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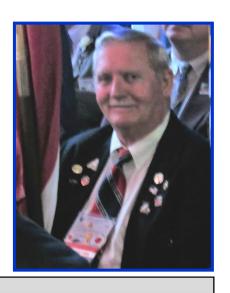
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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler *Michael T Luhr*

A new Elks year means a new donation goal

Fellow Elks I am gratified and humbled to have been chosen as the National President of an organization that does so much for communities all across this great land. The hard work of every Local Lodge Member is what makes our charitable work possible, which is why I chose the theme "Working Together to Make a Difference" for this exciting new Elks year. As Elks, we are all working toward a common goal, whether it be Lodge Members giving back to their communities, strength-

ening a charitable organization through a State Association's Major Project, or enriching a life because of a Grand Lodge Program. These are the ways we

truly make a difference in people's lives.

This year, I have set the ENF donation goal at \$4.75 per Member. I encourage everyone to donate. When you give back to the ENF, Lodges throughout the country are able to take advantage of the numerous charitable opportunities it provides. The difference your Lodge can make in your community is more than doubled by taking advantage of these incredible opportunities.

I also encourage you to take a hard look at the programs and contributions your Local Lodge makes to your community. Is your community aware of the impact your Lodge makes on the lives of people living in your town? Are your contributions meeting your goals? Are you making the most of the ENF grants offered through Grand Lodge?

The Elks provide the perfect opportunity to get involved in projects that benefit the community while enjoying the personal rewards that come from unself-ishly giving back. Best of all, we reap the rewards of benevolence while enjoying the camaraderie of our families and closest friends. Make sure that both current and prospective Members are aware of the good work you're doing in your community. Provide them with a well-maintained, inviting, and fun place to socialize. Not only will your Lodge grow, but you'll also find more people eager to volunteer.

Barb and I are looking forward to our travels across the United States to see the great work you're doing in your Local Lodges and State Associations. Most of all, we are looking forward to meeting all of the amazing Elks who are so dedicated to our grand organization. Hope to see you soon.

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Missouri Elks,

Wow how time has passed by, it seems like I was just installed yesterday. As I write this we are almost halfway through my term. Its always a tough time with a lot of members away for Vacations, and other things to do at this time of the year. The heat alone can keep members at home because they don't want to get out of the house.

Don and I are going to the lodges just the same and we have seen a lot of great work that the lodges have done for their communities. We have seen a Prom night for the needy, a soft ball tournament and I got to throw out the first pitch which was not good. Ha-Ha, but it worked. We went to a golf tournament and I got to hit the first ball. This was better because I actually nailed it much to the surprise of a PSP that I won't name. I have met a lot of Exalted Rulers who have tackled the bull by the horns and are very thoughtful in trying to do their job for the best of their members and their charities.

Don and I have seen a lot of the work the lodges are doing for the Veterans, Fishing Derbies, Scholarships and all the activities the Lodges do to help out. This is being done by almost all the Lodges big or small and I for one am very proud to say I am a member of such a great origination.

We have only been to a little over half of the Lodges and we are having a great time doing it. We have shared a lot of laughs with many new people that I just met. Some laugh with me and others laugh at me.... oh well.

When we were at the Convention in July at San Antonio,

Tx. we got to see Jim Ross receive a plaque for us becoming fourth in membership of all the states. Hey keep up the good work

We will look forward to meeting our new State Sponsor Louis Sulsberger at our fall convention. We also will be looking forward to greeting our new Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr hopefully at our Spring Convention.

Thank you all the Missouri ELKs for what you do. This State makes me proud that you except me as your State President. Don and I are looking forward to meeting the rest of you in the second half of the year. See you in the future.

Sincerely Bill DeLarber, State President Missouri Elks Association



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Missouri Lodges by District



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

METRO EAST

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

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

METRO WEST

NORTHEAST

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

NORTHWEST

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

#1001

SOUTHEAST

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



SOUTHWEST

Springfield #409 Joplin #501 Webb City #861 West Plains #2418 Rolla #2461 Kimberling City #2505 Alton-Thayer #2545 Lebanon #2557 Lake Taneycomo #2597 Christian County #2777

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



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Luis Sulsberger

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2017-2018 Grand Lodge Officers **DISTRICT DEPUTY ESQUIRE TO DISTRICT DEPUTY**

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METRO EAST

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METRO WEST

Eric Farmer Cass County #2791

NORTHEAST

Janet Jones Mexico #919

NORTHWEST

Kevin Judas Matt Roberts Brookfield #874 Trenton #801

SOUTHEAST

Jason Ledure Cape Girardeau #639

Gary Bockes

Steve Green

Warrensburg #673

Jefferson City 513

Arcadia Valley #2331

Joy Clarkson

SOUTHWEST

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BRIAN CRAWFORD 2014-2015 **DUANE HELDENBRAND 2015-2016 JOHN GROSS** 2016-2017

PETE NASH

2017-2018



Shozem Missouri State Elks Magazine

The Shozem magazine is the official state newspaper of the Missouri Elks Association. The Shozem comes out twice a year in conjunction with the Missouri State Elks Convention and is distributed to all 74 lodges.

Bud Clarkson is the editor of the Missouri Elks Shozem. We fell short of our goal of 100 coverage by 7 lodges, all were contacted several times. It is also a goal to cover all of the Missouri Elks Association activities and projects. We try to give you results, contest winners and award winners and other news from our state.

We have editors from each district they are listed in the opposite column. You do not have to be an editor or even a lodge Bulletin editor to submit to the Shozem.

The Shozem is also responsible for the MEA State directory. PSP Rich Larkin and Ruth get that out to you each spring as soon as possible at the beginning of the new Elk year. The Shozem is sent out electronically to everyone who applies to the Shozem email list. You will receive your magazine in your email inbox. We use the Shozem list to also send out important information, events and news that comes up during the elk year. To get on the mailing list send an email to shozem2@gmail.com and just put "add me" in the subject line.

This last year the Shozem received a 5-star ranking from the Grand Lodge. And it propelled editor Bud Clarkson to receive the Missouri elk of the Year award. We are very proud of the Shozem and hope that you will enjoy it and use it as a tool in your Lodge to promote Elkdom within your lodge.

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.



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

Frank always is there to answer questions and solve problems.

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MEA Leadership Training Report

The Officer Training Committee, Co-Chaired by Past State President Roland Seal and myself, conducted two training sessions; one hosted by Christian County



Lodge #2777 on May 5th and one hosted by Perryville Lodge #2701 on May 19th. On behalf of PSP Seal and all the participants, I want to thank both Lodges for their willingness to host these sessions and for their hospitality. The lunches were fantastic!

