

The Lodge Year will soon begin and it's time to focus on our Annual Association Convention. Plan to join us May 15-18, 2024 in Fresno, California, for the Annual Association Convention at the Fresno Convention Center, 848 M Street, Fresno, California, 93721.

The Association conducts a Convention Meeting during each calendar year, the exact time and place determined by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall cause each Subordinate Lodge to be notified of the time and place of meetings not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date for such meeting on the Association. Any member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge belonging to the Association who has duly registered for the Annual convention shall be eligible to attend and participate in all meetings of this Association, Any such member may make or second motions, submit reports and participate in all proceedings.

The Convention meeting is a time where routine business is conducted at the Association level. The **Opening Session on Wednesday evening** is very impressive from the Posting of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem introductions and the Memorial Service.

Thursday begins with the first Business Session. The current year of CHEA Officers and Vice Presidents are introduced. You'll hear reports from the Association Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Trustees. National Veterans Service Awards are presented as well as Bequests and Living Trusts Report and Grand Lodge Committee Reports. The nomination of officers, President-Elect's Rally and acceptance speech happens then too.

The luncheons are an opportunity to socialize and meet new friends, but are a learning experience too. The luncheons taking place on Thursday are:

First Lady's Luncheon

Secretaries, Trustees and Club Managers

Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, other Officers and Members

DDGER, PDDGER and Lodge Advisors Luncheon

The Association President's Dinner is a time to recognize and thank

As we start the new year we as Elks must work diligently to successfully promote all of our programs and to accomplish our goals we set to help our communities and citizens. Now is the time to take the opportunity to learn about your organization and spread the word of Elkdom.