



# GRAND LODGE Convention News

## TUESDAY ✨ JULY 5, 2022

### GER-Elect Hidley encourages Elks enthusiasm

By Tom Scudder

Convention News Reporter

The leadership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks conducted the first business session of the 157th Grand Lodge Session and elected Bruce A. Hidley, of Watervliet-Colonie, NY Lodge No. 1500, as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2022-2023 year.

Hidley has been an Elk since June 2, 1980, when he joined Guilderland, NY Lodge No. 2480. He transferred to Watervliet, NY Lodge No. 1500 in 1985, where he proceeded through the principal chairs to become Exalted Ruler in 1991-1992, after which he served as a Lodge trustee for five years. He served his district and state association in many capacities, including as chairman of the New York State Elks Association Government Relations Committee for 12 years and as State President in 2007-2008.

At the Grand Lodge level, Hidley was District Deputy for the New York State Capital District in 2001-2002, served on the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee from 2012 to 2018, and served on the Board of Grand Trustees from 2018 to 2022.

The announcement of the election was followed by an exuberant celebration as supporters from Hidley's Area 1 streamed into the hall. Once order was restored, the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler spoke about his vision for the Order, encompassed in his theme: *"Promoting Elkdome With Enthusiasm."* He asked the assembled Elks, "are each of you up to the challenge of Promoting Elkdome With Enthusiasm?" and was greeted with an appropriately enthusiastic response. He asked the assembled delegates to grow membership and meet his per-capita giving goal of \$4.80 per Member.

Prior to the election of the Grand Exalted Ruler, a number of reports were heard and other officers were



GER-Elect Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady of Elkdome Helen Hidley keep tradition with a celebratory smooch after the Nominations and Election of Grand Lodge Officers. Photo: Scott Giacini.

elected and appointed. The business of the session began with the report of Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills. GER Mills announced that, after a hiatus of many years, the BPOE would once again be entering a float in the Tournament of Roses Parade. He also, with the approval of the assembled delegates, appointed Paul E. Robinson of Flat Rock, MI Lodge No. 1731, as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

The GER's report was followed by the report of Chairman of the Elks National Convention Commission Michael F. Smith, of Plant City, FL Lodge No. 1727. Chairman Smith announced that Chicago, IL, had been chosen as the site for the 2026 Grand Lodge Session. Chicago follows Minneapolis, MN, in 2023, Austin, TX, in 2024, and Kansas City, MO, in 2025.

Next were the reports of the National Memorial and Publications Commission and of the Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust. PGER Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. noted that The Elks Magazine was celebrating its 100th anniversary and that, after multiple years of closure because of the COVID pandemic, the Elks National Memorial building reopened in April. After this came the preliminary reports of

the Board of Grand Trustees and the Committee on Judiciary. Members of the Committee on Judiciary reviewed the 11 proposed amendments that will be considered on Tuesday.

The assembled Elks then turned to the election of their leadership for the following year. In addition to GER-Elect Hidley, the slate of Officers that were nominated and unanimously elected included Grand Esteemed Leading Knight George Lehn of Hutchinson, MN Lodge No. 2427; Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight R. Douglas Larsen of Salinas, CA Lodge No. 614; Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Alvin E. Nagel of Eagle River, AK Lodge No. 2682; Grand Secretary Bryan R. Klatt of DeKalb, IL Lodge No. 765; Grand Inner Guard Barton F. Barnes of Franklin, PA Lodge No. 110; and Grand Trustees Wayne D. Cotterly of Augusta, ME Lodge No. 964 and Joseph C. Cooper of Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota, FL Lodge No. 2855.

The appointed Officers for 2022-2023 are Grand Tiler Kenneth LaFleur of Opelousas, LA Lodge No. 1048; Grand Esquire John T. Jennings of Hutchinson, MN Lodge No. 2427; and Grand Chaplain Rev. Stephen McNally of Bedford, VA Lodge No. 2844. ★

## ~ ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION ~

# 13,401 hides donated for Elks leather program

The winners this year in the collection of deer hides:

1. Missouri ..... 4,598 hides
2. Iowa ..... 3,835 hides
3. Arkansas ..... 2,996 hides

These hides provide occupational and recreational therapy for recovering veterans and gloves for veterans in wheelchairs.

