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## Ronald L. Hicks

was installed as the Elks Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, on July, 9th 2015.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation for the faith and trust you have placed in me to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler.

It is indeed my honor and privilege to accept this role and my desire to show that your confidence has not been misplaced. As Nancy and I travel our great country, visit your Lodges, and attend your State Association meetings, we know we will be inspired to hear about your many acts of kindness, charity and brotherly love. It is our hope that we can return the favor by inspiring you to build on those endeavors in order to accomplish even more in the name of Elksdom.



State President Duane Hedenbrand with wife Angie and daughters Kristen and Gillian.

More Indianapolis National Elks Convention inside as well as in the EShozem!

## Hello Missouri Elks,

As I write this article I look outside and the sun is shining and the weather is perfect. Schools are getting back in session and folks are finishing up their summer activities. Hopefully all is well with you and your local lodges.

Soon the Labor Day Weekend will be celebrated throughout our Nation. As the members of our State Association make their plans to enjoy this holiday, I would ask everyone to reflect on the hard work your lodges have done up to this point in our fraternal year. Reflect on the accomplishments and rewards of planning and performing the good works our Order is known for in our communities. Think about the hours spent setting up a back-to-school shopping event for those children who would have otherwise not new clothes to wear the first day of school. Call to mind the effort put forth to set up those trips for our Veterans, to the memorials, the dinners, the outings. The time and energy to make sure the kids Fishing Derby's, or the Easter Egg Hunts, or the hundred other activities held, went off without a hitch.

All the things the lodges do in our great state, I just ask the members and officers of the local lodges and State Association to remember, all we do is a labor. It's a labor to improve the town and cities we live in. It's a labor to help those less fortunate than ourselves. It's a labor to help shape the future of our state and our nation. It's a labor of love for us all.

As Angie and I have travelled the state with Charlie and Rachelle, we've been so very fortunate. The lodges that we have made visits to so far have welcomed us with smiles and open arms. I can only hope the next part of the year can be as wonderful. To those lodges we've visited I say thank you. To those we haven't, we'll see you soon.

Again, I say thank you. All the officers serving in our great Association are second to none and it is truly an honor and a blessing to be laboring alongside them.



Fraternally,  
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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

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  
Cameron #2615  
Milan #2619  
Excelsior Springs  
#1001

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

METRO WEST

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

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

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



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Arcadia Valley #2330 Cape Girardeau #639

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Lake Taneycomo #2597 Webb City #861

WEST CENTRAL

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ROBERT TODD 1983-84  
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JAMES HAHN 1991-92  
MARC BECKMAN 1992-93  
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HARRY HENNEMANN 1996-97  
ROLAND A. SEAL 1998-99  
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OTTO SAYLES 2002-2003  
MIKE HAYES 2003-2004  
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CARROLL SCHLEETER 2006-2007  
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TOM SHELTON 2011-2012  
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RICH LARKIN 2013-2014  
Brian Crawford 2014-2015





## Shozem Missouri Elks Magazine

We are blessed to have a lot of very talented people within our districts and Lodges who make Shozem submissions.

Please send pictures with your articles to the district Editors listed on this page. You may also send them to me directly.

This year there are many extras in the EShozem. To get in the EShozem just send an email with add me in the subject line to shozem2@gmail.com. This years EShozem has lots of pictures, complete golf results and many other things.

In the first year since I have been editor I submitted our magazine to the Grand Lodge State bulletin contest where we received a four star rating.

I hope you continue to enjoy the Shozem and when people come in to your Lodge -tell them to take them home, especially new candidates and potential members. Seeing our good works in the magazine could be a good membership tool.

Thank you for your support as always-Bud Clarkson MEA Shozem.

### Grand Lodge Bulletin—Contest I results

2014-15 Results-Grand Lodge Bulletin Contest I for the top Elks State Associations publications.

The **Five Star** winners are: Florida, New Mexico, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Kansas and Kentucky.

**Four Star** Award winners are **Missouri (Shozem)**, Georgia and Louisiana.

**Three Star** Award winners are Maryland, Delaware, D. C., and Virginia.

**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. This year as every year lodge secretaries are facing new challenges. With a late start to our annual audit it made this years audit difficult. Each Lodge should have received by now a report from audit committee chairman Richard Techau explaining some your lodge problems. Next year we will be required to change our accounting system to one with Universal accounting codes supplied by the Grand Lodge. All of this information is in the auditing and accounting manual. Learn more about this during the CLMS training session.



Have a problem? Call Frank or Bud or look for your District CLMS District chair-person in the MEA directory available at the elks.org website.

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## 2015-2016 District Deputy's



### Missouri District Deputies sworn in at Indianapolis National Convention 2015

Your Missouri District Deputies for the 2015-2016 Lodge are from left to right: Southwest District, Nathan Brooks, Southeast District, Bud Clarkson, Metro East District Joe McCarthy, Northwest District, Dennis Cannell, East Central District Selena Lambrich, Northeast District Randy Pringer, West Central District Sharon Simpson. Unable to attend Metro West District Mike Grinnell.

Membership Don Kantouth				Missouri April 1 2015		29,633	
EAST CENTRAL	5234	METRO EAST	2158	METRO WEST	2609	Northwest	2319
De Soto #689	758	St. Louis #9	271	Kansas City #26	353	Chillicothe #656	453
Festus-Crystal City #1721	1512	St. Charles #690	194	Warrensburg #673	276	Maryville #760	390
Potosi #2218	414	Manchester #2058	134	Lexington #749	210	Trenton #801	215
Meramec –Arnold #2372	425	Florissant #2316	373	Kansas City North #2376	292	Brookfield #874	457
High Ridge #2455	350	Crestwood #2503	386	Blue Springs #2509	896	Cameron #2615	212
Eureka-Pacific #2644	447	Affton #2635	450	Cass County #2791	313	Milan #2619	267
Ste. Genevieve #2674	619	Ellisville #2664	134	Grandview Hickman Mills	269	Excelsior Springs #1001	325
Cedar Hill #2678	207	Troy #2805	216	#2088			
Oakville #2726	502						
NORTHEAST	4555	SOUTHEAST	5488	West Central	4075	Southwest	3195
Jefferson City #513	713	Cape Girardeau #639	1014	Sedalia #125	244	Springfield #409	1138
Columbia #594	590	Farmington #1765	1004	Nevada #564	647	Joplin #501	720
Louisiana #791	356	Chaffee #1810	345	Clinton #1034	788	Webb City #861	168
Mexico #919	204	Sikeston #2319	632	Lake of Ozarks #2517	650	West Plains #2418	318
Macon 999	200	Arcadia Valley #2330	440	Bates County #2653	132	Rolla #2461	82
Hannibal #1198	194	Dexter #2439	653	Osage Community #2705	862	Kimberling City #2505	343
Washington #1559	1110	Poplar Bluff #2452	334	Benton County #2783	163	Alton-Thayer #2545	52
O’Fallon #2587	441	Mineral Area #2583	261	Lamar #2800	117	Lebanon #2557	129
St. Clair #2651	434	Jackson #2652	305	Bolivar #2828	134	Lake Taneycomo #2597	94
Warrenton #2662	313	Perryville #2701	440	Greenview #2857	166	Christian County #2777	151
		Fredericktown #2812	60	Lake Stockton #2858	131	Adrian #2864	41

District Membership	
Southeast	5488
East Central	5234
Northeast	4555
West Central	4075
Southwest	3195
Metro West	2609
Northwest	2319
Metro East	2158

### Lodge Membership

Festus-Crystal City	1512
Springfield	1138
Washington	1110
Cape Girardeau	1014
Farmington	1004
Blue Springs	896
Osage Community	862
Adrian	41

## Blue Springs— MO Ritual Champions Finish 3rd in the National Championships



National Individual Ritual Champions 2015  
**Blue Springs #2509** Ritual Team (Center)  
 Back row- Coach: Ron Westerhold, Leading Knight: Shawn Stark, Candidate: Lisa Shaw, ER: Doug Jordan, Lecturing knight: Bob McCollough, Coach: Kevin Billups Front Row- Chaplain: Tom Henderson, Loyal Knight: Sharon Henessey-Balmer, Inner Guard: Debby Aliff, Esquire: Curt Zollars

At the 2015 National Convention Ritual Contest Blue Springs finished third overall and second in the Western Division. This is the highest any Missouri team has ever finished. Loyal Knight Sharon Henessey-Balmer made the All-American Team scoring the most points at the Leading Knight position

Kurt Zollars, Esquire and Tom Henderson, Chaplain, were both runners up for individual honors in the All American competition.  
 (Picture 3)  
 Blue Springs Loyal Knight All American Sharon Henessey-Balmer with John Hetzel - Area 5 Ritual Chairman





# Drug Awareness

**A note to all Drug Awareness Chairs**, if you are not reporting your events to your District Chair and State Chair, National Drug Awareness doesn't know they happened.

If National doesn't know about our efforts, it is going to be difficult to continue to get D.A.P. materials from them.

We are hurting ourselves by not reporting!!!! **Lodge Chairs, ask your Secretary for help in getting your events reported properly into CLMS.**

## National All American Lodge Contest

**1st Place Division 3-Columbia 594**

**3rd Place Division 4- Blue Springs 2509**



Marc Beckman after 21 years has retired. Marc has done a fantastic job as Director and the Missouri Elks Association thanks him for his years of service. Marc has been instrumental in getting me up to speed as your new Director and I thank him for that.

What a rewarding experience it was to represent our state's major project booth at the National Conven-

tion in Indianapolis this past July. The Benevolent Trust mobile dental lab is a unique program that no other state comes close in comparison. All who stopped at our booth to talk commended us for the program and the work we do. Hold your heads high Missouri, we are special.

Last year, as a state, we were unable to meet our per capita goal of \$4.50 by obtaining only \$4.32 per capita. I congratulate those Lodges who exceeded our \$4.50 per capita commitment. I know with a little more commitment by each Lodge's Benevolent Trust representative and officers all Lodge's will surpass their \$4.50 goal.

