



A Bunch of Bananas at the University

THE MYSTIC ORDER OF ELI BANANA

ONE HUNDRED FORTY YEARS

1878-2018

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A Bunch of Bananas on the Grounds

To all True and Worthy Bananas Wherever they May Be:

Know ye that it is the purpose of the Eli Banana Ribbon Society to have one grand and glorious One Hundred and Fortieth Reunion at The University on October 5, 6, and 7 in this, the year of our Lord, 2018.

At this anniversary, it is our sincere wish that, of the 900 living and worthy followers of the Mikado and the True Knights of the Banana who have gone forth into the world, as many as possible shall come together in Charlottesville, in the spirit of Friendship, Conviviality, and Good Fellowship to quaff a cup in honor of the Mystic Bottle, to participate in the Sacred Mystery of peeling the Banana, and to raise their voices in the grand old song of Eli Banana. Bunches of Bananas, from 1946 to the present, are planning to make the pilgrimage from lands far and wide.

On Friday, October 5 at 7 p.m. there will be a "Warm Up" soiree with heavy hors d'oeuvres, or a light buffet dinner, and live music in our Big Tent behind Alumni Hall. That afternoon we will also have a shotgun start golf tournament at Birdwood Golf Course, for you golfing Bananas.

On Saturday, we shall return to Alumni Hall for a Brunch/Lunch in late morning. At 7 p.m. we shall return again for a buffet dinner and a live and rocking band! We'll conclude with a brunch on Sunday.

Doesn't the thought of an Eli Reunion on a fine fall weekend, and a return to Charlottesville for this historic occasion a "peel" to you most noble Eli? Can't you hear the drum beating and the old refrain "We are the drum boys, we are the one boys" ringing in your ears? Don't you want to hear once again the legends of the "Monkey" and the "Three Flies" and to sing again together "It's not the first time, or the last time, that together we will have a hell of a Boom....Boom...Boom".

Mark now, and mark well, the dates Oct 5, 6, and 7 on your calendar, and let nothing cause a slip which might prevent your return to Charlottesville for this grand, festive, and historic occasion! Further details will be forthcoming, and you may check in a week or so, upon our Eli Banana Fund website, for more information on Reunion registration, hotels, golf, robes, nametags, and Eli memorabilia, etc.

To this end, O Worthy Brother, the Grand Banana of this, the only surviving Chapter of our Mystic Order, commands your presence, attired in your Eli Robe, at this 140th Reunion of the Eli Bananas for the purpose or revelry and celebration as has never been seen before in the history of The University (if you don't count our 100th in 1978 and our 125th in 2003!!!!!!).

Our Grand Celebration will be memorable indeed. The success of both the 100th and 125th anniversary weekends was highly dependent on the generosity of Elis who donated over and above the cost of the event. In that spirit, we will once again reach out to our members for advance funding of our Most Noble Reunion. Our request for support will be posted on the Reunion website as mentioned above.

Yours in the spirit of Conviviality, Good Fellowship, & Cracklloo,

David Wright - Chairman Eli Banana Fund
Bob Green - Old Green Banana
Jon Cole - Old Yellow Banana
Brett Dewing - Grand Banana



Eli Banana the Starry Banner



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Banquet October 6



"Oh most noble Eli, may I arise and approach you with a drink"



"The old Rotunda We'll make it thunder"



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The Grand March October 5-7 2018...

"It's not the first time or the last time that together we will have a hell of a Boom...Boom..Boom...Boom...Boom!