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Michael F. Zellen was installed as the Elks Grand Exalted Ruler at the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston,

A Message from Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL F. ZELLEN

I offer my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the faith and the confidence that so many have placed in me to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler. Donna and I wish to thank and acknowledge the many Elks for their encouragement and support leading up to this tremendous honor.

We pledge that we will fulfill your expectations to the best of our ability. We look forward to meeting you during our travels and to witness first-hand the many ways that Elks are serving their respective communities throughout our great nation.

"Elks – Leading the Way" is my theme for the year.

Since our humble beginnings as an Order, Elks have demonstrated over and over that our Members truly care about their fellow man. No other organization has given more in the name of benevolence and charity than our beloved Order.

Our concern and support for those who have served in the military and defended our freedoms has never wavered. We are second to none in providing our support to deserving students with scholarship assistance, promoting our local and national youth programs, and continuing our support of local community service programs.

In 2016-2017, the Elks National Foundation will distribute \$27.3 million to help Elks build stronger communities by investing \$9.8 million in Community Investment Program grants for Elks Lodges to invest directly in their local communities. The ENF will allocate \$9.1 million to help State Associations accomplish their charitable objectives.

The ENF will continue to further the education of our country's future leaders by allocating \$4.2 million in scholarship assistance. The ENF designated \$729,330 to fund Drug Awareness and \$952,760 to run the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Program, encouraging youth to lead healthy and active lives. In addition, the Elks National Foundation designated \$1.464 million to fund the Order's Veterans Service Program.

In order to continue funding these great programs, the Elks National Foundation needs our support. We must all support the ENF by donating and volunteering with ENF programs. The goal we have established for 2016-17 is \$4.65 per Member. This is not much when you consider the outstanding achievements of the ENF. I am hopeful that every Lodge will strive to meet or surpass this amount.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to serve as your national leader

MICHAEL F. ZELLEN

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Dear Missouri Elks,

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the halfway point in the year. For many of our Lodges the summer tends to be the toughest time of the year. Families are vacationing, summertime chores need to be tended to, and for many people the Elks is the last thing on their minds. But Sarah, Dave, Melodie, and I can bear witness to a lot of wonderful things going on throughout our great state. Our State has a group of very positive and enthusiastic Exalted Rulers who are leading their respective Lodges in many great endeavors. We have seen veterans get honored, attended scholarship fund raisers, attended Purple Balls, and been a part of many incredible events that benefit local communities. We saw how Lodges came together to put on fishing derbies for our kids. We have seen that you don't need to be a big Lodge to have a huge impact. I cannot put into adequate words how honored I feel to represent Missouri. Our local Lodges do so much and it's the things they do that truly define what a great organization it is that we belong to.



Since April we attended the State Bass Tournament, the State Shuffleboard Tournament, I participated in the State Softball Tournament because my Lodge was desperate, and we participated in the State Golf Tournament. These events always prove to be good times. We have shared many laughs and met so many great people at these events and if you enjoy these activities and don't attend then you're truly missing out.

We learned at National Convention in Houston that Missouri has a National Essay Champion! How great is that? Please read on in your Shozem

for a great presentation Bud Clarkson put together on this fine young lady. Of course we were very disappointed our State Sponsor, Ted Callicott was unable to attend the session in Houston but we were very happy Carl "Curly" Simpson and his lovely wife Sharon were there to represent us. We will look forward to hosting the Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Zellen, at our Spring Convention.

The only negative thing I have seen so far this year is our membership decline. For many years Missouri was either the top state in membership or very close to it. However, I am very confident we are turning the corner and will be heading in the right direction very quickly. Everyone wants to have fun and be on a winning team and once folks realize all the fun they are missing out on I believe they will be back.

Thank you Missouri Elks for all you do. On behalf of Sarah, Dave, and Melodie, we are really looking to the second half of the year.

Fraternally, John Gross President, Missouri Elks Association

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Past Grand Exalted Ruler

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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
Adrian #2864

Living Past State Presidents

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
DUANE HELDENBRAND 2015-2016



Shozem Missouri State Elks Magazine

Thank You to all District Editors, Lodge Editors and many Individuals who make Shozem submissions.

You do not have to be a District Editor, Lodge Editor or Secretary to submit to the Shozem. Do you have a great picture from your lodge? Or from a Lodge Event? Please

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

To receive the Shozem and EShozem just send an email with "add me" in the subject line to shozem2@gmail.com. This Falls EShozem is Loaded with Extras! **The Shozem has a link at moelks.org. That is the easiest way to view the Magazine.**

I have a "Special Thank You" for Dave Hutson. Dave has taken pictures for the Shozem from Lodge visits as MEA Administrative Assistant. You will see some awesome pictures from an awesome guy! Thanks Dave!!



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 the Shozem as well as Links to lots of Missouri sites and pictures. There are links to many manuals and is a great Elk informational source. This sight is an awesome resource for District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and all officers both State and local.



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. The site is full of pictures and events going on around the State. Just ask to join the group and come in and join us.

The MEA Shozem is linked and opens up easily through the website.

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. This 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.



The past 2 conventions the CLMS trainer has combined with the group from Drug Awareness. This allows secretaries opportunities to help their Lodge with the Drug Awareness program and also insures that our Lodges are getting credit for what we do with the Drug Awareness Program to help continue.

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MEA State Shuffle Board 2016



State president John Gross, PSP Rich Larkin and Chairman Chris Miller look on.

On April 15th and 16th the first Missouri State Elks shuffleboard tournament was held at Affton #635. There were fifty four players producing 18 teams from the following Lodges Affton, St. Charles, Ellisville, Troy, Grandview, Lake of the Ozarks,

Merrimack-Arnold, Hannibal, and Benton County

First place winners - Team 6 Dan Kelly, Jack Young, and Dave Callier

Second place went to team 18, Tom White, John Carey, and Daryl Beers

Third-place team number 15 (Benton County) Mark Miner, Judy Youngs, and Rosalie Linck-Robinson

Missouri



District Deputies 2016-2017

Ron Bollinger,
Southeast
Ellis Shipley,
Northwest
Fred Jones,
Northeast
Blaine Diehl,
West Central
John Rinehart,
Metro West
Rick Bryant,
Southwest
Dave Callier,
Metro East
Bob Eckelcamp,
East Central

Officer Training 2016

Jim Hahn-Roland Seal

May 16, 2016 forty-five (45) members, representing nineteen (19) Lodges, gathered at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City in attendance during this year's training program. The diverse group of members was comprised of lodge members, committee persons, Lodge Officers, State Officers and committee persons as well as members representing the Grand Lodge.

This year's program marked the first year the Training Committee outlined its program through the use of a Power-Point presentation. This enhanced version was well received by attendees and was felt to aid in the overall presentation of the various subject matters discussed.

The State Association paid for the meal and associated costs of the day's event. Our goal of providing a relaxed atmosphere for teaching and learning, lunch and accommodations for the attendees was achieved. The Officer Training Committee is discussing the continuation of such program location and costs for the future. Due to having to guarantee food by a particular cutoff date became problematic. Some members, who said they would be in attendance, did not show and others failed to schedule their attendance, thus creating a problem and undue cost to the State Association. One lodge was billed for not calling and cancelling their attendance by the due date.

Should you wish to learn more about the History of our Order, our Annotated Statutes, Personnel Policies, Rental Agreements, Public Accommodations, Ritual, Team Building, Club Management, CLEMS, Do's and Don'ts of a Board of Directors, State and Grand Lodge Committee workings and much more, plan on attending next year's Program. Dates and locations will be announced during the 2017 Spring Convention.

