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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MALCOLM J. McPHERSON JR.

Practice the three R's: recruit, retain, respond

With summer winding down and your Lodge meetings and fall programs starting up again, there's no better time to focus on an important aspect of Elkdom: membership. We cannot sustain our organization without installing new Members, and by focusing on membership growth at your Local Lodge, you are investing in the future of the Order.

Membership is key to my theme of "Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness," since there can be no community without Members. At the local level, I encourage all Lodges to actively promote new Member recruitment at your upcoming fall events, and I call on officers and committees to lead the charge in creating programming and opportunities to involve new faces. When your existing Members are engaged and excited to lend a hand, it generates interest in joining the Order, as well as shines a positive light on your Lodge within your greater community, county and state. A Lodge that successfully recruits and retains will be better poised to respond to helping those in need.

There are many ways to practice the three R's. Recruit new Members from your circle of friends and family, invite non-members to Elks events, and further promote the Elks organization at all events by setting up a membership and public relations information table.

Retain your current membership by working with officers and Members to keep your Lodge active in the community with monthly charitable and social events, and enlist the help of each and every Member to help run these functions. Teamwork boosts morale and keeps Members happy to be part of the group.

With these practices in place, your Lodge will be set up for success, as we have in the past 150 years, to respond to the needs of your community and ultimately fulfill your organization's goals.

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Missouri Elks,

Well this exciting year is almost half over and I certainly am so very proud of our Missouri Elks. Your First Lady, Vickie, my Administrative Assistant, Jay, and myself have visited almost 60% of the Lodges now. We have continued to be impressed with all the "Bullseye's" you have hit as it relates to community awareness. You have shown us countless ways of serving our communities and I couldn't be prouder of all the projects the Missouri Elks do to assist our communities.

You volunteer countless hours, share your talents and dedication to raise the needed funds to complete your unique events, which in turn improves the lives of so many people in our communities. They are rapidly learning who we are and what we can do to make a difference in their community. I'm so lucky to be part of an organization that raises money just to turn around and give to those in need. What a powerful group of dedicated individuals.

The word is getting out in your community! Let's continue in that direction as we round the corner and finish out the remainder of the year on a positive note.

Finally, Vickie, Jay and myself are looking forward to last half of the year as we continue to 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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Greenview #2857

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Poplar Bluff #2452

Southwest
Jeffery Holt
Springfield #409

Northeast
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Metro East
Keith Freeman
Affton #2635

Metro West
Doug Jordan
Blue Springs #2509

Northwest
Jim Ford
Cameron #2615

West Central
Larry Boyles
Adrian #2864

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Sergeant At Arms
Stan Harris
Perryville #2701

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Kimberling Cy #2505

Esquire
Eileen Scrivner
Jefferson City #513

Marshal
Selena Lambrich
Cedar Hill #2678

Sergeant At Arms
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Chancellor
Bill Moore
KC Northland #2376

Sergeant At Arms
Amy Kepner
Chillicothe #656

Chaplain
Richard Kentner
Lamar #2800



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Milan #2819

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Gene Lamb
Kimberling City #2505

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Clinton #1034

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DISTRICT DEPUTY

EAST CENTRAL

John Gross
Desoto #689

METRO EAST

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METRO WEST

Gary Bockes
Warrensburg #673

NORTHEAST

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Jefferson City 513

NORTHWEST

Kevin Judas
Brookfield #874

SOUTHEAST

Jason Ledure
Cape Girardeau #639

SOUTHWEST

Dena Wolfe
Christian County #2777

WEST CENTRAL

Kathy Baron
Sedalia #125

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

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 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

WEST CENTRAL

Sedalia #125
Nevada #564
Clinton #1034
Lake of the Ozarks #2517
Bates County #2653
Osage Community #2705
Benton County #2783
Lamar #2800
Bolivar #2828
Greenview #2857
Lake Stockton #2858
Adrian #2864

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

Living Past State Presidents

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
John Gross 2016-2017



Shozem Missouri State Elks Magazine

Do you have a "Big Event" happening in your lodge?
Contact me or your District Editor and invite us...If I can
make it I will try. If not get your lodge shutterbug to
send us pictures. Send us a brief story and let Elks
know what is happening in your lodge.

Thank You to all District Editors, Lodge Editors and many Individual contributors
who make Shozem submissions. You do not have to be a District Editor, Lodge
Editor or Secretary to submit to the Shozem. Please send your pictures with your
articles to the District Editors listed on this page. You may also send them to me
directly at shozem2@gmail.com.

To receive the Shozem and EShozem via email just send an email with "add me"
in the subject line to shozem2@gmail.com. The EShozem is Loaded with Extras!

This fall in the EShozem I did E Pages full of pictures from events that I attended
or from pages of entrees from our District Editors and individuals. Many times
there are lots of great pictures but space is limited, So I take the extra and create
E Pages which I put in the EShozem. **The Shozem has a link at moelks.org.**

That is the easiest way to view the Magazine and the EShozem..

Please use the Shozem. Hand it out as a recruitment tool to prospective
members. Show it to your Bar Elks to get them involved. And 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.

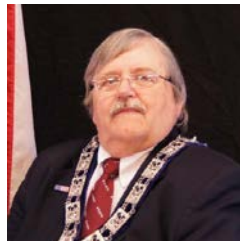


Missouri Elks Association on Facebook— Join us on Facebook it is a closed group and it is nothing
but Missouri Elks. Learn what's going on around the State at any time. The site is full of pictures and
events going on around the State. Just ask to join the group and come in and join us.

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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On July 28th Shozem Editor Bud Clarkson and State
Directory Editor Rich Larkin Celebrated their Birth-
days in Brookfield before heading to the Cameron
BBQ Cookoff. Celebrating with them was Rich's sister
-in-law Janet who was celebrating her birthday also.



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get all Missouri Elks Amazon Shoppers using it-it will add up—Just Remember
AMAZON SMILE**

Americanism—Ray Dierker Chairman

Americanism Essay Contest Winners

Division 1 (5th & 6th Grade)

1. Christy Chen St Genievieve #2674
2. Allison Higgins Chillicothe #656
3. Prithvi Nagarajan Joplin #501

Division 2 (7th & 8th Grade)

1. Kavion Jones Joplin #501
2. Maggie Kraus Oakville #2726
3. Jacob Buttram Blue Springs #2509



As more and more Districts and Lodges are having Bar-
becue cook-off contests I have decided to list the com-
petitions for next Summer and Fall in the Spring issue.
If your Lodge or District is planning a competition for
Spring or Summer and would like to invite Elk teams to
participate in your event please send me the location,
dates and categories, I will put it in the Spring issue of
the Shozem.

Let the Elk Barbeque Teams know where the next good cookoff is being held.
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Officers Training-Membership Fall 2017



Officer Training 2017 Roland Seal-Jim Hahn Missouri Elks Association The End of an Era

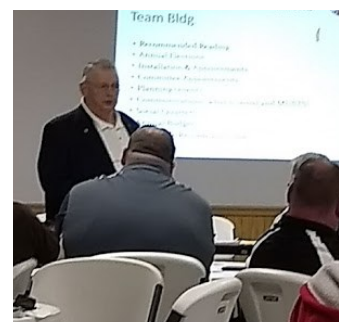
The concept of creating an Officer Training Committee came about in 1997 when Roland Seal was elected as President Elect. After a year of evaluating the potential of such a concept, Jim Hahn was selected to chair the committee beginning 1998. PSP Seal and and Jim began Co-chairing this committee the following year. The first year or so was used to develop the program outline initially to train incoming Officers of the Missouri Elks Association and later grew to the level of training whereby any member of our 74 lodges could attend. Osage Community Lodge hosted the first training session with 86 members in attendance. Christian County Lodge hosted the largest attendance with over 110 members attending. Jefferson City Lodge has hosted the most sessions. Training has been

conducted from Blue Springs Lodge in the Metro West District to Louisiana Lodge in the Northeast District and many Lodges in between. It is estimated that over 1,400 members has attended Officer Training during the past twenty years. Training, depending upon budget, was conducted one to two times per year. As our Order and State Association has changed over the past twenty years, so has our program. From a few handouts and long lectures, to more handouts, shorter lectures and the use of Power Point during our presentations has enhanced our effort to provide up to date information so our members are better informed. Various Committee Chairs were invited to provide our members with pertinent information to help educate them in their



areas of responsibility. Currently, with the advent of today's technology, new opportunities await this committee to meet our member's needs for the future of the Missouri Elks Association.

