



GRAND LODGE Convention News

MONDAY ✨ JULY 4, 2022

Elks celebrate Meeting the Challenge in 2021-22

By Tom Scudder

Convention News Reporter

Thousands of Elks and guests from all 50 states attended the Opening Ceremony of the 157th Grand Lodge Session, where they learned of the past year's successes by the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, and the Elks National Drug Awareness Program. The evening's highlight was a presentation by Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills, who congratulated the assembled Elks for "Meeting the Challenge" of the past year.

To open the ceremonies, the assembled Elks were welcomed to Atlanta by PGER Michael T. Luhr. Luhr introduced the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and Past First Ladies, followed by First Lady Amy Mills and GER T. Keith Mills.

PGER Luhr then welcomed US Army LTGEN William B. Caldwell IV (Ret.), the president of Georgia Military College, who gave a speech welcoming the Elks to Georgia. General Caldwell congratulated the assembled Elks on their outstanding charitable work assisting people in need and encouraging patriotic values. He emphasized the importance of working to encourage young people's positive character development, as Georgia Military College tries to encourage the development of honor and patriotism among its students. He highlighted the Elks Americanism Essay Contest as an example of how Elks are working toward this end as well and encouraged the Elks in the audience to continue to support this and other positive, patriotic programs.

Following General Caldwell's remarks, PGER Luhr introduced Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee Chairman



PGER Michael T. Luhr gives the welcome address during the Opening Ceremony. Photo: Jenni Girtman

Robert Hinkle, who oversaw the Parade Of Flags, which included the flags of the emergency responders; all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and overseas possessions; the five branches of the US Armed Forces; the POW-MIA flag; and the flag of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. To close the parade, the members of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee escorted the world's greatest symbol of freedom, the flag of the United States of America, to the front of the stage and paused as the assembled Elks recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the conclusion of the Parade Of Flags, PGER Luhr encouraged the attendees to take advantage of Atlanta's many cultural attractions. He also presented a \$10,000 donation from the Elks National Foundation to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta-Egleston Hospital, a nationally ranked pediatric children's hospital located in Atlanta.

PGER James M. McQuillan, chairman of the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees, next introduced the reports of the Elks National Foundation, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, and the National Drug Awareness Program. McQuillan began

by congratulating Elks Members on their outstanding fund-raising performance. For the first time, donations to the foundation were more than \$10 per Member, for a total of more than \$7.7 million. Thanks to many decades of generous support, according to McQuillan, the foundation will be able to give nearly \$40 million back to the community in 2022-2023.

Next to the podium was Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman PGER John D. Amen, who gave the commission's annual report. He noted that the Welcome Home Kit program had provided basic household necessities to more than one thousand veterans moving into new homes, and that the Emergency Assistance Program had provided financial assistance to 421 veterans to help them exit homelessness or avoid losing their place of residence. The Elks Veterans Leather Program, for its part, provided fingerless gloves for wheelchair users to more than one thousand veterans and provided craft kits to thousands more.

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~ GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING COMMITTEE ~

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How Many Conventioneers?

The Credentials Committee Director, Phil Claiborne, has announced that the Registration figures from Saturday and Sunday were completed just in time for Opening Ceremony:

Grand Exalted Ruler	1
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	18
Grand Lodge Officers	7
Grand Trustees	8
Grand Forum	6
Grand Lodge Committeemen	78
District Deputies-Designate	228
Special Deputies	32
Representatives to Grand Lodge & Alternates	1,301
State Presidents	47
State Secretaries	34
Grand Lodge Members	1,435
Members of the Order & Guests	2,545

