

***Nevada State Elks Association  
Midterm Convention  
November 18 thru November 21, 2021  
Las Vegas, Nevada***



Hosted by  
Las Vegas Elks Lodge # 1468

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# Elks Association

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Dan Wells, PDDGER  
NSEA President

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September 14, 2021

Members and Guests,

Mary and I welcome you to the Nevada State Elks Association Mid-Term Meeting. Our hosts, Las Vegas Lodge #1468, have worked many long hours to provide you with the best in hospitality, lodging and meals. Chairman Chris Coyer and his committee are to be commended and I urge you to acknowledge their hard work and thank them at every opportunity. That will be a small payment for the time and work they have invested.

We welcome Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills and his lovely wife Amy and ask each of you to introduce yourselves. I'm sure if you ask, they will be most willing to sign your membership card.

The Hon. Jim Grillo, PGER and his wife Lucia; The Hon. Bob Duitsman, PGER and his wife Beth and Jared Wanlass, Utah State President, and his wife Steffanee will also be in attendance. Please introduce yourselves and welcome our Area 7 guests.

I encourage you to check the agenda as we will have Area 7 Representatives, Robert Hollis-Brau Auditing and Accounting and Bill Wiseman Activities, who will be providing workshops to improve on your learning experience and for better use of your precious time while attending our state meetings.

A special note: All meetings and gatherings will be at our host Lodge, with the exception of the hospitality room located and the host hotel.

Mary and I want to thank all the Association members for the support and hospitality we have enjoyed thus far. I also take this opportunity to offer special thanks to all the Officers and Committee Chairs that have helped us through this year.

Fraternally,

Dan Wells, PDDGER  
NSEA State President.

Cc: Dee Boskie, PSP, Secretary  
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# Nevada State Elks Association

## Mid-Term Convention

November 18 – 21, 2021

What happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas! How many millions were spent on that add campaign and how any millions in revenue did it generate. The premise is that your secrets are safe here! We're here to break that mold, to shatter that concept. We're going to shout at the top of our collective lungs that We Are Here! That not only are we not acting in secret, but we are here to make a mark on our communities, on the lives of our Veterans, in the care and welfare of children and seniors alike and to proudly declare that we love our flag, our country and the sacred tenents of Elkdom. What happens here, in Las Vegas, at the convention of the Nevada State Elks Association will not stay in Las Vegas but instead will echo across the state and farther. Get ready to supercharge your attitudes toward our mission as Elks and to find new focus, to examine our triumphs and our failures and to find how both lead us to even greater impacts.

On behalf of the Las Vegas Elks #1468, I welcome each of you to our city and to our Lodge. It is indeed an honor and privilege to host our honored guests and each of you as you represent your lodges in the great work we have before us. That you are here speaks volumes about your commitment and dedication to this thing we call Elkdom. My hope for each of you is that this convention is a catalyst that starts a revolution of ideas in your own lodge. I hope that this gathering instills within you the knowledge that we are more than Sixteen lodges each trying desperately to find our way into Elkdom and hoping that we stay the course. Rather, we are Sixteen branches of the same tree and with each success we all succeed, that we celebrate not only our own successes but the success of each lodge in the state.

It is my commitment, and the commitment of our Convention Planning Committee and of all members of Las Vegas #1468, to set the stage not only for success in the work to be accomplished here, but also to provide you with comfortable surroundings and ample opportunities for Socializing and the Camaraderie so valued in our Order.

Again, welcome to Las Vegas and the Nevada State Mid-Term Convention.

*"Let's get ready to Rumble!"*

Fraternally,

Greg Weeks, Exalted Ruler

Las Vegas Elks #1468

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**BIOGRAPHY OF**  
**THAINE "KEITH" MILLS**  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**2021-2022**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.*

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**Keith Mills** was born on October 17, 1968 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Justin and Ruth Mills, the youngest of five children. Keith has three brothers, Randy, Butch, the late Devon, and his sister Cheryl. Keith grew up on the family farm outside Hollister, Idaho. The rural elementary school had about 50 students enrolled through sixth grade. High school was spent in the neighboring town of Filer where Keith participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. In 1987, he graduated from Filer High School. Congressman Stallings was instrumental in Keith receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. Unfortunately, an injury meant Keith returned home in 1989 where he attended the College of Southern Idaho and met Amy Jane Rutherford, his best friend and true love. They both received their Associates Degree. They were married in 1990 and Keith transferred to University of Idaho where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.