James A. Hahn, Roland A. Seal
PGE/PSP PGRC/PSP
Chairman Co-Chairman

A ll A merican L odges
Columbia 1st place
Blue Springs 2nd Place

Lodge Bulletin Contest
Lodges reminder to enter the lodge bulletin contest, 3 consecutive issues submitted to your DDGER by January 1st

Bill Walters, Chairman

4800 NORTHEAST	TOTAL	4820 NORTHWEST	TOTAL	4880 SOUTHEAST	TOTAL
JEFFERSON CITY = 513	695	CHILLICOTHE 656	454	CAPE GIRARDEAU 639	1,031
COLUMBIA = 594	537	MARYVILLE 760	324	FARMINGTON 1765	1,000
LOUISIANA = 791	349	TRENTON 801	196	CHAFFEE 1810	355
MEXICO = 919	209	BROOKFIELD 874	449	SIKESTON 2319	612
MACON 999	213	EXCELSIOR SP 1001	322	ARCADIA VALLEY 2330	435
HANNIBAL 1198	207	CAMERON 2615	224	DEXTER 2439	659
WASHINGTON 1559	1,135	MILAN 2819	268	POPULAR BLUFF 2452	316
O. FALLON 2587	446		2,237	MINERAL AREA 2583	263
ST. CLAIR 2651	440			JACKSON 2652	304
WARRENTON 2662	309			PERRYVILLE 2701	425
	4,540			FREDRICKTOWN 2812	53
					5,453
4760 EASTCENTRAL	TOTAL	4940 WESTCENTRAL	TOTAL	4920 SOUTHWEST	TOTAL
DESOTO 689	767	SEDALIA 125	234	SPRINGFIELD 409	1,169
FESTUS-CRY CITY = 1721	1,651	NEVADA 564	629	JOPLIN 861	679
POTOSI 2218	449	CLINTON 1034	798	WEBB CITY 2418	332
MERAMEC M 2372	443	LAKE OF OZE 2517	707	ROLLA 2461	63
HIGH RIDG HI 2455	340	BATES COUNTY 2653	140	KIMBERLING CTY 2505	340
EUREKA PACIFIC 2644	489	OSAGE COMM 2705	818	ALTON THAYER 2545	56
ST. GEN 2674	553	BENTON CO. 2783	165	LEBANON 2557	132
CEDAR HILL 2678	214	LAMAR 2800	113	LAKETANEYCOMO 2597	97
OAKVILLE 2726	493	BOLIVER 2828	120	CHRISTIAN CO. 2777	155
	5,399	GREENVIEW 2857	168		3,174
		LAKE STOCKTON 2858	153		
		ADRIAN 2864	41		
			4,086		
4780 METRO EAST	TOTAL	4790 METROWEST	TOTAL	STATE TOTAL	TOTAL
ST. LOUIS 9	288	KANSAS CITY 26	348		
ST. CHARLES 690	177	WARRENSBURG 673	266		
MANCHESTER 2058	136	LEXINGTON 749	201		
FLORISSANT 2316	356	GRANDVIEW HICK 2088	251		
CRESTWOOD 2503	371	K.C. NORTHLAND 2376	274		
AFTON 2635	461	BLUE SPRINGS 2509	919		
ELLISVILLE 2664	138	CASS COUNTY 2791	302		
TROY 2805	204		2,561		
	2,131				

Membership Don Kantouth 3/15/2016

District Membership

Southeast	5453
East Central	5399
Northeast	4550
West Central	4086
Southwest	3174
Metro West	2561
Northwest	2237
Metro East	2131

Lodge Membership

Festus-Crystal City	1651
Springfield	1169
Washington	1135
Cape Girardeau	1031
Farmington	1000
Blue Springs	919

Bill Page, PER Bates County #2653,
Adrian #2864, Past Vice President
West Central District



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Benevolent Trust

Again our major state project, the Missouri Benevolent Trust Dental Program, was a participant at this year's National Convention held in Houston from July 3-6. In combination with the PER Association, Missouri had a double booth in the Exhibit Hall. Rick and Sherri Bryant from Webb City Lodge 861 along with John and Valerie Rinehart from

Cass County Lodge 2791 worked the crowd selling the PER "Kick-ass" mule pins bringing in \$2,945. I also want to thank Don and Susan Cook, Heather Coots and Doug Jordan for helping at the booth by assisting convention attendees with their questions about our major state program, selling pins and raffle tickets. Their help was greatly appreciated.

This year we held a raffle to raise funds for our Benevolent Trust - two suitcases full of Missouri made wines. I want to thank Sherri and Valerie who sold the majority of tickets. Along with all those who manned our booth \$1580 was raised. Thank you again to all who assisted at our booth and those who purchased tickets.

I am also proud to say we received a "5 Star" rating (5 being the highest) for content and appearance of our booth. After receiving a "3 Star" rating last year we put a little more "pizzazz" in this year's booth.

The new Benevolent Trust Dental Labs are nearing completion. Both units are at the Truman Medical Center and have been fully outfitted with dental equipment. At the time of this writing I am sending the finalized design for the vehicle wrap as per agreement by the Missouri Benevolent Trust Board of Management. These new units will be our shining star showing our long-term commitment to help those in our communities. In the near future these two units will be traveling the roads of Missouri keeping patients and all of us smiling.

As the Lodge year comes to a mid-point please remember our \$4.50 per capita goal. We achieved \$4.40 last year and I know you will help in obtaining this year's goal. See your Lodge Benevolent Trust Chairman or Exalted Ruler to make a pledge or donation. Pledges can be made with as little as \$10 per year for 10 years or up to \$100 per year for 10 years. Remember you can find your Lodge per capita report on our Missouri Elks Website with numbers updated monthly.



Let us all strive to beat our \$4.50 goal this year. Everyone agreed to help share and care when they were initiated into our organization. Let's show that we remember that obligation.

Thank you always for your support,

Brian Crawford,
PSP Director
Missouri
Benevolent
Trust

Resolutions Passed National Convention

2016-01 – To rename the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to better reflect the practices, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Yes, 2346; no, 62. Passed

n 2016-02 – To eliminate any responsibility for the Elks National Home given its recent sale. Yes, 2378; No, 26. 98.92 percent. Constitutional amendment. Passage subject to Lodge ratification.

2016-03 – To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the reinstatement fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether. Yes, 2069; No, 316. Passed

2016-04 – To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the initiation fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether. Yes, 2052; No, 339. Passed

2016-05 – To amend the Grand Lodge Constitution to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Section 16.030. Yes, 2204; No, 182. 92.37 percent. Constitutional amendment. Dependent on passage of No. 6. Passage subject to Lodge ratification.

2016-06 – To amend the Grand Lodge Statutes to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Sections 16.030 and 16.050. Yes, 2203; No, 194. Dependent on passage of No. 5. Passage subject to Lodge ratification.

2016-07 – To provide that seven Members shall constitute a quorum in Local Lodges with membership of 99 or less. Yes, 2195; no, 195. 91.84 percent. Constitutional amendment. Passage subject to Lodge ratification.

2016-08 – To return to an incorporated Lodge the choice of having a Board of Trustees or a Board of Directors as the Managing Body of the Lodge. Yes, 1783; No, 611. Passed

2016-09 – To clarify that the number of elected Trustees of a Lodge shall be not less than three nor more than five. Yes, 2314; No, 89. 96.30 percent. Constitutional amendment. Passage subject to Lodge ratification.