For 21 years Jim has been there for every lodge needing assistance. I would imagine Jim has answered hundreds of phone calls over the years. Jim may be stepping down from the Officers Training program but you can rest assured if you have a question pertaining to the Elks Jim Hahn's expertise will be available. So if you see Jim around Thank him for his Service!!



East Central #4760

DeSoto #689	788
Festus-Crystal City #1721	1783
Potosi #2218	452
Meramec-Arnold #2372	506
High Ridge #2455	334
Eureka-Pacific #2644	509
Ste Genevieve #2674	510
Cedar Hill #2678	220
Oakville #2726	497
Total	5599

Metro East #4780

St. Louis #9	439
St. Charles #690	178
Manchester #2058	142
Florissant #2316	352
Crestwood #2503	356
Afton #2635	471
Ellisville #2664	136
Troy #2805	212
Total	2286

Metro West #4790

Kansas City #26	361
Warrensburg #673	251
Lexington #749	203
Grandview-Hickmn #2088	244
KC Northland #2376	282
Blue Springs #2509	947
Cass County #2791	295
Total	2583

Northeast #4800

Jefferson City #513	683
Columbia #594	510
Louisiana #791	364
Mexico #919	218
Macon #999	217
Hannibal #1198	194
Washington #1559	1123
O'Fallon #2587	403

St. Clair #2651	459
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Warrenton #2662	243
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Total	4414
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Northwest #4840

Chillicothe #656	431
Maryville #760	312
Trenton #801	186
Brookfield #874	435
Excelsior Springs #1001	370
Cameron #2615	229
Milan #2819	260
Total	2223

Southeast #4880

Cape Girardeau #639	1041
Farmington #1765	979
Chaffee #1810	334
Sikeston #2319	594
Arcadia Valley #2330	396
Dexter #2439	637
Poplar Bluff #2452	263
Mineral Area #2583	264
Jackson #2552	330
Perryville #2701	390
Fredericktown #2812	46
Total	5274

Southwest #4920

Springfield #409	1241
Joplin #501	673
Webb City #861	126
West Plains #2418	336
Rolla #2461	40
Kimberling City #2505	335
Alton-Thayer #2545	61
Lebanon #2557	115
Lake Taneycomo #2597	85
Christian County #2777	145
Total	3157

West Central #4940

Sedalia #125	223
Nevada #564	612
Clinton #1034	782
Lake of the Ozarks #2517	722
Bates County #2653	126
Osage Community #2705	819
Benton County #2783	157
Lamar #2800	112
Bolivar #2828	127
Greenview #2857	154
Lake Stockton #2858	143
Adrian #2864	41
Total	4018

Total for Missouri 29,554

District Membership

East Central	5599
Southeast	5274
Northeast	4414
West Central	4018
Southwest	3157
Metro West	2583
Metro East	2286
Northwest	2223

Lodge Membership

Festus-Crystal City	1783
Springfield	1241
Washington	1123
Cape Girardeau	1041
Farmington	979
Blue Springs	947
Osage Community	819
Alton-Thayer	61
Fredericktown	46
Adrian	41

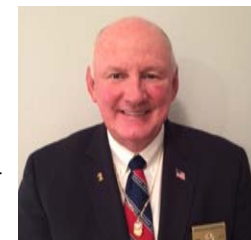
Membership 2017

Hello Missouri!! My name is Jim Ross and I am the new MEA Membership Committee Chairman. First of all, I want to send out a big **THANK YOU** to Don Kantouth, who served as the MEA Membership Chairman for many years. We all appreciate your service Don. I'm really looking forward to working with all the Lodges and getting Missouri back on track and showing membership growth each year. Each of our Lodges face different challenges and I don't have all the answers. One thing that I can do though, is offer my help and the help of your District Membership Chairmen in an effort to help bring Missouri back.

Nationwide in 2016-2017, 42 out of 48 State Associations showed a year over year gain. Missouri is next. Most Missouri Lodges appear to be doing a good job of recruiting new members and we need to continue to do so. However, most of our Lodges are not placing enough emphasis on membership retention. In the past three years Missouri Elk Lodges have let 6,165 members walk out the door because of **Non Payment of Dues**. This number does not include deaths or transfers. These dropped members saw something in the Elks that made them want to become an Elk in the first place. So why did they leave? What changed their minds? Well we don't know the answer to that question unless we ask. So this is what I'm challenging all the Lodges to do, improve your **MEMBERSHIP RETENTION** efforts for 2017-18. Lets keep our members in house. Talk to them. You might also have their original Sponsor contact them. A friendly voice is always nice to hear. Whatever it takes. We have spent too much time, money and effort recruiting them to let them go so easily. If you don't have a Lapsation Committee get one. If you have one, please get active. Lapsation is a year round job.

Now that we know that we need to improve our lapsation efforts, how about the MEA 2016-17 Membership Awards. They are as follows: Percent of Membership Gain; 1st Place, St. Louis #9 - 52.4%, 2nd Place, Excelsior Springs #1001 - 14.9% and 3rd Place, Meramec-Arnold #2372 - 14.2%. Congratulations to all three Lodges. Hope to see your Lodge listed here next year. Top Recruiter in the state goes to Timothy Luby, St. Louis #9 with 43 new recruits. WOW! Way to go Tim!!

I have so much more to say about Membership that I could fill the whole Shozem Newsletter but I won't and Bud won't let me. However, I would like to close by saying that I am proud to be an Elk and just as proud to serve as your Membership Chairman. We have a fun filled journey ahead of us. Lets roll up our sleeves and get to work. Please contact me if I can help in any way. My email address is jfdross@sbcglobal.net and cell number is 618-541-9939. Also, your District Membership Chairmen names, address, and phone numbers are in the State Directory. Don't hesitate to call them either.





Benevolent Trust

I would like to congratulate the Missouri Elks for their generosity in eclipsing our 2016-2017 goal of \$4.50 per capita for the Benevolent Trust. For the first time we have exceeded our goal reaching a \$4.86 per capita amount. That is \$144,128 going to the operation of our dental program.

I would like to recognize those lodges that met or exceeded the \$4.50 per capita goal.

Northeast District:

Jefferson City	\$4.80
Columbia	\$4.70
Mexico	\$4.06
Macon	\$4.55
Washington	\$4.99
St. Clair	\$5.20
Warrenton	\$6.39

East Central District:

De Soto	\$9.73
Festus Crystal City	\$6.92
Potosi	\$5.17
Meramec Arnold	\$12.32
High Ridge	\$9.40
Eureka Pacific	\$8.87
Cedar Hill	\$16.08
Oakville	\$16.57

Metro East District:

St. Louis	\$8.34
Manchester	\$15.16
Florissant	\$5.22
Afton	\$9.52
Ellisville	\$4.98
Troy	\$7.46

Southeast District:

Cape Girardeau	\$4.52
Dexter	\$4.89
Jackson	\$6.38

Northwest District:

Trenton	\$4.75
Cameron	\$7.73

Metro West District:

Kansas City 26	\$7.06
Warrensburg	\$6.09
Grandview Hickman	\$11.08
Blue Springs	\$6.99
Cass County	\$13.00

West Central District:

Sedalia	\$6.86
Clinton	\$5.50
Benton County	\$27.70
Lamar	\$5.61

Southwest District:

Joplin	\$4.51
Lake Taneycomo	\$5.16
Christian County	\$7.14

Thank you all for surpassing our 2016-2017 \$4.50 per capita goal.

