

**CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION**

**2024**

**CONVENTION SCHEDULE PROGRAM**



**109th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**FRESNO, CALIFORNIA**

**MAY 15 - 18, 2024**

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

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**TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024**

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><i>Registration</i></b>	<b><i>CHEA Office</i></b>	<b><i>Blue Coat</i></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 15, 2024**

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

8:00 a.m.--CHEA Investment Committee Meeting, Doug Larsen, Chairman  
 -- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Salon B*

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

10:30 a.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees Meeting, Scott Stephens, 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, Salons D 1 & D 2*

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

8:00 p.m.--Opening Remarks, Association President Ted G. Talbot, presiding

Call to Order by Association President Ted G. Talbot

8:03 p.m.-- Invocation by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain

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

8:05 p.m.-- Introductions by Association President Ted G. Talbot

1. Susan “Sue” Krausman, President, Arizona Elks Association
2. Ross Dyer, President, Nevada State Elks Association
3. Brenda Shaw, Utah Elks Association
4. CHEA Past Presidents, Spouses and Widows

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024 (continued)**

- 8:15 p.m.--Introduction of Clovis City Council Member  
by Fran Musetti, 2024 Association Convention Chairman. Remarks by City of Clovis Representative
- 8:20 p.m.--Introduction of CHEA Sponsors by Association President Ted G. Talbot
- 8:25 p.m.--Introduction of Grand Exalted Ruler by Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler
- 8:30 p.m.--Brief message by Randy P. Shook, Grand Exalted Ruler
- 8:35 p.m.--Announcements by Association President Ted G. Talbot
- 8:40 p.m.--**MEMORIAL SERVICE**--by Past Association President Bradford "Brad" Smith

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024**

- 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 Ted G. Talbot
- 8:02 a.m.-- Invocation by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain
- 8:04 a.m.—Presentation of Colors by Marine Wing Support Squadron 473 Detachment A.
- 8:05 a.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by Lyle Personette, CHEA Assistant Sergeant at Arms
- 8:08 a.m.--Introduction of CHEA Officers and other guests by Association President Ted G. Talbot  
(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 Ted G. Talbot, Association President

BAY— Linda Pitts  
CENTRAL— Valerie Edwards  
EAST CENTRAL— John S. Giesy  
HAWAII— Taryll Moore  
INLAND— Letia "Tia" Courtney  
METROPOLITAN— Rudy F. Lujano  
NORTH— Joe Koshak  
NORTH CENTRAL— Steven R. Dale  
NORTHEAST— Jim Darnell  
NORTHWEST— Sheila Cox

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024** *(continued)*

ORANGE COAST— Bryan Baker  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY— Dorothy McCain  
SOUTH— Nancy Simendich  
SOUTH CENTRAL— Eric Boteilho  
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST— Elizabeth “Liz” A. Dye  
SOUTH COAST— Daniel D. Rice  
SOUTHEAST— Jesse Vargas  
WEST CENTRAL— Richard A. Torres  
WEST CENTRAL COAST— Brian M. Hayden

8:40 a.m.--Credentials Report by Fran Musetti, 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 Diane Farrens, CHEA Secretary  
8:49 a.m.--CHEA Board of Trustees report by Scott Stephens, Chairman  
8:59 a.m.--Constitutional Amendments by Timothy C. Martin, PGELK, PGT, CHEA Executive Director  
9:00 a.m.--National Veterans Service Committee Awards, Rochelle Zenger, Chairman  
9:10 a.m.--BLT Legacy Giving Committee report by Barbara Knox, Chairman  
9:20 a.m.--President's Achievement Awards, Kathy Grant, Chairman  
9:35 a.m.--Lodge Activities Committee Presentations, Robert Beck, Chairman  
9:50 a.m.--Nomination and Election of 2024-2025 Officers  
10:10 a.m.--Acceptance Speech by Marty Mello, Association President Elect  
10:25 a.m.--Grand Lodge Committee Reports  
    10:25 a.m.--Hoop Shoot by Larry Torres  
    10:35 a.m.--Judiciary by Robyn Sembenini  
    10:50 a.m.--Public Relations & Marketing by Patrick Akes  
    11:05 a.m.--Announcements  
    11:10 a.m.--Questions and Answers from the Panel and Sponsors  
11:30 a.m.--Benediction by Nancy Brennan, 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 Marty Mello. Topics: Grand Lodge Judiciary by Member Robyn Sembenini  
1:00 p.m.--DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisors 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 16, 2024** *(continued)*

**EVENING**

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

6:00 p.m.--No Host Cocktails-- *DoubleTree by Hilton, Convention Center, Foyer*

7:00 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, Randy P. Shook**

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

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024**

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 Ted G. Talbot

8:01 a.m.-- Invocation by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain

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

8:03 a.m.--Americanism by Jay Dupler, Americanism Chairman--Essay Readings and Awards

8:11 a.m.--Youth/Soccer Activities Committee, Ben Ortega, Chairman

8:15 a.m.--Enrique Camarena Award by John McEntire, Jr., Drug Awareness Chairman

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

8:26 a.m.--Remarks by Susan "Sue" Krausman, President, Arizona Elks Association

8:29 a.m.--Remarks by Ross Dyer, President, Nevada State Elks Association

8:32 a.m.--Remarks by Brenda Shaw, President, Utah Elks Association

8:35 a.m.--Remarks by Past Grand Exalted Rulers, 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 Jay Larkins, Past Association President

9:15 a.m.--Acknowledgment by Marty Mello, new Association President

9:25 a.m.--Presentation of blue coat to Marty Mello, new Association President

**FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024 (continued)**

9:29 a.m.--Benediction by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain

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 18, 2024**

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

8:00 a.m.--Call to Order by Ted G. Talbot, Association President

8:01 a.m.-- Invocation by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain

8:03 a.m.-- Pledge of Allegiance by William "Bill" Cook, CHEA Tiler

8:05 a.m.--Recognition and Presentation to Ted G. Talbot, Association 2023-2024 President

8:10 a.m.--Major Project report by Jan Keller, 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,

*William Saroyan Theatre by the Major Project Booth*

10:45 a.m.--Ritual Contest Report and Awards by Jeffie Moffet, Chairman

11:50 a.m.--Benediction by Nancy Brennan, CHEA Chaplain

11:55 a.m.--Closing by Ted G. Talbot, Association President