2016-10 – To clarify that a widow or widower of a deceased Member, who subsequently remarries, is not eligible for an identification card. Yes, 2041; No, 329. Passed n

2016-11 – To increase the filing fee in Local Forum proceedings to more accurately reflect the cost to the Lodge. Yes, 2030; No, 360. Passed n
2016-12 – To confirm the obligation of a Lodge to disclose the existence of all



On Thursday June 30th approximately 700 Missouri Elks invaded Busch Stadium in St. Louis Missouri to watch the Kansas City Royals challenge the St Louis cardinals. The event was organized by State President John Gross and Oakville #2726 Leading Knight John Yeager.

The tickets were sold throughout Missouri's 74 Elks Lodges. The ball game was attended by many Kansas City Royals fans from the west side of the state and of course the St Louis Cardinal fans basically from the East.

It was a party-type atmosphere with great Elks having a good time. The Kansas City Royals won the game 4-2 giving the west side bragging rights..



MO Elks Nite @ the Ballpark



Proud members from throughout our 74 lodges gathered in center field to present the Flag for the National Anthem and God Bless America. (Above & Below)

There are over 100 pictures of Missouri Elks Night on the MEA Facebook page. If you need assistance getting on send an email to shozem2@gmail.com



State President John Gross and wife Sarah, Administrative Assistant Dave Hutson, **Oakville Leading Knight and event Chairman John Yeager**, PSP Larry Robertson, MEA Shozem Editor Bud Clarkson, presented checks for \$1,245 to MEA State project Benevolent Trust, \$1160 to St Louis Cardinals Care and KC Royals Charities. Bottom left: Cardinals present a game Ball to President Gross. Center: Elks behind the lines "having a good time." Right: Dave, Larry, John, John Yeager and Sarah, and For some Royal Fans it was a hair-raising experience!



Look at the Missouri Elks Association Facebook page album "A nite @the Ballpark"

Shozem Editor Bud Clarkson took approximately 100 pictures of Missouri Elks.

Best People On Earth





Past Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering is seated with the Missouri contingent Joy Clarkson, Margaret Smith, Charlie Smith DEA Chairman, Selena Lambrich. (Bud Clarkson not pictured) at the **DEA 360 Strategy: CADCA Training Seminar "A Comprehensive Approach to Addressing the Pills to Heroin Epidemic"** held in St Louis MO.

The Missouri Elks were educated and made aware of the Epidemic of Heroin use. A key point being the ease of access and the inexpensive costs.



Do you have things in your life that you couldn't live without? I do: my family, friends, education and the extracurricular activities I participate in. Would I still be able to have or do those things with drugs in my life? The answer is no.

Why would you want to do drugs? Imagine a wall of pictures. There's a picture of your family, friends, school, and your extracurricular activities. There's also one of the college you want to go to.

You start doing drugs and don't tell anyone. The next couple days you and your family notice that you get mad really fast. You start to yell at your parents, and you aren't nice to your siblings. One day, while you are at school, your mom goes into your room and finds some drugs. When you return, she confronts you about her findings. You get really mad, and because of the drugs you've been taking you yell at her. You and your family are drifting apart. Drugs rip

your family apart. **Get rid of the picture of you and of the picture of you and your family.**

MEA Chmn Chas Smith, ER Barb Delliart Washington #2659, Cara Lause, MEA President John Gross

During the next couple of days, word gets around that you are using drugs. Your friends tell you that they don't want to be friends anymore. They don't feel safe around you because you get mad and act out at anything that bothers you. You lose people you were really close to because of drugs. **Take down the picture of you and your friends.**

The next day you have Basketball practice. This was really important to you, but the Coach heard you got into drugs. He went over to you, and you thought he was going to help you like he always does. Instead, he kicked you off the team. You have a tantrum and you almost hurt one of your teammates. Drugs are ruining everything. You can **say bye to the picture of you and your team.**

The next couple weeks you feel miserable, and you can't focus. You're skipping class just to use drugs. School is pointless to you. You can tell everyone is judging you and it doesn't feel good, so you drop out. **There goes the picture of your school.**

Now the only picture is your future. You don't realize how important this is because you're so focused on getting drugs. You're just glad you have something left. Well, you don't so take it down. You probably should tear it into pieces because it won't be easy to get back. Now you are staring at a plain wall, wondering how you lost everything, but you know the answer. It was when you started using drugs. You thought drugs would solve your problem, but instead they distracted you as everything got worse. **Life as you remembered is gone forever.**

Now that you know what your life would be with drugs, would you still use them? I would never risk that much, maybe even my life, for drugs. **My message to you is: just don't do it!**

This story won the National Drug Awareness Essay Contest. It was written by Cara Lause 13 years old and a Student at St Gertrude School. She was sponsored by Washington Lodge #1559.

Drug Awareness Fall 2016

Bud,
After speaking with you at the softball game and thinking of an entry from me for Shozem as State D.A.P. Chairman, I'm reminded of a story I recently heard which concerned me due to the apparent lack of respect and attitude displayed. I won't go into the story as it isn't as relevant as was the lack of respect shown to Law Enforcement Officers by adults.



A very concerned citizen (and I believe an Officer's parent) recently took the time to write me about his feelings regarding society's issues, especially keeping in mind all the recent killings of our nations' Law Officers. He thought better communication between Law Enforcement and the public could be helpful. He reminded me of days gone by when Officers were trusted and people respected authority figures. Well, between the few "bad apples" and of course the "savior of all peoples problems" the ACLU, times have reversed. Before I go further, I want to acknowledge the ACLU for the many injustices they have helped make right. However, all of us who are parents quickly understand, the more you give a child, the more they want and expect, after all they are entitled to it are they not?

Our news media understands finance, perceived police officer wrongdoings are money makers, after all they can always run a correction to their original broadcast later. This type of reporting causes a "knee-jerk" reaction and even in the case where the full story later comes out, no one wants to believe it. Our news media needs to be extremely cognizant of the repercussions of reporting "half-truths" or innuendos of wrong doings by authority figures and report without bias, the news.

While it may seem I'm being political, I'm not. I'm simply trying to help people understand one viewpoint and possibly what has led our society into an era where illegal drugs are being decriminalized and legalized. What message are we as responsible, working, taxpaying adults sending to our children? With public sentiment being at an all time high for our veterans and all emergency workers how can we standby and allow acts of disrespect to continue and then go home and try to punish our children for their mistakes.

As I explained to this man, society did not "do a 180 overnight and it won't change overnight", but, if enough of us make some small effort every day, change will happen. Can we make it better? Please seriously consider all the issues before making/ passing judgment. I firmly believe legalization of marijuana is harmful, to the users, their families, our communities and our nation and hope you do also.

I saw a sign today that read, "Past mistakes should be seen as LESSONS not LIFE SENTENCES!" I think this means we can change and make the future brighter for us and our children, all we have to do is try.

Respectfully,
Charlie Smith
MO ELKS D.A.P. Chairman

Americanism Essay

1st Place: Eureka-Pacific #2644, Ella Vergara, 12



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MEA Softball



Washington #1559 hosted the MEA Softball tournament. 1st place Festus Crystal City #1721, 2nd Place Potosi #2218 3rd place Desoto #689. President Gross Slides into home with the MEA State Officers.

