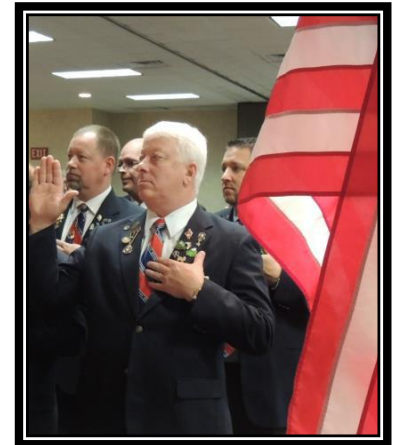




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Brian J Crawford
Missouri Elks Association
President 2014 -15
Jefferson City #513

Greetings fellow Missouri Elks. I hope that all are doing well and your Lodges are having a prosperous year. I have received most of the Vice President's visitation reports and am proud of all the work that is being accomplished by the various committees of your Lodge. We are truly addressing our commitments to our community, living up to our obligation we agreed to at initiation. The countless volunteer hours the Missouri Elks are performing are a true indication that we are living up to that commitment.

Functions such as Kids Fun Day, Fishing Derbies, Picnics, just to name a few, all addressing in some way the youth needs and their struggles pertaining to Drug Awareness. Also, the work by Lodges for local school scholarships making it a little easier for student advancement. Functions that addresses the community in our Lodge areas and others. The list of events is so great. You all know the greatness you have done.

Let's not forget our Veterans. The Vice President's reports indicate as Elks we are living up to the motto to Always Defend and Never Forget our Veterans. The trips to VA hospitals and Veteran's homes, fundraisers for Veteran's needs plus much more is proof of our dedication. Not to be overshadowed is our commitment to support our active military, those who actively work to keep our freedom alive.

My travels with Betsy, Mike and Cindy Heimann to the 35+ Lodges we have visited has been some of the most enjoyable times of my life. We have met so many great people; your generosity has overwhelmed us. It is great to talk with all Lodges on their workings of Elkdom. I also observe through the Vice President's visitation reports of some of the struggles Lodges have. I hope to address these with the Exalted Rulers at the Fall Convention. Even though they are concerns we should not let them diminish our passions and our accomplishments.

I am proud of you, your devotion, commitment and dedication which truly shine, showing that **Elks Care and Elks Share**.

Brian Crawford---Missouri Elks State President



JOHN D. AMEN
GRAND EXALTED
RULER
2014-2015

John D. Amen was born in Denver, Colorado; the third of three sons of Jake and Clara men. He was raised in Fort Collins,

Colorado and attended public schools there. John was an excellent student and participated in school athletics throughout junior and senior high school. John attended Colorado State University, graduated with honors and was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree with a major field of study in General Business in 1970. During his time At CSU, John met and married the love of his life, Marcia. John recognizes that all of the good works of Elkdom are carried out at the Lodge level and he has been active as a leader of Denver Lodge No. 17 in a variety of capacities. He has served Lodge 17, the "Mother Lodge of the Rockies," in all of the Lodge chairs. John's Lodge has honored his outstanding service by bestowing him the honors of "Elk of the Year" and Honorary Life Membership.

In 2008, John was elected Third Vice President of the Colorado Elks Association and thereafter served with distinction in each of the three Vice President chairs and then as Colorado Elks State President in 2012. "The help we extend to others increases our own riches." Since his appointment to the Committee on Judiciary, John has been helping the 265 Lodges in Grand Lodge Area 6 with their legal matters. From advising Lodge Officers on statutory procedures and requirements, to helping them with their by-laws and corporate documents, John established many friends and relationships throughout his eight states of responsibility and throughout our Order. John has become a recognized expert on the Law of Non-Profits and taxation of exempt entities. John passionately believes that the principles of Elkdom will guide us through periods of crisis and endorses the concept that maximum effort should be focused on reversing the downward trend in membership. Creative ideas are never scarce with John, particularly when his favorite subject — Elkdom — is the topic.

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Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL

De Soto #689
Festus-Crystal City #1721
Potosi #2218
Meramec -Arnold #2372

High Ridge #2455
Eureka-Pacific #2644
Ste. Genevieve #2674
Cedar Hill #2678
Oakville #2726

NORTHEAST

Jefferson City #513
Columbia #594
Louisiana #791
Mexico #919
Macon 999
Hannibal #1198
Washington #1559
O'Fallon #2587
St. Clair #2651
Warrenton #2662

SOUTHWEST

Springfield #409
Joplin #501
Webb City #861
West Plains #2418
Rolla #2461
Kimberling City #2505
Alton-Thayer #2545
Lebanon #2557
Lake Taneycomo #2597
Christian County #2777
Lake Stockton #2858
Adrian #2864

METRO EAST

St. Louis #9
St. Charles #690
Manchester #2058
Florissant #2316

Crestwood #2503
Affton #2635
Ellisville #2664
Troy #2805

NORTHWEST

Chillicothe #656
Maryville #760
Trenton #801
Brookfield #874
Excelsior Spgs #1001
Cameron #2615
Milan #2819

WEST CENTRAL

Sedalia #125
Nevada #564
Clinton #1034
Lake of the Ozarks #2517
Bates County #2653
Osage Community #2705
Benton County #2783
Lamar #2800
Bolivar #2828
Greenview #2857

METRO WEST

Kansas City #26
Warrensburg #673
Lexington #749
Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088

Kansas City North. #2376
Blue Springs #2509
Cass County #2791

SOUTHEAST

Cape Girardeau #639
Farmington #1765
Chaffee #1810
Sikeston #2319
Arcadia Valley #2330
Dexter #2439
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Missouri Elks Shozem Magazine



It was voted at the Board of Directors meeting in the spring that 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 send an email to shozem2@gmail.com and just ask to be added or put at “add me” in the subject line and I 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 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 news items and local 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. Bud Clarkson Editor

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Membership

The 2013-2014 Annual Membership and Charity Reports were to be filed at Elk.Org. As of April 1, 2014, the Order has 1,964 active Lodges. For the year, we suffered a loss of 2.8 percent or 23,288 Members, bringing our total membership to 802,592. The Annual Charity Reports have been filed and statistics show the Order provided more than \$330,000,000 in donations of time, mileage and in-kind gifts. According to the totals used by the National foundation I calculated 29,664 members in Missouri which is also down.



State Treasurer

Mark Segebarth, Lebanon MO stepped down as State Treasurer Missouri Elks after serving in that position for the past 10 years. He will be replaced by **Pat Dierker**, Kansas City Northland #2376



State Soccer

Kevin Cook is stepping down as State Soccer Chairman.

He will be replaced by **Larry Shew** Brookfield #874



National Veteran’s Service Commission Hides Program

Chuck Mudge and the Missouri Elks Hides program received National recognition in the National Veterans Hides program by receiving the first place Award for collecting more hides than any other State. This year our Missouri Elks Lodges collected **3464 Hides**. Thanks to All Elks who contributed. Chuck is the National Vice Chairman of the Hides Program





Drug Awareness ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS 2014 – 2015

THEME – **REFUSE TO USE...YOU'RE NEVER ALONE!!!**

Essay – Grades 6-8, 500 words or less, handwritten or typed. Each entry must have name, age, school & name of Lodge sponsoring (on back is fine). A "Hold Harmless Waiver". NO SS# is required! Make copy before sending on to District & State as Essays become to property of B.P.O.E.

Poster – Grades 3-5, size is 8 ½" x 11", should contain an anti-drug message, **not** depict any copywrited character or trademarks, **EXCEPT** for **Elroy!** Need name, age, grade, home address, name of their school & name of sponsoring Lodge on Poster. A "Hold Harmless Waiver" and remember, Posters become property of B.P.O.E. so make copies before sending on to District and State.

