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“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” That’s how the saying goes and boy, am I smiling. This past fraternal year Angie and I have had the opportunity to travel the state in the capacity of President and First Lady. It is an experience I wish every member of our Association could have, and I’m so very thankful for the chance to have done it. During the fourteen thousand plus miles we traveled, and the Lodges we have visited, Angie and I have been accompanied by two people we will always hold dear

in our hearts. Charlie and Rachelle, I hope you know the love and appreciation we have for you both. As we explored the highways and by-ways of Missouri and the seventy-four Lodges of our Association, you have been wonderful companions, co-pilots, and assistants. There is no one else we would have rather journeyed with.

I was very blessed this year to have an amazing slate of officers from every district. I am so proud of the professionalism and thorough job the Vice-Presidents of our state association did in the performance of their duties. It has been extremely rewarding to see the great officers moving up the ranks of our Association and is encouraging for the future of Elkdom in the state of Missouri.

The Lodges of the Show Me State are as varied as the landscapes they cover. It’s been so fulfilling to witness first hand, the many different activities and pursuits that the Elks of Missouri are involved in. I have had the privilege to go and visit the Veterans in our hospitals. To walk with children as they pick out school clothes they couldn’t afford otherwise. To hear face to face the stories of charity and aid the members of the MEA have provided. It has been so humbling yet gratifying to be allowed to partake of just a small piece of what the Elks of Missouri are doing on a daily basis.

Wherever Elks May Roam, whether it be dining on prime rib in Cass County, or pizza in Affton. Whether it’s steaks in Alton-Thayer or a “slap yo momma” shrimp boil in Columbia, Angie, Charlie, Rachelle and myself will never forget the times and smiles we had, and at every Lodge in our great Association.

I wish John and Sarah Gross all the best in the coming year, and I hope the members of the Missouri Elks Association treat them with the love and respect we have been shown all year long.

With much love and respect, again thank you Missouri Elks. While it’s tough not to cry because it’s over, I have to smile because it happened.

Duane Heldenbrand
MEA President



Dear Missouri Elks,

What a thrill it is to be chosen to serve as your next State President! I promise that I will do my very best to represent our great State of Missouri and our Association with the utmost pride, dignity, and enthusiasm.

My hope, and one of my goals for the year, is that we can raise the collective level of excitement we already have for our Order and make it stronger than ever. I truly believe we can experience growth as well. To help accomplish these goals I have asked our Committee Chairmen to be more involved with our Districts and share ideas on how we can leverage the strengths of our organization for the greater good of the Association. I strongly believe the more people we can engage in these processes the more successful we will be in the future.

To say I look forward to the year is an understatement. I know I speak for Sarah when I say we are looking forward to meeting everyone, to visiting the Lodges, and to hearing what makes everyone proud to be Elks.

Fraternally, John Gross

President, Missouri Elks Association

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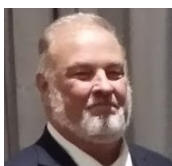


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DISTRICT DEPUTY

ESQUIRE TO

DISTRICT DEPUTY

EAST CENTRAL

SELENA K. LAMBRICH
Cedar Hill #2678

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NORTHEAST

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NORTHWEST

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Lake Stockton #2858

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Nevada #564

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

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

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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WILLIAM F. GILL 1966-67
DONALD CONRAD 1972-73
ROBERT TODD 1983-84
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
TOM SHELTON 2011-2012
DENNIS "SKIP" BELL 2012-2013
RICH LARKIN 2013-2014
Brian Crawford 2014-2015



Shozem Missouri State Elks Magazine

Thank You to all District Editors, Lodge Editors and many Individuals 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.

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“add me” in the subject line to shozem2@gmail.com. This years EShozem is Loaded with Extras!



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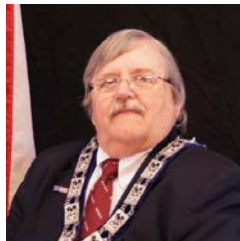
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moelks.org PSP Richard Techau currently maintains and monitors our MEA State website. There are links to all things Elks including the Shozem and the EShozem Magazine. There are links to the National and State Directories as well as Links to lots of 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 PDDGER** 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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LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST

We held our state judging at Columbia Elk's lodge 594, January 23rd. Thank you Member's of Columbia Elk's for allowing us to be there. We judged 17 entries in 5 division's.

Division 1:

Manchester	#2058	Metro East	89.75
Troy	#2805	Metro East	89.73
Christian County	#2777	SW	84.63
GVHM	#2088	Metro West	73.66
Mexico	#919	NE	59.41
Sedalia	#125	W-Central	57.76
Macon	#999	NE	56.66

Division 2:

Florissant	#2316	Metro-East	83.06
Kansas City	# 26	Metro West	75.53
Louisiana	# 791	NE	74.86

Division 3:

Columbia	# 594	NE	84.66
Dexter	#2439	SE	73.086

Division 4:

Jeff City	# 519	NE	93.66
Osage Comm	#2705	W-Central	66.66
Desoto	# 689	E-Central	63.73
Blue Sprgs	#2509	Metro-West	51.89

Division 6:

Festus-Crystal City #1721 E-Central Only entry

Jefferson City was judged to be ALL-STATE Winner. Congratulations.

PSP Bill Walter Chairman



Kenneth Parker McNeel, Sr
MEA State President 1982-1983
August 9th 1930- January 21, 2016

Kenny grew up in Kansas City, attending Westport High School and the Kansas City Junior College. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War in 1951 and was honorably discharged in 1955 at the rank of staff sergeant.

In 1960, he became partners in Bi-Lo Markets. He would eventually become the owner until he retired in November 1998.

Kenny was initiated into the Warrensburg Elks Lodge 673 in November 1963, and was appointed Esquire of the Lodge from 1965-1966. In 1969, he was elected and served as exalted ruler of Lodge 673 and was also appointed to the Missouri Elks National Foundation Committee, working to bring Missouri from 41st place in the nation to 21st for donations. He was appointed district deputy grand exalted ruler for the Southwest District 1971-1972. He was elected vice president of the Elks Southwest District in 1975, a position in which he served four consecutive years. From 1982 to 1983, he was president of the Missouri Elks Association. In 1993, Kenny was appointed as Missouri Elks coordinator to the Elks National Home. He was also a member of Grand Lodge Activities and State Association Committee, Area Five.

Being active in community affairs, Kenny received many awards. He was Fleming Corporation's Missouri Retail Grocer of the Year in 1990. The Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph awarded him the Bishop Sullivan Award in 1997. In 1998, he received the Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Fellow, and the University of Central Missouri awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Because of the splendid contributions he continually made toward helping people in need as well as his solid support of the Warrensburg community, He made a difference.



Robert "Bob" Wickoff
MEA State President 2010-2011
May 4, 1945 - November 27, 2015



Bob was born on May 4, 1945, in Hillsboro, Ill., the son of Wilbur C. and Gladys (Helm) Wikoff.

After attending the local schools, Bob began working at various jobs. He worked as a fitter at Laclede Gas Company S.A.I.D. in the North District for 33 years. He was a part time worker for Price-Gnade Ford, the City of Troy Water Department, and most recently worked as a security guard for Custom Security Services at the Lincoln County Courthouse after retirement.

Bob was a member of PACE International Union # 5-0006, a charter member of the Troy [Elks Lodge](#) #2805, past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Grand Lodge Government Relations Committeeman, Past State President MO Elks Association, Vice President Metropolitan East District and Past Exalted Ruler of Troy Elks #2805 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Bob was Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year. He was an instrumental player in the Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program for Lincoln County R-III School District, and was given the President's Call to Service Award in 2010, by President Barack Obama.

Bob was an avid baseball player, golfer, and he enjoyed attending sporting events. His love for cars and dogs will always be cherished.

Bob is survived by his beloved wife Mickey Wikoff of Troy, five children, 7 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; his siblings; Clifford (Wanda) Wikoff, Ralph Wikoff, Charles (Mary) Wikoff, Linda Payeur, Catherine (Don) Randles, and Ken (Kathy) Wikoff; and many other relatives and friends.

