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Brian Crawford

On Sunday March 16 2014 Brian Crawford of Jefferson City Lodge 513 was installed as State President of the Missouri Elks Association.

Brians Slogans for the year are “Soar to new Heights” and to “Kick it up a Notch”.

Brian and First Lady Betsy have already started hitting the lodges and look forward to meeting every Elk in the State.



Missouri National Foundation Scholarship 2013 2014



Pictured on the front row Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering and his wife Susanne followed by

George Bennion attends East Newton HS in Granby, MO and is sponsored by Joplin Elks Lodge #501
Julie Crouch attends Lincoln HS in Lincoln, MO. She is sponsored by Benton County Elks Lodge
BreAnna Legan attends Conway HS in Conway, MO. She is sponsored by Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557
Ashley Burns attends East Newton HS in Granby, MO and is sponsored by Joplin Elks Lodge #501

Back Row left to Right:

Garrett Matthews attends Crest Ridge HS in Centerview, MO and is sponsored by Warrensburg Lodge #673
Matthew Riechman-Bennett attends Joplin HS in Joplin, MO and is sponsored by Joplin Lodge #501
Jaime Luke attends Stanberry HS in Stanberry, MO. She is sponsored by Maryville Elks Lodge #760
Chinasa Okolo attends Lincoln College Preparatory in Kansas City, MO and is sponsored by Kansas City Elks Lodge #26
Mike Short Missouri Elks Association State Scholarship Chairman
Joseph Reyes who attends Dora HS in Dora, MO. He is sponsored by West Plains Lodge #2418 (did not attend)

All of our scholarship winners spoke at the Convention Banquet. Some spoke without notes and all were eloquent and excellent speakers.

State Chairman Mike Short, Farmington Lodge #1765 also was an excellent speaker and kept the crowd in stitches.

Three of our scholarship winners will attend the inaugural leadership weekend in Chicago Illinois. By participating they will receive a scholarship of at least \$20,000 and during the weekend they will interview with national judges for a chance at a top award of \$30,000, \$40,000 or \$50,000.

Our National winners are George Binnion, Breanna Legan and Joseph Reyes. They have won a minimum of \$20,000.

All of our State Winners have won \$4000 Scholarships.

They have done the Missouri Elks Proud, if you get the opportunity let them know that they are appreciated.



Afton Elks 2635

On April 12, 2014 the Afton Elks 2635 held a BBQ at the Lodge. The BBQ was held from 11:00 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. The proceeds benefitted the D.A.R.E. drug awareness program for the Afton and Bayless School Districts. The BBQ raised \$1500 for the programs. Attending the event were the Elk Drug Awareness trailer, and the D.A.R.E. cars from the St. Louis County Police Department and the Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri Sheriff's Department.

Shown in picture #2 from l to r are: Exalted Ruler Kevin Kelley, St. Louis County Police Officer and D.A.R.E. coordinator Kathy Kelley, and Ste. Genevieve Co Deputy Sheriff and county D.A.R.E. coordinator Jeffrey M. McCarty.



Dexter Elks 2439

DEXTER ELKS DONATES \$500.00 TO HOPE INTERNATIONAL

It is my honor to report to the members of the Dexter Elks that on March 1, 2014 I was able to present a check for \$500.00 to Hope International. This is money we received from the Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation for meeting our pre-capita this year. Hope International is a locally run charity under the guidance of the Light House Christian Center and Reverend Tim Russell in Dexter, Missouri. Hope International has in the past donated clothing, food, water and personal hygiene items to those in need during natural disasters. As well as those who need a hand up when times are difficult. Also Hope International runs a food pantry and nonprofit thrift store in Bernie, Missouri. On March 1, 2014 the members of Lighthouse Church and volunteers gathered at the Bernie Armory to hold a food packaging day. Several tables set up in assembly line fashion and crowded around by workers in hair nets and rubber gloves and wearing some of the biggest smiles I've seen while working hard to put together nearly 90,000 meals for distribution to those in need. It was my pleasure to meet Gale Jordan, Vice-President of Hope International, whom I presented the check to. Gale was working hard keeping his workers supplied with the items needed to bring each batch of food together. Gale explained to me what they were doing at each table. A heat sealable bag was placed below a large funnel, a scoop of seasoning was dumped in followed by several dried vegetables and grains. The bag was then sealed and boxed up for storage and distribution. Each bag is able to supply 10 one cup servings after being cooked. Gale and Reverend Russell were very grateful and appreciative of the donation. They explained to me that the \$500.00 donation they would buy supplies for 2,500 meals. My fellow Elks, this is what we are all about! Supporting a local group that upholds what we as Elks stand for Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity towards those in need. I am proud to be an Elk, I am grateful to represent the Dexter Elks Lodge in such a manner. Thank you to all of the members who support our Lodge, the noble works and causes we support. I would like to say Thank You to Jeff Dudley for bringing this event to our attention, and suggesting them for the donation.