In total we had 97 participants with 24 Lodges represented, which includes Mineral Area Community. 47 people participated in the Christian County session and 50 participated in the Perryville session. As always there was active participation and many members came with good questions and a desire to learn.

We are now actively seeking Lodges for next year's sessions and we have a preference for one of the sessions to be in the northern part of the state. As always we are looking for locations that will help promote the most participation. If your Lodge is interested in hosting a session please contact PSP Roland Seal, PSP John Gross, or one of the Committee members

Membership-Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Fall 2018



Selena Lambrich, East Central District Marshall and Cedar Hill Exalted Ruler and Jim Ross Vice President East Central District and MEA Membership Chairman received the Outstanding Achievement Awards from outgoing State President Pete Nash. (Does this look like the Jim Ross Page?)



Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee

I currently (as this is written 8/27) have the Annual Financial Report of 60 of the 74 Lodg es in Missouri evaluated. If you haven't received yours please check to make sure that it has been properly submitted and the email is correct at the Grand Lodge website for the Lodge's Exalted Ruler and Secretary. The evaluation is emailed to both of them automati cally as they are completed. The evaluation can always be accessed through the reports section (Grand Lodge Reporting page/General Reports/Lodge Data Reports/Auditing and Accounting Reports) on the Grand Lodge Website.

Please remember that if there are any NO answers or deficiencies noted in the comments on your Evaluation you are going to have to explain what steps you have taken to rectify

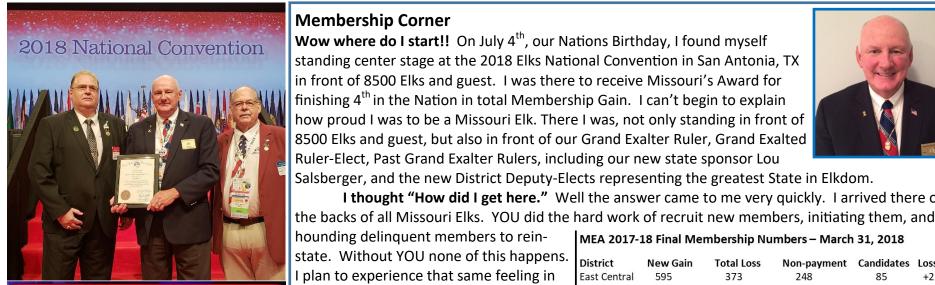
the issue during the District Auditors Review at the District Deputies Official Visit. If you have any questions about any of the Evaluations, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss them. Email works the best.

A new question this year that will be answered no on a large number of the evaluations is:

#17. Did the Lodge file a Form 990-T? This question is there because we are trying to raise awareness of potential Unrelated Business Income and its affect on the Lodge when no 990T is filed. We ask everyone to please review the Auditing and Accounting Manual Chapter 10 Section 10-103 to be sure you are in full compliance. It might even be helpful for your Lodge to have a discussion with your Accountant about the subject.

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TOP GROWTH STATES

New Jersey +891 1st Place **Arizona** +606 2nd Place 3rd Place California/Hawaii +548



+13

Washington

Membership Corner

Wow where do I start!! On July 4th, our Nations Birthday, I found myself standing center stage at the 2018 Elks National Convention in San Antonia, TX in front of 8500 Elks and guest. I was there to receive Missouri's Award for finishing 4th in the Nation in total Membership Gain. I can't begin to explain how proud I was to be a Missouri Elk. There I was, not only standing in front of 8500 Elks and guest, but also in front of our Grand Exalter Ruler, Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect, Past Grand Exalter Rulers, including our new state sponsor Lou



Salsberger, and the new District Deputy-Elects representing the greatest State in Elkdom. I thought "How did I get here." Well the answer came to me very quickly. I arrived there on

hounding delinquent members to reinstate. Without YOU none of this happens. I plan to experience that same feeling in St. Louis, site of the 2019 Elks National Convention. So please don't let up, I'm not. I need YOU! YOU know what we have to do to grow Missouri's membership and what it feels like to succeed. So keep recruiting new members while at the same time increasing our efforts in mem-

MEA 2017-18 Final Membership Numbers – March 31, 2018

District	New Gain	Total Loss	Non-payment	Candidates	Loss/Gain
East Central	595	373	248	85	+222
Metro East	374	212	127	56	+162
Metro West	278	263	179	30	+15
West Central	454	409	274	37	+45
Northeast	416	337	243	62	+79
Northwest	170	227	185	29	-57
Southeast	391	465	351	21	-74
Southwest	369	337	238	29	+32
Totals	3047	2623	1845	349	+424

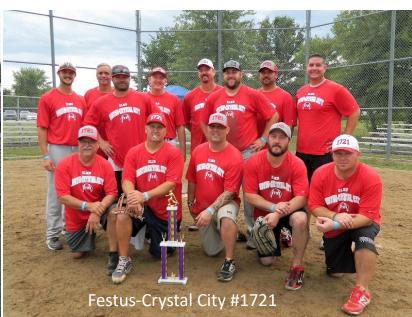
bership retention. Membership delinquency hits Missouri and all other states very hard each year. It's not a statistic that can be eliminated but it can be influenced through our efforts. Missouri lost 1845 members to delinquency last year. Let's increase our efforts and continue to contact these delinquent members throughout the year. Together, we can bring that number down.

Finally, I applauded all of YOU for Missouri's 424 membership gain and look forward to working with each and every one of YOU to accomplish our goal again. Missouri will repeat as a National Leader in Membership Gain and it will only happen through our efforts.

Jim Ross, MEA Membership Chairman







2018 Missouri Elks Association State Softball Tournament

2018 MEA Softball Results

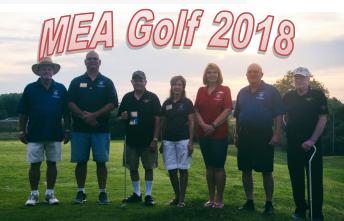
- 1. Potosi # 2218
- 2. Festus-Crystal City # 1721
- 3. Desoto # 689

Home Run Derby Winner- Scott Hubbard Potosi #2218

Other Teams: Macon #999, O'Fallon #2587, and Washington #1559











MEA 2018 Golf Tournament ——Blue Springs Missouri
Tom Pouche Tournament Director

Championship 122) Dave Laber/Lee Anderson--Blue Springs #2509

State Champions

State Flight Champions

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A Flight	(137) Dan Sylvester/Ritnee Smiley -	– – – – – – Milan #2819
B Flight	(144) Brian Oster/Byron Black	Farmington #1765
C Flight	(149) Gary Kemper/Gabe Hensley	Farmington #1765
D Flight	(154) Bill Ideker/Tanner Ideker	Joplin #501
E Flight	(159) Andy Miller/Russmeter	Eureka-Pacific #2644
F Flight	(166) Tom Hempen/Floyd Fisher	——Joplin #501



Harry Hennemann, age 82, passed away on Sunday, July 8, 2018 at his home in south St. Louis. He was born on December 21, 1936 in north St. Louis and has two surviving sisters, Rosemary and Linda Ann.

