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Teamwork is the recipe for Local Lodge success

We will soon complete another very successful Local Lodge year, and this is due to your dedication and continued hard work in the name of Elksdom. Each Member should be very proud of the work he or she does for our veterans, our youth, our elderly and our communities. Each of you has truly lived up to my motto, *"Elks ~ Leading the Way."*

I would personally like to thank all the outgoing Exalted Rulers, their Officers and their Lodges for the continued support of the many Grand Lodge programs, and especially for your donations to the Elks National

Foundation, which as you all know is the Great Heart of Elksdom.

I would also like to recognize our current District Deputies and their District Esquires for their hard work and determination thus far this fraternal year. While their term of office does not end until the Grand Lodge Convention in July, each one of them has spent countless hours and has driven many miles traveling throughout their respective state in carrying out their duties, and promoting what it means to be an Elk. I know they will continue to work with the newly elected Officers who will guide the affairs of our Lodges in the coming year.

To our newly elected Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers, I would like to thank each of you for stepping forward to lead your respective Lodge and continue to carry out the good works of our Order. You are now part of a team – make it cohesive by strengthening your relationship with your fellow Officers. View your service as the opportunity to make new friends in your Officer corps, and learn from your experience during your service as an Officer of your Lodge. An Exalted Ruler cannot do it alone. You should be proactive in seeking opportunities to be an important contributor to the advancement and success of your Lodge.

As you lead and support the activities in your Lodge, remember that your actions are supporting the concept of *"Elks ~ Leading the Way."* As Officers, you must be exemplars of "Brotherly Love." Be mindful of "taking the high road" when times get tense or conflict arises. Utilize the resources that have been provided by the Grand Lodge, your State Association and your District. Take advantage of the many educational opportunities that will be presented to you as an Officer. District Deputy Clinics provide a great opportunity to learn about Elksdom and the programs of the Grand Lodge. Do not forget that the Elks manuals are available for downloading at: <http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/manuals>. In closing, I wish each of you a very successful and rewarding year. I know you will set goals for your Lodge to meet, and with hard work, determination and the support from your Members, these goals can be and will be achieved.

Finally, thank you for being an Elk, and for *Caring and Sharing*.

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MICHAEL
F.ZELLEN

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In This Issue

Dear Missouri Elks,

What a phenomenal year this has been! From all the fun events we have attended at the State level to all the remarkable events we attended at the Local Lodges, words cannot adequately describe the enthusiasm and dedication our members have for furthering the cause of "Elksdom". This year has truly been inspiring.

When I look back and think of some of the things that occurred throughout the year I feel a great sense of pride, not for anything that I did, but for the way our members rallied in support of what we do as an organization. Think of the new Shuffleboard Tournament, the Bass Tournament, our National Drug Awareness Essay Contest winner, Softball Tournament, State Golf Tournament, The Elks Night at the Ballpark; and what about our Fall Convention? We made our state ENF per capita goal back in December, and we proved once again that we can collect deer hides, lots of them, for our veterans. We held our State Hoop Shoot and crowned six state champions. We awarded deserving students thousands of dollars in scholarships to attend schools of their choice to chase their dreams. We came together as a state to help a Lodge raise some much needed money. We saw first-hand two successful Antlers programs and the enthusiasm those kids have for the ideals The Elks embrace. The successes of our organization are played over and over across this great state, and it's because of the members we have.

For myself, and on behalf of Sarah, Dave and Melodie, thank you Missouri Elks for making this one of, if not the best year of our lives. Thank you for making us feel welcome everywhere we went and for the generous hospitality you showed us every step along the way. Most of all, thank you Missouri Elks for all you do.

Fraternally, John Gross President, Missouri Elks Association



Missouri Elks;

First and foremost, I sincerely thank the Elks of Missouri and those of West Central District for your support and confidence in allowing me to serve as State President for the fraternal year 2017 - 2018. I certainly will do my very best to live up to your expectations. Along with the outstanding District Officer's we will move forward to achieve my major goal of membership retention and growth.

We as an order have been "Loud and Proud", we have "Knocked on the Door" and now we are in the process of "Kicking in the Door" as it relates to membership in our great order. My plan this year is to "Hit a Bullseye for Community

Awareness" as it also relates to membership gain and retention. This is not reinventing the wheel, we currently provide a mountain of time, money and support to our local communities, we just don't do a consistent job in making sure our community is aware of all the good work we do in our projects. We must insure we get the word out to as many community members as possible through "Community Awareness" by using our Public Relations Committee in our subordinate Lodges. Once this is done and the Community realizes all the good we do, I firmly believe, they will want to be part of "something good." In my lifetime, I have found that people want to be part of success and successful ideas. As we move forward this year more details will be outlined and provided to you about my plan.

Finally, Vickie and I are excited and looking forward to this coming year as we travel throughout this great state and visit your lodge. I'm only a phone call away should you need assistance from me or any of the District Officers.

Thank you again for all you do in support of our great order and locally to the many communities we serve.

Sincerely, "Pete" Nash Missouri Elks State President 2017-2018

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Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL

De Soto #689
Festus-Crystal City #1721
Potosi #2218
Meramec-Arnold #2372
High Ridge #2455
Eureka-Pacific #2644
Ste. Genevieve #2674
Cedar Hill #2678
Oakville #2726

NORTHEAST

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

METRO EAST

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

NORTHWEST

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

SOUTHWEST

Springfield #409
Joplin #501
Webb City #861
West Plains #2418

Rolla #2461
Kimberling City #2505
Alton-Thayer #2545
Lebanon #2557
Lake Taneycomo #2597
Christian County #2777

METRO WEST

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

SOUTHEAST

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

WEST CENTRAL

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



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Milan #2819

Ron Bollinger
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Rick Bryant
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SOUTHWEST

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Clinton #1034

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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
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 @ shozem2@gmail.com.

To receive the Shozem and EShozem just send an email with "add me" in the subject line to shozem2@gmail.com. The EShozem is Loaded with Extras! This year in the EShozem I did two pages of pictorials on lodge signs. Next year I would like to do selfies. What I would like to ask you, is to take a selfie or have someone take one of you when you visit a lodge outside of the state of Missouri. Email it to me and I will then post it in the EShozem.

The Shozem has a link at moelks.org. That is the easiest way to view the Magazine..

Last fall we worked hard and managed to get every lodge at least some recognition. Many of them came from sources other than your lodge. We used news articles, Facebook entries, websites and information from Dave Hutson our State Administrative Assistant. Please help us out. Every lodge has a newsletter. Please just submit 1 item. Then use the Shozem. Hand it out as a recruitment tool to prospective members. Please take some time to enjoy the paper....Thanks Bud

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. 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.



The past 2 conventions the CLMS trainer Frank Kerby 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 support and funding.

We hope to see all of our Secretaries at the meeting. Time and location will be announced during the Saturday morning session.

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If you shop at Amazon use the address above and select Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust Inc. as your charity! The products cost the same amount— but Amazon makes a donation to Benevolent Trust on your behalf. If we can get all Missouri Elks Amazon Shoppers using it-it will add up—Just Remember

AMAZON SMILE

Missouri Elks Softball Tournament 2017

When: July 29th

Where: Washington Lodge #1559

Contact: Nicholas Mueller, MEA State Chairman
Phone [636-584-3974](tel:636-584-3974)

\$150 per team entry
for tournament

\$15 Home Run Derby
Entry

Rooms Special Rate
Super 8 Motel





Loving Cup Moberly
Lodge #936 Circa 1916

Missouri State Archives Joe Treacy Director



Missouri State Archives Chairman Joe Treacy is shown in front of one of the State Archive display cases.

The archives are located at Columbia MO Lodge #594 and are open for all Elks to view. Donations are accepted and appreciated. Many of our lodges have Elk Treasures stored away in old closets. So if your Lodge has something you'd like to donate contact Joe @ 573 268 5502.



Officer Training 2016 Jim Hahn-Roland Seal

MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION



Officer Training

2017-18

When: May 20, 2017, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM – Jefferson City Lodge #513

Training designed for Lodge Officers and members.

Those who wish to attend mail the following to James A. Hahn, Past Grand Esquire/Past State President – 102 Monroe Street, Desloge, Missouri 63601 or call 573-431-5161 no later than May 12, 2017.

