

# Missouri Elks Association 2015 Spring SHOZEM

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What a journey. What a year. Betsy and I, along with Mike and Cindy Heimann have experienced the most rewarding venture that anyone could ever believe. We've traveled twelve thousand miles visiting 74 lodges and thousands of generous Elks. Our hearts have been touched with warmth and compassion from all the Lodges in this great state. During our lodge visits you have all made us feel as if we were with family. I have reinforced through this year that our organization is surrounded by family and family values. I thank you for inviting us into your family.

I have had the pleasure of working with the State Committee Chairmen, the Past State Presidents, Exalted Rulers and a great bunch of District Officers. These officers with their commitment, compassion and drive are a true indication that the future of the Missouri Elks Association is in good hands. The MEA has no other direction to go than towards to the top.

I thank you all for making this year the most rewarding time of my life. If you have been to a State Convention and attended the Saturday business meeting you've listed to the Vice Presidents deliver their reports about the great things their districts have done and are doing. I have always enjoyed their enthusiasm in their districts promotion of Elkdom and how great they feel about the Lodges in their district.

What I've learned this year is the information the District Vice Presidents deliver in that condensed 3 minute report is only the tip of the iceberg.

I've had the opportunity, the pleasure, and the fortune to hear this information one on one from 74 Lodges. How fantastic is it to talk with Exalted Rulers, lodge officers, members and even guests in the wonderful workings of their Lodge. What you hear from the District Vice Presidents through the year may total 80 minutes of the good deeds we do as Elks. I figure that I was involved in over 2,000 hours of communications. 2,000 hours!!!! I never believed that I would have this rewarding experience and only wish that every Elk could have this opportunity. What we all normally see and hear about our organization at convention, in Shozem and around the lodges of our state is that small piece of ice sticking out of the water. What I experienced during our travels was the rest of the Elkdom iceberg. That iceberg consists of almost 30,000 dedicated members and you have all done a fantastic job and I encourage you to keep up the good work.

What a great ride that we have had this year. Please extend Duane and Angie the same comfort and family atmosphere that you have shown Betsy, Mike and Cindy and I.

In ending, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity as MEA State President and for this fantastic journey and memories of a lifetime.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Brian Crawford  
President Missouri Elks Association

Fellow Elks,

I would like to say thank you to the members of our State Association for the honor to serve as President of the Missouri Elks Association for the Fraternal year 2015 2016.

I am sure with the fantastic State Officers our organization has this year we can accomplish many great things.

It is my solemn hope that together we will learn how to prosper our association and become members the rest of our nation will admire.

The focus of my year as President will center on retention of the members. As true and upright Elks we must take an active approach in the effort to keep and involve our new and "vintage members". We have to constantly remind people of why they joined our order to begin with, and if needed lend a hand to those struggling.

It is incumbent upon us to make certain that all That can be done is being done when it comes to maintaining our membership.

On behalf of myself, my wife Angie, and our children Kristin and Gillian, I again say thank you for this wonderful opportunity and eagerly look forward to visiting with the members of the Many lodges of our State Association.

Fraternally Dwayne Heldenbrand



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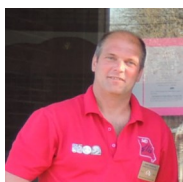
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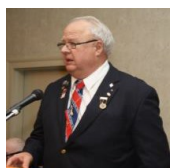
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Dexter #2439

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Webb City #861

Gene Lamb  
Kimberling Cy #2505

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Nevada #564

Kathy Baron  
Sedalia #125

### West Central

## 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

### METRO EAST

St. Louis #9  
St. Charles #690  
Manchester #2058  
Florissant #2316  
Crestwood #2503  
Affton #2635  
Ellisville #2664  
Troy #2805

### METRO WEST

Kansas City #26  
Warrensburg #673  
Lexington #749  
Kansas City North #2376  
Blue Springs #2509  
Cass County #2791  
Grandview Hickman Mills  
#2088

### NORTHEAST

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

### NORTHWEST

Chillicothe #656  
Maryville #760  
Trenton #801  
Brookfield #874  
Cameron #2615  
Milan #2619  
Excelsior Springs  
#1001

### SOUTHEAST

Cape Girardeau #639  
Farmington #1765  
Chaffee #1810  
Sikeston #2319  
Arcadia Valley #2330  
Dexter #2439  
Poplar Bluff #2452  
Mineral Area #2583  
Jackson #2652  
Perryville #2701  
Fredericktown #2812

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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

### 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  
Lake Stockton #2858  
Adrian #2864

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Oakville #2726

### Inner Guard

Steve Still  
St Charles #690

### Sergeant at Arms

Garry Bockes  
Warrensburg #673

### Tiler

Lee Vanduesseldorp  
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### Marshall

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### ESQUIRE TO DISTRICT DEPUTY

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Joplin #501

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Lake Taneycomo #2597

#### WEST CENTRAL

KEVIN YOUNG  
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TERRY EMO  
Sedalia #125

## Living Past State Presidents

WILLIAM F. GILL 1966-67  
DONALD CONRAD 1972-73  
KENNETH P. MCNELL 1982-83  
ROBERT TODD 1983-84  
GARRY SLOAN 1986-87  
CARL SIMPSON 1988-89  
ROSS JENNINGS 1990-91  
JAMES HAHN 1991-92  
MARC BECKMAN 1992-93  
LARRY ROBERTSON 1994-95  
HARRY HENNEMANN 1996-97  
ROLAND A. SEAL 1998-99  
GARY BALLINGER 2000-2001  
OTTO SAYLES 2002-2003  
MIKE HAYES 2003-2004  
ROGER REDFEARN 2004-2005  
ROGER TRIPLETT 2005-2006  
CARROLL SCHLEETER 2006-2007  
RICHARD TECHAU 2007-2008  
ED COHOON 2008-2009  
BILL WALTER 2009-2010  
ROBERT D "BOB" WIKOFF 2010-2011  
TOM SHELTON 2011-2012  
DENNIS "SKIP" BELL 2012-2013  
RICH LARKIN 2013-2014





## Missouri Elks Shozem Magazine

Producing the Missouri Elks Shozem is becoming more and more challenging. Every lodge wants to see their stuff in the Shozem but getting that information to the Shozem is like pulling teeth.

