were at a drive in movie theater. The staff made cars from boxes to go in front of the wheelchairs. The lodge was interviewed by Fox 54 with good coverage. The nursing home is called the Blue Goose. The home is still locked down but things can still be delivered to them each month.





To the left, above, the veterans enjoying an inside movie on their new screen that Augusta Lodge #205 donated and above, right, Connie Margiplis, Patricia Miller and Heather Nichols, nursing home activities director, with some of the snacks for the veterans.





On August 26th and 27th, **Brunswick Lodge #691** hosted the Brotherhood Ride at the Elks Lodge. This group consist of Police Officers, Firefighters and Emergency Care members who ride bicycles to honor those who have died in the line of duty. This year they started in Naples, FL on August 20th and are traveling 1700 miles to reach New York City at ground zero to also honor the heroes that were lost in 9/11. They will be traveling 80-100 miles each day stopping at various places that will house them for the night.



Above are the riders in action after stopping at the **Brunswick Lodge #691** on their way to NYC. For more info on the Brotherhood Ride visit the website at: www.brotherhoodride.com



Calhoun Lodge #1883 held its annual junior golf clinic. The clinic is funded by the ENF Gratitude Grant. Thank you to all of our Elks, non Elks and area youth golfers that volunteer their time. Teamwork truly makes the dream work.



Calhoun Lodge #1883 hosted a swim and pizza party for the Winners Club of Calhoun! The event was funded by the Elks National Foundation's Gratitude Grant that was applied for locally through it's Community Investment Program. Thanks to all of our Elks and Winners Club volunteers that helped make this event possible.





Covington Lodge #1806 attends ball games for the Miracle League (a baseball league for youth and adults with disabilities). Coach Myers is pitching, only problem is he's pitching for the opposite team.

Covington Lodge #1806 presented a \$3,500 check to Sgt. Martin and the Covington Police Department for POLICE WHO CARE fund. Above ER Chuck Myers and Cathy Myers (in the green shirts) presented the check to Sgt. Martin and some of the officers.



Covington Lodge #1806 had a great day hosting homeless veterans playing bingo and lunch. Winners received a basket full of great items and everyone went home with a gift bag. Bags of clothes were sent back to Fort Mac.



at Domooney Lake by fishing, cooking hamburgers and hot-dogs and they gave each veter-Junior Roberson an a Walmart gift card.



Covington Lodge #1806 Dalton Lodge #1267 presented Sergeant served the homeless veterans Major Chris Cooper with a plaque for his service at Domooney Lake by fishing, to our Country. Pictured L-R: Vance Rhodes, PSP, Sergeant Major Cooper, David Gibson and



Dalton Lodge #1267 held a Luau fundraiser for Aidmore and raised \$1,003. Dalton Lodge members are looking good! Pictured above L-R: Amber Henderson, David Gibson, Jody Buckner, Junior Roberson and Michelle Langham



Dalton Lodge #1267 used the Spotlight Grant to make a donation to the Chattanooga Food Bank (Dalton branch).



Gainsville Lodge #1126 presented Walker Moffett and Lucas Pitts with scholarships from the Gainsville Lodge. Pictured L-R: Lucas Pitts, Calvin Sneed and Walker Moffett



Griffin Lodge #1207 received Elks National Foundation Grants totaling \$8,000 to help the Griffin-Spalding Military Affairs Committee provide housing for local homeless Veterans in the community. ER David Hicks presented the check to Dr. Randy Peters.



Above, left, **Jesup Lodge #2133** did a fantastic job with the cookout at the Jekyll Island Convention in June.



Above, right, Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 used part of the Impact Grant to host a catered BBQ lunch for the Veterans at the Ga War Veterans Home. Pictured Norma Graham with one of the Vets.



Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 used the Gratitude Grant to purchase and pack 75 backpacks filled with school supplies and drug awareness material to donate to the Boys & Girls Club in Greene County. Pictured in back in the red shirts are GEA President Bob Colie and Bill Lewis, PSP



Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 used the Beacon Grant to purchase & pack 100 backpacks filled with school supplies and drug awareness materials to donate to the Boys & Girls Club in Morgan Co. Pictured L-R: Sarah Swopes, Director, Maddux & Paisley Lewis, Donna Brown, Program Director and Bill Lewis, PSP

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Lake Oconee Lodge #2849 used the Spotlight Grant to donate to the Greene County Food Pantry in Greensboro. Pictured L-R: Sid Norton, Jody Norton, Steve Peluso, Carla Jackson (with the Food Bank), Bill Lewis, PSP and Bob Pluta



Marietta Lodge #1657 used the Gratitude Grant to donate to MUST Ministries to purchase food for the Summer Lunch Program. Center, ER Adrianna Watkins presented the check.



Members of the Georgia Elks Association visited the Carl Vinson Medical Center Campus on Tuesday, July 27th and the GEA made a substantial contribution toward fundraising for the Fisher House project. Slated to begin construction in 2023 on the Medical Center's grounds near Lake Leisure, the Fisher House will be a 16 unit facility for veteran's family members to reside while their loved one is receiving medical treatment. Pictured L-R: Bob Rubright, Jim Green, Keith Griffin (Voluntary Service Chief) and John Hunt.



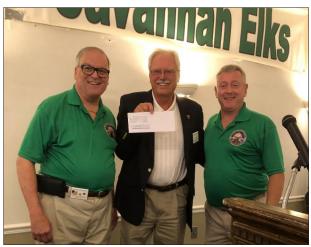
Marietta Lodge #1657's Dan Tatum, DD NW, Greg Shelby, VP NW, and President.-Elect Nita Knighton prepare to be dunked at their charity fundraiser



Above, Marietta Lodge #1657's Taylor Levy, Jamie Carson and Levi F. (member's son) having a lot of fun with the Dunk Tank fundraiser.



Marietta Lodge #1657 held their first ever Dunk Tank fundraiser on Saturday, August 7th for their Needy Family Charities which raised \$800. Pictured L-R: Tim Perkins, Levi F. (Son of a member), Carlos Funes, Connie Hunter, Declan (in the tank-grandson of members), President-Elect Nita Knighton, Jamie Carson, Dan Tatum DDGER, Taylor Levy and Greg Shelby State NW VP PAGE 25





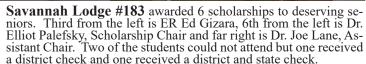
Above, left, **Savannah Lodge #183** donated \$1,250 to the Landings Military Family Relief Fund. Receiving the check (center) is lodge member Robert Longueira, chairman of the fund. To the left is Stanley Rosenberg, Secretary and to the right is ER Ed Gizara.

Above, right, **Savannah Lodge** #183 donated twenty-five \$50 Wal-Mart gift cards to the Tiny Homes Project, the Cove at Dundee. There are 23 retired veterans who currently live there. They previously had been living on the street or under the expressway overpass. They can stay two years to give them plenty of time to readjust to a normal way of life back in society. Pictured to the right L-R is Bill Becker, Esteemed Loyal Knight and South VP, Stanley Rosenberg, Secretary and Tom Everette, a lodge member. The ladies are from the Savannah Chatham Authority for the Homeless.





Savannah Lodge #183 held an ER Ball that honored the 2021-2022 officers. Out of respect for the 2020-2021 officers that brought us through the pandemic, they were honored as well. Pictuted back row standing L-R: Ed Gizara, ER, Jerrod Gizara, Lecturing Knight, Larry McDaniels, Board Member, Bill Becker, Loyal Knight and South VP, Steve Shirah, Esquire, Stanley Rosenberg, Grant Chair for the Lodge and State, Mark Bruemmer, Inner Guare, Anand Rao, Board Chairman and Charlie Hendricks, PSP and Leading Knight. Seated are L-R: Sharon Lawson, Tiler, Jessie Shirah, Officer Manager and Amy Headrick. prior Board Member





Left, Toccoa Lodge #1820 won 2nd place in the National competition for their community project. The Trunk 'R Treat was a huge success. Congratulations to the Toccoa Lodge! Pictured holding the award is ER Michael Skrzypkowiak.