President Gross throws out the first pitch



Missouri MVS Scholarship winners spoke at the Spring 2016 Convention. Posing with the scholars is 2015-2016 Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks



MEA Chairman Nicholas Mueller presents Home Run Derby trophy to David Freiner-Festus Crystal City

Team 1st Place Buzz-Atkinson and Dan Atkinson Blue Springs 2nd Place Ronnie McCoy-Dan Lefebor



Florissant 3rd place Luke Richardson-Andy Aholt Washington (pictured above)

4th John Steel-Jeff Sanders DeSoto 5th Bob Lebouef and Joe Pizzimenti Florissant 6th Greg-West Warren Bott Lake of the Ozarks 7th Don Biggs Danny Bissell Lake Taneycomo 8th Kurt-Kent Dickey Potosi 9th Place Don Rupe-Larry Mowry 10th Doug Buhr-Alfred Fisher Washington



Big Bass —Kurt Dickey and Kent Dickey Potosi 2nd Place Bob LeBauer and Joe Pizzamenti Florissant 3rd-place Kent Sheet DeSoto



Simpson the "Pitcher"

Two years ago Carl Simpson started pitching horseshoes while in south Texas. Last winter Carl and his partner pitched in the Rio Grand Valley Senior Championship and took first place. Carl pitched in the 2015 World Championship tournament held in Topeka Kansas taking 6th place in the Senior Division. He then pitched in the Missouri State Tournament, taking first place in the Senior Division. He will be pitching this fall in Jefferson City at the State Tournament. If Carl is not doing Elks business he can be found pitching shoes all around Missouri. Carl said throwing shoes is like being at an Elks Lodge----lots of good people having a good time.

Missouri Special Deputy Carl Simpson



East Central District Fall 2016



On June 10, 2016, the **Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge 2372**, had the privilege of hosting the East central District Annual Flag Day Celebration. The celebration was a great success with approximately 200 people in attendance. In celebration, vintage military vehicles from the 2nd Ranger Battalion, and vehicles from the Military Vehicle Preservation Association were in attendance. Boy Scout troop 372 from our Lodge did a flag burning ceremony.



Desoto Elks #689 Safety Fair: Local Police with info and finger printing available for the children. Rural and Local Fire Departments had information and handouts for all. 911 had a display with handouts for all. Mercy Hospital was on hand with info for their programs available to the public. Local Ambulance was here to give info on what to in an emergency.

East Central Mardi Gras



This year the East-Central Mardi Gras was hosted by **DeSoto #689**. All nine lodges in the district participated in the event and the house was packed. Between \$19,000 and \$20,000 was raised this year for Benevolent Trust. A Cajun menu was served and fundraising event were held throughout the evening,



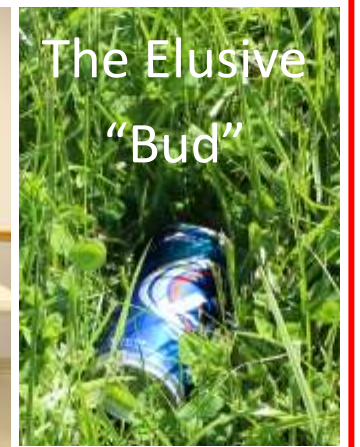
Hunting in High Grass



**Chairman Eckelkamp, Pres. Gross
DDGER Bob Eckelkamp**



"The Ladies of Oakville"



**The Elusive
"Bud"**

Bud

Oakville #2726 25 years of **"Hunting for the Beers"...the History of the Bud Hunt** Al Eiler was the original Mastermind of hunting for beer. He and some friends were sitting at the bar one day watching the Easter egg hunt and he thought it wasn't fair that the Easter Bunny only took care of hiding eggs for the kids to hunt. Al thought something should be held for adults too. He knew the men wouldn't get off the bar stool to go hunt eggs, but they would for a couple of beers. Of course the ladies did their part by getting the beer and hiding them ...and the tradition of hunting for beer at Oakville Lodge was born. The first time was actually called "The fools Bud hunt" because it was held on April Fool's Day. But alas April 1st does not always fall on the weekend and sometimes the weather can be a little iffy in April. So the ladies decided to move it to the first Saturday in May and combine it with Derby Day. They dropped the "Fools" and just called it the **"Bud Hunt"**, and it's been known that ever since.

Manchester Lodge #2058

flag presentation on July 1, 2016 to the National Park Service, serving the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Manchester has provided flags for this national monument since the summer of 2002, and we incorporate it as part of our Flag Day ceremony. After our presentation, new Americans are sworn in as citizens of the United States.

We work with Rick Ziino each year to get this done, and they have a new Chief of Interpretation, Rhonda Schier, who has been at Valley Forge and Mount Rushmore. She recalled to us good memories of her dad being an Elk, and going to picnics and having the "best time" every summer (she has his lifetime membership pin picture, in order: ER John Buckner, Leading Knight Jim Cribbs, Chief of Interpretation Rhonda Schier, PDD Carol Meatte, Esquire Heather Stolte, and Interpretive Specialist Rick Ziino.



Ellisville Elks #2664 Eagle Scout Project

With the help of our Promise Grant, the Ellisville Elks provided \$250.00 to Scout Nick Eldridge for his Eagle Scout Project. This money helped pay for materials to build 12 Raccoon Release cages that will be donated to the Wilderness Wildlife Center in Ballwin MO., and the project will also help this young man complete his requirements for his Eagle Scout Award.

(L-R) Scout Nick Eldridge. ER - Cis Russell, and Secretary - Mike Polson - Pictured with one of the finished Raccoon Release Cages



St Louis #9 ER Robert Stricklin awarding trophies at its first ever BBQ cook-off



Troy Lodge #2805 Past District Deputy Joe McCarthy presents Awards to scholarship winners from the Lodge.



Afton #2635 15 members volunteered to stand at the entrances of Shop 'n Save on S. Lindbergh in support of a Food Drive in partnership with HEROES CARE. The focus of this partnership was to collect canned goods to help our military families and Veterans in need, especially our homeless Veterans. We collected slightly over 3,000 pounds of canned goods and non-perishables, along with a whopping \$1,041 in monetary donations.... now that's an awesome food drive and all for veteran causes! According to Rob Sheahan, our HEROES Care partner

The Afton Elks Lodge #2635 held a golf tournament in May with proceeds to benefit the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry. The inaugural Spring tournament was a great success as evidenced by the \$5,000 donation presented by tournament co-chairman Clark Cornelison to Linda Ferguson of the Jefferson Barracks



Linda Ferguson and Co-Chairman Clark Cornelison



Crestwood #2503 held its annual Testicle Festival dinner and fundraiser.

The lodge served its infamous appetizer with a regular Pork Dinner. Many things happened that night. There were lots of games, the coronation of the testicle King and Queen along with several silent auction prizes that raised money for the good of the order.



Oddfellows Hall 1900

St. Charles The Beginning

(Note: Some of this story, especially before the lodge started is a guess based on the times and assumptions from who became the first ER and charter officers.)

In 1900 A thirty-seven year old resident William F. Bloebaum had just been appointed Postmaster to the city a year earlier. Bloebaum was a well-educated man, who was well known for being a political person. Sure he was happy getting the appointment to Postmaster, after all his pay was about double the average at the time, but he was always looking to network and meet people for the future opportunities.

Through his new job as Postmaster Bloebaum It is more than likely, he was invited by another postmaster to visit the St. Louis Elks Lodge #9 for a cigar and a drink.. The St. Louis Lodge was the 9th lodge of the order, established in 1878. Here he saw a beautiful lodge. "Why don't we start one in St. Charles too?" Had to be the question either from or to Bloebaum." "You need to sign up 25 members to start and then your there". Bloebaum went back to St. Charles and told friends and of his experience at the St. Louis Elks and started getting a feel for how many were interested.

