



CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

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CHEA Convention and Mid-Term Attendance

The California-Hawaii Elks Association Constitution provides for annual assessments upon each lodge to cover the expenses of the Association to promote its Mission, which is: To further good fellowship among members; to protect and promote the interests of the Order; to exchange ideas beneficial to the lodges; to advance the cause of charity, especially the Elks National Foundation and the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.; to encourage patriotism and devotion to the United States of America; to support the publication and distribution of the Association's publication to every member; and to bear true allegiance to the constitution and laws of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the United States of America.

Therefore the primary objectives of the business sessions at the convention and mid-term is to fulfill the Mission of the Association with specific training for the Lodge Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Secretary, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Further, every Lodge is entitled to representation and vote on any question submitted for a roll call vote during the business sessions.

Therefore, the Lodge Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Secretary, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees are strongly encouraged by the Sponsors (*Past Grand Exalted Rulers*) of Area Seven and the CHEA Advisory Committee (*Past Association Presidents*) to attend the CHEA Convention and CHEA Mid-Term Conference business sessions unless excused for good cause.

Likewise, the lodge should budget an adequate allowance for the delegation to attend the Association Convention and Mid-Term but, at the same time, to discourage excessive amounts.

As leaders and energetic promoters of programs within the lodge, it is your responsibility through encouragement, salesmanship, assistance, and guidance to provide information and helpful suggestions to the other officers and members, so that you can effectively preserve and increase the Elks programs.

If there are any questions on this issue, please give our Sponsors a call.