This year our fundraising efforts have taken a turn that we haven't experienced in many years. It is very doubtful that the Benevolent Trust will receive the \$200,000 that we have in the past from the State of Missouri's Department of Mental Health.

At this year's fall convention the BT board of management will be discussing this



shortfall and put a plan together to address our financial needs to continue affording our patients the dental care they have received in the past.

On a positive note we have received a \$50,000 grant from Delta Dental to the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City for our programs operation. The Benevolent Trust would like to thank them for their generosity. That grant will addresses some of the financial void but for our dental program to continue operating as we have in the past we all as Missouri Elks have to help in any way we can.

We have two brand new beautiful dental vans and when our patients visit and see them they smile with joy but when they leave they smile with gratitude.

Let us all smile when "We Share and Care".

Brian



Missouri Elks Softball 2017

1. Potosi #2218
2. Festus-Crystal City #1721
3. Macon #999

Home Run Derby Winner Gabe Stearns Desoto #689



Shozem Fall 2017



NVSC Lodge Winners

000-300 Mexico #919

300-500 Kansas City #26

1100-1500 Festus -Crystal City

Missouri Elk Volunteer of the Year

Mary Ouhl Festus-Crystal City#1721

Steve Jeffries Eureka Pacific #2644

Veteran Volunteer Certificate of Appreciation

Eureka-Pacific#2644 Darcie Stosker

Florissant #2316 Patricia Banks, Helen Burkett

Mineral Area #2583 Mike Kennedy

Dexter #2439 Shirley Alexander

Sikeston #2319 Shelby Gordon, Steven Bailey, Richard Sherman

Mexican #919 Brian Pursifull

Ellisville #2664 Diana Hughes, Mary Steffan, Cindy Ewan, Julie Ray Polson,

Julie Schenek, Doug Steffen, Mike St. Onge, Ken Warren, Bonnie Warren,

Cis Russell, Jerry Henry, Mike Polson

Special Award USO Fund Mexico #919 \$6000

Missouri Elks were Awarded the USO Bronze Eagle Award



Harry Henneman
State Chairman

Elks Night at The Ballpark



This years Elks Night at the Ballpark was held in KC. Needless to say the home team lost again.. Sorry Royals Fans. The Elks celebrated with a tailgate party and a gift to Royals Charities.



Best people on earth Cookbook



Join us in making Elk memories. Everyone loves to cook so why not make a cookbook from all the Elks around Missouri. Drop off your favorite recipe with Brenda Reed or Candy Diebold so we can add your memories to ours. You can also email Candy @ cdiebold@yahoo.com or text her @ 270-9339. There will also be an envelope behind the bar and in the office with Diane for your convenience. Recipe deadline is October 15, 2017 and cookbooks will go on sale by Thanksgiving. These would make wonderful holiday gifts for your family and make many memories for years to come.

Elks Care - Elks Share



Lodge Activities

Bill Walter, Chairman

"All American"

Lodge Contest

1st Place 2016-2017 Division III

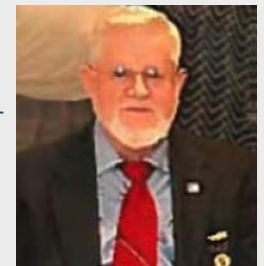
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To enter the Lodge Bulletin Contest have a letter signed by your log secretary verifying your membership, submit 3 consecutive issues between April 2017- January 2018. Submit them to your District Lodge Activities Chairman by the 1st Saturday of January 2018



William F Gill PSP, DDGER

Bill Gill became an Elk in 1958 as a charter member of Grandview Hickman Mills Lodge #2088. He served as Exalted Ruler from 1960-61, Northwest District VP 1963-64, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 1964-65 and Missouri State President in 1966-67.



Craig Meyer	Past Exalted Ruler	Perryville #2701
William Ryall	Past Exalted Ruler	Florissant #2316
Bob D Ballard	Past Exalted Ruler	Joplin #501
Lee Ernest Dow Jr,	Past Exalted Ruler	Sedalia #125
Donald E Stovall,	Past Exalted Ruler	Sedalia #125
Darrell R Dimmick	Past Exalted Ruler	Warrensburg #673
Greg L Melton	Past Exalted Ruler	Sedalia #125
Kenneth Worley SR	Past Exalted Ruler	Joplin #501
Jesse R James,	Past Exalted Ruler	Osage Community #2705
Myron B Carter Jr.	PER, PDDGER	Cape Girardeau 639
Harry "Skip" Brown	Past Exalted Ruler	Jefferson City 513
John Edwards	Past Exalted Ruler	Perryville #2701
Stan Schierholz	Past Exalted Ruler	Benton County #2783

"In vain we call"

MEA Drug Awareness State Essay Contest Winner

Julia Libel was Sponsored by Perryville #2701. She is pictured with Lodge Chairman Joan Mudge her little sister and her Grandmother. She is being raised by her Grandmother. Her story is not only a good story but it is the story of her life.

"Just say No" by Julia Libel.

Saying no is so very important because you may think you're invincible and that you can't be touched and that you won't become addicted. If you think this, you need a reality check. It's very easy to become addicted and it's very hard to stop. Even if you try to stop you may still feel the urge toward your addiction. It will slowly start to control you. Subtle at first but soon you will begin to feel like you can't live without it.

Both of my parents didn't say no and look where they are. Both in and out of jail. I saw them slowly become controlled by their addictions and was powerless to stop it. You don't want your family to slowly watch you become a shell of your former self. A person that has lost control over their own body and only cares about one thing and one thing only, their addiction.

Some things like prescription medicines and medical marijuana can actually become addictive. Once those can't satisfy your needs you may turn to harder drugs. Some people don't realize prescriptions and medical marijuana are addictive until it's too late.

Life may seem stressful and you may be pressured, but trust me, you don't want to go down that path. You don't want any of this to happen to you. It may seem like you need to try it for curiosity's sake, but just believe me, in the long run saying no is the right choice.



This year State **Drug Awareness** chairman Charlie Smith has been making sure that all of our district drug awareness trailers are receiving new wraps. This really updates the outside of the trailer promoting the Drug Awareness cause and our Elk projects. The wraps feature our Veterans, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and of course Elroy with his message of "just say No". The rear doors have the names and numbers of all of our district lodges. Thanks to all of our Elk volunteers who have helped Charlie to get the trailers to and from St Louis where they are being wrapped.



Drug Awareness Fall 2017

Drug Awareness

It's almost September and for many, schools have already opened. This is the time to go to your schools (if you haven't already) and show them what the Elks have to offer! Our Drug Awareness theme for this year is "What Heroes Do", this is for the poster, essay and video contests. Your District Drug Awareness Chairperson has a copy of the rules for our State competitions. Last year we had our first entry in the video contest and while it didn't place at National, I thought it was outstanding.



Show your schools the application for the new comic book "What Heroes Do" and let them know it's about how children can become a Hero, not just adults. This form is also available through your District Drug Awareness Chairs. The example of when a kid is feeling bullied and their friends come to their aid, to that kid those friends are their "Heroes" right then, is an excellent example to use.