Membership Don Kantouth

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	Alton #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

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Festus-Crystal City	1512
Springfield	1138
Washington	1110
Cape Girardeau	1014
Farmington	1004
Blue Springs	896

MEA Bass Tournament



The 26th Annual Missouri Elks Bass Tournament will be **April 29-30, 2016**, hosted by the Lake of the **Ozarks Lodge #2517**. We are negotiating rates at the Inn at the Grand Glaize and Robin's Resort, information is forthcoming.

Check-in at 5 pm Friday the 29th with rules meeting to follow. Tournament will begin Saturday the 30th at 6am and run until 3pm. Take off from Robin's Resort at the 3/4 MM Glaize Arm.

Dinner will be served on Friday night at the Lake of the Ozarks Elks Lodge at a price of \$14.00 per plate (Prime Rib). Please submit dinner payment with your entry form. Dinner purchases will not be available at the time of the dinner.

With a very weak economy and high fuel prices, the tournament has taken a decline in the numbers of boats participating in the past years. We are hoping some of the Lodges will help the boat count by sponsoring 2 boats.

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Let us keep showing that Fishing Elks Care, Fishing Elks Share
Fraternally,
R. J. (Pete) Nash, State Chairman
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Gary Eugene Sloan SR
MEA State President 1986-87
July 16 1941~May 31st 2015

Garry retired from Ford Motor Co in 1998 after 37 years. He was a life-time member of the

Excelsior Springs Elks Lodge #1001. Garry served as Missouri Elks State President in 1986-87and as Grand Tiler in 1999-2000. He was a 42 year member of the Excelsior Springs Masonic Lodge.

Garry is survived by his wife Bonnie; daughter: Jennie Helt ; son: Garry Sloan, Jr.; 6 grandchildren: Megan, Zack, Amanda, Savanna, Shawna, Shelby; 1 great-grandson: Seth; 2 brothers: John Sloan and Paul Sloan; 3 sisters: Betty Glenn, Christina O'Dell, and Judy Acuff





Benevolent Trust

Hopefully by now all of you have heard the great news about the purchase of two new dental labs

through the Missouri Benevolent Trust (MBT). At our last convention the MBT Board of Management agreed that our 35 year old units needed replacement. We have been working with Farber Specialty Vehicles out of Columbus, Ohio and I am pleased to inform you that manufacturing has started. We have been in communication with staff at the Truman Medical Center, Dr. Beck and his staff, and Farber on the interior design for equipment that will address the needs of our patients. In talking with Donavin Farber, he informed me that if there are no delays in production the units would be completed in late summer or early fall of this year.

In addition, the Truman Medical Center has started the process of looking for another dentist to man the second unit. This will increase our opportunities to provide dental care to our clients. These two new units will be our "shinning stars" as they travel the roadways of Missouri, representing our dedication in addressing the needs of those we have committed to help.

Last year the Missouri Senate approved a bill to allocate \$200,000 to the Truman Medical Center to help offset operating costs of our dental labs. Unfortunately, through the bureaucratic process the funds were not processed to the accounts they were allocated to. I have talked with our Lobbyist Mike Michaelson on this issue and he informed me that unfortunately this happens. Mike being an Elk also expressed his displeasure. He did tell me that this year's budget includes funding to help in the operation of the dental labs. I plan to meet with him and put together a plan, in coordination with the Missouri Elks Government Relations Chairman, to meet with state government officials and address our concerns.

Exalted Rulers will be informed on how their Lodge can participate throughout the 2016-17 Lodge year.

With the news of not receiving state funding, it's now more important for all Missouri Elks to commit to our pledge of \$4.50 per member. As of Jan-

uary 31, 2016 the state on a whole is at \$3.04. I know at this spring's convention we will receive more pledges and donations. As you read this the financial year ends March 31, 2016, leaving you approximately 17 days to make or receive a pledge or donation. Send to Dennis Harrington, Financial Chairman, at 246 Pamela Avenue, Belton, Missouri, 64012. For those reading this after March 31 why not start the new year off by sending your pledges and donations to Dennis.

I'd like to thank the following districts that have met and exceeded the \$4.50 per capita as of January 31, 2016: East Central at \$4.87 per capita; Metro East at \$4.87 per capita; and Metro West at \$6.04 per capita.

Exalted Rulers, work with your Benevolent Trust Chairman next year. \$4.50 is not a large amount to give. I believe most members if asked will donate. We can work together to address our financial commitments for the Benevolent Trust and operation of our dental labs.

Finally, there is a change in management at the Truman Medical Center; Dr. Dane, who was Director of Dental Services and Director of the Elks mobile dental program for over 30 years retired in December. Dr. Dane has dedicated himself and shown his passion for our program by attending many of our state conventions. We thank him for his many years of oversight at the Truman Medical Center. The new Director of Dental Services and Director of the Elks mobile dental program is Dr. Matthew Tinnel. Dr. Tinnel is looking forward in continuing the important work of the Elks mobile dental program and the partnership at Truman Medical Center.

Replacing an individual with over 30 years of experience can be a heavy task but Dr. Tinnel has served as Assistant Director under Dr. Dane and will continue to address our needs for the Benevolent Trust and mobile dental program.

Let us all be proud of what we do for our handicapped patients and smile like they do after receiving care from our dental labs.

Brian Crawford, Director



Dr Tinnel



Missouri State Results

Under 14

Contestant Name	Score	District
Carlos Caceres	49	NW
Paul Adams	25	SE

Under 12

Contestant Name	Score	District
Wyatt Brandsgaard	28	NW

Under 10

Contestant Name	Score	District
Willam Hanak	36	ME
Rolen Sanderson	35	SE
Jake Schnadede	12	NW

Under 8

Contestant Name	Score	District
Isaac Bailey	34	NW
Clayton Thorne	27	SE

Girls

Under 14

Contestant Name	Score	District
Mackenzie Schubert	33	SE
Janice Shew	30	NW

U12

Contestant Name	Score	District
Arianna Darling	30	MW
Emelia Wunderlich	27	SE
Bethany Daniels	16	ME

U10

Contestant Name	Score	District
Emma Roberts	40	NW
Sylvia Kester	18	SE
Caroline Arslanbas	17	ME
Claire Willson	8	MW

Under 8

Contestant Name	Score	District
Jaiden Rodenberg	31	NW

Regional Soccer Shoot Results

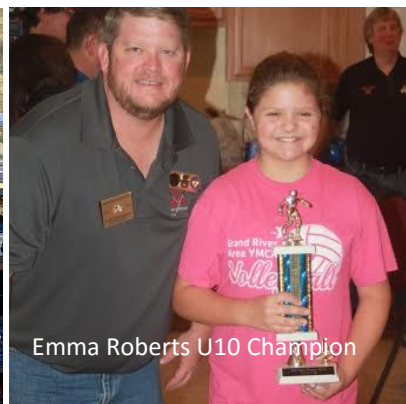
Contestant (Boys)	Age Group	Placed	District
Carlos Caceres	U14	2nd	NW
Wyatt Brandsgaard	U12	Participant	NW
Willam Hanak	U10	2nd	ME
Isaac Bailey	U8	2nd	NW
Contestant (Girls)	Age Group	Placed	District
Mackenzie Schubert	U14	2nd	SE
Arianna Darling	U12	Participant	MW
Emma Roberts	U10	1st	NW
Jaiden Rodenberg	U8	2nd	NW



Missouri had 8 boys and 11 girls from four districts. The winner in each age group advanced to the regional shoot in El Dorado KS. Missouri sent eight contestants. Of the 8 who participated,

Missouri placed first in one group, and second in five of the eight groups.

