

# COVINGTON ELKS #1806

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## NEWSLETTER ▪ NOVEMBER 2020



## GEORGIA ELKS FALL MEETING - THAT'S A WRAP!

The GEA Fall Meeting was a huge success, thanks to all of our great Elks that really came together and worked so hard! We offered several different raffles leading up to the much anticipated Beast of a Raffle drawing, which made it even more exciting. Thank you so much to everyone that came out and helped make this event possible, we appreciate everyone who stepped up to the plate and volunteered their time and services for this state meeting.

The Lodge would like to recognize *Sande Jackson, Renee Vincent, Theresa Parker, Carol Barclay, Larry Denny, Anita Denny, Chuck Myers, and Cathy Myers* for your extra hard work and dedication. These good Elks came out before the meeting and really put an effort into decorating the Lodge, solidifying the meeting schedule, making necessary reservations, and preparing food for our guests. We also need thank the following Elks for volunteering their time throughout the whole weekend event: *Sid Reagan, Diane Reagan, Jack Wheeler, Miriam Wheeler, Lynn Thompson, T.A. Haney, Barbara Bell, Dennise Myers, Tim Myers, David Mayo, Martha Radford, and Amy McCray.*

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## LODGE OFFICERS

### EXALTED RULER

Chuck Myers (470) 538-3040

### LEADING KNIGHT

Larry Denny (770) 900-9248

### LOYAL KNIGHT

Dennise Myers (706) 474-3910

### LECTURING KNIGHT

Pat Telley (770) 639-0031

### SECRETARY

Carol Barclay (770) 865-1633

### TREASURER

Anita Denny (770) 787-1020

### LODGE TILER

Bruce Jackson

### LODGE ESQUIRE

Tim Myers

### LODGE CHAPLAIN

Ed Whitcomb

### LODGE INNER GUARD

Joyce Mayo

### BOARD CHAIRMAN

Cyrus Wolverton

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

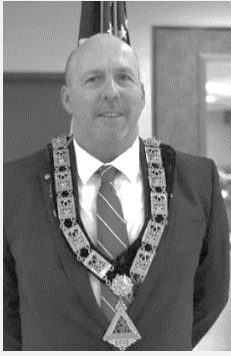
Jack Wheeler (5yr)

Cyrus Wolverton (4yr)

David Mayo (3yr)

Sid Reagan (2yr)

Billy Mashburn (1yr)



## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:

Here we are on the backside of a very successful Fall Quarterly Meeting. I would personally like to thank everyone who had a part in making this event a success, you all pulled together and showed out! For those who wanted to be there but couldn't, we felt your support.

Our new statue "Earl the Elk" is standing tall and spreading his antlers. If you haven't come out and visited him, what are you waiting for?! The first order of bricks for our Memorial Garden are expected to arrive soon. If you missed the first deadline, don't worry, you can still order a commemorative brick for yourself or a loved one and we'll submit a second group order later this year. Special thank you to *Peach State Construction* for donating the materials and labor to make this project happen.

Membership is on the rise again this year! Thanks to those who are proposing new members – keep it up and let's beat last year's numbers! Remember, new members bring new members!

I hope everyone has made their vote for the 2020 elections and chose the right person for the job. Remember, it's not about the elephant or the donkey, it's about the "Lamb." But I will leave that message for another day. Happy Thanksgiving Ya'll!

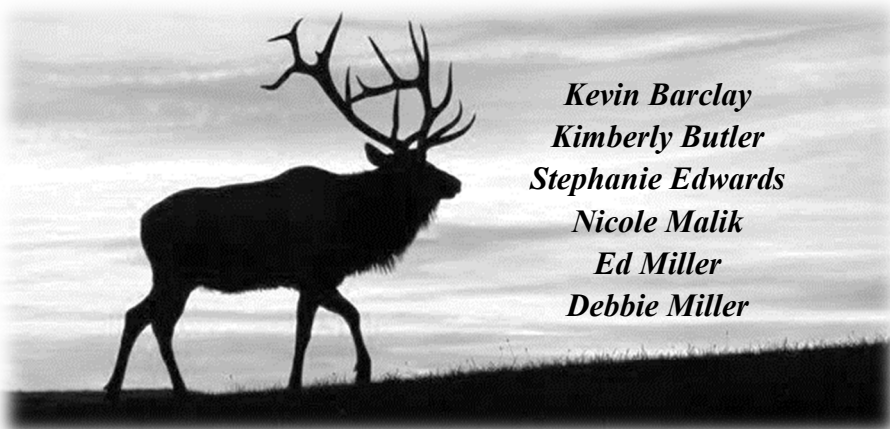
*Chuck Myers*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to **Lloyd Queen** and **Chuck Myers** for recruiting the most new members for the Covington Lodge! Both of these gentleman were received a new patch and a tumbler.