Each lodge is required by statute to create a monthly bulletin. I would like to ask each lodge to ask the

Secretary or the Newsletter Editor to keep the Shozem on your mailing and email lists. Please send us your favorite projects and your great charitable functions.

Take a copy of the Shozem home with you and share it with your friends. Don't just leave it on a shelf at the lodge.

My favorite part of the Shozem is seeing what the different lodges do. We supply each other with ideas to keep things going within our own lodges.

At the beginning of the lodge year we had just under 30,000 Elks. Probably 60% or more have email addresses but less than 800 have access to the EShozem. Some never see the Christmas issue.

In order to receive the electronic Shozem send an email to [shozem2@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Next year should be a challenge for the Shozem. Please share this information with your Lodge and all of your Missouri Brother Elks lets keep our state magazine strong

Thank you. Bud Clarkson Editor

[moelks.org](http://moelks.org) PSP Richard Techau currently maintains and monitors our MEA State website. There are links to all things Elks including the Shozem and the EShozem Magazine. There are links to the National and State Directories as well as Links to lots of Missouri sites and pictures



**Missouri Elks Association on Facebook**– Join us on Facebook it is a closed group and it is nothing but Missouri Elks. Learn what's going on around the State at any time. Just ask to join the group and come in and join us.

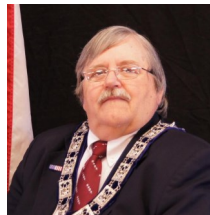
**CLMS** Lodge Secretaries are you aware that after every Saturday meeting at the State Convention that State CLMS director Frank Kerby conducts a Secretary and CLMS training session?

It is a great time for Secretaries to get together and share their common questions and problems. Frank goes over everything from basic CLMS to the more complex issues.

Are you aware that you can now do your bylaws online? Not only are they answered quickly and posted quickly but they also appear on your National webpage at Elks.org and can be viewed by your registered members.

You will never have to worry about running out of by law books again as they are downloadable in pdf format, along with your House Rules. You can print them out from your office or home computer.

Have a problem? Call Frank or Bud or look for your District CLMS chairperson in the MEA directory available at the [elks.org](http://elks.org) website.



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Webb City Elks #861 and Joplin Lodge #501 met with State officials. State Sen. Ron Richard, State Rep's Charlie Davis and Bill White. Webb City PER Brad Howard spent time with the law makers. "This is the only chance I get to talk to these men. **Government Relations** chair Donald Forman planned the event, and believes it is a "service we provide to our members." and to the MO Elks Association.

## Missouri Elks Association State Bowling



More State Bowling on EShozem Page. Sign up now!

## Lodge Bulletin Contest Winner's

Division 1. Troy 2805

Division 2. Kansas City 26

Division 3. Columbia 594

Division 4. Blue Springs 2509

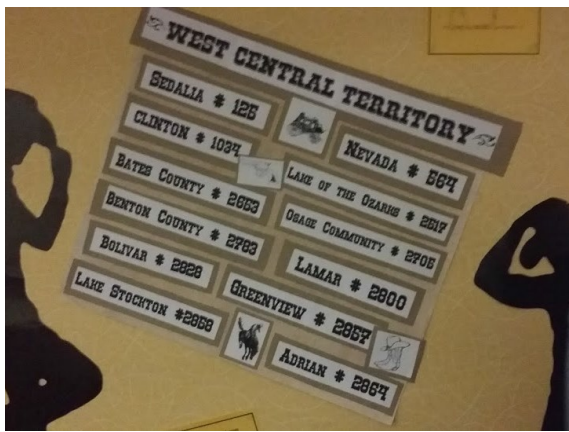
Division 5. Festus-Crystal City 1721-only entry

All State Bulletin: Columbia 594

Complete result's-contact District Chairman

Fraternaly: Bill Walter PSP, Chairman





**Fall Convention 2014  
District Hospitality  
Room  
Decoration Contest  
Winner  
West Central**



Randy Eaton and President Brian Crawford with the Winners:

8-9 Boys Kade Heinmeir, Meramac Arnold #2372 10-11 Boys Brock Lucas, Lake of the Ozarks #2517, 12-13 Boys William McDonald, Springfield #409

12-13 Girls Morgan Mahan, West Plains #2418, 10-11 Girls Kiera Holcer, Brookfield #874, 8-9 Girls Korrie Holcer Brookfield #874



**ENF** In 1928, one man's dream became a reality for all Elks and the communities we serve. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned a plan that would "unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind." During the annual Grand Lodge Convention in Miami that year, Malley's call to service inspired delegates to take action by voting to establish the **Elks National Foundation** with an initial \$100,000 grant.

**Missouri Totals as of 2/18/2015 Based on 29,664 members \$154,430.97 \$5.20 Per Capita. Congratulations Missouri Elks!!!**



**Drug Awareness—It's What We Do**

My fellow Lodge and District Drug Awareness chairman we have a problem. After speaking with Charlie Smith, our MEA Drug Awareness Chairman, I have become aware that we need to work a little harder.