On Bloebaum's 2nd trip to the St. Louis Lodge, he brought a small group to visit from St. Charles. The group met at the train station by the river for the trip to St. Louis by train. .

After that trip Bloebaum had help and they had at least 25 signed up and by April 21st of 1901 they were all initiated in the Elks. The next week on April 27th the charter officers were installed at Odd Fellows Hall.

Gary Simpkins Per #690

(This is an excerpt from ST Charles #690 July newsletter Shortened by Retired Postmaster Shozem editor Bud Clarkson)

Arcadia Valley #2330 MVS Student Scholarship Winner to the Olympics!!



Arcadia Valley #2330 Former MVS Scholarship winner Edward King, an Ironton native and active officer in Navy Information Operations Command at Fort Meade, Md., has been selected among 21 members of the 2016 USA Olympic men's rowing team. The 27-year-old will compete in the Lightweight Men's four event with teammates Robin Prendes, Tyler Nase and Anthony Fahden next month in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. King is a 2007 graduate of Arcadia Valley High School and 2-time cross country state medalist, including a second-place finish at the Class 2 championships during his senior season. He then studied Oceanography at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and has since represented his country in six international rowing events. King earned a bronze medal at the 2016 World Rowing Cup I in Varese, Italy. Shozem Editor Bud Clarkson was proud to brag that he was the Exalted Ruler when Edward won his Scholarship.—Edwards Sister Edwina also was a MVS Winner!

Farmington 1765

The lodge officers, led by Exalted Ruler Wayne Wilson, have continued a long standing tradition of excellence. All the lodge officers at the first meeting, did their parts (long version) by memory. One step further, the officers did their first initiation at the end of April, again by memory (full version). May was a busy month with the youth banquet where the lodge presented \$15,000 in scholarship awards. There were over 135 parents, students, school officials and Elks in attendance. The next event for the lodge was the Mother's Day program. It was also very well attended. Next weekend State President John Gross came for his official visit. By the end of the evening, he had made many new friends and had an enjoyable time. With all that under the lodge's belt, the lodge did one of their Modot Adpot-a-highway cleanups on Karsch Blvd (Hwy 32).



June was also busy with the district Vice-President Jason LeDure came for his visit at the regular lodge meeting June 2nd. The lodge had good attendance for the Elks Flag Day service on June 14 paying tribute to the symbol of our nation, our flag. A quickly scheduled blood drive was held in June also.

Mineral Area #2583 held its Annual Special Prom. Exalted Ruler Kenny Hawkins, State President John Gross and Sara stand proudly with this year's prom King and Queen.

President Gross met many of the Mineral Area Lodge officers. Almost 100% were in attendance.



Southeast District Fall 2016

Cape Girardeau #639



Cape Elks raised \$10,000 on July 9, 2016 for "Homes for Our Troops". The lodge raised over \$16,000 on their 14th annual "Masters of the Lake" tennis ball —golf ball tournament. The remaining 6,000 raised will be split between the National Foundation and Benevolent Trust. Homes for Our Troops (HFOT) is a privately funded 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that builds mortgage-free, specially adapted

homes nationwide for severely injured Veterans Post – 9/11, to enable them to rebuild their lives. Most of these Veterans have sustained injuries including multiple limb amputations, partial or full paralysis, and/or severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). These homes restore some of the freedom and independence our Veterans sacrificed while defending our country, and enable them to focus on their family, recovery, and rebuilding their lives. Since its inception in 2004. To learn more or to donate go to <https://www.hfotusa.org/>

If you would like to receive a hug from Miss Houston USA you can be the Exalted Ruler of Sikeston Elks Lodge #2319 for 20 years. Like current ER Wayne Smith, or maybe just be Exalted Ruler somewhere else this year. At any rate I am sure his wife "Doris" will never find out about this. Sikeston #2319 has worked hard for 25 years to assure that our community has an Independence Day fireworks display. According to E.R. Wayne Smith, the tradition began when two members decided to buy \$200 worth of fireworks and set them off at the old lodge on highway 60. It quickly grew into a much larger display that was moved lakeside at the local sports complex. After an accident that required an unexpected swim in the lake and a premature fireworks finale, it was decided to turn the display over to professionals. The July 4th fireworks are enjoyed by people of all ages, in the community. It is a project that spreads goodwill and provides a birthday celebration to our great country, the United States of America. Two objectives are met by the fireworks display; a visual reminder of the strong patriotic support that is at the foundation of the Elks and providing a safe experience for everyone in the community. Elks



Lodge #2319 plans to continue to have the fireworks display as a tradition for years to come.

Every year Jackson Lodge #2652 hosts the beer garden for the July 4th picnic in the City Park. I



In years past profits were shared with the City of Jackson, but due to inclement weather there wasn't as much money made, it was decided to donate all the proceeds to the City.

The money donated helps to pay for fireworks the next year. The photo below shows James Whales and Gary Turner giving a check to Larry Cunningham.

State Drug Awareness Poster Winner Kyle Inman

shows off the winning poster at the Arcadia Valley Youth Banquet. He is being presented a check from SE District Chairman Joy

Clarkson. Finishing 2nd in the State was of Paige Hornberger of Perryville also in the SE District. ER Chad Barton of AV #2330 is pictured with Kyle. (See Poster in EShozem)



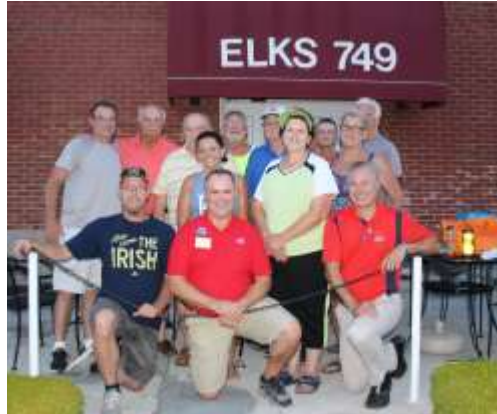
Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376

sponsored the Annual Scholarship Breakfast. This year's event raised over \$20,000 which will be dedicated to providing scholarship assistance to high school seniors attending the ten Northland high schools. Over 1,350 breakfast meals were served. Pictured are members of the Gladstone Public Safety Department



K C Northland Elks Lodge #2376

sponsored its 28th Scholarship Breakfast. All funds from the breakfast are allocated to scholarship assistance for high school students who attend the 10 Northland high schools. On the Saturday and Sunday of the breakfast, Lodge members served over 1,300 breakfast meals and received \$20,000 in donations. This year's breakfast was dedicated to the Dean Gromer. former PER. Dean recently passed away and he was one of the founders of the annual breakfast Photo - Submitted by RMallams



KC #26 Exalted Ruler Kimberly Beckman with State president John Gross with local and MEA Officers

Lexington #749 Officers welcome President John Gross. Marker showing the history of Lexington lodge building dating back to 1846



Lamar #2800 Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Warrenton #2662

The Warrenton Elks Bingo Committee donated \$500 to **Inspirations** which is a cancer survivors group.

The Blue Springs Lodge 2509 Annual Car and Bike show was held on June 16th. President Gross is seen checking out some of the vehicles.