At a young age Harry married his beloved wife of 64 years, Judy (Lawson) Hennemann, on February 29, 1954. Harry and Judy have two children, Richard (Vicky) Hennemann



Harry Henneman State Chairman. NVSC

and Diana (Jeff) Walker; 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Harry was retired from Teamsters Local 600.

Harry was initiated into the Crestwood Elks Lodge 2503 in April, 1985 and just 4 short years later became the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge in 1989.

Harry progressed through the Missouri Elks Association and became State President for 1996/97. He has served on the State's Convention Committee, Budget Committee, Officers Training Committee and as a Past State President, served on the Advisory Committee.

Despite never having served in the military, Harry served as the State Veterans Committee Chairman for over 30 years, the Committee he was most proud of.

At the Grand Lodge level, Harry became District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Metropolitan District for 2006/2007. In 2012 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge Membership Committee and re-appointed in 2013 to the newly formed Fraternal Committee. In 2009 Harry was one of the recipients of President Obama's Call To Service Award, for his many years of dedicated service.

Harry had previously received the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Veteran's Administration. Harry was also a big supporter of the U.S.O. located at Lambert St. Louis Airport. Harry was instrumental in helping the St. Louis County Police Department's Afton Precinct start their "Shop With A Cop" program to ensure Christmas presents for the less fortunate children of the area.

He truly had a soft spot in his heart for our Nation's Veterans, despite the fact that Harry never served in the military! They were his passion.

Many years ago, the late PGER Fred Harper, in writing about the character of our Order, pinned the words that "it is beneficient, not merely benevolent and be-

lieves that doing good is better than merely being good! It teaches that it is nobler to serve than to be served; that laughter is better than tears, a kind word more potent than a frown; and that life is all the sweeter with a song." Those words also ring true in describing the character of Past State President Harry Hennemann, gone but not forgotten!

Shozem Fall 2018



Elks Night at The Ballpark





This years Elks Night at the Ballpark was held in St Louis. Needless to say the home team won 6-0.. Sorry Royals Fans.







Mark Segebarth	Lebanon #2557	PSVP, PER
Harry E Hennemann	Crestwood #2503	PSP PDDGER PER
Tom Degeare	Troy #2805	PER-PDDGER
Danny Sapp	Columbia 594	PER
Charles J Blazicek	Crestwood	PER PDDGER
Elbert S Anderson Jr	Warrensburg #673	PER
Richard L Baslee	Sedalia #125	PER
Eric Brittain	Blue Springa #2509	PER
Terry Clayton	Osage Community, #2705	PER
Harry W Holsinger	Sikeston #2319	PER-PDDGER
Charles A Huegerich	Oakville #2726	PER
Dale H Kime	Joplin #501	PER
William C Lucas	Columbia #594	PER
Gerald McKenzie	Osage Community, #2705	PER
Thomas B Parr	Warrensburg #673	PER
Martin Winkler	Trenton #801	PER
Gary M Kroeck	Warrensburg #673	PER
Ralph P Elliott Sr	Louisiana #791	PER
"In	vain we call "	

I create this list each fall from the national website. It is often flawed but I try to do my best. This year I have added some who were omitted last year. If you know someone who was omitted please contact me and I'll be sure they're in there next year. I create this list out of total respect and honor For "Our honored Absent Members"

2018 MEA Bowling Results **Team results**

1st Perryville Old Farts 2nd Fits Like a Glove, Festus Helena Chemical,

Chillicothe

4th St Clair Elks #1. St Clair

5th #2 Chillicothe Elks

6th #4 Brookfield Elks

7th Chillicothe Elks #1

Bipolar Rollers Kearney 8th

St Clair Elks #3

10 Dexter Elks





Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

Winners have been announced for the All American Lodge-Contest "A", which recognizes Lodges that have best administered Elks Programs throughout 2017-18. The contest had 165 entries.

The Exalted Rulers of first-place Lodges should pickup their awards at the start of the Grand Lodge session at the convention in San Antonio. Second- and third-



place winners' certificates will be on display and available for pick-up at the Fraternal Committee booth.

All American Lodge winners

Division III (501-700 Members)

1st Place: Columbia, MO No. 594 2nd Place: Calabash, NC No. 2679 3rd Place: Manahawkin, NJ No. 2340

Division IV (701-1100 Members)

1st Place: Phoenix, AZ No. 335

2nd Place: Osage Community, MO No. 2705

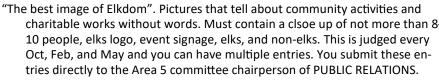
Place (tie): Merced, CA No. 1240, and Mountain Home, AR No. 1714

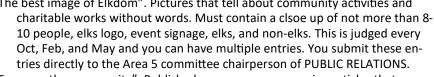
Lodge Bulletin Contest

To enter the Lodge Bulletin Contest have a letter signed by your lodge secretary verifying your membership. Submit 3 consecutive issues between April 2018- January 2019. Submit them to your District Lodge Activities Chairman January 6th 2019.

Public Relations—-Jason Ladure

There are three GRAND LODGE PUBLIC RELATIONS contests to help encourage you to get active in PUBLIC RELATIONS. They are in the manual and are all pretty simple to understand. If you need help reach out to your district PUBLIC RELATIONS chairperson. They are:





"Focus on the community". Published newspaper or magazine articles that contain photos of the community activities or charitable work that is being done. This is judged every Oct, Feb, and May and you can have multiple entries. You submit these entries directly to the Area 5 committee chairperson of PUBLIC RELATIONS.

"Best single event". This is the brochure contest. Put all your pictures, newspaper articles, commendations, letters of appreciation, programs, proclamations, memorabilia, etc. into a 1", 3-ring binder and submit for judging. This is a once a year contest with only one entry allowed per lodge. You must submit these entries directly to me by February 15th if you want to be included in the state judging. I will then send your entries into the Area 5 committee chairperson by March 15 for area judging. The top three entries will then be sent in for national judging. If you want you could participate in just the state or just the national contest.



I'd like to remind everyone that Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31st. I know this is more than 7 days but this time period is the traditional dates. The Red Ribbon Week Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week.



It is not by coincidence that this is also one of the busiest times for our Elks to be involved with our Drug Awareness Activities! In addition to our D.A.P. literature, Lodges should offer their support in whatever way they are able, to our schools and children. Remember, the B.P.O.ELKS are the larg-

est volunteer organization promoting Drug Awareness in our nation!!