Stop by the ENVSC booth and check out the leather craft kits and meet Chip Purkey from Help Heal Veterans for information on obtaining crafts for your veterans. Elks gloves are also available.

### Elks Veterans Leather Program statistics for Lodge Year 2021-22

States donation salted hides: 9 (AR: 2,996. CO: 125. IA: 3,835. MO: 4,598. NE: 1,364. NM: 36. PA: 130. TN: 179. WI: 138.)

Total hides donated: 13,401

Veterans wheelchair gloves distributed, total:

1,059 x \$25 = \$26,475

Crafting leather distributed, hospitals and clinics:

2,541 (sq ft) x \$4.50 = \$10,434.50

Crafting leather donated to Help Heal Veterans, total:

71,294 (sq ft) x \$4.50 = \$321,823

Crafting kits manufactured with our leather, HHV: 89,131

Crafting kits distributed by Elks: 5,800. Value: \$125,142.93

Glove orders: 25 states, 47 orders

Crafting leather orders: 3 states, 5 orders

### Summary

Gloves: \$26,475

Leather: \$10,434.50

Crafting kits: \$125,142.93

Help Heal Veterans Leather: \$321,823

Total value: \$483,875.43

— Dennis McAleese, PSP Leather Chairman



## ELKS DO... THE RIGHT THING

One grateful Elk is looking for someone who found his lost bag on Sunday.

Scott Stephens misplaced his bag, which contained his cash and convention purchases and collectibles. He feared the bag was gone, but decided to ask the Grand Secretary's office if someone had turned it in. To his surprise, it was there — with all the items still inside.

"I figured that there were so many Elks, there's a good chance it would get turned in," Stephens said. "And sure enough, everything was there. ... My beliefs in the Elks were upheld."

Stephens is willing to make an ENF donation in the name of the person who found his bag. If you were that person, you can find Stephens in Section 10, from California.

## ~ GRAND LODGE MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING COMMITTEE ~

# Remember Atlanta convention with fun photos

Come visit Grand Lodge Membership and Marketing in the exhibit hall and take advantage of the new photo booth. The green screen backdrop options include a Fourth of July fireworks display in downtown Atlanta; famous Elks; the Grand Lodge Memorial; and "Having fun since 1868." Come as often as you want — share the photos on social media and e-mail them to your friends.





## How Many in Attendance?

The attendance report for the Grand Lodge Session through Monday has been announced and is as follows:

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 . . . . .	226
Special Deputies . . . . .	32
Reps to G/L and Alternates . . . . .	1,415
State Association Presidents . . . . .	47
State Association Secretaries . . . . .	34
Grand Lodge Members . . . . .	1,505
Members of the Order & Guests . . . . .	2,661
<b>Total of</b>	<b>6,038</b>

## 2ND DAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION

<b>08:00</b>	<b>Call to Order</b> . . . . .	T. Keith Mills, GER
	— Invocation . . . . .	Rev. Father Michael T. Martine, Grand Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance . . . . .	All
	G/L Resolutions Committee . . . . .	John H. Atwood, Chairman
	Registration ( <i>final report</i> ) . . . . .	Phil Claiborne, Chairman
	Board of Grand Trustees ( <i>final report</i> ) . . . . .	Randy P. Shook, Chairman
	Grand Forum / Pardon Commission . . . . .	Gregory P. Beacom, Chief Justice
	Legislative Session ( <i>voting</i> ) . . . . .	Robert J. Van Campen, Judiciary Chairman
	Disaster Relief Fund . . . . .	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
	Government Relations Committee Report . . . . .	Anthony Markarian, Chairman
	Auditing & Accounting Committee Report . . . . .	William J. Chinn, Jr., Chairman
	Activities Committee Report . . . . .	Wayne D. Cotterly, Chairman
	Fraternal Committee Report . . . . .	Robert R. Hinkle, Chairman
	GER-Elect Program Remarks . . . . .	Bruce A. Hidley, GER-Elect
	Chicago Headquarters Report . . . . .	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
	Announcements . . . . .	Timothy J. Whalen, Grand Esquire
<b>10:10</b>	<b>(estimated) Non-Members Admitted</b>	
	Ritualistic Committee Report . . . . .	Kenneth D. Rice, Chairman
	Legislative Results . . . . .	Robert J. Van Campen, Judiciary Chairman
	Announcements . . . . .	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
	Benediction . . . . .	Rev. Father Michael Martine, Grand Chaplain
<b>10:50</b>	<b>Grand Lodge Session Recessed</b> . . . . .	T. Keith Mills, GER

## 11 O'CLOCK TOAST

The Ritualistic Committee asks all Elks, at 11 p.m. on Tuesday, to **pause and recite the 11 O'Clock Toast** wherever they are.

