

Georgia Funeral Service Practitioners Association, Inc.

96th Annual State Convention

Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, Georgia - September 19-22, 2021

“Exalting the PAST... Embracing the PRESENT...”

Embarking diligently upon the FUTURE”

Sunday, September 19, 2021

11:00 a.m. Bethlehem Baptist Church
1111 E. 10th Street, West Point, GA
Dr. Willie T. Edmondson, Pastor

ENJOY WATER PARK

3:00p.m. - 6:00 p.m.....Registration
Great Wolf Lodge - Registration Desk

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.Mix and Mingle/Welcome Reception “Come Az U R”
White Oak IV & V

5:00 p.m. - 6:00p.m..... Educational Offering(***ICEU***)
Networking ~ “A Lifestyle” – R. Andre Jenkins, 1nd Vice President, GFSPA
White Oak IV & V

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Bus Departure

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Concert (Boyz II Men)
Sweetland Amphitheatre – Transportation provided by 5th District
Ticket Required

8:00 p.m. - Midnight.....5th District Hospitality
Suite-Great Wolf Lodge

Monday, September 20, 2021 *Note: Please wear Official State Uniform*

6:45 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.Breakfast
Sponsored by 5th District (Ticket Required) White Oak III

7:30 a.m. - 7:55 a.m.Devotion, Ministerial Staff, GFSPA, Presiding
Pastor Alfred Booker, Mt. Gillard Baptist Church, LaGrange, GA
White Oak IV & V

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.Registration
Great Wolf Lodge - Registration Desk

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Opening Prayer
Rev. Dr. Kendrick K. Mack, State Chaplin
White Oak IV & V

Presentation of Colors.....Terry Allen, Jr. Buffalo Soldiers
AMVETS Post 910, Newnan, GA

Lift Every Voice & Sing

Official Opening Dr. Willie T. Edmondson, GFSPA President

Introduction of Official Family.....Linda Thrasher, CFSP
The Welcome.....Honorable Mayor Jim Thornton
City of LaGrange, GA
Greetings from Local Officials..... Patrick Crews
Chairman of Troup County Board of Commissioners

Introduction of State Officials Rev. Kenneth George Bailey
Greetings from State Official..... Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock
Greetings from Host District.....Virginia Hill, 5th District Chairperson
Greetings from NFDMA.....Dr. Carol T. Williams, Executive Director
Introduction of Sponsors.....Linda Thrasher, CFSP, Convention Chair
Greetings from Sponsors
In Remembrance TributeRev. Dr. Kendrick K. Mack, Chaplin

Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Jeffery Wakefield, Chairman of the Board
Keynote Speaker Dr. Hari P. Close, II, CFSP
67th President, National Funeral Directors & Mortician Association, Inc.
“Carve Your Name on Hearts. Not Tombstones ~ Leaving A Legacy” (1 CEU)

Official Business Session

Sergeant at Arms.....Irvin Trice
1st Vice PresidentR. Andra Jenkins, Presiding
Rules and Credentials.....Kathy Davis Wiley, Chairperson
Minutes of Last Convention.....LaSharn Hughes, Convention Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution and Bylaws.....David L. Campbell, Sr., Chairperson
Membership.....Eddie Hosley, Chairperson

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION

9:45a.m.- 11:45 a.m..... Educational Offering (*2 CEU*)
The Lost Art of Embalming The Extreme .Difficult Case” by Quenton V. Montfort
Trans Atlantic Mortuary Services, Baltimore, MD
White Oak IV & V

11:50 a.m.....Group Picture
Patio area outside of Fallen Timbers

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Table Top Exhibitors (*1 CEU*)*
Prefunction Area

12:00 p.m.....Ribbon Cutting
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Sponsored by State (**Ticket Required**) Lunch
White Oak Ballroom
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Educational Offering (**2 CEU**)
White Oak IV & V

“Art of Restoration” Part I - Matt Smith
Professional Embalmers Institute, Founder

***PLEASE VISIT OUR EXHIBITORS DURING THIS TIME
AND ENJOY WATER PARK***

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. “Denim and Pearls” 5th District Outing
Sweetland (off-site) - Transportation provided by 5th District
8:00 p.m – 11:00 p.m.....“A Nite on the Roof Top at Del’avant” Hospitality
Transportation provided by 5th District

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:30a.m. – 8:00 a.m.....Continental Breakfast
Fallen Timbers
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Devotion, Ministerial Staff, GFSPA, Presiding
Rev. Lovett Thornton, St. James C.M.E. Church, LaGrange, GA
White Oak IV & V
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.Registration
Registration Desk
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Table Top Exhibitors (**1 CEU**)*
Prefunction Area
9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Educational Offering (**1 CEU**)
White Oak IV & V
“Self Care – Navigating P.E.A.C.E -Protecting, Exploring, Accepting, Creating, Eduring”
– Kimberly L. Howard
The K.L.H. Project, LLC
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Educational Offering (**2 CEU**)
White Oak IV & V

“Art of Restoration” Part II - Matt Smith
Professional Embalmers Institute, Founder

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6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.Cocktail Hour
Prefunction Area outside of White Oak Ballroom

7:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.”A Nite with the Starz” Banquet
Red Carpet Event
Honoring Our Very Own Ms. Virginia Hill
Dottie Peoples Performing (Ticket Required) White Oak Ballroom

9:00 p.m - until.Hospitality
Fallen Timbers

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.Devotion, Ministerial Staff, GFSPA, Presiding
Rev. Yolanda Colton, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church, Pine Mountain, GA
White Oak IV & V

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
White Oak IV & V

Second Business Session

2nd Vice President..... David L. Campbell, Sr., Presiding

Rules and Credentials.....Kathy Davis-Wiley, Chairperson

Minutes of Previous Session....Lasharn Hughes, Convention Recording Secretary

District Reports- Chairpersons:

1st District..... Al Mullice

2nd District.....Randall King, Sr.

3rd District.....David Towns

4th District.....Daughtry B. Melton

5th District..... Virginia Hill

6th District..... Carlton Maye, Jr.

7th District.....Lanier Levett

8th District.....Dwayne Hall

9th District.....LaTasha Grant

Closing Business Session

3rd Vice President.....Latoya Kelly-Murray, Presiding

Rules and Credentials..... Kathy Davis-Wiley, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

State of Emergency.....Dewayne Hall, Chairperson

Insurance Vincent Glover, Chairperson

Finance..... David L. Campbell, Sr., Chairperson

Five Year Plan..... Latoya Kelley-Murray, Chairperson

Publicity Dewayne Hall, Chairperson

40 & Under.....Krystal Hill, Chairperson

Nominating.....Linette Ward, Chairperson

Scholarship.....Tamika Patterson, Chairperson

Education and Research..... J. Robin Barnes, Chairperson
Editorial..... Virginia Hill, Chairperson
Convention..... Linda Thrasher, Chairperson
Critique..... Kathy Davis Wiley, Chairperson
Legislative Affairs..... Marie Goolsby, Chairperson
Historical Committee R. Andra Jenkins, Chairperson

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Executive Secretary..... James A. Neal, Jr.
Treasurer..... Starr Purdue
Vice Presidents..... 3rd, 2nd, 1st
President..... Dr. Willie T. Edmondson

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon..... Executive Board Meeting

Adjournment