Bates County #2653

Officers 2016 2017 Lodge Year



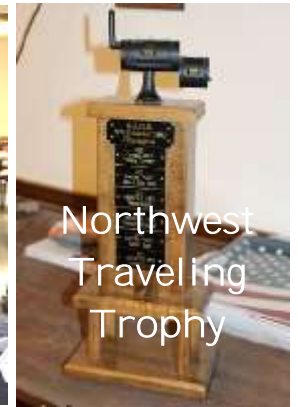
Cass County #2791 The Cass County Sheriff's Office gave a nice award to Cass County Elks



Lodge #2791 for the support of the D.A.R.E. program along with kudo's to us for our support of Drug Awareness in our community. (Jurassic Park) **Cass County Elks Lodge #2791** served Halloween treats along with hotdogs and refreshments to over 200 kids at our Annual Trunk or Treat. A trunk decorated like Jurassic park won the competition for best decorated trunk. Family and kids had a great and SAFE time.



YES!! All 74 Missouri Lodges are in this Magazine...Most came from normal submission. Others came from FB Pages, local newspapers, Googled internet sites —wherever. Our District Editors have worked hard and done a Great Job. Please help us out in the Spring Addition send your stuff in ASAP. All of our lodges do Great things—Lets Share it!!



Going over Rules for Judging

Northwest Traveling Trophy

Cameron #2615 Cameron Lodge hosted the Northwest BBQ and cook off on July 16th. They also brought in a busload veterans from the Cameron VA Center and hosted State president John Gross and his entourage. Lots of lodge members chipped in to make sure that the cooks were provided for and that guests of the lodge felt welcome. Member Charlie Carroll along with his crew make sure that the District BBQ went smoothly and there was plenty of food for the busload of veterans. There are more pictures at the MEA Facebook web site.



Brookfield # 874 (Left) participated in a bus lodge hop. Lodges visited were Sedalia #125, Jefferson City # 513, Columbia #594 and Macon #999. It was a wonderful trip filled with great times and fellowship with lodge members. All lodges welcomed us with open arms, food, music and the wonderful welcome of Elkdome.



President Gross Gives out Flags to Veterans



Trenton Lodge #801 celebrates the Flag Day ceremony with the local Boy Scout troops.



Chillicothe Elks #656 The Grand River Technical School chapter of SkillsUSA partnered with Chillicothe Elks Lodge #656 to put on a Mock Accident Docudrama that many area high and middle school students attended to stress the dangers of driving while impaired or distracted. The docudrama portrayed a two-car accident caused by impaired or distracted driving, involving a DUI investigation and arrest, an injury requiring evacuation by Life-Flight and a death. Livingston County Emergency Management, Chillicothe Fire Department, Chillicothe Police Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Life-Flight Eagle, and the Livingston County Coroner all participated and provided a real life look and feel to the event. They received a \$2500 grant from America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund.

The complete and awesome story can be read in the EShozem.



The members of **Christian County Elks Lodge #2777**, of Ozark, Missouri took 25 members of the Missouri Veteran's Home, Mt. Vernon, Missouri to the Springfield Cardinals baseball game on Wednesday, April 27th, 2016. The weather was beautiful for the 11:05 a.m. game, and the Springfield Cardinals enjoyed a win against the NW Arkansas Naturals 8-1. The minor league games are a favorite of the veterans who are taken every year by the Elks. Since adopting the Home several years ago, members of the Elks Lodge pay visits to Mt. Vernon on the third Wednesday of every month. Activities at the Home range from Bingo to playing music or other entertainment, or bussing the veterans from the Home to the Elks Lodge in Ozark for special meals and ceremonies.



ST. JOHN'S HC

Joplin Elks Lodge #501 continues to partner with Mercy of Joplin in assisting with the needs of their youngest patients. Over 75 years ago, the Joplin Elks became associated with (then) St. John's Hospital. To honor the work of the Joplin Lodge, the pediatric unit at St. Johns became known as "Elkland". When St. John's relocated to a site at 26th and McClelland in the 1970s, there was a mosaic of the Elks emblem in the floor at the entrance to the pediatric unit of the hospital. That location was destroyed in May, 2011.

Although there is a new hospital at another location, Joplin 501 is still dedicated to helping with the needs of children. A benefit breakfast was held on June 25, and raised over \$500 towards a goal of \$1700. Those proceeds will be used to purchase car seats for new parents to safely take their babies home for the first time.

State President John Gross and his entourage joined the Lodge for breakfast that morning. To view the story that aired on the local news, follow the link below:

<http://www.fourstateshomepage.com/news/elkland-benefit>



MEA State President John and First Lady Sarah Gross, and Administrative Assistant Dave Hutson and wife Melodie visited **Alton-Thayer Lodge #2545** on Friday, April 1. Alton-Thayer is famous for their "Steak Night" the first Friday of every month, and this night was no exception. Well, maybe it was exceptional. Instead of steak, John and Sarah and Dave and Melodie were served "hamburger steak" mini-patties, baby potatoes, and about 2 pieces of lettuce apiece. After a good laugh, and a hearty "April Fools" from the crowd, the real meal was served and thoroughly enjoyed. If you have never eaten steak at Alton-Thayer, you have missed a memorable event. Trustee Greg Jackson and his crew cook the best steak in this part of the State, if not the entire State. Exalted Ruler Bill Hall, his wife Dorothy, and the officers and members of #2545 exemplify "Elks Care, Elks Share" by giving scholarships to 5 local schools, and by making every visitor feel like "an old friend" they've just met. Oh, and if you are fortunate enough to visit one Friday night, ask about "One Fat Hen".



Hero of the Year **Webb City #861**

Our first annual Emergency Services Partner ("Hero" of the Year) meritorious service award goes to Lieutenant Steve Dorsey. Lt. Dorsey is the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Patrol Commander.

This is a special service award recognizing the professionalism and commitment to protect and serve our community. A letter of recommendation was written by Capt. Derek Walrod of the Jasper County Sheriff's Office: "The

reason we recognize Lt. Dorsey is because he has been a public servant for over 40 years and he truly cares about people and shows what it means to serve. Steve started out his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1975. Steve spent 30 years with the MSHP and retired as a Sergeant. Steve then went to the Newton County Sheriff's Office and served as a court bailiff for 5 years before coming to the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and is currently our Patrol Lieutenant. He has been with us over five years, so all in all, Steve has over 40 years in Law Enforcement! We are very proud of Steve and he is a true servant! Please help us recognize him for all that he has given to the citizens not only in Jasper and Newton County but also the State of Missouri."

Congratulations, Lt. Dorsey! And thank you for your service!



Saturday, July 23, **Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2557** dedicated a labor of love: their Veterans' Memorial. With attendees from the Mount Vernon Veterans' Home, MEA State President John and First Lady Sarah Gross, and a host of other guests, Lake Taneycomo Exalted Ruler Jim Coombs invited everyone to enjoy a meal prepared by the Lodge, and then all went outside to the Memorial for the official dedication ceremony. The "Stars and Stripes" were raised, followed by the playing of "Taps". Due to concern for the welfare of the Veterans attending, and a heat index well over 100 degrees, the ceremony was brief. At the close, ER Coombs presented State President Gross with his own brick, inscribed with John's name, his year as State President, and honoring his service in the Air Force. John then placed the brick in the Memorial. Afterward, all went inside to "rehydrate".

If you wish to purchase a brick for the Memorial in honor of a veteran, or just to show your support, please contact the Lake Taneycomo Lodge. Bricks are \$100, and up to four lines can be inscribed.