We have every right to be proud, and we should look at every child as our responsibility to educate through our literature and our participation in Red Ribbon Week, and most importantly through our actions as ELKS and American Citizens!

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

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ESSAY, POSTER AND VIDEO CONTESTS 2018-2019 THEME - "DRUGS TAKE AWAY...."

Essay – Grades 6-8, 500 words or less, handwritten or typed. Each entry must have name, age, school & name of Lodge sponsoring (on back is preferred). A "Hold Harmless Waiver". NO SS# is required! Make copy before sending on to District & State as Essays become the property of B.P.O.E.

Poster - Grades 3-5, size is 8 ½" x 11", should contain an antidrug message (close to theme), not depict any copywrited character or trade marks, EXCEPT for Elroy! Need name, age, grade, home address, name of their school & name of sponsoring Lodge on back of Poster. A "Hold Harmless Waiver" and remember, Posters become property of B.P.O.E. so make copies before sending on to District and State.

Go to elks.org to get video contest rules (there are different levels, ages)

Suggested dates are as follows; Back to Lodges by Jan. 15, 2019 District Chairs need Lodge winners by Feb. 15, 2019 District winners to State Chairman by March 01, 2019

Entries submitted at the Spring Convention will not be judged!!!

Lodges and Districts can have as many "places" in the contests as they want, HOWEVER, there will be only ONE WINNER IN THE ESSAY AND ONE IN THE POSTER CONTEST FORWARDED TO THE **NEXT LEVEL!!!**





This year our state presidents were busy carrying Flags at the Grand Convention held in San Antonio Texas. On the left Past State president and Grand Lodge committeeman Tom Shelton carries in the Grand Lodge flag. On the right current State president Bill DeLarber carrie's in the Missouri state flag. Both were honored during the opening ceremonies.





MO Grand Lodge District
Deputies 2018-2019 Jason
Ledure SE, Kevin Judas NW, Steve
Green NE, Dena Wolfe SW, John
Taylor ME, Kathy Baron WC, John
Gross EC, Gary Bockes MW

Grand Lodge Convention 2018 – Voting results

2018 - 1 To require the Officers of the Lodge to perform the initiation r itual during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Yes=1,350 / No=1,826 ■ Failed

2018 - 2 To allow Lodges to amend their By-Laws to provide for a different rate of dues for married couples residing at the same address. Yes=1,456 / No=1,726 **Failed**

2018 - 3 To allow incorporated Lodges with a Board of Directors to assign the duty to manage the club to the Board of Directors as the governing body. Yes=1,819 / No=1,359 ☑ Passed

2018 - 4 To ensure the return of all records and other materials by Lodg e Officers and employees upon completion of their service to the Lodge. Yes=3,060 / No=130 ☑ Passed

2018 - 5 To clarify that Lodge related entities under the statute are required to comply with specific and general Laws of the Order. Yes=3,027 / No=163 ☑ Passed

2018 - 6 To allow Lodges to react to sudden emergencies without getting prior Grand Trustee permission. Yes=2,955 / No=240 ☑ Passed

2018 - 7 To give Lodges the option to select Local Forum members using C LMS. Yes=2,834 / No=353 ☑ Passed 2018 - 8 To protect the assets of the Members and the Order from frivolous lawsuits. Yes=2,357 / No=805 ☑ Passed

2018 - 9 To allow initiations to be held in a special service where non-Members can attend as guests. Yes=1,301 / No=1.874 **☑ Failed**

2018-10 To allow for separate corporations to have the Lodge as a stockholder when required by State law. Yes=2,444 / No=739 ☑ Passed

2018-11 To charter a "Virtual Lodge" for Members whose Lodge has lost i ts Charter to allow them to remain Members in good standing. **Yes=2,467 / No=722 Passed**

2018-12 To clarify that assets of all Lodges are held in constructive trust for the benefit of the Order. Yes=2,750 / No=442 ☑ Passed

2018-13 To provide that State Sponsors and District Deputies are entitled to copies of Lodge and State Association records. **Yes=2,856/No=333 ☑Passed**

2018-14 To provide that a Member dropped for nonpayment of dues can reinstate within 60 days without Lodge vote. Yes=2,792 / No=400 **☑Passed**

2018-15 To clarify the obligation to include the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal shall be voted on in the Notice mailed to the Members. **Yes=2,816 / No=361 ☑Passed**

National Convention 2018

Grand Esquire 2018 2019 Roland Seal

Roland Seal, a longtime member and officer of the Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge 2583 in Desloge, is once again serving the Elks Grand Lodge level following his recent installation as Grand Esquire of the Benev-



olent and Protective Order of Elks.

The promotion took place during the organization's national convention held July 4, in San Antonio, Texas. "I'll be serving as an officer of the Grand Lodge for 2018 and 2019, along with the national president of the Elks, Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr of Petersburg, Alaska"

Both gregarious and kind of heart, Seal has remained very involved as a member of his local lodge for many years.

He is a six-time Past Exalted Ruler of the Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge and previously served as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of Missouri in 1996-97 and was elected as the state president of the Missouri Elks Association for 1998-99. Seal previously served the Elks at the national level for eight years, on the Elks' Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee, from 2004 through 2011, the last two years as the committee chairman.

In 2009, Seal was a recipient of The President's Call to Service Award, awarded by President Barack Obama to Seal and the fellow honorees for completing more than 4,000 hours of community service. It is the highest level of the President's Volunteer Service Award.

A U.S. Army veteran, Seal served in the Military Police Corps and is a 41-year member of American Legion Post #83 in Bonne Terre. (excerpt from Daily Journal Online)



Benevolent Trust



Last September I reported on the outstanding generosity of the Missouri Elks in reaching a \$4.86 per capita for the Benevolent Trust Mobile Dental Program. I was overwhelmed about the charitable outpouring for our major state project and everyone's commitment to "Caring and Sharing".

So here we are today, another year has passed. Our dental program continues and your generosity again has made an enormous mpact in its existence. Last year I reported the state funding assistance that we rely on had a good chance to be cut, which it was, and that we all need to join together to address the shortfall.

Well fellow Elks, you sure came through. With the efforts of all districts, and some special efforts by East Central, Metro West, Northeast districts and St. Louis #9 Lodge, our per capita saw an increase of almost 20% from last year. The Benevolent Trust per capita \$4.50 goal was shattered this past year. With everyone's hard work and support of the dental program we obtained a

\$5.78 per capita.

Wow, what a fantastic thing for me to share. I applaud all who have participated, in any way, for helping make our program meet the needs of our clients who require our assistance.