Entries should be back to the **Lodges by Jan. 15, 2015**, In to the **District by Feb. 15, 2015**, And in to **State by March 01, 2015**

Entries submitted at the Spring Convention **will not be judged!!!**

Lodges and Districts can have as many "places" in the contests as they want, **HOWEVER**, there will be only **ONE WINNER IN THE ESSAY AND ONE IN THE POSTER CONTEST FORWARDED TO THE NEXT LEVEL!!!**

The prizes at state level are; 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100 – this is for both the poster, and the essay contests **for a total of \$1,200 from our state!!!**

A message from Charlie: Besides the Contest Schedules, the main thing in my report aside from statistics will be on lodges need to report, through their secretary, their charitable works into the CLMS system. This includes their Drug Awareness Program works. I understand that entries into the system can be made throughout the lodge year but unless the secretary enters or clicks on "final" before April 10th all information is gone and not "reported". Last year at this time 29 of 75 lodges had reported, and this year only 28!

Elks are very good at charity works, but do poorly reporting them. Accurate and consistent reporting are essential to our Drug Awareness Programs as it shows everyone, including the government, just where Elks stand on the issue of protecting our children from drug abuse as well as illegal drugs!

I think it's important to note that our State Budget committee has allowed a total of \$1,200.00 in cash prizes to our essay and poster contest winners. This is another example of our commitment to our children and our efforts to increase their awareness to the dangers of drug abuse.....Charlie Charlie Smith, Chairman

Scholarship 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.



To Our Absent Member Past State President 1999-2000

RUSSELL ABRAHAM WILLIAMS

Born June 13, 1946, in Lackawanna, New York, to Russel and Anne M. Williams
Entered into Rest June 24 2014, in Columbia, Missouri



Russ Williams joined the Columbia Elks lodge April 1, 1978. He became our Exalted Ruler in 1995. This was followed by offices at the state and national level, including Northeast District Vice President, NE District Director, Missouri Elks State President, and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He was a 3-time Elk of the Year and was also an Officer of the Year in our lodge. In addition to serving as the National Foundation chairperson for our lodge, Russ also compiled many reports for us and tracked the numbers needed to compete for 'All-American Lodge' status. His efforts resulted in our lodge attaining AA-Lodge status for an unparalleled eight consecutive years! He was very proud of this. Also, at the time of his passing, he was serving on SIX state committees.

Russ also organized the annual planning for the Memorial Day parade float and the Flag Day ceremony. On the occasion of a recent Memorial Day parade, he openly criticized the parade's planning committee when the parade was cancelled because of something as minor as a tornado watch. He knew that weather did not stop our deployed troops from their mission and was ready to "drive-on" to show support for their service. He was a driving force in promoting the Veteran of the Month program. Russ never met a veteran he did not thank for their service.

He attended all lodge meetings and was on top of all lodge happenings. Russ consistently endeavored to inspire us to do good for each other, our lodge and our community. It is an understatement to say that his presence will be missed in this lodge and in the world of Elkdome. (Submitted by Tara Cox Columbia #594)

Bates County 2653



June 14, 2014 was a "monumental" day for the Veterans of Bates County. A beautiful black granite monument with military graphics, patriotic emblems and solemn words of honor to our Veterans was dedicated on the Bates County Courthouse lawn to the Veterans of this county by the Bates County Elks Lodge # 2653. This monument and the plates with 1040 Bates County Veterans names has become known as the "Veteran's Tribute". It honors Veterans of World War I to the present. The monument was installed in the center of the Veteran's name plates. Several county and city officials spoke of the beauty, significance and patriotism of the Bates County Elks. Then appropriately, as it was Flag Day, the Elks Flag Ceremony was held.



Past Exalted Rulers

Kansas City #26 CHARLES LOUTHAIN 1947
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Sedalia Lodge #125 Al Zinselmeie

Brookfield #874 Randy Mathews Cape Girardeau #639 Richard Shockley 76
Bates County #2653 Keith Ridgeway Crestwood #2503 Lee Robinson 09
Washington #1559 Emil Tessmer & Gary Barnes Oakville #2726 Bob Lauer
Joplin #501 Wayne B. Johnson, Robert Nordberg Roy B. Stephens

Ellisville #2664



On August 13th and August 19th the Ellisville Elks presented our two \$500.00 Scholarship winners with their checks. Picture 1, Left to right, Lisa Shipley - Scholarship Committee, Marissa Politte - Scholarship Winner, Mike Polson - Exalted Ruler, and Cindy Ewing - Scholarship Chairperson. Picture 2, Cis Russell - Leading Knight, David Wasserman - Scholarship Winner, and Mike Polson - Exalted Ruler



Macon Elks Lodge #999 Shoes with a Promise

"Shoes from the Heart" We hold special events to fit the youth of Families that financially are unable to purchase shoes for their children. Shoes from the Heart purchase the much needed shoes and members of the Lodge help package and deliver the shoes to these families. Macon Lodge recently acquired the "Promise Grant" which was used to help support this project for the youth of the needy families of the community. Picture is ER Jerry Chezum Presenting Member Donald Bonuchi and founder of Shoes from the Heart a check \$2,000.00 made possible by the ENF "Promise Grant".

State Bass Tournament

Hosted by Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517



Tournament Winners;

Larry Hastings Farmington Lodge # 1765
Chris Larkins Farmington Lodge # 1765



Big Bass Winners

Steve Tucker Farmington #1765
Randy Forsythe Farmington #1765

Alton/Thayer Elks 2545



This year, the Alton/Thayer Elks Lodge 2545 presented ten (10) seniors from five (5) area schools with the Joe Mack Hilton School Scholarship award in the amount of \$500 each. The Alton School, recipients were Chandra Hollis, Kianna Friesz & Kaiya German. The Mammoth Spring, AR School recipient was Samuel Saxton. The Koshkonong School, recipients were Kayla Ann Rice & Brianna Walters. The Couch School, the recipients were Athena Geldbach, Brett Evans & Amy Garvin. The Thayer School recipient was Jerrod Carr.

Arcadia Valley #2330



Arcadia Valley #2330 hosts a high school dance and awards ceremony. Besides music and food the students enjoyed games and door prizes.

Students of the Month received \$50.00 gift cards, Elks family seniors received cards for \$100.00. Pictured are the hula hoop contests also pictured are the Elks Students of the Month.

President Crawford, PSP Bell, and State officers Ron Bollinger and Jason LeDure run the charity horse race game..



The Affton Lodge #2635

completed a Charitable Nurses for Newborns. The agency provides nursing care for pre natal and post natal mothers and infants with high risk pregnancies and living conditions. The Lodge provided baby supplies: Enfamil baby food, diaper wipes, and Pack & Play portable cribs. The cost of the project was supplemented with a \$2000 Gratitude Grant.

(L to R) are: ER Kevin Kelley; Bill Pec PER; Bill Delarber, PER; Chris Miller, PER; Member Tom Parchomski; Claire Devoto, Director Nurses for Newborns; and Lodge Member Emery Koch.



Florissant #2316

We were blessed to have a group of 12 of veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home join us for an evening of bingo on Tuesday, August 5th. They enjoyed hamburgers, fries, side salads, etc. All seemed to have a good time.



Public Relations Brochure Contest Winners 2013-14

1st Place - Lake Taneycomo #2597

2nd Place - Christian County #2777

3rd Place - Sedalia #125

Kevin Wolfe Public Relations, State Chairman

MEA Lodge Activities

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E Central : Jon Stuart	Festus Crystal City
W Central : Kathy Baron	Sedalia
Metro East: Stephen Still	St Charles
Metro West: Jim Dougan	Grandview Hickman Mills

Lodge Bulletin Deadline- January 3, 2015
3 consecutive issues this Elk Year.

Missouri has 3 ALL-AMERICAN LODGES

Div. 1 - St. Charles 3rd place 2nd try

Div. 3 - Columbia 1st Place

Div. 4 - Blue Spring's 1st Place 2nd try

Lot of hard work and commitment, but end the end- IT'S WORTH IT!

Fraternally Bill Walter Missouri State Chairman

Eureka Pacific Lodge 2644



On Saturday July 26th Eureka Pacific Lodge 2644 held its first annual "Weekend Backpack Food For Kids" trivia night. This program is designed to provide nutritious, child friendly, easy to prepare food to hungry children in "every day" backpacks to take home over the weekends and out of school times to help relieve their hunger.