Let's let Atlanta know that the Elks are in town.

## ~ G/L ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ~

## DICTIONARY PROJECT

Since the Dictionary Project was adopted as an Elks program in 2003, the Elks have donated 4,242,850 dictionaries to third grade students across the country by 1,231 Lodges. This past year, a total of 87,684 dictionaries had been donated by 207 Elks Lodges.

Get involved by contacting your local schools to see if they are willing to participate. If an organization is already providing them with the dictionaries, then try offering one of the other books available, such as a thesaurus, instead. Books can be ordered through the project's website at [dictionaryproject.org](http://dictionaryproject.org).

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## ~ ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION ~

## Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame members announced

By Abbey Knupp

ENF Communications Associate

In celebration of the 50th anniversary as a national program, Hoop Shoot has established the Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame.

The hall recognizes the most outstanding competitors and contributors: National Finalists who stood out or have gone on to do great things, and volunteers who have put their heart and soul into making the program the best it can be.

"It is an honor to work with so many dedicated volunteers, like our Regional Directors—they're the ones who make the Hoop Shoot happen," said Youth Programs Manager Makenna Cannon. "They've been making this program special for all national competitors for the past 50 years, and we're excited for the next 50."

The inaugural class consists of 24 contributors and 20 competitors.



Bart Powell (left), son of Getty Powell, the program's first National Director, embraces Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame member Vern Larson.

## Contributors

Bill Cook, Cam Cronk, Emile Brady, Frank Bonner, Frank Hise, Getty Powell, James Roche, Joyce Roche, Keith Mills, Linda Cronk, Raymond (Buddy) Avezzie Jr., Vern Larson, Walter Kettelle, William Critchfield, Bill Gerken, Jerry Grafton, Jim "JD" Dorris, Jim Fuller, Randy Gragg, Richard Blinn, Richard Harris, Robert Bartolameolli, Ron Shogren, and Larry Torres.

## Competitors

Bonnie Samuelson, Brian Gibbs, Chris Mullin, C.J. Cowgill, Jennifer Howard, Karlie Samuelson, Melissa Arrowood, Sean Flohr, Taylor Robertson, Taylor Worman, Alyson (Johnson) Ellison, Bill Brandsma, Jackie Stiles, Joseph Girard III, Steve Alford, Bryan Thoemke, Doris Carie, Kelly Hughes, Seimone Augustus, and Zeb Alford.

More information on all Hall of Fame members can be found at [enf.elks.org/ElksHall](http://enf.elks.org/ElksHall).

*The Elks have been developing gritty kids through the Hoop Shoot program for 50 years. For 2022-23, the 50th anniversary celebration of the Hoop Shoot as a national program, the Elks National Foundation allocated more than \$1.4 million to fund the program. For videos, news from the court, and more information about the Hoop Shoot, visit [elks.org/hoopshoot](http://elks.org/hoopshoot).*

## Elks Lodges celebrate 100-Year Anniversaries

The following Elks Lodges have stood the test of time as they celebrate their 100-Year Anniversary this 2022-2023 fraternal year during GER Bruce A. Hidley's term. Here's to 100 more years in service to humanity, community, our nation and our Order's noble principles.

<u>LODGE NAME &amp; NO.</u>	<u>INSTITUTED</u>
Weehawken, NJ Lodge No. 1456	August 9, 1922
Princeton, WV Lodge 1459	September 30, 1922
Mamaroneck, NY Lodge 1457	October 13, 1922
Platteville, WI Lodge 1460	April 2, 1923
Deland, FL Lodge 1463	April 18, 1923
Madison, NJ Lodge 1465	May 9, 1923
Las Vegas, NV Lodge 1468	June 28, 1923
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## Resolution Honoring Retiring Grand Forum Chief Justice