I would like to recognize the following Lodges who met the Benevolent Trust goal of \$4.50 last year:

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NORTHEAST DISTRICT	Φ 7 .00	Cape Girardeau 639	\$4.51
Jefferson City 513	\$5.98	Jackson 2652	\$4.31 \$4.76
Columbia 594	\$4.75	Jackson 2032	\$4.70
Mexico 919	\$8.36	NORTHWEST	
Macon 999	\$5.50		04.50
Hannibal 1198	\$6.24	Chillicothe 656	\$4.50
Washington 1559	\$5.08	METROWEGE	
O'Fallon 2587	\$4.64	METROWEST	#0.00
St. Clair 2651	\$4.98	Kansas City 26	\$8.88
Warrenton 2662	\$8.45	Warrensburg 673	\$9.22
		Lexington 749	\$4.64
EAST CENTRAL		Grandview-Hickman Mills 2088	\$10.26
DeSoto 689	\$13.28	Kansas City Northland 2376	\$4.55
Festus-Crystal City 1721	\$7.40	Blue Springs 2509	\$9.14
Potosi 2218	\$5.17	Cass County 2791	\$11.77
Meramec-Arnold 2372	\$13.39		
High Ridge 2455	\$9.13	WEST CENTRAL	
Eureka-Pacific 2644	\$9.60	Sedalia 125	\$7.58
Ste. Genevieve 2674	\$4.88	Osage Community 2705	\$5.67
Cedar Hill 2678	\$10.87	Benton County 2783	\$9.71
Oakville 2726	\$25.77	Lamar 2800	\$7.33
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METRO EAST		SOUTHWEST	
St. Louis 9	\$33.71	Springfield 409	\$7.16
St. Charles 690	\$4.67	Joplin 501	\$4.74
Manchester 2058	\$10.71	Webb City 861	\$4.54
Florissant 2316	\$5.86	Lake Taneycomo 2597	\$6.22
Affton 2635	\$4.94	Christian Čounty 2777	\$5.06
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Troy 2805	\$11.04		



I thank these Lodges for their commitment and dedication to the perpetual needs of our major state project.

I was informed by our Government Relations Chairman Jeremiah Cook that state funding is still in the Missouri State Budget; hopefully we will get the assistance for this year's needs. In talks with Dr. Tinnel, our director for the program at Truman Medical Center, he has informed me that he and his staff are working on other outside grants that will help us address the financial needs of our program.

I know it seems like there is always a hand out asking for your help at the many fundraising events Lodges hold for the community. So, I ask you to give what you are comfortable in giving, but remind you that we joined our organization in an effort to improve the existence of our communities.

No matter how you participate, whether financially or by your volunteerism, you will be gratified in your involvement.

I thank you for what you do to make the lives of your community families and our Benevolent Trust dental program patients better and fulfilled with the smiles that brighten all our lives.

Brian Crawford, Director,

Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust

PGER Ted Callicott

Ted Callicott, Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, who served the Order with distinction at local, state, and national levels for sixty-three years, passed away May 18, 2018.

Callicott was born in Paris, Tennessee on September 1, 1926, to Hunter Wesley Callicott and Jewell Brannon Callicott. He graduated from E. W. Grove High School in 1944 and enlisted in the US Army Air Force in February 1945. He served with the Fifth Air Force on the island of Okinawa and was honorably discharged in November 1946. He graduated from Murray State University in 1949 and earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1952 from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. He maintained a private dental practice for sixty-five years. He married Betsy Dye Callicott on March 9, 1984.

Callicott joined the Paris, Tennessee, Lodge on March 3, 1955, progressed through the chairs, and became the lodge's exalted ruler in 1958–1959. As a past exalted ruler, he served on the lodge's board of trustees for twenty-five years, starting in 1961, and was made an honorary life member of the lodge.

Callicott's devotion to ritual led him to serve on the Tennessee Elks Association Ritual Committee from 1959 to 1970, cluding as chairman of the committee from 1962 to 1965 and in 1967–1968. He compiled a ritual manual for the state of Tennessee in 1967, which was later used as a reference by the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee when the Grand Lodge manual was revised in 1974. He served as president of the Tennessee Elks Association in 1972–1973.

Member Callicott began his service to the Grand Lodge as district deputy for the West District of Tennessee in 1965–1966. He was special deputy for the state of Tennessee from 1968 to 1972, again from 1973 to 1975, and once more in 1986–1987. He served on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee from 1976 to 1980 and as chairman of that committee from 1980 to 1982, and served on the Board of Grand Trustees from 1982 to 1986. He was elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1987.

During his acceptance speech, Callicott encouraged his fellow Elks to "Become Involved-Serve Elkdom" and to take advantage of the talents of Elks everywhere at the local level: "The finest contributions and most enduring accomplishments of our 119-year-old organization can be attributed to the

active community leaders who are organized into the Subordinate Lodges of the Order. We, as the elected and appointed leaders of our fraternity, should enlist, with vigor and determination, the 'grass roots' to share with us a renewed awakening to the potential of Elkdom . . .

Following his term as Grand Exalted Ruler, Callicott served on the Grand Lodge Memorial and Publication Commission from 1992 to 2000. He was the state sponsor for Tennessee from 1988 to 2007, for North Carolina and South Carolina from 1988 to 1997, for Georgia from 1989 to 1992, for lowa from 1997 to 2018, and for Missouri from 1989 to 2018. He was one of the foremost historians of the Order and edited the 1988-2008 volume of the official History of the Order of Elks.

Beyond his service to the Elks. Member Callicott was an active and faithful lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in Paris and was a member of the Tennessee and American Dental Associations.

Member Callicott is survived by his wife Betsy, his daughter Kathy and son-in-law Larry Ray, his grandson Chris Ray, and his great-grandson Jacob Ray.

Ted Callicott has Championed Missouri Elks for many years. He was beloved by of us and he will never be forgotten by Missouri Elks

.....To our Absent Member

Welcome F. Louis Sulsberger our new State Sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger was born in Flora, Illinois, and continues to give back to his hometown through the Elks. In 1973, Sulsberger became active in Flora, Ill., Lodge No. 1659. After progressing through the chairs and serving as Exalted Ruler in 1986-87, Sulsberger was elected to the Board of Trustees, where he served as Chairman in 1988-89. As Ritual Coach, he also led his Lodge to five state championships.

During this time, Sulsberger also served on various state committees, as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, on the Board of Directors for the Illinois' state major project, and as president of the Illinois Elks Association.

In 2003, after three years of serving on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, where he eventually served as Chairman. In 2007, he became Grand Exalted Ruler, and in 2014, he joined the ENF Board of Trustees.