To the right, **Toccoa Lodge** #1820 received a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. \$1000 was used for Open Arms Clinic to help the Ste-

phens County homeless and less fortunate. Open Arms Clinic provides medical care, as well as personal medical equipment.



Pictured are: Grant Chair Debra Skrzypkowiak, ER Michael Skrzypkowiak, Sherry Beavers, Executive Director of Open Arms Clinic, Grant Committee members Donald Markusen and Thomas Sansone.



Toccoa Lodge #1820 received a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. \$1000 of the grant was donated to the Hope Foundation. Pictured above are: Grant Committee Donald Markusen, Grant Chair Debra Skrzypkowiak, Secretary Kristy Steele, ER Michael Skrzypkowiak, Director Steve Paysen, and Future Elk Ada Steele in front.



Union City Lodge #1617 used the \$3,500 Beacon Grant from ENF to make a donation to Bridging the Gap in Newnan. It is a food pantry and also provides meals to many in the community. Pictured L-R: ER Steve Henderson, Bubba Hardegree & Jerémiah Butler







Union City Lodge #1617-Above, Cora Betts, grandaughter of Dan & Sandy Fambro, spoke to the lodge and auxiliary about her community service project "Sacks for Soldiers" representing her title of Miss United International Elite Jr. Teen. Cora appreciated the monetary support given to her by the lodge and auxiliary. She will gather personal items and snacks and send to our armed forces and veterans. Those pictured far left with Cora are Aux.Pres. Roberta Furlong, Sandy Fambro, Theresa Trantum, Marty Britt, Carol Gregg and Pat Craven.

Center-Auxiliary President Roberta Furlong, Cora Betts and ER Steve Henderson and far right, Dan Fambro with grandaughter Cora Betts



Union City Lodge #1617 used the \$2,500 ENF Gratitude Grant to make a donation to a donation to the Newnan-Cowe-One Roof Outreach in Newnan to be used to ta Humane Society. Pictured L-R help the victims of the recent tornado. Center Sandy Hiser, Bubba Hardegree & is Bubba Hardegree presenting the donation



Union City Lodge #1617 used the \$2,000 ENF Spotlight Grant to make Nelson, and Linda Earhart.



Valdosta Lodge #728 awarded Maggie Tarpley (center) an Elks Lodge Scholarship. Maggie is a senior at Valdosta High School. Pictured to Maggie's left is Kristie Jones and to her right is Rick Corbett.

Georgia Elks Association Annual Meeting 2021



The Annual Meeting of the Georgia Elks Association was called to order by President Bill Lewis at 9:00 A. M. on Friday, June 11th, 2021. President Lewis called on the Lake Oconee Color Guard to present the Colors. President Elect Bob Colie led the Pledge to the Flag. Chaplain Vance Rhode delivered the Invocation.

President Lewis introduced the head table, our Grand Lodge officers, State officers, Past State Presidents & special guest Jim O'Kelly, E. N. F. director. Secretary Tim Whalen called the roll of the officers & Lodges. The following officers were marked absent: John White, NE VP, Larry Emmett, Chaplain & John Helgesen, Historian. The following Lodges were absent: Tifton & Union City. A motion was made by Piker Penn, seconded by Larry Denny to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous session. The motion carried. President Lewis introduced our Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hayden, for his remarks. Bruce then introduced our State Sponsor & Past National President, Mike Smith. Mike reserved his remarks for a later time.

Sickness & Distress
Rodney Hackney has been hospitalized recently. Please keep Rodney in your prayers as he recovers. Bruce Hayden's mother had hip surgery this past week. Betty Hegwood & Larry Emmett have had recent illnesses but are doing better at this time.