Cut and Mail

The following information is required to register for this session:

(Lodge Name) _____ No. _____ will have _____

Officers and members attending.

Lodge Contact Person: _____ (Name) _____ (Office)

(Telephone) _____

(DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 12, 2017)

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	EAST CENTRAL		4940	WEST CENTRAL		4920	SOUTHWEST	
DESOTO	689	767	SEDALIA	125	234	SPRINGFIELD	409	1,169
FESTUS-CRY CITY	1721	1,651	NEVADA	564	629	JOPLIN	501	679
POTOSI	2218	449	CLINTON	1034	798	WEBB CITY	861	151
MERAMEC M	2372	443	LAKE OF OZK	2517	707	WEST PLAINES	2418	332
HIGH RIDG HI	2455	340	BATES COUNTY	2653	140	ROLLA	2461	63
EUREKA PACIFIC	2644	489	OSAGE COMM	2705	818	KIMBERLING CTY	2505	340
ST. GEN	2674	553	BENTON CO.	2783	165	ALTON THAYER	2545	56
CEDAR HILL	2678	214	LAMAR	2800	113	LEBANON	2557	132
OAKVILLE	2726	493	BOLIVER	2828	120	LAKETANEYCOMO	2597	97
		5,399	GREENVIEW	2857	168	CHRISTIAN CO.	2777	155
			LAKE STOCKTON	2858	153			3,174
			ADRIAN	2864	41			
				4,086				
4780	METRO EAST		4790	METROWEST				
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			
AFFTON	2635	461	BLUE SPRINGS	2509	919			
ELLISVILLE	2664	138	CASS COUNTY	2791	302			
TROY	2805	204		2,561				
		2,131						

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
Osage Community	862
Adrian	41

Complete printable application is available in the EShozem or at moelks.org

May 16, 2016 forty-five (45) members, representing nineteen (19) Lodges, gathered at Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City in attendance during last year's training program.

Last year's program marked the 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.

Please plan on attending this year's training session. It is a valuable experience for new officers and a good refresher for all.

James A. Hahn, PGE/PSP
Chairman

Roland A. Seal
PGRC/PSP
Co-Chairman

Boys Results

Elijah Dameron	Under 16	Southeast
Jacob Sauerbrunn	Under 14	Southeast
Gavin Dameron	Under 12	Southeast
Isaac Bailey	Under 10	Northwest
Keegan Dameron	Under 8	Southeast



Larry Shew
Director

Girls Results

Janice Shew	Under 16	Northwest
Biki Slinkard	Under 14	Southeast
Darianna Sanchez	Under 12	Northwest
Jaiden Rodenberg	Under 10	Northwest
Mia Colton	Under 8	Northeast



Where is Izzy



Hidden in the Shozem
Some of you may have found her before



Benevolent Trust

I would like to congratulate you all on being part of the Benevolent Trust Mobile Dental Program and securing its future with the purchase of two new mobile dental labs. Both are in full operation and will be covering all areas of the state throughout the year. Our dentist Dr. Beck and his staff offer us their utmost gratitude to have the most updated dental equipment, allowing them to give better care to our clients.



Recently I and 12 other Elks, with the assistance of Dr. Tinnel and Dr. Beck, attended *A Day On The Hill* at the state capital. The objective of this collaborative event was to talk to our state Senators and House Representatives on the workings of the Missouri Elks Association, our programs such as Drug Awareness, Youth, Veteran's, Blood Drive and our major state project, the Benevolent Trust and its mobile dental program. It was apparent from those who attended that we are worried the funding we've received from the state in the past could be reduced, or worse canceled in whole. With that said, the group communicated to over 50 Senators and Representatives on how our dental program works and the financial benefits the state receives by not being burdened with all the red tape of the state's Medicaid system. I would have liked to address Governor Greiten but his schedule was pretty busy.

Governor Greiten withheld \$50,000 of the \$200,000 that was budgeted last year. We as Elks will have to address this financial shortfall to keep our program running as in the past. Information from our State Government Relations Chairman Jeremiah Cook and Lobbyist Mike Michaelson it appears the upcoming Governor's state budget does not contain a budget line item for our program with the Truman Medical Center. This would be a great financial hardship to us. I along with Jeremiah, Mike and PSP Jimmy Hahn are working on possible alternative plans to address this issue. At first I was fearful of what could happen but my mind has changed and I am now embracing this challenge and have rolled up my sleeves for the fight if necessary.

Showing his gratitude, Dr. Beck has donated a 41"x29" framed painting of an elk he purchased to help raise funds for the Benevolent Trust. Here's a brief history of this photo: The artist, Mr. Roger Simmons is a caregiver to brain trauma patients out of Springfield, MO. Mr. Simmons has brought some of his clients to the dental van for care. In conversation Dr.



Beck learned Mr. Simmons is an artist working in oil, acrylic and pencil and favors wildlife pictures. Dr. Beck asked if he would be interested in painting a picture of an Elk and Mr. Simmons graciously agreed as he respects the work the Elks are doing with the Dental Program. (Photo below)

With that, beginning at this year's Spring Convention the Benevolent Trust Board of Management District Repre-

sentatives and all Lodge Exalted Rulers will begin to sell raffle tickets for this painting, culminating at our fall convention in September where the winning ticket will be drawn.

To reach our \$4.50 per capita goal we will need a BIG PUSH at spring convention with pledges and donations accepted thru the end of this fiscal year (March 31). You can send your pledges direct to Dennis Harrington at 246 Pamela Avenue, Belton, MO 64012.

In ending, I would like to thank everyone who has pledged or donated this year's per capita needs.

Yours in Elkdom,
Brian Crawford, Director

MISSOURI ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST 2016-2017 PER CAPITA AS OF JANUARY 31, 2017							
LODGE	NUMBER	PER	MADE	LODGE	NUMBER	PER	MADE
	CAPITA	GOAL			CAPITA	GOAL	
NORTHEAST				NORTHWEST			
JEFFERSON CITY	513	\$ 4.04		CHILLICOTHE	656	\$ 0.33	
COLUMBIA	564	2.54		MARYVILLE	750	0.96	
LOUISIANA	791	2.93		TRENTON	801	4.75	X
MEXICO	919	7.00	X	BROOKFIELD	874	1.45	
MACON	999	4.55	X	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	1001	1.40	
HANNIBAL	1198	3.45		CAMERON	2515	2.15	
WASHINGTON	1529	2.37		MILAN	2519	1.12	
O'FALLON	2587	0.41					
ST. CLAIR	2651	4.98	X				
WARRENTON	2662	5.97	X				
				TOTAL NORTHWEST		\$ 1.47	
TOTAL NORTHEAST		\$ 3.90		METRO WEST			
EAST CENTRAL				KANSAS CITY	26	\$ 5.89	X
DE SOTO	688	\$ 6.21	X	WARRENSBURG	673	1.69	
PESTUS-CRYSTAL CITY	1721	6.51	X	LEXINGTON	749	-	
POTOSI	2218	3.86		GRANDVIEW-HICKMAN MILLS	2088	7.47	X
MERAMEC-ARNOLD	2372	6.00	X	KANSAS CITY (NORTHLAND)	2370	0.89	
HIGH RIDGE	2455	7.23	X	BLUE SPRINGS	2506	0.05	X
EUREKA-PACIFIC	2644	5.91	X	CASS COUNTY	2791	10.47	X
STE. GENEVIEVE	2674	3.37					
CEDAR HILL	2679	8.97	X	TOTAL METRO WEST		\$ 5.21	X
OAKVILLE	2728	5.23	X	WEST CENTRAL			
				SEDALIA	125	\$ 6.89	X
TOTAL EAST CENTRAL		\$ 5.90	X	NEVADA	564	8.56	
METRO EAST				CLINTON	1034	8.08	X
ST. LOUIS	0	\$ 7.98	X	LAKE OF THE OZARKS	2517	0.25	
ST. CHARLES	690	3.21		BATES COUNTY	2653	-	
MANCHESTER	2058	14.82	X	OSAGE COMMUNITY	2705	3.42	
FLORENCE	2318	4.33		BENTON COUNTY	2763	10.85	X
CRESTWOOD	2503	1.34		LAMAR	2820	8.27	X
AFITTON	2635	8.41	X	BOLIVAR	2828	0.05	
ELLSVILLE	2664	3.36		GREENVIEW	2857	1.25	
TROY	2665	4.85	X	LAKE STOCKTON	2950	1.76	
				ADRIAN	2884	-	
TOTAL METRO EAST		\$ 5.78	X	TOTAL WEST CENTRAL		\$ 2.89	
SOUTHEAST				SOUTHWEST			
CAPE GIRARDEAU	639	\$ 0.11		SPRINGFIELD	409	\$ 1.21	
FARMINGTON	1765	0.33		JOPLIN	501	4.50	X
CHAFFEE	1810	-		WEBB CITY	861	0.93	
SIXKISTON	2318	1.38		WEST PLAINS	2418	1.05	
ARCADIA VALLEY	2330	-		ROLLA	2461	1.89	
DEXTER	2439	4.02		KIMBERLY CITY	2525	3.40	
POPLAR BLUFF	2452	-		ALTON-THAYER	2545	0.18	
MINERAL AREA COMMUNITY	2580	1.13		LEBANON	2557	0.76	
JACKSON	2652	-		LAKE TANEYCOMO	2597	5.15	X
HERRYVILLE	2701	-		CHRISTIAN COUNTY	2777	8.45	X
FREDRICKTOWN	2812	0.38					
TOTAL SOUTHEAST		\$ 0.82		TOTAL SOUTHWEST		\$ 2.47	
				TOTAL ALLOCATED		\$ 3.41	