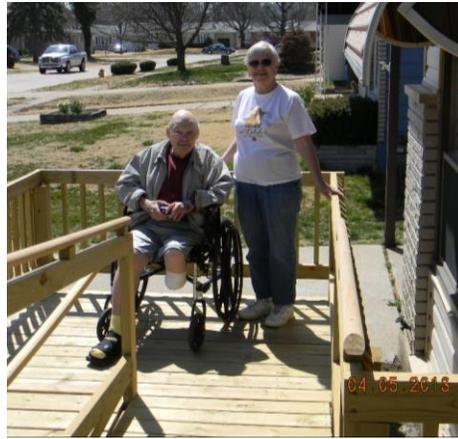
Respectfully,
Darrell Penberthy



DEXTER ELKS LODGE HOST YOUTH WRESTLING BANQUET

Local Elks Lodge has hosted and sponsored youth wrestling for 35 years. Local youth from 4th, 5th and 6th grades come together for 6-8 weeks with an end of the year tournament. Pictured is the Green team, winners of the overall competition.





The Florissant Elks Lodge 2316 in a joint project with the city of Florissant built a handicapped ramp for fellow Elk Louis Klein. The city supplied the ramp financing and the Elk members supplied the design and the labor. The concrete porch was first covered with an enlarged wooden structure and then the ramps and turn-a-round platform were added. The sidewalk was replaced with a larger one that flowed smoothly from the ramp to the driveway. Lou and his wife Joanne are pictured on the ramp shortly after completion.

Florissant Elks Lodge 2316



Pictured at the rear of the new easy-load transportation van are (l-r): Lon Lowery, Veterans Committee, ER John Taylor, Lady President Vincie Butler, PER Al Bruening, Past Lady President (2012-13) Lynda Ortwig, and John Barks, Veterans Committee.

The van was dedicated at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Missouri Veterans Home of North St. Louis County. The Florissant Elks and Ladies Auxiliary donated to the funding of the van – total cost was \$120,000!



Lon Lowery, Veterans Committee and driver for the van, wheels a Veterans Home resident into the new van.

Residents are very pleased with the comfort and safety of the new van, which seats three and accommodates nine wheelchair residents.

Grandview-Hickman Mills Elks Lodge #2088



Grandview-Hickman Mills Elks Lodge #2088 were installed by their PERs. The new officers are (from left to right) Brett Rhoads, Lea Rhoads, Darrin Flores, Carol Pence, Jeff Satz, Tony Scofield, Bob Littleton, Crystal Rialti, Lois Cavanaugh, & Jim Bosley. Brian Rialti PER and Jim Dougan (seated) were members of the installing PERs.



State President Brian Crawford and Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann Assist in installation at Warrensburg 673



Brookfield Elks Lodge #874



Brookfield Elks Lodge #874 presented an Elks Medal of Valor to the family of PFC. Jonathon Hostetter. Jonathon died of injuries suffered while serving with the United States Army in Afganistan. Pictured; Brookfield Exalted Ruler Kevin Judas, Jonathon's parents, Mike and Lisa Hostetter and his widow, Tahler

Joplin Elks Lodge



Member of the Joplin Elks Lodge delivering supplies to the Mt Vernon Veteran's Home. Over \$800 in supplies delivered to some of Nation's Greatest Heros. Elks Care Elks Share. We will care for Veterans ALWAYS.



