

GEA Spring MEETING
Macon Marriott City Center
240 Coliseum Dr. Macon Ga
February 27th – 28th 2026

Friday February 27th

All events at Macon Marriott Dress for Friday Casual

10:00 – 4:00	Registration Desk Open
4:00 – 5:00	Lodge Secretary/Treasurer Meeting
4:00 – 5:00	Past State Presidents Meeting
4:30 – 5:00	PER Association Meeting

Friday night- dinner on your own

Saturday February 28th

Breakfast on your own. Dress Business Casual for Meeting

7:00 – 9:00	Registration Desk Open
7:30 – 8:00	GEA President Mtg with VP's and President-Elect
8:00 – 8:30	Membership (Steve Petrie Pres. Elect)
8:30 - 9:00	Business Practices (Cliff Arden)
9:00 – 9:30	Auditing & Accounting/IRS/Leadership Academy (Jane Santee)
11:00 – 11:30	ER, Leading Knight Assoc. Meeting
11:00 – 12:00	Lunch on your own
12:00 – 12:30	GEA Board Meeting
12:00 - 1:00	Credentials Desk Open
12:00 – 1:00	Charity Board Meeting
1:00 – 3:00	Business Meeting
	Immediately after the meeting, Shoot-Off will take place outside of the Convention center.
3:00 -5:00	Meet/Greet President-Elect Candidate and Athletic Activities: Mike Johnson
7:00 – Until	Banquet Dinner Buffet

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

GEA Spring Meeting
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28TH
1:00 – 3:00 PM

Call to Order	Larry Pope, President
Presentation of Colors	Valdosta Lodge #728
Pledge to Flag	Steve Petrie, President-Elect
Invocation	Mike Johnson, Chaplain
Welcome/Introduction to Macon	Larry Pope, President

Intro of Grand Lodge Officers	Larry Pope, President
Bryan Klatt GER	
Mike Smith, PGER & State Sponsor	
Bruce Hayden, SDGER & Past Grand Tiler	
Tim Whalen, Past Grand Esquire & GEA Secretary/Treasurer	

Intro GEA Officers (Head Table)	Larry Pope, President
Steve Petrie, PDDGER, President-Elect	
Vance Rhodes, PSP, Parliamentarian	
Mike Johnson, Chaplain	

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA continued

Recognition of District Vice Presidents

Steve Henderson, VP NW
 David Marrero, VP NE
 Bob Reardon, VP South

Recognition of Past State Presidents

Recognition of District Deputy GER

Bethany Jackson, DDGER NW
 Ed Whitcomb, DDGER NE
 Brenda Sailors, DDGER South

Recognition of VPAL

Jeff Muehlfeld Florida State VPAL

Roll Call

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

Sickness & Distress

Larry Pope, President

Introduction of State Sponsor

Bruce Hayden, SDGER
 Past Grand Tiler
 Mike Smith, PGER

State Sponsor Remarks

Reports

President	Larry Pope
President-Elect	Steve Petrie
Chairman, GEA Board & GEA Chairty Board	Junior Roberson, PSP
Elks Aidmore	Stanley Santee, PSP
DDGER's NW, NE, South	Jackson, Whitcomb, Sailors
District VP's NW, NE, S	Henderson, Marrero, Reardon

Reports of Committees

Membership	Steve Petrie, Pres.-Elect
Audit & Accounting / IRS	Jane Santee, PDDGER
Leadership Academy	Jane Santee, PDDGER
Business Practices	Cliff Arden, PDDGER
Disaster Relief	Bill Lewis, PSP
Drug Awareness/Lodge Activities	Cyndi Russell
Budget	Beth Colie
Convention	Tim Whalen, PSP
Government Relations	Tim Whalen, PSP
Insurance/Accident Prevention	Ned Thompson
Scholarships	Stan Jones, PSP
Elks National Foundation	Brian Russell, PDDGER
Elks National Service Veterans	Maureen Manning
Americanism	Stanley Santee, PSP
Public Safety Officer	Author Anderson
Public Relations/Leadership Training	Nita Knighton, PSP
Memorial Service	Amber Henderson
Fundraising	Bethany Jackson, DDGER
Grants	Michelle Langham
Hoop Shoot	Vance Rhodes, PSP
Soccer Shoot	Junior Roberson, PSP
Youth Activities	Wendy Morris
Athletic Activities	Mike Johnson
Ritualistic	Bruce Davis
Credentials	Rick Corbett

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

Resolutions

Benediction

Adjournment

Vance Rhodes, PSP

Mike Johnson, State Chaplain

Larry Pope, President

