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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

MALCOLM J. McPHERSON JR.

Forget resolutions: Set one Elks goal for 2018

- Share your pride in being an Elk by recruiting and installing a new member.
- Volunteer to chair a committee or event within your Lodge.
- Run for an officer position within your Lodge this coming March.
- Seek out a new charitable initiative for your Lodge to support in your community.
- Master the Elks ritual process and help strengthen your Lodge's ritual performance

Missouri Elks Welcome Malcolm to our Spring Convention



From the
Cover of the
National Magazine
To the cover of our
State Magazine
PSP Tom Shelton



Fellow Elks

I would like to thank the Elks of Missouri and those of Metro East District for your confidence in me to serve as State president for the upcoming 2018-2019 Elks year. I will do my best to achieve and live up to your expectations. With the help of the new

(great) District officers we will try to retain membership and growth.

We as Elks need to look at our membership and try to understand why we have members that do not renew their membership. Get a committee together and call our delinquents. Maybe there is something that we are not aware of that can be fixed. We must all try to bowl a strike and not a split-like the 7-10 for our membership.

Community Awareness—if you get the community aware of what we do through our Charities you may get new members. We need to get the people in our communities to understand who we help and why we support the veterans, scholarship, Christmas baskets, Shop with a Cop, Drug Awareness, backpacks, fishing for the kids, Hoop shoot, dictionaries to schools and anything else that I may have inadvertently forgotten about. They may see we also have fun doing these programs Please do have fun with these programs. The reward in doing so makes your heart swell and throb.

Finally Don and I look forward to meeting each and everyone as we travel through the great state of Missouri. Thanks for all you do to make our great order proud.

Yours Truly, **Bill DeLarber** Incoming President-Missouri Elks Association

Missouri Elks,

WOW!!! What a wonderful year! I sincerely thank you, the Elks of Missouri, for your gracious hospitality and the wonderful fellowship that was shown to Vickie, Jay and I as we visited all 74 Lodges in this great state. We enjoyed participating and hearing about so many events that you either supported or conducted to help get my message out into your communities. You have certainly **"Hit the Bullseye"** this past year.

The three of us will cherish this past year forever, I cannot express the feelings that the three of us feel as this year has ended. We have met so many great Elks across the state and made new friends as well as enjoyed the fellowship of our old friends. We laughed, shared your grief on occasion, but all in all we enjoyed each other's company as we worked to bring **"Community Awareness"** to our individual communities through your work in Elkdom.

I would be remiss for not recognizing the hard work that each District, through their Officer's has provided as we traveled throughout the state. They all insured that the visits were organized and professional. Thank you, to each and every one of you for stepping up as a State Officer's. We couldn't have done it without you.

Vickie and I send out a very special thank you to the members and Officers of the Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 for their support throughout the year as we served as President and First Lady of the Missouri Elks Association.

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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METRO WEST

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SOUTHEAST

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Cape Girardeau #639

SOUTHWEST

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Christian County #2777

WEST CENTRAL

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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. 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.

Copy Me!! Copy District Editors!! In this issue about 20% of the articles I obtained
(Stole) from the State MEA FB page, your District FB page or your lodge FB page.
Please when you submit these articles take a moment and submit it to the Sho-
zem!! My email address is 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 Spring there are a few articles pertaining to and important to the lodge.
There is an article on the Annual Audit full of important timely information. There
are deadlines and information on the lodge directory as well as subjects and dead-
lines from our lodge committees and state projects. **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 go-
ing on around the State. Just ask to join the group and come in and join
us.

CLMS

**Lodge Secretaries are you aware that after
every Saturday meeting at the State Conven-
tion that **State CLMS Director Frank Kerby**
PDDGER conducts a Secretary and CLMS train-
ing session? It is a great time for Secretaries
to get together and share their common ques-
tions and problems. This year as every year
lodge secretaries are facing new challenges.**

**Are you getting all of your Charitable Donations Reported?
How about your Drug Awareness Contributions? Do you know
how to report it? Do you not have time? Find out how. **Learn**
how to add a CLMS Assistant to do some of these things for
you. Come to the Clinic or contact Frank Kerby @ 816-289-
8352.**

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



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During the Fall Convention I accepted the 5 Star Recog-
nition Award on behalf of the Missouri Elks Association
"Shozem" Magazine. This is the highest award given to a
State Publication. The certificate was signed by the
Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F Zellen.



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



Missouri Elks Softball 2018

July 28th

**Must be an Elk to participate
Slow-pitch Softball**

Men or Women

Home Run Derby

HOSTED BY: MACON ELKS #999

Contact: Nicholas Mueller : 636-584-3974

3rd Missouri Elks Shuffleboard Tournament
April 27th and 28th
Hosted by Affton Elks #2635

The tournament will be a Draw ABC 3 Play-
er format. It is an Elks members only double
-elimination 15 point games. Teams will play
both days. Their will be 1st 2nd & 3rd pay-
outs depending on number of players.
An application will be included in the ESho-
zem or you can download one from the Mis-
souri Elks Facebook page. **For more in-
formation Contact Chairman Daryl Beers**

Phone 314 620 4802 email darylbeers@ymail.com





Officer Training 2018 Roland Seal-John Gross Missouri Elks Association

**Session #1: Christian County Lodge
#2777, May 5, 2018, 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Session#2: Perryville Lodge #2701, May
19, 2018, 9 AM to 3 PM**

**Registration deadline is April 30th. Mail
the below registration form to
PSP John Gross, 7099 Whitewater Drive,
Dittmer, MO 63023. You may call 314-
477-8061 with details or e-mail to
igross68@att.net**

**Missouri Elks Bass
Tournament
Truman Lake
April 13,14.**

**All secretaries in the State should
have applications also District
Chairmen.**

**Buzz Atkinson
State Bass Tournament Chairman**

Public Relations

and Marketing of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks are essential to the continuation and growth of our Order. Making the public aware of our Youth programs, Veteran's programs and other goods and services we provide, will hopefully lead to increased participation. Increased participation means more people know about our organization and that could lead to an increase in membership.



Public Relations Brochure Contest:

1. Ellisville #2664
2. Christian Co. #2777
3. Dexter #2439

Thank you to those Lodges who participated. Now, more than ever, it is imperative for our local lodges and our state association that we continue to spread the word,

Elks Care – Elks share.

Kevin Wolfe

Public Relations, State Chairman



Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee Year End Reports for All Lodges

As the end of the 2017-18 Lodge year approaches it is time to review the plans for submitting the Lodge's Annual Financial Report. By now the Lodge's Auditing and Accounting Committee should have negotiated the Lodge's engagement with its licensed accountant as discussed on pages 18 & 19 of the Auditing and Accounting Manual and agreed to the terms as outlined in the sample contract on pages 37 and 38.

Engagement of the accountant should never be postponed beyond January for the year ending the following March 31. The proposed contract should be presented to the Lodge for its approval.

Please make sure the Accountant is aware of all the Report filing deadlines, June 15 for submission to the Lodge for approval, June 30 for submission to Grand Lodge and the fact that all tax forms filed for the Lodge are required at the same time.

Also please note that extensions of time to file the report and tax forms are two different procedures, filing for one does not extend the other. The Area A&A Committeeman can give you a one month extension for time to file the AFR, additional extensions have to be requested from the State Sponsor. All tax extensions have to be filed with the appropriate government entity.

The Annual Financial Report form is not mailed to the Lodge; each Lodge is required to download from the Grand Lodge website the current Excel version of the AFR. The form and very detailed step by step instructions will be available in the Auditing and Accounting section of the [elks.org](https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/auditing/) website (<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/auditing/>). Lodges are required to electronically file the report through the same site and only PDF's are accepted.

The current year's form is required for filing, old versions will be rejected by the Committee and the Report will be considered as not having been filed. A separate upload for any and all Tax Forms (990/990-T, etc.) will be necessary. Please feel free to contact your Area Committeeman for assistance if needed. Here is to a successful submission.

Missouri Membership Spring Report

Hello my fellow Missouri Elk Members. It has been almost a year since I have been selected to serve as your Membership Chairman and I look forward to serving you for another year. With that said, we all need to work together to grow Missouri's Membership. At the time that you are reading this article we are entering a period of our year where I really need your help. We need to work harder at initiating new members quicker and concentrate more of our efforts on Lapsation.