I would also like to see some "Enrique Camerena" award nominations come in as well as "Presidents Volunteer Service Award" requests for both adults and youth. Again, I've sent all this information to all Drug Awareness Chairpersons. I know of Past State Presidents who have not received this award and I'm sure there are others who have easily meet the requirements. This Award is free and the volunteer hours do not have to all be within the Elks!! As always, place your order for Drug Awareness materials with your District Chairs and they will forward to me to be ordered. This way our District Chairs have a way of knowing what their Lodges are getting in the way of materials and can expect a report from those Lodges on their Drug Awareness activities. I have recently filled an order for materials that Cape Girardeau #639 plans to use during their "Alex's Lemonade Stand" activity, I hope they have member applications on hand as well! Please understand that "Alex's Lemonade Stand" has been approved, and our participation expected, at our National level and what a positive way to show our communities that "Elks Care-Elks Share". We also have the "Drug Quiz Show" and all information is available at www.elks.org, from what I've been shown at National D.A.P. Training, this program is going to take the co-operative effort of several people to "pull it off". With that said, others have done it! Lastly, please don't forget that we have a "new" National Speaker, Mr. Ray Lozano, and he is an excellent speaker on several topics including bullying. Sadly, in today's schools this is a prevalent problem that leads to negative results. Many schools have a budget for this type of speaker and for those that don't most Lodges can raise the modest fee by appealing to their membership. Lozano can also be found on the elks website, and I believe there are short clips of him presenting. I spoke to a School Superintendent who seemed very interested. He was impressed with our association with the D.E.A. and asked why the Elks are so involved in helping children with Drug Prevention and issues like bullying? My answer to him was simple, the Elks have the largest volunteer Drug Awareness program in the United States and with that said, I told him "if we don't do it, who will"? (I may be getting him an application for membership)

Hope to see all of you at September convention

Respectfully,

Charlie Smith
MO Elks DAP Chairman



2017 GRAND CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS

	YES	NO
17-01 To remove the option of the shortened initiation from the Grand Lodge Statutes.	1665	1195
17-06 To recognize that the Antlers Program is under the jurisdiction of a Lodge's Activities Committee.	2675	180
17-07 To clarify a Club suspension by a Member's home Lodge shall apply to all Lodges of the Order.	2593	266
17-08 To clarify the authority of the appointed Trustees to take all necessary actions with regard to the property of a defunct Lodge.	2649	208
17-09 To allow a Lodge to waive the dues, initiation fees or reinstatement fees of any Applicant or Member who is serving on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States under any circumstances, or who has separated from active....	2336	507
17-10 To allow Lodges to vote on those matters covered by Section 16.050 at a properly noticed special Lodge meeting.	2574	271
17-11 To allow a Lodge to reschedule a regular Lodge meeting upon receiving a dispensation from the Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy, and upon proper notice to all Lodge Members.	2607	255
17-13 To codify the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer notify the governing body of the Lodge of an excess of unappropriated cash in his possession.	2634	223
14 2017-14 To allow the Lodge Treasurer to pay bills via electronic fund transfer or by debit card, and to increase the amount of funds the Treasurer can maintain in a Club checking account.	2564	298
17-15 To potentially extend the reach of Local Forum subpoenas to Members residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.	2458	386
17-16 To clarify that the provisions of this Section only apply to organizations defined in paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order. (For reference purposes paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 refers to groups such...	2578	254
17-17 To require a Lodge to give advance notice to the Grand Secretary of the intent to send an alternate representative to the Grand Lodge Session.	2365	492
17-18 To prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol at any Lodge meeting.	2043	812
17-19 To revise or delete certain sections of the Laws of the Order necessary and	2754	80

Brian Crawford and our Missouri State Project-Benevolent Trust booth received 5-Star recognition at the National Convention held in Reno.

State President Pete Nash is shown with last years GER Michael Zellen.

VP Don Cook and DD John Reinhart man the Missouri Elks PER booth



Last Years Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F Zellen met Izzy on Thursday night, He said "

I'm going to be in the Shozem with Izzy.

West Central District Fall 2017

Osage Community #2705 celebrated Youth Day this year by inviting local children grades K – 8 to be our guests at Westside Lanes in Laurie. In addition to free bowling, each child received a Drug Awareness soccer ball, had a chance to win a bike or Target gift card, took the “Cake Walk”, tried to work a Yo-



Yo while wearing the Fatal Vision distortion goggles, and got their faces painted. It seems everyone was in on that, even the ER. The children and their parents were then treated to hot dogs, chips and a soda. A great time was had by all!



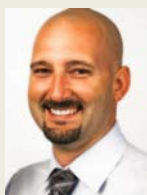
Greenview #2587 Greenview Elks donate to kids at Sunrise Beach elementary. The Greenview Elks #2857 recently provided 187 hygiene packs for students at Camdenton School District's Hurricane Deck Elementary School in Sunrise Beach. This donation was made possible through the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant the lodge received locally. This grant gives Lodges like Camden County, an opportunity to make a difference in the community.



Pictured from left to right or Virgil Bevans, Trustee WCD Vice President, Bill Lutman Exalted Ruler, and Deanna Martin, Counselor at Hurricane Deck School



Clinton #1034 was honored to have their parade flag fly over the entrance to Englewood Ceremony in respect of fallen Clinton police officer Gary Michael. Clinton opened their lodge to over 200 law enforcement personnel from across the United States. The officers were extremely grateful as Clinton Lodge furnished food, drinks and a private place for them to gather and remember Officer Michael.



Following the funeral, Officer Michael's family were guests of the lodge as Clinton Lodge was privileged to host the family dinner. Officer Gary Michael's brother (Chris Michael) and his uncle (Alan Willett) are members of this lodge as well as several members of the Clinton Police Department.



Benton County #2783

Benton County Lodge Officers and State President Pete Nash honored lodge member Sherman Stroup for his 50 Years of Elk Membership and Service. Dennis Schoen, Loyal Knight. Pete Nash Exalted Ruler, Sherman Stroup, Sherri Blyth, Lecturing Knight, Jorrine Fenlon

Nevada Elks # 564 Nevada Police would like to thank Nevada Elks Lodge #564 for honoring Corporal Brian Hansen as Officer of the Year.

(Pictured from left to right Police Captain Jim Dye, Police Chief Casey Crain, Police Corporal Brian Hansen, Police Sgt/Loyal Knight Nevada Elks Joshua Westerhold, Exalted Ruler Nevada Elks Jason Meisenheimer)



Donate to The Elks Disaster Relief Program

<https://www.elks.org/elksCare/>
Or find it on Elks.org

The **Lake Stockton Elks # 2858** have been awarded three grants for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Thanks to the Elks National Foundation, we will be contributing **\$2000** to the "Meals on Wheels" program administered by the Korth Senior Center. This program prepares and delivers hot meals to the shut-ins in the Stockton area.

The Elks will also be donating **\$2500** to the "Tiger Tasters Backpack Program" organized thru the Stockton Schools. Each week packages of non perishable food is sent home from school to assure children in need receive healthy food over the weekends. In the fall of 2017, the Elks will be holding a bicycle rally for the youth in the Stockton area. The program will award 10 bicycles to area youth who attend.

These grants are in addition to the **\$2500** Lake Stockton Elks were awarded for the 2016-2017 year to purchase MP3 players, Televisions, bird feeders and birdseed for the assisted living centers in our area.

Without Elks participation and financial support from the Elk National Foundation, we would not be able to make this type of contribution on the community



Sedalia Lodge # 125 District Deputy Visit —Paul Wiechen-Tiler, Ginger Gerke-Esquire, Stan Vaughn-Treasurer Steve Ulmer-Trustee, Alan Whittall-Secretary, Bill McKee-Trustee, Jim Glasscock-District Deputy Carol Smith-Lecturing Knight, Dean Roe Exalted Ruler, Kathy Baron Esquire to the District Deputy, Jan Ulmer-Trustee, Pete Nash-Auditor to the District Deputy, Francis Schulz-Inner Guard (Not Pictured) Doug Tilman Trustee.....He took the picture!

East Central District Fall 2017



Meramec-Arnold 50th Anniversary



On Saturday May 20th 2017 the Meramec Arnold Elks Lodge celebrated its 50th anniversary. Before a huge crowd the lodge toasted the anniversary. 12 Past Exalted Rulers were able to attend. Past State President Larry Robertson greeted the crowd as well as the current MEA President Pete Nash and other dignitaries. To the right is the absent member wall with each members upside down flask . (more in EShozem!)



"to Our Absent Members"



Cedar Hill #2678

Cedar Hill hosted a huge event on April 24th **"Rise Up"** which is part of their **Rally Against Heroin**.

The lodge was packed, KSHE Radio was there a Bus Trip from the Jackson Lodge and the Drug Awareness theme was every-

where. With live music, a Poker run, food and a huge crowd..