We are failing to reach our youth for the Drug Awareness poster and essay contests. It is our responsibility to contact our schools and turn this around.

In the Southeast District I am available to help you in whatever capacity you need. Please, let's take our responsibility to our youth seriously and step up to the plate.

Thank You, Joy Clarkson Southeast District Drug Awareness Chairman





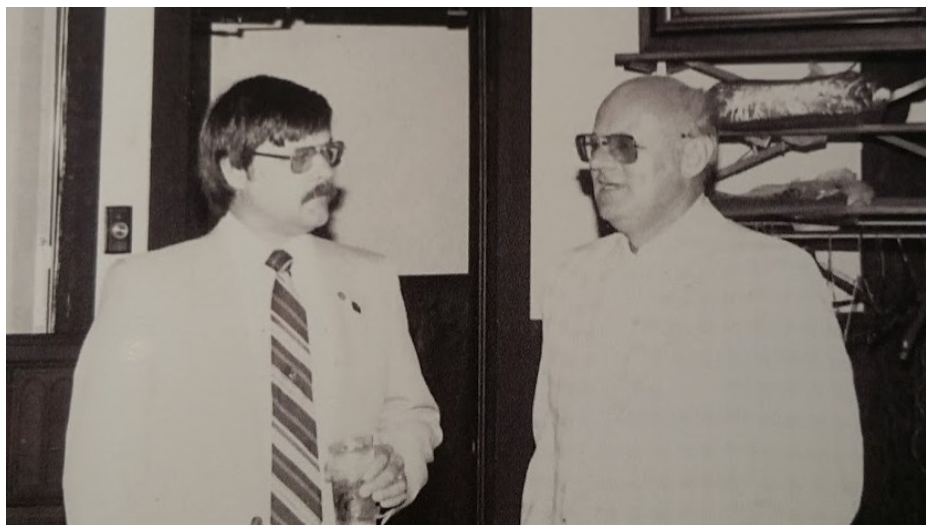
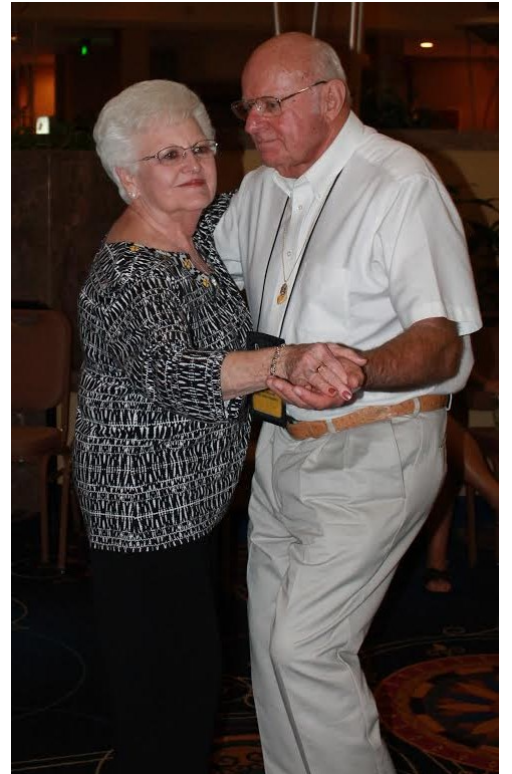
## “Thanks for the Memories” Bob and Elaine Todd MEA Convention Chairman-30 Years Celebrate with Us

Bob was born on a farm in Redford Kansas. He attended Uniontown High School. In 1955 Bob married Elaine Hartman, she was his childhood sweetheart. In 1955 Bob also joined the Navy.

After serving in the Navy Bob graduated from Pittsburg State University.

Bob joined Springfield Lodge #409 in 1964. He has served throughout his lodge and the State offices before becoming State President in 1983-1984. He has served as chairman of the Convention Committee for 30 years and has attended 44 National Conventions and **92** State Conventions.

Elaine and Bob have served the Missouri State Elks Association honorably and will be sorely missed as our Convention Chair. Just saying Thank You could never be enough!







## Oakville Lodge #2726



**Festus -Crystal City #1721** Joe Love/East Central VP, Mike Rhinebeger/Inner Guard, Robert Thompson/Leading Knight, Brian, Linda Dierker/East Central Esquire, Nathan Null/ER. PSP Ed Cohoon, PSP Larry Robertson, John Devous/East Central Director, Carl Rhinebeger/Lecturing Knight, Ray Dierker Betsy

## Eureka-Pacific #2644

Left side back row:

Ray and Linda Dierker (East Central District Esquire), Mike Bumps(trustee), John Devous (East Central District Director), Jim Wall (ER), State President Brian Crawford, & Mike Cerutti(trustee). Left side front row: Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, East Central District V.P. Joe Love and State Chaplain Steve Green. Right side in back: Al Knapmiller (secretary), Brad Beebe (treasurer), and Jerry Holloway (Lecturing Knight). Right side front: Dave Willand (trustee), Fred Bunch (trustee) and Lisa Cushing (Leading Knight).

## Oakville Lodge #2726

Standing Left to right: Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, First Lady & President Betsy & Brian Crawford, Jeff Johnson (trustee), Rob Howard (trustee), Brady Miller (loyal Knight), John Yeager (lecturing knight), Larry Siebenmorgen (trustee), East Central District V.P. Joe Love, East Central District Director John Devous. Sitting from left to right: Mike McCue (vocalist), Nancy Breier (leading knight) photo of Harry Kennedy (ER) and East Central District Esquire Linda Dierker.