Ray Dierker current MEA Americanism Chairman has done it again. Ray and his band have created another CD for Benevolent Trust.

Ray funded the project himself and all proceeds will go directly to Benevolent Trust. You can order his album by calling 314-846-5300 or you may reach him by mail at:

Ray Dierker
2547 Bluffwood Drive,
St. Louis, MO 63129

Remember your generous donations go directly to Benevolent Trust

Ideas to expand Lodge Veterans Program

By STEWART ISRAELVeterans Program Chair

The Elks veterans program shows our patriotism and commitment not to forget our veterans who have defended our way of life and freedoms.

As we look forward at this time of the Lodge year, there are still things you can do for our heroes. Go to Mielks.org or elks.org/vets for more than 60 ideas to expand your program.

Helping an Elks Veterans Administration volunteer carry out hospital programs is easy and only costs time. See if you, one of the Officers or Members can help. Financial contributions are always welcome.

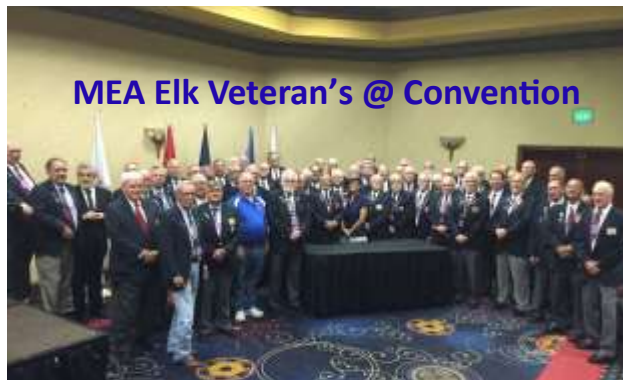
Put on a party or raffle to raise funds so Elks can expand upon existing programs. Visibility at VA hospitals and facilities is important for the Elks to improve our image as a major player in helping our veterans.

Are you interested in adopting a veteran? All it takes is to contact a veteran who is lonely or has few family contacts.

Or, go to a nursing home to see a friend who is a veteran. Start a program for donating clothing for homeless vets. Remember to check in on older veterans you don't see often or homebound veterans.

Another option is to adopt a group of veterans. At the VA you can adopt a VA Community Living Center (extended care) unit, or one of the mental health groups.

Talk to an Elks VA volunteer to contact these groups. You can also adopt a homeless program. The Adopt-A-Vet program can always be expanded. How about someone from your own Lodge, the Member who you don't see anymore, the one who calls to say they don't get out and wonders about paying his dues, the Member in a nursing home or the one that's going blind? They need a friend to be adopted.. This is a labor of love not only for the Elks, but also for God and country. Be a good scout and get involved. We are the land of the free because of the brave! Let's thank them.



MEA Elk Veteran's @ Convention

Shozem Spring 2017



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MISSOURI ELKS NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

St. Louis Cardinals vs. Kansas City Royals

Kauffman Stadium

Tuesday August 8th 2017

7:15 pm CDT

Cutoff date for ticket orders is June 9th 2017



Initial block of tickets is 750. Additional seating will be based on availability and discretion of the Royals and are subject to a higher price.

All efforts will be made to seat groups/ lodges as close together as possible.

Elks and their guests welcome. Tickets awarded on first come basis. No refunds.

Tickets subject to terms and conditions specified on the ticket and subject to Royal's rainout policy and other policies, rules and regulations of Kauffman Stadium.

Tickets may not be resold via StubHub or any other secondary ticket market per Royals ticket policy. Resales are trackable by the Royals.

Ticket price of \$22.00 includes seat and \$6.00 donation to the Missouri Benevolent Trust, Royals Charities and Cardinal Care (\$2.00 to each).

Additional donations may be specified below.

Ticket price \$22.00 x # of tickets _____ = \$ _____
 Additional donation
 MO Benevolent Trust \$ _____
 Royals Charities \$ _____
 Cardinals Care \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Lodge Name /Number: _____
 District: _____

Parking will be \$15.00 cash per vehicle day of the game at the parking gate.

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

Tickets will be sent to your lodge.

Make check payable to Missouri Elks Association

Return to: Doug Jordan
 1604 NW Amesbury Rd
 Blue Springs Mo. 64015
 816-868-9802

Full Size Form in EShozem or
 Download at moelks.org



MEA Golf 2016

State Champions

Jarrold Campbell & Kevin Pitts

Clinton #1034

State Golf Flight Winners

(A flight) Bob & Marvin Hammontree, Nevada #564.

(B flight) Jody Norcross/Doug Story, Nevada #564.

(C flight) Vic Wolf/Larry Sanderson, Nevada #564.

(D flight) Rich Larkin/ Dan Lockhart, Grandview- Hickman #2088.

(E flight) Ron Lichte/David Postlewaite, Blue Springs #2509.

(F flight) Todd Walters/Mike Lombardo, Blue Springs 2509

*Note. Congratulations to the team of Greg Hawkins and Danny Sapp from Columbia # 594 for their "Hole in One" on # 16 at the Clinton Country Club.



26th Annual

Missouri Elks Bass Tournament

April 29-30, 2016

Hosted by the Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517

Check-in at 5pm **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 3/4MM Glaze Arm.

Dinner will be served on **Friday night the 29th** at the Lake of the Ozarks Elks Lodge.

For more information contact:

Pete Nash
 39752 Hwy. VV
 Edwards Mo 65326
 573 253 1258 email: rjnash@yahoo.com

Lodge Activities—On February 4, the Lodge Activities committee met at the Columbia Elks lodge to judge the lodge bulletins. I want to thank them for their hospitality. Also, I want to thank the committee and their friends in helping judge the entries. We had 22 total entries. I had to disqualify 5 entries for not having a cover letter from their lodges, Sorry The winner's Are:



Division 1.

1. Troy 2805 Metro East	84.3
2. Christian County 2777 SW	81.5311
3. Manchester 2058 M East	68.6
4. Milan 2819 Northwest	58.07
5. Sedalia 125 W Central	57.65
6. St.Charles 690 Metro East	57.21

Division 2.

1. Florissant 2316 Metro East	73.886
2. Afton 2635 Metro East	62.976
3. Louisiana 791 North East	68.37
4. Chillicothe 656 Northwest	54.96
5. Jackson 2652 Southeast	52.76
6. Crestwood 2503 M East	52.733

Division 3.

1. Columbia 594 Northeast	63.96
2. Dexter 2439 Southeast	59.76
3. Jeff City 513 Northeast	59.11

Division 4

1. Osage Comm 2705 WC	73.1088
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Division 5.

1. Washington 1559 Northeast	48.1016
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Congratulations to all of the entries. Thank again for entering.