Four months into this year we as a state are at \$1.48 per capita. Up-to-date district per capita is as follows:

Northeast	\$1.66
East Central	\$1.88
Metro East	\$2.35
Southeast	\$.61
Northwest	\$.38
Metro West	\$3.30
West Central	\$1.64
Southwest	\$.62



## ESSAY & POSTER CONTESTS 2015-2016

**THEME – JUST DON'T DO IT!!!!**

**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 preferred). 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 (close to theme), **not** depict any copywrited character or trade marks, **EXCEPT** for **Elroy!** Need name, age, grade, home address, name of their school & name of sponsoring Lodge on back of 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, 2016**

To **District by Feb. 15, 2016** to **State by March 01, 2016**

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!!!**

# Benevolent Trust

Donations and yearly pledges to the Benevolent Trust give us most of the funds to perform an important part in our perpetual income to the fund. I encourage all Lodges to utilize other means to raise funds for the trust; BBQs, 50/50 Raffles, Silent Auctions or other special events are just a few ideas. All funds each Lodge gives to the Benevolent Trust goes to the respective Lodge's per capita.

To date, Missouri Elks have given over \$232,000 to operate the dental labs. Dr. Beck and his dental assistants have seen over 800 patients and administered almost 8,000 procedures. If the dental lab is in your area stop by and talk with Dr. Beck and staff and show your appreciation for what they do.

As you can see by the smiling face of Richard Roberts, one of our dental lab patients, he is very happy for his dental care. Dr. Beck talks about the smiles of gratitude by the patients and families.

Let us all make this a great year of giving to the Benevolent Trust so we can smile with them.

Brian Crawford, Director  
Missouri Benevolent Trust





# Missouri Elks Hoop Shoot

Results of the 2014-2015 Missouri State Hoop Shoot are as follows:

- 8-9 Girl Korrie Holcer from Brookfield Lodge
- 8-9 Boy Kade Heinemeir from Meramec Arnold
- 10-11 Girl Kiera Holcer from Brookfield Lodge
- 10-11 Boy Brock Lucas from Lake of the Ozarks Lodge
- 12-13 Girl Morgan Mahan from West Plains Lodge
- 12-13 Boy William McDonald from Springfield Lodge

These six traveled to Paris TN for Regional Hoop Shoot. Two of them, Korrie Holcer and William McDonald won the respective age groups. They shot at the National Hoop Shoot April 18. William tied for first place and lost in the shoot out. Korrie Holcer did not place.



## MEA Bass Tournament



### Prize Money Big Bass

Greg West-Warren Botl	Lake of the Ozarks	6.15 Lbs
Brian Hutson-Jeff Johnson	Farmington	5.35 Lbs
Ron Rupe-Larry Mowry	Osage Community	5.34 Lbs

### Total Weight

Chris Larkins-Larry Hastings	Farmington	6 Fish	23.34 Lbs
Greg West-Warren Botl	Lake of the Ozarks	6 Fish	20.64 Lbs
Randy Forsythe-Chris Tucker	Farmington	6 Fish	19.93 Lbs

Complete Results EShozem





# MEA State Golf and Softball



Check out complete scoring in the EShozem. Place this link in your address bar or click this link in EShozem for more great Pix  
<https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B095idkMwGONcS1>

Garrett Smith and Adam Cummings on Clinton #1034 winner of the Meadow Lake Country Club portion of the tournament  
 (Center)



**Champions Festus/Crystal City Lodge #1721** Front Left: Rod Vaughn, Fred Lewis, Chris Bovha, Tyler Bates, Justin Vaughn Row 2: Mark Earls, Mike Edwards, Jesse Pigg, David Lucas, Brent Nanney Back: Don Higginbotham, Gary Thomas, James Lewis, David Freiner, Ryan Good, David Pierce



**2nd Place Desoto Lodge #689** Front Left: Rich Charboneau, Josh Aylesworth, Elliot Kite, Tim Davis Row 2: Cabe Stearns, Gary Wood, Brad Juliette, Graham Boynton, Brian Brown Row 3: Brian Duepner



**Homerun Derby Winner: David Peirce** (left) being presented trophy by State Softball Chairman, Nickolas Mueller.



President Heldenbrand's first pitch of the 2015 Missouri State Soft-

**Missouri Elks Association**  
 Left: Pat Dierker-State Treasurer; John Gross-President Elect; Duane Heldenbrand-State President; Nick Mueller-State Softball Chairperson; Joyce Gentry-N.E.District Vice-President; Steve Green-N.E. District Director; Matt Wideman-N.E. District Sargent of Arms; Charlie Carroll-Administrative Assistant

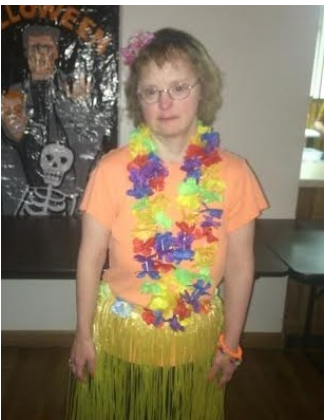




# Metro West Fall 2015



**Cass County #2791** Youth Fishing Derby Winner's, Outstanding Angler's ( Destiny Knowes, Keara Mattingley, Jeffery Wiles Sabastian Blakes ) Largest Fish ( BriellaGould, Camdyn Williams, Chase Gaunt, Keara Mattingley ) Smallest Fish ( Lilly Knowes, Jadden Fellors, Piper Foreman, Isaiah Nieto ). The I POD Raffle went to Evan Kim. The program was conducted by Youth Director "BJ Brown" & the Youth Committee and 25 Elk volunteer's that made it a success



## Warrensburg #673

Special Needs Dance-Flag Day Ceremony

The **ESHOZEM** adds many more pages to the Shozem Magazine.

This month I had almost 20 emails come back with bad addresses.

If you are not receiving the EShozem and would like to.. please send an email to [shozem2@gmail.com](mailto:shozem2@gmail.com) and put "add me" in the subject line .

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT	HCP	NET
Championship	448	453	371	549	182	574	343	149	378	3447	428	366	218	415	602	203	396	368	575	3571	7018		
Men's	413	431	352	525	171	560	315	141	368	3286	396	332	195	357	585	177	367	348	560	3317	6933		
Executive	369	403	309	490	163	512	285	136	358	3025	347	317	149	343	541	147	348	298	539	3046	6085		
Men's Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	36	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	36	72		
Men's Handicap	9	1	13	7	5	3	15	17	11		2	18	8	12	14	10	6	16	4				
Larry	5	5	5	3	6	3	3	4	4	40	4	6	3	5	5	3	4	5	6	43	83		
Jim	6	5	4	6	2	5	3	3	7	38	4	4	4	5	3	4	6	4	3	36	76		
Joe	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
Time Allowed for Hole	:15	:15	:15	:18	:12	:18	:15	:12	:15	2:15	:15	:15	:12	:15	:18	:12	:15	:15	:18	2:15	4:30		
Mike	5	7	5	5	6	3	6	4	4	6	5	6	4	5	5	6	7	6	6	47	93		
Mike	5	5	5	5	4	7	4	3	6	4	4	5	5	6	4	5	7	4	5	7	4		
Forward Tees	313	350	286	451	132	475	250	131	330	2718	302	299	137	326	482	115	302	279	499	2743	5461		
Ladies' Par	4	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	36	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	36	72		
Ladies' Hdp	9	1	13	7	5	3	15	17	11		2	18	8	12	14	10	6	16	4				

# Nation Veterans Service Commission



## Missouri Metro West District #4790.

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> Re-Creation rolled into the Drury Inn Stadium, right across the street from Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs.

Ten days prior, Mary Wright, the coordinator for Re-Creation called PSP Harry Hennemann, our National Veterans Service Commission, State Chairman and told him the group Re-Creation would be coming to the Kansas City area. Mr. Hennemann gave her the names of the VAVS to the Kansas City Veterans Hospital and the VAVS of the Warrensburg Missouri Veterans Home. She asked if the Elks could make overnight arrangements for the group both in Kansas City and their next stop Warrensburg Missouri.

We, the Metro West Elks # 4790 jumped at the opportunity. Knowing these young men and woman travel the United States, donating one year of their young lives, at no pay, performing at Veterans homes and Veterans hospitals.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> we escorted the group to the Kansas City Veterans Hospital where they performed, singing patriotic music, in full costume, in hospital hall ways and patient rooms. They were well received by not only patients, but nurses, doctors, med-students and administrators. Afterwards we took them to Kansas City lodge # 26 where lodge and District Elks prepared and served lunch. We said our good buys, and they were off to Warrensburg Missouri Veterans Home, by way of Warrensburg lodge # 673, to perform the following day May 5<sup>th</sup>.

We were be-dazzled by their professionalism, patriotic enthusiasm and dedication to our veterans. Thank you for the opportunity to serve those who serve our veterans. We are the seven lodges that make up the Missouri Metro West District #4790.

## EXTRA SPORTS NEWS

In an unprecedented event, KC Northland #2376 Elk, Mike Michalski finally bested golf buddy & NKC Elk, Mike Smith. Good job Mike M!





## Metro West District Fall 2015



**Grandview Hickman Mills Lodge #2088** held a St. Patrick's Day benefit dinner for the Kansas City chapter of the Honor Flight Network. This group is dedicated to flying our American Veteran heroes to their memorials as a tribute to their service and sacrifice. Due to the generous donations of the Lodge members, two WWII Veterans will be flown to Washington DC. While in our nation's capital these veteran heroes see many sights including WW II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial and the Vietnam Memorial. Arlington National Cemetery, Marine Corps War Memorial, Air Force Memorial and a driving tour of downtown Washington D.C.



**Kansas City #26** makes an annual visit to Mt. Washington Cemetery in Independence, MO. There is an Elks Rest with numerous Elks interred in a large block of graves. This particular monument had a brass or copper full sized Elk on top, which was stolen many years ago.



On June 12<sup>th</sup>, **Lexington Lodge #749** sponsored the Lafayette County Enterprises Spring picnic at Fairground Park in Higginsville. Employees enjoyed the food provided by the Elks members, t-shirt tie-dye, and games which made for a well deserved day of fun at the park.