This year Cedar Hill raised just over \$17,000 which they will distribute to Children's Hospital for babies born addicted to heroin, Connections to Success, Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition and Sober House on September 4th.

We will also keep back \$2,500 of that money that we will use to help send people to rehab who are addicted and seeking help (CORE in Branson, MO is a long term treatment program that generally lasts twelve months or longer and it costs \$850 for the first 30 days without insurance while they place you in a job and then you basically turn over your paychecks in exchange for your treatment....



I took time to view the grounds on my visit to Cedar Hill and discovered the Memorial **on the left**.

"to our absent Members"

(Cedar Hill did not submit this story..I stumbled on it with the Bus trip. Congratulations Cedar Hill "a Great Little Lodge")



The City of Eureka selected the Eureka-Pacific Elks #2644 as the recipient of the "2017 Patriot of the Year" award. This marks the first time in the awards history it was awarded to an organization.

The presentation was conducted during the City of Eureka's July 4th celebration. During the event, Mayor Kevin Coffey presented the Lodge with a proclamation along with a wonderful plaque from the City of Eureka . In addition, State Representative Kirk Mathews presented a Resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives. Receiving the awards on behalf of the Lodge were Exalted Ruler, Ron Kurtz and Treasurer, Brad Beebe.

Both the City of Eureka and State of Missouri recognized the Elks for their many programs which support the community, our veterans, and the youth of our area. (pictured...Left to right – Kirk Mathews, State Representative Ron Kurtz, Exalted Ruler.... Brad Beebe – Treasurer..... Kevin Coffey - Mayor)



East Central District Fall 2017

Festus-Crystal City #1721

PFC Stephen T. Raic

The Empire of Japan had forced America into a war that would define how the world would perceive their freedom. Young men from all over the United States stepped up to help heed the call for that freedom.

PFC Raic was assigned to the 182nd Regiment, the American Division of the Army. He, along with thousands of young American men, fought in the Pacific Theater. In a battle that was the second largest battle of the Pacific, surpassed only by Okinawa, is the Battle of Luzon. Over 10,000 American combatants were killed and over 36000 were wounded. Among those who were killed in action was PFC Stephen T. Raic who died on April 1, 1945.

For his brave action, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the American Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. The Purple

Heart was given to his wife and son. His young son never remembered his father as he was two young to remember when his father entered the Army. Over the years, that Purple Heart was lost and to the best of our knowledge ended up in a yard sale. A new member being indoctrinated at the Festus/Crystal Elks Lodge 1721 gave the Purple Heart and a weathered 48-star flag to East Central District ENF Chairperson, Nelson C. Scherrer. It was Mr. Scherrer's intention to find a descendent of PFC Raic and return the Purple Heart to its deserved entity. After some intensive research by several Elk brothers including Andrew Morgan, the son of PFC Raic was located in Festus Missouri.

A new 48-star flag was placed inside a new engraved case with PFC Raic's information about the Battle of Luzon, his service record, a picture of the men from the 182nd Regiment and Manila, where PFC Raic rests today.

The Officers of Festus/Crystal Elks and the East Central District Elks National Foundation Chairperson, Nelson C. Scherrer proudly presented to Stephen T Raic, Jr. his father's accomplishments of April 1, 1945, a memory to be preserved forever.

This Story makes me proud to be an Elk. Thank you to Nelson, Andy and to all of the members of Festus Crystal City Lodge for making this wonderful thing happen.

Battle of Luzon



The Battle of Luzon, fought January 9 - August 15, 1945, was a land battle of the Pacific Theater during World War II by the Allied forces of the U.S., the Philippines, and allies against forces of the Empire of Japan. The battle resulted in a U.S. and Filipino victory.

The Allies had taken control of all important locations of Luzon by March 1945, although pockets of Japanese resistance held out in the mountains until the final surrender of Japan. While not the highest in U.S. casualties, it is the highest net casualty battle U.S. forces fought in World War II, with 192,000 to 205,000 Japanese combatants dead ... 10,000 American combatants killed or missing, and between 120,000 to 140,000 Filipino civilians and combatants killed.



Stephen T. Raic

World War Two

Related Categories:

[World War II](#)

[Missouri](#)

[Battle of Luzon](#)

Service Details:

NAME : Stephen T. Raic

SERVICE # 37612705

STATE : [Missouri](#)

CASUALTY: 04-01-1945

WAR : [World War II](#)

SERVICE : Army, RANK: Private First Class, UNIT: Americal Division, 182nd Infantry Regiment

BURIAL : Plot L Row 13 Grave 135, Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines

AWARDS : Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal



Men of the 182nd Infantry Regiment at the Battle of Luzon



High Ridge #2455 Flag Day Parade starts by officers of High Ridge Lodge doing the history of the flag with the Boy Scout Troop carrying the flags. Then the parade takes a 21 Mile Journey to the BigRiver VFW. There were 38 floats consisting of Elks, VFW, military vehicles, local businesses, Boy Scouts and Police and Fire departments. At the completion of the parade hamburgers, hot dogs and awards are passed out. Our first vehicle is always our Grand Marshal. This year a World War II Veteran was selected named Corporal William F Miller Jr. US Army Air corps. He was in the 324th Infantry Regiment, 44th Division. He was awarded service medals from France, Germany and Austria. He is also a survivor of the Battle of the Bulge.



Oakville #2726

After the East Central District Flag day ceremony we had inquiries about our new member.

The Elk was placed at Oakville Lodge #2726 by John And Karen Yeager in memory of their son Elk member Zachary Yeager.

To our new and absent

Southeast Past District Deputies Reunion Dinner



(Edited Text Jim Hahn PSP-District leader) As I look around this room, I see a group of dedicated Elks, Individuals who have and continue to accept the opportunities before them through Elkdom. Some may call you a group of Good old Boys, but I see the Best of the Best the Southeast has offered. Yesterday, I had the privilege to talk to our State Sponsor Ted Callicott. He asked me to extend his best wishes to each of you and his thank you for serving the Southeast District and Missouri Elks so well.

My records extend back to 1969. Southeast District has had 47 District Deputies of which only one served two years. (Carl Shipley) Three Lodges, Cape, Poplar Bluff, and Farmington have had the most DDs with 7 each. A.V. and Dexter have had 5. Mineral Area 4 (depends on where you list PSP Red Bone) Technically he was DD at Farmington. Chaffee, Perryville and Sikeston 3. After this year Perryville will have 4 as Mike Welker takes the realm in July. Jackson, Fredericktown, Potosi and Festus/Crystal City 1. Yes Festus/CC and Potosi once were in the SE District.

Everyone here served the District as Esquire to the DD and as DD. Yet, for many the journey began through not only your Lodge, but as State Committee people and State Association Officers. I would be remiss if I did not mention the Spouses. They are the backbones who allow us to do what we do for Elkdom.



In May president Pete Nash and Vickie visited the **Arcadia Valley Lodge #2330**. Pete took a ride on the plow.

They are joined with Administrative Assistant Jay Parrack, Exalted Ruler Chad Barton and his officers, as well as State Officers and Lodge Members.

Treasurer Rusty Straughan has been a lodge officer for 52 years. Rusty is also the Senior Past District Deputy in the SE District and has been a lodge member for 53 years, lodge Treasurer for 43 years.

He is seated with Jr lodge office Dan Stott who has only been a lodge officer for 40 years, a member for 41 and Secretary for 33. This kind of dedication is why the Farmington lodge is so strong and important to Elkdom.



Southeast District Fall 2017



Perryville SE Bar B Que Cook Off

October 27th & 28th

Perryville Elks

921 N Perryville Blvd, Perryville MO

Categories, Chicken, Pork Butt, Ribs, Brisket, Open

Perryville Elks is hosting the first ever BBQ Cookoff in the SE District.

All Elks Lodges and Teams are welcome and needed to help us get this started.

