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NEWSLETTER ▪ SEPTEMBER 2020



THE MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The MVS Scholarship contest is open to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. Applications are judged on academics, leadership, service and financial need. Applications must be completed online and submitted by **November 15, 2020**. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2021. Learn more about the MVS scholarship at enf.elks.org/MVS.

LEGACY AWARDS

The Elks Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Deadline for applications is **February 5, 2021**. The applicant must be a high school senior and must apply online only. For a complete list of eligibility requirements, please visit enf.elks.org/LEG.

EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Emergency Educational Grants provide undergraduate college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000. Applications are available upon request between May 1st and October 31st of the academic year for which assistance is desired. All applications must be received by **November 2, 2020**.



LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER

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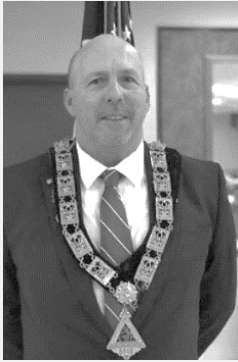
Jack Wheeler (5yr)

Cyrus Wolverton (4yr)

David Mayo (3yr)

Sid Reagan (2yr)

Billy Mashburn (1yr)



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:

Hello members,

We are now about six months into this Coronavirus pandemic, and from the reports I've been getting, we have fared pretty well, all things considered. We have had a few scares, but thankfully we have overcome. Our Lodge has a few members that are dealing with non-Coronavirus related illnesses, so please keep them in your hearts

and prayers. At this time I need to make it known that **if for ANY reason, you or anyone in your household is sick, running a fever, or has potentially been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home and away from the Lodge for the 2-week quarantine period** (unless you have a doctor's note with proof of a negative COVID test). We cannot risk infecting any of our members and appreciate your consideration and responsible actions.

With all that being said, I actually do have some good news! Our Bingo program is up and running full steam ahead! Thanks you to our volunteers who show up week after week, night after night, to help support the most financially important program here at our lodge, BINGO!!! No matter what you may hear or read, our Bingo family of players continue to grow every week. If you don't participate by volunteering at our Bingo program, what are you waiting for?

So you want some more good news about our Lodge? Membership is on the rise! I will be initiating **11 new members** this month, so great job guys! If you are not inviting people out to the Lodge for a Friday Night dinner or asking them to join, WHY NOT? Take a look at some of the membership recruitment ideas we have listed in this newsletter!

The Fall Meeting is coming up soon and I'm so excited for our Lodge to be hosting it this year. We will have a meeting this month for workers and volunteers so that we can go over all that is expected for this big event.

The Lodge is still having meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, with board meetings on the 2nd Tuesday morning. I would like to see all officers and chairpersons present!

On another positive note, we will be breaking ground on our memorial garden this month (date TBA) so please get all those brick orders in as soon as possible. Everyone is invited to come out and participate. Hope to see you all soon!

Chuck Myers



September 1

Dinner @ 6:30pm
Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

September 2

Life Line Health Screening Event
(for stroke & heart disease risk)

September 8

Board Meeting @ 10:00am
All members are welcome to attend! We will be practicing social distancing at all times.

September 15

Member Orientation @ 5:30pm
Dinner @ 6:30pm
Lodge Meeting & New Member Installation @ 7:30pm
Auxiliary Meeting @ 7:30pm
(on the porch)

October 23

GA Elks Fall Meeting @
Covington Lodge #1806

LODGE MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS

First & Third Tuesdays @ 6:30pm

AUXILIARY (ELKADETTES)

Third Tuesdays @ 7:30pm

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Second Tuesdays @ 10:00am



SEPT. 4TH -BBQ Chicken Breast

Mashed Potatoes / Broccoli with Cheese / Rolls / Chocolate Delight

SEPT 11TH -Grilled Pork Chops

Mac & Cheese / Pinto Beans / Cornbread / Red Velvet Cake

SEPT 18TH – Fried Salmon

Patties / Baked Potato / Squash Casserole / Biscuits / 7-Up Cake

SEPT 25TH - Pot Luck Dinner

Call/text by Wed. of each week to make your reservations:
Sande @ 706-318-4862
or Renee @770-362-4485



Friendship is deep within our core. Meet new people or bring your old reliables into the Elks to make an impact. Share a meal, have a drink and plan the next way to impact your community. Every Elk was first a Guest.



