

E.A.G.E.R Committee Fundraising Progress Report

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Elect A Grand Exalted Ruler



Countdown to GER Election

Virginia Lodges, Districts Support Ron Hicks

Many Virginia Lodges and all four Districts are offering their strong support for Grand Exalted Ruler Endorsed Candidate, Ron Hicks, and the VA-E.A.G.E.R. (Elect A Grand Exalted Ruler) Committee. The Committee is seeking to raise \$200,000 to help cover the Endorsed Candidate expenses that are not covered by Grand Lodge. Money is being raised across the country from the sale of Endorsed Candidate pins/pendants, raffles and other donations, but Ron, Nancy, and the Committee are particularly grateful and humbled by the response of our Virginia Elks.

Here are the donations received to date and the fundraising activity that the Committee is aware of:

District Raffles to be concluded at the VEA State Convention in June:

Central District is conducting an "Invicta" watch Raffle.

Southwest District is conducting a \$400 Lowe's Gift Certificate Raffle.

North District is conducting an "Apple" watch Raffle.

Southeast District is conducting a Television Raffle.

Lodge Fundraising Activities

Fredericksburg Lodge #875, Ron's Home Lodge, has donated a total of \$9,000 with the Lodge donating \$2,500, the Ladies Auxiliary \$2,500 and PER Association \$1,000. The Lodge has also hosted a Fundraising Dinner, will be hosting a Bourbon and Wine Tasting and Tours event at the Bowman Distillery in Fredericksburg on June 20th and is conducting a Quilt Raffle.

Woodbridge Lodge #2355 has donated \$1000

Alexandria Lodge #758 has donated \$500.

Roanoke Lodge #197 has donated \$2,000.

Staunton Lodge #351 is hosting a fundraising dinner on May 23rd and sponsoring a trip raffle and a spirit raffle.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge #2188 is selling Endorsed Candidate candy and conducting a "Spring Spirit Wagon" raffle.

Woodbridge Lodge #2355 is selling Elk jewelry.

Harrisonburg Lodge #450 is doing a raffle.

Front Royal Lodge #2382 is doing a "Cash Party".

Loudon Lodge #2406 is doing a raffle and a "Purple Ball" 50-50 at its June 5 Golf Tournament.

Onancock Lodge #1766 is doing a bar-b-que and a raffle.

Suffolk Lodge #685 is doing a raffle.

Clifton Forge Lodge #1065 raised \$250 with a dinner.

Danville Lodge#227 is doing a raffle.

Galax Lodge #2212 is doing a raffle.

Lynchburg Lodge #321 is doing a raffle.

Pulaski Lodge #1067 is doing a raffle.

Other Fundraising Activities

A number of individual Elk Members have made donations.

State Associations have also provided significant support for the Campaign, with donations to date being received from the MD, DC, DE Association, the West Virginia Association and the North Carolina Association.

In addition, Ingleside Winery is producing private label "Ron Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler 2015-2016" wines (Chardonnay and Merlot) in recognition of this rare event for Virginia Elks. Cases of the wine, with the Special Private Labels, will soon be available for purchases by all Lodges in Virginia. This is a great wine and a nice memento from Ron's year as Grand.

If your Lodge is conducting fundraising activities or otherwise donating to the Campaign, and it is not listed above, please notify DDGER Ray Dameron at ray.dameron@aol.com . Also, if you are planning fundraising events, please let Ray know, so it can be included in the next Countdown to Election. All contributions are gratefully accepted and no contribution should be considered too small.

Virginia Elect a Grand Exalted Ruler Committee

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