See More in EShozem



## Meramec-Arnold Lodge #2372

Ladies Auxiliary presenting gifts to wife of Administrative Assistant Cindy Heimann with First Lady Betsy Crawford.  
(Below)

left to right: Rich Hahn (trustee) Dave Nickles (treasurer), John Burkett (Chaplain), Jim Rayman (tiler), Jane Maddock (organist), Darrin Snider (trustee), Mike Belavich (Loyal Knight), State Chaplain Steve Green, Mike Trtan (ER), East Central District V.P. Joe Love, State President Brian Crawford, Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, East Central District Esquire Linda Dierker, Ken Arns (Sec), East Central District Director John Devous.



**De Soto #689** Paul Hultbert, ER Thomas Couppee, Patty Couppee, Brian, Sarah Gross, Betsy and Joe Gross





## Meramec-Arnold Elks, Lodge #2372

Host Missouri School for the Blind For Halloween Party.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, members of Meramec-Arnold Elks held their 15th Annual Halloween Party for children from the Missouri School For the Blind at their Lodge Home, 1515 Miller Rd., Imperial, MO. 22 children and their chaperones attended the event. The children were treated to Hayrides, Bon-Fires, Chili, Chili Dogs, Soda, Cupcakes and each was given a large bag filled with Halloween goodies.

In addition to the annual Halloween Party, members from the Lodge also visit the School located at 3815 Magnolia Ave, in St. Louis, MO each Christmas Season, with gifts for each child, pizza, sodas and Santa Claus.



On September 20, 2014 a couple of members of the **De Soto Elks 689** held their 2nd Annual Backyard BBQ Grilling Competition. 100% proceeds benefited BackStoppers. 10 teams showed up to compete with each another in 4 different categories. Several of the local Fire Departments, Ambulance Districts, the De Soto Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and Missouri State Highway Patrol and 911 Dispatch joined us in the all day event. The total amount of the proceeds donated to BackStoppers was \$4800.00. We also donated a flag we had custom made for the BackStoppers organization. Next year it will be on Sept 26, 2015 at the De Soto Elks Lodge 689. For more information please feel free to contact us at [elks689backyardbbq@gmail.com](mailto:elks689backyardbbq@gmail.com)



**Festus-Crystal City #1721** received a Large Donation from the widow of one of their recent deceased members. She felt that "we should do something for the children" and we decided on new playground equipment.



With her donation and some specific help from some of our members we now have what we refer to as "The Tower." Her only request is that we install a Wishing Well and it is in the works as we speak.

## HIGH RIDGE ELKS #2455

made a donation of \$2056 on behalf of the VA-St. Louis HCS-JB division, to support the SCI Sports team. The money raised came from a Veterans' Day fundraiser held at the lodge.



Two Northwest School District schools have benefitted from generous donations from High Ridge Lodge. Exalted Ruler Pete Milanowski presented a check for \$500, to both Murphy Elementary and High Ridge Elementary. All money donated will go to help pay for new coats and shoes for students in need. The Northwest School district is proud to have a successful partnership with the High Ridge Elks to help improve the lives of students and the community.





Metro District Elks about to show support for veterans in the Veteran's Day Parade in downtown St. Louis, on November 8, 2014. Affton, Ellisville, Florissant, Manchester, St. Louis #9, St. Charles and Troy participated.



Diana Hughs – Tiler and Maria Tucci from Six String Hero’s pose with 8 Guitars

The **Ellisville Elks #2664**, with the use of the Freedom Grant, purchased 8 acoustic guitars for the Six String Hero’s Veterans Graduation Class, which helps Veterans cope with post-traumatic stress syndrome. The Ellisville Elks also provided a pizza dinner at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis for the Six String Hero’s Veterans Graduation Class.

### Metro East District Comedy and Talent Show Night

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, Metro East District held a Comedy and Talent Show at St. Charles Lodge # 690. Before the show, dinner was available. Food tasted great and the conversation with fellow Elks during dinner is always enjoyable. David Graham, the clean comedian performed rounds of laughter from the audience. Once David was completed with his performance, then the performance of Lodge members began. Karaoke singers who entered into the contest began singing in between others who sung. One member from each Lodge also was called up on stage to sing “I love this Lodge”. The winner of the karaoke was Dave Collier of St. Charles Lodge.



Pictured Metro East Comedy and Talent  
L: Comedian David Graham, Inner Guard Steve Still, Exalted Ruler Thomas Boulch, Director Bill De Larber, and District Vice President Chris Miller  
C: Inner Guard Steve Still congratulating Dave Collier of St. Charles Lodge as the winner of the Karaoke contest.  
R: Singing “I love this Lodge”: Darrell of Affton, Chris of Affton, Ron of Florissant, Casey of Troy, Bill of Affton, Julie of Ellisville, Andrea of St. Charles, and Carol of Manchester



Wow! What a year that **St Charles # 690 had!** We ended with our annual Trunk or Treat in October, and finally in December, we had photos with Santa and gift basket donations. This year we hosted over 200 children for the Trunk or Treat, over 30 children visited with Santa, and over 33 baskets were given for the holidays. As you can see by the photos, the kids enjoyed visiting with Santa at Lodge 690.

### Metro East District Scholarship Grading

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Metro East District Lodges came together at the Florissant Lodge to grade the scholarship applications. Each Lodge brought applications to be graded. Bill La Farber, Chairman welcomed all and tables were set up according to different areas which needed to be graded.

When the grading of the applications were complete, Florissant’s kitchen staff set out a wide variety of finger food that all could eat while waiting for the top nine applicants for male and female were being tabulated and announced.