Combined Totals: 5,740

1ST DAY BUSINESS SESSION

08:00	Opening Ceremony	Grand Lodge Officers
	Procession of Grand Lodge Officers	Timothy J. Whalen, Grand Esquire
	Call to Order	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Recognition of Delegates.	T. Keith Mills, GER
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	Reading of Minutes from Previous Session — Motion to Dispense	
	Appointments	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Annual Report of the Grand Exalted Ruler	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Elks Nat'l. Convention Commission Report	Michael F. Smith, PGER, Chairman
	Nat'l. Memorial & Publication Comm. Report	Ronald L. Hicks, PGER, Chairman
	Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust Report	Ronald L. Hicks, PGER, Chairman
	Board of Grand Trustees (<i>preliminary report</i>)	Randy P. Shook, Chairman
	Committee on Judiciary	Robert J. Van Campen, Chairman
	Legislative Session discussion (<i>5 min/resolution</i>)	Robert J. Van Campen, Chairman
	Announcements	Timothy J. Whalen, Grand Esquire
09:50	(estimated) Non-Members Admitted	
	Nominations and Election of 2022-2023 Officers	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Designating Escorts for Procession of GER-Elect.	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Presentation of Grand Lodge Officers-Elect	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Celebration/Demonstration	T. Keith Mills, GER
	Acceptance Speech.	Bruce A. Hidley, GER-Elect
	Announcements	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
	Announcements	Timothy J. Whalen, Grand Esquire
	Benediction	Rev. Father Michael Martine, Grand Chaplain
11:30	Grand Lodge Session Recessed	T. Keith Mills, GER

~ GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ~

Elks announce Virtual National Soccer Shoot champions

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2021-22 Elks Virtual National Soccer Shoot.

U-8 Boys	HENRY FLYNN Sponsored by East Providence, RI Lodge No. 2337
U-8 Girls	GRACYN CORBIN Sponsored by Brookfield, MO Lodge No. 874
U-10 Boys	ANTHONY MINCHALA Sponsored by Hackensack, NJ Lodge No. 658
U-10 Girls	ALLIE FASANELLA Sponsored by Bordentown, NJ Lodge No. 2085
U-12 Boys	ISAAC REIS Sponsored by Framingham, MA Lodge No. 1264
U-12 Girls	EMILY COLLINS Sponsored by Presque Isle, ME Lodge No. 1954
U-14 Boys	JOSIAH MAYNARD Sponsored by Durant, OK Lodge No. 1963
U-14 Girls	KAMRYN WHITE Sponsored by Durant, OK Lodge No. 1963
U-16 Boys	CARTER MIDDLETON Sponsored by Greenville, SC Lodge No. 858
U-16 Girls	JOANNA LAWRENCE Sponsored by New Egypt, NJ Lodge No. 2457



Each winner received a certificate and National Champion's Lapel Pin, Patch and a congratulatory letter from the Grand Exalted Ruler. These awards were sent to the State Association (or Lodge) to present the awards to the winners locally. In the coming year, we encourage every Lodge and State Association to offer a Soccer Shoot in their communities. By doing so, you have an opportunity to show that *Elks Care—Elks Share*.



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PGER Amen noted that precautions against transmission of the COVID-19 virus continued to make it difficult for Elks to serve veterans in the personal ways they had prior to the pandemic. He congratulated the many local Elks who had found ways to help while observing those restrictions. He highlighted a project by Members of Augusta, GA Lodge No. 205, who created a complete drive-in movie experience, including an outdoor screen, a sound system, popcorn, and even cardboard mock-ups of cars, for residents of the Georgia War Veterans Home.

Following the conclusion of the Veterans Service Commission report, a report on the 50th annual National Hoop Shoot Finals competition was given by ENF Youth Program Manager Makenna Cannon. The golden anniversary was held at Wintrust Arena in Chicago and delivered a suspenseful, sportsmanlike contest as always. Cannon introduced the two winners of the Getty Powell Award for best overall performances at the finals. The female winner, who shot 24 out of 25 shots in regulation and then hit 13 of 15 shots in the Getty Powell Award tiebreaker, was Bree Besonen, who was sponsored by Copper Country, MI Lodge No. 404 and competed in the ages 12 and 13 division. Besonen had previously won her age-group in 2019, and this year, she took the next step and finished with the highest overall score among the girls. The champion of the boys' competition was Brendan Smith, a hometown hero sponsored by Marietta, GA Lodge No. 1657. Smith received not only the Getty Powell Award, but also the Emile Brady Award, to recognize that he shot a perfect 25-for-25 in the finals.