Dexter Elks Lodge 2439

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras

Amid decorations of purple, gold and green, Elk members and guests enjoyed an evening full of food and fun Mardi Gras style February 22, 2014. Gigi Manees kept the attendees entertained with Cajun and popular music plus videos. Dennis Carmack, Larry Speight, and David Carmack provided tasty Crawfish/Shrimp with all the fixins. Red beans and rice, Jambalaya and Gumbo filled the rest of the menu and lucky cupcake owners who found a baby got a free drink. Masks and beads were worn by many and the dance floor was busy after dinner. The Auxiliary would like to thank those who attended and all who helped throw another successful Mardi Gras celebration!



MO ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST REPORT

Congratulations on completing your \$100.00

Pledge to the MO Benevolent Trust
this past year 2013-2014

Mike Yeakey

and

Dexter Auxiliary for another \$100
pledge completed

Missouri Elks Association Officers Training 2014-2015



State President Crawford visits at Affton Lodge 635



Officers Training will be held May 17, 2014, 9:30AM to 3 PM at the Jefferson City Lodge.

With all of the problems facing our lodges some of them can be avoided with the knowledge obtained from officer training. Frank Kerby CLMS Chairman will be there also to assist. (application at the end of EShozem)



Brian, Betsy, Mike and the Metro East officers visit the Manchester Lodge 2058



Brian and Betsy visit with members at Crestwood



Brian, Mike and the Metro East officers visit the Crestwood Lodge #2503



St Louis #9 hosted State President Brian Crawford and the Metro East Officers on April 13th

Missouri State Elks
Shozem Magazine



The paper or hard copy Shozem will be distributed until further notice at the Spring and Fall Conventions. It is my plan to produce at least 3 or possibly more EShozem magazines.

If your lodge does not have anything in the Shozem it is quite likely nothing was submitted. I have listed the current staff.

If you have an item that you wish to submit to Shozem then send it to your district editor from the list or send it to me directly.

In order to receive the electronic Shozem all you have to do is send an email to shozem2@gmail.com and just ask to be added or put at "add me" in the subject line and we will add you to the list. If you would like to receive a previous edition of the EShozem just put that in your email.

If you have any questions about how this Shozem will be produced feel free to contact me or any of the district editors. I hope you enjoy the Shozem. Using the current method of distribution through convention and by doing the electronic EShozem we hope to save the Missouri State Elks Association a lot of 1000's of dollars from the past Shozem budgets.

We are trying to increase electronic subscriptions please share the information in your lodges and ask your newsletter editor to pass this information along and to send us items and newsletters so that you can see your lodge in the Shozem.

Please share this information with your Lodge and all of your Missouri Brother Elks.

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Ladies 3rd Annual Pool Tournament - March 9, 2014



Happy to have the 8-hour tournament over are the judges, winners, our ER and Lady President.
Front row: Colleen Peck, Vincie Butler, Ken Motzkus, Jenny Weaver and Bill Letford
Back row: Jeff Morrow, Terri Bellagamba, JT, and Brenda Dains



ER John Taylor and Lady President Vincie Butler are pictured with 1st Place winners Jenny Weaver and Brenda Dains. Jenny was part of the 1st Place team for the third year in a row!



ER John Taylor and Lady President Vincie Butler are pictured with 2nd Place winners Colleen Peck and Terri Bellagamba. The competition for 1st Place was intense, but it was a fun day for the 31 ladies who competed. Proceeds from the event benefited the Heart Camp. Money from the 50/50 was donated to the North County Relay for Life.



Events Around the Metro East District

**April 12
Meramec/Arnold Lodge Hop
(@ our Lodge approximately 4:00pm)**

**District Golf Tournament
Saturday, June 21 @ 1:00pm**

See flyer on bulletin board for additional information!