For over 31 years Amy has encouraged and supported his dreams. Keith and Amy have two children; Cassie has 2 boys, Clark and Karson, and is attending nursing school. Their son Justin, who is a senior at Boise State University and will be graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Business.

Growing up on a farm, Keith developed a strong work ethic and as he grew older, the value of a hard day's work. His family farmed 350 acres and operated a Custom Farming business. They also raised prize winning Duroc hogs for breeding which Keith showed in 4-H and Future Farmers of America, as well as sold breeding stock across the United States.

After college his career began at Applied Materials where he worked for more than 10 years in the Semiconductor Industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe.

Keith returned to Twin Falls to be with family where he owned and operated several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as the Director for a County Highway District.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a Member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge No. 1183. He continued his membership there all through college. Upon graduation, they moved to Nampa, just down the street from his brother Devon. With Devon already an Elks Member, Keith transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years before leaving for college, then upon his transfer to Caldwell in 1994, was appointed Inner Guard and installed in 1995 and progressed through every officer chair, serving as Exalted Ruler 2001-2002. He then served the next five years on the Board of Trustees, with the last as Chairman. Keith was a member of five Idaho State Champion Ritual teams, each competing at Grand Lodge. He is excellent at performing the ritual and is a six-time State All-American. Keith has been recognized for his outstanding dedication to Caldwell Lodge multiple times. In 2008, he was voted Caldwell's "Elk of the Year," as well as Idaho State's "Elk of the Year." Keith has the distinguished honor of being the first ever to be elected to Honorary Life Membership to Caldwell Lodge No. 1448.

Keith was elected and served three years as Idaho Vice President South, subsequently being elected and serving as Idaho State President in 2006-2007. The next six years were on the Idaho state major project, the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital Board with the last two years as Chairman. In 2016, he was inducted in the "Idaho Elks Hall of Honor." He continues to serve the Idaho State Association and is on the Advisory Committee with the Past State Presidents.

Keith's service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for Idaho South District and then served six years as a Special Representative for various Lodges in Idaho. During this time, Keith also served as Idaho State Hoop Shoot Chairman for 18 years and Northwest Regional Director from 2011 to 2016. The region included Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Keith and Amy truly enjoyed being with the children, watching them grow and getting to know the families. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 and continues to serve in both positions.

At the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman. In 2020, he was appointed Oregon Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

The passion Keith has for our Fraternal Order is shown by his enthusiasm, commitment and devotion.



**"MEETING THE CHALLENGE"**





**REGISTRATION**

NEVADA STATE ELKS MIDTERM CONVENTION  
November 18, 2021 - November 21, 2021  
LAS VEGAS 1468, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



Elks Care - Elks Share

**Registration:** Pre-registration post marked on or before October 31, 2021 is \$35.00.

Any registrations received postmarked after October 31, 2021 will require \$45.00.

**NOTE ! All Elk Members must register separately.**

All registration packages will be at the Las Vegas Elks Lodge, Wednesday 5 PM to 8 PM;

Thursday Noon to 9 PM; Friday 10 AM to 6 PM, and Saturday 6:30 AM to 9 AM

**ROOMS:** The host hotel is the Ahern Hotel, 300 W. Sahara Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89102 We have 30 Rooms booked.

Room Rates are: Thur, Fri, Sat ( \$99.00); Deluxe King. Thur, Fri, Sat ( \$129.00). Plus tax.