An update on the Most Valuable Student Scholarship program was given by ENF Associate Director Debbie Kahler Doles. She welcomed a group of Elks Scholars who were participating in an Elks Scholars Service Trip to Atlanta and noted that all of them were top-20 scholarship recipients. She then introduced the top MVS Scholarship winners for 2022, each of whom will receive \$50,000 over four years to complete their college educations, and played video introductions for each of them. The top male winner



The Parade of Flags during the Opening Ceremony. Photo: Jenni Girtman

was Kaden Oqueli-White, who was sponsored by Slidell, LA Lodge No. 2321. He has already interned with the National Aeronautic and Space Administration and intends to attend Columbia University and major in astrophysics. The top female winner was Breana Fowler, who was sponsored by Salisbury, NC Lodge No. 699. Having developed a mediation and conflict resolution program in her high school, she is going to Spelman College to study education.

Doles also spoke about the Community Investments Program, which awarded more than \$10 million in grants in 2021-2022, and through which more than 80% of Local Lodges received at least one grant to assist their communities. She noted that the actual value of the grants was much greater because Elks volunteers added an additional \$750 in volunteer service for every thousand dollars in grant money spent.

PGER Millard Pickering spoke about the National Drug Awareness Program and introduced a video that showed how the DAP had been on the front lines of the information war against substance abuse by providing up-to-date, reliable, and credible information about the dangers of substance abuse to those who need it. PGER Pickering then urged the audience to support a proposed amendment to the BPOE statutes that would establish a National Drug Awareness Commission, giving

the Drug Awareness Program a permanent place in the Order's statutes. He noted that this change would be revenue neutral.

Finally, PGER McQuillan returned to the stage to cap the ENF presentation by urging Elks across the country to join the ENF Fidelity Club, which involves making monthly donations to the foundation.

The opening ceremonies' keynote presentation was given by Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills, who spoke about his successful year leading the Order. He noted that he had spent 49 weekends out of the past 52 on the road, visiting Elks Lodges and state projects in 49 of the 50 states. He spoke about the fantastic work he had seen being done by Elks across the country, focusing on how Elks had found ways to reinvent themselves to support their communities.

"We are coming off one of the greatest years that our organization has had," said Mills, noting an increase in membership and record-setting donations to the Elks National Foundation. "Now is not the time to sit back and take it easy. Now is the time to continue that momentum and continue to remind everyone what we stand for, what we do, and exactly who we are."

To close his speech and round out the session, he returned to his year's theme of "Meeting the Challenge" and told the assembled Elks, "Thank you—we have all Met the Challenge." ★

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ENF Per Member Contest Winners *April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022*

STATE ASSOCIATION WINNERS

Rank	State	Members	Donations	Per Member
1.	Minnesota	6,860	\$160,415.59	\$23.384
2.	Texas	12,611	\$273,465.37	\$21.685
3.	Mississippi	2,571	\$52,557.00	\$20.442
4.	Nevada	5,466	\$102,435.19	\$18.740
5.	Utah	3,406	\$59,227.99	\$17.389

LODGE WINNERS

Members

Donations Per Member

Division I — 150 Members or less

1st	Pendleton, SC Lodge No. 2861	43	\$22,409.00	\$521.140
2nd	Wells, ME Lodge No. 2738	79	\$18,785.00	\$237.785
3rd	Tyler, TX Lodge No. 215	68	\$10,560.50	\$155.302

Division II — 151 to 225 Members

1st	Sunnyvale, CA Lodge No. 2128	159	\$16,420.45	\$103.273
2nd	Santa Monica, CA Lodge No. 906	206	\$17,062.00	\$82.825
3rd	Virginia Beach, VA Lodge No. 2268	175	\$14,263.75	\$81.507

Division III — 226 to 300 Members

1st	Montpelier, VT Lodge No. 924	261	\$20,800.00	\$79.694
2nd	Rochester, MN Lodge No. 1091	252	\$18,424.60	\$73.114
3rd	Denton, TX Lodge No. 2446	234	\$10,888.74	\$46.533

Division IV — 301 to 450 Members

1st	Cadillac, MI Lodge No. 680	310	\$103,346.50	\$333.376
2nd	Oceanside, CA Lodge No. 1561	362	\$29,442.25	\$81.332
3rd	Eagle River, AK Lodge No. 2682	443	\$24,574.30	\$55.473