*Proposed by Grand Forum Senior Justice Francis X. Olivieri*

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** is completing his term as Chief Justice of the Grand Forum; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** graduated from Regis University with a Bachelor of Science degree in business and was awarded a Juris Doctor degree from Denver University Law School; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** served in the district attorney's office of Adams County, Colorado for fifteen years, and the private practice of law for ten years, and serving nearly fifteen years on the bench of the 17th Judicial District for the State of Colorado, retiring in June of 2021; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** has served his community in numerous positions, among them as a member of the Laradon Hall Board of Directors, Three Day Avon Breast Cancer Fundraiser, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** was initiated into Westminster, Colorado Lodge No. 2227 in 1993, served in numerous chairs in the Lodge, including Exalted Ruler in 1998-1999, then serving a five-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees, and becoming Elk of Year in 2010; also serving the Central Northwest District of the Colorado Elks Association as District Chairman Government Relations and District Chairman Americanism; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** served the Colorado Elks Association as a Trustee, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee for many years and as a member of the Leadership Development Team; and

Whereas, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** has rendered dedicated service to the Grand Lodge, serving the Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Central Northwest District of Colorado from 2002-2003, and as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 2013-2017; and

Whereas, in July 2017, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** was appointed and confirmed to serve a five-year term on the Grand Forum; and

Whereas, in July 2021, the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** was appointed to serve as Chief Justice of the Grand Forum for the year July 2021 to July 2022.

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that this 157th Session of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, in convention duly convened this 3rd day of July, 2022 does hereby congratulate and commend the **Honorable Gregory P. Beacom** for his exemplary dedication; and directs that he be presented with an appropriate honorarium in keeping with one retiring after many years of worthy service to the Order, along with an engrossed copy of this Resolution, and the admiration, respect, and best wishes of his fellow Justices, colleagues, and entire membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Passed at the 157th Session of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America this 5th day of July 2022, at Atlanta, Georgia.



**Gregory P. Beacom**



## Resolution Honoring Retiring BOGT Chairman

*Proposed by Board of Grand Trustees Secretary Allen H. Lenort*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** of Lawrenceburg, TN Lodge No. 2206 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees after four years of distinguished service. Upon his retirement, the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express sincere appreciation for his leadership and service; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** has been a Member of the Order for over 29 years, serving the Lawrenceburg Lodge as an Officer and served as Exalted Ruler in 1996-1997 and again in 1998-1999, served 3 years as Lodge Trustee, 5 years as Lodge Treasurer, continues to serve on numerous Lodge Committees, and was Lawrenceburg Elk of the year 2008-2009; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** has served the Tennessee Elk's Association as Vice-President in 1999-2000, State President 2005-2006, was named Tennessee Elk of the Year in 2007-2008, was inducted into the Tennessee Elks Hall of Fame in 2011-2012, and continues to serve on numerous State Association Boards and Committees; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** has served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002, as Area 3 Government Relations member 2007-2009, as Grand Treasurer in 2009-2010, as Area 3 Public Relations and Marketing Committee in 2014-2018, and was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 2018; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** has faithfully served the Board of Grand Trustees as Building Applications – West Member, Pensions Member, Secretary, and Chairman of the Board; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook** accomplished all of the foregoing with the help, love, and support of his wife of 40 years Wanda, his family, as well as his children and grandchildren; *and*

**Whereas, Randy P. Shook's** ability and leadership, demonstrated by a passion for Elkdom has earned the respect of all Elks, especially the members of the Board of Grand Trustees; *and*

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that in grateful recognition of his valued service to Elkdom and in tribute to his dedication to our Order, the Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by the Grand Lodge in Session to procure and present to **Randy P. Shook**, a suitable testimonial for his service, together with an embossed copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the gratitude and respect in which he is held by his fellow Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the entire Membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.



**Randy P. Shook**

## Grand Lodge Budget proposed for 2022-2023

### 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
	<b>8,244,409</b>

### 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
	<b>8,244,409</b>

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## We're So Proud Of OUR Grand Exalted Ruler!



T. Keith Mills

Don't forget about...



A convention tradition, the popular Idaho potato patch sports a Georgia theme.