**Blue Springs 2509** The Lodge hosted a benefit breakfast for our combat-wounded during the High Five Tour 2015 "Mobility is Freedom" visit to Kansas City. In partnership with the Wounded Warrior Family Support program and the Greater Kansas City Mustang Club, the support breakfast was free to all guests with a military or Veteran's ID; non-military guests were asked to make a \$5.00 donation for the breakfast with all proceeds going to Wounded Warrior Family Support program. . Approximately 200 people attended the event and over \$2,500.00 was raised and donated to the Wounded Warrior Family Support Program.



As background, the High Five Tour 2015 "Mobility is Freedom," Wounded Warriors Family Support program provides Ford Explorers and F-150 trucks which have been be specially equipped for the mobility of the Combat Warrior and their special needs. The program aims to give wounded veterans added freedom and independence to live productive and quality lives with their families. Guests were invited to sign messages of gratitude on the vehicles on display during the event. Following the event, several Elk members met with retired Marine Col. John Folsom, founder of Wounded Warriors Family Support program.

Several members of the Lodge volunteered at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, MO during the Memorial Day Weekend Celebration. In addition to greeting visitors to the memorial, volunteers assisted guests with locating names of those engraved on the Vietnam Traveling Wall, helping with getting rubbings of names, and encouraging visitors to learn more about Veteran services and resource from the military-related vendors on site.





1st Place in the De Soto 4th of July Parade - Ladies Auxiliary and **DeSoto Elks Lodge 689**. We were able to salvage the hand-made float and store it for the Veteran's Day Parade in De Soto. .

# EAST CENTRAL BLOOD DRIVE

Potosi Elks	-----18 Pints
Desoto Elks	-----36 Pints
Festus Elks	-----97 Pints
Eureka Elks	-----55 pints
Oakville Elks	----- 16 pints
Cedar Hill Elks	-----14 Pints
High Ridge Elks	-----38 Pints
Meramec Arnold Elks	-----88 Pints
St. Gen Elks	----- 0 Pints

( No blood drive yet)



# East Central District Fall



**Eureka Pacific Lodge #2644** held a BBQ, raffle and silent auction that raised and donated over \$ 20,000 to be split between Camp Hope (a retreat for combat wounded veterans) and Focus Marine Foundation ( retreats with programs for wounded Iraq and Afghanistan Navy and Marine veterans to help them transition back to civilian life). Left to right in the picture are Dave Jeffries Veterans committee member, Tom Iglesias Chairman of The Focus Marine Foundation , ER Jim Wall, Jeff Valle board of Directors Camp Hope and Mike Stocker Veterans committee member



Boy Scouts help commemorate Flag Day at **High Ridge #2455**

The 'TRADITION' continued as the **East Central Missouri District** Elks held their annual golf tournament at Ste. Genevieve Golf Course Saturday, June 6. Sixty-one 3 person teams participated on a bright, sunny day in the Ste. Genevieve area.

Present was Marc Beckman from St. Clair Lodge #2651, Benevolent Trust Director for the past 21 yrs. All Missouri Elks extend many thanks to Marc and his wife Diane for their many sacrifices and dedication over the years and congratulations for a job well done. The current Director of the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, Brian Crawford, Jefferson City #513 was introduced for comments appropriate to all participating in the event. Brian also played in the golf tournament with a team from Jefferson City.

The National Anthem was played by Ray Dierker from Oakville #2726 and John Devous, Cedar Hill #2678, Vice President of the East Central district kicked the event off by hitting the first ball off the No. 1 tee.

The golf tournament wrapped-up around 3:30 p.m. and was followed by announcements of the 50-50 raffle winners, along with a silent auction. The event concluded with the presentations of special contest hole awards and flight awards going to the top four places in seven flights. Tournament results are in the EShozem.

Proceeds of \$12,000 from the East Central Missouri Elks Golf Tournament are directed toward the state major project Benevolent Trust. Donations help fund Mobile Dental Units that provide dental care for children and adults throughout the state who otherwise could not afford such care.



**Festus #1721** Recently awarded nineteen scholarships to students from Jefferson County High Schools. Each for \$1,000.00 L-R. Allison Cruts, April Baum, Caitlyn Persch, Cody Charleville, Doran Grieshaber, John D. Stuart (Scholarship Chairman), Carolyn White, McKinzey Roney, Taylor Picarella, Ashley Bardol, and Tori McClanahan. Recipients not pictured are: David Wilcoxen, Madison Lewis, Clayton Harris, Rose Meyer, Maureen Dix, Tanner Laiben, Dakota Robbins, Ethan Reando, and Ryan Ocha

# Festus-Crystal City #1721 4th of July





## Metro East District Fall 2015



On the 4th of July, the **Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664** incorporated our best fundraiser at Bluebird Park into an Americanism event as well. We handed out American Flags to customers that stopped at our booth to purchase funnel cakes, hot dogs, and brats. Afterwards, we all enjoyed a great fireworks display.



On May 30<sup>th</sup>, **Ellisville #2664** barbequed for the St. James Veteran's Home, where we cooked and served brats, pork steaks, and hot dogs to seventy veterans. During our visit a special gift, a Marine flight jacket, was presented to veteran Joe Cawley from the Ellisville Elks Trustee, Mike St Onge. In addition, we handed out "goodie bags" to all the Veterans, with socks, t-shirts, books and magazines. All of this was made possible with the help of our Gratitude Grant and donations from our membership.



**Manchester Lodge #2058** held its annual *Back to School Shop with a Cop* program on Saturday, August 23. Ten children were invited to participate; they came to the Lodge for breakfast, went shopping with their St. Louis County Police Officers, and came back to the Lodge for lunch, and to show everyone what they'd bought for the new school year.



### Troy #2805 Project Dare



### Troy Lodge # 2805

sponsors Project Dare.

Pictured on the left are graduates of the program.

The program is led in part by MEA Drug Awareness Chairman Charles Smith.



President Duane Hel-denbrand , Metro East Vice President Bill De Larber, Director Steve Still, Missouri Elks Association State Tiler, John Isreal and Administrative Assistant Charlie Carroll with the officers of **Crestwood Lodge 2503** @the Testicle festival







### Ellisville 2664 Easter Egg Hunt

The Ellisville Elks held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. It was a beautiful day, and we had 40 kids participate this year. Thanks to the Gratitude Grant, our Lodge was able to provide Easter Eggs stuffed with goodies, Easter baskets, stuffed animals, and toys for the youth of our Community. We also promoted our Drug Awareness Program with this event.

### On July 18, 2015 the Affton Lodge 2635

presented a check for \$2,000.00 to the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry, which represents 14,285 pounds of food.



The check was part of the ongoing support given to the food pantry by the Lodge. The Food Pantry provides food and household items for the families of active military, reservists and retired veterans. The Pantry services approximately 115 families a month and all operating income is provided by personal and organizational contributions.

The check was from a 2015 Gratitude Grant the Lodge had earned by meeting it's ENF per capita contributions. 14,285 POUNDS OF FOOD (L-R) Ann Shadowens, Linda Ferguson, Pantry Volunteers and Exalted Ruler Patrick Dolan with Bill Peck, PER, ENF Chairman

**Cedar Hill #2678** Officers of the Lodge along with two Jefferson County Police Officers, their K-9 dogs and the assistant Sherriff after they put on a demonstration at the lodge showing members how the dogs are trained in detection of chemicals and human restraint. The lodge gave the police department \$2,000 to help purchase vests for the K-9 units. Lodge members and a representative from Cedar Springs Elementary School (Donna Litrell) met at the school so the lodge could present the school with \$1,000 in school supplies. Cedar Hill supplied 2 area schools for a total of \$2,000.



### Metro East Fall 2015



### Aftton Scholarship Awards at Installation

After we installed our officers, Bill De Larber introduced the three scholars that attended who won our scholarship grants. Each one informed our members what school they are in now and what college they plan to attend. They received plaques and a check for \$100.00 for incidentals for college, something new this year. They received a meal for themselves and their families. Our grants are \$1,200.00 to first place boy and girl, \$800.00 to second place boy and girl and \$500.00 to third place boy and girl' Total \$5,000.00.



**ST Louis #9's** Christmas auction raised more than \$18,000, which was distributed to 2 local charities.

The St. Vincent de Paul society, helped a family with a bathroom remodel to accommodate a handicapped family member. The remodel is finally complete. This allows a water-proof chair to be wheeled directly into the shower. Through the generous donations of members and friends of the lodge, we were able to make a tremendous difference in the life of this family

### Cedar Hill #2678 East Central







On April 18<sup>th</sup> **St. Clair Lodge # 2651** hosted a bike safety rodeo for local youth. Over 110 youth attended. With their Promise Grant funds, along with partnering with the local high school and Mercy medical, they were able to purchase bikes and equipment, along with material for a small town. Hot dogs, chips and drinks were also provided

## Northeast District Fall 2015



Pictured with MEA President Duane Heldenbrand on his visit to **O'Fallon Lodge 2587** are: Dave Balcom PER, Treasurer, Jason Crossfield, Loyal Knight, Julie Northrup, Lecturing Knight, Tami Heitman, PER, Rick Lucas, ER, John Gross, President Elect, Joyce Gentry, Vice President NE District, Jeff Houston, Leading Knight, Steve Green, NE District Director, Bill Hen-



Left: Pictured left to right are Donnie Bonuchi, Jackie Davidson, Kay Rademaker, Betsy Sabel, Sherry Coram, Angela Price and Jonathan Reed. Not pictured Tim Sabel.

Right: Angela Price helps a child put on a new shoe.



On April 25, 2015 Shoes from the Heart Org. along with volunteers from **Macon #999 and the Columbia Elks lodge #594** put new tennis shoes on 40 foster children in Columbia MO. Great Circle put on the event at Cosmo Park for the foster children's families. It truly is an eye opening experience to see the smile of a child that gets there very first pair of new tennis shoes ever. Shoes from the Heart is a 501© 3 organization that serves the states Missouri, Illinois and Iowa.



Ready to pull the Columbia Elk's Lodge float are Elk's members Greg Hawkins & Ted Leach.

Columbia Elk's Lodge 594 showed off their new float for the Memorial Day parade, which also pulled Boy Scout Troop #990.

Hard work on the design was done by Elk's members Brandy Parrack & Danny Sapp.