Division V — 451 to 700 Members

1st	Grapevine, TX Lodge No. 2483	454	\$22,151.46	\$48.792
2nd	Caldwell, ID Lodge No. 1448	576	\$26,885.00	\$46.675
3rd	Amarillo, TX Lodge No. 923	544	\$23,209.61	\$42.665

Division VI — More than 700 Members

1st	Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley, CA No. 2444	1,132	\$140,716.50	\$124.308
2nd	Fort Pierce, FL Lodge No. 1520	1,011	\$62,989.00	\$62.304
3rd	Newport Harbor, CA Lodge No. 1767	2,271	\$80,941.69	\$35.641

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Schedule: Seminars and learning opportunities

To maximize your convention experience, don't miss the following Elks National Foundation sessions. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open 30 minutes before seminars begin, and rooms are subject to change.

Elks Hoop Shoot: 50 and Forward

The Hoop Shoot bounced back in the 2021-22 season, including celebrating the national program's 50th anniversary! Learn about the program's history, the Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame, and what's in store for the upcoming season.

**Monday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.,
Georgia World Congress Center
(GWCC) Room C101**

ENF Fundraising Chairs: Tips and Tools

As the ENF's programs and fundraising focus evolves, so do techniques and best practices for ENF Fundraising Chairs. Learn more about your role as a member of Team ENF, along with tools and tips for an effective fundraising program. Though the content for this seminar is designed for ENF Fundraising Chairs, all are welcome to attend.

**Monday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.,
GWCC Room C108**



ENF staff members can answer your questions at their booth during convention

Community Investments Program: #ElksAlwaysCare

This session will provide an opportunity to learn more about the 2022-23 Lodge grants and the robust resources available to best serve your Lodge community.

**Monday, 2 to 3 p.m., GWCC
Room C101**

Community Investments Program Office Hours

ENF staff will be on hand to answer your questions about the various grants available to Lodges.

This is not a seminar—meetings are one-on-one with ENF staff. Visit the ENF booth in the Exhibit Hall to sign up for a 10-minute time slot.

**Tuesday, 8 a.m. to Noon,
GWCC Exhibit Hall**

Elks Idea Exchange: Community Investments Program

Talk through best practices and share ideas with your fellow Elks at these informal, grant-focused roundtable sessions.

**Tuesday, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.,
GWCC Room C301**

ENF donates \$10,000 for children's healthcare

By Abbey Knupp

ENF Communications Associate

To thank the community for hosting the Elks this week—and in appreciation of the hardworking local Elks Support Committee for this convention—the Elks National Foundation donated \$10,000 to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, a nonprofit that helps kids access the life-changing, specialized healthcare they need.

Over the past 100 years, this pediatric healthcare facility has grown to become one of the top

children's hospitals in the United States. It is just the type of organization that the ENF is proud to support with one of its grants.

"We invest in kids because they're the future of our country," said ENF Director Jim O'Kelley. "We fund programs that build grit and tenacity, encourage healthy decisions, and improve access to a college education. Giving back to the youth of this community through a donation to Children's Healthcare of Atlanta aligns perfectly with our values."

The check was presented during the Opening Ceremony.

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf.



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~ GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ~

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE SEMINARS

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee will be holding two seminars at the Georgia World Congress Center-Building C on Monday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in room C102 and Tuesday from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room C101. The seminars provide an overview of the committee's programs, including the Soccer Shoot, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, JROTC Awards, Dictionary Project, Antlers, Community Projects Contest, Public Safety Medals, and the Junior Golf Program.

At the end of the seminar, there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the committee members regarding the programs. This is a great way to learn about programs that can help your Lodge become more visible in your community.

NEW ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE BROCHURES & VIDEOS AVAILABLE

To provide the membership with the latest information on the programs of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, several new brochures and videos have been produced and are now available in the Activities Committee section of Elks.org.

The brochures can be shared with your fellow Members and the public to easily explain how a program works. The videos run from 5 to 10 minutes on average and provide an overview of the programs for your officers, committees, and Members.

The Activities Committee encourages you to look at what is available. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact your Activities Committee member.

Elks Magazine expands digital archives

Explore the history of the Elks — and the United States of America — through our archived issues of The Elks Magazine. The archive has been expanded, with issues available from the very first edition, June 1922, through November 1986. Each issue is posted in full as a PDF at elks.org/history/archives.cfm.