As of March 1st of this year we have 456 Candidates waiting initiation, 1624 members who are delinquent in paying their dues and are projected to show a loss of -110 members. **However, we have a great opportunity to grow and still show a gain for 2017-18, on our 150th year celebration.** Time is short to gain membership for 2017-18 by initiation but it can still be done. We even have a greater opportunity to grow through Lapsation. According to Statute 14.180, an unaffiliated Member may reinstate within 60 days of being dropped and shall not result in the loss of continuous and consecutive membership standing. Other words, it would be as if they had never been dropped and they will be added to Missouri's total membership for the previous year. Last year we went from -69 to -6 in that 60 day period. A great opportunity exist to grow our membership after March 31st. As the numbers look now, getting delinquent members to reinstate is a major player in growing Missouri. Please get active.

Here are some other numbers to show you why Missouri continues to lose membership.

Over the past six years we have averaged initiating 2,263 members a year while we have lost an average of 2109 members to nonpayment of dues. These numbers indicate that we should be showing a gain but we have also lost an average of 461 members to deaths. So as you can see, that is a deficit of -327 members. There are a few other numbers that add and subtract from our overall membership but not significant enough to concern ourselves with. Now is the time to make a change. Now is the time to grow Missouri!!!

In closing, remember **YOU** have the power to change Missouri's spiraling membership loss. Get involved in re-recruiting our delinquent members. Get them interested again and Grow Missouri.

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Jim Ross—MEA Membership Chairman



MEA Membership Numbers – March 1, 2018

District	New Gain	Total Loss	Non-payment	Candidates	Loss/Gain
East Central	519	115	282	109	+122
Metro East	329	152	53	72	+124
Metro West	238	90	209	33	-5
West Central	379	287	136	50	-44
Northeast	344	185	232	84	-73
Northwest	139	107	157	38	-49
Southeast	319	217	319	34	-149
Southwest	318	126	236	36	-28
Totals	2585	1279	1624	456	-102



This final push is on. Last year the Missouri Elks surpassed our \$4.50 per capita goal by obtaining \$4.86 per capita. I know you can do it again this year. We have until

March 31. I'm counting on you to do your best.

I'd like to thank Dr. Beck for his generosity in donating an Elk Painting for raffle last fall. With the efforts of many Elks the painting raffle raised \$1460 and was won by Liz McCrady of West Plains Lodge #2418. Proceeds went to the Benevolent Trust in the names of each participant and also going to each Lodge's per capita; another way to raise funds for our major state project. Thank you all.

The foundation of our Benevolent Trust financial stability is the generosity of Missouri Elks through pledges and donations. I appreciate the efforts of all Lodges in addressing their members and their per capita goals. There are those special Districts and Lodges that go the extra mile in their fund

raising efforts. These folks think outside the box for finding ways that ultimately make the lives of our dental patients better. They are a true example of an Elk and our organization's responsibilities.

Some members ask me "what is the Benevolent Trust"? Well, let me give you a simple explanation.

The Benevolent Trust, Inc. was incorporated at the Missouri State Convention in St. Louis in May of 1951. The purpose of the corporation is to promote, develop and administer the donations, gifts and legacies.

The Board of Management which is made up of a Director, Comptroller, Financial Chairman, Secretary and one member from each District of Missouri shall be administrators of the fund and meet on a biannual basis. The Benevolent Trust, Inc. is how the Missouri Elks finance our major state project, which is the Mobile Dental Labs. More simply, the Benevolent Trust, Inc. is the corporation that takes care of our mobile dental program.

Benevolent Trust

So when you are asked to donate to the Benevolent Trust you are in reality donating to our mobile dental program and those handicapped children, adults and now if openings are available Veterans. I hope this clarifies where the money goes to when donations are solicited for the Benevolent Trust.

So let's look at how our donations are utilized. Last year Dr. Beck and his staff addressed the needs of almost 800 patients. They performed 536 exams and administered 6,954 procedures. The value of all this dental work is \$328,744. The total donated by the Missouri Elks to this program was \$276,161. As Missouri Elks we all should hold our heads high for your continued generosity for this program. I thank you all for what you do to help create a better life for our patients.

Brian Crawford, Director
Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mary French of Charleston, SC. It's primary focus is to promote literacy to children in third-grade as they transition from learning how to read to identify and use information. Over the course of the program nearly 15 million third-grade students have received dictionaries including about 2.5 million dictionaries donated in 2009.

Elks joined this movement in 2004. Nationwide they have donated more than 1.2 million dictionaries to third-grade students and their teachers as sponsors of The Dictionary Project over the last 6 years. There are 600 lodges that actively participate in the program.

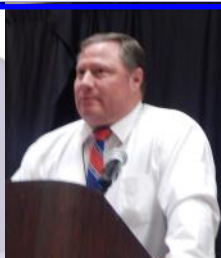
The Dictionary Project website <http://www.dictionaryproject.org>



Winners of the Most Valuable Student Award 2017

This years Most Valuable Student Scholarships went to eight lucky winners from Missouri. The following Elks students were awarded \$1000 a year for four years.

Jacob Baugher	Lebanon #2557
Samantha Brinker	Washington #1559
Gabriel Calderon	Kansas City Northland #2376
Maya Cameron	Manchester #2058
Paul Davis	Grandview Hickman Mills #2088
Paige Maxwell	Blue Springs #2509
Mallory McConkey	Maryville #760
Erin Rauber	ST Charles #690



Mike Short
Chairman



Antlers Program

We received these pictures at Reno from a current Antlers' sponsor. It was found in an antique shop and they bought it for their lodge. This is an old Antlers uniform from the early 1900's. Can you see us wearing that now?

The Antlers Program is being revitalized. Ask how your lodge can be a sponsor and engage today's youths.

Contact Rich Larkin, Grand Lodge Committee-Antlers Chairman at rrlarkin@swbell.net

Lodge Activities Absent Members Spring 2018

Administrative Assistant 2018-2019 Don Kantouth

Incoming State President Bill DeLarber announced that Don Kantouth will serve as his Administrative Assistant for the 2018-2019 Lodge year.

Don joined the Elks in 1973 and helped to start the Crestwood Lodge #2503. After 7 years he left to help start the Affton lodge #2635.

At Affton he served on many Lodge committees. Don served as Exalted Ruler for two terms from 2001 - 2002 and 2002-2003. Don is a big supporter of Benevolent Trust and National Foundation. He served as Lodge Treasurer for 25 years and served as MEA Membership chairman for 13 years. In 2008 to 2009 he served as Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. In 2009-2010 Don served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. For the last 10 years he served as Metro East District Treasurer. Don is in his 44th year and still enjoys Elksdom. Don will be coming to see you soon.



Kansas City ROYALS | St. Louis CARDINALS

Elks Night at The Ballpark
Busch Stadium
Monday May 21st
7 PM

Tickets \$20—Cutoff Date May 1st—Order Form in E Shozem and on moelks.org website.

For more information contact:

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It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Past Exalted Ruler, Mark Segebarth. Mark was a charter of Lebanon lodge #2557 carrying membership card number three. In addition to being a PER, Mark served numerous times as Lodge Treasure and Trustee. His service did not stop with just our local lodge. He also served the Missouri State Elks Association for many years.

His titles included, Past Administrative Assistant to the President, District Vice President, and more recently 10 years as State Treasurer.



Mark was recognized by the Grand lodge and appointed District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler in 1994-95. For the above obvious reasons, Mark was unanimously elected by the Lebanon lodge to become our first honorary life member in 2003. Mark showed us all what Elks are supposed to be. He was a good friend, confidant, and a mentor to us all. Our lodge would not be what it is today without his guidance. He will be held in high esteem, and remembered each time the clock strikes 11. ...Thanks to Ross Jennings for the history of Mark Segebarth.

Tom Degeare, PDDGER

September 30, 1950 – December 10, 2017

1992 – Initiated at Florissant Lodge #2316, his sponsor the late John Jablonski. The night of his initiation Eddie Elk asked him “I understand you’re a bowler” he answered “yes, I am”. Eddie then asked, “How would you like to bowl in the Elks state bowling tournament?” Tom said, “sure when is it?” Eddie said, “we leave tomorrow for Kansas City” we had a great time and started his journey to meet Elks in the state of Missouri,

1993 – Started helping with the lodge hoop shoot.

