

## AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

### COVINGTON ELKS LODGE #1806

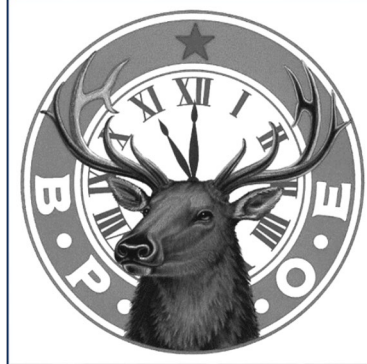
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### GEORGIA IS ROCKIN' IT WITH MEMBERSHIP!

TOP GROWTH STATES OUTSTANDING				
1st Place	California-Hawaii	+1,231		
2nd Place	New Jersey	+ 550		
3rd Place	Arizona	+454		
4 th	Connecticut	+ 252	14 th	Maine + 72
5 th	New Hampshire	+ 244	15 th	Oklahoma + 47
6 th	Georgia	+ 192	16 th	Arkansas + 31
7 th	Tennessee	+ 151	17 th	Florida + 26
8 th	Nevada	+ 147	18 th	West Virginia + 18
9 th	Idaho	+ 129	19 th	MD-DEL-DC + 12
10 th	Missouri	+ 117	20 th	Utah + 6
11 th	Rhode Island	+ 111	21 st	Mississippi + 5
12 th	North Carolina	+ 88	22 nd	Puerto Rico +4
13 th	Texas	+ 82		

STATES MOST IMPROVED OVER LAST YEAR				
1. Georgia	+ 280	12. Colorado	+ 77	
2. Connecticut	+ 250	13. Pennsylvania	+ 68	
3. West Virginia	+ 246	14. South Carolina	+ 58	
4. Arizona	+ 237	15. Utah	+ 55	
5. Ohio	+ 202	16. North Carolina	+ 45	
6. Kansas	+ 167	17. Tennessee	+ 42	
7. New Hampshire	+ 126	18. Idaho	+ 42	
8. Nebraska	+ 124	19. California-Hawaii	+ 42	
9. Michigan	+ 119	20. Arkansas	+ 36	
10. Iowa	+ 99	21. Nevada	+ 16	
11. Oklahoma	+ 81	22. New Mexico	+ 5	



### 2020 LODGE OFFICERS

#### EXALTED RULER

Chuck Myers (470) 538-3040

#### LEADING KNIGHT

Larry Denny, PER (770) 900-9248

#### LOYAL KNIGHT

Dennise Myers (706) 474-3910

#### LECTURING KNIGHT

Pat Telley (770) 639-0031

#### LODGE SECRETARY

Carol Barclay (770) 865-1633

#### LODGE TREASURER

Anita Denny (770) 787-1020

#### LODGE TILER

Bruce Jackson

#### LODGE ESQUIRE

Tim Myers

#### CHAPLAIN

Ed Whitcomb

#### LODGE INNER GUARD

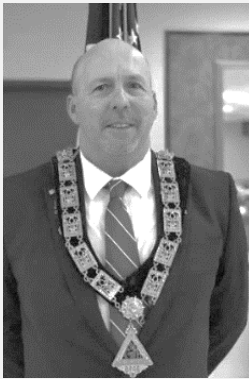
Joyce Mayo

#### LODGE TRUSTEES

Cyrus Wolverton (Chair, 4)  
Jack Wheeler (5), David Mayo (3)  
Sid Reagan (2), Billy Mashburn (1)

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Sande Jackson



## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:

An issue within the Lodge has come to my attention and must be addressed. As your Exalted Rule, it is my duty to inform all members that sexual harassment (or any other form of harassment for that matter) by **anyone**, including any officer, chairperson, member, or volunteer is unacceptable and will **not be tolerated** by the Covington Elks Lodge. This Lodge is proud of its tradition of maintaining an environment in which all

individuals are treated with respect and dignity.

According to BPOE policies, sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome or unwanted conduct of a sexual nature (whether verbal or physical). This includes making inappropriate sexual remarks or physical advances. More specifically, examples of verbal/physical sexual harassment may include but are not limited to: whistling/cat calls, leaning over someone too closely, giving unwanted neck/shoulder massages, hugging/patting, making sexual comments about someone's clothes, or any other form of unwanted verbal or physical attention.

