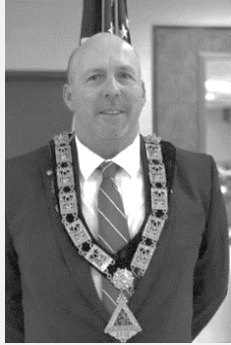

MAY/JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:

Whiners, Overcomers, and Over-doers

What is a **WHINER**? In life, we are all born as whiners. From the minute we were born, we whined. When we were kids and didn't get that toy we wanted, we whined. When we were teenagers and didn't get the name-brand clothes, we whined. Now as adults, depending on the situation, we still whine. Whiners feel helpless and overwhelmed by an unfair world, or the fact that nothing measures up to their standard of perfection. These type of people often like to play the blame game, and since we all know that misery

loves company, they bring their problems to each other. I said from day one that this administration's ship is going only one way - forward. When I see or hear of people trying to hinder our success as a Lodge, or bring division to our Bingo program, it really disappoints and frustrates me. My job is to protect the best interest of this Lodge and I don't have time for childish whining. The members that are sitting back, drilling holes, and trying to sink this ship need to wipe their eyes, brush off their pants, and **become part of the solution, not the problem.**

OVERCOMERS: An Overcomer is a person who succeeds in dealing with, or gaining control, of some problem or difficulty. An Overcomer has the ability to move beyond a struggle or conflict without the persuasion or advice of others. These people are able to address a situation or problem head on, without the gossip or hiding behind social media. They understand that by bashing or forgetting about the oath you took when you became a member is grounds for removal as a member, unbecoming of an Elk. The Overcomer is the ideal balanced member. This person doesn't spend their time complaining and pointing out the problems, yet they also don't go to the extreme and expect constant recognition.

OVER-DOERS: These are the extreme, excessive, extravagant ones who go beyond the normal limits of volunteering, and tend to take on more than they should or can reasonably handle. Most of the time it's done with recognition or expectations. The phrases I recently heard were "I was just being nice" to volunteer, and having to "kiss someone's backside." When did volunteering to do something that supports the Lodge or its meaning become a kiss-ass situation?

So when someone says that there are cliques and groups at the Lodge, then they are probably right. We have the Whiners, the Over-doers, and the Overcomes - which one are YOU? My phone and my door are always open to discuss any of your issues. You can be part of the problem or part of the solution. Rest assured, no one had the drive or desire to take the position of ER this year, and you voted me back into this position, so like I said, I still have a lot to accomplish and hopefully will get it done! My top priority is to protect the Lodge and its Members to the best of my ability and like my oath says, with God's help, I will.

Chuck Myers



2020 ELKS OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER

Chuck Myers (470) 538-3040

LEADING KNIGHT

Larry Denny (770) 900-9248

LOYAL KNIGHT

VACANT

LECTURING KNIGHT

Pat Telley (770) 639-0031

LODGE SECRETARY

Carol Barclay (770) 865-1633

LODGE TREASURER

Anita Denny (770) 787-1020

LODGE TRUSTEES

Cyrus Wolverton - Board Chairman
Jack Wheeler
David Mayo
Sid Reagan
Billy Mashburn

LODGE TILER

Bruce Jackson

LODGE INNER GUARD

Joyce Mayo

LODGE ESQUIRE

Tim Myers

CHAPLAIN

Scot Fincher

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED... AT A DISTANCE!

Congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers! Exalted Ruler, Chuck Myers, swore everyone in outside the Lodge (at a safe distance of course!) on April 21st. Let's see what we can accomplish together this year!