At the end of the grading there were nine young men and nine young women moving onto the state grading later in the month.

	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female
Affton	2	1	Crestwood	3	2	Ellisville	1	
Florissant		1	Manchester	1	2	St. Charles		1
Troy	3	1						

District Lodge members diligently reviewing the different applications and grading them.





## Metro East Spring 2015



**Troy #2805** Brian, Chris Miller, Bill DeLarber, Ken Hooge, Tom DeGeare, Allen Harrell, Steve Still

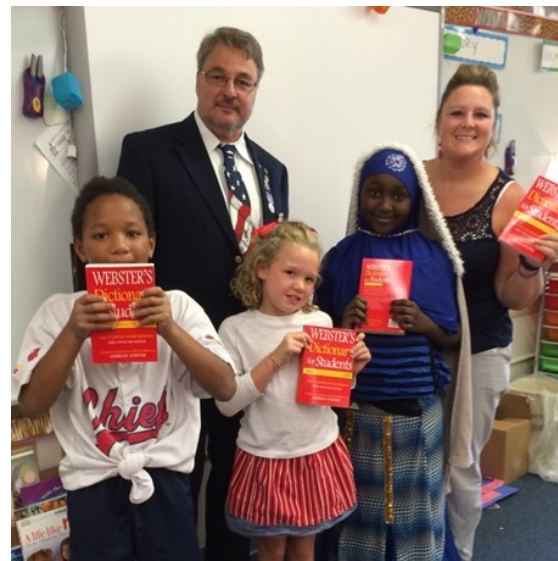


**Florissant #2316** Scott Frame, Steve Still, John DeLarber, Betsy, Brian, Dennis Struebing, Chris Miller, Tony Johns, Carol Meatte, Jeff Burke, Dan McBride

## Ellisville 2664



**STL #9** "Elks Metro District Golf Event Champions"



Left to right - Michael Deal, Marian Huessin, and Addyson Jones  
Second Row, Michael Polson (Exalted Ruler) and Teacher, Lacy Mensing



Left to right - Kory Robinson, Jenny Albright, and Bryce Clark  
Second Row, Teacher, Mrs. Theresa Meyer and Cis Russell (Leading Knight)



**Florissant #2316** ER Dennis Struebing, Brian and Tom Jackson,



## East Central Spring 2015

President Brian Crawford giving a helping hand at the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Potosi #2218** Christmas Auction.  
MEA Hoop Shoot Director Randy Eaton helps in the background



# Metro West Golf Tournament



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the District Golf Tourney raised money for the ENF & Benevolent Trust. Below VP John Rinehart presents the First Place trophy to Blue Springs #2509 members Bill Zachris, Greg Banefield, & Brett Micheal (not present was Richard Micheal) as District Golf Chairpersons Barbara & Dick Gunn look on.

Pin belongs to Richard Craft Farmington



**Lexington #749's** Annual Pancake Breakfast was once again a great success. With a total of 597 paid breakfasts and individually wrapped packages of their legendary sausage (1,112 lbs. total) sold, this fundraiser will go a long way to help fund their holiday charity events. Pictured below are pancake grill specialists Clarence (Kraut) Dothage and Herb Amor, and Dave Goodloe, Mike Hutchings and Jennifer Teichman Kerr greet people on the serving line.



## Kansas City Lodge #26 Purple Ball

### Past Exalted Rulers:

L - R Front row: Robert Porembski, Bob McGehee Jim Autry, Mike Grinnell, Jim Dougan (Grandview 2088), Paul Quirk, and Exalted Ruler, John West. Back Row L - R: Past Exalted Rulers Mike Seibolt, Danny Belzer and Jamie Joy Marlay.

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**Cass County Elks #2791** donated 15 turkeys to Hope



**Warrensburg #673** Warrensburg Home Coming Parade. We joined together with our Veterans Home and was able to get a bus full of Veterans to ride in the parade and a couple on their wheel chairs. It was a Beautiful Day to be in a Parade.



**The Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509** hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner and program honoring 217 Veterans and their guests. The program included a military tribute by the Grateful Americans Dance Troupe; opening and closing flag ceremony by the Kansas City Native American Honor Guard; presentation of a car to a deserving female veteran by Cars4Heroes and live entertainment during and after the meal by Double Down, an acoustic band from Jefferson City, MO. Several members of the **Osawatomie Elks Lodge #921** helped prepare and serve the meal. The Lodge was honored to have Colonel Don Ballard, a Congressional Medal of Honor Receptient, three WWII Veterans and several homeless veterans from St. Michael's Veterans Home in Kansas City attend the dinner. Door prizes, including a quilt donated by Quilts of Valor, were awarded. The event was made possible by a recent Freedom Grant.



## Northeast Spring 2015

### Washington #1559

Picking up **592** hides from Washington Elks Lodge #1559 – from left: President Brian Crawford, Lecturing Knight Eric Dobelmann, E.R. Nick Mueller, member Scott Halley, Hide Chairman Chuck Mudge, Adam Halley & member Mike Heimann

Right-Exalted Ruler Nick Mueller with Lecturing Knight Eric Dobelmann.