## Resolution Honoring Retiring BOGT Vice-Chairman *Proposed by Board of Grand Trustees Approving Member Charles R. Campbell*

**Whereas, Bruce A. Hidley**, Watervliet-Colonie, New York Lodge No. 1500 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees after four years of distinguished service. Upon his retirement, the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express sincere appreciation for his leadership and service; *and*

**Whereas**, His career in Elkdom started with his initiation into the Guilderland, New York Lodge No. 2480 on June 2, 1980, where he had the opportunity to serve on various committees. He was installed as Inner Guard in 1983 before transferring to Watervliet Lodge No. 1500 on September 3, 1985. He again served on several committees in his new Lodge before being installed as Esteemed Lecturing Knight for the 1988-1989 Lodge year. He progressed through the chairs before being installed as the sixty-fifth Exalted Ruler of the Watervliet Lodge No. 1500 in 1991-1992. He has since served as a Past Exalted Ruler and a member of the Board of Trustees from 1992 through 1998, serving the last year as its chairman. He was named Goodwill Ambassador in 1992. He has served his Lodge as House Chairman since 2010 and remains active as a District Leader in the State Capital District of New York; *and*

**Whereas**, He served the State Capital District as the Major Projects Committee Chairman, the Elks National Foundation Committee Chairman, and the Government Relations Committee Chairman. He has served the New York State Elks Association as Government Relations Committee Chairman for twelve years and as a member of the Conference of Private Organizations since 1996 and served that organization as its chairman. He was elected President of the New York State Elks Association in 2007-2008 and since 2008 has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the New York State Elks Association. He was appointed chairman of the Future of the New York State Elks Association Committee from 2009 through 2012; *and*

**Whereas**, He served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002. He served faithfully on the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee from 2012 to 2018. He was appointed Special Representative for the State of New York in 2017, and was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees for a four-year term in 2018, serving as Buildings Applications East Member, Approving Member, Home Member, and serving his last year as Vice Chairman; *and*



**Bruce A. Hidley**

**Whereas**, He received his associate degree of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Hudson Valley Community College in 1979. He worked in state government as an auditor from 1980 until 1991, when he was appointed by the City Council of Watervliet as city clerk for the City of Watervliet. He served under three different mayoral administrations for more than twenty-two years, until 2013 when he was elected Albany County Clerk, was re-elected in 2017, re-elected again in 2021 and currently serves in this position; *and*

**Whereas**, He has the support and love of his best friend and wife of over thirty-nine years, Helen, who has been with him every step of the way on his journey through Elkdom, from the Guilderland Lodge No. 2480 to the Watervliet-Colonie Lodge No. 1500 to the New York State Elks Association and now to Grand Lodge; *and now*

**Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that in grateful recognition of his valued services to Elkdom and tribute to his character, leadership, and dedication to our Order, the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by the Grand Lodge in Session to procure and present to Brother Bruce A. Hidley, a suitable testimonial for his service, together with a copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the high esteem and respect in which he is held by his fellow members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the entire membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

### ~ GRAND LODGE AUDITING AND ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE ~

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

**Introduction to Lodge Accounting using QuickBooks** will address the basics of using 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 2:15-3:30 p.m. Tuesday 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 12:30-1:45 p.m. Tuesday 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.

# LOCAL LODGE ACTIVITY

During Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills's Fraternal Year 2021-2022

## CHARTERS GRANTED = NEW LODGES

- Beaver Island, MI Lodge No. 2886—Instituted 09/25/2021.
- Canyon, TX Lodge No. 2887—Instituted 04/02/2022.

## CHARTERS SURRENDERED

- East Polk, FL Lodge No. 2882  
—(EO #21-099) Effective 12/28/2021.
- Hermiston, OR Lodge No. 1845  
—(EO #21-010) Effective 07/23/2021.
- Johnson County, IL Lodge No. 2880  
—(EO #21-079) Effective 11/22/2021.
- Mount Pleasant, SC Lodge No. 2867  
—(EO #21-122) Effective 03/08/2022.
- Mangum, OK Lodge No. 1169  
—(EO #21-130) Effective 03/22/2022.
- Otsego, MI Lodge No. 1711  
—(EO #21-138) Effective 04/01/2022.
- Montpelier, VT Lodge No. 924  
—(EO #21-186) Effective 06/02/2022.

## CHARTERS REVOKED

- Columbus North, OH Lodge No. 2700  
—(EO #21-030) Effective 08/30/2021.
- Fredericktown, MO Lodge No. 2812  
—(EO #21-028F) Effective 09/30/2021.
- Troy, NY Lodge No. 141  
—(EO #21-117F) Effective 03/29/2022.