1994 – 1995 – Started on the State Bowling and State Golf Committees.

1994 – 1999 - House committee chairman for two different terms, and bingo chairman for several years

1995 - 1996 – Chairman for the Lodge Hoop Shoot.

1998 – 1999 – Chairman for the Metro East District Hoop Shoot.

1999 – 2000 – Exalted Ruler of Florissant Lodge #2316.

2003 – Linda and Tom moved to Wentzville. Tom transferred to Troy Lodge #2805.

2003 – 2017 – P.E.R. at Troy Lodge #2805.

2004 – 2017 – Esquire of Troy Lodge #2805.

2006 – 2009 - Chairman of the Auditing Committee for Troy Lodge.

2007 – 2017 - Secretary for the State Bowling Tournament, he was only the fourth person to hold this position in its sixty-five years.

2007 – 2008 – Missouri Elks Association “Officer of the Year” presented by State President Richard Techau.

2009 – 2010 – Vice President of the Metro East District Elks and Esquire to the D.D.G.E.R. Don Kantouth.

2010 – 2011 – D.D.G.E.R. of Metro East District Elks.

2014 – 2017 – The ENF Chairman and newsletter Editor Troy #2805.

Tom **loved the Elks** and all the good that the Elks do in their communities. I know it was a truly rewarding experience to be a part of this great organization, he enjoyed working the committees, it gave him the opportunity to see the many, many friends that he made across this state.

2012— – Fan, sponsor, player host for the Rascals semi-pro baseball team....Tom will be missed by us all.

To our Absent and Beloved Member



Lodge Activities Committee Lodge Bulletins Contest

Winners were:

Division 1: Christian County #2777 9 entries

Division 2: Florissant #2316 4 entries

Division 3: Dexter #2439 5 entries

Division 4: Blue Springs #2509 2 entries

Division 5: Washington #1559

I had to disqualify 2 entries: Issues were not in consecutive order.

Thanks to Sedalia lodge for the use of their facilities. Thank you to all of the Lodges that participated.

Reminder: All American lodge contest forms Due to District Deputies ASAP!

End of the Year awards.

Bill Walter, PSP Chairman MEA Lodge Activities Committee



A Note from Chuck

I want to express my deepest gratitude and thanks to Joan, my family, friends and all of the great Elks across the State and Nation for their help, thoughts and prayers during the past year.

The past year has been a very trying experience for me. But, with a great family and a lot of great friends behind me, I managed to make it through some tough times. Thank you one and all!

Three weeks ago (Feb 4th), I had a bone marrow biopsy and blood sample taken. Both tests came back cancer free! Yahoo! I will be starting a maintenance program (taking a daily pill) because Multiple Myeloma will come back without this program. But first I have to get the original problem fixed. Approximately 1/3 of my left kidney will be removed because it has a tumor in the top of it. Dr. Moore says it will be a piece of cake after what I've been through.

Enough about me, this note is to thank all of my family and friends for their kindness and help during my time of need. There are not enough words to express how I feel. Thank you all. I sincerely appreciate it.

By the way, prayers do work. Thanks everyone!

Humbly Submitted,
Chuck Mudge



Greetings ELKS!

For this Spring's issue of Shozem, our Drug Awareness Report will focus on an untapped resource within our Elks Community, **The President's Lifetime Achievement Award.**

This Award is part of our National Elks and is administered through the Drug Awareness Program (D.A.P.). At the National level it's been placed in the hands of the State D.A.P. Chairs to handle within their respective states. While it does require at least 4,000 hours of volunteering, each individual hour does not need documentation. The State Chairs have been instructed to assure each applicant is qualified.

This is accomplished by endorsements from the Lodges and Districts within the State, as well as personal knowledge from long standing Elks in the applicants District, as well as those from around the state. A couple of things come to mind as I write this, **first the applicant does not need to be an Elk and secondly, it does not just include volunteering within the ELKS!**

Volunteering with Scouts, 4-H, at your children's schools, hospitals, food pantries, little league sports, Veteran's, church or any community activity using volunteers. As you can see, there is ample opportunity to acquire the hours needed!

I'd like to share some excerpts from within the letter sent from The White House along with the very nice certificate and lapel pin. The Letter and Certificate are both signed by the President of the United States of America, and no, mine were not signed by Abraham Lincoln!

"You have served as a model of the American spirit. Your many hours of service have strengthened the bonds of cooperation and trust that bring people together, while addressing some of the greatest challenges of our time."

"One of our Nation's greatest strengths remains the compassion of our everyday citizens, who give so willingly of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others".

While this award can be for "non-Elks", it sure seems to me to be perfectly fitted to what Elks are about! I'm thinking this award is so directly linked to the things ELKS do, Patriotism, Respect for our Nations' Flag, our Veterans', and, of course, our Children! Recently, one of "my" District D.A.P Chairs sent me applications for this award and I was so very proud to fully endorse and send them on to the National Director in charge. Imagine the feeling one would get receiving this award at their Lodge or District event! As ELKS we sometimes forget to "blow our own horn", (such as reporting D.A.P. activities into CLMS :-)) I had to get that in here, sorry.

To those who have received this award, CONGRATULATIONS! Lodge Drug Awareness Chairs, keep in touch with your District Chairs and consider long serving ELKS for this award, and by the way **IT'S FREE!!!!**

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



Boys Results

Under 16

1 Eddie Gonzalez Milan

Under 14

1. Nathan Ryan Troy
2. Cordin Rodenberg Chillicothe
3. Layne Gross Jackson

Under 12

1. Brody Quatman Jackson
2. Wyatt Ruengert DeSoto
3. Keefer Tolson Trenton

Under 10

1. Brendan Lukunka Crestwood
2. Kodey Zimmerman Jackson
3. Hayden Downs Troy

Under 8

1. Christopher Seago Crestwood
2. Tatum Gross Jackson
3. Sam Golightly Desoto

Girls Results

Under 16

1. Madisyn Lenk Troy
2. Haley Kidd Trenton

Under 14

1. Felicity Kester Jackson
2. Juliann Gabrielson Chillicothe

Under 12

1. Amera Gastreich Troy
2. Skyler Powers Chillicothe
3. Lilly Joliffe

Under 10

1. Jaiden Rodenberg Chillicothe
2. Ava Hanak Crestwood

Under 8

1. Bailey Williams Trenton
2. Macie Holl Troy



Missouri Elks
Association
State Soccer
Shoot 2017
Jefferson City MO

Larry Shew Director



HOOP SHOOT 2018

The 46th annual Missouri State Elks Association Hoop Shoot was held Saturday February 3rd at Kirkwood Middle School in St Louis Missouri. The following were Crowned State Champions

Girls

8-9 Taylor Hodge Cameron #2615
10-11 Addison Fiddler Cass County #2791
12-13 Gracie Wright Mineral Area #2583

Boys

Ross Buffington Jefferson City #573
Andrew Moore Troy #2805
Nathaniel Rogers Alton Thayer #2545

There were 8 Shoot outs during the afternoon 3 of the 6 Divisions were settled with the Shootout. The most Exciting one of the night was the battle for 3rd place in the 8-9 year old Boys division. Kobe Hill of Trenton won on the 5th shootout hitting 4-4-4-4-5 against Harper Burnett Cape Girardeau #639 who missed out hitting 4-4-4-4-4. The crowd was on pins and needles. The Champions now advance to the regional hoop shoot which will be held in Paris Tennessee on Saturday March 10th. The winners from that tournament will go on to the Elks National Hoop Shoot which will be held in Chicago Il on April 21st.



L-R 3rd Place Boys 8-9 Kobe Hill Trenton #801 2nd place Kelon Johnson GVHM #2088 22-3 Champion Ross Buffington Jefferson City 573 22-5 Director Randy Eaton Girl's Champion Kaylor Hodge Cameron #2615 20-5 2nd place Chloe Fister 20-2 3rd place Miley Haney Alton Thayer #2545



L-R 3rd Place Boys 10-11 Tyler Vaughn Lebanon #2557 22-4 2nd place Cole Hamilton Cass County #2791 22-5 Champion Andrew Moore Troy #2805 23 Director Randy Eaton Champion girls Addisyn Fiddler Cass County #2791 20 2nd Place Madison Mills Farmington #1765 17-4 3rd place Jalen Price Maryville #760 17-3



L-R 3rd Place Boys 12-13 3rd place boys Tyler Ansley Lamar #2800 21-4 2nd place Alex Simpson Eureka Pacific #2644 21-5 Champion Nathaneal Rogers Alton Thayer #2545 22 Director Randy Eaton Girls Champion Gracie Wright Mineral Area #2583 22- 5 - 4 2nd place Bailey Fleming Warrensburg #673 22- 5 - 2 third-place Abby Porter 19-5



Eureka Pacific #2644 hosted the banquet at their Lodge. The lodge members catered an excellent meal and dessert.