Feb 2nd, **Louisiana Elks Lodge #791** presented a check for \$1,000.00 towards the fund-raising effort of the Louisiana Fire Department for their thermal imaging camera. This is a necessary piece of equipment and quite costly. The City of Louisiana has pledged funding to match contributions up to \$6,000 which should meet the anticipated price tag of the equipment. Elks Care Elks Share. Pictured is Exalted Ruler Porter Elliott, LAFD Chief (and Elk member) Mike Lesley, Captain Philip Quatrochi, Captain (and Elk member) Mike Chidster and Leading Knight Robert Brown



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**Macon #999** front row left to right Lindsay Durham Chaplain, Bethany Butner Leading Knight, Stacy Stuart Treasurer, Stewart Humphrey Lecturing Knight, Joyce Gentry and Brian, John Barber Loyal knight, Cecil Arnett Trustee Chairman, second row Karen Chezum, Secretary, Sherry Coram Trustee, back row Kevin Brono from Warrenton, Steve Green, jefferson City, Jim Lyle Trustee Jerry Chezum, ER



### Hannibal #1198

Row 1 Rhonda Bruno- NE Dist VP, Lynn Shulse, Shirley O'Keefe, Becky Bramblett, Row 2 Klaus Stendebach, Donna Green, Joyce Gentry- NE Dist Director, Betsy & Brian Crawford - MO Pres. Gerald Mastin- ER, Mike Shulse, Dennis Bramblett, Cyndi Hummer, Row 3 Kevin Bruno, Steve Green-St. Chaplain, Linda Lockey- Chaplain, Tony Wieschhaus- Trustee, Terri Wieschhaus, Bill Kolb- Leading Knight, Howard Hawkins





**Brookfield Elks Lodge** had a Veterans Day celebration with free food and drink for all Veteran's. Those in attendance are pictured with VA and VFW Representatives who were there to offer services and the Lodge's Officers prior to their regular meeting featuring a Flag Retirement Ceremony.



### Maryville Elks Lodge #760

Left to Right: Martha Berry - NW Director, Mike Heimann - Administrative Assistant, President Brian Crawford, Bill Eckles - E.R., Brett White - Lodge Benevolent Trust Chairman, President Elect Duane Heldenbrand and First Lady Betsy Crawford



### Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088

is the only Lodge in the State of Missouri with three living Past State Presidents: Bill Gill, 1966-1967, Otto Sayles 2002-2003, and Richard Larkin, 2012-2013.

Bill Gill became an Elk in 1958 as a Charter Member of Lodge #2088 and is now a 56 year member. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1960-61, District Vice President of the Northwest District in 1963-64, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1964-65 and Missouri State President in 1966-67. Bill is the number 1 living Past President of the Missouri Elks Association. In all of these activities and through all of these years he has been accompanied, encouraged, and supported by his wife, Bunnie.

Otto Sayles became a member of Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge in 1985 and is in his thirtieth year as a member. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1990-91, District Vice-President of West Central District from 1995-96, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from 1999-2000 and President of the Missouri State Elks Association from 2002-03. For seven years he served as Chairman of the Missouri State Elks Association Youth Activities Committee. Otto also served on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee from 2005-2011, serving as the Chairman of the Committee for the last two of those years. He is presently the District Leader for the Metro West District of the Missouri Elks Association. During all of his time as an Elk he has been accompanied, encouraged, and supported by his wife, Arlene.

Richard Larkin, a forty-six year Elk, came into Elkdome in Las Cruces, New Mexico and came to Grandview-Hickman Mills in 1973. He is a three time Exalted Ruler of #2088: 1976-77, 1984-85, and 2002-03. He served as District Vice-President, 1980-81, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, 1983-84, and President of the Missouri Elks Association in 2013-14.

He served as Chairman of the Missouri Elks Association Softball Committee for 15 years and served on the State Golf Committee for many years. In his journey of service to Elkdome he has always been accompanied, supported and encouraged by his wife, Ruth.



Matt Roberts, Angie & Duane Heldenbrand, Brian, Ellis Shipley, Gary & Jackie Ballinger



Trenton #801  
Missouri Days Parade



Members of the **Trenton Elks #801** Presented red ribbons to the Rissler Elementary school as part of Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week promotes being drug free, with special events planned throughout the week. —Left front row James Chamberlain, Kaidence Griffith, Mylee Baker, Blake Bowers, Back— Gene Urich, Rissler counselors Terry Kristen, Leslie Woodard and Marty Winkler



"Martha Berry, Exalted Ruler of the **Chillicothe Elks Lodge # 656**, recently presented a \$1000 Donation to Bud Porter of Verelle Peniston School. This facility is for mentally and physically challenged students. Also pictured are a few of the students." Over 1000 gun and knife enthusiasts attended the 13th annual Chillicothe Elks Lodge # 656 Gun Show which was held on February 13, 14 and 15. The primary focus of this event is to raise funds for the scholarship program and for youth and veteran programs

### Metro West Spring 2015





**Arcadia Valley Lodge #2330** is located directly across the street from Fort Davidson. The Veterans committee fired up the grill and Elroy visited the park. The Civil War reenactment typically takes place every 3 years in September. An estimated 52,000 people were in attendance.



Exalted Ruler Jason Ledure

## Cape Girardeau #639

recently made a donation of \$4,800 to the Public Safety Foundation in Cape Girardeau. The donation was to assist the department in the purchase of locking gun racks for patrol cars in first response and active shooter situations.



**Farmington #2517**— DDGER Ricky Pyatt, Secretary Dan Stott, Tyler-Glenn Rickus, DDGER Auditor "Wink Rickus" enjoy fellowship following the last SE DD visit at Farmington. The back of Herbie's head is also featured.

## Fredericktown 2812



**Fredericktown Lodge #2812** received this years **Freedom Grant** to help local veterans. We looked around to find the best possible way to help our Veterans and came up with a "Home Improvement project". Our first recipient was Charlie Ellis (age 78). Charlie had 4 windows in the front of his home that needed to be replaced. After getting estimates and the materials Exalted Ruler Gordon Greer and Loyal Knight Tim Paumen went to work.