Volunteer maintenance person needed for minor/light repairs at the Lodge. If interested, contact ER Chuck Myers @ 470-538-3040

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR TROOPS

Our Lodge is partnering with *Scripturally Sound Ministries* and collecting items to be packed in shoe boxes and sent to our service men and women that do not have families to support them. A few items that we're looking for are:

Band-Aids	Beef jerky/Slim Jims
Cookies	Hard candy/cough drops
Energy bars	Packets of hot sauce
Chewing gum	Flavored water packets
Pens & paper	Envelopes, & stamps



We'll be sending a big box filled with shoe boxes to a platoon leader in time to give out on Veterans Day. For more info, call Barbara Bell @ 404-906-1439

DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST

The theme for the 2020-2021 contest is: "**Drug Abuse – No Excuse**"

The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students.

Participants must write their essay themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

Length: No longer than 250 words. **Paper size:** 8½ × 11 inch.

Text: Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following: Closeness to the theme, neatness, correct grammar, and originality.

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay:

Student's full name, School, location, grade, Elks lodge name, and must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted by January 31, 2021

Winners: Covington Elks Lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications. For more information, please contact our Drug Awareness Chair, Anita Denny @ 770-787-1020.

PLEASE SEND any NEWS, ARTICLES, PHOTOS, to elks1806news@gmail.com by the 15th of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Barbara Bell
Derrell Carnes
Bo Cordell
Charles Melton
Heather Miller
Joe Neely
James Fletcher
Robert Foxworth
Helen Irish
Emmitt Kelly
Jim Kirkpatrick
Ronald Kumm
Pam Thomason
Mike Witherspoon
Amy McCrary
Retha Garner



Happy Birthday
 We hope the Best gift you receive today
 is knowing how much you are appreciated

QUARANTINING AT HOME AND WONDERING WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT YOUR LODGE?



The Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial

Torch Ride made a stop at the Covington Elks Lodge on **July 25th** on their way to Arlington National Cemetery. We are honored to have hosted this amazing group of dedicated individuals who traveled across the country on their motorcycles to pay tribute to America's fallen service members. View more images on our Facebook page!

District Deputy (DD) Clinic held at the Lodge last month on **August 15th**. Thanks to all who came out!



A **Memorial Service for Scot Fincher**, was held at the Lodge on **August 16th**. Thank you to all who came out to celebrate and remember the life of our dear friend, Elk member, and past Lodge Chaplain. This was the first funeral memorial service that the Covington Elks have had the privilege of performing. We are honored to have been asked to do this by both Scot and his mother, Theresa Parker.

BINGO is back baby! We're now open and hosting **BINGO on Monday & Thursday nights at 7:00pm**. We would love for you to come out and join us, but please maintain social distancing guidelines while at the Lodge. If you or anyone in your household is sick, exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, or has possibly been exposed to the virus, please stay home and quarantine!

SHOUT OUT to David & Joyce Mayo for donating the new cooler for the snack bar! Thank you, it is very much appreciated!

BINGO NIGHT!



**MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
@ 7:00PM**

Doors open @ 5pm, so come enjoy our Georgia Lottery slot machines & great snack bar! First BINGO number called at 7pm.



Covington Elks Lodge
135 Crowell Rd. Covington, GA 30014

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Let's Build A Stronger Community Together.



Community • Friendship • Charity

join.elks.org



15 MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT IDEAS

1. **Produce a Lodge flyer** and hand them out to non-members during community events, display in local offices, restaurants, etc.
2. **Open your Lodge to community organizations** that need a place to meet. (ie: local supports group, clubs, senior groups, etc.)
3. **Ask to be invited into a local school;** parents and teachers are the prospects. Sponsor a presentation and hand out drug awareness information during lunch or an assembly. Inform the school about the Elks' youth programs and student scholarships.
4. **Develop a training program** for those in your Lodge who are usually a first point of contact for prospects and educate them about our mission. (ie: bar staff, greeters, officers)
5. **Provide calling cards** for members to hand out.
6. **Plan activities** at the Lodge which will attract target groups. (ie: retirement planning, housing/loan seminar, guest speakers such as local city officials, doctors, and school superintendents)
7. **Target Stray Elks.**
8. **Open your Lodge to scouting** and other youth organizations.
9. **Give every member a Lodge decal** for their car.
10. **Develop a culture** in the Lodge in which Gen X and Y are wanted and welcome. Let them join purely for social reasons and they will build an age group base that will develop into something more.
11. **Schedule a Member Appreciation Day** in April, May or June.
12. **Legacy Recruitment Drive.**
13. **Give guests Lodge pins** and make them feel wELKome!
14. **New Members** should be our biggest recruiters. Give them each 3 applications and ask them to submit 3 prospects to the membership chair and receive the award GER pin.
15. **Send your Lodge newsletter** to recent guests.