In addition to his service to the Elks, Sulsberger boasts an impressive career. After graduating from Olney Central College, Sulsberger became an independent petroleum land man working in the Illinois Land Basin. In 1983, he formed his own oil company, Lou-Lin-Co., Inc., where he currently serves as president. Decreased activity in the oil production business brought Sulsberger to utility-right-of-way work throughout the Midwest. In 2002, after years of traveling, Sulsberger settled back into the community where he was raised, accepting the position of sales manager for a local General Motors dealership.

Despite his busy career and service to the Order, Sulsberger is also involved in the Sons of the American Legion, the Flora Jaycees, the Olney Petroleum Club, and St. Stephen's Catholic Church. [Spouse: Beth.]

We welcome Louis to Missouri...He has big shoes to Fill. Good Luck



East Central District Fall 2018









Meramec-Arnold Elks

Over 500 children plus adults attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge in Imperial Mo. In addition to over 4,000 eggs stuffed with candy for the hunt, children were treated to attendance prizes of Stuffed Animals, Easter Baskets and over 20 Avatar Dolls. 10 Bicycles were awarded to children who found Special Eggs in each category. There were 3 age groups. Attendees were also treated to free hot dogs, soda and chips.



Members of

Oakville #2726

enjoyed each others fellowship and their beautiful grounds during this summer's Washer Tournament. Teams played for 12 weeks with the team of lodge Esquire Mark Flush and Matt Clark winning it

all. Tournament proceeds went to assist a member in need. Congratulations to Darryl Roddenhofer for putting together a successful tournament. All are looking forward to the next one.

Festus Crystal City Lodge #1721 had record participation for annual Youth Fishing Tournament held Saturday June 23rd this year. With over 70 entrees. The tournament was open to Elk family children and their friends ages 4 to 15.

A grand winner first place trophy was awarded to the participant with the largest fish by weight along with trophies for longest fish ages 4 to 7 and 12 to 15. Each participant received a participation trophy.

Hot dogs chips and sodas were provided and donations of personal care items for the Overseas military troop care package program was requested,



Mercy Health Foundation for *babies born to heroin addiction*.

I have personally witnessed one of their fundraisers. They have their own RAH group and the work they do is amazing for a very worthwhile project. **Be Proud Cedar Hill**

Cedar Hill #2678

RAH Rally Against Heroin is a huge project for the Cedar Hill Elks Lodge. They have been a major sponsor for the past several years.

This year the Cedar Hill Elks Lodge presented a check for over \$9,000 to the







Potosi 2218 is a host to many bike runs throughout the summer. A Poker Run to benefit Camp Hope, which is a place where any veteran wounded in the Global War on Terror is welcome to attend Camp Hope - all expenses paid - including travel. Camp Hope provides ADA-compliant cabins, food and supplies, and an attentive all-volunteer staff to accommodate veterans with almost any disability. Their average bike count over recent years exceeds 230 bikes and close to 300 riders

Eureka-Pacific Elks Lodge #2644

hosted the 13th Annual "**Green Beret**Casualty Fund Benefit". This year's event



raised just over \$18,000.

The Green Beret Casualty Fund is operated by Martha Raye Chapter XXVII of the Special Forces Association. The fund

pro-



vides financial assistance to families of Killed (KIA) or Wounded In Action (WIA) Green Berets and Members of the Armed Forces. The benefit fund distributes financial assistance to ALL Branches of Military.

West Central District Fall 2018

Benton County #2783

Benton County Elks Lodge #2783, purchased and then distributed \$2500, worth of school supplies to Benton County children, grades K-12. The supplies included backpacks, pencil pouches, and other required supplies for grade level needs. Elks Lodge #2783, worked with the Benton County Human Services Council, during the "Smart Start" Program August event, for back to school supplies. An Elks Promise Grant.



provided ½ the budget needed to supplement, school supplies for Benton County children, K-12.

Lake of the Ozarks Elks Lodge #2517

Osage Beach, received the Promise, Beacon, Anniversary, and Gratitude Grants. The Gratitude grant purchased needed items for Citizens against Domestic Violence and Kids Harbor. The Promise Grant will be used to provide the Team Challenge program for 8th graders at a local school. This program teaches the students



about the dangers of prescription drugs, marijuana, opioids, alcohol, e cigarette's, bullying and suicides. The Beacon & Anniversary Grants will provide warm winter coats and new shoes to underprivileged children in four local schools.

Lamar #2800

held a bicycle safety event July 11th 2018 The Lamar Elks Lodge #2800 tried to make sure they covered all the bases, from bicycle maintenance to safety while they were on the road.



Volunteers from the Lamar Elks Lodge fitted and gave out helmets, activity

packs, prizes and served lunch. The event was paid for by a grant through the Elks' National Foundation. The Elks Lodge partnered with the Lamar Police Department and the Barton County

Ambulance Service



Lexington Lodge # 749 held it's annual Duck Dash and Cardboard Boat Races August 18th. The event was well attended with more than 100 people present and 12 boats participating. The lodge made just under \$1500 to be put toward our community charitable programs.



Greenview Elks #2587 had the privilege to host 2018-19 Missouri Elks Association State president Bill DeLarber during his recent visit to the lake area. The president introduced this year slogan for Missouri "Retain embership Get involved". Pictured front row left to right are Ann Emerson, loyal night, Tracy Peters, trustee, Co Dayton, treasurer, Bill DeLarber MEA State president, Ronda Bevans, Secretary. Back

row left to right, Tony Ewen, lecturing Knight, Terry green, member, Bill Arnold, trustee, Bill Lutmann, Exalted Ruler, John Withee, trustee, Steve Hill, leading Knight and Don Kantouth MEA Administrative Assistant.

VP visit left to right CO Dayton Treasurer, Anna Emerson, Loyal Knight, Rhonda Bevans, Secretary back left right, Tracy Peters Trustee, Zac Maggi, WCD Marshall, Bob Bahr, Associate member, Bill Luttman, Exalted Ruler, Steve Hill, Leading Knight, Richard Kentner, WCD Vice President, Virgil Bevans, Trustee, Jason misenheimer, WCD Director, Tony Ewen, Lecturing Knight, Dennis Leeper, Trustee and John Withee, Trustee.



Lake Stockton #2858 Lake Stockton has a new Elk, he proudly stands in front of our building. He is standing there as a tribute to our membership and 10 years of service to our community.

Lake Stockton, Greenview and Adrian will be holding a joint celebration of our 10 years as members of the BPOE on October 13. Please join us at the Lake Stockton Lodge to help us commemorate 10 years of service to our communities and wish us a successful next 10 years. The Lodge will open at 3pm.