Left to Right at

## Sikeston Lodge

**#2319**, Southeast V.P. Ron Bollinger, Loyal Knight Dennis Mooneyhan, Trustee David Feters, E.R. Wayne Smith, President Brian Crawford, Leading Knight John Sampietro, Southeast Director Randy Northington, Jason and Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann.

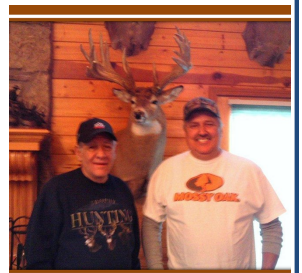


**Fredericktown Lodge #2812** was able to equip the Fredericktown Elks Athletic Field with goal posts in time for the season to start. We were able to purchase 2 goal posts and another set of bleachers for the field so that our city teams are able to have their own field to practice and compete on. We used our Gratitude Grant to make this happen. Our next goal is to have a sign in place that one of our members has donated. We will present it to the City when it is finished.

Jim Hahn, PGE/PSP, Dream Hunt Chairman for **Mineral Area Lodge #2583** is shown greeting Dream Hunt Winner Kit Grimes from Oldfield, Missouri at Oak Creek Whitetail Ranch, Bland Missouri.

The Lodge raised over \$4,300 with the Deer Hunt raffle. Kit and his wife won a three day hunt with four nights of Lodging at Oak Creek. Oak Creek owner, Donald Hill worked closely with the Lodge and became personally involved in the Elks Veteran Leather Program.

Donald offered to the Elks, excess deer and Elk hides not used by clients in mounting their trophies. As of December 4th, the day of Kits hunt, a total of over 50 hides had been donated. Pictured is Kit with his buck taken the first evening of the hunt. Kit was very proud of his mainframe ten pointer which also carried five non-typical points.





# Southeast Spring 2015



**Cape Girardeau #639** Cape Girardeau Leading Night Paul Ledure, PSP Jim Hahn, Southeast District Marshal and Cape Girardeau E.R. Jason Ledure, PSP Skip Bell, State Chaplain Steve Green, Southeast V.P. Ron Bollinger, State President Brian Crawford, Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, Past Administrative Assistant Steve Reed, Lodge Trustee Percy Mangles, Southeast Director Randy Northington and Lodge Trustee Roger Lang



This \$740 check presented to UCAN on January 21, 2015 was collected at the 2nd Annual W.C. Porter Memorial Golf Tournament. The tournament was hosted by the **Poplar Bluff Elks Lodge #2452**. Proceeds from tournament will be used for local scholarships. Thank you to al the golfers for being so generous that day!

Left to right: Keith Porter, Melody Malloy, UCAN, Brenda Hayes, Secretary, Jeanne Porter, and Todd Bess



**Jackson Lodge #2426** Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, Southeast V.P. Ron Bollinger, Southeast State Marshal Jason Ledure, State Chaplain Steve Green, First Lady Betsy Crawford, President Brian Crawford, Lodge E.R. Doug James, Lodge Loyal Knight James Boyer, Lodge Lecturing Knight Kim Anello and Lodge Secretary Sherry Farris



## Perryville Lodge #2701

L to R, PSP Jim Hahn, Southeast V.P. Ron Bollinger, State Chaplain Steve Green, Lodge Leading Knight Jim Martin, President Brian Crawford, Southeast Director Randy Northington, Lodge E.R. Bonnie Schnurbusch, Lodge Loyal Knight Keith Welker, State Marshal Jason Ledure, Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann and PSP Skip Bell



**Arcadia Valley #2330** The Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant funded our Coats for Kids program again in 2014. Gloria Lowery and Tracie Vance Shopped for our coats for kids. Joy Clarkson and Gloria Lewis distributed the Coats to Arcadia Valley, Bellevue, Lesterville and The South Iron schools.

The \$2000 check was received because the members of our lodge donated to the Elks National Foundation and met the Grand Exalted Rulers \$4.60 Goal.



**The Southeast District is the largest District in the Missouri Elks Association. It boasts a membership of 5575. The Southeast District also has four Past State Presidents. Jim Hahn-Mineral Area, Roland Seal-Mineral Area, Roger Triplett-Dexter, Skip Bell-Arcadia Valley**





Local Elks lodge recently joined forces with bikers, golfers and representatives from a nonprofit to make Christmas brighter for 40 youngsters. Members of **Elks Lodge 2505 in Kimberling City** were joined by members of Freedom of the Road Riders, golfers and representatives from Kimberling City-based Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake to provide toys and Christmas baskets for 40 children and their families. About 24 families were served. Members of FORR collected toys and money to support the effort. Local golfers aided the project by participating in a fundraising Elks golf tournament. Representatives from Christian Associates also helped make the project possible. Elks members gave money, went shopping to buy toys and clothing, wrapped gifts, and then packed presents and donated food into Christmas baskets that were distributed last weekend to almost two dozen local families.



On Friday, Jan 2, 2015, **Joplin Lodge #501** started the New Year by hosting a blood drive. "This is one way to show Joplin that 'Elks Care, Elks Share' is more than a motto, it is a way of life" said Don Cook, PER and SW District Blood Drive chairman. The Ladies of the Elks provided support in the form of cookies, drinks, and warm smiles for all who gave of their time to donate blood. The Joplin Lodge met the goal of 10 pints.