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:

Jimmy Monk

Marty Krueger

Bruce & Sande Jackson

Ellen Patterson, wife of Georgia Elks Association Past State President, **Doug Patterson**, passed away unexpectedly last month. Our condolences go out to Doug and family.

Eleven O'Clock Toast


You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to remind you that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour tolls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message, "To our absent members."

NEWS FROM THE STATE



SPORTSMAN'S DREAM RAFFLE TO BENEFIT THE GEA - LAST CHANCE TO GET TICKETS!

If you haven't heard by now, 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. This is your last chance to purchase tickets, so contact the Lodge at 770-787-9499 or email us at elks1806@hotmail.com.

THE BEAST OF A DRAWING  BENEFITING THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION ONE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN FOR THE SPORTSMAN'S DREAM PACKAGE: THE BEAST BUGGY 12' UTILITY TRAILER CHOICE OF 6 GUNS AND/OR 6 FISHING RODS & REELS OR \$15,000 CASH OPTION DRAWING TO BE HELD OCT. 24, 2020 \$100.00 PER TICKET <small>DRAWING RULES ON REVERSE SIDE</small>	RULES & REGULATIONS 1) DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON OCT. 24, 2020 BY THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION (GEA) OFFICERS. 2) THE PURCHASE OF A \$100 TICKET IS REQUIRED AND ONE TICKET EQUALS ONE ENTRY. 3) THERE WILL BE 500 TICKETS SOLD FOR THE DRAWING. A MINIMUM OF 300 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD TO AWARD A WINNER. 4) THE WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK FOLLOWING DRAWING. 5) THE WINNER MUST MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING STATE & FEDERAL LAWS. 6) THE WINNER DOES NOT HAVE TO BE ASSOCIATED IN ANY WAY WITH THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION. 7) THE WINNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY ALL STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIZE PACKAGE. 8) THE WINNER WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO CHOOSE THE ENTIRE SPORTSMAN PACKAGE OR \$15,000. 9) THERE WILL BE NO CASH ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPORTSMAN PACKAGE. 10) THE SPORTSMAN PACKAGE CONSIST OF THE BEAST BUGGY OF THE GEA CHOOSING, 12' UTILITY TRAILER OF THE GEA CHOOSING AND 6 GUNS OR 6 FISHING RODS & REELS OF THE GEA CHOOSING. 11) SHOULD THE WINNER CHOOSE TO RECEIVE ANY GUNS AS PART OF THE PRIZE, IT WILL BE THE WINNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS A FEDERAL FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECK. SHOULD THE WINNER NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO, THE WINNER WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO CHOOSE THE FISHING RODS & REELS. 12) IT WILL BE THE WINNERS RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP THE PRIZES IN VALDOSTA, GEORGIA AND AT SUCH TIME AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION. 13) THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE PRIZES AFTER DELIVERY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FIT, FITNESS, USE, DEFECTS AND WARRANTIES, AND OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS OF THE PRIZE WINNER. NOR WILL THE GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR HARM THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY THE PRIZE WINNER NOR PRIZES DELIVERED.
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GA ELKS FALL MEETING

The Covington Elks are hosting this year's **Georgia Elks Association Fall Meeting** on **October 23-24, 2020**. Full registration is \$50/person and includes the Friday night dinner, dance, and two drink tokens. Meeting registration ONLY is \$35/person with no dinner/dance. Hotel reservations can be made with a discounted rate at the Holiday Inn Express in Covington, or the Hampton Inn in either Conyers or Covington. You must use Elks Discount Code: ELKS ASSOCIATION to receive the group rate. Please make your reservations by September 23rd! You can pick up a Meeting Registration Form at the Lodge, download the form from www.covingtonelks.org, or contact Anita Denny at elks1806@hotmail.com.

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.
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A LOT of us are ordering from Amazon during COVID-19. But let's face it...we don't need an excuse to order from Amazon online. Many of us do it all the time!

Did you know that Amazon has a program named AmazonSmile? AmazonSmile is a way for customers to support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon.

And there is NO ADDITIONAL COST TO YOU!

Shoppers who start at **smile.amazon.com** will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

Signing up is easy!

Here's how to ship AmazonSmile:

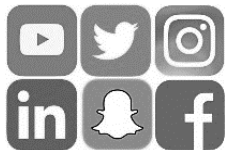
1. Visit **smile.amazon.com**
2. Sign in with your Amazon .com credentials
3. Choose a charitable organization to receive donations, or search for the charity of your choice (**Elks Aidmore** would be nice!)
4. Select your charity
5. Start shopping!