Missouri Elks Association
Larry Shew, Soccer Chairman



Emma Roberts U10 Champion

More Soccer in EShozem



Missouri State Hoop Shoot



8-9 Girls

1. Jailyn Brownlee Ofallon #2587
2. Madison Mills Farmington#1765
3. Taylor Taykowski Manchester #2058

10-11 Boys

1. Aiden Boyer St Genevieve #2674
 2. Booker Simmons Ofallon #2587
 3. Hayden Murdock Alton-Thayer 2545 *
- *Shoot Out

8-9 Boys

1. Owen Hensley Lake of Ozarks #2517
2. Tyler Vaughn Lebanon #2557
3. Josiah Kirkwood GVHM #2038

12-13 Girls

1. Kiera Holcer Brookfield #874
2. Ella Meyer Jefferson City #513
3. Hanna Corcimiglia Poplar Bluff MO #2452

10-11 Girls

1. Allie Aver Oakville #2426
2. Reagan Bradley Mineral Area #2583
3. Shana Yates Louisiana #791

12-13 Boys

1. William McDonald Springfield #409*
 2. Griffin St Pierre Troy #2805
 3. Connor Shoff Lamar #2800
- *Shoot Out

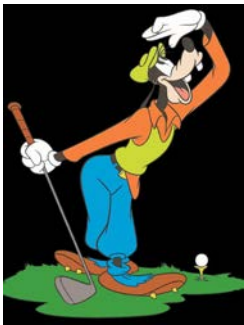


Listed above are the top three Missouri finishers in each bracket. The winners listed above will advance to the sectionals to be held on Saturday March 12th at Paris Tennessee.

In one of the most exciting Hoop Shoots ever in the 12 and 13 year old boys bracket William McDonald of Springfield #409 finished 1st winning in a shootout over Griffin St Pierre Troy #2805. Each boy hit 24 of 25 in regular shooting. Both boys hit four of five in the first shootout and 5 of 5 in this second shootout. In the final shootout William McDonald hit 5 of 5 and Griffin St Pierre hit four of five barely missing his 5th shot. This was one of the most exciting Hoop Shoots in Missouri Hoop Shoot History.



Missouri Elks Golf Association State Tournament August 6th & 7th Hosted by Clinton Lodge #1034



Missouri Elks
Are Invited to Attend
The 48th Annual Missouri Elks Golf Association State Tournament
August 6th & 7th, 2016
Hosted by, CLINTON LODGE #1034

Meadow Lake C.C.
1000 Watson Parkway
Clinton, Mo. 64735
660-885-5124 (golf shop)
www.facebook.com/meadowlakecc

Clinton C.C.
225 N.E. 100 Road
Clinton, Mo. 64753
660-885-2521
www.clinton-country-club.com

Format – 2 Man Scramble - Shotgun Start – 7:00AM & 1:00PM
No Entries will be accepted after July 29th
Limited to the First 288 Teams – Number of Flights determined by the number of entries. Equal Prizes for all Flights.
Entry Fee includes Green Fees and Carts for both days of the Tournament.
Make your own reservations for Practice Rounds; practice rounds are not included in the entry fee.
Practice rounds are available both Thursday and Friday, at both courses for a fee of \$30.00 includes cart.

\$290 Entry Fee 2 Man Team
\$30 Late fee applied after July 1st
Tee times will be confirmed by postcard before July 27th to Player 1.
Cancellations received after July 1st will receive a 50% refund of the entry fee.
Cancellations received after July 24th will not receive a refund of the entry fee.

Dress Code: No Jeans or Jean shorts, Shirts Must be Worn and Must Have a Collar, Soft Spikes Only.
All Elks 65 and older will play from Senior Tee's. 75 and Older will play from the Forward tees.
Entrants must be an Elk Member in good standing. Current Elk Membership card must be presented at registration.

Flights will be determined after two days of play. Flight breaks will be made to insure as equal a number of teams per flight as possible, regardless of stroke differential. Tournament Prizes and Skin Money will be awarded by mail. Eight Flights, Eight places each flight. Skins paid in each flight.

Mail to:
Al Stansfield
1805 SW Crystal Creek Pl.
Blue Springs, Mo. 64015 (816-536-9978)

For Information:
Tom Pouché, Missouri Elks State Golf Chairman
1509 Sunny Creek Lane, Blue Springs, Mo. 64014
cell-816-456-3939 /email- tpouchegolfchairman@gmail.com

detach and return with your check made payable to: Missouri Elks Golf Assn.
Tee times will be confirmed by postcard before July 27, 2016 to Player 1.

Lodge Name and Number _____

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Address P1 _____ Address P2 _____

City P1 _____ Zip _____ City P2 _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone P1 _____ Home _____ Cell phone P2 _____ Home _____

Player 1 Email _____ Player 2 Email _____
(cell numbers and e-mail addresses vital to receive info about tournament and local events)
Check if player 1 is age 70-74 _____ Player 2 _____

Preferred Tee Time (first 50% will be preferred)
(Check One) Preferred Tee Times will be on a first come first serve basis.
_____ Saturday 1:00pm and Sunday 7:00am
_____ Saturday 7:00am and Sunday 1:00pm

NOTE: If you do not yet know who your partner will be for the State Tournament, but wish to secure a spot for your team, please send in your entry and check (for full payment). Please notify Tom Pouché by phone or e-mail ASAP with your partners name and address, as this will make things easier at registration.

Make Check Payable to: Missouri Elks Golf Assn. Entry Fee of \$250.00, includes postage, handling, skins, mulligans, and prizes. \$280.00 after July 10, 2016.

Headquarters:
Hampton Inn, 900 Kansas Ave, Clinton, Mo. 64735, #855-271-3822 (sold out)

Parkfield Inn, – 506 Kansas Ave, Clinton, Mo. 64735, # 660-890-6188 (sold out)
M Star Motel, – 106 S. Baird St., Clinton, Mo. 64735, # 660-885-2206 (sold out)
Bucksaw Resort, \$71.00 – 670 S.E. 803 Rd., Clinton, Mo. 64735 # 660-477-3900 (rooms available)
USA Inn, - 1508 N. Second St., Clinton, Mo. 64735 #660-885-2267 (sold out)
Hayster House Bed&Breakfast, \$135.00 – 301 S. Second, Clinton, Mo. #660-885-2117 (available)
Uncle Gabby's Motel, \$55.00 – 10825 Hwy 7, Clinton, Mo. #660-477-3331 (15 Min.) (available)

Grand River Resort, \$69.00 to 89.00 – 11919 Hwy 7, Warsaw, Mo. 65355, # 660-438-2743 (available)

Warrensburg, Mo (30 Minutes.) Shuttle from Warrensburg not available this year.
Holiday Inn Express, \$99.00 – 626 Russell Ave. Warrensburg, Mo. 674093, # 660-747-3000 (available)
Comfort Inn, \$99.00 – 609 E. Russell Ave., Warrensburg, Mo. 64093, # 660-429-4848(available)

Note: Both Warrensburg motels are within 4 blocks of Warrensburg Elks Lodge.

CLINTON ELKS LODGE #1034, 115 W. Franklin, Clinton, Mo. 64735 #660-885-3481
WWW.CLINTONELKS.COM WILL HAVE INFORMATION FOR WEEKEND EVENTS.

Both courses will be open for lunch and dinner, plus food on the course. Sale of food and beverages on the courses, will benefit the Lodge.
Alcoholic beverages must be purchased at both courses.(no private coolers allowed.)

Clinton Lodge will also be open for lunch and dinner.

Live entertainment both Friday and Saturday nights at the Lodge.

Shuttle service from local motels only.

Hole sponsorship signs are available for \$60.00. Contact Steve Cummings, #660-885-1123

The forms on the right are for informational use, for the 48th Annual Missouri Elks Golf Association State Tournament.

The full size forms are located in the EShozem and in your lodges and may be printed out for you to copy, print or use for your registration.



Washington 1559 The 15th Annual Kids Fishing Derby was held in September and Elroy was present to award trophies and prizes to the winners of the derby. 90 children from ages 6-12 participated in the event.

Arcadia Valley #2330

Elroy Elk went to Belleview School to present a check for \$720 to Principal Marquis.

This was part of Arcadia Valley Elks lodge #2330's Gratitude Grant and will be applied to their tablet program.



On Thursday February 25th Mineral Area Elks #2583 hosted its 24th Annual Law Enforcement Officers appreciation Night. State Drug Awareness Chairman Charlie Smith was the key speaker. He discussed Missouri Elks Association Drug Awareness program Charlie also spoke about the DARE program and about law enforcement and how much they do for our communities.

As a past member of the law enforcement community Charlie spoke to each group, pointing out their risks and importance in our communities.