Northeast District Fall 2016



Hannibal #1198

Hannibal Elks Lodge used their gratitude Grant to present a \$500 check to the Mexico Veterans Home. This donation will help those Veterans that don't have the resources or funds to help with their basic needs. Kathy Winkleman (Supervisor Volunteer Services) received the check on behalf of the VA. Top Left: Elk Members left to right- Exalted Ruler-Jerry Mastin, Loyal Knight-Mike Patterson & Lecturing Knight-Greg Nichols, Chaplain- Linda Lockey, Treasurer- Sondra Mickels. Kathy Winkleman



Jefferson City Lodge 513 held their 2nd annual Youth Fishing Derby on May 21st with 48 children participating. Every child receiving a fishing pole and tackle. Prizes were awarded for the largest and smallest fish caught, the most fish caught and in the casting contest. Upon entry each child received a raffle ticket with the prize being a new bicycle. In all, 6 bicycles were given away to a girl and boy in the three age divisions. Pictured below with some of the winners are ER Mark Johnson and NE VP Steve Green. All in all it was a beautiful day for fishing.



Columbia Lodge #594 members attending Wingstock 2016, raising money for the Central Missouri Honor Flight, our Veteran's!

The event was held on June 4, 2016 at the Harley-Davidson dealership in Columbia MO. Our members competed in a chicken wing cooking contest!



Washington #1559

Pictured is the Youth Baseball team sponsored by the Washington Elks Lodge. The lodge hosted the team to an end of the season party and also donated 30 catcher sets to the Washington Youth Sports Association.



Mexico #919 has once again honored students from 5 different schools for winning the Drug awareness essay contests. Twelve students (5th thru 8th grade) and their families were recently honored at the Mexico Elks Lodge for winning the Elks Drug Awareness Essay contest for their grade and school. Along, with the banquet, the students also received framed certificates and checks for \$50 or \$100 depending on their grade.



St. Clair #2651 recently finished a complete remodel of their Club room . New floors new walls and an industrial design has the Lodge really standing out.

They have spent the last 6 weeks using a modified clubroom in their banquet hall. Congratulations and enjoy!!



O'Fallon #2587

President Gross awarded \$1,000 certificate and pin to O'Fallon ER Rick Lucas with Randy Northington ENF State chairman. The donation was made possible at State Convention when the O'fallon ER won the raffle on Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks bottle of wine.

In late April, the Louisiana Cub Scouts held their pinewood derby races at the Lodge.



At the Spring 2016 state convention **Macon Lodge #999** took first place honors in donations to the USO donating \$3900.

Pictured is Angela Price. Exalted Ruler 2015 2016



West Central District Spring 2016



Clinton #1034 had their 15th year of hosting special needs and pre-school kids to the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield. Chairman Scott Humphrey serves as the fund raiser for the annual youth auction and coordinating with the schools. Schools that participated this year are: Clinton, Lakeland, Montrose, Osceola and Calhoun. This year Clinton #1034 hosted 225 kids and teachers, serving them a hot lunch, snacks, drinks and presenting each with a tee shirt, plus a ride on the zoo's railroad. Clinton #1034 hosted a party honoring the birthday of the lodge turning 110 years young.



Greenview #2587

The Greenview Elks held a Kentucky Derby Hat Contest recently at their lodge. Winning members are shown from left to right, Debbie and Dave Carlson, 1st place, Debbie Stynchula, 2nd place and Karen Zarky, 3rd place.

They held an 8 Ball Pool Tournament on May 21st. A delicious Ribs dinner was served by Debbie Stynchula and Mike Rooks. Over \$400 was raised for various Elks funds & charities. Winners were Mike Rooks, 4th place, Art Zarky, 3rd place, Chris Miller, 2nd place and Rick Archer, 1st place.



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.

Osage Community #2705



Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 located in Laurie, MO donated monetary support to the Laurie Police Department by means of a Gratitude Grant. Police Chief, Mark Black, received this donation on behalf of the Department. The Grant will enable additional safety equipment for a new patrol vehicle. The equipment includes a push bumper for the front, standard wraparounds, 18" console, and a single USB port.

Lake of the Ozarks 2517



Lake of the Ozarks #2517 posted State president John gross and the annual MEA Bass Tournament.

See more of the Bass Tournament on page 5



Osage Community Elks #2705

Past Exalted Rulers Association have donated \$500 to Morgan County CLEAR coalition.

Pictured (l to r): Doug Mattenlee, PER and CLEAR coalition member; Joe Corzine, PER Chairman; Sunday Unger, CLEAR coalition president; Donna Chapman, CLEAR coordinator and Frank Scarpino, PER and CLEAR coalition member. The mission of CLEAR is to work together

as **Community Leaders Educating About Resistance** to high risk behaviors while promoting a safe and healthy community. Current projects include youth leadership in tobacco control and coalition building through a partnership with the Morgan County Health Center and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; safe medication disposal through a partnership with ACT Missouri to provide drug deactivation bags to citizens and partnerships with local law enforcement and Elks to provide permanent drug drop boxes in Stover, Laurie and Versailles law enforcement offices; and continued education and information to Morgan County residents to raise awareness of risks of substance use, reduce substance use and build a commitment to change social norms so that substance use/abuse is not accepted. Sunday Unger, CLEAR president, shared that CLEAR is so fortunate to have the support of Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 for its projects. They have been an outstanding partner throughout the history of CLEAR which began in 2006.



Nevada Police Officer Patrick Deao was recognized as "Officer of the Year" by the **Nevada Elks #564** at a dinner Friday. Deao has been with the NPD for three years and is currently assigned duties as the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving Officer for the agency. His additional responsibilities as a Nevada Police Officer include the NPD Shop with a Cop program manager, Bike Patrol team member, Crisis Response Unit team member, Southwest Missouri Major Case Squad member, Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, Vernon County Mental Health Court Liaison, and crime scene investigator. (Courtesy Nevada Daily Mail)



Elroy was a big hit at the Health and Safety Event at WCMCAA Stockton Head Start sponsored by the **Lake Stockton Elks #2858**. Youngsters of all ages enjoyed Elroy.

Springfield #409 Car Show



Springfield Lodge #409 sponsored a car show on July 30. Of the 48 cars participating show, 2 were from the local Route 66 Car Museum, and 6 were provided by Larry Snyder Construction from his personal collection. Some cars traveled several hours to be in the show. A special group of helpers were Springfield Boy Scout troop 409! They arrived about 8:00 in the morning to help set up tables, chairs, and canopies. They also helped with directing the cars! Springfield #409 is very proud to have their Boy Scout Troop 409!

The show raised roughly \$2,100 profit! The Springfield Motorcycle Riders Auxiliary cooked the 100% donated Hamburgers and Hot dogs, Ladies Auxiliary sold Snow Cones, the Singles Group sold cookies, Mary Lack made and raffled a beautiful Quilt, and there were Door prize tickets for approximately 30 donated items. A 50/50 drawing was also held. Another big hit was a silent Auction.

The money raised will be split 4 ways between the Motorcycle Riders Auxiliary, the Ladies Auxiliary, Boy Scout troop 409, and 25% will go toward the 200 **Christmas** Baskets that Springfield #409 assembles and delivers in December! (The Singles chose for their portion to go toward the **Christmas** Baskets). Congratulations to Springfield Lodge #409 on another successful charity event!



West Plains #2418 initiated 10 new members in April. State president John Gross served as Exalted Ruler during the ceremony



Kimberling City #2505 The Auxilia-ry put on an Appreciation picnic for Kimberling City Elks #2505 on Jul 30. Food, drinks, fun and Games and the Madison Avenue Band was enjoyed by all!!



Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557

had its first blood drive on June 24th. Twenty-five members graciously showed up to donate The Gift of Life.



