

CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

2023

CONVENTION SCHEDULE PROGRAM



108th ANNUAL CONVENTION

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

MAY 17 - 20, 2023

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TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Registration—*Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, “Celebrity, Polo Room”*

3:00 p.m.--Pre-convention Meeting--*Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, TBD*
 Association President, Convention Committee, Executive Director and Convention Center Staff

REGISTRATION, CHEA OFFICE AND BLUE COAT PICKUP

OFFICE HOURS AND LOCATION

<i>Registration</i>	<i>CHEA Office</i>	<i>Blue Coat</i>
<i>Celebrity Building, Polo Room</i>	<i>Celebrity Building, Mission Hills Boardroom</i>	<i>Celebrity Building, Business Center & Meeting Planner Office</i>
Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.		
Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 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 5:00 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 17, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.--Registration
 --“*Celebrity, Polo Room*”

9:30 a.m.--CHEMPI Board of Trustees Meeting, Stephen Haydn, Chairman
 -- “*Ambassador Ballroom 1*”

10:30 a.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees Meeting, Diane Farrens, Chairman
 --“*Ambassador Ballroom 1*”

12:00 Noon to 4:30 p.m.--Ritual Practice, *Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa*
 --Grillo Division, “*Celebrity, Oasis Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3*”
 --Duitsman Division, “*Celebrity, Oasis Ballrooms 5, 6 & 7*”

12:15 p.m.--DDGER Designate Luncheon Meeting with PGERs Grillo and Duitsman
 --“*Ambassador Ballroom 2*”

1:00 p.m.--First Vice President's Meeting with Vice President Designates and CHEA Committee Chairmen
 --“*Ambassador Ballroom 5*”

2:00 p.m.--Past Association President’s Meeting
 --“*Ambassador Ballroom 3*”

OPENING SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME --“*Celebrity Ballroom*”

7:30 p.m.--Musical Presentation – CHEA Organist Bryan “Smurf” Feldpouch

8:00 p.m.--Opening remarks, Association President Bradford “Brad” Smith, presiding

Call to Order by Association President Bradford “Brad” Smith

8:03 p.m.--Posting of Colors by Palm Springs Lodge Boy Scout Troop 262

8:05 p.m.--Pledge of Allegiance by Kevin Young, CHEA Sergeant at Arms

8:06 p.m.--National Anthem

8:08 p.m.--Invocation by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023 (continued)

8:10 p.m.--Introductions by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

1. Albert S. Kayal, President, Arizona Elks Association
2. Frank Reynolds, III, President, Nevada State Elks Association
3. Cindy Shepherd, President, Utah Elks Association
4. CHEA Past Presidents, Spouses and Widows

8:15 p.m.--Introduction and Remarks by the Mayor of Cathedral City, by Barbara Knox

8:20 p.m.--Introduction of CHEA Sponsors by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

8:25 p.m.--Introduction of Grand Exalted Ruler by Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

8:30 p.m.--Brief message by Bruce A. Hidley, Grand Exalted Ruler

8:35 p.m.--Announcements by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

8:40 p.m.--**MEMORIAL SERVICE**--by Past Association President Jay Larkins

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Registration-- "*Celebrity, Polo Room*"

7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.--Preliminary Ritual Contest--*Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa*
Grillo Division, "*Celebrity, Oasis Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3*"
Duitsman Division, "*Celebrity, Oasis Ballrooms 5, 6 & 7*"

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME-- "*Celebrity Ballroom*"

8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

8:02 a.m.--Pledge of Allegiance by Kevin Young, CHEA Assistant Sergeant at Arms

8:05 a.m.--Invocation by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain

8:08 a.m.--Introduction of CHEA Officers and other guests by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith
(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 Bradford "Brad" Smith, Association President

BAY—Tom Dasher
CENTRAL—William Wims
EAST CENTRAL—Mike Davis
HAWAII—Guy Larson
INLAND—Darin Combs
METROPOLITAN—John Coyle

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 (continued)

NORTH—Jim Saxton
NORTH CENTRAL—Diannia Morrison
NORTHEAST—Kathy Wasson
NORTHWEST—Patti Powell
ORANGE COAST—Allen Bisbee
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY—Jennifer Rentschler
SOUTH—Timothy Kelley
SOUTH CENTRAL—Mike Maloney
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST—Caspar DeJong
SOUTH COAST—Paul Kassel
SOUTHEAST—Larry Perez
WEST CENTRAL—Betty McClellan
WEST CENTRAL COAST—Henry Schmitz

8:40 a.m.--Credentials Report by Barbara Knox, Association Convention Chairman
8:43 a.m.--Association Treasurer's report by Robert Hollis-Brau, 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 Diane Farrens, Chairman
8:58 a.m.--Constitutional Amendments by Timothy C. Martin, PGELK, PGT, CHEA Executive Director
9:00 a.m.--National Veterans Service Awards, Rochelle Zenger, Chairman
9:10 a.m.--Bequest and Living Trust report by Barbara Knox, Chairman
9:18 a.m.--President's Achievement Awards, John Cale, Chairman
9:26 a.m.--Lodge Activities Presentation, Kathy Grant, Chairman
9:35 a.m.--Nomination and Election of 2023-2024 Officers
9:50 a.m.--Acceptance Speech by Ted G. Talbot, Association President Elect
9:55 a.m.--Grand Lodge Committee Reports
 10:00 a.m.- Government Relations by Tony Markarian
 10:15 a.m.- Hoop Shoot by Larry Torres
 10:30 a.m.-Judiciary by Robyn Sembenini
 10:45 a.m.-Public Relations & Marketing by Patrick Akes
 11:00 a.m.-Ritualistic by Jack Massie
 11:15 a.m.-Questions and Answers from the Panel
 11:20 a.m.-Announcement of seminars Friday afternoon