Drug Awareness Spring 2017

Drug Awareness

By now Lodges should have sent their Drug Awareness 1st place Essay and Poster to their respective District Chairs for judging at District level. District Chairs have until March 01 to send me their 1st place winners. I will announce the state contest winners on Saturday morning during my report. I'm always nervous due to so many schools not being willing to work with the Elks in our Drug Awareness and Americanism Contests. I know they are busy so I've asked my District Chairs to remind Lodge Chairs that a members' child can write an essay or draw a poster for entry from their Lodge as long as the child is in the appropriate grade. At least this would represent their Lodge participation in our programs! The Districts that I've received entries from in the past, continue to submit and it shows that someone is working at doing their job. If your Lodge Chairman is having trouble getting results, offer to help and solicit members to do the same! Too often the work of a Committee Chairman is overlooked and/or under-appreciated. I'm reminded of one of my Lodges' members' comment of "do you remember why you became an Elk"? Lodge Exalted Rulers, your year as E.R. will only be as good as those you appoint to help you get "Elk Work" done. As always, I am available anytime to help in whatever way I can. I wish each of you the very best in your coming year and nothing but success.



Alex's Lemonade Stand

Warrenton #2662

On October 28th partnered with Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation and with Missouri Elks Drug Awareness program for a benefit for Alex's Lemonade Stand. Warrenton raised \$1,035 towards the project.

Lodge member Carl Schmeihausen, Leading Knight, made the Lemonade stand out



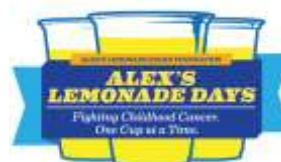
of a cardboard box from a refrigerator.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Founda on Curing Childhood Cancer, one cup at a me— our mission is to raise money and awareness of Childhood Cancer causes, primarily for Research into new treatments and cures, and to encourage and Empower others, especially children, to get involved and make a difference for children with cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Day's June 3rd-11th. Join our fight against childhood cancer by hosting a lemonade stand or event in your community. Alex's Lemonade Days is our annual event when thousands of supporters around the country raise money for much needed childhood cancer research. This fall at the National Convention in Houston it was decided that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks would partner with the Alex's Lemonade Stand organization.

State Chairman Charlie Smith would encourage all Missouri lodges to get involved in the program. To get materials and information about the program and to get your lodge involved in the fight against Childhood Cancer visit Alex's Lemonade Stand website at <https://www.alexslimonade.org/> For information contact Charlie Smith MEA Drug Awareness Chairman or your District Chairman

June 3rd-11th



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



Missouri State Hoopshoot

Saturday February 4th, 48th District Champions from Missouri gathered in Kirkwood Missouri for the Missouri State Elks Hoop Shoot Championships. All the kids are winners, but only 6 will go on to the Region 9 tournament in Paris Tennessee.

State Tournament
Director
Randy
Eaton hosted the tournament and did his typical awesome job.



Seen in the three pictures on the left are the top three finishers in each bracket.

Picture 1 12-13 Year old Boys 3rd place -Dane Cook , (19) West Plains #2418, 2nd place Braden Applehans (21)Blue Springs #2509 **Champion Griffin St. Pierre (24) Troy #2805** Randy Eaton 12-13 Year old Girls **Champion Alexis Miller (21) Macon #999**, 2nd place Abby Latham (18)(and 2 of 5*) Lebanon #2557 , 3rd place Kiara Holcer (18 and 1 of 5*) Brookfield #874

Picture 2 ..10-11 Year old Boys, 3rd place Andrew Starkey (20) (3 of 5 and 1 of 5*) Fredericktown #2812, 2nd place Tyler Vaughn (20) (3 of 5 and 4 of 5*) Lebanon #2557 **Champion Kaden Sutton (21) Cass County #2791** Randy Eaton, 12-13 Year old Girls **Champion Korrie Holler (22) Brookfield 874**, 2nd place Madison Mills (19) Farmington #1765, 3rd place Grace Carlson (17) KC Northland #2376



Picture 3 ...8-9 Year old Boys 3rd place Grady Fox (23) (and 3 of 5*) Mexico #919, 2nd place Noah Thornhill (23)(and 5 of 5*) **Champion Luke Belardo (24) Warrensburg #673** (amazing shooting for 8 year olds their were runners up still in the 20's.) Randy Eaton, 8-9 Year old Girls **Champion Kenzee James (21) Troy #2805** 2nd place Sydney Miles (18) Mineral Area #2583 , 3rd place Kaylor Hodge (17) Cameron 2615.

This year the hoop shoot was moved to Kirkwood Missouri. The banquet and housing was also moved to the Holiday Inn at Eureka Missouri near Six Flags.

Our State Champions will now advance to the Central Region 9 Semi-Final to be held on March 11th at Paris Tennessee. Congratulations to all of our Champions. The National Finals will take place April 22 in Chicago, IL. *scores in shootout rounds of 5 shots.



Desoto #689" Home of State President John Gross"

Did an excellent job hosting John's final visit.. With visiting members from all corners of the State the lodge was packed with well-wishers, state officers friends and guests for Johns final "farewell".

The lodge served an excellent fried chicken dinner. John was roasted by many guests and friends. This was followed by a good band and Good Times.

Lodge member and father in Law Cliff Castle roasts John during dinner.



"To Our Absent Member"

Past State President Edward "Ed" L. Cohoon

79, entered into eternal rest at his Crystal City residence on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. In May of 1958 Ed was honorably discharged from the United States Navy with a Good Conduct medal (first award) and a National Defense Service medal. He was retired as a store manager for Western Auto where he worked for 32 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 253, Amvets Post 42, life time member of Mercy Jefferson Hospital Auxiliary, and a lifetime member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge 1721.



Lodge offices held: Esquire, Inner Guard, Tiler, Secretary, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and Exalted Ruler from 1974-1975 and 1994-1995. District offices held: Marshal, District Director, Vice-President, served as Chairman of district golf and picnic committees for many years.

State offices held: President – elect 2007-2008, Missouri 100th State President 2008-2009, served as State Ritual Chairman 2003-2012, was responsible for starting the State Softball tournaments.

Grand Lodge Offices held: Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, served as Grand Lodge Ritual Judge four times.Ed will be missed by All

Missouri Elks 66th Annual Bowling Tournament - 2017

TEAM Chillicothe Elks #1 Chillicothe 3373

- 1 Sean Springborn
- 2 Eric Pollard
- 3 Bill Gilliland
- 4 Gary Holley
- 5 Dan Akers

DOUBLES

- 1 Bill Gilliland 1501 Chillicothe
- 2 Eric Pollard

SINGLES

- 1 Brian Williams 786 Joplin

ALL EVENTS HANDICAP & SCRATCH & HIGH SERIES SCRATCH

- 1 Doug Heimos 2207 / 794 Festus/Crystal City

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

- 1 Randy Harper 289 Festus/Crystal City





SW District Hoop Shoot Chairman Everett Jackson-Springfield with Elks Lodge volunteers Mike Hess-Springfield, Scotty Butler-Christian County, Leah Bergner-Kimberling city, Jeffery Holt-Christian County, Eva Fry-Kimberling City, Wayne Williams-Kimberling City, Geneva Williams-Kimberling City, Ron Fry-Kimberling City, Dave Bergner-Kimberling City, Joe Harmon-Kimberling City, Gene Lamb-Kimberling City, Larry Tuck-Springfield, Norma Jackson-Kimberling City.



Lebanon #2557 presented a donation of \$500 to Cope Domestic Abuse Center. The Lebanon Elks were pleased that they could donate to the local Cope House again this year. from left to right are David Raymond, Judy Carl (Cope House) and Ross Jennings. **COPE House** is a shelter for abused women and their children in the Lebanon community.



Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597 hosted the F.O.R.R. (Freedom of the Road Riders) 27th annual "Toy Run" on November 6, 2016. The riders (led by Santa) delivered toys and coats for the children of Taney county, and enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by the officers and members of Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597.