Reports
President: Bill Lewis reminded everyone of the bus trip to St. Simons Island this afternoon. There will be two trips over & back to the

PSP Tim Whalen's President Elect: Bob Colie thanked all for attending this meeting & commented on the Elks enthusiasm in the group. He is looking for good attendance at the awards ceremonies tomorrow morning. Bob stressed membership in the coming year as well as the Grand Lodge session to be held in Atlanta in 2022.

Board of Directors: Steven Spradley reminded everyone of the Board meeting this afternoon at 1:00 P. M. in the Fitzgerald room @ Villas.

Aidmore C. E. O.: Abe Wilkinson said that it has not been a good year for many people, the fear of the "not knowing the future". Aidmore has a disaster plan in place with programs being maintained. The general population program has been shut down for a time. Foster care remains a big challenge during Covid. We have retained 95% of our staff during these troubling times.

Aidmore President: Stanley Santee told all that Ronald Anderson is doing better. The Aidmore auction will be held this afternoon at 4:00 P. M.

Committee Reports
Athletic Activities: The cornhole tournament will be held tomorrow afternoon at the cocktail party. Mike Johnson said this is a fundraiser for Aidmore & to please participate.

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Leadership Training Academy: Bruce Hayden told of the good attendance we had in Macon this year. 104 Elks attended the session with 36 new officers in attendance. The new format seems to work well. Plans are in the works for our 2022 Academy.

Drug Awareness: Anita Denny reported that we are "mid-season" on the Drug Awareness scene & not much is going on at this time.

Lodge Activities: Anita Denny presented the "All-American Lodge" award to Lake Oconee Elks Lodge #2849.

E. N. F.: Ned Thompson said that Elks are doing a good job in their local communities. 6 Lodges did not meet criteria to receive grants this past year. He stressed that the grants are easy to get & to please call for help where needed.

Fund Raising/Good Fortune: Bethany Jackson presented awards to Cliff Arden, Junior Roberson & John White for ticket sales this past year.

Fund Raising/G. E. A.: Bruce Hayden told of the Beast Buggy raffle to be held this coming October. This will be our second year of this raffle & proceeds go to help fund conventions & Elk visitors to Georgia. This year we hope to sell 500 tickets @ \$100.00 each. There will be 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prize given away.

Georgia Elks News Ads: Lynda Lewis urged the Lodges to buy ads for the Georgia Elks News. These ads help to off-set the cost of publication of our award-winning magazine.

Government Relations: Nita Knighton asked all to fill out the Charity Records books as the Lodges complete projects. Time, manpower, hours worked all count when completing projects. This document is important for the Elks to maintain their tax-exempt status with the I. R. S.

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Grants: Stanley Rosenberg said that 13 Lodges have applied for grants this Lodge year. The acquisition of these grants is important for the Lodge & your local community. Please appoint a grant chairman if you do not currently have one.

Hoop Shoot: We currently have 13 Lodges committed to having a Hoop Shoot competition this year. We completed the 2021 competition with a virtual "shoot-off". Madison Hofpauir from Albany competed on the National level & finished 9th in the nation. District Directors for this year are Bob Reardon, Southern, Chuck Myers, NE & Randy Keener, NW. Volunteers make this program a success. The committee will help you put on a program if help is needed. Please check the G. E. A. website for updates on the program. Vance Rhodes is committee chair.

Insurance: Accident newsletters are mailed to the Lodges & are available on elks.org. This is good information & should be provided to the membership. Georgia has had one property claim this year. Keep up the good work. Bob Lewkowicz is chairman of this committee.

I. R. S.: Jane Santee said the committee is available & here if needed. Each Lodge is required to fill out a form 990 each year. Please do not forget this important matter.

Membership/Lapsation: Membership numbers from the prior year are not compiled yet. Recapture delinquent members & be positive in your approach to membership. Have a good orientation program that keeps new members interested & willing to become involved. Ask new members to participate in your programs.

G. E. A. Directory: Send in your updates to Steve Petrie. The directory is available electronically on the Grand Lodge website. It is password protected. Only you can help us have a great directory by providing the necessary information.