POSITION	OFFICER	PHONE #
Exalted Ruler	Chuck Myers	470-538-3040
Leading Knight	Larry Denny	770-900-9248
Loyal Knight	VACANT	
Lecturing Knight	Pat Telley	770-639-0031
Lodge Secretary	Carol Barclay	770-865-1633
Lodge Treasurer	Anita Denny	770-787-1020
Board Chairman	Cyrus Wolverton	678-342-3463
5-Year Trustee	Jack Wheeler	
4-Year Trustee	Cyrus Wolverton	678-342-3463
3-Year Trustee	David Mayo	404-754-6308
2-Year Trustee	Sid Reagan	770-388-0709
1-Year Trustee	Billy Mashburn	770-842-8012
Lodge Tiler	Bruce Jackson	470-538-9011
Lodge Inner Guard	Joyce Mayo	770-483-5518
Lodge Chaplain	Scot Fincher	404-771-6099
Lodge Esquire	Tim Myers	706-474-3911
House Committee Chair	Sande Jackson	706-318-4862
Aidmore Representative	Theresa Parker	770-786-8031



June 2

Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

June 9

Board Meeting @ 10:00am

All members are welcome to attend! We will be practicing social distancing at all times.

June 16

Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

July 17

GA Elks State Convention @
Macon Marriott City Center

July 25

Fallen Soldiers Motorcycle Ride
stopping at Lodge #1806

October 23

GA Elks Fall Meeting @
Covington Lodge #1806

**GOOD NEWS! THE LODGE
WILL TENTATIVELY
REOPEN FOR**



THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH!



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please continue to pray for our fellow Elks. A friendly call, visit, or card would help them know we are thinking of them.

Tony Bowden

Annessa Brodie

Scot Fincher

John Krueger

Theresa Parker

Llyod Queen

Jessica Sprayberry

Pat Telley

Tommy Lee Thompson

Our condolences to Elk families who have recently lost a loved one:

The Kilpatrick Family

The Foxworth Family

The Williams Family

The Weidt Family

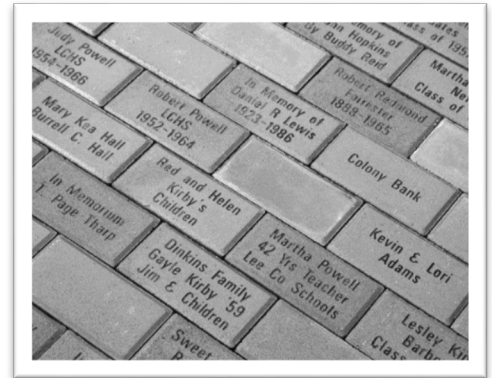
COMMEMORATIVE BRICK FUNDRAISER FOR NEW MEMORIAL GARDEN AT LODGE

Our Lodge will be selling commemorative bricks that will surround the beautiful new Memorial Garden at the entrance to the Lodge. The cost is \$100 for a 4" x 8" red clay brick, which may be personalized with names, dates, and special messages.

Proceeds raised will be used to help cover the cost of building and landscaping the Memorial Garden, including the brick walkway and concrete foundation for our new life-size bronze Elk sculpture, which will serve as a magnificent centerpiece for the Memorial Garden.

Please support our Lodge by purchasing a custom-made brick that will leave a lasting memory for years to come!

Order forms will be available at the Lodge and a personalized donor webpage is currently being created for easy online ordering. Thank you!



**FRIDAY NIGHT
DINNERS WILL
RETURN SOON!**

**MENU TO BE
ANNOUNCED...**

2020-2021 ELKADETTE OFFICERS

POSITION	OFFICER	PHONE #
President	Miriam Wheeler	770-855-5958
Vice President	Theresa Parker	678-925-3602
Recording Secretary	Peggy Harrison	770-856-1043
Corresponding Secretary	Beverly Dodd	770-786-8016
Treasurer	Sandy Stallcup	770-786-4322
Chaplain	Miriam Whitherspoon-Wheeler	770-530-5406

