

# Elks Lodge Actions in Georgia to Covid-19

## Update #3



Date: March 26, 2020

To: All Elk Lodges

From: Bill Lewis, Chairman, Disaster Relief Committee

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## Update 4

Dalton #1267

March 21, 2020

**Subject: Lodge Closing**

After receiving new information from the Grand Lodge ( Our Governing Body) and Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman, the Dalton Elks Lodge 1267 will close as of midnight 3/21/20.We will reopen as soon as possible.

Valdosta Lodge #728

March 23, 2020

Message from the E.R.

**Dear Fellow Members,**

As you are likely already aware, on March 13, the Lodge leadership voted to close the Valdosta Lodge indefinitely. This means that all Lodge activities, including meetings, third party events, and regular bar operations are cancelled until further notice. While the decision to close the lodge was not an easy one, it was necessary to help protect the health and welfare of our Lodge members, our community, and our dedicated healthcare providers. Please understand that while Lodge social activities have come to a halt, the Lodge leadership will communicate to assure all necessary Lodge maintenance continues and the Lodge bills are paid. We will closely monitor future developments concerning COVID-19 and, in accordance with direction from Grand Lodge, will work to re-open the Lodge and "fill" the calendar as soon as we are able.

In the meantime, please reach out to me by email or phone with any questions, concerns or ideas you may have. Working together we will get through these challenging times.

You may also check out the new webpage as it will now be updated regularly. The full website is not completed yet but there is enough info to keep you informed.

Albany #713

March 22, 2020

Re: Grand Lodge March 16th Membership Report Update

Unfortunately the COVID19 situation in Albany is rapidly deteriorating by the hour, but hopefully the rest of the state will not come near the level of severity.

Albany is in dire straits and the confirmed cases are probably only 1/5 or fewer of the highly suspected cases.

With more people getting infected. I have taken into consideration CDC and Grand Lodge recommendations. The following shall apply. March meeting on March 30. Lodge open to members only Friday and Saturday afternoon. Kitchen closed until further notice.

Lake Oconee #2849

March 24, 2020

is closing to Elks and their Guests wishing to Drink or Dine in the Facility.

**DUE TO THE CONTINUING THREAT OF ILLNESS AND ITS SPREAD, THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED TO EVERYONE, ELKS AND THEIR GUESTS, WHO WISH TO DINE IN OR ENJOY THE LOUNGE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE KITCHEN WILL BE OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY TO PREPARE THE TAKE-OUT MENU FOR YOUR IN-HOME DINING.**

**March 23, 2020**

**Gov. shuts down bars and nightclubs in Georgia, orders shelter in place for medically fragile**

**Gatherings of 10 or more people are banned unless you can maintain at least six feet between people at all times**

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp ordered all bars and nightclubs to shut down to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 shortly before the state announced the total number of positive tests had grown to 800 as of Monday night.

Coronavirus deaths in Georgia increased to 26 -- more deaths than Florida and all but five other states in the nation.

Monday's caseload update of 800 positives includes the first positive diagnosis in Pierce County in Southeast Georgia. (A patient diagnosed with COVID-19 at Southeast Georgia Health Services' Camden campus is a Charlton County resident). There the number of cases in Glynn County remains at four.

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Metro Atlanta still accounts for the largest overall number of cases, with Fulton County reporting more than 152 infections and at least two deaths from the new virus.

In southwest Georgia, Albany and surrounding Dougherty County have ordered residents to stay home unless they're going to work, buying food, seeking medical care or exercising. The county has reported six deaths and 69 cases and neighboring Lee County has 19. Infections in Bartow County northwest of Atlanta have surpassed 60, with one death and DeKalb County has 74 positive cases. If those testing positive in Georgia, 59% were between 18- and 59-years-old, with 36% age 60 and up and 1% 17 or younger.

Eatonton #2549

The Governor issued an order that all bars be closed until April 6th. Eatonton Police Chief Kent Lawrence Called Connie to let her know about the Order.

March 25, 2020

Stan Jones, SDGER

We are currently on a go for the convention. We will make the final decision no later than May 1, 2020. We have had less than 20 people register. PGER Luhr has not responded to his invitation. We are assuming he is not coming and we feel it best that anyone who has to come by plane to our convention would only add more risk for themselves and the Elks and families attending the convention. We will plan for another convention date if we cancel Jekyll Island. Stay safe. Stan

# DO The FIVE

## Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 **ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 **FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 **FEET** Stay more than 6 ft apart
- 5 **FEEL** sick? Stay home