

# CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

2022

## CONVENTION SCHEDULE PROGRAM



### 107th ANNUAL CONVENTION

*FRESNO, CALIFORNIA*

*MAY 18 - 21, 2022*

*Elks Care - Elks Share*

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**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Registration—*DoubleTree by Hilton, Tioga Room*

3:00 p.m.--Pre-convention Meeting-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Board Room*  
Association President, Convention Committee, Executive Director and Convention Center Staff

4:00 p.m. -- CHEA Meetings Committee Meeting-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Board Room*

**REGISTRATION, CHEA OFFICE AND BLUE COAT PICKUP  
OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATION**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>CHEA Office</b>	<b>Blue Coat</b>
<i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Tioga Room</i>	<i>Saroyan Theatre Box Office</i>	<i>DoubleTree by Hilton, Yosemite Room</i>
Tuesday – 2 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.		
Wednesday – 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Thursday – 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.	Thursday – 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.	Thursday – 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Friday – 7:00 a.m. until Noon	Friday – 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.	Friday – 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Registration  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Tioga Room*

9:30 a.m.--CHEMPI Board of Trustees Meeting, Les Yeffa, Chairman  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon B*

10:30 a.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees Meeting, Greg Peale, Chairman  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon B*

12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.--Ritual Practice -- *Fresno Convention Center*  
--Grillo Division, *Second Floor, Rooms 2013-2014*  
--Duitsman Division, *Second Floor, Rooms 2009-2010*

12:15 p.m.--DDGER Designate Luncheon Meeting with PGERs Grillo and Duitsman  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salons D 3*

1:00 p.m.--First Vice President's Meeting with Vice President Designates and CHEA Committee Chairmen  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon B*

2:00 p.m.--Past Association President's Meeting  
-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon D 1 & D 2*

**OPENING SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME – William Saroyan Theatre**

8:00 p.m.--Opening remarks, Association President Jay Larkins, presiding

Call to Order by Association President Jay Larkins

8:03 p.m.-- Invocation by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain

8:04 p.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by Ray Broussard, CHEA Sergeant at Arms

8:05 p.m.-- Introductions by Association President Jay Larkins

1. Mike Weishan, President, Arizona Elks Association
2. Debbie Oskin, President, Nevada State Elks Association
3. Eric Crocker, Utah Elks Association
4. CHEA Past Presidents, Spouses and Widows

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022 (continued)**

- 8:15 p.m.--Introduction of Clovis City Council Member  
by Fran Musetti, 2022 Association Convention Chairman. Remarks by City of Clovis Representative
- 8:20 p.m.--Introduction of CHEA Sponsor by Association President Jay Larkins
- 8:25p.m.--Introduction of Grand Exalted Ruler by Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler
- 8:30 p.m.--Brief message by T. Keith Mills, Grand Exalted Ruler
- 8:35 p.m.--Announcements by Association President Jay Larkins
- 8:40 p.m.--**MEMORIAL SERVICE**--by Past Association President Tim Jaeger

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

- 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.--Registration-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Tioga Room*
- 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Preliminary Ritual Contest-- *Fresno Convention Center*  
--Grillo Division, *Second Floor, Rooms 2013-2014*  
--Duitsman Division, *Second Floor, Rooms 2009-2010*
- FIRST BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME--** *William Saroyan Theatre*
- 8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Association President Jay Larkins
- 8:02 a.m.-- Invocation by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain
- 8:05 a.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by Frank Gutierrez, CHEA Assistant Sergeant at Arms
- 8:08 a.m.--Introduction of CHEA Officers and other guests by Association President Jay Larkins  
(Each group escorted to stage and introduced by Association Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Tiler and Assistant Tiler)

**Association Officers**  
**Association Trustees**  
**Major Project Trustees**  
**Past Association Presidents**  
**District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers**  
**Grand Lodge Committeemen**  
**Grand Lodge Officers**  
**Past Grand Exalted Rulers**  
**Grand Exalted Ruler**

- 8:30 a.m.--Introduction of CHEA Vice Presidents by Jay Larkins, Association President

BAY— Jere Williams  
CENTRAL— Linda Valenty  
EAST CENTRAL— Jan Lee  
HAWAII— Byron Apo  
INLAND— Rose Marie Johnson  
METROPOLITAN— John Rivetti  
NORTH— Henri Brachais  
NORTH CENTRAL— Sherry Sparks  
NORTHEAST— Manny Martinez  
NORTHWEST— Dennis Hunter  
ORANGE COAST— David Lawhorn  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY— Diane Stoner  
SOUTH— Robert Simendich  
SOUTH CENTRAL— John Donato

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 (continued)**

SOUTH CENTRAL COAST— Beverly Woulfe  
SOUTH COAST— Philip Byrd  
SOUTHEAST— Christy Williams  
WEST CENTRAL— Kyle York  
WEST CENTRAL COAST— Kris Picard

- 8:40 a.m.--Credentials Report by Fran Musetti, Association Convention Chairman
- 8:43 a.m.--Association Treasurer's report by CHEA Treasurer
- 8:46 a.m.--Association Secretary's report by Robert Brotherton, CHEA Secretary
- 8:49 a.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees report by Greg Peale, Chairman
- 8:58 a.m.--Constitutional Amendments by Timothy C. Martin, PGELK, PGT, CHEA Executive Director
- 9:00 a.m.--National Veterans Service Committee Awards, Vinny DeWitt, Chairman
- 9:10 a.m. --BLT Legacy Giving Committee report by Barbara Knox, Chairman
- 9:18 a.m.--President's Achievement Awards, David Skelton, Chairman
- 9:26 a.m.--Lodge Activities Committee Presentations, Kathy Grant, Chairman
- 9:35 a.m.--Nomination and Election of 2022-2023 Officers
- 9:50 a.m.--Acceptance Speech by Bradford "Brad" Smith, Association President Elect
- 9:55 a.m.--Grand Lodge Committee Reports
- 9:55 a.m.- Audit and Accounting by Robert Hollis-Brau
  - 10:05 a.m.- Government Relations by Tony Markarian
  - 10:35 a.m.- Hoop Shoot by Larry Torres
  - 10:45 a.m.-Judiciary by Robyn Sembenini
  - 10:55 a.m.-Public Relations & Marketing by James Miller
  - 11:05 a.m.-Announcement of seminars Friday afternoon
  - 11:15 a.m.-Questions and Answers from the Panel
- 11:45 a.m.--Benediction by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain  
--Adjourn