The lodge looked great. Exalted Euler Ron Kurtz and lodge members did an excellent job hosting the Missouri Elks State President Pete Nash, his Administrative Assistant Jay Parrack, the Hoop shooters, the MEA Hoopshoot Committee as well as many state officers and Missouri officials,



Ready for April

Osage Community #2705 photos from one of our Red Ribbon Events at Stover Elementary. Over 400 packs of Twizzlers were given to each student from K – 6 with a message on each one that read: “Don’t let drugs twist your mind.” Among those helping with the event were (pictured): Frank Scarpino, ER, Jacki Scarpino and Jo Ellen Shelby. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders received Elks Drug Awareness coloring books and a “Baby” Elroy as a class mascot to remind them to “Say No to Drugs.”



Osage Community #2705 received a 6th consecutive Impact Grant to continue their School 1st Responder Program. In addition, the lodge received a Beacon Grant to “supersize” the Impact Grant. This program began in 2013 and provides “Quick Response” to four elementary schools for school nurse needs, individual student needs or supplemental teaching materials.



Sedalia Lodge #125 held their youth Christmas party. Santa and Mrs. Claus were here to talk with the children and to hear them tell Santa what they wanted for Christmas. Elroy Elk was there to greet the kids and give them information about drug awareness.



Nevada Elks # 564 The Nevada Elks Lodge #564 held a Thanksgiving Dinner and Benefit Auction! We raised over \$14,000.00 for the Christmas Baskets!! 185 Families In the Nevada Vernon County area benefited from this program!!! Elks Care~Elks Share!!



Greenview # 2857 did repairs on a local cemetery that had been abandoned and vandalized. Unsure of the exact age of the cemetery, but it dates back to the 1800's



CSA

Donate to The Elks Disaster Relief Program

<https://www.elks.org/>

Lamar #2800

Proving that the MEA Administrative Assistant Jay Parrack is more than just a pretty face Jay is pictured with his gloves on working on hides for Lamar Elks #2800 Veterans Leather Program. In addition to his duties as AA visiting all 74 lodges Jay takes his obligation serious.



Benton County #2783

The Benton County Elks Lodge #2783 adopted families with thirty five children this holiday season.

Money for the project was provided by lodge members and grant money for clothing, and, food for over a week.

Elks Care - Elks Share!



Lake Stockton #2858 Developed the idea of doing a Snow Cone booth to help generate money for the lodge. we teamed with our local Lions Club and set up with them during their Chicken Stampede, which happens on Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend on the Square in Stockton. The picture is from the 4th of July where we were allowed to set up in Woods Supermarket parking lot, which



was full of spectators awaiting the firework show.

Most recently Lake Stockton donated \$2500 from ENF Grants to Tiger Tasters. It is a program through the local Ministerial Alliance that sends food home with students who are from low income family's to make sure the child has food over the weekend.

Clinton #1034 supplied a catfish dinner with all the trimmings to the veterans and the staff at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. Robert “Red” Daugherty, PER of Clinton Lodge enjoyed spending time with his brother Elks. Red Daugherty is seated front row center. Clinton #1034 also makes monthly trips to the VA and serves and supplies ice cream to the vets.



Clinton # 1034

East Central District Spring 2018



On October 30th, 2017 the **Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge #2372** hosted Children from the *Missouri School for the Blind* for our Annual Hay Ride and Halloween Party. It was attending by 24 children and 12 Chaperones from the School. The Children were treated to Hot Dogs, Chili, Pizza, Soda and Cupcakes. Each also received a bag of goodies and candy at the end of the evening. Members took the Children on several Hay Rides around the Lodge campus. A good time was had by all. The Lodge holds this event on a yearly basis and also on that evening names of the children are drawn by members and they are given wish lists from the children for Christmas gifts. Later in December Lodge members make a trip to the School with the gifts. Santa attends and a catered meal is furnished for all. We also donate a gift to the school based on their request.



The Shozem took a ride to **Cedar Hill #2678** for the Grand Re-opening following the May flood. PSP's, State officers, and representative from many lodges were there for support, great food and good times.



Exalted Ruler, PDDGER Selena Lambrich hosted the Grand Re-opening along with PER and Past MEA Vice President John Devous as well as many members and Officers.

Selena discussed the tragedy as well as the work and volunteering from Cedar Hill lodge members as well as other members from nearby lodges. Selena posted a video on FB that you can access with this link below showing many pictures from the lodge.

<https://www.facebook.com/selena.lambrich/videos/10203880714855856/>



Desoto #689

Here's some pictures of the hard work being done at the Desoto Elks #689

Paul Hultberg... Ed Herget ...Jim Willette... and Selena Lambrich (Exalted Ruler of Cedar Hill) processing some of the deer hides that were dropped off at the lodge for use with the Veteran's leather program.



High Ridge # 2455

sponsored a car show

this fall to raise money for their high school scholarship fund. With 105 cars competing they raised approximately \$4,000 . The scholarships will go to Northwest High School Cedar Hill, ST John Vianney High School Kirkwood, and Cor Jesu Academy Affton. Ron and Sandy Colatski put on the event.



Thank you
for the generous support
to help homeless
and at-risk Veterans



Honoring Veterans — Restoring Lives



It was quite an honor to meet some of the members from [Eureka Pacific Elks Lodge 2644](#) and give them a tour of our new facility. They drove in from St. Louis for the tour and to learn more about **Welcome Home**. Just a few days later they made the trip again to present us with a very generous donation! Thank you to this fantastic group for recognizing the importance of collaboration in order to impact more Veterans' lives across the state of Missouri. [#ACommunityForVeterans](#) [#No1LeftBehind](#) [#MissouriVeterans](#)

Metro East-Northeast-East Central-WCentral Spring 2018

Festus/Crystal City #1721 hosted our First Annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch!

All veterans who were current, active members of Festus/Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 and their one

guest were invited to enjoy the sit-down, lunch served by volunteers and the local Boy Scout

Troop #426. A full lunch of BBQ Pork Steaks and all the fixings were prepared by grill masters and kitchen staff. Almost 200 veterans and guests were served by a volunteer crew of over 20 members and helpers. Also, the Lodge appreciated this year's national Anniversary Grant from the Grand

Lodge which made it possible to purchase and distribute Elk Deer Hide Gloves to vets in attendance that day as well as during our monthly events to area VA hospitals.

The event was planned organized and executed by our Inner Guard Ron Baugher and his team to show our respect and appreciation to our Vets!



Oakville # 2726 Oakville Elks #

2726 has been busy this year. We hosted the East Central District Flag Day Ceremony and the District's Mardi Gras celebration, which directly benefits the Missouri Benevolent Trust. The lodge has also been busy building a new deck and painting and updating our club room. Our community focused efforts have included more than 150 children coming to our Halloween Trunk or Treat, 175 plus veterans and their families enjoying Thanksgiving dinner and over 100 children having Breakfast with Santa. The spirit of Elkdom thrives as we improve our lodge and continue to serve our community.



On the **Macon Elks #999**

Macon Elks Lodge #999 holds many fun and charitable events throughout the year. However, one of our favorite events is the Annual Luau which is held every February. This year marks the 7th Anniversary for this event. The Lodge raised \$6,000 for the USO during the 2017 Luau.

When the weather is cold outside, members as well as the public are invited to the Lodge to enjoy a tropical paradise complete with tiki huts, exotic flowers, grass skirts, flip flops, and even a whole hog roast. This year will be our biggest yet with a silent auction, a live auction, raffles (including a rifle raffle), great food, tike hut games, and a live band. And the best part of this event is that all proceeds go to the USO-St. Louis Lambert Airport. There's nothing better than having a great time for a great cause!