The Lodge has two Camper slots with Complete Hookups, unlimited Tent Camping and other camper slots with electric available. Camper hookups are first come first served by calling 573 547 5552. Rules are KCBS with local modifications. Complete rules are available.

This is an Elk Function. All Elks lodges are invited to bring teams. A Donation will be made to Benevolent Trust! For a complete flyer rules and application forms please read the EShozem or check it out on moelks.org. Contact Stan Harris at 573 846 7444 for more info.

Cape Girardeau #639 2017 Purple Ball

Larbo and Agnes Ayler are in charge of the lodge Purple Pig Program each year.

The Lodge passes out Purple Pigs to new members to be filled with change. They are opened at the Purple Ball with all proceeds to the Benevolent Trust. Larbo brought this tradition with him from California.



Cape Lodge 639 "The Ring of Fire"

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO (KFVS) -UFO? Not so much..

A bizarre smoke ring was spotted over Cape Girardeau on the evening of Saturday, July 8.

Photos and videos of the unusual sight filled social media, and there were some reports that traffic even stopped on major roadways so people could get a closer look. The Cape Girardeau police and fire departments sent crews out to figure out the source of the smoke ring.

The police department eventually learned that it originated from the **Cape Girardeau Elks #639** near Cape County Park North. Police say they were testing fireworks at the lodge for a show that was set to happen the same night. The police department said on their Facebook page, "We aren't expecting any alien abductions tonight in Cape Girardeau." (I was fortunate to be there that night and the photo is mine. The link below came from the KFVS website...Enjoy it!! We all did



This ring floated away for miles.) <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/35840851/bizarre-smoke-ring-over-cape-girardeau>



Secretary Ray Drury **Cape Girardeau #639** has been a lodge officer for 50 years. He has served as Lodge Secretary for the past 30.

This year at the Annual Purple Ball and Awards Banquet Ray was surprised when the lodge honored him for his service with a packed house and with his family present.

Congratulations Ray and Thank You for all that you do for your lodge and for the community of Elks.

Southeast District Fall 2017

Jackson #2652 on March 25th the Jackson Elks Lodge celebrated paying off the lodge mortgage. Several PER's participated in the Mortgage Burning Party.

The event was attended by PSP's several PDDGER's, State Officers as well as local officers and lots of local members.



Outgoing ER Harry Dryer sets fire to the Paperwork while incoming ER Chuck Reed looks on... Congratulations Jackson.

Dexter #2439

Standing by the "Rib Machine" Dennis Carmack Loyal Knight and assistant smoker Mike Brashear Leading Knight and smoker and Jim Baker Trustee and head smoker Exalted Ruler Cheryl Lane, State President Pete Nash and Dexter's own Past State President Roger Triplett



Poplar Bluff #2452

ER Jim Rushin poses with the Pig, State President Nash, AA Jay Parrack, VP Joy Clarkson, Dir. Mack Campbell and Sergeant at Arms Stan Harris



Cape Girardeau #639

raised approximately \$20,000 with their Masters of the Lake tennis ball golf tournament and family picnic. The lodge donated over \$14,000 to the Cape Girardeau Police Department to the K-9 Unit for a new dog, its training and the Officers training. The remainder of the funds were used to pay for the lodges Benevolent Trust donation.



Mineral Area #2583



Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583 hosted its annual Special Prom in May. This year they shared the event with State President Pete Nash and his entourage. Bryan Flatt and his wife Amy head the Prom crew and are pictured with this years King and Queen.

Perryville #2701

The Perryville Elks Lodge Number #2701 used the Beacon Grant to fund a dinner for the Veterans during the family day at the Cape Girardeau Veterans Home. They cooked approximately 600 hot dogs, 25 full pork loins and 16 pork butts for pulled pork.

The lodge served approximately 600 people including Veterans and family members. At least 10 members of the Perryville Lodge were involved in cooking and serving the meal. Some of the Veteran's residing there are lodge members.



State President Pete, Vicki and Jay pose with the SE MO State Officers and the **Chaffee #1810** lodge Officers.



Sikeston #2319 Hosted President Pete Nash, Jay, Vickie and the MEA Officers. Permanent Exalt Ruler Smitty and all most all of his lodge Officers showed up for the visit.



Florissant Lodge #2316

The Elks of Florissant Lodge #2316 were very honored along with our Ladies Auxiliary, to present the Missouri Veterans Home of St. Louis, with a donation of \$10,000 (\$5,000 from the Elks and \$5,000 from the Auxiliary) to help them buy a van that will offer transportation to our disabled veterans living in the facility.

Pictured: Mike Theobald-Chairman, Nicole Krebs-Director of Volunteer Services, Scott Frame-Florissant Elks ER, Jerry Ilges-Veteran, Helen Burkett- Florissant Elks Ladies Auxiliary President, Tracy Turner-Veteran, Pat Barks-Ladies Auxiliary Member



Florissant Lodge #2316 proudly held a benefit in conjunction with our Lodge meat shoot for Hazelwood Police Officer Craig Tudor and his wife Christine, in which we raised \$10, 978. We had a great day! Sold 50/50's, had raffle baskets, shot 45 rounds, an enormous turnout of volunteers and community support. All proceeds were given directly to Officer Tudor and his wife. Officer Tudor suffered from a spinal cord injury which has paralyzed him from the chest down in August 2016, as the result of a serious roll over car accident on his way to an Emergency call involving another officer. Officer Tudor has dedicated his life to protecting others and it was our honor to hold this event for him. Pictured: Christine Tudor, Officer Craig Tudor, and PER Scott Frame

St Louis #9 Barbeque Cookoff



On May 20th St Louis # 9 put together an awesome BBQ cook-off. They had a huge crowd with live music, lots of booths from different charitable organizations including the Elks. They brought in two busloads of Disabled American Veterans.

They had approximately 14 BBQ Teams. Many of them served excellent BBQ samples. They had judges from all over the state. They had live music and a full day of fun. They had one charitable vendor who gave away ice cream in return for a donation with all donations going to disabled veterans. It was a great day for the Elks showing our support for American veterans while having a good times and Great BBQ. (See More in EShozem)



Metro East Fall 2017

Ellisville Elks #2664 and Eagle Scout Project Eagle Scout Candidate Quinn Graessle, presented his Eagle Scout Project Outline to the Ellisville Elks on June 14, 2017, in hopes that our Lodge will help fund, and help build 2 split rail fences that border an entrance at Castlewood State Park. The Ellisville Elks will dedicate part of our 2017-18 Promise Grant to fund this worthwhile project. We would like to thank our Inner Guard, Diana Hughes, in guiding this Eagle Scout Candidate to our Lodge so that we can assist with this Eagle Scout Project. (L-R) ER Vern Millaway Jr, Eagle Scout Candidate Quinn Graessle



Troy Elks #2805 and ER Allen Harrell presented a check to the Lincoln school Superintendent. With the help of the Gratitude Grant they were able to donate \$3500 to start a school lunch program at each elementary school to ensure that no student is denied a meal.

St. Charles #690 Freedom Grant

St Charle #690 used funds to take Veterans from the Missouri Veteran's Home- St. Louis to the Rascals Ball Game, provide BBQ for them at the home on another day, and also transport them to the Lodge for a breakfast and Bingo on another day.



On April 22, 2017 members of **Crestwood #2503** came together for a Pot Luck Dinner & Food Collection for Veterans. Every member who donated received a military services themed

chocolate treat made by event coordinator, Mary Corso. Following a great dinner, the group enjoyed rounds of "Show Me the Money" and the Cards game against the Brewers ...Cardinals won 4-1! The generosity of members netted \$300 in food products and \$500 in cash for the Food Pantry.



On June 10th, **Webb City Lodge #861** hosted a Kids Health and Safety Fair. We were able to use the Beacon Grant to purchase 30 bicycles and helmets to give away to underprivileged youth in our community. The local Fire Department and Sheriff's deputy with his K-9 were on hand to give demonstrations. We had the district drug awareness trailer there to provide information and the Lodge provided hot dogs, chips and bottled water to every participant. We had approximately 70 people attend the event. This event was coordinated by Secretary, Cheri Badgley and Treasurer, Sherri Bryant with the assistance of Tony Badgley, Jeremy Hubbard, Herb Schick and behind the scenes, District Deputy, Rick Bryant.