11:45 a.m.--Benediction by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain
 --Adjourn

LUNCHEONS

12:30 p.m.--First Lady's Luncheon Social Hour-- "*Ambassador Ballrooms 1, 2 3 & 4*"
1:00 p.m.--First Lady's Luncheon and Entertainment-- "*Ambassador Ballrooms 1, 2 3 & 4*"
1:00 p.m.--Secretaries, Trustees and Club Managers Luncheon-- "*Celebrity Ballroom D*"
 Conducted by CHEA Board of Trustees Chairman and Business Practices Chairman
1:00 p.m.--Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, other Officers and Members Luncheon-- "*Celebrity Ballrooms E, F, G & H*"
 Conducted by Association President Elect Ted G. Talbot. Topics: Grand Lodge Judiciary by Robyn Sembenini, Member, CHEA Business Advisor by Ronald J. Celeste, Member, and Financial Reporting System by Debra Mello, Member.
1:00 p.m.--DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisors Luncheon-- "*Ambassador Ballrooms 5, 6 & 7*"

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 *(continued)*

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.--Grand Lodge Judiciary Available to Answer Questions-- "*Celebrity, Mirage B*"

EVENING

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

6:30 p.m.--No Host Cocktails-- "*Celebrity Ballroom*"

7:30 p.m.--Dinner-- "*Celebrity Ballroom*"

Introduction by Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

Address by Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce A. Hidley

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.--Ritual Contest Finals Practice--*Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, Grillo & Duitsman Divisions, "Celebrity, Oasis Ballrooms 1-4"*

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.--Major Project Piggy Bank ***Walk-A-Thon***-- "*Celebrity Foyer*"

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon--Registration-- "*Celebrity, Polo Room*"

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon--Ritual Contest Finals--*Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort & Spa, Followed by Eleven O'clock Toast Contest until 5:00 p.m. Grillo & Duitsman Divisions, "Celebrity Oasis Ballrooms 1-4"*

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME-- "*Celebrity Ballroom*"

8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

8:01 a.m.--Pledge of Allegiance by Kevin Young, CHEA Sergeant at Arms

8:02 a.m.--Invocation by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain

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 John McEntire, Drug Awareness Chairman

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

8:26 a.m.--Remarks by Albert S. Kayal, President, Arizona Elks Association

8:29 a.m.--Remarks by Frank Reynolds, III, President, Nevada State Elks Association

8:32 a.m.--Remarks by Cindy Shepherd, President, Utah Elks Association

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

8:40 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, "*Celebrity Foyer*"

9:00 a.m.--Installation of Officers by Past Association President, Tim Jaeger

9:15 a.m.--Acknowledgment by Ted G. Talbot, new Association President

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 *(continued)*

- 9:25 a.m.--Presentation of blue coat to Ted G. Talbot, new Association President
- 9:29 a.m.--Benediction by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain
- 9:30 a.m.--Adjourn into seminar workshops
- 9:45 a.m.--Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, other Officers and Members Workshop--*"Ambassador Ballroom 4"*
Conducted by New Association President and New Committee Chairmen for Membership, Lapsation, Lodge Activities, Public Relations, and Ritual Contest & Training
- 9:45 a.m.--Secretaries, Trustees, and Club Managers Workshop--*"Ambassador Ballrooms 1, 2 & 3"*
Conducted by CHEA Board of Trustees Chairman and Business Practices Chairman
- 12:15 p.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees, *"Rancho"*
CHEMPI Board of Trustees, *"Mirage"*
CHEA and CHEMPI Boards of Trustees joint meeting, *"Rancho"*
- 3:00 p.m.--New President's Reception--*"Ambassador Ballrooms 1, 2, 3 & 4"*

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

FINAL BUSINESS SESSION--VISITORS WELCOME--"Celebrity Ballroom"

- 8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Bradford "Brad" Smith, Association President
- 8:01 a.m.--Pledge of Allegiance by Lyle Personette, CHEA Tiler
"Proud to be an American"
- 8:03 a.m.--Invocation by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain
- 8:05 a.m.--Recognition and Presentation to Bradford "Brad" Smith, Association 2022-2023 President
- 8:10 a.m.--Major Project report by Stephen Haydn, 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.-10:00 a.m./10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.--Theme Child Photo Opportunity- *"Celebrity Foyer"*
- 10:45 a.m.--Ritual Contest Report and Awards by Gary Mueller, Chairman
- 11:50 a.m.--Benediction by Frank Chicago, CHEA Chaplain
- 11:55 a.m.--Closing by Bradford "Brad" Smith, Association President