It was a fun filled evening . Thanks to the generosity and support of the Elks, local business, and the folks in the community we raised over \$8,000.00 to help fund the program. We are currently sponsoring forty elementary school children with the hope of expanding the program to include more children

Elks Care Elks Share

NE District Fall DD Clinic



Benton County #2783



LIGHTING THE WAY, the Benton County Elks Lodge recently donated reading lights to residents at Warsaw Health and Rehabilitation Center. The small devices can be used by patients to read, especially at night, without disturbing anyone. Marking the occasion were Director of Nursing Charla Mackey, Resident Council President Matt Murphy, Elks Lodge Representative Carol Chenier and Activity Director Catheron Marshall.

More
Benton
Cty #2783
In the
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Clinton Elks #1034



Picture one is 102 year old veteran Harold Shanks with, ER Ron Shanks. Veteran Harold Shanks is Ron's great uncle and a resident of the Warrensburg Veterans home. Veteran Shanks is the senior resident of the Home.

Picture 2 are the members of Clinton Elks Lodge #1034 who cooked a catfish dinner for the 200 veterans and 50 staff at the Warrensburg Veterans home on August 24th. Front (LtoR) Lonnie Breshears, Don Kaiser, ER Ron Shanks, Jeff Lee, Roger Swanagon - Veterans Chairman, Back - Wally Dehn, Jack Erhman, Dennis Davis, Tom Paul, David Cummings, Brad Combs.

This is the 3 year Clinton Lodge has hosted a fish fry for the residents of Warrensburg VA home. In addition to the annual fish fry the veterans are treated to ice cream monthly supplied and served by the lodge members. Clinton lodge also hosted a veteran's appreciation dinner at their lodge in July with 306 veterans and their spouses served a brisket dinner.



Lamar #2800

PRES Brian Crawford
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Lamar ER Jay Parrack
AA Mike Heimann
Blaine Diehl, West Central
District V.P.

Washington Lodge 1559



Casey Stick, Inner Guard - Steve Green, Dist Chaplain - Mike Heimann, AA
Back Row L to R: Betsy Sabel, Columbia - Rhonda Bruno, District V.P. - Kevin Bruno, Warrenton - State Pres Brian Crawford - ER Nick Mueller - Jill Straatmann, Leading Knight - Joyce Gentry, Dist Director & Eric Dobelmann

Cedar Hill #2678



Government Relations

President Crawford and Past State President Larkin:

I am honored to inform you that last year's total contributions for the 74 Lodges of Missouri and our State Association set a new record!. Total Contributions were **\$22,862,323.71**. I will be able to give you the National totals once all other States have submitted their final reports. PSP Larkin, you can be extremely proud as this is an **increase from the previous year by over \$4,000,000**. Again, this years Government Relations Committee played a major role in acquiring these totals and take much pride in our State's success.
Jim Hahn, PGE/PSP



Brian Crawford. Exalted Ruler's from Missouri's All American-lodges

L-R Ron Lichte, ER from Blue Springs, John Israel, ER from St. Charles, Terry Durnil, ER from Columbia, and

Spring Convention Highlights



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



Drug Awareness Chairman Charles Smith and his crew



Let the New Year Begin



Outgoing State president Rich Larkin and Ruthie



Outgoing A A Dan (Taco) Lockhart and Babe

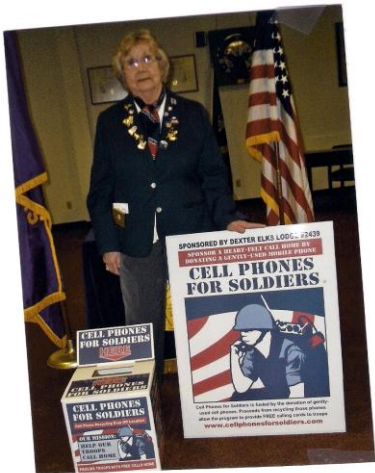


State President Richard Larkin presents the MEA Officer of the year Award to Bud Clarkson Vice President-SE District



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

Dexter #2439



Dexter Elks Lodge #2439 has joined hands with "Cell Phones for Soldiers" as a drop off point for your old cell phones or I-Pads, which can be in any condition. The items will be mailed into C.P.F.S. (Cell Phones for Soldiers), who will refurbish and sell, or recycle. All the proceeds will be used to purchase telephone calling cards to our military overseas. Most of our military are unable to make phone calls home, due to the expense. They need home, they need family and they need our support. For your peace of mind: when you drop off your cell phones, if you have a sim card, remove it. You may also take it by your provider and have them reset and restore it to factory default settings. For the year 2013, C.P.F.S. connected

380,000 military families and 23 million minutes of Free Talk. To date, I have mailed off approximately 80 pounds of phones with a prepaid UPS shipping label furnished by C.P.F.S. We have set up drops at Bernie Police Department and two local businesses as well as our Lodge. Remember, it is imperative we not forget, that our troops are always serving, whether on peace keeping missions, training or fighting. A phone call home truly makes a difference.

Joplin #501



On July 5th, 20 members from Joplin 501 Elk Riders Association rode in the 2nd Annual Bikes, Blues, and Boom Poker Run hosted by the Combat Veteran Motorcycle Association, Fox 49 Chapter. Approximately \$20,000 was raised for their Veterans Helping Veterans programs. In the above photos Joplin 501 Elk Riders President Bill Buening, Joplin 501 PER Charlie Sorenson, Joplin 501 ER Jon Bhend, and member of Joplin 501 Elk Riders present a check to CVMA Fox 49 Commander Mike Juris a check for \$250 on behalf of the Joplin Elks Lodge 501 to help with their Veterans Helping Veterans Programs, showing the 2000 people in attendance ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE.

Washington#1559



On Saturday, June 7, 2014, the Washington Lodge 1559 hosted seventeen residents from the Missouri Veteran's Home - St. Louis to a chicken dinner, games, and activities. Each visiting veteran received clothing items and a gift bag filled with personal care items. Pictured standing: Susan Whitehead - Clark: Elk volunteer; veteran B.T. Bussen, Navy veteran and Rhonda Pruitt, CNA Missouri Veterans Home.



Nevada #501
PSP Rich, and Ruth Larkin Spent a great evening at Nevada Elks Lodge with Stephon Kohr, who we believe is the youngest ER (he is 25) ever to hold this office in MO. He received his position after going through all the chairs.

Do you know of a younger one? Send it in And we will post it.

Cameron Lodge #2615



Cameron Lodge - Left to Right: Ellis Shipley - District V.P. Lea VanDusseldorp - Tiler Martha Berry – Director Nancy Skidmore - E.R. Brian Crawford - President Mike Heimann – AA Duane Heldenbrand - President Elect Lester Skouby - PER Charlie Carroll – PVP

Brookfield # 874



Brookfield Lodge - Left to Right: Don Furhop - PER & Trustee Duane Heldenbrand - President Elect Brian Crawford - President Richard Techau – PSP Larry Graves - E.R. Kenny Matchett - P.E.R. Mike Heimann - Administrative Assistant Larry Shew - PDD & Secretary

Fredericktown #2812



April 30, 2014 this years Head Start classes had their year end party at the Azalea Park. Teachers Miss Liz, Miss Brenda and Miss Brandy, teachers assistant Miss Amy, Amanda Brownlee and an entire crew of volunteers treated the kids to play at the park complete with a bouncy house, face painting (by Elks member Keziah Berkbugelar) and a pizza party (donated by Dominoes). The **Fredericktown Elks #2812** has had the honor of helping Fredericktown Head Start with their year end party as well as the other major field trips for the second consecutive year.