***LUNCHEONS***

- 12:30 p.m.--First Lady's Luncheon Social Hour-- *Fresno Convention Center, Hall III, First Floor*
- 1:00 p.m.--First Lady's Luncheon and Entertainment-- *Fresno Convention Center, Hall III, First Floor*
- 1:00 p.m.--Secretaries, Trustees, Club Managers & Members Luncheon-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salons A & B*  
Conducted by CHEA Board of Trustees Chairman and Business Practices Chairman
- 1:00 p.m.--Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, other Officers and Members Luncheon—  
*DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon C*  
Conducted by Association President Elect Bradford "Brad" Smith. Topics: Grand Lodge Judiciary by Robyn Sembenini, Member and Grand Lodge Audit and Accounting by Robert Hollis-Brau, Member.
- 1:00 p.m.--DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisor Luncheon-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Sequoia Ballroom*
- 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.--Grand Lodge Judiciary Available to Answer Questions-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon F*

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 (continued)**

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.--Grand Lodge Audit & Accounting Member Available to Answer Questions-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon E*

**EVENING**

**Association President's Dinner** (Association Blue Coat or Suit)

6:30 p.m.--No Host Cocktails-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Foyer*

7:30 p.m.--Dinner-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salons A-B-C-D*  
*Introduction by Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler*  
*Address by Grand Exalted Ruler, T. Keith Mills*

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.--Ritual Contest Finals Practice-- *Fresno Convention Center, Second Floor, Rooms 2009-2012*

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022**

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.--Major Project Piggy Bank *Walk-A-Thon*-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Foyer*

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon--Registration-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Tioga Room*

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon--Ritual Contest Finals-- *Fresno Convention Center, Second Floor, Rooms 2009 - 2012*

**SECOND BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME--** *William Saroyan Theatre*

8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Association President Jay Larkins

8:01 a.m.-- Invocation by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain

8:02 a.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by Ray Broussard, CHEA Sergeant at Arms

8:03 a.m.--Americanism by Robert Pickett, Americanism Chairman--Essay Readings and Awards

8:11 a.m.--Youth/Soccer Activities Committee, Nita Ohlhauser, Chairman

8:15 a.m.--Enrique Camarena Award by Dave Provan, Drug Awareness Chairman

8:24 a.m.--Resolutions by Tim Martin, PGELK, PGT, CHEA Executive Director

8:26 a.m.--Remarks by Mike Weishan, President, Arizona Elks Association

8:29 a.m.--Remarks by Debbie Oskin, President, Nevada State Elks Association

8:32 a.m.--Remarks by Eric Crocker, President, Utah Elks Association

8:35 a.m.--Remarks by Past Grand Exalted Ruler's, Area 7, Louis J. Grillo & Robert L. Duitsman

8:45 a.m.--Pre-Installation Rally

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.--Theme Child Photo Opportunity,  
*William Saroyan Theatre by the Major Project Display*

9:00 a.m.--Installation of Officers by Robert L. Duitsman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

9:15 a.m.--Acknowledgment by Bradford "Brad" Smith, new Association President

9:25 a.m.--Presentation of blue coat to Bradford "Brad" Smith, new Association President

9:29 a.m.--Benediction by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain

**FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 (continued)**

9:30 a.m.--Adjourn into seminar workshops

9:45 a.m.--Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, other Officers and Members Workshop

*DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salons C & D*

Conducted by New Association President and New Committee Chairmen for Membership, Lapsation, Lodge Activities and Public Relations

9:45 a.m.--Secretaries, Trustees, Club Managers, and Members Workshop

*DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salons A & B*

Conducted by CHEA Board of Trustees Chairman and Business Practices Chairman

12:15 p.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees, *DoubleTree by Hilton, Sequoia Room*

CHEMPI Board of Trustees, *DoubleTree by Hilton, Sequoia Room*

CHEA and CHEMPI Boards of Trustees joint meeting

*DoubleTree by Hilton, Sequoia Room*

3:00 p.m.--New President's Reception-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Sequoia Room*

**SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

***FINAL BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME-- William Saroyan Theatre***

8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Jay Larkins, Association President

8:01 a.m.-- Invocation by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain

8:03 a.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by Harvey Boelts, CHEA Tiler

8:05 a.m.--Recognition and Presentation to Jay Larkins, Association 2021-2022 President

8:10 a.m.--Major Project report by Les Yeffa, Chairman, CHEMPI Board of Trustees

8:20 a.m.--Presentation of Theme Child

8:45 a.m.--Piggy Bank report by Roy Stout, Chairman

8:56 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.--***Exalted Ruler's Piggy Bank March***

9:00 a.m.-10:00a.m. & 10:15a.m.-11:15 a.m.--Theme Child Photo Opportunity,

*William Saroyan Theatre by the Major Project Booth*

10:45 a.m.--Ritual Contest Report and Awards by Kevin Perkins, Chairman

11:50 a.m.--Benediction by Maurice Hamilton, CHEA Chaplain

11:55 a.m.--Closing by Jay Larkins, Association President