Lebanon #2557

Vial of Life

The Lebanon, Elks Lodge #2557 Beacon Grant, is in its 3rd year providing 'Vial of Life Packets' during special events in the local area. In 2017, we sponsored a dance and three 'Refuse To Be A Victim' seminars (RTBAV is a nationally recognized Crime Prevention & Personal Safety program.) VOL packets were provided, at each event and extras were given, so they could share this life saving tool with family and neighbors.

"The Vial of Life is designed to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself. The vial contains important medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment."

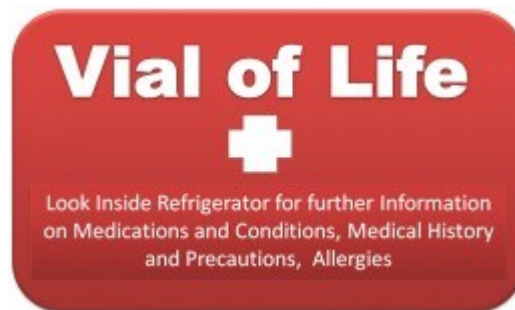
*'Vial of Life Packet' a Zip lock bag with red & white VOL sticker on the front and an extra in the bag, medical information & instruction sheet, plus a magnet. The extra sticker is placed on the front door. Bag and contents go on the front of the refrigerator.

Personal Elk story

A member of the Lebanon Lodge felt ill, called for help, collapsed and was found unconscious. He was later told, without the medical staff knowing his medication dosage and his doctor's contact information, (found in the, 'Vial of Life packet'), he'd have surely died.

For more information on the Vial of Life program including how to get free VOL kits use the link below or just "Google" Vile of Life

Request a free Vial of Life Packet http://www.vialoflife.com/how_to_use_the_vial_of_life/h



Boy Scout Troop #2557 dedicated the Elks Lebanon Lodge #2557 to-night. It was a wonderful little ceremony put on by the boys. They all did a wonderful job and we appreciate them for doing this and inviting us to participate. The pledge of allegiance and the Lords Prayer was said by all there. **JD Dennison** and **David Matney** Troop Leaders, Thank you for inviting Lebanon to participate.



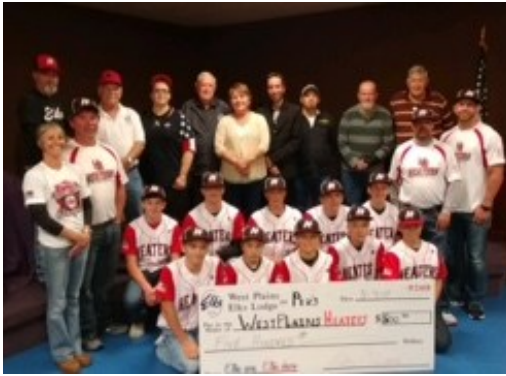
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Southwest District Fall 2017



Youth week **West Plains #2418**. The lodge PERs donated \$500 to the Heaters youth baseball team. They fed them a meal and gave each player a travel bag.



Springfield #409 Hosts a Cajun Boil with Pete and Vickie present. Proceeds go for Christmas baskets and their Backpack program

What DO Southwest PSP's Do during DD\VP Clinics?

Pop rocks, play dough, colored pencils and coloring/sticker books.

Thanks to the PSPs for playing quietly. Ross Jennings, Tom Shelton and Bob Todd.



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Lake Taneycomo #2597
45-50 children attended the 18th annual Just Say No to Drugs fishing tournament hosted by the Lake Taneycomo Lodge 2597 and the Forsyth Bass Club on May 13th. After fishing lunch was served to about 100 people in attendance. Trophies, prizes and Just Say No to Drug literature was passed out to the children.



Kimberling City # 2505 New Officers-Timothy McMorris, Esquire, Bill Rickert, 5-year Trustee, Cindy Suelter, Inner guard, Ray Koca, Leading Night, David Bergner, Lecturing Night, George Akers, ER, John A. Pace, Secretary, Harry E. Mackey, Chaplain, Les Bruning, Treasurer, Jo-

Alton-Thayer #2545

On the last day of August State President Pete Nash, Jay, and State Officers along with the lodge officers from Alton-Thayer were treated to some of the finest steaks served by Elks.

While they were there they were entertained by Rocky Holesapple a 13 year old who entertained a large Steak Nite crowd with an Elvis lip syncing show.

The most interesting part of the visit may have been the surprise to find out that Rocky's stepmother April Redus Holesapple was a former Elks National Hoopshoot Champion. April was the winner of the 1995-1996 8-9 year old Girls Hoop shoot Championship.

April made 24 of 25 free throws representing the Alton Thayer Lodge and was the recipient of the Getty Powell award. That award is reserved for the top shooting boy and girl which April won from the eight and nine year old bracket. During a discussion with April I found out that she is now a second grade teacher at Alton Missouri and plans on conducting a Hoop Shoot within her school with her winners to represent Alton at the Alton-Thayer local Hoopshoot.

Congratulations April once again and Thank you for representing the Elks Then and Now!



Joplin #501 PER Association hosted a fish fry to raise funds for Texas Relief efforts, and raised over \$1000.



Brookfield #874 Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman Rich Larkin presented golf balls, tees, and markers to Lindsay Neal (in pink) who is coaching Junior Golfers at Brookfield Country Club. The youths are shown here listening to Coach Neal explain how honesty and courtesy are major rules to live by not only with golf, but also in real life. Many of these youngsters are children of Brookfield Elks Lodge #874 members.

Chillicothe # 656 The Chillicothe Elks Lodge #656 partnered with the North Missouri Center for Youth and Families to kick off National Youth Week and made **May Day Baskets** to distribute to residents at Morningside Center, a Nursing Home in Chillicothe. There were 67 baskets made and distributed to the residents. There were many memorable stories shared about how they remembered passing out baskets in their younger years. It was a great experience explaining **May Day Baskets** to the area youth and seeing the residents eyes light up as the baskets were handed out.

Elks Members working with the kids from the North Missouri Center for Youth and Families making May Day Baskets

Elks Members: Neva Olsen, Lindy Scott, Nicole Booth and Marcia Weldon pictured with residents at Morningside Center.



Cameron #2615 Northwest Barbeque Cook Off

On July 29th Cameron Lodge #2615 hosted its annual Lodge and Northwest District BBQ cook-off. A great time was had by all.

They invited and served BBQ dinners to members of the local veterans home. The event coordinator Charlie Carroll was surprised when several of the BBQ Contest winners donated their Contest winnings back to the lodge Veterans fund.



Maryville #760 State President Pete Nash, Vicki and AA Jay Parrack were fortunate to meet up with 71 year Maryville lodge member Jack Otte and his wife.

They were also surprised to learn that Jack is not the only 71-year member of the lodge. Jack Willhoite has also been a member for 71 years. He was initiated six months after Jack Otte. Congratulations to both Maryville and both Jacks.



Excelsior Springs Lodge # 1001 hosted State President Pete Nash and Vickie along with Jay and MEA State Officers and Past State President Gary Ballinger.

Trenton #801 had two state winners in the Elks National Drug Awareness Essay and Poster Contest with Trenton Middle School student Erica Kroll, 2nd from left, having the 1st-place entry in the Poster contest. Her entry will be entered in the national competition. She received \$300 at the state level. TMS student Sue McPherson, 2nd from right, placed 3rd in the state essay contest and received \$100.

Pictured with the girls at left Harry Katley Exalted Ruler and on the right Gene Urch Northwest Drug Awareness Chairman.