Northwest Barbecue Cook-off



Brian with Dang and Dong at NW BBQ



LUAU at Excelsior Springs #1001



Brookfield PSP Larkin, Angie & Duane Hildenbrand, Sherry & Richard Techau



Sedalia 125

Celebrates 125



St. Clair Lodge from left to right:

Secretary, Pat Scholte, Presdient Elect, Duane Heldenbrand, V.P. NE District, PSP Benevolent Trust CMN, Marc Beckman, State President Brian Crawford, Director NE District, Joyce Gentry, Lecturing Knight, Nancy Wideman, Treasurer, Ron Eads, E.R., Ralph Thurman, Chaplain NE District, Steve Green, Trustees John Baker, Frank Winterer & Jack Dierking, NE District Deputy & St. Clair PER, Trustee Matt Wideman & Administrative Assistant, Mike Heimann



O'Fallon Lodge from left to right:

V.P. Northeast District, Rhonda Bruno, Trustee, Ron Abubuchon Sr., husband to Rhonda Bruno, Kevin Bruno, Donna & Chaplain Northeast District, Steve Green, Adminstrative Assistant Mike Heimann, PER, Rob Orr, President Brian Crawford, Esquire, Julie Northrup, PER, Mark Northrup & grandson, Presdient Elect, Duane Heldenbrand & Director Northeast District, Joyce Gentry



Voting at Warrenton #673 Car show

Sedalia #125 Celebrates 125th Anniversary



Proud Officers celebrate 125th Anniversary



Ranier "Ray" M. Kocsis, 39 Years, Ray E. Vogel, 37 Years
Donald "Don" R. Brooks, 42 Years
Stanley "Stan" P. Vaughan, PER, PDDGER, 40 Years
Charles "Charlie" E. Ramseyer, 59 Years
Raymond "Heavy" McNish, 43 Years
Paul A. Mitsdarffer, 51 Years
Virgil W. Kurtz, PER, 46 Years
William "Bill" K. Walker, 44 Years



PSP Photo: Back Row Left to Right: PSP Bill Walter, PSP Carl Simpson, PSP Carroll Schleeter, PSP Bob Wikoff, Front Row Left to Right: Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, President Brian Crawford, PSP from Utah Pete Bravo, PSP Rich Larkin



Milan #2819



Pres Elect-Duane Hildenbrand , ER Lee Vandusseldorp
Pres. Brian Crawford VP EllisShipley

State Golf



Mike Boynton, De Soto #689, proudly displays his State Golf scorecard which has recorded his Hole-In-One on #14 on Sunday. Mike made the shot into the center hole and was awarded \$500 prize money. Verify his feat was his partner, Bob Agers, as well as PSP Rich Larkin and his partner, Al Stanfield.

Kansas City Northland

#2376 hosted a fish fry fund raiser in honor of Brooke Wilhoite who is diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer. The evening was attended by family, friends, and Elk members from all over the Metro West District. The money raised (about \$9,000) will be used to help defray the expenses of sending Brooke to Florida to the only hospital which performs this type of radiation and chemotherapy. Showing her sunny smile even though she had just had one surgery, Brooke is joined by her parents, Chris & Sara, and grandpa, Bill Moore, ER of KC Northland.



Mike Meyer - district softball chairman, member Perryville 2701 coach and player
Ken Wiggins - state softball chair and Brian Crawford - state president.
volunteers eft Elaine Moll, Abby O'Leary and Mike O'Leary

Lake of the Ozarks 2517



State ENF Chairman Randy Northington speaks to SE DD Clinic

State Softball 2014



State Champions Festus-Crystal Cy #1721 2nd. Perryville #2701



Hannibal Elks Lodge 1198



The Hannibal Elks Lodge 1198 presented a donation to the Kids in Motion. Presenting the check on behalf of the Elks Lodge was Terri Wishes (pictured on the right) to Amy Vaughn (pictured on the left) of Kids in Motion at the Douglas Community Center.

Hannibal Elks 1198 will also be presenting donations this year to The Great River Honor Flight, Avenues, Hope House, B.I.C. Christmas Fund and the Missouri Veteran Home in Mexico Mo. The Hannibal Elk's Lodge will also have a Flag Day ceremony and Free luncheon on June 14th for all area veterans and their families.

These donations by Hannibal Lodge 1198 are part of supporting the Hannibal community and helping those in need and a thank you to our Vets as well.

Meramec-Arnold Lodge 2372



Members of Meramec-Arnold Lodge 2372, Imperial, MO and their Auxiliary donated \$500.00 to the Bailey Family to send two of their sons to Boy Scout Camp. The family has five children and one of the children is undergoing extensive treatment for a serious illness. Consequently, they would not have been able to afford to send the boys to Camp this year.

Pictured from left to right are: Auxiliary President Debbie Burkett, George Bailey, Exalted Ruler Time Hearst, and Jonah Bailey.

Jefferson City 513



On behalf of our granddaughter Kyleigh Phillips we want to say thank you to Elks Lodge 513 for your support. The Hope for Kyleigh benefit that was held on April 12, 2014 at the Lodge was a huge success. The money raised will go for medical bills, co-pays on medicine but most especially it will provide lodging, food and transportation fees for the entire family while Kyleigh is having her bone marrow and stem cell replacement at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis. The transplant is expected to take 100 days. I would like to thank our family—Becky Moses, Kenny Moses, Sherry Miederhoff, Dennis Moses, Daniel Moses, George Moses, Barry Parsons and Amanda Mitchell.

I would also like to thank Bill Farr, Pam Browner, Rhonda Robinett, Eric Raithel, Judy Mason, Trish Rector, Donna Otto, Nelda Lay, Mark Schneiders, Bo Ringhausen, Stu Steinmetz, Barb Liebi and Chris and Angie DeBroeck.

These people worked hard to make the benefit a success and I cannot thank you enough.

Thanks to all of our Elks Family for your generous donations and support. The outpouring of support that day was so remarkable and our family will never forget you for your kindness. Our baby girl Kyleigh is a fighter and this journey has been long and difficult sometimes it has been devastating but through it all her love and strength has continued to inspire us. *May God Bless you all.*

Darryl & Susie Connell



Greenview Elks Lodge #2857

was proud to host 2014-15 Missouri Elks Association State President Brian Crawford during his recent visit to the lake area.

The MEA President stressed the principals of our order, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity as well as addressing the needs of our communities, veterans and youth. As ambassador for the MEA, the president



introduced this year's slogans, "Soar to new Heights" and "Kick it up a Notch". Left to Right Blaine Diehl, Vice President, West Central District Kathy Baron, Director, West Central District Virgil Bevans, Exalted Ruler, Greenview Lodge #2857 Brian Crawford, President, Missouri Elks Association Mike Heimann, Administrative Assistant



Afton
Elks
2635

The **Afton Elks 2635** assisted Eagle Scout Candidate Charles Behr in completing his project. The project was the erection of flag poles at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. The Lodge provided three flags (United States, Missouri, and City of St. Louis). Pictured from L to R are ER Kevin Kelley, Scout Charles Behr, Charles mother, Eileen Behr, and Chaplin Bill Peck PER

Cape Girardeau #639



Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge No. 639 donated \$2,000 to help the Missouri Children's Burn Camp at its annual Fourth of July celebration. At left is DeWayne Kirchhoff, chief of the East County Fire Department, and Jason Ledure, exalted ruler of the lodge.



Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge 639 raised \$3,500 for the Missouri Safe House for Women in Cape Girardeau to aid its efforts. Jason Ledure, exalted ruler of the Cape Girardeau Elks, and Elks officers presented a check to Jessica Hill, director of development for the Safe House on Aug. 13th. In the foreground with the check are Hill and Ledure with Elks officers in the back.



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ST Clair #2651



St Clair Elks recently hosted a special needs dance in partnership with Developmental Services of Franklin County. The lodge funded the dance with the Beacon Grant which it received from the Grand lodge. With the \$2000 Grant, the lodge was able to provide food, live music, a photo booth, decorations and prizes. Over 100 people attended the event and a great time was had by all.

Jefferson City #513

Jefferson City #513 held their first Red Cross Blood Drive June 4. State President Brian Crawford, First Lady Betsy Crawford and Blood Drive Chairman, Randy Pringer were some of the first to donate. Jefferson City's next scheduled Blood Drive will be Aug 6, co-hosting and supporting a local High School Senior earn some College funding.



Christian County Elks Lodge #2777



Members of Christian County Elks #2777 braved some inclement weather to remove and place in a donated trash receptacle many un-useable or dilapidated home items and trash from the living spaces at Freedom's Rest Domestic Abuse Center. They were able to clean up spaces so that new items could be replaced to the rooms.