## LODGE MERGERS

- Gresham, OR Lodge No. 1805 & Gateway (Portland), OR Lodge No. 2411, to be known as: Gateway-Gresham, OR Lodge No. 1805. Effective 07/10/2021 by EO #21-004.
- Sayre, PA Lodge No. 1148 & Towanda, PA Lodge No. 2191, to be known as: Sayre, PA Lodge No. 1148. Effective 08/16/2021 by EO #21-017.
- Kearny, NJ Lodge No. 1050 & Belleville, NJ Lodge No. 1123, to be known as: Kearny, NJ Lodge No. 1050. Effective 10/28/2021 by EO #21-071.
- Watervliet, NY Lodge No. 1500 & Colonie, NY Lodge No. 2192, to be known as: Watervliet-Colonie, NY Lodge No. 1500. Effective 11/02/2021 by EO #21-075.
- Cliffside Park, NJ Lodge No. 1502 & Palisades Park-Fort Lee, NJ Lodge 2475, to be known as: Greater Palisades Cliffs, NJ Lodge No. 2475. Effective 12/10/2021 by EO #21-089.
- Reading, PA Lodge No. 115 & Ephrata, PA Lodge No. 1933, to be known as: Ephrata-Reading, PA Lodge No. 115. Effective 05/09/2022 by EO #21-169.

## LODGE NAME CHANGE

- Greater Palisades Cliffs, NJ Lodge No. 2475, name changed to: Greater Palisades, NJ Lodge No. 2475. Effective 02/03/2022 by EO #21-089A.
- Hudson-Concord, MA Lodge No. 959, name changed to: Hudson, MA Lodge No. 959. Effective 04/22/2022.

## LODGE REDISTRICTING

### OREGON ELKS ASSOCIATION

#### Oregon Central District No. 7320 (9 Lodges)

- Milwaukie-Portland Lodge No. 142; The Dalles Lodge No. 303; Salem Lodge No. 336; Oregon City Lodge No. 1189; Hood River Lodge No. 1507; Gateway-Gresham Lodge No. 1805; Independence Lodge No. 1950; Silverton Lodge No. 2210; and Keizer Lodge No. 2472.

#### Oregon North District No. 7440 (11 Lodges)

- Astoria Lodge No. 180; McMinnville Lodge No. 1283; Tillamook Lodge No. 1437; Seaside Lodge No. 1748; Hillsboro Lodge No. 1862; Lincoln City Lodge No. 1886; Beaverton Lodge No. 1989; St. Helens Lodge No. 1999; Sherwood "Robin-Hood" Lodge No. 2342; Forest Grove Lodge No. 2440; and Tualatin Valley Lodge No. 2780.

#### Oregon West District No. 7480 (10 Lodges)

- Eugene Lodge No. 357; Albany Lodge No. 359; Corvallis Lodge No. 1413; Lebanon Lodge No. 1663; Toledo Lodge No. 1664; Florence Lodge No. 1858; Cottage Grove Lodge No. 1904; Sweet Home Lodge No. 1972; Newport Lodge No. 2105; and Springfield Lodge No. 2145.

#### Oregon East District No. 7520 (11 Lodges)

- Baker Lodge No. 338; Heppner Lodge No. 358; Bend Lodge No. 1371; Burns Lodge No. 1680; Ontario Lodge No. 1690; Prineville Lodge No. 1814; John Day, Lodge No. 1824; Enterprise Lodge No. 1829; Condon Lodge No. 1869; Madras Lodge No. 2017; and Milton-Freewater Lodge No. 2146.

#### Oregon South District No. 7560 (9 Lodges)

- Roseburg Lodge No. 326; Ashland Lodge No. 944; Coos Bay Lodge No. 1160; Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247; Lakeview Lodge No. 1536; Grants Pass Lodge No. 1584; Brookings Lodge No. 1934; Coquille Valley Lodge No. 1935; and Myrtle Creek Lodge No. 1943.