Members of **ClintonLodge** #1034 served a catfish dinner to the Veterans, their families and staff in August at the Veterans Home in Warrensburg. 20 members of the lodge help prepare the meal. This is the 5th years that Clinton has hosted the event. The lodge also provides and serves ice cream each month to our veterans.

Boliver # 2828 Front row Annabelle Young, Terry Drake, Blue BellCrozier, Mary Kay Bur ris, back row Zach Maggi, Don KantouthAdministrative Assis-

Donate to The Elks Disaster Relief Program

https:// www.elks.org/ tant, Rick Crites. Bill DeLarber mea State

president, Allen Drake, Cal Coker, Charlie Burris, Jason Meisenheimer

Southeast District Fall 2018



Local superintendents from three school districts accept \$700 donations from the Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge in Desloge, with the funds going toward owed monies for student lunch accounts. Front row, left to right: North County Superintendent Yancy Poorman, MAC Elks Lodge Elks National Foundation Chair Anna Kleiner, West County Superintendent Stacy Stevens, Central Superintendent Desi Mayberry and MAC Elk Louie Seiberlich. Back row, left to right: MAC Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Dean Gann, MAC Elk Vickie Murray and MAC Elk Ben Flatt.

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Arcadia Valley #2330

Eighth grader Hailey Lambkin won the local Arcadia Valley Essay Contest and was awarded \$50.00 by the Arcadia Valley Elk's Lodge. She also took first place in the Southeast District. Hailey's winning essay was then submitted to be judged in the state contest. Hailey took 2nd place in the state and received \$200.00.

The enclosed photo is of Southeast District Drug Awareness Chairman Joy Clarkson and Drug Awareness Essay Winner Hailey Lambkin.



Exalted Ruler Cheryl Lane, Past State President Rodger Triplett, lodge officers and lodge barbecue chefs host MEA State President Bill DeLarber, AA Don Kantouth the Southeast Missouri State officers and a nice crowd.

State President DeLarber is shown raising the last rib~ that's about all it was left .

Farmington #1765

PDDGER Richard Craft heard of a local nursing home in need of a television. Richard got the word out, passed the hat and through the Veterans committee bought and donated a new television set.



No Grants-No lodge funds,,,,just good old Elk Caring and sharing!

Jackson #2652

PER's had a fundraiser and had the opportunity to present a \$1,250.00 check to Billi Knight a Jackson Police Department communications officer, all proceeds from fundraiser. She was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Pictured are PERS of Jackson, Billi Knight the recipient of the fundraiser, Police Chief James Humphreys, Captain Scott Eakers



Chaffee #1810

The Chaffee Elks recently helped a local Eagle Scout complete his project.

The Lodge purchased all the material needed for him to put in 76 flags around circle park in Chaffee.

The local Fire Chief and Elk members will be in charge of putting the flags out on the required dates.



Sikeston #2319

Pictured is a \$4000 check presentation that we made to the Kenny Rogers Children's Center.

We had lodge members that cooked, fried fish and worked in the concession stand during the annual telethon.

The \$4000 donation was made with Gratitude Grant Funds .



Florissant #2316

Scott Frame PER being admired by his son Austin Frame while



doing the 11th hour toast, which is performed nightly at the Florissant Elks lodge.

Troy #2805 With part of the Promise Grant this year we took Veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home to three Rascals games and provided them with their choice of food and beverag-

es. Pictured is Tracy who loves the famous Arch Nemesis. It's a double with a chicken breast on a bun. He always gets





two one to eat at the game, and one to take back for later. He so looks forward to their nights at the games.

Youth Recognition Night: we had a pasta dinner for Scholarship, Americanism, Drug Awareness, Hoopshoot & Soccer Shoot winners and their families. We do this every year.

Kimberling City SW District

Mens Pizzazz Show 2

Metro East Fall





BUS TRIP!!! This fun group of Elks from Affton Lodge #2635 came to visit Mexico Elks Lodge for a late afternoon meal. We had a great time with them!! Mexico treated them well

and it was greatly appreciated by the visitors!! St. Louis Lodge #9's 7th Annual"

Crawfish Boil Lodge #9 held its 7th Annual" Crawfish Boil this past June. Over 130 members and guests frolicked on the pool deck to enjoy this Cajun Feast which is one of the Lodge's favorite events! The authentic Cajun Crawfish Boil came complete with crawfish, corn on the cob, baby potatoes, mushrooms, artichokes and garlic. Popeye's Fried Chicken and a bountiful buffet of Cajun sides were also included in the feast which was topped off with special bread pudding to complete the meal! Over \$1,800 was raised to help fund our swimming pool opera tion. The Cajun and Zydeco tunes spun well into the night!



"Got Your Six"

#9 made special use of our Gratitude Grant to support "Got Your Six" (GYS), a non-profit organization that trains service dogs who help Veterans and First Responders who are suffering from symptoms of

PTSD. The GYS mission is to help these men & women regain their lives through the healing power of these amazing dogs. The dogs are provided for

free to Veterans success. They help Veteran may begin episode from oc-

more normal life. Pictured are the 3 Gratitude Grant St. Louis Area Crisis



and are carefully matched for pairing spot signs of anxiety and trauma the to have and thereby prevent a possible curring and allowing the Veteran lead a puppies #9 provided to GYS with the Intervention Team (CIT) Program

West Plains #2418 -SW District

hosted State president Bill DeLarber, AA Don Kantouth and President-Elect Don Cook and Lodge Officers and State officers we're all present.

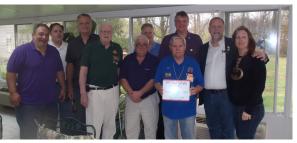
Ellisville Elks #2664 and Eagle Scout Project

On August 23, Scout Nicholas Dolson presented his Eagle Scout Project plans, and projected expenses to the Ellisville Elks Lodge for review. Afterwards, our Lodge committed to help build his Eagle Scout Project for the Wildlife Rescue Organization in our Local Community, and help fund his Eagle Scout Project with the assistance of our Anniversary Grant

Scout Nicholas Dolson and Exalted Ruler Doug Steffan - with the prototype Eagle Scout Project

Crestwood Lodge #2503,

Congratulations to Jim Queatham, member of Crestwood #2503 who received the Veteran Volunteer Award for 2017-2018 from the Missouri Elks State Association. The Association awards each year to one male Elk and one female Elk the unique and distinguished honor of a one-time award for their Outstanding Volunteer Service to our Veterans. Jim was recognized for always being eager to render whatever service is needed to benefit the nation's Veterans. Jim is pictured receiving the award from ER, Mike Wood, at a recent Lodge meeting.