Past State President Roland Seal was the host for the evening. Past State President Jimmy Hahn also spoke to the group about how important law enforcement and emergency crews are to the Elks in the communities that we live in. Jimmy emphasized to the group of law enforcement officers and emergency workers just how much support the Elks organization offers.

Pictured above are winners of the Officer's of the Year in their various categories. Chosen by their supervisors were local Police Department, Sheriff's Deputies, Highway Patrol, 911 workers, as well as dispatchers. Ambulance workers and more.... Virtually all members who make our community safe were represented in the program....Members of Mineral Area lodge should be proud in proving that..... *Elks Care~Elks Share*

Youth.... Elks believe that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. With that in mind, the Elks Drug Awareness Program reaches out to youth of all ages and backgrounds. Through the 2,100 Lodges in communities across the country, Elks work to combat youth substance abuse. Elroy the Elk, the program's mascot, reminds young kids that hugs are better than drugs, while older kids see the affects of alcohol consumption by wearing fatal vision goggles.



The "Avengers" are helping the Elks combat Bullying, Under Age Drinking and the Abuse of Pharmaceutical Drugs. The Avengers battle alien robots to show our children that if are being Bullied and pressured to use Alcohol and Pharmaceutical drugs you can always find help and that you are "Never Alone" because help is available and do not be afraid to ask for that help.

The printed version is not yet available but soon will be sent to schools across the country who have requested that Marvel education material be sent to them.

Spread the word that you are "Never Alone" and someone will always be ready to help you lead a safe and drug free life.

Drug Awareness Spring 2016

Drug Awareness

I can advise you and our members of another coalition we (MO ELKS) have entered into through our National Drug Awareness Program.

It is called DEA 360 Strategy. It actually involves 4 cities, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Memphis.

This is aimed at partnering the DEA with many community groups to combat the illegal drug use (emphasis on Heroin). I have been to St. Louis DEA for the press release and am encouraged by the groups represented there. Conference calls and planning sessions are set and we are anxious to get started.

We here in St. Louis and all of Missouri will assist in any way we can. Complete information has been sent to all District Drug Awareness Chairs and they will continue to be updated as I am.

Exalted Rulers, please remind your secretaries and D.A.P. Chairs to enter into CLMS, all their Drug Awareness information for proper credit to Drug Awareness. Every minute, every mile driven, every dollar donated and every ELK and non-ELK who have helped should be recorded.

Charles F Smith, MEA Chairman Drug Awareness

Local Lodges..... to help spread the word and expand our program please host a Drug Awareness event in your lodge. Or just use Elroy at one of your events! For assistance and resources Contact your District Chairman

East Central

Selena Lambrich, Cedar Hill #2678, 314.471.4905

Metro East

Mark Lawler, St. Charles #690, 314.420.8889

Metro West

Doug Jordan, Blue Springs #2509, 816.868.9802

Northeast

Eric Dobelmann, Washington #1559 636 390 2564

Northwest

Gene Urick, Trenton #801, 660.684.6328

Southeast

Joy Clarkson, Arcadia Valley #2330, 573.546.7297

Southwest

Brenda Planchon, Springfield #409, 417.861.8902

West Central

Randolph (Pete) Nash, Benton County #2783, 573.253.1258





Benton County #2783 Music therapy for Alzheimer's patients. The Lodge donated IPODS and earphones to the Lincoln Nursing Home for Christmas 2015. Based on research by the **Alzheimer's Foundation of America**, music can provide many benefits to these patients. Following is a quote from their research. "When used appropriately, music can shift mood, manage stress-induced agitation, stimulate positive interactions, facilitate cognitive function, and coordinate motor movements". Pictured left is ER, Pete Nash with a patient. Pictured right is additional Elks with patients and nursing home director, Donna Bowers.



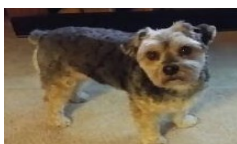
Santa arrived early this year. On December 17th, the Laurie Elks delivered Christmas food baskets to 103 households including all the fixings for a holiday celebration. Toys and gifts were also delivered to 357 children including comforters, coats, hats, and gloves for the winter season. The **Osage Community Elks #2705** and Lady Elks spent approximately \$24,000 this year for the Christmas Basket Program plus the many hours donated by our wonderful members.



Nevada #564

Something about Duane and his "Ladies"?

Don't worry Angie I think you are safe!



After a relaxing cruise of Stockton Lake

— **Lake Stockton #2858**



Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 thanks Southwest Electric for their recent donation of \$500. SWE employees donate a portion of their check each week as a part of their "Concern for Community Program". The donation will benefit the Greenview Elks charities. Vicky Johnson accepting check from SWE Ben Gerke and Jarrod Campbell.

West Central District Spring 2016



Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 Please let the Elks know about the Youth Ambassador Program in the state of Missouri and Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 commitment in supporting our youth and community with their donations of \$1000 for two high school student youth ambassadors.

(See entire article in EShozem)

(Pictured are: left or right, front row:

Frank Scarpino, ACT MO board member; Anna Koeller, Stover School Coordinator and CLEAR coalition secretary; back row: Murray Clawson, Chairman Osage Community Elks Drug Awareness Program; Joe Viebrock, Youth Ambassador; Camren Worthley, Youth Ambassador; Chuck Daugherty, Executive Director, ACT MO (Missouri Association of Community Task Forces); Doug Mattenlee, Past President from Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 (The Laurie Elks) and Jeanne Costello, Chairman of the Osage Community Elks Past President Association. Cam and Joe were selected based on recommendations from Morgan County CLEAR coalition

(Community Leaders Educating About Resistance) and qualities listed on their application and essay as well as being students in good academic standing. The program was funded through local donations from Osage Community Elks Drug Awareness Program and the Osage Community Elks PER Association.



Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857

recently donated \$100 to benefit the Macks Creek Elementary Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Pictured left to right are PTO president Joni Lane, Elks trustee Randy Swim and PTO treasurer Amber Stoufer.



Webb City #861 Webb City PER Association made a trip to the MO Veterans Home in Mt. Vernon. The organization donated all the postage stamps for our Veterans to be able to send their Christmas cards and donated money to assist with personalized Christmas cards for them to send to their family and friends. Thanks L-R Bill Miller, Rick Bryant, HR Colgin and Jim Billman

Kinberling City #2505 Tuesday, August 4th, from noon to 6:00 pm 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. We held another Drive on Dec 1st receiving 21 donations. The Lodge and the Auxiliary provided cookies, water and flavored drinks to not only the donors but also to the staffers.



Joplin Lodge #501 provided Christmas baskets for 250 area families once again in 2015. The distribution of Christmas baskets is the Lodge's single biggest charity event of the year, and the officers and members of the Lodge again proved that "Elks Care, Elks Share". Each family received a turkey, and all the "fixings" for a Christmas meal, as well as toys for each child under the age of 16. The Joplin "Ladies of the Elks" raise funds to finance a toy shopping "expedition" through a variety of projects throughout the year, including monthly "Bunco" parties. On the Friday night preceding the Saturday morning distribution, members and guests fill the "baskets" with non-perishable items. Perishables, and toys, are added on Saturday morning. Even the youngest guests get involved in the fun, as you can see by the photo. PER Jake Skouby chairs the project, and he says that the Lodge receives as great a blessing as those we help.



Lebanon #2557 Put on their 4th annual Truck and Tractor Pull , Sept. 13th. It turned out to be a very good one. The lodge raised \$2000.00 for scholarships. We also raised enough for funding some of our other local youth projects. Our Cub Scout Troop #2557 also raised money to fund some of their projects. It was a beautiful day . Plans are already in the making for next year's event.

The Freedom of the Road Riders had their annual run for Share your Christmas on Sunday November 1 The end of the ride was at the Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557. The lodge donated the hall space for them to have their after ride lunch. These groups of guys and gals have been doing this for many years. They gathered up a huge amount of toys and lots of food items for this very good cause.

There were 92 bikes and about 130 people on this ride. They told me that in the last few months they had "rides" for The Shriners Childrens Hospital, S.C.A.N and Meals on Wheels. They have raised money and awareness for all of these groups.