Make Reservations **directly with the Hotel**. 725-214-4800. Use Reservation ID **ELKS**

Reservations must be made by October 29th to lock in Group rates. After October 29th rooms will be on space available.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
LODGE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/COMPANION \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
LODGE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to: Las Vegas Elks # 1468**

**MAIL TO:** Registration Chairman; Las Vegas Elks Lodge # 1468, P. O. Box 17187; Las Vegas, NV 89114

	Number of Tickets	Before October 31, 2021	Total	Number of Tickets	After October 31, 2021	Total
<b>REGISTRATION</b>		@ \$35.00			@ \$45.00	
Thursday, November 18, 2021						
Dinner at Lodge 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM		@ \$12.00			@ \$15.00	
Friday, November 19, 2021						
Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM		@ \$12.00			@ \$15.00	
Lunch at Lodge (Gathering) Noon		@ \$18.00			@ \$23.00	
State President Dinner						
at Lodge 7 PM Cocktails 6 PM		@ \$35.00			@ \$40.00	
Saturday November 20, 2021						
Breakfast at Lodge 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM		@ \$12.00			@ \$15.00	
State Major Project Luncheon		@ \$20.00			@ \$25.00	
Grand Exalted Ruler Banquet						
at the Lodge 7 PM cocktails 6 PM		@ \$35.00			@ \$40.00	
Sunday November 21, 2021						
Getaway Breakfast at the Lodge 7AM - 10 AM		FREE	X		FREE	X
<b>TOTALS</b>						
		Before October 31st		After October 31st		

**GER Banquet.** Please **Circle choice** of:

Steak \_\_\_\_\_ or Baked Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

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# AGENDA

Thursday, November 18

Lodge Opens		12 Noon - 8:00 PM
Registration		5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Welcome Dinner at the Las Vegas Lodge	Dining Room	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, November 19

Lodge Opens		7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge	Dining Room	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Registration	Lodge	7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
First Lady's Breakfast (Invitation Only)	Hotel	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Sponsor Meeting (Invitation Only)	Board Room	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
11th Hour/Flag Tribute	Lodge Room	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
State Major Project Trustee's Meeting	Members Lounge	9:30 AM-10:30 AM
NSEA Trustee's Meeting	Members Lounge	10:30 AM-12:00 PM
Gathering Lunch (Entertainment Provided)	Dining Room	12:00 PM-2:00 PM
Past Exalted Rulers Meeting	Lodge Room	2:00 PM-3:00 PM
Advisory Council Meeting	Board Room	3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Leading Knight Clinic	Lodge Room	3:00 PM-4:00 PM
Spouses Workshop	Emblem Room	3:00 PM-4:00 PM
State Presidents Dinner at Las Vegas Lodge		
No Host Cocktails	Lounge	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Lodge	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Hospitality Room	Hotel	9:00 PM - Til
Eleven O'Clock toast	Hospitality Room	9:00 PM

Saturday, November 20

Lodge Opens		7:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge	Dining Room	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Registration	Lodge	7:00 AM - 12 Noon
Business Meeting	Dining Room	8:00 AM - 11:30 AM
State Major Project Luncheon	Dining Room	12 Noon - 2:30 PM
Auditing and Accounting Workshop	Lodge Room	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Activities Workshop	Lodge Room	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
State Presidents Reception (Invitation Only)	Members Bar	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Grand Exalted Ruler Dinner at Lodge		
No Host Cocktails	Lounge	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Dinner	Lodge	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Hospitality Room	Hotel	9:00 PM - Til
Eleven O'Clock toast	Hospitality Room	9:00 PM

Sunday November 21

Get-Away Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge	Dining Room	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM
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**Suggested Dress Code**

Thursday , November 18

Welcome Dinner Casual

Friday, November 19

Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge Lodge Uniform or Business attire

Gathering Lunch Lodge Uniform or Business attire

All meetings and Clinics at Las Vegas Lodge Lodge Uniform or Business attire

State Presidents Dinner Western or Business attire

Saturday, November 20

Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge Lodge Uniform or Business attire

Business Meeting Lodge Uniform or Business attire

State Major Project Luncheon SMP Vest or Shirt

State President Reception Formal or Business attire

Grand Exalted Ruler Dinner Formal or Business attire

Sunday November 21

Get-Away Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge Casual

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**Menus**  
**All Meals at Las Vegas Lodge**