St Clair #2651 Presents \$5000 check to Franklin County Dare Program— Thank You from Franklin County Sheriff

We would like to thank the St. Clair Elks Lodge #2651. District Vice President Matt Wideman and Exalted Ruler John Baker presented our DARE Program with the donation from their annual DARE Golf Tournament. Without sponsors like these, our program wouldn't be such a success.



O'fallon #2587 O'Fallon Elks Lodge #2587

presents its 8th annual classic car & motorcycle show to benefit Wounded Warriors. We had

about 150 cars show up throughout the day. We raised about \$2,200.00 of which \$1,500.00 was donated to the Wounded Warrior project



Florissant #2316

Florissant Elks send two to State Hoop Shoot Competition Taylor Gardner 10-11 girls and Ryan Goldstien 8-9 boys.



St Genevieve #2674 Ste. Genevieve Elks Sets record for deer hide collection for Veteran's Leather Program. Pictured left to right: Ken Flieg; Dick Abt; Jason Robinson; Gene Flieg, Local Chairman; Jeff Nickelson, Assistant Chairman; Paul Viox; Chuck Mudge, Elks Nation Veterans Leather Officer



Bates County #2653 hosted Boy Scout Troop #237 for a

Flag Burning ceremony at the lodge. The Elks and the Boy Scouts work together also on the Veterans dinner with the Scouts serving the meal to the honored Veteran's

AFTON ELKS #2635 2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



(L to R) Kathy Colbeck E.R., Bill DeLarber P.E.R., Robert Esswein, SLUH, Jeffrey Au, Affton H.S., Meghan Street, Rosati-Kain H.S. - Not pictured Holden Foreman, Kirkwood H.S., Jeri Oranski, Notre Dame H.S., Kathleen Placke, Webster Groves H.S.



Steak Nite Crew is Ready

Potosi Elks #2218

backpack program serves 301 students, in four different districts and eight buildings across Washington county. We provide food for the week-ends, spending approximately \$700.00 per week. We have twelve members who are involved. We also have nonmembers who volunteer their services too. We have funded the program though Elks grants, community donations, Walmart and the Potosi Elks. The Elks Christmas Charity program clothed 506 children. We spent over **\$33,000.00** this year purchasing coats, clothing and shoes for needy children in our county. The funds that support this very worthy cause are obtained through local donations and the auction that is held each year the first Saturday in December. This program has been the lodges' major project for over 52 years. During those years we have clothed **17,071 children at a cost of \$750,000.00.**



Sacks of Food for the Schools



The picture above is the Fredericktown Elks Athletic Field. The field was paid for built and donated by ENF Grants and Fredericktown Lodge #2812. This was accomplished by the third smallest lodge in the state. This crowd was on a Saturday afternoon for a Soccer game. This just proves that Size Doesn't Matter.

Jackson #2652

December 2, Jackson lodge participated in Jackson's Christmas Parade. Jackson Lodge won Grand Marshal's award. Thank you all in making this years float a great success.



1ST Annual S E District Cook Off

The Perryville lodge #2701 hosted the 1st barbecue cook-off in the Southeast District. The event was very successful and they will repeat the Cook-off on the weekend of October 12th and 13th.



Cook-Off Overall Champion

The "Big Racks BBQ" overall Champion poses outside of their mobile smoker. They compete almost every weekend.

Head Judge MO PSP Rich Larkin visits with Open Category Winner Jackson



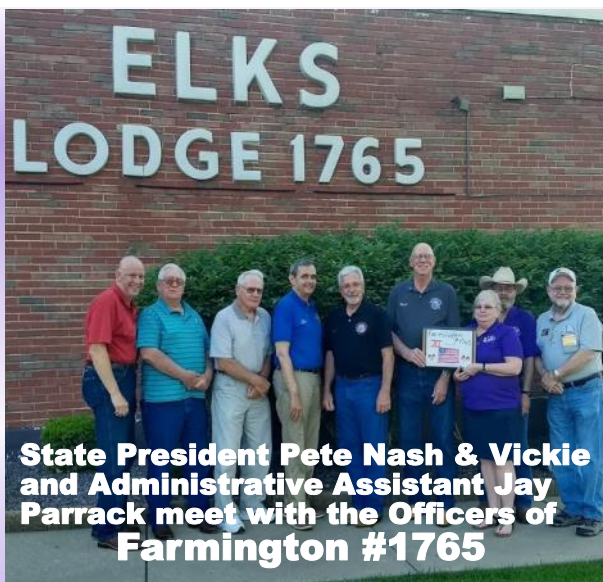
Ellisville Elks BBQ Team



Jackson Elks BBQ Team
"Open Category Winner"

Cape Girardeau #639

21 Cape Elks, Elroy, and the Drug trailer marched in the Cape Girardeau Christmas lights parade.



State President Pete Nash & Vickie and Administrative Assistant Jay Parrack meet with the Officers of Farmington #1765



State President Pete Nash and his Officers visit the Luau at

Poplar Bluff #2452



Sikeston #2319

Thank you card sent to the Sikeston Lodge #2319. E R Smitty

The Cub Scouts use our bingo room 3 days every year and also set up projects outside on our grounds. We cook them lunch everyday. We usually serve 80 to 100 boys.

They do target practice with B.B. guns and bows. They also do some cooking and things to earn merit badges. The lodge has been doing this over 10 years now .

Southeast +Bolivar+KC Northland Spring 2018



Dexter # 2439 met the challenge to support Alex's Lemonade stand head on. It was a very successful project. The auxiliary, with the help of a few of the men started off the fundraiser with an awesome stand. The stand was the focal point for our float in the Stoddard County Fair Parade, and we used the float to promote the project. The prize money for winning second place, along with the other three events we were involved with, helped us to raise \$1,721.00 "One

Cup At a Time." We are not through. We are now anxiously waiting for the weather to break so we can continue raising money for this worthwhile foundation.

We were honored to have had the Mobile Dental Unit this year. This was the first time for us to sponsor it, and Dr. Beck informed us it was a success.

Our annual Christmas Basket Project has become one of our major projects. Incredible food baskets are given to families in need. This is an incredibly gratifying project. Truly, it only takes one family to humble a group of Elks.



Goldfish Races Really??

Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583

hosts a special prom for those special handicapped people that would not otherwise get the opportunity to attend one. Lodge Secretary Bryan Flatt and his wife Amy decided they needed to come up with a new fundraiser to help support it. Bryan went to Elks. Org and found a site that contained different ideas.

A goldfish race? Bryan did his homework and that's exactly what they did.



In front of a nearly packed house they raised several hundred dollars for their charity and the lodge members had a great time doing so. If you are interested in trying one at your Lodge go to the Elks.org website or contact Bryan Flatt or anyone from the Mineral Area Lodge. You won't regret it. Lots of fun, cheap entertainment and a good time.



Bolivar #2828 has become a sponsor for the Fairplay School District. Fairplay School District is a district where 100% of the children receive free lunches. To start the school year off, Bolivar Elks raised over \$1400.00 to provide required school supplies for every student from kindergarten to seniors. Every student received what they needed for the school year. Then Bolivar Elks used the 150th Anniversary grant to provide hoodies, hat and gloves to the student body. All in all- Elks Care ~ Elks Share.



Perryville #2701

The Perryville Elks Lodge Hosted it's **Annual Wild Game Feed** to a crowd of over 200 people. It takes a huge amount of members to put on this extravaganza. The kitchen was full of workers and 2 bars were manned. Approximately 30 food servers and Lodge workers served in all capacities from selling raffle tickets to passing out free gifts to everyone in attendance. This is Perryville's major event and fundraiser.

Remember it's the last Saturday in January every year and well worth attending. Next year come out and get your possum fix.



Arcadia Valley #2330 used ENF Anniversary Grant for the Christmas in the Valley program. With this grant cash donations from members of our community and from local businesses having toy drives we were able to help 180 kids have a better Christmas. With help from volunteers and our local Boy Scout Troop We were able to wrap and distribute all the gifts and fruit baskets to these families.



State President Nash, Vickie and AA Jay Parrack and the Southeast Missouri Officers met with the officers of the **Chaffee Lodge #1810**



Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376 members volunteered to support the Northland Christmas Store. With the assistance of an ENF grant food items and cleaning and hygiene products are purchased for the store. During the first week in December income eligible families are scheduled into the store to receive donated items for their families. This year the Northland Christmas Store impacted over 1,500 families.