Rolla #2461

Duane , Angie and PER George Ashford with a table he made for State

President Hidenbrand and Angie.



Springfield Lodge #409

hosted a Christmas Party for residents of the Veterans' Home at Mt. Vernon. The Lodge selected 8 of the veterans at the Home, and gave them everything they asked for on their "wish list". The Springfield hosts Bingo at the Home on a continuing basis, and handed out \$2 bills as prizes at the Christmas Bingo session this year. The Christmas Bingo was covered on Springfield KOLR-10. You can view the report at [http://](http://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/members-from-elks-lodge-409-bring-a-special-gift-to-)

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Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 hosted its annual Thanksgiving dinner for area veterans and residents of the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home.

Many Elks, Auxiliary members and students from Ozark High School prepared and served dinner to 31 veterans and 31 members and guests. The veterans enjoyed music by members and guests, Diana Taylor, Rex Wallace and Pat O'Neil and dancing with members and the students. Those in the photo are Lodge members and guests who are ALL veterans!



West Plains Lodge #2418 observed Patriots Day 2015 in a unique celebration honoring our Nation's heroes and providing hope to others in their community.

The Lodge hosted a Blood Drive and an Organ Donor Drive. 14 pints of blood were collected from Lodge members, and several members signed up to be organ donors.

That evening, the Lodge held a Memorial Ceremony and First Responders Tribute. Emergency vehicles (fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, etc.) from nearly every department in Howell County were present. Also present was a fire truck that responded to the World Trade Center attacks on 09/11/2001. The Tribute service included a memorial to remember the victims and events of 9/11, a tribute to all First Responders, a salute to our Nation's Armed Forces, and a special patriotic tribute to the spirit of the American People.

Afterward, a free dinner was held at the Lodge in honor of all local first responders and military personnel, their spouses and special guests. Awards were presented by the Lodge to every department and agency in attendance in appreciation and recognition of their courage service and sacrifice.

NOTE: The above is a summarization of the article on the West Plains Lodge website, and can be viewed in full at the link below. <http://westplainelks.com/9-11-Ceremony-and-Patriot-Day-tribute>



Alton-Thayer #2545

Having fun and great steaks at Alton-Thayer Lodge with the State Pres. and friends

RT-SW Officers in URUANUS

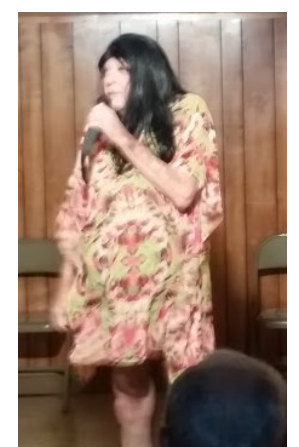


Kimberling City#2505 recently held a fundraiser for ENF. The 2nd Annual Men's Pizzazz Show raised well over \$500.

In front of a packed house they served an excellent steak dinner followed by the show.

The Performance was a "little Dusty humor", they put on a hilarious performance.. It was Directed by George Akers and performed by members of the lodge.

I personally attended the show and will probably go back next year. (Pictures below and more in EShozem.)





Mineral Area #2583

December 17, Santa and Central R-3 West Elementary Honor Choir visited the Lodge Veteran's Christmas Party held in honor of local nursing home Veterans. Approximately 100 Veterans were provided a home cooked meal of pan fried chicken, meatloaf, chicken and dumpling and all the trimming prepared by Chef and Veterans Chairman Ronald "Buttons" Gibson.

The Honor Choir is directed by Laura Wines, Vocal Instructor. Santa (aka PER Jerry Moore) showed up just in time for the Christmas Season.



Southeast District Spring 2016



Arcadia Valley #2330 delivered dictionaries to Arcadia Valley, Bellview, Lesterville and South Iron elementary schools. Each student will use the dictionary in class throughout the school year and take it home at the conclusion of school year . In addition all of the children got to meet the Drug Awareness mascot "Elroy the Elk." Elroy supplied coloring books and Bookmarks for Red Ribbon Week.



Chaffee Lodge #1810 pictured is State President Dwayne Hildenbrand and PDDGER Lodge Secretary Eric Seyer, Lodge Officers and members. Chaffee is one of the more unique lodges in the state of Missouri. They operate without with out bartenders they have a good membership and they do more community service than most Lodges. It is one of Southeast Missouri's Gems.



Dexter Lodge # 2439

President Heldenbrand awards Trustee Jasper Pennington with the lodge's **Mr Elk Award**.

It is an annual individual award given to the most deserving Elk.

PDDGER Randy Braswell announced the Award.

Dexter Lodge is home to the "Best Elk Ribs in MO" .

Sikeston Rib rivalry goes on!!

The Fredericktown Elks Lodge #2812



keep it comfortable in his front room all year long.

We also built a 30' wheelchair ramp for a disabled vet who was injured by an RPG in Afghanistan. We added the stairs so that other members of his family have access without walking the entire ramp. The final project for last year was a 40' ramp for vet when he could not afford to have it built himself. He had no way to leave his home from the backdoor in case of an emergency. These wheelchair ramps now make it possible for these Veteran's to leave their homes without the worry of having someone there to assist them. They mean much more than being able to go outside, now in an emergency situation they can get to safety without the worry of waiting for someone to come help them. Fredericktown #2812 is "a little lodge with a Big Heart"



has once again received a grant to help out local veterans with small home repairs. Last year we replaced 4 windows for an 81 year old veteran when he could not afford the repair himself. His windows were in such bad shape he had to use plastic and blankets to keep the weather out. Since the repairs were made he is now able to



Larbo and Agnes Ayers and the "PIG"

Cape Girardeau #639

Bud.....I joined the Elks Lodge 2492 in Simi Valley, California 43 years ago as a charter member. At that time, we were presented a purple pig, which on its side said "A coin a day, they'll walk, talk, see and play." We were told it may be a great idea if we waited until the Purple Ball to bring them (the pigs) in to be emptied, and returned. However, many members brought them in during the year when they were full, and took them back home to be filled again. The "Purple Pig" and the Purple Ball. Larbo Eysers (See More in EShozem)



Jackson #2452 The 2015 Christmas Boxes was a huge success.

There were 263 boxes that were given to area families so that they could have a wonderful Christmas dinner.

Thanks to the volunteers that helped this year a special thanks to Sherry Farris. She helped me tremendously.

Troop 210 Boy Scouts helped a great deal also.



Southeast District Spring 2016



Poplar Bluff Elks Riders Association #2452, had a successful year and was able to donate \$500.00 to Shop with a Hero, \$500.00 to the American Kidney Foundation in the name of our member Larry Leeds. The Riders also donated \$200.00 to the Lodges Children's Christmas Party. We have a calendar full of exciting rides and events for 2016.



Sikeston Lodge #2319 Hosted State President Hel-denbrand, shown with a custom Elks cake are Exalted Ruler Wayne Smith, AA Charlie Carroll, VP Randy Northington, State Officers Joy Clarkson and Jason LeDure. The Brunch featured their Excellent BBQ ribs. The BBQ Rib competition with Dexter #2439 Continues!!



Perryville #2701 January 30th hosted its Annual Wild Game Feed. A crowd of over 500 enjoyed a menu that included deer, Elk, Antelope, Rabbit, Opossum, Pheasant, Turkey, Wild Boar, Squirrel, Turtle Soup, Raccoon, Fried Chicken and the ever popular Fried Squirrel heads.



Exalter Ruler Steve Wibbenmeyer initiated both of his children Stephan Wibbenmeyer and Kaye McGraw on Jan 20, 2016.



Farmington Lodge #1765 Twenty one Past Exalted Rulers attended the February 25th meeting. The PER Association recently held their annual All You Can Eat Pancake and Sausage breakfast with the proceeds to the lodge National Foundation quota. The lodge veterans program - "Sweats for Vets" distributed to 120 area nursing home resident veterans, a set of sweats or shirt and pants along with some personal items. Some of these men and women have little family and receive almost no outside gifts.