National Service/ VAVS: The pandemic has hurt the VA reports Maureen Manning. They have been overwhelmed with the number of patients during the pandemic. Over 126,000 Veterans who are hospitalized have Covid. Thanks to Elks help, a Fisher house will soon be acquired to help the families of Veterans currently in the hospital in the Atlanta area.

New Lodge Development: Bruce Hayden reports there is not much interest in developing new Lodges at this time. We need to reach out & find good, potential sites

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Soccer: Start your program now. Junior Roberson has set the State competition for November 21st with the Regional competition to be held at the Florida Youth Camp at a date TBD.

Technology Task Force: Updated materials need to be submitted to Bruce Davis for inclusion on the website.

Ritual: The 11 o'clock Toast contest & the Tribute to the Flag contest will be held this afternoon after the Board of Directors meeting in the Fitzgerald room @ Villas. Georgia will not send a Ritual team to Tampa for Grand Lodge competition this year but will field a team for the Atlanta Grand Lodge session in 2022. Bruce Davis delivered this report.

Youth Activities: Covid hurt activities this year. Chuck Myers said that we should find ways to include special needs children, those who are left out of Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot activities.

Northeast Northwest 44

Southern 33

New Business

Tobin Sexton, Chairman of the Budget Committee, presented the FY2022 Association & Charity budgets to the membership for review prior to a vote tomorrow morning.

Convention: Tim Whalen reviewed the activities for Friday afternoon & Friday evening.

The business session was put in recess until 8:30 A. M. on Saturday morning, June 12th, 2021, so that we may hold our Annual Memorial Service.

The session reconvened upon the call to order by President Lewis who then turned the program over to Steve Shirah for the Americanism program. The guest speaker was Col. Richard L. Noel. Col. Noel served tours of duty in Vietnam, Korea & Germany. He is currently the USO-Savannah Board of Events coordinator. Following Col. Noel's speech, the flags of the branches of the armed forces were presented. Americanism essay contest winners' reports were read & the program closed with the singing of "God Bless the U. S. A."

The Public Safety Officer of the Year is Sheriff John Carter from Jesup, Wayne County. Sheriff Carter served from 2004-2021. His nomination letter stated that Sheriff Carter "served his community unselfishly" and that he has a "lifelong service to county & community". Sheriff Carter is a member of the Jesup Elks Lodge, a P. E. R. & is the first Elk to receive this honor.

The Youth Scholarship awards were presented by Junior Roberson. The \$2,000.00 award checks were presented to Autumn Hampton, representing Lodge #728: Sarah Harris, representing Lodge #713 & Kurali Grantham, representing Lodge #1100.

Our State Sponsor, Mike Smith, introduced our special guest, Jim O'Kelly, Director of the Elks National Foundation. Jim began his speech by noting that Elks Scholars graduate at 1.5 times the national average. We help them stay in school by offering scholarships. "Elks do scholarships well". Although Hoop Shoot was disrupted during the Covid pandemic, we will stay strong & come back in 2022. E. N. F. grants were used differently during the pandemic. We used the grants to help Covid stricken agencies in our local communities. Over 11.5 million dollars were distributed in grant money in the past year. "Elks are an organization with a mission". 15 Georgia Lodges used all 3 grants last year. We safely serve our communities. In conclusion, Jim urged all members to join the Fidelity Club, monthly giving to the E. N. F. for as little as \$5.00 per month.

Ritual Awards
Bruce Davis announced the winner of the 11 o'clock Toast contest & the Tribute to the Flag contest. The Toast contest winner was Marilyn Roland from the Calhoun Lodge. Marilyn will compete at the Grand Lodge contest in Tampa in July. The Tribute to the Flag winner was Steve Shirah from Savannah.

Southern

Visitor P. N. P.

Total

VAVS

Maureen Manning presented the Veterans Service Award to Jim Green from Lake Oconee Lodge for his hard work serving Veterans in Middle Georgia.

