

# VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

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# PROCLAMATION

## Newsletter No. 24

(Release Date)

**BE STEADFAST IN LEADING THE FUTURE OF ELKDOM FOR ANOTHER CENTURY**

**I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT THIS PROCLAMATION AND ITS ENCLOSURES BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY IN EVERY LODGE, TEMPLE, AND AUXILIARY MEETING SO THAT OUR MEMBERSHIP MAY BE WELL INFORMED.**

To the Officers, Members, Lodges, Temples, Councils and Auxiliaries of the Virginia State Association Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

This Proclamation will serve as the official notice for our 99<sup>th</sup> State Convention to be held May 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

All Brothers and Daughters are asked, to be supportive of our State Souvenir Journal which is our **OFFICIAL STATE PUBLICATION** to honor our "Brother and Daughter Elk of the Year", PGER John Jones and PGDR Eva Bland. I would like to congratulate the Virginia State Association Daughters of Elks as they celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at this State Convention. Brothers and Daughters, please be reminded that during our 95<sup>th</sup> Convention the body voted that each State Officer Elected and Appointed, Co-Ed Dept. Directors and Directress, District Deputies, Special District Deputies and Emeritus Officers purchase a half page ad. Information to purchasing your ad is enclosed.

State Officers it is your responsibility to be present at all Virginia State Associations meeting to perform the duties of the office that the members of this State Association elected you to do and that you expected. Our Joint opening is scheduled for 5pm Thursday, May 16 and the Ritualistic Opening will follow. I am asking that all Officer elected and appointed be present at ALL meeting to fulfil your duties as an Officer of the Virginia State Association. Please respond to me via email [hwin961471@aol.com](mailto:hwin961471@aol.com) rather you will be present or not.

The Auxiliary State President PGDR Doris L. McMurray will notify the Daughters of any pertinent information pertaining to the Auxiliary schedule outside of this proclamation.

Please direct your attention to the following pages of this Proclamation No. 24 for more important information pertaining to our 2024 State Convention.

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## 2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

*May 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **May 2, 2024**

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$175.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ON SITE REGISTRATION: \$190.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION IS ALL INCLUSIVE**

### BROTHERS INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE: \_\_\_\_\_ NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS & MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO **VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION** AND MAIL TO:

**PGER Harold S. Hughes**  
**State Secretary**  
1721 Fort Henry Court  
Dumfries, Virginia 22026  
Phone: 571-296-1166  
Email: [hhughes1952@gmail.com](mailto:hhughes1952@gmail.com)  
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## CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

**MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2024**

**HOLIDAY INN FREDERICKSBURG CONFERENCE CENTER**  
20 Sanford Dr. Fredericksburg, VA 22406



Reservations can be made by calling (540) 368-8000 or use the link below:

<https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=MNZFB&PMID=99801505&GPC=ELK&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>

**(YOU WILL NEED TO SELECTED THE CORRECT DATES)**



Hotel Reservations

Block Code: "ELK"  
Room Rate: \$132.00 Plus Taxes  
Reservations Deadline: April 16, 2024

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## PAST STATE PRESIDENT DEGREE

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Single: (  ) Married: (  ) Divorced: (  ) Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge/Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

ER/DR Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PERC/LDRC: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CA/LDR Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Ed Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Directress Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature

Date

**Please send application, letters of endorsement, and check or money order of \$160.00**

**Payable to: THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION**

**MAIL TO: PGER HAROLD S. HUGHES, STATE SECRETARY  
1721 FORT HENRY COURT, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA, 22026**

Email: [hhughes1952@gmail.com](mailto:hhughes1952@gmail.com)

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## PAST STATE PRESIDENT DEGREE

### REQUIREMENTS:

Brothers and Daughters aspiring to obtain their Past State President Degree through a Co-Ed Department must submit; PSP Application, Letter of Endorsement from the Lodge/Temple, Letter of Endorsement from the Council, and payment of \$160.00 to the State Secretary, no later than May 1, 2024.

Also, please be sure to contact the Co-Ed Department you plan to go through for any requirements they may have for you.

### BROTHERS

Past State President Degree will be given on Friday, May 17, 2024 and Joint Collaring Service on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

*DEGREE- Black Suit, White Shirt, Black Long Necktie, Black Socks, and Black Shoes. (No Lapel Pins, Dress or Casual Collars)*

*COLLARING- White Suit, White Shirt, White Long Necktie, White Socks, and White Shoes (No Lapel Pins, Dress or Casual Collars)*

You will need a PSP Collar for Collaring Service.

Once the State President has bestowed upon you the degree of Past State President you must join and maintain your membership and financial obligations with the Virginia PSP Council.

### DAUGHTERS

Daughter who are going through a Co-Ed Department you must submit your application and letters to the Brother State Secretary. Please refer to the Daughter PSP Council for your Dress Requirements, Degree Information, and any other requirements they may have for you.