FROM THE GRAND LODGE

CARE TO SHARE ELKS' SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

By RICK GATHEN, PR and Membership Marketing Manager




Phase one of the new shareable recruitment campaign is now available at join.elks.org. Also, follow and share our social media platforms, BPOE TV and BPOE News. A shareable social media campaign pursues a younger target audience, namely Millennials and Generation X. Messaging is centered around mantras

including “The Elks of a New Generation,” “Join the Herd,” and “Community. Charity. Love.” Go to join.elks.org and visit the Elks Shareables Page and the Elks Social Media Network Facebook Page. More info can also be found in two comprehensive virtual resources, the Membership Guide and the Marketing Guide.

BEACON GRANT CHANGES FOR 2020-2021 YEAR

On August 1, Beacon Grants will become available to every Lodge in the amount of \$3,500—a 40 percent increase over last year’s grant amount. Typically, Beacon Grants must be used for active projects. But, since nothing is what it was, we’ve built in flexibility for Lodges to meet pressing needs in their own backyards. Here’s how we are relaxing Beacon Grant guidelines.



These guidelines apply to ALL CIP grants. Learn these basic rules before your Lodge starts applying.

Grants should follow IRS-defined charitable categories:

• Relieve the poor, distressed or underprivileged	• Combat juvenile delinquency
• Advance education, but not through scholarships	• Eliminate prejudice and discrimination
• Lessen the burdens of government	• Lessen neighborhood tensions

Remember: Applications must be submitted **before** the project takes place. Active projects are best!

Grants may not be used for:

• Fundraisers	• Scholarships
• General community events	• Youth awards nights
• Poster and/or essay contests	• Appreciation meals and/or events
• The benefit of Lodge members and their families	• Lodge maintenance and/or repairs
• State Major Projects/national Elks programs	• Hoop Shoot and/or Soccer Shoot

Budget Guideline: Up to 10 percent of the budget can be allotted to administrative expenses like promotion or publicity. Examples include, but are not limited to, t-shirts, paid newspaper advertisements, and/or other non-essential merchandise.

Keep on keepin’ on. If the Lodge can continue its regular Beacon Grant project with safety precautions, fantastic.

Nope, not safe. If an active Elks-led project isn’t feasible, donations will be considered to the partner organization the Lodge usually works with, or to an organization providing COVID relief.

Change it up. If a Lodge would like to pause its regular Beacon Grant project to do a COVID relief project, we’re all for it.

Split it up. From the beginning, the Beacon Grant has only been allowed for one annual project. This year, it can be split between up to two projects.

Merge it. With just the click of a button on the Grants Dashboard, the Lodge can

opt to merge their Spotlight Grant with their Beacon Grant, making a total of \$5,500 available for a Beacon Grant project.

We announced way back in the pre-pandemic days of late February that the Beacon Grants were set to be \$3,000 for FY2021. However, by suspending both Promise Grants and new Impact Grants, we can offer Beacon Grants at \$3,500. With the increased grant amount and built-in flexibility, we’re confident that Lodges will continue to rise to the occasion and help communities where it’s needed most.

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CONTESTS

ALL-AMERICAN LODGE

Elkdom’s All-American Lodge Award – the most coveted of Grand Lodge awards – demonstrates membership involvement. Competition is based on District, State and Grand Lodge levels. Points are earned by competing Lodges, based upon participation in 44 categories, including sponsoring a new Lodge, posting a gain in membership and participation in Grand Lodge contests and programs, such as the Elks National Foundation, Hoop Shoot, Grand Exalted Ruler Awards and Youth Scholarship programs. Final entries are judged by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.

Entrants must submit a form that will be mailed to Lodges with the November Grand Lodge Newsletter and is to be completed and sent to the District Deputy by April 1, 2021. (NOTE: State Association contest due date may differ.) Look for details in the Grand Lodge Newsletter in January.

The District Deputy will select winners by membership division for the district. These are then submitted to the State Association Lodge Activities (or Fraternal) Committee Chairman by April 15, 2021. (The designated State Chairman will review entries, sign and submit them to the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee Member for the All-American Lodge Contest by April 30, 2021.)

Address inquiries to: JAMES E. STEWART, 1157 Old Crellin Road, Oakland, MD 21550-3044; jimstewart11@verizon.net.

PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

This award is granted for the largest per member contributions made by the Lodges to the Elks National Foundation and is based upon Elks National Foundation records. (Deadline for contributions: Received no later than March 31, 2021.)

Direct inquiries to: ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION, at: enf@elks.org or 773-755-4762.

Social Shareables

find them on:
join.elks.org and the ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK



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