Northeast District Fall 2017



Americanism Essay Winners

The Washington Elks Lodge announced the winners of the Americanism Essay Contest at the Flag Day Ceremony Sunday, June 11. The theme of the contest was "Why Is It Important to Vote?" The division I contest was for fifth and sixth grades. Division II was for seventh and eighth grades. Front row, from left, are Rachel Bolte, Division II first place; Isabella Bonastia, Division I second place; and Karlene Hoch, Division I first place. Back row, from left, are Brian Lick, exalted ruler; and Jill Straatmann, Americanism Contest chair. Not pictured is Weston Meyer, Division II third place.

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Columbia #594

Robert Shatlain presented Joyce Gentry a Certificate of Appreciation for completing her pledge of \$100.00 to the Missouri Elks Association Benevolent Trust. This was done the lodge meeting, May 2, 2017



Mexico Elks 919 uses the Beacon Grants to provide for the Senior citizens. Each year the lodge holds two Senior fun nights with a band to play music for dancing and listening along with Refreshments of many kinds.

All Seniors are invited from the area nursing homes, Assisted Living centers Senior nutrition center and others from the area and surrounding towns.

Attendance continues to grow for our events as the word gets out. Also the Beacon Grant is used to provide personal supplies and snacks to nursing homes and to our veterans home.

Louisiana #791



Calvin Jesburg, a teacher at Louisiana High School, put together a new flag display at the school. Exalted Ruler Mike Chidster presented him with an Americanism Certificate at the end of year school assembly. More than \$12,000 in scholarships was awarded at five different high schools within the **Louisiana Lodge 791** area. Pictured are recipients from the Louisiana High School with Exalted Ruler Mike Chidster.



St. Clair 2651 donated \$1500 to the Boy Scouts for them to attend camp



Warrenton #2662 hosted the lodge's first Annual Members Barbeque.

State President Nash, Vicki and Administrative Assistant Pete Parrack helped the Lodge celebrate.

Jefferson City #513

visits the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital once a month for bingo and refreshments. Other activities since last edition include: provided Easter lunch for the veterans, their families and hospital staff, sponsored a veteran for honor flight, gave \$375 for the recreation therapy bike and trike program, gave \$400.00 for two veterans to participate in the eight week Therapeutic horseback riding program, provide a monthly catered lunch for veterans, family and staff and will provide a Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve dinner for veterans, their families and staff at the Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital.



Jefferson City had the honor of four Veterans from the Harry S Truman Veterans Hospital as their guests at the annual Flag Day in June. A luncheon was served after the ceremony. Pictured with the honored guests are PSP Brian Crawford, Lodge Officers, Marlene Buckner and Nelda Lay



What's wrong with this Picture?

Ask Richard Craft-Farmington #1765



Cass County #2791 Dozens of area law enforcement officers gathered at Cass County Elks Saturday, smoking brisket and passing around pulled pork, to support one of their own.

"It's not about this competition, it's not about who wins. It's about helping out Tom and his family" said Ed Wisdom, an Independence Police officer. Police officers representing departments from Independence, Kansas City, Belton, Raytown, Cass County and the ATF were not only serving and protecting but also competing. It was part of a fundraiser for Independence police officer Tom Wagstaff, who was shot in March responding to a home burglary.

"You know, he has a long road ahead," said Mike Mason of Cass County Elk Lodge 2791, who helped organize the fundraiser.

The fundraiser also included a silent auction, music, and dinner.



Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge 2088 Veterans committee hosted a for "Seats & Feet" dinner for Veterans on 4/8. Admission was by donation. The event brought in 196 pairs of socks, 63 men's t-shirts, 57 men's underwear 40 pairs of women's underwear, 3 pair

of ladies jeans and \$325.00, used to purchase additional under garments for the VA Hospital in KC, MO. Darrell Quinley, 2088 member and MW district VAVS, made the delivery to Monique Pena in voluntary services.



Blue Springs #2509.....Frank Kerby..... Lodge Secretary, PER, PDDGER, MEA CLMS
Chairman can now add Grand Lodge elks.org online Elks of the Year to his Elk resume.

Frank is always online doing what he does best, guiding Elks through the statutes and helping lodge Secretaries from across the USA. When you see him at convention buy him a drink and Congratulate him. Good job Frank!!



Cass County Lodge 2791 hosted 9 soldiers from Fort Riley Army WTB in our 22nd Annual Bass Tournament at Long Shoal Marina in Racket Mo. This year we had

35 boats in attendance. The soldiers were given a fishing rod, tackle box, a souvenir lunch bag, plenty of great food and camaraderie. Thanks to all the Elks, friends and family that helped arrange another successful event.



The 29th Annual Scholarship Breakfast was sponsored by **Northland Elks Lodge #2376**. Proceeds from the two day breakfast are used to provide financial scholarships for Northland high school seniors. Each year, the Lodge allocates \$8,000 in scholarship assistance. Also, during the breakfast, Elroy distributes to the children drug education activity booklets and the Drug Education trailer is on-site and viewed by many who are attending the breakfast. The Center photo is this year's scholarship recipients from Oak Park, Park Hill South, and Staley High Schools. KC Northland sponsored a fund raising breakfast in support of the Down Syndrome Guild of Kansas City. This year's breakfast generated \$3,500 which will be used to created educational resource materials for the parents of special needs children and educational activities for the children. Pictured are members of American Legion Post 626 from Gladstone who joined others for the benefit breakfast.



Kansas City #26 — Lodge members visited our friends at Excelsior Springs #1001 to view the solar eclipse in August.

KC #26-hosted Pack 4129 from Red Brodge Elementary for their **Blue and Gold** Banquet



Lamar #2800 West Central Dist Girl Scout Troop 70082\Lamar Elks Trash Pickup. For their participation they each received Certificates of Volunteerism and patches for their Girl Scouts vests.



Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2016-2017 **\$199,549**

Paid back to MO 2016-2017 **\$291,540**

State Charity \$123,630

Special Projects Grant \$65,230

Bonus Grant \$25,880

Most Valuable Student \$36,000

Legacy Award \$24,000

NVSC \$16,800

Total Paid back- **\$\$291,540 up \$7100**

2016-2017 **\$339,300.00** to 67 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants

\$431,291 more than paid in!!



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,581 Members

Contributions \$199,549.00

Per Capita Average \$6.75

National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

Attention Hide Collectors— since our hides are the last to be processed at the Tannery spoilage can occur. If hides do not have a little excess salt when the weather warms spoilage can occur.

If you salt a hide and you look the next day, if all of the salt has been absorbed it needs a little bit more Salt After a hide has set for 24 hours there should be a bit of excess salt on the hide. So check your hides once in awhile to see if you have a little bit of excess salt, (several pounds is not necessary) you need only to check the top hide. You can gauge how much to use that way.

If you have any questions contact Chuck Mudge at 573-547-8909 or 573-513-2605 I will be more than glad to help. Fraternally Chuck Mudge State chairman Elks Veterans Leather Program



Washington

#1559

Led Missouri with 1326 hides collected



Elks Grand Parade June 21st 1899 St louis MO. Posted by the Grand Lodge. This appears to be photo slide for a Stereograph photo viewer.

150 Years of Elkdom

The Grand Lodge on the national website in honor of the hundred fiftieth anniversary of Elkdom has created the **Elks History Project**, celebrating 150 years of Elk History. They have resources that you can participate in and experience the history of the Elks. The picture above is in the Missouri photo album . There's a timeline to explore Elks history. There are historical documents, magazine archives and even audio files from special occasions. You can see all of this on the elks.org website.

Click on **The Elks History Project-Celebration 150 years of Service!** To get started. (<http://www.elks.org/history/>)

Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks

Chairman

Tom Shelton and Marty

Convention Dates

State	Grand Lodge
Spring 2018 March 16 – 18	2018 San Antonio July 1 – 4
Fall 2018 September 21 – 23	2019 St Louis June 30 – July 3
Spring 2019 March 15-17	2020 Baltimore July 5 – 8
Fall 2019 September 20-22	2021 Tampa July 4 - 7