Members of the Christian County Elks, Ozark, MO held a Kite Day and was able to fund it with part of an ENF Gratitude Grant. In attendance for the great turn out was the Ozark JROTC Rifle Team-National Champions, Ozark Boy Scout Troop #201, performing a flag ceremony; SW MO State Representatives, the Ozark Fire Dept. and winners of the Christian County Americanism and Drug Awareness Poster Contests. (See more Christian County in EShoem)

Of course our "Elroy" was on hand and the Drug Awareness Trailer, an animal rescue organization, The Will Rogers Indian Club and ??? We flew lots of kites and had a great day.



Project Lifesaver International helps provide rapid response to save lives and reduce the potential circumstances for injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, Dementia, as well as other related cognitive conditions.

Currently Taney County Project Lifesaver has 18 individuals, primarily children, and five adults with Alzheimer's. The group works with the

Christian County Sheriff's Department to include youth and adults in the program.

Christian County Elks Lodge donated \$1000.00 to the project to help with the costs of the ankle or wrist bands which have transmitters in them for easier location of the missing participant within minutes rather than hours to days. The Elks are helping to fund with a Gratitude Grant from the National Foundation. Pictured l-r: Jesse Stalker, ER, Susan Miles, Tony Leciejewski, C. C. Elks ENF Chairman and a local participant in the Project Lifesaver Program.

Louisiana Lodge#791



Louisiana Lodge 791 held the 7th Annual Clarence Luebrecht Veterans Appreciation Hog Roast on August 9th. Our Lodge has informally adopted the Mexico Veterans Home for Christmas and Holiday activities and Clarence started an annual Hog Roast as a field trip event for residents at the home as well as our local Veterans. Residents from the Mexico Veterans Home travel to Louisiana accompanied by the American Legion Riders and are received by the American Legion Color Guard at the Lodge. Local Veterans and their families also participate and it is an enjoyable time with some great food. (See more in EShoem)

Festus Crystal City Lodge #1721

The Third Times Is A Charm



The Festus Crystal City lodge was established back in 1947. In recent times following two incidents of fire Lodge #1721 has come out back on top.

The lodge had a fire resulting from a burning butt back in the Spring of 2011. They suffered heavy smoke damage in the lounge area and as result moved temporarily to the basement.

Approximately 1 month from completion--bad luck struck for the 2nd time. This time the fire was caused when a vehicle slid on ice and stuck a natural gas line resulting in a fire that destroyed the building.

Not to be broken-- the lodge rebuilt again. Moving into temporary quarters they rebuilt again, this time into the marvelous facility that they now occupy.

I recently visited the Festus Crystal City Lodge on a Saturday afternoon back in August I was fortunate to meet the Exalted Ruler Nathan Null and was given a tour of the facility by Treasurer Ron Goetz.

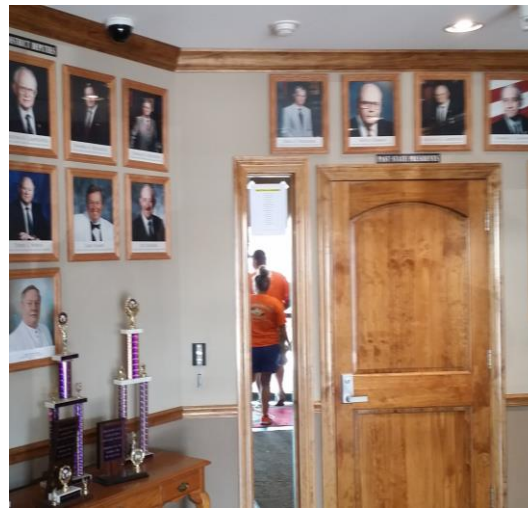
The lodge has two living Past State Presidents Larry Robertson and Ed Cohoon with whom I visited with while I was there.

Festus Crystal City now boasts 1450 active members and I was told by one of the members that they initiated approximately 50 at their last initiation.

All though my visit was short I met a wonderful bunch of people in a Great lodge. (Bud Clarkson, Shozem)



Exalted ruler Nathan Null was spending his Saturday placing blocks working on a new pavilion that is an extension of an outside Patio that members say is packed on weekend evenings. Notice the two beautiful glass fire pits in the background. The lodge spent approximately 1.6 million on the project and it shows. I can't wait to stop in there some evening.



Entering through the local "Hall of SHAME"----- Members enjoy a nice Saturday afternoon



Members of Lodge #1721 have lots of reasons to belong to our Elk Family. Stop by and Check it out there are many more things to see there.



Elks #1721 Build a Second Ramp:

Members of Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 just completed their second access ramp. Funding for the two ramps came from a \$2000 Beacon Grant acquired from the Elks National Foundation. Pictured left to right are: Larry Robertson PER, Gary Moss PER, Larry Cooseman, Marty

Boyer, Gary Hayes, Jim Ross PER and Nancy Thurman (home owner). Those not pictured are Wayne Pridemore, Dave Davis PER and Jim Burgert. Plans are already in progress to apply for the 2014-2015 Beacon Grant to build two more ramps next summer. All agreed what a great feeling it is to do something for our community.

Chaffee # 1810



Chaffee Lodge Officers, SEMO Officers State President Crawford, AA Heimann State Chaplain Steve Green

Fredericktown #2812



S.A.A. Jason Ledure, SE VP Ron Bollinger, SE Dكتور Randy Nortington, ER Gordon Greer Sec. Rebecca Blankenship, Trustee Delmer Fadler ,Loyal Knight Tim Paumen, Leading Knight Kelly Brownlee Inner Guard Whitney Naverrette, (Middle) AA Mike Hiemann, Pres. Brian Crawford. (Kneeling) State Chaplain Steve Green, Esquire Cynthia Phillips, Tiler Brian Griffon

Poplar Bluff #2452



ER Mac Campbell Pres Crawford AA Heimann SE VP Ron Bollinger , Sergeant At Arms Jason LeDure, Director Randy Northington (the Pig)



Officers, Local, State, District, Grand etc, Ready for a LUAU

See More in EShozem

Dexter #2439



State Chaplain Steve Green, SE VP Ron Bollinger, AA Mike Heimann, SE At Large Jason Ledure, Pres. Brian Crawford, PSP Roger Triplett, Lecturing Knight Derek Crockett, ER Davy Crockett, SE Dir Randy Northington, PDDGER Randy Braswell

2014 Missouri State Hoop Shoot Champions		
8-9 Boys	Hayden Murdock	Alton Thayer 2545
8-9 Girls	Avery Kroenke	Benton County 2783
10-11 Boys	Kope Norris	Cass County 2791
10-11 Girls	Hannah Corcimiglia	Poplar Bluff 2451
12-13 Boys	Kyle Taylor	KC Northland 2376
12-13 Girls	Olivia Michael	Blue Springs 2509
National Finals		
8-9 Girls	Avery Kroenke	Benton County 2783 6 th
10-11 Boys	Kope Norris	Cass County 2791 2 nd
10-11 Girls	Hannah Corcimiglia	Poplar Bluff 2451 9 th
12-13 Boys	Kyle Taylor	KC Northland 2376 2 nd

Mark Segebarth



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.

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 Bruenning, Past Lady President (2012-13) Lynda Ortwig, and John Barks, Veterans Committee
Picture 2- Lon Lowery, Veterans Committee and driver for the van, wheels a Veterans Home resident into the new van.

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!

Dexter #2439



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.



Manchester #2058



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

Crestwood #2503



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

St Louis #9



St Louis #9 hosted State President Brian Crawford and the Metro East Officers

Kimberling City # 2505



Kimberling City Elks Lodge 2505 held a special dinner for the two winners of the Lodge’s \$1500.00

scholarships. Bonnie Row from Reeds Spring School and Kristen Tharp from Blue Eye. Also present were their parents Edmund and Jeri Row and Danny and Rhonda Tharp, plus school Counselors Jacqueline Guilkey and Joann Hobbs. The evening was also exciting for The Lodge; all winners of the Americanism Contest were on hand with their parents, each 1st place winner received \$100.00 and 2nd place winners received \$50.00.