If you are an Officer, Bingo worker, volunteer, or in a position of leadership here at the Lodge, I have a form for you to sign stating that you have read and understand the BPOE Sexual Harassment Policy. If at any time a member of this Lodge is accused and found guilty of sexual harassment, they will be asked to turn over their membership card, leave the Lodge, and will go before a tribunal before they can return to the Lodge (IF they can return) and deemed a good Elk.

*Chuck Myers*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

REMINDER! If you haven't paid your dues, NOW IS THE TIME! Please contact our Lodge Secretary, Carol Barclay at (770) 865-1633 for payment arrangements. Remember, without your current membership card, you are not allowed in the Lodge except to pay your dues! If you'd like to pay by credit card or PayPal, please call the Anita Denny, Lodge Treasurer, at (770-787-1020) with your card info. Thank you!

### Proposed Members in July:

**Deborah Gattis** by Virginia Whitcomb  
**Kim Butler** by Cathy Myers

### New Members in July:

N/A



### August 11

Board Meeting @ 10:00am

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

### August 16

Celebration of Life for Scot  
Fincher @ 3:00pm

### August 18

Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm  
Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:30pm

### October 23

GA Elks Fall Meeting @  
Covington Lodge #1806

### November 15

State Soccer Shoot @ Aidmore



### *Why be a Volunteer?*

It's not for money, it's not for fame,  
It's not for any personal gain.  
It's just for love of fellow man,  
It's just to lend a helping hand.  
It's just to give a tithe of self,  
It's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not the medals worn with pride,  
It's just the feeling deep inside.  
It's that reward down in your heart,  
Feeling that you've been a part  
Of helping others far and near,  
That's what makes you a  
VOLUNTEER.

# NEWS FROM THE GA STATE CONVENTION

This year marked the 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention for the Georgia Elks Association. Although we were unable to gather at our favorite Jekyll Island location, the GEA did a great job hosting an educational, informational, and idea-packed event at the Marriott in Macon, GA.

**For the 2019-2020 fiscal year:**

- Georgia was awarded \$132,325.00 to be split amongst its 22 Lodges!
- Georgia Elks donated a total of \$41,092.04 to the ENF!
- Covington Lodge is #1 in our District and #5 in the State, with a total of 168 new members, \$419.50 donated to the ENF, and \$2.49 per member!
- Grand Lodge has given us a goal of \$4.80 per member

**Congratulations to the Elks from our district that were sworn in for a position with the Georgia State Elks!**

President..... Bill Lewis, Lake Oconee Lodge  
 President Elect..... Bob Colie, Lake Oconee  
 Tiler..... Cathy Myers, Covington Lodge  
 District Deputy..... Ros Dubose, Covington Lodge  
 Youth Activities ..... Chuck Myers, Covington Lodge  
 Drug Awareness ..... Anita Denny, Covington Lodge



*Members & Officers representing the Covington Lodge at the State Convention: Larry Denny, Ros Dubose, Cathy Myers, Chuck Myers, Theresa Parker, Anita Denny, & Carol Barclay.*



**Visit our website at [www.covingtonelkslodge1806.org](http://www.covingtonelkslodge1806.org) or go "like" the Covington Elks Lodge Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/covingtonelks1806](https://www.facebook.com/covingtonelks1806) to view more photos of our Elks in action at the GA State Convention and other recent events!**



## NOTABLE AWARDS GIVEN OUT AT THE AT THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION:



**Lodge of the Year:**  
 Valdosta Lodge #728

**ER of the Year:**  
 Junior Roberson  
 Dalton Lodge #1267

**Elk of the Year:**  
 Terry Bennett  
 Valdosta Lodge #728

**Public Safety Officer of the Year:**  
 Corp. Willie Kendall  
 Chatham Co. Sheriff's Dept.  
 Savannah Lodge #183

**Eleven O'Clock Toast:**  
 J.R. Robertson  
 Dalton Lodge #1267



**Youth Essay Contest**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place, Division I:**  
 Jasilyn Gaines  
 Covington Lodge #1806  
*(read her essay on pg. 4!)*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