**ALL BROTHER PAST STATE PRESIDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
ARE REQUIRED BE DRESSED IN ALL WHITE PAST STATE PRESIDENT ATTIRE  
FOR THE JOINT COLLARING SERVICE**

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## CO-ED DEPARTMENTS

The Virginia State Association Co-Ed Departments wish to remind every Lodge, Temple, and Council of the annual \$50.00 donation to help support the Co-Ed Departments. If there is any member who wishes to make a personal donation please feel free to contact the Co-Ed department head or send to the State Secretary. Please remember to indicate in the memo line which Co-Ed Department you are donating to.

### CO-ED DEPARTMENTS:

#### Athletic Department

*Jim Thom, Director*  
*Andrea Smith, Directress*

#### Public Relations Department

*Julia Liggins, Directress*

#### Beauty and Talent Department

*Pretece L. Booker, Sr., Director*  
*Cynthia Polk, Directress*

#### Security

*Thomas Crews, Director*

#### Education Department

*Lawrence P. Robinson, Director*  
*Linda Williams, Directress*

#### Web Site

*Harold S. Hughes, Director*

#### Shrine Department

*Fred Giles, Director*  
*Mary Carter, Directress*

#### Civil Liberties Department

*Aubrey Royal, Director*  
*Elsie Scott, Directress*

#### Veteran Affairs Department

*Floyd M. Bland, Director*  
*Eva A. Bland, Directress*

#### History Department

*C. Ray Edmonds, Director*

#### Youth Department

*Christopher Morris, Director*  
*Marlene Barnes, Directress*

Please reach out to the department heads if you would like to join a department, because greatness is not accomplished alone it accomplished with everyone working together. Do your part and Join a Co-Ed Department.



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## PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

**Julia B. Liggins, Directress**

TO: All Lodges, Temples, Councils, State Officers, Appointees, Directors, Directresses, Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Daughter Rulers, Chief Antlers, Loyal Daughter Rulers, Brothers and Daughters, Special Supporters, Sponsors, Family and Friends

It is our pleasure to greet you in this 2024 year as we can all see that spring has swiftly approached us. This is the time of year when we again solicit your support as plans are being made to publish our Virginia State Association Souvenir Book for our Brothers and Daughters Annual State Convention which is scheduled for May 16-21, 2024 in Fredericksburg, VA at Holiday Inn Fredericksburg Conference Center Hotel.

This year The Public Relations Department is asking that each Lodge and Temple will sponsor their Exalted Ruler and Daughter Ruler together in a picture as an ad for the souvenir book. Group pictures of the Lodge and Temple members are encouraged and will be greatly appreciated. Participating in the souvenir book will help Brothers and Daughters to know who we are and where we are located.

Please support our efforts again this year by purchasing an ad to be published in the State souvenir journal to recognize and congratulate our 2024 Brother Elk of the Year, P.G.E.R. Bro. John Jones and our 2024 Daughter Elk of the Year P.G.D.R. Eva Bland and Celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Virginia State Association Daughters of Elks. Ad sizes and prices are as follows: Whole page \$80; 1/2 page \$60; Camera ready group or individual ads should be submitted along with the Checks or Money orders made out as follows:

CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO: *Virginia State Association*

Mail to: PGER Harold Hughes, State Secretary  
1721 Fort Henry Court, Dumfries, VA 22026

**CashApp: \$VSAELKS**

Please submit ads and money to [virginiastateads@gmail.com](mailto:virginiastateads@gmail.com) before the deadline of April 30, 2024. If there are questions, contact Directress, Julia B. Liggins 757-242-3200 or [jliggins2444@verizon.net](mailto:jliggins2444@verizon.net).

We are confident that you appreciate the dedication and hard work of our Brother and Daughter Elk of the Year. Can we count on you to help make this Virginia State Association Souvenir Journal a great one for them? *God Bless!*