St. Charles Elks Lodge #690



Flag Day- Pictured are Boy Scouts from Pack 936
A full page featuring the ST Charles Flag Day is on the EShozem

Elks National Foundation

Elks National Foundation -- State Detail Report 2013-2014

Members	Donations	Per Capita	Bequests	Grand Total	%of GER Goal
30,016	\$181,429.18	\$6.044	\$4,658.61	\$186,087.79	131.437%

4th Place Most Valuable Student Scholarship Winners

George Bennion Joplin #501 and Joseph Reyes West Plains#2418 \$4000.00 per Year

2014 Legacy Scholarship Winners \$4000

Erin Gilliland #656 Chillicothe, Leah Koch #2517 Lake of the Ozarks, Madeline Nathe#1559 Washington, Kaitlynn Norton #2376 KC Northland, Mary Street #501 Joplin, Claire Welker #1721 Festus-Crystal City

There are five Community Investments Program grant components. Contact your ENF Chairman or Visit the CIP webpage for specific information about each grant and its unique requirements.

Beacon Grants are \$2,000 grants available to each Lodge. These grants offer Lodges an opportunity to develop an ongoing, charitable, Elks-driven community project.

Gratitude Grants are \$2,0000 grants available to Lodges that meet the National President’s per-member goal for giving to the ENF. These grants can be used to meet a variety of local needs.

Promise Grants are \$2,000 grants available to the first 500 Lodges that apply to hold a youth event.

Impact Grants are competitive grants of up to \$10,000 designed to help Lodges make a visible, significant and ongoing difference in their communities.

Lodge Assistance Grants help Lodges secure monetary donations from local businesses for specific Lodge charitable projects.

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- ☐ \$100 Club - \$10 per year
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☐ 1/10 of pledge amount
Signature _____
Name _____ (Please Print)
Address _____
City _____
State, Zip _____
Lodge Name and Number _____
Comments _____

Brookfield # 874

Following the Brookfield Elks Soccer shoot, an awards dinner was held in conjunction with Youth Week



Louisiana #791



Louisiana #791 hosted its 2nd annual Spring-Break Bike-a-Thon. ENF Chairman Mary Lindsey stated that the program is funded through an ENF Promise Grant.

They have partnered with a local group Heart to Heart as well as the local sheriff's office and other civic groups.

The kids were required to attend a DARE program before they could receive their bikes and safety helmets. The lodge passed out Drug Awareness coloring books and pamphlets.

The lodge then treated everyone to Hot Dogs, Chips and treats after a ride.

Mary stated that this year they gave out 38 bicycles and over 70 in the two year period.



Over Labor Day Weekend, Elroy Elk made a visit to the Great Pershing Balloon Derby in the Northwest District.



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Cass County #2791



This year we applied for a Veterans Freedom Grant to fund the participation of "Wounded Warriors".

With the grant money we were able to provide each "Wounded Warrior" with a new tackle box, rod and reel, tackle, and food for the weekend.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elks Invade New Orleans Convention 2014



Brian and President Elect Duane Hildenbrand



Missouri Delegation



Mardi Gras Float New Orleans #30



Jazzin it Up



Newly Installed District Deputy Mike Heimann



Metro Visits NO #30



Missouri Hospitality



Party in the French Quarters



Elks Swamp Tour



Elks Memorial Greenwood Cemetery



So Long!

A Lil' More New Orleans and a ride on the big Yellow Bus





Lake Stockton Elks #2858

On Saturday September 6, 2014 the Lake Stockton Elks celebrated the grand opening of their new Lodge Home with the Elks Ceremony of Dedication

and an open house followed by dinner and dance.



The dedication ceremony was conducted by the five past Exalted Rulers who filled the chairs, all of whom are charter members. Other charter members filled the positions of Chaplain and Trustee. In attendance were PGER Ted Callicott and his wife Betsy, six past State Presidents (Bob and Elaine Todd, Otto and Arlene Sayles, Ed and Kay Cohoon, Bill Walter, Rich and Ruth Larkin and Carl and Sharon Simpson). Elks from all over Missouri were in attendance to help Lake Stockton celebrate the opening of their new home.





The New Stockton Lodge is located at 803 Walter Wallen Way in Stockton. The members invite you to come visit, play a round of horse shoes or on a cool evening warm yourself at our fire pit.

5th Annual Cass County Elks Lodge #2791 Veterans Bass Tournament



The picture is right to left: 1st place winners Patrick Middendorf and Chris Shore

In spite of the nastiest heat wave to hit the area this summer.

54 teams assembled at Long Shoal Marina August 23rd to compete in the 5th Annual Cass County Elks Lodge #2791 Veterans Bass Tournament on Truman Lake in Warsaw Missouri.

The needs of our Vets is of the upmost importance to the Cass County Elks and we show our support and sincere appreciation in many ways. All the proceeds of the tournament go to fill vital needs at the local Kansas City Veterans Hospital. We provide 600 cups of coffee to veterans visiting the KCVA Medical Center each and every day. We were able to feed 900 hungry veterans with 450 pounds of pulled pork at the VA on Veterans day.

Because of our numerous fundraisers throughout the year, we are able to adopt 75 homeless Veterans for Christmas and hold luncheons for the Kansas City Chapter of Prisoners of War.

New this year at the Bass Tournament, the Elks invited Wounded Warriors to participate in the event and covered the entry fee for 10 Veterans to compete. The 2014 event raised \$1350 after paying out the winners of the tournament, which will provide benefits for the following year to our Vets. A day away from the stresses these folks deal with is priceless, thus the precedence set in this year's event simply adds to the support afforded to these hero's.



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Elks Care - *Elks* Share

Washington Lodge 1559

Casey Stick, Inner Guard from Washington Lodge 1559 took the Ice Bucket Challenge for ALS at Brian Crawford's State President visit on August 23, 2014. Casey challenged Washington Officers David Delleart, PER, Trustee and Eric Dobelmann, Lecturing Knight

Assisting Casey Stick is Washington's ER Nicholas Mueller



Jefferson City Lodge #513

On August 16, 2014 Jefferson City Lodge #513 held their 7th Annual Run for the Vest Poker Run. The start of a day was questionable due to rain but the ride took place with over \$5000 raised for the Veteran's Fund, which goes toward monthly Bingo at the Truman Veteran's Hospital, birthday parties, casino trips and luncheons are just to name a few.



Pictured is Jefferson City Lodge Trustee Jeff Volmert and Club Manager Barb Liebi ready to begin the 115 mile round trip.

Christian County #2777



Members of the Christian County Elks Lodge, Ozark, MO held a Kite Day and was able to fund it with part of an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. In attendance for the great turn out was the Ozark JROTC Rifle Team who are National Champions, Ozark Boy Scout Troop #201, performing a flag ceremony; SW MO State Representatives, the Ozark Fire Dept. and winners of the Christian County Americanism and Drug Awareness Poster Contests. Of course our "Elroy" was on hand and the Drug Awareness Trailer, an animal rescue organization, The Will Rogers Indian Club and ??? We flew lots of kites and had a great day.



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Elks Love the Road



Farmington #1765



Sikeston



Jefferson City Lodge #513 held their second Blood Drive on August 7th in partnership with Jefferson City Helias High School Student Lydia Page. Lydia's goal was to collect 25 units of blood which would give her scholarship money for college. Lydia made her goal with 28 units collected. All donors were treated with Root Beer Floats and T-shirts for their efforts.



Pictured left to right is Helias High School Student Josh Feather, State Blood Drive Chairman Randy Pringer, Helias High School Students Lydia Page and sister Maggie.



Helias High School student Lydia Page and assistant Josh Feather serve up one of their famous Root Beer Floats



Pictured left to right are sisters Maggie and Lydia Page, Josh Feather and his mother Jean, and Red Cross staff.

Jefferson City #513 The Johnny Strong Charity Ride for Childs Play



Denny and Jay with Lodge #513 members

Jay Knight and Denny Salisbury are peddling for the friend and fallen soldier Lance Corporal Johnny Strong, who was killed in 2007 by a sniper while serving in Iraq shortly after his 21st birthday. Jay and Denny, both who were with Johnny at the time of the incident, and Denny who himself was also injured, told us it was Johnny's ambition that after serving our county he wanted to become a video game programmer. These two young men are on a mission for their fallen friend; they are riding their bikes across the United States to raise awareness and funds for "Childs Play Charity" which supplies video games to hundreds of children's hospitals across the nation.