## NEW YORK ELKS ASSOCIATION

#### New York Mohawk Valley District No. 6080 (9 Lodges)

- Little Falls No. 42; Amsterdam No. 101; Herkimer No. 1439; Ilion No. 1444; Cobleskill No. 2040; Clifton Park No. 2466; Esperance No. 2507; Canajoharie-Fort Plains No. 2621; and Scotia-Glenville No. 2759

#### New York East District No. 6120 (9 Lodges)

- Patchogue No. 132; Huntington No. 1565; Southampton No. 1574; Hicksville No. 1931; Smithtown No. 2036; Riverhead No. 2044; Port Jefferson No. 2138; Massapequa No. 2162; and Islip Lodge No. 2533.

#### New York East Central District No. 6160 (10 Lodges)

- Newburgh No. 247; Kingston No. 550; Port Jervis No. 645; Middletown No. 1097; Monticello No. 1544; Liberty No. 1545; Ellenville Lodge No. 1971; Greenwood Lake No. 2067; New Paltz No. 2568; and Saugerties No. 2574.

#### New York Hudson Valley District No. 6180 (8 Lodges)

- Poughkeepsie No. 275; Peekskill No. 744; Haverstraw No. 877; Ossining No. 1486; Beacon No. 1493; Brewster No. 2101; Yorktown No. 2324; and Wappinger No. 2609.

#### New York Colonial District No. 6200 (7 Lodges)

- Glens Falls No. 81; Saratoga-Wilton No. 161; Whitehall No. 1491; Ticonderoga No. 1494; Keeseville No. 2072; Greenwich No. 2223; and Ballston Spa No. 2619.

#### New York North Central District No. 6240 (10 Lodges)

- Watertown No. 496; Ogdensburg No. 772; Malone No. 1303; Saranac Lake No. 1508; Lowville No. 1605; Massena No. 1702; Carthage No. 1762; Gouverneur No. 2035; Potsdam No. 2074; and Booneville No. 2158.

#### New York North Hudson District No. 6260 (6 Lodges)

- Hudson No. 787; Catskill No. 1341; Red Hook-Rhinebeck No. 2022; Rensselaer No. 2073; Kinderhook No. 2530; and Brunswick No. 2556.



**New York Ontario District No. 6300 (9 Lodges)**

•Syracuse No. 31; Utica No. 33; Rome No. 96; Oswego No. 271; Auburn No. 474; Oneida No. 767; Fulton No. 830; Liverpool No. 2348; and Camillus No. 2367.

**New York South District No. 6320 (8 Lodges)**

•New York No. 1; Mid-Westchester No. 535; Southern Westchester No. 707; Staten Island No. 841; Brooklyn-Queens No. 878; Mamaroneck No. 1457; Pearl River No. 2041; and New Hyde Park-North Shore No. 2107.

**New York South Central District No. 6360 (10 Lodges)**

•Binghamton No. 70; Cortland No. 748; Owego No. 1039; Norwich No. 1222; Oneonta No. 1312; Endicott No. 1977; Sidney No. 2175; Homer No. 2506; Vestal No. 2508; and Johnson City No. 2821.

**New York Southern Tier District No. 6460 (8 Lodges)**

•Elmira No. 62; Hornell No. 364; Olean No. 491; Corning No. 1071; Wellsville No. 1449; Watkins Glen No. 1546; Bath No. 1547; and Horseheads No. 2297.

**New York State Capital District No. 6480 (6 Lodges)**

•Albany No. 49; Cohoes-Waterford No. 1317; Mechanicville-Stillwater No. 1403; Watervliet-Colonie No. 1500; Rotterdam No. 2157; and Guilderland No. 2480.

**New York West District No. 6520 (9 Lodges)**

•Lockport No. 41; Jamestown No. 263; Niagara Falls No. 346; Twin Cities No. 860; Dunkirk No. 992; Albion No. 1006; Lancaster No. 1478; Ken-Ton No. 1942; and Brockport No. 2110.

**New York West Central District No. 6560 (9 Lodges)**

•Rochester No. 24; Ithaca No. 636; Lyons No. 869; Seneca Falls No. 992; Newark No. 1249; Penn Yan No. 1722; Wolcott No. 1763; Canandaigua No. 1844; and Webster-Fairport No. 2396.