For many years **Louisiana Lodge 791** has held a chicken BBQ in June to raise funds for the George Keith Memorial Scholarship fund. Hundreds of chickens are split in half and BBQ'd to a scrumptious flavor and then served up with cole slaw and baked beans to the delight of patrons near and far. The family of George Keith also generously contributes to the fund each year making it possible to distribute several thousand dollars in scholarships to 4 area High Schools.



The **Macon Elks Lodge #999** held a Flag Day Ceremony in Macon on Sunday, June 14th, 2015 in which the Missouri National Guardsmen of the Macon-based 1438th Engineer Company carried out a flag replacement ceremony. Members and guests were treated to a Spaghetti Dinner prior to the ceremony, to show our appreciation to our great nation.



## Jefferson City Lodge 513

members participated in an Annual Motor Rally for Veterans on August 15th. Over 200 registered for the event. This year it was an honor to have the participation of the *Dream Riders* who

honor the children of our fallen heroes because they deserve happy memories. A dinner and auction were held which raised over **\$6,000** to help support the Lodge's monthly activities at the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, send care packages over seas to our troops and to support a local organization, *Common Grounds*, which support veterans needing assistance in the community, just to name a few. Pictured leading the ride is the *Dream Riders* vehicle, honoring the children of our fallen heroes because they deserve happy memories

## Northeast District Fall 2015



Pictured with MEA President's on his visit to **Warrenton Lodge 2662** on June 20<sup>th</sup> are John Gross - MEA President-elect, Duane Heldenbrand - MEA President, Fred David - Leading Knight, Rhonda Bruno - Secretary/PER, Vince Fallert - Trustee, Carol Paul - Trustee/PER, Kevin Bruno - Exalted Ruler/PER, Joyce Gentry - NE District Vice President, Steve Green - NE District Director, Carl Schmiehausen - Loyal Knight, Matt Wideman - NE District Sargent at Arms



## Washington Lodge #1559

participated in the Washington Town and Country Fair Parade held on Sunday, August 2, and many members volunteered to work different concession stands during the fair held from August 5-9.

The Washington Lodge #1559 hosted the Washington Youth Sports Baseball Team that they sponsored this year to a pizza and ice cream party at the end of their baseball season. The Washington Lodge a charter member of the association has sponsored a team continually since 1953.



Pictured with MEA President Duane Heldenbrand at **St Claire #2651**: L-R Front Row - Pat Schlote, Secretary. Steve Green NE Dist. Director, Lorraine Bishop ER, Joyce Gentry NE Dist. Vice President, Nancy Wideman Loyal Knight, Matt Wideman NE Dist. Sargent at Arms L-R Back Row: John Baker, Trustee/PER. Ken Schmidt, PER. Frank Winterer, Trustee. Marc Beckman, PSP. Ralph Thurman, Trustee/PER, Mike Bishop, Inner Guard/PER. Roger Wideman, PER



## Mexico Lodge #919

used the 2014-2015 Beacon Grant to benefit the Senior Citizens. On April 10 and June 19, 2015 lodge members held Senior Fun Nights inviting senior citizens from nursing homes, assisted living centers, and the senior nutrition center area wide to attend. Elk members prepared many refreshments which the seniors enjoyed. Music was provided by *Lost Laddonia Boys* which gave the seniors the opportunity to dance and listen to music they remember so well. Each event had over 100 in attendance. After the fun night was over, Mexico Elks 919 donated \$776.00 to the Mexico Senior Center to use towards meals for the seniors who are unable to pay for meals prepared there. This has been a very successful grant which Mexico Lodge uses each year for the seniors.







Four Grand River Technical School students were recently awarded the 4th annual **Chillicothe Elks #656/** GRTS Scholarship in memory of Bill Tharp. This scholarship, in the amount of \$500 each, is awarded to exemplary students attending Grand River Tech as post secondary students. Funds for this scholarship were made available through an area Band Night fundraiser partnership between Area Bands, Area Business, Pivot Sponsors and Chillicothe Elks Lodge. Many gathered to enjoy a local band night, and to remember the late Bill Tharp, former Computer Networking Technology instructor at GRTS and Elks Exalted Ruler. The four \$500 scholarship recipients and Elks Exalted Ruler are pictured left to right:

Shawn Brookman, Chillicothe, Computer Networking Technology; Martha Berry, Elks Exalted Ruler; Logan Wilson, Chillicothe, Computer Networking Technology; Todd Critten, Chillicothe, Industrial Maintenance; and Anthony Hughes, Grain Valley, Diesel Services Technology



**Brookfield Lodge #874** uses the Promise Grant each year to host a trip for all 7th grade students in the county (5 schools) to the National WWI Museum at the Liberty Memorial in Kansas City. The grant covers admission for the 150-180 students and travel expenses.



### **Excelsior Springs #1001**

Duane Heldenbrand installed Past State President Gary Ballinger as the Exalted Ruler of Excelsior Springs

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 **Milan**

### **Elks #2819**

put on a \$7500 display at the Country Club. This event was free to the community and cars could be seen lined up for a quarter mile in every direction.

Money was raised through fundraising dinners and individual business donations.

Milan Elks are proud to be able to do this for the community and to support Americanism.



## Southwest District

**Joplin #501** Elk Riders President Bill Buening and Joplin 501 PER Charlie Sorenson present a check on behalf of the Joplin 501 Members and families to the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association CVMA Fox-49 for their Veterans helping Veterans.



**Kimberling City Lodge #2505** provided space as well as workers for the Community Blood Center staff. We had 30 people who tried to donate but one was rejected. The Lodge and the Auxiliary provided cookies, water and flavored drinks to not only the donors but also to the staffers.



**Springfield #409** Administrative Assistant Charlie Carroll and Rachelle, President Duane Heldenbrand, Southwest Director Dena Wolfe and Kevin, Southwest VIP Gene Lamb and Kathy, Exalted Ruler Clifton Sickmyre, President Elect John Gross and Sarah



### Past-

Tom Shelton,

### Present

Duane Hildenbrand

### Future

John Gross

**MEA State Presidents**



## Southwest District Fall 2015



**Webb City #861** Celebrates Flag Day with local Boy Scout Troop 904. The Boy Scouts conducted a Flag Burning Ceremony.



**Webb City #861** held a gun raffle for their scholarship fund running from May through July. John's Sports Center in Pittsburg, KS helped the Lodge purchase a Henry .22 lever action "Grayson Edition" rifle. The gun was one of only 100 made as part of a fundraiser to raise money for the medical treatment of a little girl in western Kansas. The rifle has custom engraving and is marked as part of the special run. After several weeks of ticket sales, the Lodge was able to raise more than \$1,600 to provide scholarships for kids in Carl Junction, Webb City and Carthage.



### Just Say No to Drugs Kids Fishing Tournament

Thanks to funding from part of the Promise Grant we received, Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 9 Forsyth Bass Club and 13 **Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597** members hosted 35-40 children for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual tournament. Even with the chance of rain looming, about 8:30 the children began arriving and were furnished with rods and reels, night crawlers and assistance when needed. Thanks to the Conservation Department stocking the pond, they immediately began catching bluegill, bass, catfish, a drum, a frog, a rock and even a turtle. Wait, no, the turtle was the one that got away. Ava Countu and Elissa Russel caught their first fish. Pictures and information will be sent to the Conservation Commission and they will receive a certificate from them for their first fish.

Because of the chance of rain at 10:30 Buck Saltzman began cooking hot dogs and hamburgers for all. The Elks members had all the food ready to go at 11:00 and about 90 of us chowed down. Then while we were getting the trophies and prizes ready we had a short shower, but the sun came out and we drew for rod and reel combinations and cash. Then they lined up for trophies and prize bags for all. In the prize bags were tackle items and Just Say No to Drugs literature. Everyone agreed that fishing was more fun than doing drugs.



PSP Tom Shelton, Pres-Elect John Gross  
State President Duane Hildenbrand



Angie and Jesse Stalker, PER



Member Mel Brooks



Dena Wolfe, and new Grandson  
MEA Officer Don & Susan Cook

## Christian County Elks #2777 , Ozark, MO Takes 171 Area Children Shopping for School Clothes

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Christian County Elks, Auxiliary and volunteers shopped until they dropped with 171 area children for new school clothes. The children were excited and their parents were very appreciative. With the Beacon and Promise Grants, as well as individual donations from members and the community we raised \$17,000 and each child received a \$100.00 shopping spree.

We were fortunate to have SP Duane Heldenbrand and Angie, as well as Pres. Elect. John Gross and Sarah and the SW District officers in attendance to watch and help shop. It was quite the event.





Immediately following **Mineral Area Community Lodge 2583's** Flag Day service, Exalted Ruler James Hahn (second from left) is shown presenting a check on behalf of the Lodge's Veterans Committee, to Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonial David Shaw to be used to purchase and maintain flags for the Desloge High School Alumni Association's Korean Prisoner of War Memorial. The memorial honors two Desloge High School Graduates, Jack Stegall who was imprisoned from 1950-1953 and John M. Cole Jr. who was a prisoner for five months until dying in captivity in July 1951. Also pictured are (far left) Danny Miller and (far right) Charles Boyer local businessmen and Desloge High School alumni.



Board members of the Edgewood Children's Home are presented a check by Junior Burkhart, Elks Lodge Member and Vickie Spratt, Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler. Junior Burkhart and George Buddy raised the money at the **Poplar Bluff Elks Lodge #2452** annual Cruise Party. George Buddy is not pictured. Board members from left to right: Janet Hency, Marsha Wheeler, Patty Reed, Thelma Brannum, Judy Potter, and Mack West.



**Farmington #1765**  
Hosts Sunday Night Country Dance Lessons for their membership

## Southeast District Fall 2015



**Arcadia Valley #2330** Sponsors Boy Scout Troop #403. This years Gratitude Grant was used to help send its members to Summer Camp.

(Below) Charter members were recognized at AV's 50th Lodge Anniversary Party!



## Cape Girardeau #639



7/11/2015- Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge #639 donated \$2,000 to the Missouri Childrens Burn Camp. At the left is DeWayne Kirchoff, Chief of the East County Fire Department, and Jason Ledure, Exalted Ruler.