Thursday , November 18

Welcome Dinner  
Lodge Menu

Friday, November 19

Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge  
\*Casseroles (1 meat, 1 veggie, hash brown casserole)  
Gathering Lunch  
\*Soup/Salad/Potato Bar  
State Presidents Dinner  
\*Lasagna/Chicken Piccata, Green beans, salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Saturday, November 20

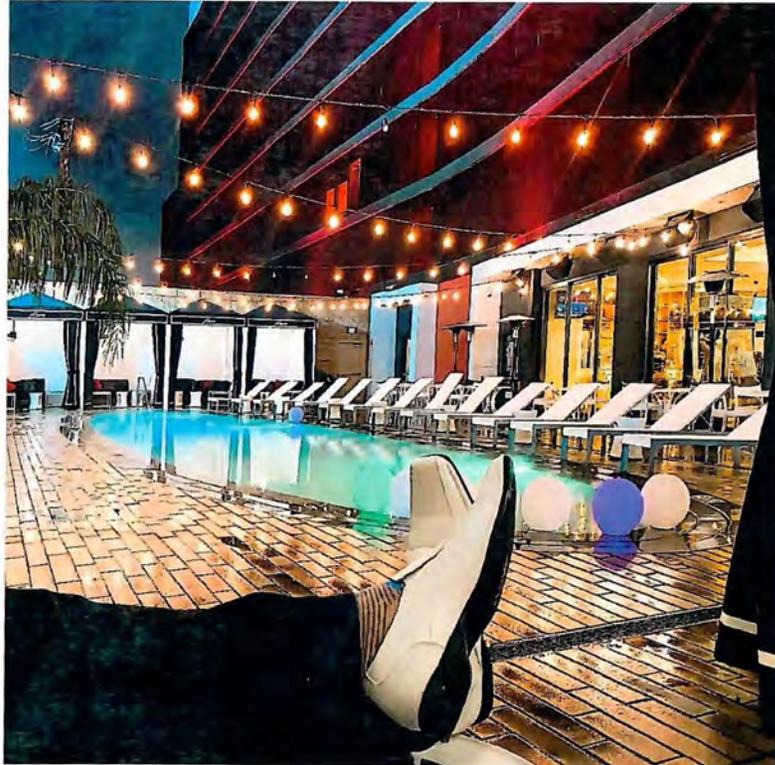
Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge  
\*Buffet  
State Major Project Luncheon  
\*Chicken Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert  
Grand Exalted Ruler Dinner  
\*Steak or Baked Salmon, Mixed Veggies, Baked Potatoes, Salad

Sunday November 21

Get-Away Breakfast at Las Vegas Lodge  
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We hope you had fun  
and wish you safe travels back home.

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# Ahern<sup>TM</sup>

HOTEL

Meetings · Events



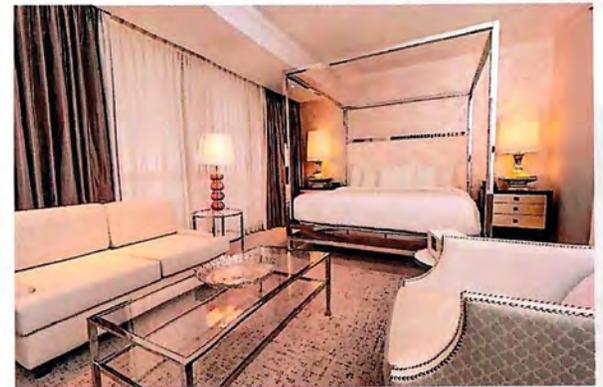
## property overview

- Steps from the Las Vegas Strip
- Full hotel buyout available
- 2 floors of meeting & event space
- 200 well-appointed rooms & suites
- Modern & luxurious accommodations
- On-site dining & catering
- No resort or parking fees
- More Information at [ahernhotel.com](http://ahernhotel.com)
- Transportation for Registered Elks and their Guests will be provided between Ahern Hotel and Las Vegas Lodge #1468.