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# Resolution of Appreciation

**Now, Whereas**, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will conclude this 157th Grand Lodge Session in Atlanta, Georgia on the 5th day of July, 2022;

**And, Whereas**, it is appropriate that due note be made, and appreciation expressed, to the many individuals who have contributed their time and effort to the success of this Grand Lodge Session;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Delegates here assembled extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation as follows:

**To** all Elks, Spouses and Families of the State of Georgia, for their wonderful hospitality and for giving so unselfishly of their time and talents;

**To** the Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills, for the excellent and timely manner in which he conducted the Business Sessions, and for his untiring efforts on behalf of our Order during his term as our Leader.

**To** our First Lady Amy for the elegant grace with which she endeared herself to all during her tour as First Lady with our Grand Exalted Ruler throughout Elksdom;

**To** the Aide to the Grand Exalted Ruler, D. Lynn Bittick, for the efficiency with which he handled the many support functions required of that position;

**To** the Elks National Convention Commission: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith, Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. Frost, III, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering, Past Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nicholson whose planning and efforts began many months prior to this Convention, and for their attention and supervision during this Session, ensuring its success;

**To** the Local Support Committee Honorary Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith for his guidance in the planning and execution of this Convention;

**To** the 2022 Local Support Committee, Chairman Tim Whalen and the many Elks of the State of Georgia, who worked tirelessly on the various committees and subcommittees to make this Convention truly outstanding;

**To** Grand Secretary Bryan R. Klatt and his capable Headquarters staff, for their cooperation and knowledge without which no Grand Lodge Convention would be successful;

**To** Tina M. Haran, Convention and Meetings Director, and her Associate, Jessica M. Ruiz, Meetings Coordinator for their efforts and dedication in carrying out their many responsibilities and logistical functions at this Convention;

**To** the Exhibits & Sessions Coordinators, Edgar Manwaring, Roland L. Siebert, James Rice, William Gebhardt, Scott Kirstein, Michael Clark, Gordon Daniels, Scott Flota and Marcus Kirstein who provide and prepare the exhibits, the sound and visual equipment, the timing, the lighting, and other Convention requirements;

**To** Phil Claiborne, Chairman of Registration, Spencer Moore, Director of the National Information Services Department, and their team of skilled credentials personnel, for the efficient and pleasant manner with which they welcomed and registered, for another successful year, the thousands of Elks and Guests attending our Convention;

**To** Chairman William J. Chinn, Jr of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee, and Johnetta Tyler, Grand Lodge Controller, for their prompt and capable handling of the financial commitments of this Session; to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr for serving as Master of Ceremonies at the Opening Session of this Convention;

**To** Reverend Father Michael Martine, Grand Chaplain, for his spiritual guidance and prayers of Elks and Elksdom during the past year; and for invoking the Divine Blessing of Almighty God on these proceedings; and sending us forth from this Session to do the good works of Elksdom with his Benediction;

**To** Ragan Renteria for her wonderful and stirring vocal performances during the Opening Ceremony, Memorial Service and our Daily sessions;

**To** the Georgia Elks Association Honor Guard, for their dignified and impressive presentation of the Colors on Sunday;

**To** Past Grand Exalted Paul R. Ryan, Grand Lodge Memorial Service Coordinator, for his meticulous planning of our moving Memorial Service;

**To** Steven J. Moser, State President of Devils Lake, North Dakota Lodge No. 1216, who rendered the Eulogy;

**To** the National Champion, Callcott Eleven O'Clock Toast or Ritual Committee member Michael W. Idings for the commitment to render a beautiful Eleven O'Clock Toast at our Memorial Service;

**To** the First Place Winners of this year's Most Valuable Student Scholarship Awards: Kaden Oquellí-White, sponsored by Slidell, LA Lodge No. 2321 and Breana Fowler, sponsored by Salisbury, NC Lodge No. 699. In the hands of such immensely talented young people, our American legacy of freedom is guaranteed;

**To** the Getty Powell Award winners for the highest scoring girl and boy in the 2022 Elks Hoop Shoot National Finals contest: Brendan Smith, sponsored by Marietta, GA Lodge No. 1657 and Bree Besonen, sponsored by Copper Country, MI Lodge No. 404 who stood fast and displayed unbelievable grit under the pressure of intense National competition and emerged victorious.

**Finally**, our deepest appreciation to all the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, who, with their spouses and families, have pledged allegiance under God to the Flag of the United States, the Emblem of our Order and this great country and the symbol of freedom and liberty throughout the world.

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*Respectfully submitted by the Grand Lodge Resolutions Committee:*

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