Rolla #2461 is a huge supporter of the Southern Cherokee Indian tribe. The tribe holds many meetings and events at the lodge. Last year the lodge hosted a Fish Fry for the Southern Cherokee Cultural Center.



Adrian #2864 Hosts its Annual Gun Show, it is held offsite at the Archie MO Community Center

Florissant Elks #2316 Scholarship Dinner

On May 11th, the Lodge presented a scholarship to Marie McDonald. PER Tony Johns and ER Scott Frame jointly presented the certificate to Marie McDonald, Scholarship winner Tyrese Goldsby the other scholarship winner was unable to attend. However, our scholarship winner, Tyrese Goldsby from Hazelwood Central was awarded the prestigious Millennium Gates

Metro-East

Scholarship. He will be attending Morehouse College with aspirations of attending Georgia Tech to complete his Master's Degree.



Scholarship Chairman Rob Tudor, PER Tony Johns, Scholarship winner Marie McDonald, ER Scott Frame, previous Scholarship Chairman Kathi Rike



Perryville #2701 family fun and Elks Drug Awareness day. Lodge members handed out smiles and handshakes, Burgers, snow cones and cotton candy.

Joan Mudge Drug Awareness chairman handed out coloring books and activity sheets those who came by. By the end of the day a bag of goodies went in there nearly every hand that didn't have a hot dog in it.

The Perryville Fire department was there with their fire truck and Elroy the Elk was there entertaining the kids. This year's event was made possible by a grant received from the Elks National Foundation. The lodge hopes to make this an annual event.



Southeast District and more... Fall

Dexter #2452 has sponsored Special Olympics for the past 20 years. This year's sponsorship was paid for by the ENF Beacon Grant. Members served over 200 kids and volunteers after the games.



Chaffee #1810 President John gross and his State Officers, ER John Swinford and PDDGER Eric Seyer show off Chaffee's infamous chicken shirts. Each year Chaffee cooks up hundreds of "fried chicken dinners". Chaffee has recently undergone lots of renovations and the lodge looks great.



Fredericktown #2812 coordinates with the FHS JROTC to present a history of the flag during a Flag Day Ceremony, June 14 at the courthouse.

Sedalia #125 held the 37th Mother Goose Golf Tournament at Meadow Lake Acres in Clinton, raising \$750 for the Smith-Cotton golf teams. The tournament drew 29 3-player teams. Pictured, from left, Exalted Ruler Steve Ulmer, Smith-Cotton golf coach Mike Robertson and tournament chair Ernie Dow.



Bank of Bolivar presented \$200 to **Bolivar Elks #2828** to support the lodge's Back-to-School Supply Drive for Fair Play Schools.



Excelsior Springs Elks #1001 placed more than 800 flags at the headstones of soldiers throughout six cemeteries in Excelsior Springs. Bob Ballinger, pictured above, was one of a dozen volunteers who came out to pay respect to the veterans.

Maryville #760

Members of the Missouri National Guard retired the old flag and posted a new one at Mozingo Lake Recreation Park. In 1996, the Maryville Elks Lodge No. 760 dedicated Flag Point, and there the organization annually recognizes Flag Day in a ceremony.



Grandview Hickman Mills #2088

Chicken %hi# Bingo Is one of **Grandview Hickman-Mills #2088** most fun and different fundraisers.



By placing chickens over Bingo cards and let letting the !hi# fall where they may determines the Bingo winner. That is some crazy @#\$%!

Metro West



Warrensburg #673 Lodge Officers and West Central State Officers

Milan #2819



During the Milan Old Timer's Celebration weekend the North Central Missouri American Legion Riders Chapter 228 with the **Milan Elks Lodge #2819** held their benefit motorcycle ride with all proceeds to be donated to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship. The Scholarship funds the children of a military parent that died while serving on active duty, since 9 11 2001.



Eureka Pacific 2644 held its 3rd annual red white and blue 5K run. The race May had 128 participating Runners. First place male was John Stinebrook first place female was Emily Dovell. The race made approximately \$5,000 split between Focus Marines foundation and Eureka Pacific scholarship fund.



Potosi #2218 Veterans Committee 's Annual "Charity Bike Ride for Veterans"

High Ridge #2455 Honors a Flag Retirement Ceremony with local Scouts

East Central District Fall 2016



Festus-Crystal City Lodge #2 in the Nation: Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721 was recognized at the 2016 National Convention for their continuing membership improvement. Our lodge finished #2 in the nation in Division VI for membership improvement. (Division VI is lodges with 1500+ members). Pictured below, with the plaque recognizing our accomplishments, are Jim Ross, Membership Chairman, and Kevin Brock, ER.



Ste. Genevieve Lodge #2674 honors First Responders



Cedar Hill #2678 The annual Christmas in July Auction was a smashing success this year. The event raised just over \$6,000 for the food baskets that will be distributed at Christmas and emergency food vouchers that get distributed throughout the year.



On June 25th, 2016, the P.E.R's of **Meramec--Arnold Elks Lodge #2372** held a fund raiser for the benefit of the Benevolent Trust. It was a Mystery Dinner Theatre entitled "Murder Among the Matey's" Many members dressed up in pirate costumes and a great time was had by all. We are happy to report \$900.00 was raised for the Benevolent

Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2014-2015 **\$182,966**

Paid back to MO 2015-2016

State Charity \$111,170

Special Projects Grant \$62,660

Bonus Grant \$23,970

Most Valuable Student \$36,000

Legacy Award \$24,000

NVSC \$16,800

Total Paid back- **\$274,600 up \$7100**

2015-16 **\$334,800.00** to 64 Missouri Lodges

\$151,834 more than paid in!!

Figures on the right are through 07/25/2016



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,633 Members

Contributions \$182,966.91

Per Capita Average \$6.17

Assistance for Worthy, Needy Members

Needy Elks Members can qualify for up to \$1,000 in an emergency 50-50 matching grant from the Order under Statutes Section 5.070. The assistance would be available to "worthy and needy Members of the Order who are suffering from diseases of an incurable character or from total disability, and who are without funds or property or relatives able or willing to care for them," the Statute states. The Statute also provides that the Lodge of the assisted Member "shall contribute

toward the relief of the Member an amount not less than one-half of the sum that is contributed by the Order." The assistance program is administered by the Board of Grand Trustees, which is authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000 annually for the program. The board by resolution may give the Grand Exalted Ruler up to \$1,000 so that authorized payments may be made regularly by him. "The monies so appropriated shall be administered by the Grand Exalted Ruler with the consent of a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees," the Statute states.

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National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

Chuck Mudge Vice Chairman NVSC Leather program keeps the National Hide Collecting Championship in Missouri! Chuck and the Missouri lodges won the NVSC Hide Contest for the 6th straight Year. Missouri Elks turned in 4721 Hides

Pictured above is Chuck presenting third-place Hide Contest Award to Wyoming State President Marilyn Lane at the National Convention in Houston.

Chuck and Joan attended the 36th National Veterans Wheel Chair Games, Co-Presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed

Veterans of America .

Chuck and Joan passed out gloves created and donated through the NVCS Hide Program.



Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks

Chairman Tom Shelton and Marty

Convention Dates

State	Grand Lodge
Fall 2016 September 16 – 18	2017 Reno July 16 – 19
Spring 2017 March 17 – 19	2018 San Antonio July 1 – 4
Fall 2017 September 22 – 24	2019 St Louis June 30 – July 3
Spring 2018 March 16 – 18	2020 Baltimore July 5 – 8
Fall 2018 September 21 – 23	2021 Tampa July 4 - 7