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REVENUE

Per Capita Assessments	5,179,578
Interest/Dividend Income	630,000
Merchandise Sales	36,131
Convention Revenue	347,000
Management Fees	52,800
Royalties	172,800
Other Income	926,100
Transfer From Reserves	900,000
	8,244,409

EXPENSES

Grand Trustees	45,200
District Deputies	640,540
Special Deputies	59,450
Special Representatives	53,620
Rose Bowl	100,000
Grand Lodge Conference	127,200
Grand Lodge Session	1,651,800
PGER Office and Travel	450,200
Legal Fees	300,000
Audit Fees	36,000
Bank Fees	30,000
General Insurance	75,000
Investment Manager Fees	240,000
Contingency	222,180
Other Grand Lodge	265,332
Grand Exalted Ruler	447,582
Grand Secretary Expenses	2,519,106
Committees & Other	981,199
	8,244,409



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~ ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ~

Top MVS winners embrace astrophysics, meditation

By Abbey Knupp

ENF Communications Associate

Every student who received one of the 504 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships is a star, brightening their communities through passion, service, and knowledge. One of this year's top winners, sponsored by Slidell, LA Lodge No. 2321, has truly astronomical dreams.

"My dreams are fed by celestial wonder," Kaden Oqueli-White said, "compelling me toward astrophysics as a means to serve to make our universe a bit less unexplained and a bit more knowable to all."

Oqueli-White plans on attending Columbia University to study astrophysics and pursue a career in academia, using his education and experiences to engage diverse populations, specifically encouraging Latino students to pursue STEM careers.



Kaden Oqueli-White



Breana Fowler

Breana Fowler, sponsored by Salisbury, NC Lodge No. 699, also dreams of furthering the education of others, and she plans to pursue a degree in education at Spelman College. She has already started by creating a peer mediation program at her high school.

"The program allows students to come to peace with their past and recognize their feelings, not ignore them," Fowler said. "I am proud to say that more than three dozen students have completed the program so far, and it will be implemented into various schools, districtwide, this year."

Fowler and Oqueli-White both earned \$50,000 scholarships toward college by winning the top Most Valuable Student Scholarship awards.

The second-place winners, who earned \$40,000 scholarships, are Jang Choe, sponsored by Henderson/Green Valley, NV Lodge No. 2802, and Florence Onyuke, sponsored by Sanford, FL Lodge No. 1241. The third-place winners of \$30,000 are Mohamed Ibrahim, sponsored by Fort Morgan, CO Lodge No. 1143, and Anita Zahiri, sponsored by New Orleans, LA Lodge No. 30.

For 2022-23, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$2.8 million to fund the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, which includes 500 four-year scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$50,000. For more information about the Most Valuable Student scholarship program, including eligibility and deadlines, visit enf.elks.org/MVS.

~ GRAND LODGE AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE ~

The Auditing and Accounting Committee will be conducting two seminars on Monday and Tuesday to assist Lodges in their accounting tasks.

Introduction to Lodge Accounting using QuickBooks will address the basics of utilizing the recommended software to perform all the basic accounting tasks that a Lodge needs. The session will be conducted using a live session of QuickBooks. It is recommended for all beginners and intermediate Lodge personnel that handle the bookkeeping at the Lodge level. The seminar is scheduled for 12:30-1:45 p.m. Monday and 2:15-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, both in GWCC Building C, room C110.

The *Advanced Lodge Accounting Topics* session will be addressing six of the most common areas where Lodges have issues with complying with Grand Lodge Statutes or federal and state information return requirements. This session is scheduled for 2-3:15 p.m. Monday and 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesday, both in GWCC Building C, room C110.

Each session will also have a question and answers segment. Members are also able to stop by the committee's booth in the exhibits area to meet one on one with a member of the committee to address specific issues. The committee looks forward to meeting you.

~ FLAG CHARGE CONTEST ~

The top contestants and scores from Sunday's preliminary contest.