This concluded the awards programs for this meeting. Guests were dismissed & the business session reconvened.

Secretary Tim Whalen called the roll of officers & Lodges. John White, NE VP, Larry Emmett, Chaplain & John Helgesen, Historian were marked absent. Union

City was the only Lodge absent from the meeting.

President Lewis called on our State Sponsor, Mike Smith, for remarks. Mike reviewed several resolutions that will be voted on at the Grand Lodge session in Tamber and State Sponsor, Mike Smith, for remarks. Mike reviewed several resolutions that will be voted on at the Grand Lodge session in Tamber and State Sponsor, Mike Smith, for remarks. pa. He said that Grand Lodge membership is "on fire" and wants to make great strides in 2021-2022. He spoke on the Grand Lodge dues billing system and stressed that all Lodges should take advantage of this program. He said that fines for non-use of the FRS system would become effective on July 1, 2021. Carl Gerace is our Area 3 Grand Lodge Auditing Committee contact & is available for help where needed. There has been a great response to the Grand Lodge convention in Tampa next month. Masks are recommended, there will be a great opening session and urged the Georgia Elks to volunteer to help out in Atlanta for the 2022 convention.

Board of Directors Chairman Steven Spradley reported that Bruce Hayden is the new Chairman of the Board & Stan Jones will be Vice Chairman. Tim Whalen

will serve as Secretary/Treasurer to the Board. Bruce reported that the Beast Buggy raffle has been approved and that tickets will be available soon. He concluded with the G. E. A. Manual 2020 & that it will be reviewed by a select committee before being voted on by the membership.

President Elect Bob Colie reviewed formats for the fall & spring meetings of the G. E. A. The Saturday meeting format is favorable.

<u>Unfinished Business</u>
Tobin Sexton offered the FY2022 Association & Charity budgets as submitted to the membership for approval. A motion to accept was made by Greg Shelby, seconded by Gary Robinette. Both budgets were accepted as submitted.

Nominations & Elections of Officers for 2021-2022

Nita Knighton was nominated for the office of President Elect by Bob Colie. There being no further nominations, Secretary Whalen cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Nita Knighton.

Tim Whalen was nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer by John Yost. There being no further nominations, Bob Colie cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Tim Whalen.

Board of Directors -4 year at large: Dan Tatum was nominated at the spring meeting & was elected without opposition. For the second post of 4 year at large we had two nominees; Cliff Arden was nominated by Terry Bennett & Bethany Jackson was nominated by Steven Spradley. Cliff Arden won the election.

Good of the Order

Future quarterly meeting sites: Toccoa, Oct. 22 & 23, 2021 and Savannah, Feb. 25 & 26, 2022 FRS District coordinators: Jane Santee, Southern; Ned Thompson, NW & Beth Colie, NE

Calvin Sneed won the 50/50 raffle drawn on Friday night.

Jeff Chandler from the Jesup Elks supplied the tents for our BBQ

Thanks to the Jesup Elks for preparing the BBQ Friday night Elroy the Elk is available. See Calvin Sneed to make arrangements to pick up the suit

Valdosta will host a P. E. R. ball following the D. D. clinic on August 14th.

Mary Jane Melton needs help loading furniture purchased at the Aidmore auction yesterday.

Steve Shirah announced for the office of President Elect, 2022-2023

Junior Roberson announced for the office of President Elect, 2022-2023

Credentials Committee	
NE	31
NW	49
Southern	40
Guests	01
P. N. P.	01
Total	122

Resolutions
Vance Rhodes read the Convention Resolutions. A motion to accept by Stanley Santee, seconded by Piker Penn & the resolutions were adopted.

There being no further business, President Lewis called on the Lake Oconee Color Guard to retire the Colors. He then called on Chaplain Vance Rhodes to deliver the Benediction. The meeting was then adjourned.

Fraternally,

Tim Whalen

Tim Whalen, Secretary/Treasurer Georgia Elks Association

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