STAY HEALTHY, CALM and



2020-2021 COVINGTON ELK COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON	PHONE #
Accident Prevention	David Mayo	404-754-6308
Activities	VACANT	
Americanism	VACANT	
Auditing & Accounting	Dan Reynolds	770-787-3055
BINGO	VACANT	
Community Projects	Anita Denny	770-787-1020
Drug Awareness	Bruce Jackson	470-538-9011
Elks National Foundation	Cathy Myers	770-880-8672
Flag Day & Memorial Day	Larry Denny	770-900-9248
Fraternal	Jim Kirkpatrick	770-388-7146
Hoop Shoot	Jack Wheeler	770-787-1814
House Committee	Sande Jackson	706-318-4862
Indoctrination & Investigating	Cathy Myers	770-880-8672
Lodge Rentals	Marty Kruger	678-481-8356
Membership	Cathy Myers	770-880-8672
Newsletter	Cathy Myers	770-880-8672
Public Relations	Barbara Bell	404-906-1439
Ritualistic	Jack Wheeler	770-787-1814
Snack Bar/Kitchen	Sande Jackson	706-318-4862
Snack Bar/Kitchen Co-Chair	Renee Vincent	770-362-4485
Soccer Shoot	Roscoe Dubose	678-995-6045
Veterans	Chuck Myers	470-538-3040
Youth Activities	Anita Denny	770-787-1020

**ASK A FRIEND
TO JOIN THE
COVINGTON ELKS!**



**\$1.00
APPLICATION FEE
FOR JUNE & JULY**

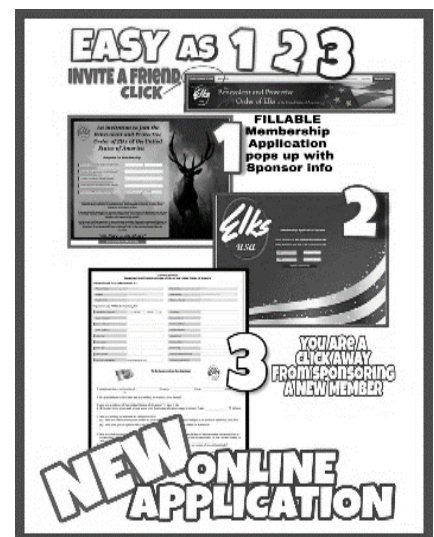
Do you know someone that would be a great Elk? Ask them to join! Our Lodge is running a promotion for newcomers this summer by reducing the application fee to just \$1.00 in June and July.

Membership applications are available at the Lodge or online at www.covingtonelkslodge1806.org

MY MEMBERSHIP CARD

I HOLD in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. IT TELLS me that I am an American citizen—the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. IT TELLS me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. IT TELLS me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned. IT TELLS me that I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws; in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks. IT TELLS me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practice charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind. IT TELLS me that in 1,900 cities under good fellowship prevails—a home among brothers and friends; a home dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man. IT TELLS me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his. IT TELLS me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities. And, finally, IT TELLS me Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge room friends and brothers, who, when the Eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

**Got
YOURS?
DON'T DELAY
REMIT
your Dues
RIGHT AWAY**





BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

MAY BIRTHDAYS

*Thad Blankenship
Leroy Childs
James Duckett
Billy Fallin
Scot Fincher
Joyce Mayo
Patricia Hill
Tony Lloyd
Dennis Mangham
Don Stoddard
Jim Troutman
Jack Wheeler
Ed Whitcomb
John David Wilson
Charles Womack*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

*Ben Cartledge
Wendell Crowe
Art Nicholson
Linda Richardson
Andrea Fronek
T.A. Haney
Pat Telley
Jerry Walker*

Unfortunately, we are not able to host our monthly Birthday Dinner at this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We'll make it up to you when we open the Lodge back up!

GEORGIA ELKS STATE CONVENTION 2020

The annual Georgia State Elks Convention will be held **July 17th - July 19th in Macon, GA**. Accommodations will be at the Macon Marriott City Center. Please make hotel reservations directly with the Marriott at 478-621-5300 using the Group Code of "Elks Annual Meeting July 2020".

The following Covington Elks officers need to attend: Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary, Leading Knight and Chairman of the Board.

Please download the new registration form for Macon, fill it out, and send it, along with payment, to Tim Whalen.

The registration form can be picked up at the Lodge or downloaded at gaelks.org → Forms and Documents → GEA State Convention 2020.