Promise and Beacon Grants were used to purchase, package, and distribute over \$4100 worth of school supplies to the needy. 150 children were helped at the event and over fifteen elks participated in the project.





Farmington #1765

**Farmington #1765 Scholarship Winners**



**Farmington #1765** Past Exalted Rulers served breakfast to over 120 members and families. 17 PER's were in attendance at the lodge PER Night

**Southeast #4880**

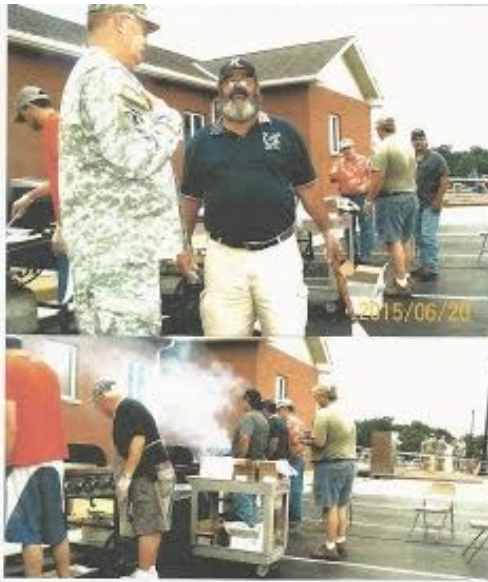


**Poplar Bluff #2452** First Wedding in new outdoor Wedding Chapel



**Mineral Area #2583 Special Prom**

**Past State President-ER Jim Hahn, Elroy, Angie and Duane Hildenbrand Plus our Special Queen and King**



**Perryville Lodge #1710** used its freedom grant to serve dinner to approximately 600 veterans at the at the Cape Girardeau MO Veterans Home approximately 12 loyal L work the day preparing



**Fredericktown Elks #2812** donated an athletic field to the city youth of Fredericktown. It is used as both a football field and a soccer field it was funded by use of their ENF grants BELOW: Fredericktown #2812 built a 30' wheelchair ramp for an Army Veteran that was injured in Afghanistan by an RPG. Since his injury he has slowly progressed from needing a cane to a wheelchair. These are 2 different views the ramp as well as the stairs we put in for his wife. Funded by the Freedom Grant.



State President Duane Hildenbrand and PSP Roger Triplett pose with Lodge and State Officers at the visit at **Dexter Lodge #2439**. It was "Rib Night" and they had a great SE MO Band.



Dexter #2439

Three time Exalted Ruler Davy Crockett poses with 60 slabs of ribs for their monthly rib night. Shozem editor Bud Clarkson swears they are "BROE" Best Ribs On Earth. He will be picking up 2 more slabs on his September visit.



President Dwayne Hildenbrand and PDDGER Lodge Secretary Eric Seyer.

**Chaffee Lodge #1810**

hosts Chaffee German Days each August. The Lodge fries approximately 1700 pieces of chicken each year. Chaffee German Days includes a Carnival and the festival is host to approximately 3000 people —pictured is State





After a couple of years in the planning the **Bates County Lodge 2653 "Antlers"** were initiated and officers were installed the 19th of July. They have selected the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month for conducting their meetings and would like to invite all Elks to their meetings. The Antlers Program is the ELKS Youth program for kids aging from 12 to 20 years of age. The Antlers even cooked the dinner! The Antlers would like to send a **Special Thank You** to SDGER Carl Simpson, DDGER Sharon Simpson, PDDGER Pete Nash, VP Kathy Baron, District Director Josh Coots and Heather Coots for your attendance and participation in the ceremonies, not to mention all the Antler Advisors which has made the program pos-



### Lake of the Ozarks Lodge

**#2517** of Osage Beach Missouri used the Gratitude Grant to help purchase 6 fire helmets for the Osage Beach Fire Department.

Front row left right Jerry Fox ER and Rick Goedde Elk member and director of Osage Beach Fire Department. Back row assistant chief Steve Stafford, Captain Don Gainey, Fire Chief Jeff

Dorhauer, Fire Department Engineer Casey Jones, Firefighter Brad Smith , Elk member and retired Fire Chief John Norris and Al Mueller Leading Knight.



### Clinton Elks Lodge

**#1034** with help from

### Benton County

**#2783** treated the veterans and staff to a fish fry on August 23rd at the Veterans Home in Warrensburg MO.

15 Elks were involved in serving the 225 veterans, families and staff. This is the 4th year Clinton #1034 has prepared a fish fry for the veterans.

Pictured L to R: Benton County Members Chuck Alcorn and Kristi Yergert, Clinton Members Dennis Davis, Lonnie Breshears, ER Steven Harvey, Scott Humphreys, Tom Paul, Dave Cummings, Travis Bartlett, Wally Dehn, Kenny Kaiser, Roger Swanagon, Don Turner and Steve Cummings

## West Central District



**Bolivar Elks Lodge # 2828** donated over \$500 worth of backpacks and school supplies to the Fair Play Missouri School District . Pictured are students from the Fair Play School.



On April 6th, **Benton County Elks Lodge #2783** hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance for Adults with Disabilities. We had approximately 50 people who enjoyed pizza and soft drinks. They had fun dancing to a DJ, playing games and singing Karaoke. Gift bag were also distributed. An estimated 10 Elks were on hand to assist where needed.



**Greenview Lodge #2857** donated a total of \$285 to Focus Marine Foundation, Camp Hope and the National Veterans' Golden Age Games. FMF and Camp Hope are located in MiO and assist returning post 9-11 soldiers who are experiencing difficulties adjusting back to their normal lives. The Golden Age Games is the only national multi-event sports and recreational competition program designed to improve the quality of life for those who've sacrificed so much for our country.



**Elks National Foundation**  
**Where Your Money Goes**

**Community Investments Program**  
\$9.77 million

**State Elks Association Grants**  
\$8.72 million

**Scholarship Programs**  
\$4.16 million

**Elks National Veterans Service Program**  
\$1.48 million

**Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest**  
\$924,070

**Elks Drug Awareness Program**  
\$817,890

**Elks Memorial Building Maintenance**  
\$422,450



**Randy Northington, Chairman**  
**Missouri State Elks Association**

Totals	29,664 Members
Contributions	\$179,398.72
Per Capita Average	\$6.05

**The Last Page**



**National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program**

Dennis McAleese, Chairman \_to the left and Chuck Mudge (Perryville) Vice Chairman and Joan pose with the National First Place Award for Total Hides collected. Congratulations to Chuck and all the Missouri Lodges who worked so hard keeping the Hides Championship in Missouri!



If you and your Lodge are not currently involved in our “Army of Hope” effort, please contact the following for information on how to get started. Every Lodge and every Elk should be involved in this effort!!

For more information Contact:

**Elks National Veterans Service Commission**  
**2750 North Lakeview Avenue**  
**Chicago, IL 60614-1889**

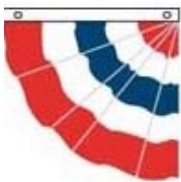
If you are currently involved – Thank you, and please forward any information about your program and efforts, letters, pictures, reports to the same address listed above.

Read All about the Elks Army of Hope in EShozem

Paul D. Helsel, PGER - Chairman  
ENVSC Commission



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*Chairman Tom Shelton and Marty*

2016 Spring State Jeff City March 11-13  
2016 National July 3 - 6 Houston, TX  
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2017 July 16 - 19 Reno, NV  
2018 July 1 - 4 San Antonio, TX  
2019 June 30 - July 3 St Louis, MO



**Past State President Carrol Schleeter and Mary**  
**enjoying the Hospitality Room @ Indianapolis**



**On the Party Bus headed to Lebanon In Lodge #635**  
**2015 National Convention**



# E Shozem Fall 2015

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Night

Bass Tournament Results

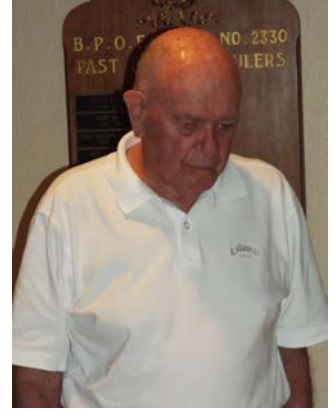
Arcadia Valley 50th Anniversary



# 50th Anniversary AV #2330



Charter Members



Senior Member Gene Owens



50th Anniversary Initiation Conducted by Farmington #1765 with Doc and Bud



Past Exalted Rulers



Life Members 49-50 Years



District Deputy Designate  
Bud Clarkson was the MC



Leon Herman's History  
Roasts Joyce Campbell



Past ER, PDDGER Wayne  
Barton Honors Past Dignitaries



Current AV Elks Officers 2015-2016



Leading Knight T Harbison and DDGER Rick Pyatt 11th Hour Toast State president Elect  
John Gross came to Share our Special day



# West Central District News

## Benton County Elks Lodge 2783

On April 6th, Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 hosted the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance for Adults with Disabilities. We had approximately 50 people who enjoyed pizza and soft drinks. They had fun dancing to a DJ, playing games and singing Karaoke. Gift bags were also distributed.



On March 27th, five Elk members, Pam Watts, Tom Morgason, Bettie Morgason (not pictured) and Jack and Judy Youngs, distributed dictionaries to third grade students at Lincoln Elementary School



April 21st, six members of our Lodge, Stan Schierholz, Jerry Mewszel, Dennis Shoen, Jack and Judy Youngs and our great photographer, Joe Lowry, distributed dictionaries to Warsaw North third grade students. The reaction of the students is a special reward for us.



On April 18th, we chartered a bus and went on a Lodge Crawl. Our first stop for a few hours was Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517. Then it was back on the bus and on to Greenview Lodge #2857. The hospitality at these Lodges could not have been any better. We played some games and they fed us and of course we had liquid refreshments. It was a fun day and we all had a great time.



Dictionaries were distributed today to third grade students at Cole Camp Elementary. The Elk members making delivery today were Stan Schierholz, Tom Morgason, Jerry Mewszel, Jack and Judy Youngs and photographer, Joe Lowry. This completes this year's distribution to all third grade students in Benton County. These pictures are representative of all the kids' reactions to receiving these dictionaries.