We'll be hosting another New Member Orientation on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> before the regular Lodge meeting, so all of you NEW MEMBERS – please make plans to attend!

New members scheduled to be initiated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November:



*Kevin Barclay  
Kimberly Butler  
Stephanie Edwards  
Nicole Malik  
Ed Miller  
Debbie Miller*



### November 1

New Member Initiation @7:00pm

### November 8

Volunteers needed @ 2:00pm to stuff shoe boxes for our military

### November 10

Board Meeting @ 10:00am

*All members are welcome to attend.*

### November 11

Veteran's Day

### November 17

New Member Orientation @5:30pm

House Committee Meeting @5:45pm

Dinner @6:30pm

Lodge Meeting @7:30pm

Auxiliary Meeting @7:30pm (*porch*)

### November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!

### December 6

Elks Memorial Service @ 2:00pm

## LODGE MEETINGS

### REGULAR MEETINGS

First & Third Tuesday @ 6:30pm

### AUXILIARY (ELKADETTES)

Third Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Second Tuesdays @ 10:00am

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Third Tuesdays @ 5:45pm



**NOTICE:** Friday Night Suppers will only be served on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month until further notice.

### NOV. 6<sup>th</sup> – STEAK

Baked Potato / Side Salad / Pears

### NOV. 20<sup>th</sup> – FISH FRY

Hush Puppies / Coleslaw

Please call/text by Wed. of each week to reserve your spot:  
Sande @ 706-318-4862  
or Renee @770-362-4485

## Sickness and Distress PRAYER Requests

Tommy Lee Thompson

David Miller

Pat Telley

Joe Collins

Jimmy Monk

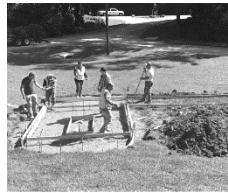
Cy Wolverton



**Mondays & Thursdays  
@ 7:00pm**

## HAVE YOU MET OUR NEWEST MEMBER, EARL?

Yes, we're talking about that big handsome bronze guy who is now permanently standing proud at the front of the Lodge! **Earl the Elk**, as he's being affectionately called, is the centerpiece for our latest Lodge project. The vision for the Elk Memorial Garden came from **Cathy Myers**, while **Chuck Myers** provided the design and labor. **Peach State Construction**, generously donated the necessary concrete, as well as their labor, and **Robert Foxworth** carefully maneuvered Earl onto his final resting place via crane.



## CORNHOLE CONTEST NOW ON BINGO NIGHTS

Come play Cornhole to benefit our Lodge's Veteran's Program! Games are now taking place on Mondays & Thursdays before BINGO, so get here early to buy your tickets. Cost is \$1/ticket – Limit 10 tickets per person.

Throw distance = 27ft for men, 20ft for women. If your ticket is drawn, you'll earn 3 throws on the cornhole board. Each beanbag that makes it in the cornhole wins 25% of the money taken in that night. If there's no winner, then the money rolls over to the next night. All tickets will stay in the box for 1 month.



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## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

**The deadline to submit entries is December 15<sup>th</sup>!** 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.

## THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR VOLUNTEERS

We always have room for volunteers at our Covington Elks Lodge! In one day, we packed 100 Drug Awareness bags to hand out at trick-or-treating at the Porterdale Police Station AND we also packed 101 goody bags for Marines at Camp LeJeune. Thanks for a great day of volunteerism! – **Anita Denny**

**Barbara Bell** and **Kat Whitcomb** need volunteers to help assemble and stuff more shoe boxes for our military. They are still needing the following items: cookies, crackers, gum, chapstick, and deodorant. If you can help, please come on out to the Lodge on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.



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2. Sign in with your Amazon .com credentials
3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice (**Elks Aidmore** would be nice!)
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!



The Officers, Board of Directors, and Memorial Service Committee of the Covington Elks Lodge would like to warmly invite you, your family, and your friends, to our annual

## Elks Memorial Service

Sunday, December 6, 2020  
at 2:00pm  
Covington Elks Lodge 1806  
135 Crowell Road  
Covington, GA 30014

Please RSVP to the Lodge Secretary  
(770) 865-1633





## NOVEMBER *Birthdays*

*Henry Baker*  
*Carol Barclay*  
*Annisia Brodie*  
*Tommy Davis*  
*Richard Garner*  
*Gordon Griffin*  
*Jim Harris*  
*Harold Hoffman*  
*John Jernigan*  
*Artis Standard*  
*Tommy Lee Thompson*  
*Bob Wheeler*  
*William Womack*  
*Don Zuber*

**Happy Birthday Elks!**



## HAPPY HALLOWEEN FROM THE ELKS!

The Covington Lodge delivered over 50lbs of Halloween candy to Porterdale Police Department's Chief Cripps AND Turner Lake Parks & Recreation. Thank you to the members that came out to help Chief Cripps and Sgt. Cook (aka "Cookie") give out Halloween candy! We also had fun with our Friday Night Supper Costume Contest! Recognize anyone you know?