Benton County Elks Lodge #2783



On Saturday, March 15th, Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 hosted a St. Patrick's Day dance for Adults with Disabilities. A meal was served that included fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls and cherry cobbler. The music was provided by our very own house band, "Last Call". The band donated their time and talents for this dance, and the participants had a great time. There were approximately 33 adults with disabilities plus the staff from CHS and other assistants. In addition to the Last Call Band members, all of whom are members of the Lodge, there were approximately fifteen additional Elks in attendance to assist throughout the day. Each attendee received a tee-shirt and a gift bag containing personal items. The day was made possible due to our Lodge receiving the Beacon Grant.

SE District Missouri Just Having a Good Time



Exalted Ruler Davy Crockett
welcomes SE District Elks to his
home lodge of Dexter MO 2439



Vice President Ron Bollinger, Director
Randy Northington and Marshall Jason
LeDure continue a SE Tradition
Mizaru, Kizazaru, Iwazaru

SW District State Officers



Rick Bryant, Vice President, Gene Lamb, Director
Dena Wolfe, Sargent at Arms



Lexington Elks Lodge #749

held their installation of officers March 28th. Several PERs from the district were in attendance to perform this ceremony including newly PSP Rich Larkin (#2088), VP John Rinehart (#2791), Director Paul Quirk(#26), Jamie Marlay(#26), Mike Grinnell(#26), Cliff McDonald(#2088), Eric Farmer(#2791), DDGER Frank Kerby (#2509), PVP Tom West(#673), & Sergeant-at-Arms Gary Bockes(#673). Now PER Herb Amor presented the Elk of the Year award to Harold Nichols who stated he couldn't have done it without the help of his wife, Judy. Officer of the Year was awarded to Kevin Farley with the Citizen of the Year to be presented to community volunteer, Janet Cado



Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088

Members and guests successfully supported the St. Paddy's Day dinner which this year raised funds to send a WWII veteran on an honor flight.

We met our goal which will sponsor a veteran for the Honor Flight as well as visit the memorials honoring our Veterans in Washington DC. We are currently in contact with Heartland Honor Flight to meet with them. We will make arrangements for the Veteran selected for the flight to come to a meeting to share his or her experience. Just remember: "As long as there are veterans, the BPOE will never forget them". Thanks to the entire GVHM #2088 Lodge! Those responsible for the event were Carol, Dan, & Johnse Pence and Roy Lawson.



Top Dog

St Clair Elks #2651

recently donated \$500 to the St Clair High School Top Dog Awards.

Exalted Ruler Ralph Thurman, right presents check to Garen McCuskey, School Representative.

State Presidents Visit Affton Lodge 2635



2014 Spring MEA Board of Directors



Grand Exalted Ruler MILLARD C. PICKERING and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ted Callicot address MEA Board of Directors.



Relaxing in the Northwest Hospitality Room



State Drug Awareness Chairman Charles Smith and his crew work the table at the entrance of the Truman Hotel.



Spring 2014 Convention Banquet



Scholarship Chairman Mike Short and GER Pickering and his wife Susanne pose with the 2014 Scholarship winners.



State President Richard Larkin presents the MEA Officer of the Year Award to Bud Clarkson Vice President-SE District



Past State president Roland Seal Addresses the Banquet.



ENF Chairman Randy Northington Presents GER Pickering with a certificate and donation in his name.



State President Richard Larkin presents the Presidential Award to John Gross Vice President-East Central District



Susanne Pickering wife of GER Millard Pickering speaks to the Banquet crowd.

Spring Convention 2014 Sunday



Happy Meal Gifts to State President Larkin..He will miss them without his weekly road trips.

Jeremiah Cook of Webb City Lodge lost his ID Card



So State President Larkin let his parents Elks Don and Susan Cook set with him in time-out chairs



VP's Just messin' with Rich one more time.....



A few weeks later father Don Cook PER Joplin ...Had the privilege of installing his son Jeramiah as the new Exalted Ruler at Webb City



The Larkin's were Lookin' Good as usual Ruthie is Smiling and.....





Rich, Ruth, Babe and Dan "Taco" Lockhart hosted the 2013-2014 Vice Presidents for a Drink and gifts.

I personally was a VP last year and I could not have asked to work with a better group of people. I speak for all of the 2013-2014 VPs in saying that Rich, Ruth, Taco and Babe were the greatest and that we will all cherish the memories of the year we had.