**Jimmy Anderson**

**Brenda Buckner**

**Kyser Cartledge**

**Bill Clary**

**Michael Edwards**

**Dorothy Jenkins**

**Carol McGiboney**

**David Miller**

**Buck Pippin**

**Lula Rachels**

**Terry Schell**

**Margie Shepherd**

**Tom Spillers**

**Sandy Stallcup**

**Norm Good**

**Rick Ingram**

**Ed Walden**

## DATES FOR NEXT YEAR!

**GEA Spring Meeting**

**February 25-27, 2021**

Northlake Lodge – Tucker, GA

**GEA State Convention**

**June 10-12, 2021**

Jekyll Island, GA

**Elks Grand Convention**

**July 4-7, 2021**

Tampa, FL



## GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Help us get our community youth involved and tell your friends, family, kids, grandkids, and great-grands about the Elk's Americanism Essay Contest! This year's contest theme is "***How Can Patriotism Be Demonstrated?***" and is open to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Essays must be 300 words or less, typed or legibly printed in ink. Participant's name, home address, grade, school, parent's name, email address **MUST** be printed at the top of the essay (entries not following these guidelines will be disqualified.). Contest entries must be submitted to the Covington Lodge by 12/15/20. For complete rules, eligibility, and entry form, contact our Youth Activities Chairman, Anita Denny, at 770-787-1020.

Take a look at last year's Division I winning essay submitted by Jasilyn Gaines, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Veteran's Middle School:

### ***What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?*** ***by Jasilyn Gaines***

*Freedom of speech means to have the freedom of speaking. To me, this means I, as in myself, can speak whenever and however I want to. Unfortunately, my definition is not allowed in school.*

*The actual definition of freedom of speech is the right to express any opinions without censorship or restraint. The definition is also not appropriate at school. My teachers have taught me all standards and some extra. So, when I follow my rule, I come across as disrespectful.*

*The amazing thing about having freedom of speech is being able to express yourself through language. This is very important because this is called communication and we all know communication is very, very important.*

*When I was younger I used to get in trouble from misunderstanding, just because I did not communicate. In my house this is a big thing, so communication is basically built into my mind and everything I do I immediately communicate.*

*To conclude, I know and understand that freedom of speech means the right to express any opinions without censorship or restraint. In my own words this means I can speak whenever and however I want to although it's not allowed in schools, this is my personal definition.*

**PLEASE SEND any NEWS, ARTICLES, PHOTOS, to [elks1806news@gmail.com](mailto:elks1806news@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter!**



# NEWS FROM THE GRAND LODGE: TWO MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS DEBUT

by RICK GATHEN, PR and Membership Marketing Manager

Because of COVID-19, our Lodges are faced with the most serious social and financial challenges in our 152 year history. Help is here with two new membership programs. We have been busy developing a shareable social media campaign to be used in conjunction with the Virtual Manuals site. Designed to target the Millennial and Generation X demographics to increase membership, this work will create a social media campaign that speaks to a younger audience.

We have produced a variety of items for people to share. The goal is to appeal to younger generations who may not have considered membership. The campaign will target what motivates this demographic: They like to choose the charities they work for, and they enjoy working in groups. The Elks' mission facilitates these principles. The campaign will clearly delineate that the Order is non-partisan. The branded social media templates can be easily shared.

We will also introduce a new optional billing renewal program for August. This will provide Lodges with a substantial time and money savings on its membership renewal efforts. It also modernizes your Lodge billing system by offering many payment options to your membership without adding fees. The cost is only \$.32 per renewal invoice. This includes postage, paper, envelopes, ink, credit card fees, and all labor of stuffing envelopes, printing, stamping the envelopes and bringing them to the post office. Lodges typically spend from \$.77 to \$1.00 per renewal for postage, paper, envelopes, ink and credit card fees. The average Lodge will save anywhere from 42% up to 68%. The expected savings on time and labor for Lodge Secretaries are more than 100 hours per year. Now they simply click a button! Lodge Secretaries can spend time on other important tasks while saving their Lodges money. Please go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) to find out more about these exciting new programs to help your Lodge navigate through these challenging times.