Fraternally,

Julia B. Liggins, Directress

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### 2024 CONVENTION AGENDA

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

TIME		EVENT		LOCATION	
<b>THURSDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup></b>					
2:00pm	4:00pm	<b>Registrations Brothers &amp; (Brother State Degrees: 3:00pm-5:00pm)</b>		TBA	
		<b>Registrations Daughters</b>			
3:00pm	4:30pm	Daughters Executive Board Meeting			
5:00pm	6:00pm	Virginia State Association Official Joint Opening (All White)			
6:30pm	7:00pm	Brothers Ritualistic Opening (All White)			
6:30pm	7:30pm	Virginia DOE State Degree			
6:30pm		<b>REQUESTED CO-ED DEPARTMENT/DEPARTMENT MEETINGS</b>			
<b>FRIDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Registrations Brothers: 7:00am – 11:00am/1:00pm – 4:00pm</b>		<b>Registrations Daughters: 7:00am-11:am/1:00pm-4:00pm</b>			TBA
<b>Brother State Degrees: 7:00am-11:00am Only</b>					
8:00am	8:30am	Consecration			
8:30am	12:00pm	Business Session Brothers	Business Session Daughters		
12:00pm	1:30pm	Lunch On Your Own			
1:45pm	3:15pm	Business Session Brothers	Business Session Daughters		
3:30pm	5:30pm	PSP Meeting and Degree Brothers	PSP Meeting and Degree Daughters		
7:00pm	11:00pm	<b>Shrine Department Welcome Celebration</b>			
<b>SATURDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup></b>					
<b>Registrations Brothers: 7:00am – 2:00pm</b>		<b>Registrations Daughters: 8:00am (In Meeting Room)</b>			TBA
<b>Brothers State Degrees: 7:00am – 8:00am</b>					
7:30am	8:00am	Consecration			
8:00am	11:00am	Business Session Brothers	Business Session Daughters		
12:00pm	2:00pm	<b>CIVIL LIBERTIES LUNCHEON</b>			
4:00pm	6:00pm	<b>Beauty &amp; Talent Dept. Miss Virginia Pageant</b>			
9:00pm	12:00am	<i>Virginia DOE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</i>			
<b>SUNDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup></b>					
8:00am	10:00am	<b>VA STATE ASSOCIATION JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE AND WORSHIP SERVICE</b>			TBA
12:00pm	2:00pm	<b>DAUGHTER'S LUNCHEON</b>			
3:00pm	5:00pm	<b>Education Department Oratorical Contest</b>			
5:00pm	7:00pm	<b>Youth Department Event</b>			
8:00pm		<i>Joint PSP Collaring Service</i>			
<b>MONDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup></b>					
		<b>Registration Brothers: 8am (In Meeting Room)</b>			TBA
8:00am	8:30am	Consecration			
8:30am	11:30am	Business Session Daughters	Business Session Brothers		
12:00pm	1:15pm	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
1:30pm	3:00pm	Business Session Brothers	Business Session Daughters		
3:30pm	5:00pm	DDGDR Council Meeting	DDGER Council Meeting		
5:30pm	7:00pm	PGDR Council Meeting			
8:00pm		Daughters Event			
<b>TUESDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup></b>					
8:00am	9:00am	Brothers Business Session Closing	Daughters Business Session Closing	TBA	
9:00am	10:00am	Joint Meeting and Closing			



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## LIST OF EVENTS

**BUSINESS DRESS-(SPORT COATS, BLAZER or SUIT with TIE)  
REQUIRED FOR ALL BUSINESS SESSIONS AND MEETINGS**

### THURSDAY

*Joint Opening  
(All White)*  
*Brother Ritualistic Opening  
(All White)*

### FRIDAY

*Business Meetings  
(Business Dress)*  
*Shine Department  
(White or Black State Polo Shirt)*

### SATURDAY

*Business Meetings  
(Business Dress)*  
*Civil Liberties Luncheon  
(Department All White- VSA Members and Guest Business Dress)*  
*Beauty and Talent Department Miss Virginia State Association Pageant  
(Department Royal Blue and White- VSA Members and Guest Business Casual)*  
*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
(Brother: White Jacket, White Shirt, Black; Pants, Shoes, Socks, and Bowtie  
Guest: Formal Attire)*

### SUNDAY

*Joint Worship Service  
(Black Suit Lodge Attire)*  
*VA DOEs Luncheon  
(Brothers, Black Suit, White shirt, Red Long Necktie and Pocket square)*  
*Education Department Oratorical Contest  
(Department All White –VSA Members and Guest Business Casual)*  
*Joint Past State President Collaring Service  
(Council Officer and Members All White PSP Dress-  
VSA Members and Guest Business Casual)*

### MONDAY

*Business Meetings  
(Business Dress)*

### TUESDAY

*Business Meetings & Joint Closing  
(Business Casual/Travel)*

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## WHAT TO BRING

1. White Suit  
White Shirt, White Long Necktie, White Sock, White Shoes
2. Black Suit  
White Shirt, Black Long Necktie, Black Socks, Black Shoes
3. Collar, Badge, Apron, and Fez
4. Other Suits or Sport Coats/Blazers, Ties, and White Dinner Jacket & Black Bowtie, and Red Long Necktie and Pocket Square
5. White or Black State Polo Shirt.
6. Lawn Chair

In collusion, we continue to ask your prayers for our members and their families who are presently ill, shut-in, and/or undergoing various forms of treatments. We ask that our heavenly father bless them in speedy recoveries and to sustain their caregivers. Remember them with a call, card, or visit.

If you have any question pertaining to this proclamation or our 2024 convention please don't hesitate to contact me your Virginia State President.

Fraternally yours,

*Herman R. Winston Jr.*

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Virginia State President

Attest: *Harold S. Hughes*  
PGER Harold S. Hughes  
State Secretary