## Jefferson City #513

In April Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their first Hillbilly Triathlon raising over \$1,500 for their Veteran's Fund. After a fun filled afternoon of games participants and patrons were treated to a fabulous dinner.



The Northeast District held their District Deputy Clinic along with their Vice President's meeting at St. Clair Lodge 2651 on August 22, 2015. Pictured above are from left to right: James Rice/Auditor to the DDGER; Fred Jones/Esquire to the DDGER; Randy Pringer, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; Joyce Gentry/Vice President; Steve Green/Director; and Matt Wideman/Sergeant-At-Arms.



Pictured above are the winners, left to right is: Denise Feldkamp, Chrisie Steinmetz, Brian & Betsy Crawford, Mark Johnson and Mark Norman.



Hum, an Administrative Assistant's job is never done, even on the golf course! Way to go Charlie.



Pictured above are Jefferson City's 2014-15 Exalted Ruler Award Winners; Wanda Stayton/Citizen of the year; Mark Norman/Officer of the Year; Lori Pendleton/Elk of the Year.



# Metro East District Picnic

On August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the annual district picnic was held at Florissant Lodge. All Lodges were represented in the activities for the day. There was a cake walk and a balloon game for the kids. However, the most enjoyment for the day came from the dunking booth. The entire district ER's along with the VP and Tiler participated in being dunked during the afternoon for the sum of \$1.00 for 3 balls. The ER's all seemed to look forward to the activity until they realized that there would be bags of ice added to the water. The children enjoyed it as well especially the children of the ER's. What a better way to dunk their parent. There were hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwursts available at noon. The pork steaks, cole slaw, baked beans and desert were available after 3pm. Plenty of food for all to enjoy.

Enjoyable day was had by all how attended.





Southeast District State Presidents Weekend





## Macon #999 –Jefferson City #513



Macon Elks #999 participated in the State Softball Tournament held in Washington, MO Saturday, August 15th. The members had a great time and are looking forward to next year!

**Bottom row left to right:** John Barber, Zach Wyman, Jason Whittle, Tara Bunch, Brian Crawford/PSP, Jefferson City Lodge 513. **Second row left to right:** Susan Lambert, Larry Durham, Michelle Bouman, Chad Coram. **Third row left to right:** Brian Kasman from Washington Lodge #1559, Coach, Marty Couch, & Johnny Contratto.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their 8th Annual Motor Rally for their Veteran's Program. Over 200 registered for the event. This year the Lodge had the honor to have the participation of the *Dream Riders* who honor the children of our fallen heroes because they deserve happy memories. After the ride a dinner and auction were held which raised over \$6,000 for their program which will help support the Lodge's monthly activities at the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital in Columbia, Missouri, send care packages over seas to our troops and to support a local organization, *Common Grounds*, which support veterans needing assistance in the community, just to name a few.



Pictured is the Dream Rider's vehicle leading the ride.



Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their first annual Youth Fishing Derby on August 8, 2015 with 32 children participating. Awards and fishing gear were given for most fish caught, largest fish and longest cast. Snacks and lunch was provided for the children and parents. Pictured with the Northeast District Director Steve Green (center back) are the winners and their parents.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on August 22 raising over \$3,300.

Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their third Red Cross Blood Drive on May 20th with over 25 units of blood given.

Jefferson City 513 had the pleasure to host the Recreation Troupe to dinner and breakfast in May. Upon their evening arrival the group honored the Lodge with a song or two before heading to the hotel for much needed rest - and right after handing off their laundry to a couple of great volunteers to wash. Then in the morning it was a quick breakfast and off to the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital where many patients, families, staff and Lodge members were honored with their performance.





## Mexico #919

On July 25, 2015 Mexico Elks Lodge 919 held a Benefit for Michelle Darby (daughter of Lodge secretary, Julie Schudel) who has breast cancer. Live and silent auctions were held with the generous donations from Elk members and friends, as well as from Mexico, Columbia, Centralia, Fulton and Auxvasse businesses. After a Fish Fry meal prepared by members all were entertained by *Mercury Son*. Many thanks to those who attended and helped bring in over \$19,000 to help with medical expenses.

Mexico Elks Lodge held a Mother's Day Brunch on May 10 with many in attendance

Mexico Elks Lodge members held a Golf tournament on June 6, 2015 which raised funds for their Veterans, Scholarship and Drug Awareness Programs.

Mexico Elks used the 2014-15 Gratitude Grant to provide for the Help Center. Mexico Lodge joined in with the Adopt-A-Child for Christmas program purchasing over \$1,000 in gifts for needy children at Christmas. The grant also was used to purchase 256/1# pkg of hamburger for Help Center families in need.

On August 29, 2015 Mexico Elks visited the Missouri Veteran Home with a BBQ meal for the Veterans and family. Elk members and family members prepared side dishes and desserts and served the Veterans. Music was provided by the Lost Laddonia Boys.

Mexico Elks Lodge used the 2014-2015 Beacon Grant to benefit the Senior Citizens. On April 10 and June 19, 2015 lodge members held Senior Fun Nights inviting senior citizens from nursing homes, assisted living centers, and the senior nutrition center area wide to attend. Elk members prepared many refreshments which the seniors enjoyed. Music was provided by *Lost Laddonia Boys* which gave the seniors the opportunity to dance and listen to music they remember so well. Each event had over 100 in attendance. After the fun night was over, Mexico Elks 919 donated \$776.00 to the Mexico Senior Center to use towards meals for the seniors who are unable to pay for meals prepared there. This has been a very successful grant which Mexico Lodge uses each year for the seniors.







Cass County Elks Lodge 2791 received an award from the Cass County Sheriff's Department for our participation for many years in the D.A.R.E (Drug Awareness) Program.



Jim Chumley, our Leading Knight, presented a check for \$4500 to the Purple Heart Association. The funds will be used to place Purple Heart highway signs along 49/71 highway in remembrance of our Purple Heart awarded veterans and service men.

Cass County Lodge 2791 will be holding a fund raiser for this effort. For a minimum donation of \$20 you will receive a plate with your name engraved, that will be hosted on a plaque in the lodge room. Let's show our support of this important effort and get that plaque filled. Only 250 plates will be issued.



Cass County Elks Lodge 2791 built this playground from a fundraiser we had for the Hope Haven Women's Domestic Shelter in Harrisonville, Mo. Thanks to all that help raise money and lay all that mulch!



Cass County Elks Lodge held a Golf Tournament to benefit Cass County Sheriff's Office, the honor guard and a scholarship program for new cadets. We raised over \$5000 dollars from this event. Plus we had loads of fun and food!

Cass County Elks Lodge 2791 participates in almost every type of fundraising or community activity that the Elks support. We sponsor the Hoop Shoot, the Youth Fishing Derby, all of youth week we have something happening, the soccer shoot, Bass Tournament for wounded warriors, lunches and supplies to the Veterans Hospital and Home. Thanks everyone from Cass County 2791 for your help and support. We can't get this things done without you!



## Farmington Lodge #1765



In March of each year, the lodge Past Exalted Rulers have a all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast with the proceeds going to one of the lodge charities. There were 11 past Exalted Rulers that served up breakfast for over 120 members and their families, a good turn-out. Speaking of PER's, there were 17 in attendance at the lodge PER's. Our past leaders have a great attendance record for this special occasion and many attend regularly at lodge meetings.

May was a busy month with a parade flag carry at the Fredericktown Azalea festival parade, the observance of the Mother's Day ritual, and the annual Youth Awards Banquet. From projects throughout the year, the lodge was able to again present over \$20,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors.

In June, the lodge held the Elks Flag Day program which was another success with good attendance of members and the public. Local police and fire department members took part in the program. The US Flag led the way at the Farmington Country Days parade the first weekend in June. We had a full complement of flag carriers which helps the organizations image, that our lodge cares about the flag. The lodge adopted a section of highway in the state sponsored program. It is a high traffic area after US 67 and Hwy 32 intersection. One of our members started free dance lessons on Sunday evenings and it has taken off very well. Many of the popular country dances and some more traditional ones are taught. Following the lessons, there is time to practice what was learned.

The big event for August is the annual Weedy McCalister Memorial Golf Tourney. It always fills up with teams and sponsors. The evening winds up with the awards dinner at the lodge. Coming up in September is the lodge soccer shoot on the 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be two more flag carries in September, one at the Desloge Labor Day parade and the other at the Farmington Homecoming football game on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The lodge has excellent crowds for the Tuesday food program. The activity is each Tuesday a different team cooks a special meal, such as pork steaks, catfish, chicken fried steak or pork chops and serves this with 2 sides. The proceeds go to the lodge scholarship fund.



# Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 30 August 2015

Truman Medical Center Lakewood  
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.  
Kansas City, MO, 64139  
Dr. John N. Dane, Dental Director

Home Office #816/404-6904  
Fax #816/404-7783

Online @ [www.trummed.org](http://www.trummed.org)  
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## Thanks For All You Do

Lonnie Propst has been a patient on the Elks Mobile Dental Unit since 1996. (19 years) After his last appointment at the Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge, his parents sent the following:

*Everything that is done is greatly appreciated.  
We have been very please with the services  
provided. Again, thanks for all you do.*

**Barbara & Ronald Propst**

If your Lodge is interested in sponsoring the Elks Mobile Dental Van in 2016, call and request sponsor requirements from the home office #816/404-6904 or E-Mail [Lisa.Gamm@tmcmed.org](mailto:Lisa.Gamm@tmcmed.org).



Lonnie Propst

*Statistics: 6/15/15—7/9/15*

*Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge*

- Patient Visits **79**
- Procedures **843**
- Estimated Value **\$40,642.00**

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Search: **Missouri Elks Mobile Dental Program**

## 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
Lee's Summit	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Ray	8/24/15	9/10/15	Lakeview Woods State School
Harrisonville	Bates, Cass, Henry, Jackson, Johnson	9/14/15	10/01/15	Cass County Elks Lodge



# Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 29 July 2015

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## I Like Coming To The Van



Dr. Robert Beck with Richard Roberts

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Richard has been a patient on the Mobile Unit since 2004. For the last two years he has visited the van, at the Columbia Elks Lodge, on his birthday! Most likely Richard had a sweet treat in his honor.