The Missouri State Elks visited **Rolla #2461** on November 12th, and hosted a fundraiser to benefit the Lodge. Elks from across the state attended, showing once again that "Elks Care, Elks Share". It was a wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship. The Rolla Lodge owes a special "thank you" to Melodie Hutson, for all of her efforts to make this event a success. (SW VP Don Cook and his Pony...Elk volunteers at the Ticket table)



Alton-Thayer #2545 hosted their annual "Hoop Shoot" on December 3, 2016, and had a "group of great kids" participate. The winners advanced to District competition.



Webb City #861 Officers and members of Webb City Lodge #861 made the holidays brighter for sixteen local families who otherwise may have had little to put on their dinner tables, and even less under the evergreen tree. Those who delivered Christmas Baskets this year, or any of the past years, will never forget the surprised and happy faces...especially the children.



Joplin Lodge #501 distributed 200 Christmas baskets to help their community neighbors have a merrier Christmas. Pictured are a portion of the food "baskets" which were filled with non-perishable items. Many members bring their children

and grand-children to help fill the boxes with food and illustrate the act of charity towards others. The morning of delivery, perishable items (milk, eggs, butter, fresh vegetables, and a turkey) were added; the Ladies of the Elks provided toys which were delivered with the food. This is the largest charity project for the Joplin Lodge, and is (literally) a year-long labor of brotherly love and charity.

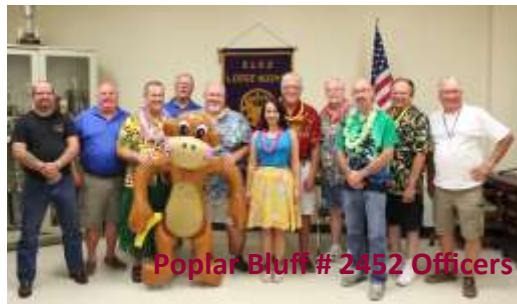


West Plains Elks #2418 was awarded the Civic/Nonprofit Organization of the Year award for their annual Veteran's dinner, Christmas for Kids program, and variety of scholarships. The award was presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.



Fredericktown #2812 Much of the funding for the Fredericktown Head Start program has been cut so the Fredericktown Elks Lodge number 2812 has decided to donate to them 3 times a year approximately \$900 . This allows them to go on two field trips as well as have their year-end party. There are no Transportation companies in the area anymore that have seatbelts so this year instead of taking the kids to the pumpkin patch, the lodge brought the pumpkins to the kids. Fredericktown Elks bought approximately 65 pumpkins. Each child received a pumpkin and a high four from Elroy —since he only has four fingers.

Poplar Bluff # 2452 4th Annual W. C. Porter Memorial Golf Tournament money was raised for the lodge's Scholarship Fund and UCAN (United Cancer Assistance Network). Presenting the check to UCAN's Director are Jeanne Porter and sons Todd Bess and Keith Porter.



Poplar Bluff # 2452 Officers



Poplar Bluff # 2452

Celebrated the lodges Annual Luau in August. Each year they celebrate their Hawaiian Dinner with a ground Roasted Pig. There are many games and contests with lots of prizes and fundraisers and a very fun evening.

Most years a crazy character comes to entertain the crowd. Lodge member and former Secretary Brenda Hayes charms the audience.



Having Fun @ Dexter #2439 It was President's night back in August with PSP's Jim Hahn, Roger Triplett & President Gross. They feasted on the Best Ribs in Missouri and had time for some fun and games stooping to Joy's level below.



Jackson Lodge 2652—We entered a float in the Christmas Parade this year, what a great way to show our community that we as Elks support them and their efforts. The theme was a "Story book" Christmas. We opted for "A Christmas Story" themed float. We had it all....including the Leg Lamp! Elroy has been busy and this was no exception, he was in attendance and with his helpers gave candy and drug awareness coloring books to the children along the parade route. To top it all off, we won the Mayors Choice Award!

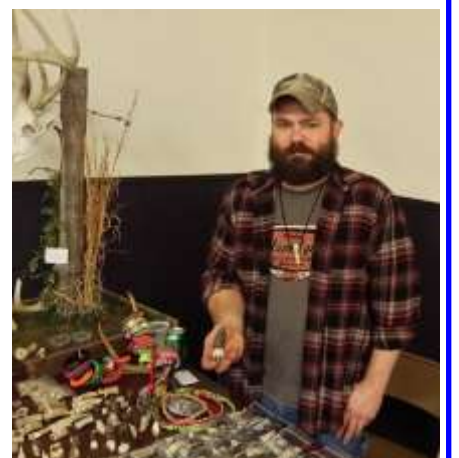


Farmington #1765 held a BBQ fund-raiser for the local **Walker Johns Foundation**. The foundation provides money and support for local families that have children with cancer. Part of the meat was cooked and donated by a local businessman.



Perryville #2701 Recently celebrated it's 30th Wild Game Feed. It is one of the largest events in the community each year with crowds reaching around 500 people. Pictured is Kentucky Colonel Wayne Myers and his wife Denise. Wayne has celebrated his 30th year serving as the events Chairman. President John gross is pictured along with Sarah and Past Exalted ruler Steve Wibbenmeyer. The last picture is of Josh Blair. He is a vendor, showing a Mushroom Whistle carved from deer antler. Everything pictured he hand carved from deer antler.

The Wild Game Feed features game from squirrel brains, wild boar, deer, antelope, wild turkey, pheasant etc, and thank God Fried Chicken. The Wild game Feed is held the last Saturday in January each year.



West Central District Spring 2017



ELKS CHRISTMAS BASKET/TREE OF JOY PROGRAM
Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie, MO just made Christmas better for 103 households in Morgan and Camden counties including 326 children. Each child received two gifts plus a blanket which was donated by the Elks and facilitated through the Lady Elks Auxiliary. The bountiful food provided included hamburger, ham, bologna, milk,

eggs, bread, potatoes, oranges and numerous canned and boxed foods. A total of 43 food items were delivered in quantities to provide the families numerous meals. Families also received a large quantity of toilet-ry and personal hygiene items. This program also provides donations to other charities such as Share the Harvest, Morgan County Food Bank, and Community for Christ.

Over 200 Elks and Auxiliary members were involved in the program with an accumulation of 1375 volunteer hours. Over 7670 miles were driven to carry out this program and the total contribution to the community is valued at over \$30,000.



Clinton #1034 hosted its 15th year of a special needs student trip to the Springfield Zoo. 210 Students from Clinton, Calhoun, Lakeland, Montrose and Osceola schools all attend. Funds are raised each year from a youth auction which is held the last Saturday of March. The kids are treated

to the zoo, a ride on the zoo's train and a hot lunch prepared and served by the Clinton members.

Lamar #2800



On December 3rd Lamar Elks #2800 celebrated its 20th anniversary in the Elks.

The lodge was instituted into the Elks organization on November 9th 1996.

Lake of the Ozarks #2517



Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517 Osage Beach, MO used the Beacon Grant to purchase 49 pairs of shoes and 45 winter coats for the under-privileged children at 2 local schools. Pictured are school counselor Beverly Livingston, Joan Bex, Karen Calvert, Loyal Knight Ron Yarbrough and Exalted Ruler Jerry Spurgeon.

Greenview #2587

The Greenview Elks Lodge No. 2857 was proud to provide Christmas Food Baskets for 30 families and gifts for 64 kids this year through our Elf Fund Program. This program also provided food baskets at Thanksgiving to 30 needy families in our community.



Benton County #2653 This year the Lodge adopted 14 families including 47 children. Several donations enabled us to do this. They included a grant from the Grand Lodge, a generous donation from The Lodge Boys Band, several monetary donations from members and other sources, and generous food donations from our members and their families. Pictured are John and Brenda Michael, and Bettie and Tom Morgason, packing boxes of food

and organizing gifts for the families to pick up. Not pictured, but also helped with the packing was Jorrine Fenlon. Thank you all for the hard work in making this another successful year for less fortunate families in our area.

Lake Stockton Elks #2858 Bicycle Rally

The Lake Stockton Elks Lodge 2858 used their Promise Grant this year to hold a bicycle safety rally in the Stockton city park on Saturday October 1st. The city park was filled with youngsters with bikes as well as those hoping to win a bike. The park was filled with children 3-14 along with their parents. The Elk members were kept busy helping children decorate bikes, passing out helmets and safety gear, run-



ning the safety obstacle course, cooking and serving up hot dogs, passing out flags, bells and bike locks, manning the drug awareness trailer, and handing out bicycle safety information. Even Elroy got in on the action riding a bike along with the children, and of course he had on a helmet, safety first you know. The highlight of the day came with much anticipation, around 2:00, as the children waited to see if their name would be drawn. One boy and one girl each, in five age groups, went home with a brand new bicycle. It was a truly amazing day, as Elks those of us at Lake Stockton Lodge are very proud to have been able to bring this event to our community.