Manchester #2058

worked with West County EMS to donate toys and bikes for Toys for Tots, in December.

The group photo is with ER Jim Cribbs (second from right), Chaplain Mark Cribbs (third from right, who donated generously) and Charity committee member Jeanne Sullivan (second from left, and the lead on

this project). The second photo is their gift to us - a framed photo of when they came to pick up bikes and toys, with their autographs on it. So proud to work with some great guys!



Crestwood #2503 Shop with A Cop Members of the St. Louis County Police Department accompanied 20 deserving kids for a Christmas shopping outing sponsored by Crestwood lodge. The children & police officers were first served a wonderful breakfast by Lodge members, then each child received a \$100 gift card from the Lodge to do their shopping. **"COATS OF CARE ~ COATS TO SHARE"**

In honor of the Elks 150th Years of Service Crestwood #2503 set a goal to collect 150 for donation to St. Louis charities. The lodge members exceeded that goal with a grand total of 190 distributed to "Coats on the Street" and "Peter & Paul Community Services." Pictured L to R Members Bonnie Mills, Jan Betzer, Susan Hill, Laura Sanders, Angie Fusco, Nancy Ehret & Yvonne Sontheimer sorf coats collected in preparation for distribution to Peter & Paul Community Services



Troy Elks #2805

After Recreation performed at the Missouri Veterans Home, Tom DeGeare, Esquire and Ken Hooze, Trustee of Troy Lodge #2805 presented two \$100 Checks, one from Troy Lodge the other from Tom personally. Troy wanted to show their support for these young people in their travels as they bring such enjoyment to our Veterans, they do such a marvelous job.



Metro East Spring 2018

Ellisville #2664

Provided music stands for the Veterans Six String Hero's Graduation Ceremony, which helps support our Troops with PTSD. When Veterans Graduate the Six String Hero's Program, the Veterans will now receive their own music stands that were donated by the Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664, with the assistance of our Anniversary Grant. The Ellisville Elks Members also donated cash to purchase pizza, so that the Veterans could enjoy dinner during the Graduation Ceremony.



St Louis #9

the final numbers

are in on our very successful Christmas Party & Auction held this past December 2nd. It is estimated that 250-280 members and guests passed through our Lodge doors that night but amazingly enough, no one seemed over-crowded. Our bartenders did an awesome job keeping the drinks flowing and the test cash satellite bar for beer and wine was a hit and helped out tremendously! If you went hungry, it was your own fault as a bountiful buffet of great food items was available and



still had some food items remaining at the end of the night. The set-up of the room was dazzling as the Christmas and Patio Committees combined to make the Lodge look very festive. The auction tables were bursting at the seams with many great items for filling Christmas lists or personal treats! I am quite certain every attendee got a chance to speak with Dominic about Tower of Wine Raffle Tickets and Santa Reuther was ready to auction anything left standing. All in all it was a great holiday celebration with amazing attendance and support by the membership! So how did we do....We had a new Sponsorship Program this year and 31 people took the opportunity to make one of these cash donations to the tune of **\$6,859** collected. This is a fantastic response and helped the Committee cover all event costs and provide extra proceeds to the evening's beneficiaries. The Tower of Wine Raffle raised and additional **\$4,520** which exceeded expectations. A special shout out to Alex and PRP wines for helping the Tower fill with delicious wines to savor. Then there were the silent and oral auctions which combined to bring in **\$19,052** in revenue. The bidding was very active especially in the final countdowns as secret bidders tried to claim their items. The amazing total revenue came to **\$30,431**, an all time high!! After off-setting our expenses, the **Total Net Revenue for the event was another record....\$28,552!!!**

The three beneficiaries of the event included Kids Under Twenty-One (KUTO), the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust (in memory of Todd Morton) and our very own Lodge #9 who will all receive proceeds of \$9,517.50!!

In addition to the above, the 6-month Christmas Canned Food Drive which was part of Christmas ended with 2,815 items collected that had a retail value exceeding **\$7,000** that were donated to Circle of Concern on Saturday December 9th! **We were featured in the Dec. 18 issue of the West News Magazine for our efforts.** [Click here to see the article.](#) Very Exciting!



ST Charles #690 Bare Necessities

Bare Necessities out of John Weldon Elementary and Caring Comes First out of Independence Elementary. These schools are both in our local Francis Howell School District. Both programs do essentially the same thing; identify students that may not have a meal to go home to. We supply them with food in their backpack so that they do have something to eat. Thanks to all those who helped shop and deliver these much needed groceries. Your efforts reflect your support of Elks Lodge 690 as well as all of Elkdom.



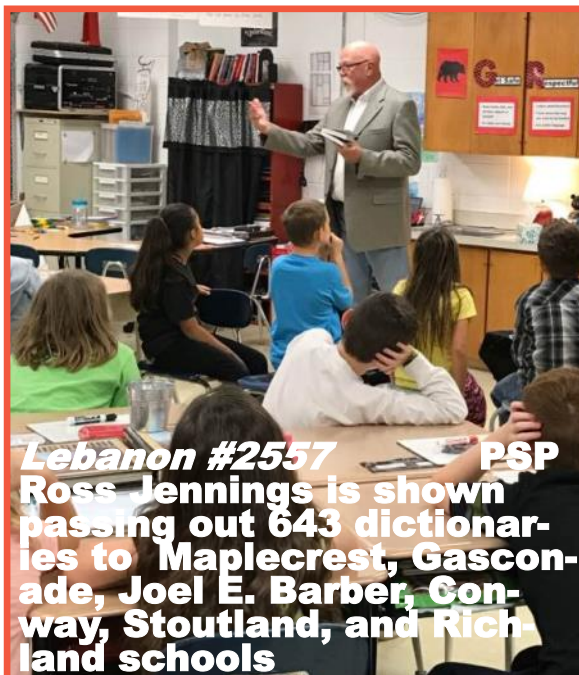


Alton-Thayer #2545.....One of the senior high school students from Thayer High School painted and donated this picture to the lodge. Darcy Mainprize Class of 2018 gathered the materials and painted everything by herself before donating her art. Alton Thayer #2545 donates art supplies to the High School and this was Darcy's way of thanking the lodge.

Pictured with the plaque is the art teacher on the left Jan Miller and Elk member Paula Richardson



Springfield #409 Jason Carter just completed his Eagle Scout project. He initially was going to do 100 kits but the donation box for this project was full at the Elks Lodge. He had extra money from a raffle. The raffle was for a drill set donated by PER Tom Hrdlicka and brought in roughly \$1000. Jason and his troop put together 150 winter kits for homeless and delivered them to the homeless population right here in Springfield. A cash donation was awarded to the director of Veterans Coming Home to purchase bus passes for the homeless in the amount of \$303.



Lebanon #2557 PSP Ross Jennings is shown passing out 643 dictionaries to Maplecrest, Gasconade, Joel E. Barber, Conway, Stoutland, and Richland schools



Christian County Serves Veterans Meals

Alton-Thayer #2545 Hoop Shoot was held at the Thayer Elementary gym on December 9, 2017 with a great turn out. The competition, a Free Throw Program for Youth Ages 8-13 started earlier in the school year at the local elementary schools with the winners' one boy and one girl of each age group advancing to the local Elks lodge to compete for the Elks District Hoop Shoot which is held in Springfield Missouri on January 13, 2018. The schools participating in this year's hoop shoot was Alton RIV, Thayer RII, Koshkonong Howell-Oregon, Gatewood RIII and Mammoth Spring, AR .