Northwest\Springfield Spring 2016



Cameron #2615 We've always been told from past state presidents, that your home visit is always the hardest. It must depend on the lodge, because our official visit with our Cameron family was perfect ! Anyone with us last night has to know how touched Duane and I were. Thank you to all of our out of town friends for making the trip. Thank you to all of the O'Clocks for being such great friends and celebrating with us . Thank you to my fabulous in laws for coming and seeing what we do every weekend while Gillian is home with you and for supporting us in all we do! (Posted On Facebook by Angie) The pictures say it all!!



Chillicothe Elks #656

1st picture - The Chillicothe Elks recently made a donation of \$500 to the YMCA's Back Pack Buddies program. Matt Jones, Executive Director of the YMCA accepted the donation from the Elks' Exalted Ruler, Martha Berry.
2nd picture - The North Missouri Center for Youth and Families recently received a \$500 donation from the Chillicothe Elks Lodge. Martha Berry, Exalted Ruler for the Elks, presented the check to Daniel Savage, Executive Director for the Center.



Brookfield #874 Veterans Transport Program

A program to provide transportation for local veterans who need access to medical services outside the local area. To be eligible the veteran is someone who is unable to drive . Transportation is provided by a pool of Elk volunteers from the Brookfield Lodge. Part of the funding is from a grant received from the Elks National Foundation, which is the "Charity Engine" of the Elks. Additional funds for transport are provided by the Brookfield Lodge from local fundraising. **This transportation is available for ANY veteran; they do not need to be a member of the Elks.** In the transport program's first fiscal year ending July 31, 2014, we had 16 Transports which totaled 4556 miles; with destinations ranging in distance from Columbia to St. Louis, based on the services required by the vet. Our slogan "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" is emblematic of the high regard we hold those who have served. Any veteran needing transport should contact the program coordinator Jerry Dale at 660-234-5213, and he will proceed with setting up the transport.

The **Brookfield Elks Lodge #874** donated \$500 to the Brookfield Police Officer's Association for expenses of setting up the local K-9 unit. Pictured are Elks Loyal Knight Lance Evans and K-9 officer Jeff Henke.



Springfield #409

The B.A.S.E. Program is a partnership between Mercy Hospital and Springfield Public Schools to provide students, who are enrolled in special education, opportunities to develop career awareness, exploration, assessment, and positive social skills necessary for successful integration in the world of work and society. Once a month **Springfield #409** hosts the students with a dinner. Students are briefed on manners and etiquette and we spend time reviewing appropriate social skills.



Springfield #409

Springfield #409 graciously donated an Elk head to **Fredericktown #2812**. Pictured PSP Bob Todd , DD designate Ron Bollinger and Jean, District Deputy Bud Clarkson and State Chancellor Joy along with Past First lady Elaine Todd. Bud delivered Elroy to its new home in Fredericktown .

Elks Care~Elks Share

Northwest District Officers , **Trenton lodge #801** members and Duane and Angie with the Drug Awareness Trailer before the start of the Missouri Days parade



Milan Elks Lodge #2819, Milan MO. Served and delivered over 400 free meals on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day using their Gratitude Grant. They raised \$1020 in donations that was given to the Sullivan County Community Center .

Northeast District Fall 2015



Elroy the Elk from **Mexico ELKS Lodge #919** along with the Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler, Larry Frey, visited St. Joseph Catholic School in Martinsburg to celebrate Drug Awareness and Red Ribbon Week. They were joined by Adam Hombs, Danielle Brooks, Travis Swaim, and Courtney Bertels, four students from Community R-VI who spoke about the activities they are involved in, their future ambitions and why it is important to be drug-free. Drug Awareness materials were given out to the children from the Mexico Lodge 919.



St Clair Elks #2651 donate \$5000 to their DARE program with proceeds from our annual golf tournament.

In 2011 Deputy Herwig began the D.A.R.E. Kids for Vets Campaign. This project was to challenge his D.A.R.E. Kids to do something to give back to their community.

Being a veteran of Operation Iraq Freedom, Deputy Herwig challenged the students to gather toiletry items for homeless veterans. In four years the fall semester students have gathered over 36,000 items for local and homeless veterans.



Hannibal Elks Lodge 1198

hosted Art for a Cause on October 10, 2015. \$220 was raised for local Girl Scout Troop # 9010.



Officers and members of **Jefferson City Lodge 513** had the honor to host a dinner for officers and crew from the USS Jefferson City Submarine on September 24, 2015. While the ship is in dry dock in Hawaii the officers and crew had the opportunity to visit their namesake. While in Jefferson City the officers and crew were also treated to dinner at the American Legion, helped at a local Habitat for Humanity home-site, enjoyed the city's annual Oktoberfest, visited the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall, took a night tour of the city's historic State Penitentiary and enjoyed a picnic dinner with the citizens of Jefferson City. Commanding Officer John Croghan presented the Lodge with a plaque commemorating their visit.

Pictured are from left to right: LTGJ James Adams, PAO/ Barry Parsons, PER, Trustee/ Mark Johnson, Leading Knight/LTJG Kevin McKee, Junior Officer/ Chief of the Boat Joseph Bransfield FTCMCSS/Commanding Officer CDR John Croghan/ EM1 Kevin Hancock/ EM3 Brandon Britt/ Wanda Stayton, Loyal Knight/ Brian Crawford, PER, PSP, Trustee. Kneeling is Steve Green, PER.



Louisiana Lodge 791

hosted President Heldenbrand Left to right, Robert Brown (Chaplain), Danny Wood (Trustee/PER), PSP Brian Crawford, Kathy Smith (Inner Guard), Fred Jones (Esquire to DDGER), Mike Chidster (Loyal Knight), Dennis Edwards (Trustee), Roy St. Clair (Exalted Ruler), Ritchie Minor (Trustee/PER), MEA President Duane Heldenbrand, Administrative Asst. Charlie Carroll, Marcia Burnett (Esquire), Bill Harrelson (PER), Joyce Gentry (NE District Vice President), Steve Green (NE District Director), Matt Wideman (Sargent-at Arms)

Northeast District\Metro East Spring 2016



Washington Lodge #1559 Using funds from a Promise Grant the lodge sponsored a Sock Hop for members of the Franklin County Developmental Services Recreation Group. An afternoon of dancing, food and access to photo booth created many fun memories.



The annual George Trimble Fund children's shopping night was held on December 15, 2015 with the help of the members of **Louisiana Elks Lodge #791**. 373 children took part with over twenty nine thousand dollars spent on clothing, shoes, coats, hats, and gloves. Applicants are selected from area schools including Louisiana, Bowling Green, Clopton, BONCL, and Frankford.



Columbia Elk's Lodge 594 held a pancake breakfast to benefit our Junior Achievement & Elks Buddy Pack Program with the help of the Student Council Students from Two Mile Prairie Elementary School.



Macon #999 From Left to Right; Betty Teague (Inner Guard), PSP Brian Crawford, Bethany Butner (Leading Knight), John Perkins (Lecturing Knight), Karen Chezum (Secretary), Fred Jones (Esquire to DDGER), Jerry Chezum (Trustee), Administrative Assistant Charlie Carroll, Angela Price (Exalted Ruler), MEA President Duane Heldenbrand, Joyce Gentry (NE District Vice President), John Barber (Loyal Knight), Steve Green (NE District Director), Matt Wideman (Sargent-at-Arms).

Metro East District Spring 2016

St. Charles Lodge #690

On September 27, 2015, held a 1st Responder Award Ceremony. It was attended by State President Duane Heldenbrand with a number of current and past state officers and a couple of past district deputies.



State President Duane helped present the 1st Responders with the awards to each of the recipients.

Back row is: ER Mark Lawler, John Still, and State President Duane Heldenbrand Front row is: Cottleville Fire Protection District Firefighter Bill Huesmann, St. Peters Police Department: Detective Greg Bittle and Detective Scott Rudder, St. Charles City Police Department: P.O. Greg Witterholt



Metro East Trivia Night

On October 24, 2015, Trivia Night was held at St. Charles Lodge #690 to benefit Benevolent Trust. Between the different baskets being auctioned, the different \$5.00 paper bags, and the 50/50, the Trivia night was able to raise over \$2000.00. The decorated table prize went to Affton Lodge; the best costumes went to the Seven Dwarfs, Snow White and Prince Charming from Heritage Dental Group. The Winner of the trivia for the night was the Affton Lodge who took home the traveling trophy.



The Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509 hosted their 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for Veterans. Highlights of the event for the almost 200 Veterans and guests, were the moving military tribute by Kenda and Joe Smith and the Grateful Americans Entertainment Troupe; an inspiring speech by Sgt. Dana Bowman (Ret.) who shared his spirit and determination following a devastating sky diving accident and continued military service; and the extensive news coverage by Fox 4 News and Susan Hiland, Fox 4 Evening News anchor who emceed the event. The news video of the event, posted on the Lodge's Facebook page, has gone viral and reached almost 2,500 people and has been shared dozens of times. \$178.00 in donations was collected during the event. It is events such as this that promote the immeasurable generosity of the members of Blue Springs Elks Lodge to their community.



Kansas City #26 annual Christmas event; they assembled 110 Christmas Baskets of food & toiletries for needy families (including another box of perishable items) Duane was welcomed to **Kansas City Lodge No. 26** by BATMAN himself (ER Pat Monks) Then they gift him with his own Supman Bobble head with his likeness.



Lexington Lodge # 749 Duane's visit to **Lexington Lodge No. 749**. The Lodge arranged to tour the Court House and Museums and the "Anderson House", still standing from the horrific Battle of Lexington.



Warrensburg# 673-One of our scouts from Boy Scout Troop 673 has completed his Eagle Scout project. There are now 2 boxes where you can drop off any old, worn American or State flags that need to be retired. Our scouts in Warrensburg will take care of them. The locations of the boxes are at the Elks Lodge 673. Warrensburg Elks Lodge 673 hosts one of many Special Needs Dances.



Blue Springs #2509 In October we had a "Pink Party", with proceeds going to the Susan G Coleman Cancer Foundation. Several lodge members dressed down to their ornate bras. Our ER, Shawn Stark got waxed. In the end all had a great time and over \$1200.00 was donated to the cause.

Cass County #2791

This is some of the eight "Wounded Warriors" who fished in the Cass County Elks 2791 Bass tournament to benefit the Veterans. Thanks to Elks National Foundation for helping us help the Veterans. We hosted eight "Wounded Warriors" in our tournament. Each of these guys was paired with a tournament experienced fisherman and given all the equipment they needed for them to keep. Each boat paid a fee of \$110.00 for entry to the tournament (our lodge picked up the entry cost for each boat with the "Wounded Warriors" as to not diminish the prize monies). We passed out over \$3000.00 in prize money and all the net proceeds will go to help our nations Veterans while they are staying at the KCVA Medical Center. Thanks to each of the 37 teams that entered the tournament, Mondo Tackle, and Zebco/Quantim for your donations to help in this endeavor! AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETS, THE ELKS WILL NOT FORGET!



On November 6th, 2015, **Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088** hosted the annual Christmas Assistance Program Pie & Cake Auction. With the proceeds from the auction and many generous donations the lodge was able to assist 60 families with groceries and gift cards from Wal-Mart, Approximately 35 bikes were given out to the kids. These bikes were donated to our

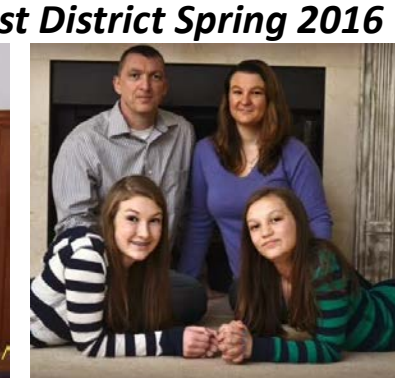
lodge and after some of our Elk elves did some repairs we were able to make several children happy at Christmas. GVHM#2088 and the Police Department hosted 3 bike rodeos in April and May. We gave out 150 helmets, provided hotdogs, chips and a drink to participants and parents. We provided backpacks with bike lights and water bottles to the participants. This was done with the help of the Beacon Grant.



The **Affton Lodge 2635** conducted an important project. With the assistance of the Wounded Warrior Project and Paws for Veterans, the Lodge provided a local veteran suffering with PTSD with a service dog trained to assist him/her with their disability.

Sven Hunt was the veteran selected to receive the service animal. Sven served multiple tours in Iraq. He is currently living in Wentzville Missouri with his wife and two teenage daughters. He is employed as transportation coordinator for all the special needs students in the Wentzville School District.

After training with the dog during the week of 12/7/2015, at the Paws for Veterans Center in Melbourne Florida, the veteran returned home to his family with the newest family member, Lily. Lily is a 1 ½ year old Black female Lab mix. She has assimilated well with the family and is now a constant companion with Sven and assists him in his everyday endeavors.....The Lodge raised over \$8000 dollars to purchase the dog from Paws for Veterans. It also provided travel and lodging expenses for his training. The Lodge is also providing any future medical expenses for the animal.



Metro East District Spring 2016



Troy #2805

Troy Lodge celebrates Christmas with Santa.

Troy suffered the loss of dear member, Past State President, Past Exalted Ruler and Lodge secretary Bob Wickoff.



Metro East Trivia Night

St. Charles Lodge

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Florissant Lodge #2316

On September 26, 2015, State President Duane Heldenbrand and his wife Angie, State President Elect John Gross and wife Sarah, State President Admin. Assistant, Charlie Carol and friend Rachelle joined the Florissant Elks for Birthday/Anniversary Steak night. It was a full house for dinner and karaoke. Handcrafted gifts by ER Tony Johns were presented to Duane.



Lodge 2316 ER Tony Johns Past State President Bob Wikoff State President Duane Heldenbrand



State President Visit



In appreciation for the Boy Scout Troop 783 performing their U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony at our Lodge, the **Ellisville Elks #2664** provided a pizza party during their regular meeting that was held on Jan 26, 2016.



Ellisville #2664, Manchester #2058 and St. Louis #9 used grant money to provide breakfast, shopping with police officers, and lunch back at the Lodge to dozens of children in need. Event was held Sunday, December 13th at the Manchester Elks Lodge.

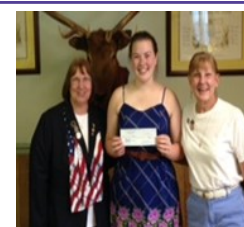


Crestwood #2503

Lodge Hop-
ping in front
of Mural at
Louisiana
#791

Ellisville Lodge #2664

On August 1st, the Ellisville Lodge handed out three \$500.00 local scholarships to our local scholarship winners, Marissa Politte, David Wasserman, and our newest recipient, Amanda Biggs. Our Lodge had a luncheon banquet for this event and all had a great time.



Exalted Ruler, Cis Russell, Scholarship Recipient Ananda Biggs, and our Scholarship Chair Cindy Ewing (L-R)



Congratulations to Eric Ouhl’s Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

Festus-Crystal City #1721 hosted the Eagle Scout award ceremony for Eric Ouhl. The lodge sponsors local scouts and are very proud to honor both Eagles pictured above.

Pictured: Parents Jeff and Mary Ouhl, the Scoutmaster Ross Dowd, Eric Ouhl and Paige Davis from the World Bird Sanctuary with “McGuire” the Bald Eagle.



Meramac Arnold 2372

For over 20 years the lodge has hosted a Halloween party and hayride for the children from the Missouri School for the Blind. On November 4th the event was held for 25 children and 8 chaperones. Elks members provided and served the guests hot dogs, chili dogs, cupcakes, and soda. Additionally each child received a goodie bag to take home with them. The hayride was held on the Lodge grounds and the evening was a great success to the delight of the children and members alike.



Desoto #689

Making spirits bright

Don Aylesworth puts sugar and flour in boxes, and volunteers in an assembly line fill them with food for local families as part of the De Soto Elks’ annual Christmas basket drive. For more, see Page 2.