Nevada Elks Lodge 564 held it's Thanksgiving Dinner and Benefit Auction on November 4th 2016 to raise money for the Christmas Basket Program. . After the Auction was over and the donations were counted

the Lodge raised over \$10,000.00 for there Christmas Baskets! We gave baskets to 175 family's this year! Elks Care Elks Share



Lexington #749 held its Community Christmas Dinner on December 3rd with members and community volunteers serving over 700 meals. Funding for the event is provided by Elks national Foundation Lodge Beacon Grant and donations from area businesses. All donations received from participating dinners and contributions from the Lodge are given to the Food Pantry for their use this Christmas. Volunteers delivered 375 meals to home bound with the balance served at Lodge. All donated food and supplies plus a check presented for \$1,650 was accepted by current Food Pantry director Jan Wright and incoming director Leta Grom.



With the help of our Midwest Young Marines, Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088 Elks proudly carried our flag for the Truman Heritage Festival Parade.



The Blue Springs Lodge 2509 is participating in the 2017 Youth Sports & Recreation Expo. We're spreading the news about all the family-friendly activities and the Drug Awareness program.



Hope Haven of Cass County sends out a huge THANK YOU to the Elks of **Cass County #2791** for their generous turkey donation. Our residents will have very happy and full stomachs!! Elks Care~Elks Share



Warrensburg #673 Elks Youth bowling Night. During Youth week we like to take some time with just the youth from the Elks Lodge. It's always a good time with our youth. From left to right: Hannah Taylor, Aaden Murphy, Tristan Beykirch, Cisaria Burch.



Kansas City #26 At the annual Breakfast with Santa Santa and his crew served over 80 Christmas Breakfasts

Kansas City Northland #2376 For over 35 years, members from the Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376 in Gladstone worked together in setting up the Northland Christmas Store. During the upcoming week, eligible parents will be able to select food items, hygiene and cleaning products and gifts for their children. Through the hard work of these members, over 1,500 family members will have a happy holiday season. A wonderful example of Elks giving back to their community. Elks Do Care and Elks Do Share!



Northeast District Spring 2017



Warrenton # 2662 Hosted Missouri's Elks first **Alex's Lemonade Stand**. This is a new program partnering with the Elks. Read more about Warrenton's program in the E Sho- zem and on the Drug Awareness page.



Louisiana #791 Monday December 5th marked the 5th annual Head Start Winter Celebration at Louisiana Lodge 791. For the 5th year, this event has been funded by an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon Grant. Approximately 200 attendees including Head Start students, families, and staff were treated to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the Elks of Lodge 791 and served by the students of Louisiana Rotary Interact Club. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived after the meal and visited with every child and helpers from the Louisiana Rotary Interact Club helped them hand out gifts to each student as well as a gift for each family .



Mexico #919 honored students from 5 different schools for winning the Drug awareness Essay contests. Twelve students 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.



Washington #1559

Elroy was invited to make an appearance at the Downtown Washington Christmas Parade and he was hit with parade goers.



Jefferson City #513 On Saturday, November 19, 2016, members of Elks Lodge 513, along with their family members and students from Lincoln University, prepared and delivered 69 Thanksgiving food baskets to families in need in their community. This is the fourth year students from Lincoln University have assisted the Lodge in this annual event, which was made possible with the Beacon Grant. Pictured with ER Mark Johnson and Trustee Eileen Scrivner are students from Lincoln University



Columbia Lodge #594 January 27th the lodge recognized and thanked all veterans who were present for fun in the club room or enjoying dinner in the dining room. We saluted each group while their branch of service song was played - Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines. Some groups larger than others, but each announced their name and years of service to appreciative applause. Thank you again for all your service.



Mexico #919

Mexico Elks #919 held a BBQ and furnished music for the Veterans at the Missouri Veteran Home in Mexico on October 15th, 2016. Elks members prepared BBQ meat and several side dishes to go with it. The band was also a big hit with the Veterans as they played music from their past years. The Veterans truly enjoyed this day with their family and with those in attendance. This was all made possible by the Gratitude Grant



Macon #999

ER Ken Everling is pictured with students who received new dictionaries. 300 new Dictionaries were distributed to 8 surrounding school districts. This project was possible through a grant from the Elks National Foundation.

St Clair #2651



January 9th st Clair #2652 initiated 15 new members. Last year the lodge remodeled the club room and hall and it is paying off!



Cameron #2615 held it's first annual Special Prom on Saturday, May 21, 2016. There were 121 Special Needs Attendees and 40 staff members to assist them. The attendees were from all over.. St. Joe, Maryville, Albany, Trenton, Maysville, Osborn but most of them were from Cameron and the local group homes. Everyone came dressed up and ready to have fun. The Groups were seated together after check in and dinner consisting of Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll and lemonade was served by the CHS Cheerleaders and Pom Squad upon arrival. The girls then served cake to everyone and bussed the tables as they finished. The Prom King and Queen were drawn from raffle tickets received at check in. After the royalty was chosen, the music started and the dancing began. They danced with each other, with the Pom and Cheer girls, their staff and members of the lodge. Everyone had a great time. Each Attendee was given a cup with candy and a \$5 gift card. The Lodge received the Promise Grant to help fund this project. This project was a very worthwhile and rewarding experience for all involved. The Cameron ELKS Lodge #2615 wishes to thank everyone who was involved with this event



Milan #2819 held a gun raffle that raised \$2000 for the Veterans Memorial on the Sullivan County Courthouse lawn.

Pictured in front of the memorial are **Bruce Emberton**, raffle winner and

Mark Shaw, member.

The funds are used to engrave the names of those from Sullivan County who gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

Chillicothe # 656 Annual Veterans Ceremony Approximately 120 Veterans and Guests were served. Funds raised were donated to local Veteran's Organizations. The meal was donated by member Nicole Booth from Nico'Z Catering.

Upon arriving, each Veteran was presented with a card created by a student from one of the elementary schools organized by Cheryl Riead. Brett Romeiser gave the history between the Elks, Famous Missourians and The Veterans of our Country. Boy Scout Troop 121 Presented the Colors and gave the Prayer. Ben Savage finished with TAPS.

During the meal, Marvin Holcer presented a program about our local museum and the interesting facts about some of the items that were displayed during the dinner.



As excited as members of the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats football team were to be participating in Saturday's second-round playoff game against the Emporia State Hornets, the privilege came with a price. Many of the players, especially those from out of state, were unable to make it home to see their families on Thanksgiving Day.

And while nothing can quite make up for being away from loved ones over the holidays — even the chance to play some championship-caliber college football —

Maryville's Elks Lodge 760 did its delicious best to step into the breach.

As they have for several years now, the Elks invited the entire team and coaching staff, about 90 folks altogether, to a sit-down dinner at their North Main Street lodge Wednesday night, a traditional Thanksgiving banquet that offered the players plenty of food, fellowship, camaraderie, and heartfelt hometown affection.



Feeding that many athletic — not to say large — young men at one time requires a significant effort on the part of the Elks, who cooked and served a thoroughly home-style meal.

"We do this every year when the Bearcats get into the playoffs," said Elks Exalted Ruler John Nelson. "We want the team to have Thanksgiving dinner because they don't get to have it at home."

And dinner it certainly was. Feeding this year's team, required preparing three large turkeys, two full hams, five pork loins, 50 pounds of potatoes, tubs full of green beans and corn, 10 gallons of gravy, and 120 homemade hot rolls.

And then there were the 25 dessert pizzas.

"It's a lot better than going to Taco John's" quipped Bearcats head coach Adam Dorrel, who said he and his staff were deeply grateful to the Elks for giving the team a reason to celebrate together before a key post-season game.