In December Gene Gilbreath **Springfield Lodge #409** returned to Belgium with some of his ww2 Pals. They visited places they had been before. This photo was taken about a 100 feet from where Gene was wounded, in Nonille Belgium, on Jan 5th 1945.

L to R Bobby Bowden retired football coach Fla State, Bobby Izuma served with the 442nd battalion in Italy, Gene and Tommy Bouden a coach in the Southeast Conference



### Just Say No to Drugs Kids Fishing Tournament

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual would you believe, hosted by the Forsyth Bass Club and the **Lake Taneycomo Elks Lodge #2597**. Time goes fast when you're having fun and fun is what about 35 children and over 50 Forsyth Bass Club, Lake Taneycomo Elks Lodge members, parents, grandparents and great grandparents had May 29<sup>th</sup> at Gerald Pagans pond.

The kids started arriving about 8:30 and were furnished with rods and reels, night crawlers and assistance when needed. They immediately began catching fish thanks to the stocking by the Missouri Department of Conservation. In fact we even had officers Bucky Nofsinger and Dan Akins there to offer assistance.

While the kids were catching bass up to 16 inches, catfish up to 18 ½ inches and many bluegill Buck Saltzman and Gerald Pagan had fired up the grill and had hot dogs, hamburgers with all the fixings ready for everyone about 11:30. Everyone enjoyed their lunch and thanks to McDonalds everyone had drinks.

After lunch a prize drawing was held with prizes, from money to fishing equipment being given to those lucky winners. Each of the children received a trophy plus a bag containing

**"Just Say No to Drugs" from Elks DA program, literature, tackle items and fishing information from the Conservation Department. Everyone agreed fishing was more fun than doing drugs.**



**Christian County Elks #2777** sponsored a family for Christmas who was not going to be able to buy presents for their girls in Ozark, MO. At the last minute, members came together to bring a nice dinner and gifts for the girls. About \$300.00 in food, gifts and gift cards were given to a family of six.

In addition, the Christian County Elks bought gifts totaling over \$400.00 for twenty Veterans from the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home. They were thrilled with their gifts and our thoughtfulness.

For our lodge's ENF project we brought in Kenny Parrott, Branson's Entertainer of the Year, to entertain members and guests. We served 85 steaks and made a substantial amount of money to benefit ENF. We do this annually. Kenny volunteers his time and talent to help us achieve our ENF goals.





## Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705

located in Laurie, MO visited the St. James Veterans Home on Friday, Dec 19th. Every year during the holiday season the Veterans Committee delivers decorated Christmas cookies to both St. James and Warrensburg Veterans homes. Along with the cookies the Lodge Veterans Committee donates \$500 per home for their special needs veterans. During 2015, the Veterans Committee will continue to visit each veterans home providing pizza parties, chili lunches, ice cream socials, and bbq's. Pictured at St. James from l to r: George Wallace (Committee Member), Karen Malone (St. James Veterans Home, Recreational Therapist II), Gene Rasmussen (Committee Chairman), Shirley Rundall and Frank Scarpino (Committee Members).

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## West Central Spring 2015



**Clinton Lodge #1034** donates money each year to local elementary school so the children can receive milk in the afternoon. Clinton Lodge has been donating to this cause for the last 13 years. Money for this project is raised thru a youth auction held each year on the last Saturday in March.

Pictured L to R David Cummings PER Sherri Swope – Principal Henry Elementary School, Ron Shanks – Exalted Ruler



## Greenview #2857

The Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 recently held a Horseshoe Tournament to benefit the Veterans Fund. Thanks to all who attended. Pictured left to right are 1st place winners, Virgil Bevans, Exalted Ruler and Randy Swim, Trustee.

The Greenview Elks, Mo. Lodge No. 2857 recently donated \$300 to West Central Missouri Veterans Assistance League to benefit the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg, Mo. Members Jerry and Dee Hamman pictured right are shown presenting check to Latisha Koetting, Volunteer Services, Warrensburg, on left.



Lake of the Ozarks Elks Lodge 2517 members Carol & Bill Perkins, Sue & Wayne Doornbosch, Nancy Sappington, and Gregg Masters built this rocking motorcycle for the Veterans raffle. The motorcycle was raffled off at the Bikefest held in Osage Beach on Sept.



Elks Police Officer of the Year Awards **Nevada #564** L-R Blaine Diehl - West Central VP, *Graham Burnley – Police Chief Nevada PD*, Stephon Krohn – Nevada ER, President Brian Crawford, Josh Westerhold – *Detective, Elks Police officer of the year*, First Lady Betsy Crawford, *Steve Bastow - Sergeant Nevada PDt, Elk officer of the year 2012*, Administrative Assistant Mike Heimann, wife of Mike Heimann – Cindy, West Central District Director Kathy Baron



**Clinton #1034** hosted State President Crawford & Betsy on Valentine's Day and treated their party to a murder mystery dinner theatre. The crowd received an evening of laughs and fun at the expense of Brian & Betsy. This was the 15<sup>th</sup> dinner theater Clinton has produced with westerns, gangsters, laugh-in, Hee-haw, Saturday night live, Hawaiian luau, cop shops, radio shows to hillbillies

Cast of Murder at the Elks Caliber Casino & Hotel in honor of State President Brian & First Lady Betsy Crawford. Pictured L to R: Steve Cummings, Brad Combs, Steven Harvey, Ann Mccalmon, Emily Nance, Travis Bartlett aka "Brian Crawford", Kami McClendon aka "Betsy Crawford", Back Row: Kent Batschelett, Julia Stone, Jeff Stone, Susan Kaiser, John McClendon, Aaron Nance, Zac Maggi, Susan Atkinson & Kenny Kaiser