

**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	
Elks Aidmore DDGER's NW, NE, South	Junior Roberson, PSP
District VP's NW, NE, S	Stanley Santee, PSP Jackson, Whitcomb, Sailors 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	Authur 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

**GEA Spring Meeting
BANQUET AGENDA
Saturday February 28th 7:00 PM**

7:00 PM Banquet Dinner at the Marriott
(Dress Men, Coat & Tie, Ladies Dressy)

Call to Order Larry Pope, President
Invocation Mike Johnson Chaplain
Introduction Larry Pope, President

Head Table

From my right, Past Grand Esquire & GEA Sec/Treas. Tim Whalen
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hayden & his wife Lisa
Past Grand Exalted Ruler & State Sponsor Mike Smith & his wife Sandra
Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt and his wife Susan
From my left, Chaplin Mike Johnson & his wife Deborah, PSP Elks Aidmore Auxiliary
Elks Aidmore Auxiliary State Pres. Joanne Bennett & husband Gary
State President-Elect Steve Petrie
My better half and our First Lady Ana Pope

District Deputies

NE, Ed Witcomb
NW, Bethany Jackson and Junior Roberson, PSP
South, Brenda Sailors

Vice Presidents

NW, Steve Henderson and his wife Laura
NE, David Marrero
South, Bob Reardon and his wife April

Florida State President VPAL

Jeff Muehlfeld accompanying him is Francisca Pouza

Elks Aidmore Laura Nichlos Aidmore

Past State Presidents, please rise

Auxiliary Introductions Joanne Bennett, President

Break for Dinner

After Dinner

Intro of Special Deputy GER Larry Pope, President
Intro of State Sponsor Bruce Hayden, SDGER
State Sponsor Remarks & GER Intro Mike Smith, PGER
Grand Exalted Ruler Remarks Bryan Klatt, GER
GEA President Remarks Larry Pope, President
Auxiliary President Remarks Joanne Bennett, President

Eleven O'Clock Toast Junior Roberson PSP

Benediction Mike Johnson, Chaplain

Adjournment Larry Pope, President

**Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary
Spring Meeting February 27-28, 2026
Macon Marriott City Center**

Friday, February 27th

All meetings are at the convention center.

Registration desk open 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Convention Center Hallway

Saturday, February 28th

All meetings at the convention center.

Credentials Desk Opens 8:00 am – 8:45 am
Maple Room #309
Delegates bring their current membership card
Voting slips are to be signed by local President

General Business Meeting 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Maple Room #309

PSP Luncheon 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
The Rookery
543 Cherry St.
Macon, GA

****Lunch on your own****

Past Auxiliary Presidents Meeting 1:30 pm

Cornhole 2:30 pm

Cocktails 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Maple Room #309

Banquet buffet dinner 7:00 pm until...
Magnolia Room at Hotel
(Dress: Ladies- Dressy, Men- Coat & Tie)