Pat is "Babe" Dan is "Taco". You rarely saw them together because she was usually behind the camera and Dan was selling pins or tickets.

If anyone asks you what an Administrative Assistant is-- just refer to this picture.

They supplied pictures for the Shozem and the moelks.org website and the State Facebook page all year long. The MEA will surely miss them.



Rich Larkin will make an excellent Past State President



Incoming State President Brian Crawford presents a plaque of appreciation to outgoing State Treasurer Mark Segebarth. Mark is stepping down after many years of service to the Missouri Elks Association.



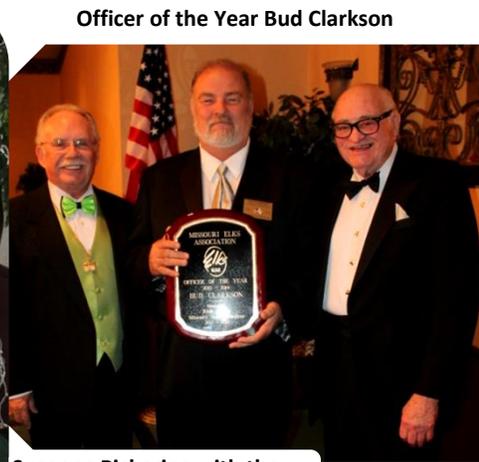
Let the New Year Begin



Rich & Ruth, First Lady Susanne & GER Millard Pickering, Betsy & Ted Callcott, PGER & MO State Sponsor



Presidential Award Recipient John Gross



Susanne Pickering with the Ladies Luncheon Serving Crew



Betsy with the winning balls.



Outgoing VPs lightening up their last meeting.



GER Pickering signs John's card.



NW District Lion Tamer Kevin Judas entertains Susanne & Betsy!



Now PSP Rich Larkin



Our exceptional scholarship winners with GER, First Lady, and Chairman Mike Short.



Gavel is pasted to a very competent Brian Crawford.



Our final silliness! Luv you guys!

Since pictures speak a thousand words, I don't think I have to further comment on any of the above but to say how deeply humbled and proud I have been to represent Missouri as your State President. Ruth and I would like you to once again say thank you for an awesome year.



Grinnells



Spalitto



Schaal



Ludlow

PER Jamie Marlay was the Grand Exalted Ruler during Kansas City #26 installation of officers. Featured with the outgoing ER Mike Seibolt are Mike & Lynda Grinnell who received Distinguished Service Commendations for the many hours of work they devote to the lodge. Doug Ludlow shows his enthusiasm when he received his watch for promoting membership by bringing in the most new members. Dr. Joe Spalitto was presented with Elks Distinguished



Monks



Citizenship award for his many hours working with the youth not only here but overseas. Officer of the Year was presented to Trustee Gene Schaal & Jennifer Monks graciously accepted the Elk of the Year award. Both were applauded for giving of their time so unselfishly and always being there to help. PSP Rich Larkin and newly elected ER John West take a break to chat with Bonnie, vocalist for the evening's entertainment.



The 37th Annual Ladies Fall Boutique

Saturday September 20, 2014

8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Located in the Atrium of the Capitol Plaza

The Ladies of the Missouri Elks Association will once again be hosting the Fall Boutique.

Donations of handmade creations , holiday decorations, and gift items are greatly appreciated. Please have items price marked and to the Atrium before 8 a.m. Saturday.

Proceeds will be divided between the Elks National Foundation and the Missouri Benevolent Trust.

Questions may be directed to : Angie Heldenbrand 660-605-3628 dudleyscorner4@gmail.com



MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION

Officer Training

2014-15

**When: Session: May 17, 2014, 9:30AM to 3 PM- Jefferson City Lodge
Training for Lodge Officers and Members**

**Those who wish to attend, mail the following to James A. Hahn, Past
Grand Esquire/Past State President - 102 Monroe Street, Desloge, MO
63601 or call (Phone 573-431-5161) no later than May 1, 2014.**

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The following information is required to register for the session:

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(number)

officers and/or members attending Session ____ .

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