HISTORY OF THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Our Mission: The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Our Impact: Since inception, the ENF has contributed more than \$500 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities.

This year, the ENF allocated \$14.6 million to fund the Community Investments Program, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges.

Community Investments Program grants offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

How the ENF Works: The ENF is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, we have received more than \$270 million in contributions and bequests. Today, we have more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$661.1 million.

A board of seven trustees, who are all past national presidents of the Order, governs the ENF, which is located at the Elks national headquarters in the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago. The director, Jim O'Kelley, oversees the administration of the ENF's day-to-day operations. The ENF also has volunteers at the Lodge, district and state levels who help coordinate our fundraising strategy and implement our programs.

Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, the ENF continues to expand on Malley's vision, mobilizing Elks across the country into a force for positive change.



TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS MEMORIAL TORCH MOTORCYCLE RIDE

The Covington Elks Lodge is proud to be an official overnight host for the participants of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride! We will be hosting this amazing group of people on July 25th. Please come volunteer and be a part of this great event! Our Lodge will be providing a Pot Luck style dinner upon their arrival, overnight accommodations, and a departure breakfast.

From Warren Williamson, Executive Director of the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers: *"This is our annual (22 day - 4,000 mile) cross country motorcycle ride in which we escort the **Fallen Soldiers Memorial Flame** from Eugene, Oregon to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C to honor and pay tribute to America's fallen service members. Our escorted ride procession will be traveling through (15) different states while making a total of (65) Fallen Soldier Home Visits. This number matches the most fallen heroes we've ever honored in one single ride in our eleven year history of doing this event. At each home visit, we present the surviving family members with the **Memorial Plaque of Distinguished Service** to graciously say 'thank you' for the service members sacrifice and to remind each family their fallen hero hasn't been forgotten. Once the ride procession reaches Washington D.C we escort the **Fallen Soldiers Memorial Flame** inside the hallowed grounds of **Arlington National Cemetery** to formally extinguish the Memorial Flame in our 'Closing Ceremony' to recognize all fallen service members. The ride officially comes to a close when we lay a wreath at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**"*

11TH ANNUAL
**TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS
MEMORIAL TORCH MOTORCYCLE RIDE**
A Run to Arlington National Cemetery
JULY 12 - AUGUST 2, 2020
Eugene, Oregon to Arlington National Cemetery (Washington, D.C.) to
Honor America's Fallen Service Members
Traveling Through 15 States / 4,000 Miles / More Than 55 Fallen
Service Members Honored
RIDE BEGINS: Sunday July 12, 2020
Valley River Center Mall - Eugene, Oregon
Opening Ceremony: 8:30 AM
RIDE ENDS: Sunday August 2, 2020
Arlington National Cemetery - Arlington, VA.
Closing Ceremony: 2:00 PM
FOR ADDITIONAL RIDE INFORMATION & ROUTE
WWW.TRIBUTETOFALENSOLDIERS.COM
Also Don't Forget Our Red Carpet Event
MILITARY APPRECIATION KICKOFF DINNER
Friday July 10, 2020
Texas Roadhouse Restaurant - Valley River Center Mall - Eugene, Oregon
Event Begins at 3:30 PM
Contact:
Warren@TributeToFallenSoldiers.com
Office: 541.244.0930
Logos: U.S. Coast Guard, Arlington National Cemetery, PRAIRIE ROAD AUTOMOTIVE

NOTES FROM YOUR OFFICE STAFF:



- If you are in possession of Lodge side door keys OR office keys, and no longer have a position with the Lodge, please return them to your Lodge Secretary.
- If you no longer have a position with the Lodge, your credit card or BJ's card has been cancelled. There is no need to turn it in.
- If you need a key to the side door and do not have one, please request one from the Exalted Ruler.
- If you have a change of address, phone # or email address, please let the Lodge office staff know by emailing us at elks1806@hotmail.com or dropping a note in our slots outside the office door.
- If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, please let us know. You are important to us!