Joplin Lodge #501 hosts a charity breakfast the first Saturday of each month, September through May. The Lodge has raised funds for a variety of Lodge and community projects. The February breakfast raised approximately \$900 for "Circles", a Joplin organization which helps to "break the chain of poverty". Other breakfasts have helped support: providing a meal during a disabled veterans' outdoor hunt; providing a playground for Children's Haven; helping an area police officer seriously injured in the line of duty with medical expenses; the Benevolent Trust; and many other community and Elk-related charity projects. The breakfasts are a way for officers and members to directly impact our community in a positive manner, and exemplify to those in our community that——**Elks Care~Elks Share**



West Plains #2418

Exalted ruler Liz McCreary along with Smokey the Bear handed out gift bags to over 60 students. They were served lunch and each student received a carbon monoxide and fire alarm for their homes as a gift from the West Plains Lodge——**Elks Care~Elks Share**



Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557

hosted a, 'ELKS ~ VETS Appreciation Luncheon, for our local Veterans whose tour of duty spanned 7 conflicts/wars*. Scout Pack #2557 presented the colors, Vocalist, Alex Young sang the National Anthem. All gathered heard a welcome from, Freida Alexander, Leading Knight, history of the, Elks by, PER Ross Jennings and MC Karen Nixon, Chaplain introduced La-clede CO. Sheriff's Deputy Sherrer, a Community Patrol Officer who spoke on scams/drug/crime issues in our area. Also, Missouri Patriot Paws, a non-profit which trains service dogs for service members who suffer from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury). Susan Hinkle, Program Coordinator, spoke on the programs criteria. Daniel Stoner a client with his service dog, Matty talked about the benefits of the program



and how it truly saved his life and can for others as well. DVA Commander, Keith Newell spoke on services available in this area. Loyal Knight Mike Crocker presented a breathtaking video salute to all branches of the Military. Graphic Designer and member Katie O'Dell Detherage provided incredible personalized 'Certificates of Appreciation' to each Vet. Gift card drawings and thanks to our other sponsors Lebanon Walmart/Jill

Robertson & Tracy O'Quinn-Bunch. 98.9 KFLW Radio closed out our program. The kitchen crew was awesome, food was wonderful, and a GREAT TIME was had by all!

*FYI World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Dessert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Afghanistan. As well, as several active duty members back from current conflicts were present.



Funds for this project on I-44 were raised locally showing support for the Missouri

Dental Unit and Elks everywhere. Pictured (l-r) State AA Jay Parrack, State Pres-Pete Nash, Project Coordinator Ross Jennings, Exalted Ruler



Webb City #861—New teachers in August H.R. and Sue Colgin presented 21 gift cards for a total of \$2,500 to all of the brand new teachers in the Webb City school system. This is to assist them in purchasing supplies for their classrooms. The lodge was able to make this gift by using their Gratitude Grant because of the money that our members donate to ENF. It was a great privilege to be able to assist our new teachers and let them know how much the Elks appreciate their work.



Kimberling City #2505 sponsored a vendor show at our Lodge. We raised over \$600 for the Lodge, plus a great burger night was also successful. Cindy Suelter chaired this event and plans another in the future.



SW MO is in Deep Trouble

Missouri State Administrative Assistant Jay Parrack does the weather while first lady Vickie Nash mans the news desk. President Pete Nash works with Jeremiah cook. I think they're plotting a Storm rolling in. Jeremiah Cook—you're a brave man.

Lake Taneycomo #2597

We had over 200 bikes fill our parking lot and we served over 400 meals to the bikers and volunteers. With their generosity over 400 presents, 50 coats and \$2,200.00 were donated to help provide Christmas to the children of our county who might otherwise go without. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped set up the Toy Room, and to the Elves who helped the parents pick out items for their kids. We helped over 300 children this year. We are collecting for 2018



Christian County Elks Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Christian County #2777 celebrated their 25th Anniversary with an evening of fine dining and nostalgia. The guest speaker was PSP, charter member of Christian County's Lodge, Roger Redfern. The current Missouri Elks State President as well as 4 other Past State Presidents were also in attendance. Over the past 25 years Christian County Elks have donated thousands of dollars in goods and services to the citizens of Christian County. The Christian County Elks were established in 1992, on December 2nd and began assisting local

students with scholarships, local law enforcement with drug awareness programs and families in need at Christmas. Since then, one of our larger projects has become taking children shopping for new school clothes. With the help from local businesses and community members we have taken over 900 children shopping for school clothing over the past 6 years.



Nevada Elks #564 had their mascot — Elroy the Elk — on hand at Nevada High School to join counselor, Tom Geeding, School Resource Officer Dan Miller, Assistant Principal Eric Schneider and Principal Jerry Whalen to welcome students to school. For several decades, local lodges have taken it upon themselves to supply schools with the ribbons for students to wear during Red Ribbon Week.



Cameron Elks #2615 Annual Veterans Dinner
There were 103 Veterans in attendance along with 97 guests. We also packaged 25 dinners and took them to the VA Home. Upon arrival each Veteran received a hat, a pin, a \$15 Walmart Gift Card and entry ticket into the raffle drawing.

leaders and a few 4H members volunteered to help. Altogether 31 elks & family members helped with this event. Rachelle Calvert, Charlie Carroll, Jeff Neal, Grant Neal, Jim &

Amy Ford, Shelby Ford, Ethan Ford, Scott & Theresa Lee, Makayla Lee, Dennis Greene, Kenton Gates, Beckon Gates, Brian & Jennifer Riley, Madisyn Riley, Deanna Riley, Kylie Verhagen, Joe Bailey, Tim Ault, Rachelle Ebling, Skylar Grenier, Lester Skouby, Bailey Bennett, Nancy Skidmore, Karen Hamlet, Ryan Hartley, Owen Hartley, Kevin Nichols, & Rick Hamilton

Complete Story in E Shozem



Brookfield Lodge #874 hosted their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner for 65+ Vets and their families. Information on the Brookfield Elks Vet Transport program is made available, along with information from other local veterans groups. The meal and transport program are funded by the Beacon Grant and local donations.



Chillicothe #656



Chris Ruppel, Member of **Chillicothe Elks Lodge #656** and Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 121 sponsored by the Elks Lodge had the honor of participating in **WREATHS across AMERICA**. He was part of a large group that laid approximately 10,000 wreaths on Veteran's graves at Leavenworth National Cemetery. As wreaths were placed each name was read and they were thanked for their service. Chris met many wonderful people and was very honored to participate in the event.



Maryville #760

Thanks to the \$2500 Promise Grant, the Santa Cops for Kids Project was able to serve 50 kids, spending approx. \$100 per child. Shopping night was held Dec. 17 with 20 Elks members, 2 helpers, and 25 police officers participating.

Milan Elks #2819

received the 2017 Anniversary Grant and in turn donated the \$1500 to the Milan Housing Authority to renovate and remodel 18 units that were damaged several years ago by a sewer system backup.



Trenton #801 Each picture and description shows how Trenton #801 was able to obtain and deliver on it's 150th Anniversary Grant. 1st pic (upper left) \$300.00 donation to Backpack Buddies 2nd pic (center top) \$300.00 donation to Battered Women's Shelter 3rd pic (top right) \$300.00 donation to Boy Scouts 4th pic (lower left) \$300.00 donation to Disabled

Athletes With Grundy Support (D.A.W.G.S.) Last pic (lower right) \$300.00 donation to 4-H of Grundy County



Excelsior Springs #1001

draped ten local veterans with a "Quilt of Valor" this Fall. Since 2003, approximately 170,000 veterans of war have been draped with a Quilt of Valor to honor their service, sacrifice and valor. The handmade quilts were made with love, care and respect by local residents, including our very own Diane Meyer Strack, and Dianne Kruse Mischlich. The ceremony was open to the public and pays tribute to one woman's dream to help cover all warriors.

Local veterans who were draped with a Quilt of Valor during the ceremony include: Tom Clemens, Vic Edwards, Al Mortimer, Bill Rohde, Ed Roberts, Ralph McGarry, Bud Fisher, Cathy Thomas, Tom Young and Ron Young.

Please join the Excelsior Springs Elks and volunteers from the Quilt of Valor organization as we pay tribute to these men and women.



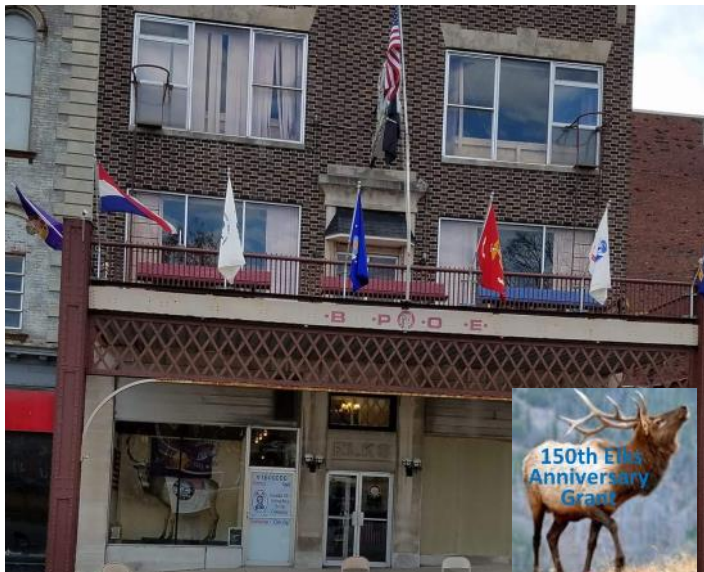
Trenton # 801

Trenton #801 placed 3rd in the MO Drug Awareness State Essay contest and received \$100.