## NOVEMBER IS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH

Chicago, IL, October 19th, 2020: An estimated twenty million Veterans are living in our communities. Each with a different story, they all shared a common pledge: to support and defend this country.

In an effort to honor and support these Veterans, Elks National President Paul R. Ryan has proclaimed November to be Veterans Remembrance Month. The Elks have a pledge. "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And that's as true today as it was more than 100 years ago, in 1918 when the Elks built a 700 bed hospital in Boston and donated it to the government, helping to create a precursor for today's VA Medical Centers.

This November, as well as every month of the year, Elks will serve thousands of Veterans across the country. When Veterans are hospitalized and recovering, Elks are there. When Veterans are living in a home away from family, Elks are there. When Veterans are exiting homelessness and moving into a home, Elks are there. Because Elks are always there for Veterans. Altogether, our volunteers served more than 1 million Veterans last year.

This Veterans Remembrance Month, we urge you to join the Elks in recognition of and service to the Veterans in your community. Let us remember the words of Elk member and President John F. Kennedy who said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

There are nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership of around 800,000. Elks members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God. To learn more, visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)



# NEWS FROM THE STATE

## GEA Fall Meeting (continued from front page)...

If we forgot to mention anyone specifically, we apologize – there were so many great Elks there working their tails off!

**RAFFLES:** A total of 317 tickets were sold for the GEA's Beast of a Raffle, with the Covington Lodge having sold 34 of those. Thank you to all who sold or purchased a raffle ticket – and thank you ALL for a great weekend.

## Congratulations Raffle Winners!

GEA Beast of a Raffle Winner: **Fred L. Huey, Dalton Lodge**

Trinity 12G Shotgun Winner: **Larry Pope, Valdosta Lodge**

Liquor Basket Winner: **Delaine Crawford, Savannah Lodge**



*"We can't hide under a rock. Just be safe, wise, and smart. Don't use the virus as a crutch. Be resilient as Elks have always been!"*

*-Mike Smith, State Sponsor*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Georgia has received  
over \$31,000 in grants!**

*\$5,940 in bonus grants  
\$25,270 in special grants*

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# FROM THE GRAND LODGE



## VETERANS DAY RECOGNIZES MILITARY FAMILIES

By Robert L. Duitsman, PGER, Commission Member

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has long committed itself to honoring and supporting our country's military service members and veterans, and in these times that commitment has never been more important.

It was perhaps in the wake of the Second World War that the practice of honoring those who served in our nation's military was most intense. Parades and a variety of other events were staged to recognize those who offered themselves in the defense of our nation and its interests. While that fervor may have diminished for some over the years, the Elks have stood firm in continuing to recognize the men and women who serve this nation.

But, while as Elks we are familiar with the importance of November 11 as Veterans Day, when special attention is paid to honor our nation's veterans, some may not know that since 2016 November has been recognized as National Veterans and Military Families Month. Indeed, it is important we be mindful of not only the men and women who volunteer to serve in defending our nation, but also of their families who must endure hardship, emotional turmoil and deprivation while supporting them.

As Elks, while concern for our military is a year-round commitment, it is fitting we look for ways to support their families as well. Consider planning an event: Invite the family of service members to an event at your Lodge as circumstances allow, even if their service spouse or family member is unavailable. A little special attention, support and recognition for their special contributions to our nation's defense may go a long way, and heighten awareness in your community of what Elks stand for.

The Elks Veterans Service Commission stands ready to do everything we can to support the Elks' motto, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Please also remember the ongoing campaign to support the Pearl Harbor Memorial renovation. Important work is being done, and the Elks are being recognized for their commitment to restoring and improving this national monument that provides all Americans with a focus for remembrance and reflection of a very dark but inspiring time in our nation's history. Please help as you are able. Donations must be received by November 11.

Grand Lodge said they want to see all Lodges raise **\$4.80 per capita** this year... and guess what??



The Covington Lodge is now **5<sup>th</sup>** in the state! Can I get a high-five?! **Way to go Elks!!**



- Veterans Day occurs on Nov. 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.
- In 1954, President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.
- Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars.
- Every Veterans Day and Memorial Day, Arlington National Cemetery holds an annual memorial service. The cemetery is home to the graves of over 400,000 people, most of whom served in the military.