# luxury accommodations





## room types & amenities

Room Type	Room Size	Total Rooms
Standard King	350 sq. ft.	69
Standard Double	350 sq. ft.	113
Deluxe King	425 sq. ft.	7
Junior Suite (mountain facing)	450 sq. ft.	7
Suite (Strip facing)	550 sq. ft.	7
Penthouse	1,380 sq. ft.	1

### **In-Room Amenities**

- High-speed Internet
- Data ports
- Cable/satellite TV
- In-room safe
- Ironing board
- Hair dryer
- Optional roll-away bed and crib



## on-site amenities

- Two restaurants
- Concierge
- Room service
- Business services
- On-site wireless Internet
- Laundry services
- Shuttle
- Fitness center
- Pool & cabanas





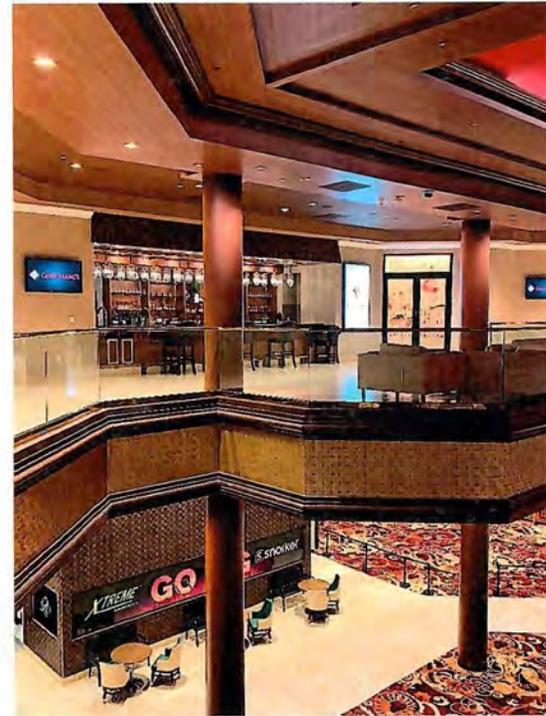
## dining options

### Lower Level

- Trattoria by Chef Marc – casual Italian dining
- Live Kitchen by Chef Marc – exposition kitchen
- Sgrizzi's Pizza – pizzeria
- Piazza Bar

### Upper Level

- Chef Marc's Italian Steakhouse – fine dining, 8 private dining rooms & Mezzanine Bar
- Presto – Chef Marc's to go
- Aroma – bakery & coffee shop
- Segreto - cocktail lounge



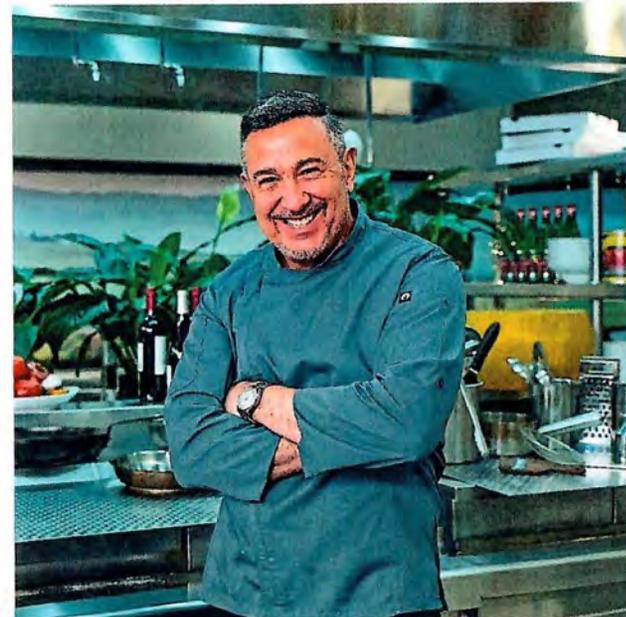


## event catering

### **Chef Marc Sgrizzi**

Chef Marc Sgrizzi is the Executive Chef at Ahern Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. With over 30 years of successful restaurant businesses, Chef Marc brings regional dishes to his elevated Italian cuisine.

Ahern Hotel offers an immersive culinary experience from Chef Marc, including multiple eateries, event catering and private cooking classes.



300 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89102 to 4100 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89102