"When we talk about our goals for the season we always mention eating Thanksgiving dinner together with the Elks," Dorrel said. "It's a big deal for our guys. If you're eating here on Wednesday night, it means it's been a really good year up to that point. ... This is absolutely a (Bearcat) family deal, a family event." Picture and article taken from Maryville Daily Forum

Southeast District Spring 2017



Sikeston #2319 was well represented during the States President's visit back in August. The lodge treated President Gross to a great meal featuring Barbecue ribs and the best Barbecue Chicken in the state. Each year Sikeston rivals district foe Dexter as the BBQ Kings of the district.

The lodge is led by Exalted Ruler Wayne "Smitty" Smith. Wayne has been Exalted Ruler for 18 years, the longest running current Exalted Ruler in the state and quite likely the nation. Sikeston is a great lodge where you can always get a great meal.



Arcadia Valley #2330 Gave out Dictionary's to all area 3rd Grade Student's as part of the Dictionary Project



The **Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge #639** was fortunate again this year to host the annual Girl Scout retreat. There were 175 Girl Scouts and 55 adult volunteers to participate in the week-long event. The MO Department of Conversation also came out through-out the week and put on presentations. The girls fished, cooked and hiked through the woods learning about the animals and plant life. We are proud to host the annual event here at Lodge 639 and we look forward to hosting next years' event.



Afton #2635 Steps Up In November the Afton community suffered a great loss. St Louis County police officer Blake Snyder was killed in the performance of his duty while assigned to the Afton precinct. Not only did Afton Lodge name Officer Snyder-**Officer of the Year** it, held a Dinner Dance to raise funds for the St Louis Back Stoppers. The Back Stoppers

is a charitable organization which provides educational and financial support to the families of law enforcement and first responders who have been severely injured or lost their life in performance of their duty. During the December lodge meeting ER Patrick Dolan presented a check for \$5000 to representatives from Guns and Hoses. Present were members of the St Louis County Police Department and the Afton Fire Prevention District.



Mineral Area #2583

The Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge 2583 in Desloge partnered with St. Francois County's East Missouri Action Agency's Head Start once again this year to provide needy families with food baskets on Wednesday.

Elks Leading Knight Roland Seal said they have been doing this for about 10 years now

and they work with EMAA. He added it all goes through them to Operation Head Start and all the case workers come in and distribute the baskets to where they go.

"Each basket has a certificate good for a turkey which is redeemable over at Save-A-Lot in Park Hills," explained Seal. "Then they take their certificate there and get their turkey fresh. These girls are distributing all their food baskets today."

Seal said they ask the membership for help with donations and they make a list of the basics of what they need and send that list to the members. Then they bring in the food for those baskets and we also solicit donations from people for food items for the baskets," said Seal. "Then we give them each a turkey. Down at the Farmington Fun Center we have a bowling get-together and people bring canned goods." (Courtesy of the Daily Journal Online)



ee #1810

Hosted the State entourage early this summer they gi John with one of their "infamous chicken shirts".

Ch lodge has mul ple fryers and they deep fry hundreds of chickens each year.

Springfield #409

Southwest District



Springfield Lodge #409 would like to brag on the lodge sponsored Boy Scout troop. Their float trip was cancelled due to the threat of severe weather instead they had a staycation. They stayed the whole weekend at the lodge. Tents were pitched and they swam by night. By day they all (12) worked tirelessly to clean up grounds of our lodge. Trees cut down, gravel was moved, weeds were pulled and the DAV donation pick up area was clean. These pics don't do it justice. It took a 16 foot trailer stacked to 6ft high and a couple of pick up truck loads to haul it all off!

Troy #2805—Metro East PER and ENF Chairman Tom DeGeare presenting a pair of Fingerless Deer Hide Gloves to 33 year Army Veteran Tom Love who was undergoing rehab. Tom served 4 tours of duty overseas, in Okinawa, Japan, and Caracas, Venezuela and 2 times in Vietnam. Tom was very excited to receive these gloves because he was previously using cloth gloves. He wants to thank the Elks for their service to our Veterans.





Kimberling City Lodge #2505 hosted their annual Golf Tournament on September 10th at the Point Royal Golf Course in Branson. The tournament is the largest fundraiser for the Lodge Christmas Family program, and netted approximately \$10,000 this year. Prizes were awarded for closest to the pin, straightest drive, men's and women's longest drives, early bird putting contest, and more. Additional prizes, a live auction and dinner were held at the Elks Lodge in Kimberling City following the tournament.

The Christmas Family program provides clothing ("from socks up including coats") for children in the community, and also provides a meal for the family. The proceeds from this year's golf tournament enabled the Lodge to help several local families.

Adrian # 2864 With the proceeds from the

first annual Haunted House fundraiser, the Antlers from Adrian Lodge 2864 put on a Holiday Dinner for lodge member and also invited those who have support them as their way to say Thank You. They had a great dinner with a great group of people. The Antlers were also able to provide Christmas gifts to area children. Plans are in the works for a Casino Night with the Elderly of Adrian Manor nursing home.



Jefferson City's #513 Lecturing Knight Nelda Lay, PER Eileen Scribner and Esquire Anna Kabler recently volunteered at the Jefferson City Salvation Army center to cook and serve a meal to over 50 men women and children. Thru the year Nelda frequently volunteers many hours to the center, often accompanied with other JC Elk members.



State Presidents Visit Sedalia #125

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Bates County #2653



Ofallon #2587

This year we had a member have a stroke/heart attack while leaving the lodge. The member passed from the complications that evening. We had several members try and revive our departed member but they were unsuccessful.

The events of that evening prompted the lodge to create an award to be given out to someone in the community for their efforts in attempting to save a life. The award could be for a normal citizen or a first responder (Police, Fire, EMT). We awarded the first Mark Vigil Valor Award to Willie Hillman (Elks member) for his efforts to save a brother Elk.

The event was also a successful fundraiser for the family because our fallen brother and his family had fallen on hard times and were not sure of how to handle expenses for the funeral. OFallon Lodge 2587 stood up to assist the family of our departed brother.

Warrensburg #673 Making it Great Again



Bolivar #2828



EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

ELKS GOLF CLASSIC

SATURDAY – JUNE 3, 2017

RAIN DATE: SUNDAY – JUNE 4, 2017

8:00 AM TEE TIME

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3 PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$75 / PERSON OR \$225 / TEAM

Includes Skins & Mulligans

Proceeds to benefit:

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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

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ECD Golf Tournament

NO ENTRIES AFTER

Monday 05.22.2017



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Last year **Festus / Crystal City #1721** members and their friends organized a new lodge bowling league with the intent of raising funds to donate to Pony Bird Residential Care in Jefferson

County.

The monthly league which ran from February thru November gave the bowlers not only a chance to get together and have some friendly competition, but also the opportunity to support one of the great non-profit organizations in our region. Pony Bird provides quality care to non-ambulatory persons of all ages with significant intellectual and physical disabilities.

Through the generosity of the league members and their friends, the 16 bowlers raised over \$1,800 through monthly donations, raffles and the kindness of all the bowlers also donating back prize money they won over the season. Along with a matching gift from #1721 General Fund, Lodge Secretary and Bowling League Organizer Ron Trucks was able to present a check to Pony Bird's Director of Development, Teresa Gau on January 12 for \$2,415.



On Monday, December 19th, 2016, members of **Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge 2372**, made their annual trip to the Missouri School for the Blind to give the children at the school a Christmas Party. Members picked names of the children and received a list of the items they would like for Christmas, at the annual Halloween Party and Hay Ride held at the Lodge. Members make every effort to obtain most of the items shown on these lists for the children from the school. In addition to the gifts for the children, the Lodge donates a catered meal and also purchase a gift the school has requested. This year we purchased a popcorn machine for the cafeteria. In addition, one of the members donated another popcorn machine to be used in the dorms.



Desoto Lodge #689 sponsored a Grilling Competition for BackStoppers, on September 24, 2016. We raised \$5831 for BackStoppers. On December 17, 2016 we delivered approximately 200 Food Baskets at a total cost of almost \$15,000, this is the lodge's major program.



Ste. Genevieve Elks #2674 held their annual Hoop Shoot on Dec 20th at the Community Center.