EASTERN DIVISION

Stephen Teague, Bridgeport, PA Lodge No. 714 — 98.1244
Ignatius Todd Daquino, Kenton, OH Lodge No. 157 — 97.7275

WESTERN DIVISION

Diane Bodwell, Phoenix, AZ Lodge No. 335 — 98.3109
Rebecca Carlson, Keizer, OR Lodge No. 2472 — 98.1489

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A promotional graphic for the Florida Elks Youth Camp. It features a young boy in a white helmet and blue shirt in the foreground. In the background, a group of children are swimming in a pool. The text 'Florida Elks Youth Camp' is at the top right, followed by '7 Weeks of AWESOME' in large, stylized letters. Below this, 'OUR MISSION' is written above three circular icons labeled 'INSPIRE', 'CONNECT', and 'EXPAND'. At the bottom, a call to action says 'LEARN MORE www.feyc.org'. The Florida State Elks Association logo is in the bottom left corner.

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Summary of Proposed Resolutions being voted on Tuesday

2022-01—To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

2022-02—To reduce the burden of storage of hundreds of years of physical paperwork by allowing for digital storage of documents. To increase longevity of information by minimizing risk of loss of information due to disaster or accident. To eliminate the need to store membership-related paperwork and information already available in CLMS, and allow for digital storage of membership-related paperwork that pre-dates CLMS implementation.

2022-03—To eliminate the age requirement in part (a) of Section 14.260.

2022-04—To create, establish, and codify a new Elks National Drug Awareness Commission, to better support and promote the programs of the Order intended to address the dangers and pervasive problems surrounding drugs, alcohol, and substance abuse, and to keep communities across the United States informed about those risks and dangers.

2022-05—To provide the Grand Exalted Ruler with the ability to protect Members, guests, and property when a Member acts or threatens to act in an egregious manner.

2022-06—The purpose of this amendment to clarify that there is no charge for the issuance of identification cards.

2022-07—The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Grand Exalted Ruler has sufficient time to analyze the objections made by a Member, Lodge or State Association that are subject to an executive order.

2022-08—The purpose of this amendment is to provide authority for local Lodge Committees and Subcommittees to meet by electronic means.

2022-09—The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the Grand Exalted Ruler or District Deputy to allow electronic meetings to protect Members from a serious threat to their health and safety and to ensure the continuation of Lodge business.

2022-10—The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an unaffiliated Member, who is the current spouse of a Member, may visit a Lodge and attend events of the Order in a manner consistent with the status of a spouse who has never been a Member of the Order.

2022-11—The purpose of this amendment is to authorize electronic submittal of forms in the permitting process.

~ CALLICOTT 11 O'CLOCK TOAST CONTEST ~

The top contestants and scores from Sunday's preliminary contest.

EASTERN DIVISION

Chad Spencer, Kenton, OH Lodge No. 157 — 98.6044

John Montgomery, St. Johnsbury, VT Lodge No. 1343 — 98.5528

WESTERN DIVISION

Brad Lucas, Sun City, AZ Lodge No. 2559 — 98.8111

Cathy Swanson, Hillsboro, OR Lodge No. 1862 — 98.6818

FINAL FOUR CONTEST: Monday, July 4, 10:00 a.m.



Convention vendors are back for 2022

~ 2022 RITUALISTIC CONTEST PRELIMINARY SCORES ~

EASTERN DIVISION

STATE	LODGE & NO.	SCORE
MAINE	Sanford #1470	95.9940
PENNSYLVANIA	Bridgeport #714	94.9084
VERMONT	St. Johnsbury #1343	95.7593
FLORIDA	Gainesville #990	95.4824
NEW YORK	Carthage #1762	96.7709
OHIO	Kenton #157	97.6090
GEORGIA	Dalton #1267	94.7614
NEW JERSEY	Lake Hopatcong #782	97.2687

WESTERN DIVISION

STATE	LODGE & NO.	SCORE
CALIFORNIA	Garden Grove #1952	96.9270
WYOMING	Casper #1353	94.7554
ARIZONA	Phoenix #335	95.2821
OKLAHOMA	Claremore #1230	95.7546
NEVADA	Reno #597	96.8396
MISSOURI	Festus-Crystal City #1721	95.3354
COLORADO	Littleton #1650	96.3267
OREGON	Keizer #2472	96.9317
WASHINGTON	Kelso/Longview #1482	94.6686
NEBRASKA	Grand Island #604	96.1987

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