Dr. Beck said that during each patients dental exam he analyzes what medications they are taking. If necessary he provides them with information to take home regarding dry mouth. If someone is taking a lot of medications they might experience dry mouth which can make them more susceptible to oral disease.

He encourages everyone to quit eating and drinking foods with high concentrated (man-made) sugar. Have a sweet tooth? Substitute soda and candy bars with more natural foods like fruit and water. Patients with a dry mouth have less saliva to assist them in keeping teeth clean, especially while eating sticky foods.

Richard said that he liked coming to the van. He said that he loves everybody and that they treated him nice.

*Thanks for spending your special day with us Richard!*

*Statistics: 5/18/15—6/11/15*

*Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge*

- Patient Visits **102**
- Procedures **968**
- Estimated Value **\$45,887.00**

## Upcoming Locations

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Blue Springs	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Ray	7/27/15	8/20/15	Blue Springs Elks Lodge
Lee's Summit	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Ray	8/24/15	9/10/15	Lakeview Woods State School



# Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 28 June 2015

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## Making A Difference In Columbia



Robert "Bob" Young & Robert "Sarge" Shatlain

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Over the past 6 years Robert "Bob" Young has helped move the unit. His fellow Elk member, Robert "Sarge" Shatlain has been helping out for 2½ years. The Columbia Elks Lodge #594 is central in the state of Missouri, which makes it an idea location for the Mobile Dental Unit.

Cindy Smith, Dental Assistant, reports that Bob and Sarge are a great help. In 2014 alone, the Elks Mobile Dental Staff has travelled 48,890 combined miles. It is no small feat getting the mobile unit from one location to the next. Skilled and experienced drivers are invaluable.

Mr. Young and Mr. Shatlain said that it is a great honor to be involved with the Mobile Dental Program. With the Elks Core Principles in mind, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, they believe the program is making a difference in their community.

*Thanks, we couldn't do it without you!*

Statistics: 4/20/15—5/14/15

St. Clair Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **91**
- Procedures **911**
- Estimated Value **42,774.00**

## Upcoming Locations

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Stoddard, Perry	6/15/15	7/9/15	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge
Blue Springs	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Ray	7/27/15	8/20/15	Blue Springs Elks Lodge



# Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 27 May 2015

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Melissa Blackwell has been a patient since 2014. The Elks Mobile Unit completed exams, x-rays, cleanings and fillings. After her last appointment, at the Columbia Elks Lodge, her father, Thomas Blackwell Sr. wrote to us the following:

*Dear Elks,  
Thank you for the assistance you gave my daughter. We are very pleased with the outcome and help finding cavities to make her dental care a lot better.*

Adult patients with developmental disabilities often will not allow or often refuse to brush their teeth on a regular basis. This unfortunately leads to decay and gingivitis. The Elks Mobile Unit instructs patients and caregivers, giving oral hygiene instruction. When leaving each patient receives a toothbrush and toothpaste.

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Statistics: 3/9/15—3/19/15

Kansas City (Northland)  
Elks Lodge — Gladstone

- Patient Visits **29**
- Procedures **300**
- Estimated Value **\$13,227.00**

Statistics: 3/23/15—4/16/15

Florissant Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **64**
- Procedures **537**
- Estimated Value **\$25,416.00**

## Thank You For The Assistance



Melissa and Thomas Blackwell

## Upcoming Locations

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Location	Counties Served	Start Date	End Date	Site
Festus	Jefferson, Ste. Genevieve, Washington	5/18/15	6/11/15	Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge
Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Stoddard, Perry	6/15/15	7/9/15	Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge



# Elks Mobile Dental Program



Newsletter No. 31 September 2015

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Statistics: 7/27/15—8/20/15

Blue Springs Elks Lodge

- Patient Visits **70**
- Procedures **702**
- Estimated Value **\$31,465.00**

## Funding For Elks Program

On May 8, 2015, according to the Missouri Office of Administration-Division of Budget & Planning, Governor Nixon approved House Bill 10. This included funding for the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Senior Services.

In Section 10.720, funds were allocated to the Department of Health and Senior Services for the division of community and public health for the Elks Mobile Dental Clinic. The Elks Program will receive \$200,000 effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

With our new partners the Missouri Elks will continue to lead the way to healthier communities.

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Harrisonville	Bates, Cass, Henry, Jackson, Johnson	9/14/15	10/01/15	Cass County Elks Lodge
Warrensburg	Henry, Johnson, Lafayette	10/5/15	10/22/15	Warrensburg Elks Lodge



### **Affton Lodge Christmas Baskets**

In December the Affton ELKs received 73 requests for baskets to help needy families for Christmas. We proceeded to take on that task, we went to four schools to ask for donations of can goods or whatever they could donate. They helped us out with can goods & toys & money. Our Ladies Aux. had money & toys & clothes donated to them throughout the year. The Lodge donated \$2,250.00, the Ladies Aux. Donated \$3,000.00. We also bought turkey, hams, fryer chickens, pork sausage, eggs, sugar, flour, potatoes, apples, oranges, onions, celery, and carrots. Each basket received all of these items. We had 15 bikes donated & they went fast.

The Ladies Auxiliary put up a Christmas tree in the lounge & put ornaments on it for donated toys & clothes to go in these baskets. Each basket had gift certificates from \$25.00 to \$75.00 depending on the size of the family. If I had to guess each basket would be worth \$200.00 to \$250.00 that is only a guess. 73 baskets = 148 children, & 133 adults

Christmas Basket Chairman

Bill De Larber, PER/Scholarship Chairman

### **Affton Scholarship Awards at Installation**

After we installed our officers, Bill De Larber introduced the three scholars that attended who won our scholarship grants. Each one informed our members what school they are in now and what college they plan to attend. They received plaques and a check for \$100.00 for incidentals for college, something new this year. They received a meal for themselves and their families. Our grants are \$1,200.00 to first place boy and girl, \$800.00 to second place boy and girl and \$500.00 to third place boy and girl! Total \$5,000.00.

Participates at this function from r\left to right! Chris Miller V. P. of the District, installed Exalted Ruler Patrick Dolan, Scholarship Chair and District Director Bill De Larber, second place Hanna Kroll from Cor Jesu Academy High school, third place Emily Miller from Rosati-Kain High school, first place winner Lucia Vigil from Metro High school, installed Loyal Knight Pat White. Not Pictured Boys first place James Sykes from Affton High school, Boys second place Samuel Pointer from Affton High School, third place Nicholas Dickman from Lutheran High. We had music after dinner everybody had a good time.

Bill De Larber, PER/Scholarship Chairman



### **Ellisville 2664 Easter Egg Hunt**

The Ellisville Elks held our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th. It was a beautiful day, and we had 40 kids participate this year. Thanks to the Gratitude Grant, our Lodge was able to provide Easter Eggs stuffed with goodies, Easter baskets, stuffed animals, and toys for the youth of our Community. We also promoted our Drug Awareness Program with this event.

From L-R Halen Reidt, Ava Reidt, and Evan Camargo





## Metro East District DDGER & VP Meeting

On Sunday April 19th, the Metro East District came together for the DDGER and VP meeting at the Ellisville Lodge. Many Grand Lodge and District programs and information was discussed. Committee reports were given and discussed, dates of future events were given and reminders to let our membership know about these events to gain more attendance. After the meeting, Ellisville Lodge provided all who attended a lunch for all who attended.



ADDGER Dan McBride, DDGER Carol Meatte, EDDGER Joe McCarthy



District Golf Committee planning the dinner to be served after the tournament at Florissant Elk's Lodge June 13<sup>th</sup>.



Officer at Large Tiler Dr. John Israel, District Director Steve Still and VP Bill De Larber



# MISSOURI STATE ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

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### FINAL RESULT TOTALS

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Skins</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Blue Springs # 2509</u></b>				
Teddy Ferrell/Billy Gardner	FA3	\$150		\$150
Bruce Casey/Mac Horn	FA		1@50	\$50
Kevin Billups/Ken Billups	FB1	\$300		\$300
Dave Hilderbrand/Ron Borchert	FB		1@33	\$33
Mark Lee/Alan Crutcher	FC		3@33	\$99
Bill Gosnell/Ron Baker	FC		1@33	\$33
Chris Wyatt/Mike Collins	FC		1@33	\$33
Doug Hilderbrand/Mark McDan.	FD4	\$75		\$75
Todd Walters/Mike Lombardo	FF2	\$225		\$225
<b><u>Cass County # 2791</u></b>				
Karen Higgs/Steve Bricker	FC	\$75		\$75
<b><u>Clinton # 1034</u></b>				
Garrett Smith/Adam Cummings	CH1	\$300		\$300
Alex Smith/Garrett Heiman	CH3	\$150		\$150
Doug Wagoner/Josh Wagoner	CH4	\$75		\$75
Tim Glasscock/Mark Vogt	FA4	\$75		\$75
Bill Zink/Brandon Peck	FA		1@50	\$50
Donnie Powell/Don Williams	FB2	\$225		\$225
Mike Long/Jack Nigh	FB		1@33	\$33
D.J. Turner/Fred Bradley	FC3	\$150		\$150
Ron Allee/Mike Dougherty	FE3	\$150		\$150
Ed Snodgrass/Bill Wahl	FF1	\$300		\$300
James Long/Pat Bernard	FF		1@50	\$50
Travis Bartlett/Steven Harvey	FG3	\$150		\$150
Rockwell Journey/Larry Combs	FG4	\$75		\$75
<b><u>Columbia #594</u></b>				
Jerry Stone/Wayne Groseclose	FA1	\$300		\$300
Paul Palecek/Mike Cox	FG		1@66	\$66
J.C. Baker/ Mark Major	FG		1@66	\$66



<b>Lodge</b>	<b>Flight</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Total</b>
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**DeSoto #689**

Keith Missey/RudyTelscher	FD1	\$300		\$300
Skip Newbury/Don Krodinger	FE		1@33	\$33
Bob Roth/Keith Newbury	FF		1@50	\$50