Picture left to right: Hailey Coleman (1st place girls 10-11), Chairperson & ER-Kelly Sexauer, Sam Drury (3rd place boys 12-13), Aiden Boyer (1st place boys 12-13), Braden Coleman (2nd place boys 12-13) and front is Evan Fallert (1st place 8-9 boys)



2. Veterans Deer Hide Program Ste. Genevieve Lodge #2674 collected 706 DEER HIDES!! In the picture is Gene Flieg and Jeff Nickleson



Cedar Hill #2678 Our annual Jerry Wrombel Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament took place on October 1st this year and State President John Gross was in attendance, as was Jerry Wrombels' widow Judy and one of this years local scholarship recipients, Samantha Christopher. The tournament made a profit of \$5108 for the scholarship fund.

Left: Cedar Hill raised \$1500 and bought Christmas presents for the residents of our local nursing home and delivered them at Christmas to the residents; they also entertained them that day with music and fun.

East Central District Spring 2017



On January 21, 2017 during a visit by the State President John Gross, a very special recognition dinner was held to honor Al Knappmiller.

Al is a founding/charter member the lodge which was formed in 1982. For 35 years he has served the needs of the

Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge

#2644, it's members, and the community.

During his many years Al has served as Exalted Ruler (89-90), Leading Knight, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Trustee, and currently as Secretary, a position he has held since 1995.

He has served on countless committees including the Auditing & Accounting Committee and Activities Committees at both the lodge and East Central District levels. Al is also a past Secretary for MEA Benevolent Trust.



Santa (Secretary Billie Bennett) visited the **High Ridge Elks #2455** Community Christmas Party in December. Children and their families were entertained by the Dance Elite dance school prior to Santa's arrival. All the children received a small gift from Santa.

Manchester Lodge #2058

On December 6, the Ellisville #2664, Manchester #2058 and St. Louis #9 Lodges combined efforts to host a Shop With a Cop event. We hosted 30 kids with parents, and 18 police officers from Ballwin, St. Louis County and Creve Coeur, Mo precincts. Kids went home with a stocking full of gifts and toys or clothes they purchased using gift cards from the Lodges. Pictured are St. Louis County Officer Scott Martin and Blake Meadows, who gave Officer Martin a run for his money with Blake's brand new checkers game!



Lodge Trustee, Ken Warren showing Scouts how to pick the correct lumber for the Eagle Scout park

Ellisville Elks #2664 Eagle Scout Project

On two separate Saturday's in August 2016, eight members of the Ellisville Elks helped Scout Kyle Reamer measure, cut, and construct 2X4 wood planks to build benches for his Eagle Scout Project, which will all be donated to the Ballwin Elementary School in our community. The Ellisville Elks also helped fund this Eagle Scout project with funds from our Promise Grant, which we helped provide lunch each day.



Lodge Trustee, Jerry Henry working with Scout Kyle Reamer to build one of the benches for his Eagle Scout Project that's being donated to the Ballwin Elementary School in our Community

Florissant #2316 Veterans Hide Program

As of Nov. 30th The Florissant Elks Lodge 2316 has cleaned and salted 80 deer hides. A dozen or so came from Ellisville and Affton Lodges and another 10 from Max's Meats on Howdershell Road. We have also received some from people in the community who heard about our program.



Thanks to all the contributors as the recovering Veterans will surely be pleased to receive the tanned leather kits to occupy their time. Our lodge members have shown a great interest in the buckskin gloves over the last year. They are available from the treasurer.

Tony Dalske, Gene Rhor and Bob Wilkins

Crestwood #2503 We used 2015-2016 Gratitude Grant to help promote community involvement by providing the St. Louis County 3rd Precinct with a new report generating workstation area within their current location in Affton. Exalted Ruler Bob Stricklin visits the station to check-out this newly completed area that was badly needed.



Exalted Ruler Bob Stricklin with St. Louis County Officer

St. Charles #690 Christmas Baskets

We shopped for 33 baskets for families. Everything went great shopping and the morning's breakfast along with all the deliveries. Breakfast was great thanks to Bill M. Tom B. And Steve S. Thanks to all who braved the roads last night. We had 20 total shoppers including some hard working younger folks. Lots of Elks this year for deliveries.



#2635 Affton completed a project with the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry. The Food Pantry provides food and household items for active military, reservists, and veterans in the Greater St. Louis metro area. The Food Pantry is located in the Missouri Air National Guard Armory located on the grounds of the historic Jefferson Barracks military base. Last year the Food Pantry serviced 2354 families with 78,000 pounds of food product.

The Lodge purchased and delivered \$2500 worth of school supplies for use by the Food Pantry. The project is an ongoing event funded by the Lodge in conjunction with a Beacon Grant provided by the Grand Lodge. Pictured are Lodge member William C Peck and members of the 1138th Army National Guard, 3175th Army National Guard and the 131st Missouri Air National Guard. They not only assisted in unloading the supplies, but will benefit from them as well.



St. Louis #9 Membership Appreciation Party

It was an amazing celebration this past Monday as the Lodge enjoyed the Membership Appreciation Party thrown by the House Committee to thank the members for our record bar sales this past year! Bob & Mark Dixon got things started hosting an 11 am Toast in honor of their father (an Elk of 52 years who would have been 88 that day) and treated for the first of many free drinks for those in attendance! As the Noon hour arrived, the buffet line was overstocked with many delicious selections provided by both the House Committee and all of our generous members and



guests who contributed to the feast. Samplings of foods included: Pointer's Pizza, Brats, Hot Dogs, Pork Roast, Chili, and many other delights!

As game time approached so did the games of chance including face-off and goal-scoring free drink chances and four different raffle drawings. The Patio Committee did a great job organizing the raffles and the baskets they contributed to the Raffles including a \$300 basket Grand Prize!! The buzz continued and the excitement grew and there was so much crowd enjoyment and noise, we had to break out the "bullhorn" to make announcements. Lucky for the membership at least 5 of those announcements were for free drinks for everyone in the bar as the Blues cruised to a 4-1 win over the hated Blackhawks! The happy times continued until the 6:30 closing time which brought an end to a wonderful day. All I have heard since Monday is "when is the next Winter Classic Party"?

I am always nervous giving "shout-outs" to those involved for fear of missing anyone but those that should be recognized include:

1) The House Committee for the event plus free food and drinks, 2) the Patio Committee for the great Raffle items and for selling the Raffle tickets (they raised about \$800 for the day!!), 3) Bridget for bar-tending with amazing assistance from 4) Kathy Dixon and Loren Hewitt who helped out tremendously with the drink pouring, then there was 5) bar-back extraordinaire Paul Voigt, 6) Chefs George Nyhoff, Todd Harrison and Dave MacDonald and 7) all who contributed by chipping in with the clean-up and donation of other food items! Please forgive me if I missed any other major contributors! Everyone was awesome!



The crowd was estimated at 140-150 members and guests throughout the day and for those who came, I am glad you were able to be "rewarded" for all your great efforts supporting the Lodge and the bar throughout the year! 2017 has started off with a great "BANG" and we have plenty of more great times ahead to enjoy together in the coming year! Hope to see you at #9 soon!

Pete Makulec-ER

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\$151,834 more than paid in!!

Figures on the right are through 02/26/2017



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

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2,843 veterans received FREE wheelchair gloves

26,928 square feet of leather was donated by Elks to Help Hospitalized Veterans, helping to provide free craft kits for veterans in rehabilitation

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

1. Missouri
2. Iowa
3. Wyoming



4,729 hides collected

3,006 hides collected

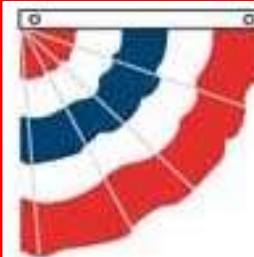
1,771 hides collected

17 states collected 17,103 hides



National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

National Vice Chairman and Missouri State Chairman Chuck Mudge once again brought home the National Award for Most deer hides 4,729. Chuck sold me the pair of gloves that he is modeling and he will have them for sale at Convention. Any lodge interested in the Veterans Leather program may contact Chuck directly at 573 513 2605



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Spring 2018 March 16 – 18	2019 St Louis June 30 – July 3
Fall 2018 September 21 – 23	2020 Baltimore July 5 – 8



Cheers! Thanks for a Great Year