Their ride began in April out of Boston, MA, and will end in Seattle, WA on August 31. Along their route they decided to seek out Elk Lodges, American Legions and Disabled Veteran's facilities to inquire about the best place to stay in their cities. Needless to say, they never had to worry about that, as with the Elks, the American Legions and DAV's fit into the motto of our organization that *Elks Care, Elks Share*, maybe we should say *We Care, We Share*. They are provided housing, meals, laundry facilities and whatever else their needs are along their journey.

Jefferson City Lodge #513 was fortunate to meet these outstanding men, supply lodging for them for the night and give them a good meal while learning about them and their mission. The members present on that



Denny Salisbury and Jay Knight

Monday night were told of their mission and answered many of our questions, not to mention our admiration and respect. They told us that after their visit at Jefferson City #513 they had gone over \$13,000 in donations for "Ride for Childs Play". We are honored to have been a part of their journey and their lives, I know they are now a part of every member's life present at our Lodge that Monday night.

Pax2Pax Mission Goals:

- 1) Honor Lance Corporal Johnny Strong
- 2) Raise awareness and funds for Child's Play Charity
- 3) Showcase how Children's Hospitals across the country take care of children and how they use donations from Child's Play
- 4) Inspire veterans to honor their fallen friends and to seek guidance and help in dealing with their grief and loss

To make a donation go to: <http://pax2pax.org/get-involved/donations/>

Louisiana, MO Elks Lodge 791



Louisiana Lodge 791 held the 7th Annual Clarence Luebrecht Veterans Appreciation Hog Roast on August 9th. With 80-90 people in attendance, participation for this event is growing each year. Clarence Luebrecht was Elk of the Year in 2004, Officer of the Year in 2008 and E.R. of Lodge 791 in 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. As an Army Veteran of the Korean War, Clarence was always looking for ways in which to 'give back' to our nation's Veterans. Our Lodge has informally adopted the Mexico Veterans Home for Christmas and Holiday activities and Clarence started an annual Hog Roast as a field trip event for residents at the home as well as our local Veterans. Clarence became a resident of the home a few years ago and, sadly, passed away in 2012. The event was officially named in his honor in 2013. Residents from the Mexico Veterans Home travel to Louisiana accompanied by the American Legion Riders and are received by the American Legion Color Guard at the Lodge. Local Veterans and their families also participate and it is an enjoyable time with some great food.



Metro West BBQ Cook Off, Hosted by
Grandview Hickman Mills Lodge .





On the Road with the G.E.R.

Millard C. Pickering, Grand Exalted Ruler, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, 2013-2014

Missouri Elks Association Jefferson City, March 13-16, 2014

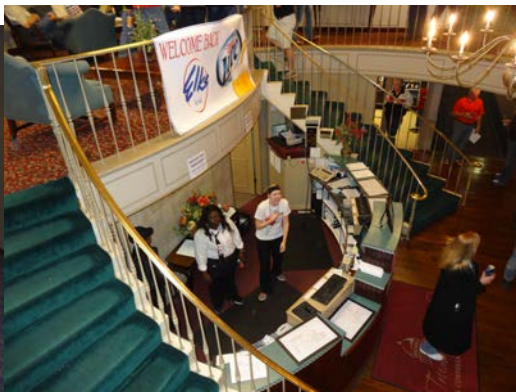
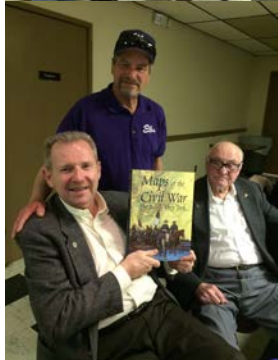
It felt like a homecoming for Susanne and I to pull into the drive of the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri for the Elks Spring convention. I am a proud charter member of Lake Taneycomo, Lodge No 2597

where I served as ER in 1981-82. It was also great to see State Sponsor, PGER Ted Callicott and Betsy. They are among our favorite couples and great fun to be with. "Work hard – play hard" would be a great motto for the Missouri Elks. They consistently post great membership numbers and are constantly on the move with new lodges thanks largely to Carl Simpson, SDGER, who has been instrumental in new lodge development. After a warm greeting by the Callicotts and Missouri Elks First Couple, Richard & Ruth Larkin, we were hosted at a great chicken dinner at nearby Jefferson

City Lodge No. 513. Great food and even better company. Mike Sills gave me a great book about the Civil War, an interest of mine and we got to visit with long-time friends, Bob and Elaine Todd, who chair the convention committee. Bob

is a past Grand Lodge Committeeman and they are one of the hardest working Elk couples I know. The next morning started the meeting cycle. Missouri has a great deal of talent at all levels and a high-energy sponsor so it was a fast paced and informative day. That night we enjoyed a nice dinner and, of course, started the

hospitality tour. Even the front desk was in full Elk mode.



Often the districts adopt themes for their hospitality rooms and one of the best was the circus room. Everyone enjoyed a little “clowning around”. One district reflected the state’s passion for sports with seemingly every team represented. The next day while I attended a the first of two business sessions, Susanne enjoyed a luncheon at Jefferson City Lodge where the Elks serving the meal decided to wear their motorcycle riding gear. Let’s just say it was such fun that she got a little carried away! There was a great turnout for the Past State President’s luncheon and I got to sit in on PGER Callicott’s briefing of the DD



Designates. He does a very thorough job. Experience counts and I took quite a few notes. That evening a “Toga Party” was held which looked like a lot of fun at least from a distance – I felt too underdressed to attend. The banquet that evening was packed and, along with good food, everyone remained in a festive mood. Maybe it was the Togas. The Elks honored me with a proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives and a number of other generous gifts. We closed the evening with yet another hospitality tour to be sure we made them all. We planned to attend the morning business



session to see the officers installed but Missouri weather changed our mind and we took a hasty departure just after breakfast to beat an impending bout of snow and ice. We made it home safely with only warm



memories of our great weekend with the Missouri Elks Association. The “show me” state certainly showed Susanne and I a wonderful time. Congratulations on your many successes!



Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 14 April 2014

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Maintaining A Yearly Schedule That Patients Can Depend On

Brian Shultz, from Florissant, Missouri, has been a patient since 1987.(27 yrs) After his appointment at the Litzsinger School, in Ladue, his family wrote to the program the following:

We are so lucky to have such caring people with the Dental Elk Clinic that come by yearly to take care of our sons dental needs. We appreciate everything they do for our son. Thank you so much.

Brad, Sue & Brian

The Dental Program does it's best to follow a set schedule but maintaining/repairing the Elks Vans that were purchased in 1993(21 yrs) and 2001(13 yrs) have recently become difficult.

We would like to apologize for the recent cancelation of the Festus-Crystal City Elks stay. Repairs to the Mobile Unit are taking longer than expected because the parts were hard to locate.

As soon as repairs are complete we will arrange to return to Festus to see patients that were previously screened.

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From Left: Brad, Brian and Sue Shultz

Statistics: 2/24/14—3/6/14

Troy/Lincoln CO R3

School District—Superintendent's Office

- Patient Visits **40**
- Procedures **414**
- Estimated Value **\$20,017.00**

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Festus	Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, Washington	Pending	Repairs	Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge # 1721
Cameron	Buchanan, ,Caldwell, Clay, Clinton, Dekalb, Platte, Ray, Sullivan	4/21/14	5/1/14	Cameron Elks Lodge #2615

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Blue Springs Elks Lodge # 2509

Statistics: 5/27/14—6/12/14

Blue Springs Lodge #2509

- Patient Visits **54**
- Procedures **472**
- Estimated Value **\$22,217.00**



From Left: PER, Jim Tribble, Esteemed Leading Knight, Shawn Stark, PER, Kevin Billups, PER, Ron Westerholt, Esquire and Benevolent Trust Chairman, Curt Zoller and Exalted Ruler, Doug Jordan

The Elks Mobile Dental Program is in it's 52nd. year of providing dental care to the Developmentally Disabled in Missouri. This would not be possible if not for the support of the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust and the Elks members.