Ted Howell photo



Oakville Elks Lodge #2726 has been a leader in donations to the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust for the past several years. Our charitable state project has benefited significantly from the efforts of our trumpeter Brother Elk, Ray Dierker, who has produced four music CD’s all of the proceeds of which have gone to the Benevolent Trust, over \$26,000.00 to date. Ray had the idea to make these CD’s when the State of Missouri stopped the State’s subsidy. In the year 2010, Ray and his numerous buddies met at a lounge to play and Ray paid for a recording engineer to cut a CD live concert style. This was repeated in years 2011, 2013 and 2014. The CD’s are entitled “Just Because”, “Once Again”, “Christmas in Elksville” and “Sweet Charity”. Ray is a Past Exalted Ruler of Oakville Lodge and the current Americanism Chairman of the East Central District.

All of these CD’s are still available for a Donation to the Elks Benevolent Trust. There is no set price, but a gift from your heart is appreciated by our special needs kids!

To order a CD:
Specify the CD Title and mail your check payable to “Elks Benevolent Trust”

To: Linda Dierker, Treasurer
Oakville Elks Lodge #2726
P.O. Box 510289
St. Louis, MO 63151-0289

Editors Note: These pictures and the information I gathered when Oakville made a bus trip to my Lodge Arcadia Valley. Not only did they come and play their own music but hopefully they had a great time in our lodge... Invite them to come to your Lodge and make a donation through them to Benevolent Trust.

EAST CENTRAL BLOOD DRIVE

Potosi Elks	-----18 Pints
Desoto Elks	-----36 Pints
Festus Elks	-----167 Pints
Eureka Elks	-----55 pints
Oakville Elks	-----16 pints
Cedar Hill Elks	-----14 Pints
High Ridge Elks	-----38 Pints
Meramec Arnold Elks	-----152 Pints
St. Gen Elks	-----22 Pints
518 pints X 3 —1554 LIVES MATTER!!!	

DONATE



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY – JUNE 4, 2016
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY – JUNE 5, 2016
8:00 AM TEE TIME

STE. GENEVIEVE GOLF COURSE

3 PERSON SCRAMBLE
\$75 / PERSON OR \$225 / TEAM
Includes Skins & Mulligans

Proceeds to benefit:
MISSOURI ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST

FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES

PRIZE MONEY - \$4,080.00
BASED ON 216 PLAYERS - 72 TEAM LIMIT

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST PROVIDED

(CUT OFF AND MAIL THIS PORTION)

MUST SHOW PAID UP ELKS MEMBERSHIP CARD AT SIGN IN

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____ LODGE: _____

2ND PLAYER: _____ LODGE: _____

3RD PLAYER: _____ LODGE: _____

CONTACT #: _____ AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____ DATE: _____

MUST BE AN ELK IN GOOD STANDING TO PLAY

OPEN TO ALL ELKS MAY 1, 2016

Mail to: JOE SHIREY Make Check Payable to:
79 OAKWOOD DR. **ECD Golf Tournament**
Ste. GENEVIEVE, MO 63670 **NO ENTRIES AFTER**
Phone: 573 883-5816 **Monday 05.23.2016**

Full Size Application in EShozem



Cedar Hill #2678 Volunteers assemble food baskets for the annual Christmas Basket program; the lodge provided 50 families in the community with almost \$6,000 in food and gift certificates this year.

Sedalia Elks Lodge #125

What do area students Issac Lorenz & Bailey Curry have in common? The answer is that both of them have won Scholarships from the Elks National Foundation by applying for our Most Valuable Student Scholarship!! These 2 students took the time to apply and are going on to the National level of judging where they could possible win up to \$50,000.00!!

We here at the Lodge are so proud to be sponsoring these **MVS Scholarship** 2 outstanding seniors, and are happy for them to be a part of the over \$2.44 million worth of Scholarships that the Elks National Foundation give out each year through the Most Valuable Student Scholarship program.



St Genevieve #2674 Hosted a December visit with State President Hildenbrand and invited them to participate in the Memorial Service.



PER
Initiation at
High Ridge
#2455



Selling "Uncle Johnnie's"
At the Potosi #2218
Christmas Auction



East Central District Spring 2016



Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644

The last two days of 2015 brought devastation to many communities in Missouri, including the cities of Eureka and Pacific. The New Year's Flood (as it will long be remembered) saw waters rise to record levels thus affecting areas never before touched by flood waters. Indeed the end of 2015 brought suffering. However, 2016 came and brought a much different type of flood, it brought a flood of much needed help and hope to those in need. The community came together and wrapped their collective arms around the flood victims to let them know they were not on their own. In a matter of hours vast quantities of volunteer labor and materials began to appear.

Before we write about how your fellow Elks participated, we must first acknowledge the tireless efforts of many who served the community during the flood, and who continue to do so now. Simple words won't come close to describing the impact made by all the first responders, local officials, residents, businesses, local organizations and churches, along with countless others throughout the St. Louis area and beyond. Your response was overwhelming and heartwarming. We wish to send our most sincere thanks to each of you. The Elks worked hand-in-hand with those mentioned above. The motto Elks Care -Elks Share clearly came to life as the members of the Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644 rolled up their sleeves and pitched in. Even before the flood waters came, lodge members worked to fill and place sandbags and help move equipment and furniture out of the path of the rising waters.

As the flood waters began to recede, things really hit high gear. The local authorities asked the Elks if the lodge could be used as a Command Center for volunteers. Volunteers were asked to report to the lodge to register and be assigned work duties. The lodge facilities were used to prepare and served meals to volunteers and flood victims alike. The lodge also served as a make shift transportation hub that shuttled volunteers to work areas as needed.

Another way the Eureka-Pacific Elks were involved was through a joint fund raiser called High Water Jam. Folks from Not in Our Back Yard (NIOBY), the Elks, and the Wine House (a local Eureka establishment) hosted several St. Louis area bands who donated their time and talents to bring the community together to raise funds to be distributed to those in need.

Lastly, the Eureka-Pacific Elks were asked to serve as the central collection point for cash donations. An account was set up and donations came in from all across the state and even from outside of Missouri. A committee comprised of local officials, residents and Elks will work to determine how the funds will be dispersed. The members of Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644 are happy to have been a part of the overall response and we are extremely proud of the heart of this community!

EUREKA-PACIFIC STRONG !

Potosi Elks #2218 celebrated its 50th annual Christmas Charity Auction this past December. Thanks to the Community's support, we have helped over 20,000 kids and spent over \$700,000 on clothes, shoes, and coats. This year, we helped 465 kids, and spent over \$27,000. We work closely with the counselors in each of the 4 schools in our county to get a list of children that would benefit the greatest from our support. Since we were able to turn our Christmas Charity Program into a 501c3 Charity, we have added a backpack (weekend food) program to our list of accomplishments. We provide small bags of snacks and fruit to 192 children in the county, every week. According to the counselors, we have actually reduced truancy on Fridays in the school districts. We use 2 of our grants for this program, but that's only about 10% of what we spend. The program has grown over the years and continues to expand. We are very proud of our program and diligently work on it all year long. We are very fortunate to have strong community support and a good rapport with them.

Elks National Foundation
What we get back!

Raised in 2014-2015 \$179,468
Paid back to MO 2015-2016

State Charity \$107,040
Special Projects Grant \$59,410
Bonus Grant \$24,230
Most Valuable Student \$36,000
Legacy Award \$24,000
NVSC \$16,800

Total Paid back- \$267,480

Figures on the right are through 02/22/2016



Randy Northington, Chairman
Missouri State Elks Association
Totals 29,633 Members
Contributions \$146,397.64
Per Capita Average \$4.94

East Central
Mardi Gras

Was held Saturday before printing.

Pictured are the finalists from the mask contest.

The East Central Fund-raising event is held annually with all proceeds going to Benevolent Trust.

The final figures were not in yet but the event typically raises from \$17,000 to \$25,000 for Benevolent Trust.



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



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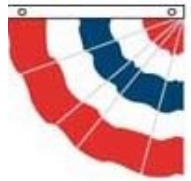


National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

Chuck Mudge Vice Chairman NVSC Leather program shows off a picture made by a Disabled Veteran using a “deer hide” from our program. The picture entitled “John the Baptist” has won recognitions in contests using leather craft. Chuck and our lodges repeatedly keeps the National Hide Collecting Championship in Missouri!



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