**Farmington #1765**

Harold Owens/Casey Barnhouse	CH2	\$225		\$225
Steve Barnhouse/Steve Stegall	CH		1@100	\$100
Wesley Welch/Darren Welch	FA		1@50	\$50
Gary Kemper/Gabe Hensley	FB		1@33	\$33
Jim Green/Joe Barnhouse	FB		1@33	\$33
Joe Eaves/Eric Burlbaw	FE		1@33	\$33
Jay Pinkly/Mike Barks	FF		1@50	\$50

**Joplin #501**

Eric Wood/Evan Wood	CH		1@100	\$100
Brad Bates/Bill Wise	FC		1@33	\$33
Lloyd Parker/Jay White	FF3	\$150		\$150
Harold Berger/Jhan Hurn	FF4	\$75		\$75
Rob Yust/Greg Turner	FF		1@50	\$50

**K.C. Northland #2376**

Mike Smith/Pat Dierker	FG2	\$225		\$225
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**Mineral Area #2583**

Jeff Holdman/Al Edgar	FE		1@33	\$33
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**Nevada #564**

Bob&Marvin Hammontree	FB3	\$150	1@33	\$183
Rex Glass/Mike Reynolds	FE		1@33	\$33



<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Skins</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>Oakville #2726</u></b>				
Kraig Langeneckert/Tim Goede	FA2	\$225	1@50	\$275
Jason Morgan/Steve Martin	FB4	\$75	1@33	\$108
John Morgan/Gary Pace	FD		1@200	\$200
Steve Armstrong/Archie Tucker	FE1	\$300		\$300
Terry Dewrock/David Armstrong	FE2	\$225	1@33	\$258
Roy Coibion/Pete Robbins	FG1	\$300	1@66	\$366
<b><u>Poplar Bluff #2452</u></b>				
Mark Knuckles/Jim Baker	FC1	\$300		\$300
Dave Davidson/Lyndell Coleman	FD2	\$225		\$225
Sam Felts/Bill Baker	FD3	\$150		\$150
<b><u>St. Genevieve #2674</u></b>				
Eric Roth/Jason Baker	FE4	\$75	1@33	\$108
<b><u>Webb City #861</u></b>				
Matt Hayden/Keith Johnson	FC2	\$225		\$225



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<b><u>Blue Springs #2509</u></b>				
Dave Laber/Lee Anderson	CH4	\$75		\$75
Mitch Williams/Adam Stiles	FA3	\$150	1@33	\$183
Logan Sousley/Alan Jessup	FC		1@100	\$100
Larry Angelotti/Steve Carr	FD3	\$150	1@33	\$183
Skip Copple/Brad Johnson	FE1	\$300	1@33	\$333
Doug Owen/Alan Moody	FE		1@33	\$33
John Martin/Roger Kirk	FF		2@25	\$50
<b><u>CASS COUNTY #2791</u></b>				
John Atkin/Shane Atkin	FG		2@29	\$58
<b><u>CLINTON #1034</u></b>				
Jarrold Campbell/Ryan Krause	CH2	\$225	1@66	\$291
Larry Cockrell/Robt Pattison	CH		1@66	\$66
Montana Hilty/Zach Hilty	FA2	\$225	1@33	\$258
Blake Anderson/David Willett	FA		2@33	\$66
Parker Mills/Jack Wetzel	FD1	\$300	1@33	\$333
B. Jurgensmeyer/Stetson Shirkey	FF4	\$75		\$75
<b><u>DESOTO #689</u></b>				
Jake Mahn/John Short	FE		1@33	\$33
<b><u>Excelsior Springs #1001</u></b>				
Ty Curry/T.J. Curry	FD2	\$225	1@33	\$258
<b><u>Farmington #1765</u></b>				
Andy Buchanan/Tony Polus	CH3	\$150		\$150
<b><u>Festus-Crystal City #1721</u></b>				
Bill Douglas/D. Schaweecker	FB3	\$150		\$150



<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Skins</u>	<u>Total</u>
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**Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088**

Randall Mason/Michael Carey	CH1	\$300		\$300
Ron Jones/Greg Huff	FB4	\$75		\$75
Rich Larkin/Dan Lockhart	FC2	\$225	1@100	\$325
Don Huff/Roger Wilson	FD		1@33	\$33
Eric Shelton/Keith Shelton	FE2	\$225	2@33	\$291
Otto Sayles/Lennox Irby	FF2	\$225		\$225

**Jackson # 2652**

Terry Langston/Mike Robins	FB		1@66	\$66
Leroy Pourney/Larry Freese	FD		1@33	\$33
Richard Floyd/Russ Buchheit	FD		1@33	\$33

**Joplin # 501**

Samuel Morton/Biff Bell	CH		1@66	\$66
Jim Willis/Larry Knoblauch	FA1	\$300	1@33	\$333
Mac Caruthers/Frank Pardon	FA4	\$75		\$75
D.Albergucci/C.Albergucci	FC1	\$300		\$300
Terry McCullum/Randy Allgood	FC4	\$75		\$75
Charles Sorenson/Brian Williams	FF1	\$300		\$300
Wayne Martin/Mike Meador	FF3	\$150		\$150
L. Albergucci/Butch England	FF		3@25	\$75
Gary Youngblood/Todd England	FG		1@29	\$29
Bill Parrish/Ryan Patterson	FG		2@29	\$58

**Kimberling City #2505**

Les Bruning/ Gene Lamb	FF		1@25	\$25
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**Meramec-Arnold #2372**

Mike Belavich/Dan Moynihan	FG1	\$300	1@29	\$329
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**Nevada #564**

Jody Norcross/Doug Story	FB2	\$225	1@66	\$291
Don Farmer/Lynn Seaver	FD4	\$75		\$75
Leonard Zogleman/Ron Farmer	FE4	\$75	1@33	\$108
Mark Mendenhall/Ethan Beisner	FF		1@25	\$25



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<b><u>Oakville #2726</u></b>				
Tony Bacil/Mike Reidel	FE3	\$150		\$150
<b><u>Perryville # 2701</u></b>				
Chuck Mudge/Lyle Mudge	FG3	\$150	1@29	\$179
<b><u>Sedalia #125</u></b>				
Jeff Morris/Larry McCown	FB1	\$300	1@66	\$366
Larry Hemme/Joe Epps	FF		1@25	\$25
Ernie Dow/Bill Dow	FG4	\$75		\$75
<b><u>Troy # 2805</u></b>				
Tom DeGeare/Larry Schneider	FC3	\$150		\$150
<b><u>Warrensburg #673</u></b>				
Scott Teeter/Troy Savage	FA		1@33	\$33



# ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

## MARCH 2015 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

### **“Army of Hope”**

For the past 11 years, our **“Army of Hope”** has provided a wide variety of assistance, support, and relief for those who are serving in the Military and their families. This Elk program of service was a natural and formal addition to our other Elks National Veterans Service Commission programs at the time and officially expanded our Commission’s efforts to include currently serving Military personnel as well as Veterans.

Our **“Army of Hope”** was established and organized as a program, enabling and encouraging Lodges and State associations to provide support and assistance for the families of their local Military Reserves and National Guard Units who were deployed in “harm’s way”, to defend our National Interests during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Well, the **“Army of Hope”** of today has evolved into much, much, more, providing direct support for all deployed troops, as well as their families. Lodges and State Associations have and continue to provide all sorts of personal hygiene, clothing and comfort items, food items, phone cards, etc. to these troops. In addition an even greater effort is being made to make their return home as easy and pleasant as possible for both the trooper and the family. Elk Lodges and individual Elk members continue to participate in “Welcome Home” events at airports, military bases, and the like for these returning Heroes. Lodges and **“Army of Hope”** Committees are holding “Welcome Home” celebrations, as well as providing financial and other individual forms of assistance, all to help each returning Hero in their individual and personal effort to pick up and continue a normal life with their family.

Many of our Heroes return with injuries, both physically and psychologically - the Wounded Warriors. Others, tragically, are even less fortunate and return as Fallen Heroes. Once again, our **“Army of Hope”** has stepped into the breach by providing assistance and relief to the individual Hero Warrior, as well as the families of those Fallen Heroes. Through a wide range of fund raising activities Our **“Army of Hope”** is providing funds for rehabilitation activities, services and facilities. Funding is also being provided to purchase rehabilitation equipment and aids. In the case of the Fallen Heroes, our **“Army of Hope”** organizes groups of Elk members to show proper honor and respect to the Fallen Hero, and comfort to the family when they are returned home, as well as continuing events to honor their service and memory. Elks all across our Order make up our **“Army of Hope”** and are bringing comfort and relief to our troops and their families, day in and day out.

The question is – is your Lodge involved and are you personally involved in this most worthy effort? If not, why not? The troops, these Heroes and their families certainly deserve the support and assistance of all Americans. They serve and give up so very much that we might be free and able to pursue our lives as we wish.

If you and your Lodge are not currently involved in our **“Army of Hope”** effort, please contact the following for information on how to get started. Every Lodge and every Elk should be involved in this effort!!

Elks National Veterans Service Commission  
2750 North Lakeview Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60614-1889

If you are currently involved – Thank you, and please forward any information about your program and efforts, letters, pictures, reports to the same address listed above.

Fraternally,

Paul D. Helsel, PGER - Chairman  
ENVSC Commission



4/26  
Missouri Elks Association  
25th Annual  
Annual Bass Tournament  
Total Weight

Boat#	Team Names	Lodge Names / #	Big Bass	# of Fish	Total Weight
1st	Chris Larkins Larry Hastings	Farmington #1765		6	23.36
2nd	Greg West Warren Bott	Lake of Ozark #2517		6	20.64
3rd	Randy Forsythe Steve Tucker	Farmington #1765		6	19.93
4th	Brian Hutson Jeff Johnson	Farmington #1765		6	15.00
5th	Luke Richardson Doug Buhr	Washington #1559		6	13.45
6th	Dave Wolf Jim Ross	Lake of Ozarks #2517		6	13.33
7th	Ron Rupe Larry Mowry	Osage Community #3705		4	12.58
8th	Todd Boyd Craig Nicholson	Fredericktown #2812 Farmington #1765		5	10.69
9th	Harry Hull Scott Hull	Farmington #1765		3	9.30
10th	Steve Allen Ryan Prater	De Soto #689		4	8.89