Blue Springs is but one of the many Lodges that makes our job so much easier. Dr. Robert Beck, Staff Dentist on the Mobile Unit, said, "It boosts the moral of the staff when they visit a supportive Lodge, like Blue Springs, we are very grateful." Elks members helped by moving the van, fixed a rusted storage compartment and repaired the lock on the door.

The Blue Springs Elks Lodge, established in 1974, is 40 this year. *Happy Anniversary and Thank You* for being so welcoming.

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Farmington	Iron, Madison, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Washington	7/21/14	8/7/14	Farmington Elks Lodge #1765
Lebanon	Camden, Dallas, Laclede, Pulaski, Wright	8/11/14	8/28/14	Laclede Industries

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Elks Share, Because They Care



From Left: Dr. Robert Beck, with J.T. Gava and Karen Danner from Independence, Missouri.

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A letter from the stay at the Blue Springs Elks Lodge # 2509:

I'm very grateful and feel blessed to be able to have a caring group, Dr. Beck and staff, to care for my son J.T., who suffers from mental and physical disabilities. We tried to see other Dentists and would be turned down because of his disabilities. It takes a very caring person to care for my child with medical problems.

*Thank you for your services.
Mrs. Karen Danner—J.T.'s Mother*

Statistics: 3/31/14—4/10/14

Macon Elks Lodge #999

- Patient Visits **40**
- Procedures **324**
- Estimated Value **\$14,377.00**

Statistics: 4/21/14—5/01/14

Cameron Elks Lodge #2615

- Patient Visits **44**
- Procedures **416**
- Estimated Value **\$19,131.00**

Upcoming Locations

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003.

Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.

Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Harrisonville	Bates, Cass, Henry, Jackson, Johnson	6/23/14 7/14/14	6/26/14 7/17/14	Cass County Elks Lodge #2791
Farmington	Iron, Madison, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois, Washington	7/21/14	8/7/14	Farmington Elks Lodge #1765

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Jefferson County DDRB Approves Funding For Elks Mobile Dental Program

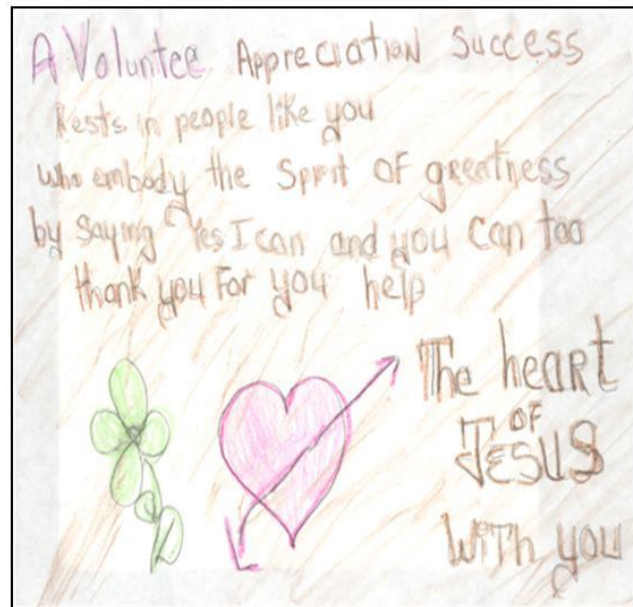
Since 2012, the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Resource Board has allowed the Elks Mobile Dental Program to present a proposal, every year, requesting funds. If approved, the funds may be used to reimburse the Mobile Unit for services provided to eligible Jefferson County patients.

The Elks Program, with the support of the St. Louis Regional Office, has been approved up to \$5,000.00 in additional funding again for the FY 2015. That makes \$15,000.00 since 2012. Jefferson County is the only one of 85 Missouri counties, with Senate Bill 40 Boards, that help provide access to the Mobile Dental Unit.

Jefferson County DDRB is a forerunner in Missouri recognizing that dental care is an important part of an overall health plan. They help provide a service greatly underfunded by the state for special needs patients.

The Elks Mobile Dental Program is always looking for additional sources of revenue. We appreciate the opportunity to continue in our mission. There is a great need for our services in every Missouri County. If you know any members of a County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled let them know what Jefferson County has done.

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Personal note sent from, new patient, Sharon Browne, St. Louis resident, after her appointment in Ladue Missouri.

Statistics: 3/10/14—3/27/14

Marshall—Center for Human Services
Cooperative Workshop

- Patient Visits **50**
- Procedures **518**
- Estimated Value **\$24,955.00**

Upcoming Locations

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Blue Springs	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Lafayette, Ray	5/27/14	6/12/14	Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509
Harrisonville	Bates, Cass, Henry, Jackson, Johnson	6/23/14 7/14/14	6/26/14 7/17/14	Cass County Elks Lodge #2791

Poplar Bluff LUAU



Shozem ready to Roll



A big “Thanks” to Randy Pribble, Arcadia Valley Elk and owner Editor of the Iron County News “Mountain Echo”, and the Missourian Newspaper out of Washington Missouri. The Missourian printed the latest issue of the Shozem and sent a pallet in a van owned by the Mountain Echo for Editor Bud Clarkson to pick up. Not only did Randy share his equipment but he then helped Bud reload the Shozem into Bud’s Minivan. Thanks Randy.....



Randy and I unloaded a pallet of Shozem into my van. 7500 20 page Shozems all in color. It is a pretty good step up from my first paper issue of the Shozem.

Now all I have to do is haul them to Jeff City for distribution.

I’m just glad there is room for two suitcases, Joy and Izzy.

The Shozem has come a long way in the past year. We have gone from a 12 page black and white newsletter to a 20 page color paper. With the excellent support and leadership from Rich and Ruth Larkin and the support from Brian and Betsy Crawford, Administrative Assistants “Taco” and “Babe” Lockhart, Mike and Cindy Heimann.

But most of the credit belongs to our great Elks who have made submissions for the magazine. I have received submissions from my District editors but some of the best articles have come from our lodge Secretaries and our newsletter editors. But to improve more we need help. I need help from anyone who is willing to submit an article with a picture that might inspire someone in another lodge to give it a try, and make a difference and once again prove that **Elks Care~Elks Share!**

St. Charles Elks Lodge #690 Americanism

On Sunday, June 8th at 2 PM, we held our annual Flag Day Ceremony. It was a very successful event and the members in attendance were impressed by our guest speaker, Mrs. Julie Vinnedge. She founded the "Fallen Heroes Dream Ride" in honor of her son, L/Cpl Phillip Vinnedge, who was killed in action while serving in Afghanistan in 2012. The old Chevrolet pickup truck that Mr. Vinnedge and sons fixed up in honor of their son Phillip was on display in the Lodge's parking lot. The St. Charles Elk's Lodge donated \$200 to the organization and attending members also made donations which will be used to take children of service men who have made the supreme sacrifice on a trip to Branson next month.

Bill Mandele, PDDGER, read the "History of the Flags" while Cub Scout pack 936 presented the Colors. John Still read the winning Americanism essay from a fifth grader that won an award for her exceptional essay. Miss Ashley Wuennenberg attends the John Weldon Grade School in the Francis Howell school district. He also read the letter that she wrote explaining why she was returning her check. She thanked us for picking her entry as number one and explained that she would like to donate her winnings to our Veterans Fund and to use the funds on the "real Heroes" who needed it more than she did. It was a very heart-warming and sincere letter and everyone in attendance was impressed by Miss Wuennenberg.

John Still would like to thank the members, who donated the cupcakes and the cookies for the affair; Mark and Dale for preparing the hamburgers and the hot dogs; Steve and Linda for serving the food; Tim Hickey for nominating Mrs. Vinnedge as our guest speaker; Bill Mandele and the Cub Scouts for doing the "History of the Flags" with assistance from his grandson Max, and Associate Member Ron Bell.



Pictured are boy scouts from Pack 936; Mr. John Still, and Mr. Tim Hickey St. Charles Elks; Mrs. Julie Vinnedge, Founder of the Fallen Heroes Dream Ride; Mr. Tom Boulch, ER; and Mr. Vinnedge;

Bottom photos are of the truck and members in attendance listening to a presentation by Mrs. Vinnedge.