## Elks of a New Generation



[join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org)

## PRAYER Requests for 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:*

**Norm Good**

**Jimmy Monk**

**Marty Krueger**

**Tony Bowden**



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

**Scot Fincher**  
**1962-2020**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

3:00-5:00PM

COVINGTON ELKS LODGE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

## GRAND CONVENTION COMING TO...

**Atlanta, GA – July 3-6, 2022**

**Minneapolis, MN – July 2-5, 2023**

**Austin, TX – June 30-July 3, 2024**

## FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

**AUG 7<sup>TH</sup> - Ham / Potatoe Salad / Cabbage / Cornbread / Pie**

**AUG 14<sup>TH</sup> - Steak / Baked Potato / Salad / Texas Toast / Cookies**

**AUG 21<sup>ST</sup> - Lasagna / Garlic Knots / Broccoli With Cheese / Baked Apples**

**AUG 28<sup>TH</sup> - Ribs / Potato Salad / Blackeyed Pea / Cornbread / Deviled Eggs / Cake**

Please call/text to make your dinner reservations by the Wed. of each week:

**Sandee @ 706-318-4862**

**Renee @ 770-362-4485**



**THURSDAYS  
@ 7:00PM**

**WEEKLY BINGO  
NIGHT MENU:**

**AUG 6<sup>TH</sup>**

*Chicken Pot Pie / Cornbread*

**AUG. 13<sup>TH</sup>**

*Spaghetti / Garlic Toast / Salad*

**AUG. 20<sup>TH</sup>**

*Chili Bowl / Fritos*

**AUG. 27<sup>TH</sup>**

*Sloppy Joes / Bakes Beans*

## THE BEAST OF A DRAWING



BENEFITING THE  
GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION  
ONE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN FOR  
THE SPORTSMANS DREAM PACKAGE:

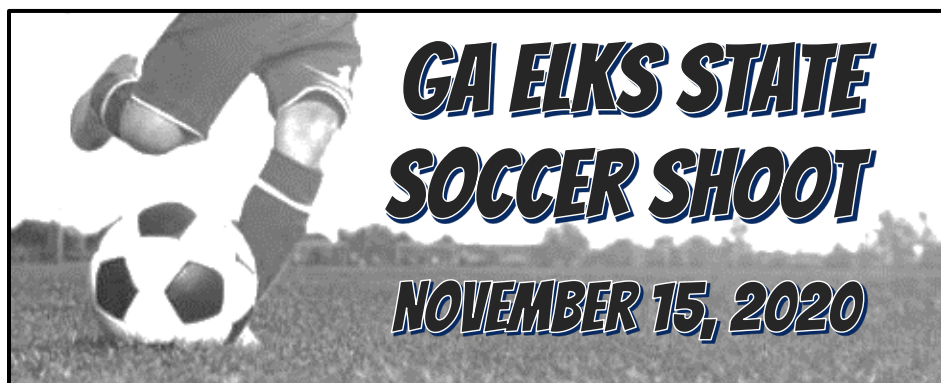
THE BEAST BUGGY  
12' UTILITY TRAILER  
CHOICE OF 6 GUNS AND/OR  
6 FISHING ROD'S & REELS  
OR  
\$15,000 CASH OPTION

DRAWING TO BE HELD OCT. 24, 2020

**\$100.00 PER TICKET**

## ENTER TO WIN! RAFFLE FOR GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION!

The GEA is raffling off a sportsman's dream package! Buy a ticket and be entered for a chance to win the **Beast Buggy**, a 12' utility trailer, and your choice of 6 guns and/or 6 fishing rods and reels **OR** the \$15,000 cash option! Tickets are \$100 each and the drawing will be held October 24, 2020. All proceeds will benefit the Georgia Elks Association. Get your tickets now by contacting the Lodge at 770-787-9499 or email us at [elks1806@hotmail.com](mailto:elks1806@hotmail.com).



It's been a few years since our Lodge participated in the Youth Soccer Shoot, so thank you *Roscoe Dubose* for stepping up to chair this program and putting us "back in the game!" If you'd like to volunteer to help with this program, please contact Roscoe at (678) 995-6045.

## ORDER YOUR COMMEMORATIVE BRICK!

Our Lodge is 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" grey concrete brick, which may be personalized with names, dates, special messages, and even your choice of clip art at no additional charge. Brick orders are due no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> so that our group order can be submitted together. Order forms are available at the Lodge OR visit our custom donor website for easy online ordering:

<https://polarengraving.com/covingtonelkslodge1806>

4 x 8 Grey Brick \$100.00

The Myers Family  
Elks Lodge #1806



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