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



Northeast District Spring 2018



Hannibal #1198 used part of the 150th Anniversary Grant, The lodge bought 5 military services flag, and the Pow Mia flag. We revamped our balcony to fly them, showing support for all military personnel. We unveiled this at the Veterans Day Parade.



Columbia #594, in partnership with a local manufacturing firm, Dana Corporation, proudly donated 20 bicycles and helmets to Welcome Home Inc, a local facility for homeless veterans and their families.

The bicycles will help provide transportation and activities for veterans and their families. Two other local retailers, Academy Sports and Outdoors and Jim's Bike and Key Shop, also participated in this effort.



Elk members and family filling boxes with food and toys for area families in need



A big round of applause for the Drive 1 4 UR Community project held at **Louisiana #791**.

200 test drives were taken which equals \$4,000.00 to be split between the two recipients, Pike Pioneer Senior Center and the Louisiana Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured below are the Elks and Elkettes

that did the work to make it happen as well as the representative from Poage Ford (Bowling Green, MO).

Washington #1559 Each year at Christmas the Washington lodge purchases food and toys for approximately 300 families who live in the area. The Leading Knight is the chairperson who collects the data on families such as number of children, gender and age. Then toys are purchased or donated that are appropriate for each child. The lodge then delivers the boxes to Loving Hearts Charity, Crider Center, Pregnancy Assistance and St Vincent De Paul who distributes the boxes to individual families. This has been a lodge custom for many years.



Mexico #919 used half of the Gratitude and Anniversary Grant to purchase \$1750.00 worth of Christmas items for the Adopt A child program with the Help Center. Many clothes, coats of all sizes, basketballs, football's, and toys were purchased and delivered to the center for distribution of families.



Warrenton #2662

Warrenton Elks #2662 Bingo Committee donated \$500 to ALSF for the Million mile run. L-R Tom Richardson, (trustee), Peggy Cook (Est. Loyal Knight), Larry Miller (trustee), E.R. Fred David Tammy Keller (Treas.), Jerry Eggert (Trustee) Center Carl Schmehausen (Trustee) presenting check to Flo Paulo (Esquire), Drug Awareness Chairman.

Jefferson City #513 With the \$4000 received from the Gratitude and Anniversary Grants Jefferson City Lodge 513 was the largest contributor to Jefferson City's annual Operation T.O.Y.S. Over 150 children were present and each received a \$150 gift certificate to shop for Christmas gifts. Along with Lodge 513 members to help the children shop were staff from the Lincoln University Security, Jefferson City Correction Center, the Sheriff's Department, Capital Police, Jefferson City Police Department and the Highway Patrol.



Santa and Mrs. Clause arrived via SWAT vehicle escorted by the Police Dept. Members from the Lodge also helped wrap the gifts for the children. Members and the JCPD also take toys to the Jefferson City Daycare for those who are unable to attend the event..



Cass County #2791

On November 9, members of Cass County 2791 traveled to the KC VA Hospital with 450 pounds of pulled pork, chips and water to serve for lunch to all patients and their care-givers. The Lodge provided the Volunteer Service group with 60 cans of coffee and \$500 in gas cards. On the same day, the Lodge provided pulled pork sandwiches to the residents of St. Michael's Home for Veterans.



Blue Springs #2509

sponsored the Military/Veterans Appreciation Night at the Blue Springs Wildcats football game. All active military and veterans had free admission to the game. Also 250 hot dogs along with chips, cookies and water was served to those honored along with their families. The flag for each branch of service and POW flag were carried by Senior players to lead the Wildcats onto the field. It was a fabulous evening to be an Elk supporting not only our military, but our community!



Kansas City #26 packed 110 Christmas baskets for deserving families in the area with the help of Boy Scout Troop 62. The Ugly Sweater Contest is taken very seriously at Lodge 26.



Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge 2088

Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088 delivering 130 miniature Christmas trees to St. Michael's Veterans Center. St. Michael's Veteran's Center is a two building complex with 117 apartments. Only veteran's are eligible to live at St. Michael's. Elks National Veterans Service Commission is a sponsor of the center as well as the Kansas City Veterans Hospital and Missouri State Veterans Home in Warrensburg in our Metro West District 4790.



Metro West Barbeque Cook-Off
Hosted by
Cass County #2791

Lexington #749, with State President Pete Nash and Jay Parrick, Admin. Asst. Thanks for the hospitality and great Cajun food. Yum, Yum on the alligator Ed



Elks Spike Out For Charity-Volleyball Tournament

Grandview Hickman-Mills #2088 sponsors and supports the **K C VA Hospital Honor Flight for veterans, Senior dinner at The View, Grandview Assistance Program, CAP (Metro Christmas Assistance Program), Grandview Police and Fire departments Bike Rodeo, Americanism Essay Awards for local elementary students, multiple College scholarships and much more. Funds will be used for overall purpose.**



Pete Visits Warrensburg #673



Warrensburg Homecoming Parade

Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2017-2018 **\$199,549**

Paid back to MO 2017-2018 **\$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**

2017-2018 **\$339,300.00** to 67 Missouri

Lodges in CIP Grants **(02/28/18) →**
\$431,291 more than paid in!!



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,554 Members

Contributions \$159,414.00

Per Capita Average \$5.39



150 Years of Elkdom

Charles Vivian approved of the suggestion and asked the committee to consider the name of "Buffaloes," after the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, into which he had been initiated in England. However,

other Corks preferred that an original and uniquely American animal be chosen to serve as the group's name and symbol and settled on the elk, which was known for its peaceful but valiant nature and the beauty of its antlers. On February 16, 1868, the assembled Jolly Corks elected by the margin of a single vote to name themselves after the elk, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was officially born.



The Jolly Corks. The lighthearted name reflected their merry demeanor in the city's taverns and their requirement that each member carry a cork on his person at all times.

Unfortunately, Vivian and the Jolly Corks found themselves with no place to spend their Sundays, thanks to New York's excise laws, which dictated that all pubs, bars, and other places of entertainment be closed that day. For this reason, they decided to meet each Sunday in the attic above Vivian's place of residence—Mrs. Giesman's boarding house on Elm Street.

George Thompson, the first man to bear the title of "exalted ruler," is shown in his Elks regalia, which starting in 1876 included an official apron.



Hospitality Room Winner

National Veterans Service Commission

Veterans Leather Program

Last year Missouri collected 5,756 Deer Hides. These hides were tanned and turned into leather. This leather was used to produce 2,885 pairs of free wheelchair gloves for Veterans. Also, 8,726 square feet of leather was sent to Veterans Homes & Hospitals for leather crafting.

54,279 square feet of leather was donated to Help Heal Vets to manufacture craft kits for recovering Veterans. Elks representatives distributed 2,456 of these kits, only a small portion.

The total value of this leather program was in excess of \$250,000. Thank you one and all for donating, collecting and preparing hides. Words cannot express my appreciation for all if the dedication and hard work by the dedicated Elk members across the state and country. It is simply amazing.

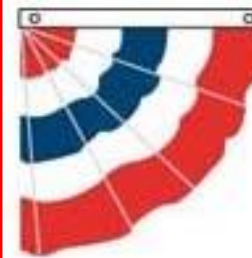
Washington lodge #1559 was the top collector in the state. Long time collectors from Ste. Genevieve were #2 in the state, Thanks guys!!



I hope the trend will continue. With all the great Elks across the state, I am confident we will continue to be #1. Thank you!

If you have any questions contact Chuck Mudge at 573-547-8909 or 573-513-2605

Chuck Mudge
MEA State Chairman
National Veterans Service
Commission Veterans Leather



Convention

Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks

Chairman Tom & Marty Shelton



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