Manchester #2058

State President Bill DeLarber and AA Don Kantouth conduct the State visit to Manchester #2058 with his state and local Offic-

St Genevieve 2674 set a record for deer hide collection for the Veterans Leather Program with 772 hides. That surpassed the previous

record of 706. The program is supported by assistance from Main contributor Loida Ag Supply and Tractor Supply and MFA agri-services which donated salt for the project. The Elks also expressed appreciation for the hunters who donated Hides and to the deer processing business









Warrenton # 2662

\$13,960 by donations from Warrenton Elks and online. A check was presented to The Cancer Fund at the Relay for Life Program in Warrenton on Aug. 25th.

Stacey is battling Cancer for the fourth time. She was also the Speaker at the Elks and the Relay for Life.

The car was designed by a gentleman from Jonesburg. Gastorf Auto Sales donated the use of the cancer car.













Fredericktown #2812 Fredericktown 2812 held an open house in April. Missouri Elks came from all corners of the state



O'Fallon Elks lodge#2587, 9th annual classic car and motorcycle show.

We do this every year to support wounded warriors project. Its always a great turnout. Had a little over a hundred cars registered this year



Nevada # 564

had a fundraiser for the Veterans memorial project. State representative Patricia Pike was on hand! The lodge raised over \$5000.00 for the garrison flag project and memorial to the veterans! *Elks care "Elks share*

Adrian #2864

State president Bill DeLarber and AA Don Kantouth visited Adrian on his State president's visit.

Front row Sue Miller secretary, Patsy Page trustee, Bill DeLarber, Princess Kentner, Zach Maggi, back row



Allen Page ER, Keith Kunkleman, Richard Kentner VP, AA Don Kantouth



Cape Girardeau #639

Trustee Percy
Mangles at the
Cape Girardeau
city wide back-toschool event.
Here various organizations and
businesses hand
out school supplies

to those in need. Cape gave away 628 backpacks and drug awareness literature while visiting with the parents and children. Percy is the long time lodge Drug Awareness Chairman and is very dedicated to the local project.



Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705's

Lady Elks Auxiliary awarded four \$1,000 scholar-ships, using funds raised the previous year at the Lady Elks Style Show. The scholarships also include an annual \$500 Ursula Elwell Memorial Scholarship which was established in 1966 and is awarded to a female Camdenton or Versailles High School Senior. Letters encouraging participation are sent to the local high schools, including instructions for completing an application form, a request for information regarding the applicant's background, and guidelines for writing an essay describing the applicant's life experiences and educational goals. Committee members meet to discuss the applications received and selects

those to receive scholarships. As the applicants are reviewed, the committee considers GPA and ACT scores, class rank/percentile, community involvement through volunteer work, the need for support, the intended area of study/major, and career aspiration. The recipient names are announced at the annual Style Show and recipients are introduced at the June monthly membership meeting.



Perryville #2701

Perryville hosted 32 kids for a movie night.

Each child got one pair of shoes, one pair of socks, a blanket and a cup to keep. They watched the movies, had cupcakes, hot dogs, "the works" all provided with a Promise Grant.

Southwest District Spring 2018





Lebanon #2557 Karen Nixon Grant Chairman, Mike Duran, Director

man, Mike Duran, Director, Ministers of Fire, Paul Ming Owner 'I Need A Cab CO'. Holding \$400 in transportation vouchers, provided by a Beacon Grant for At-Risk & homeless in the Lebanon, MO to reach shelter, medical facilities or obtain

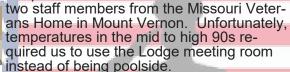
Cornhole was a real money

maker, for a three hour event at



our Lodge! Made money on entrance fees, kitchen for fairly simple menu, the Bar and picked up a new member, took another application and they are much younger people, to boot! Picture 3 'Dead Ass Last' Plaque winners

Springfield #409 hosted a poolside barbecue for 10 residents and



instead of being poolside.

Although the Lodge meeting room was being renovated, we managed to set up enough tables for the Veterans and our 22 Veterans Committee members, consisting of both Elks and Ladies Auxiliary mem-

bers. We had a serving table decorated by the Ladies Auxiliary members and welcomed the Veterans with a banner proclaiming "Elks Lodge 409 Loves Our Veterans".

Elks grilled hot dogs, brats and hamburgers in the hot sun poolside

Elks grilled hot dogs, brats and hamburgers in the hot sun poolside and our Ladies Auxiliary provided ice cream desserts. Much to the pleasure of the Veterans, we had Mykala, (from our local Hooters restaurant) help with serving, visiting and hugging the Veterans as they departed.





Webb City #861 Officers and members of Webb City 861 welcomed State President Bill DeLarber, AA Don Kantouth, and the SW District officers to their Lodge. AA Don Kantouth shows how he Bowls a Strike for Elkdom—I am pretty sure that our MEA bowlers are safe.

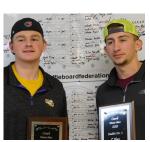
The **Christian County Elks #2777**, held its first Annual Shuffleboard Tournament . Approximately 30 players and 8 teams were on hand for the weekend play. The highlight of the tournament was the exciting



play between the teams of Tom White & Craig Lock vs. brothers Connor McNew & DJ McNew for the first place slot of the Division II Doubles (or Old School vs. New School) with the young brothers

winning. Elk Member Dustin Kirkman organized the event and brought in 5 Shuffleboards for use during the tourna-

ment. Each board was leveled, waxed and sanded between each match.



Joplin Lodge #501 hosted a breakfast to support the American Heart Association annual "Heart Walk" and raised \$1000. Staff from the Mercy Joplin Cath Lab and Electrophysiology Lab helped by serving food, cleaning tables and acting as informational guides. (Including the Mercy staff provided Lodge members an opportunity to showcase the mission of Elkdom, and generated some applications for membership.) The Joplin Lodge has a long association with Mercy (formerly St. John's Regional Medical Center), and the pediatric unit at Mercy

Joplin is called "Elkland". The Lodge has also raised funds for numerous other community projects this year, including Circles of Joplin, (a community effort to help break the "circle" of poverty), and helping to provide carseats to parents leaving Mercy Hospital with a new family member. The "Heart Walk" breakfast also raised \$115 for the Missouri Benevolent



Lake Taneycomo #2597

Trust.

the Lake Taneycomo Elks Lodge 2597 was proud to present the Forsyth Boys and Girls Club, Lake Taneycomo Elks Unit, with supplies for their new sewing program, plus art supplies, athletic equipment and board games. This donation was made possible through a grant from the Elks National Foundation.



Pictured left to right are adults Paige Pettit and Levi Roundtree with the Boys and Girls Club, Rita Brooks, Lyla Girth, Nathan Brooks and Pat Knudtsen of the Elks Lodge.

Pictured left to right are students: Xander Wetter, Hailey Springer, Andrew Mills, Hailey Bilyeu, Madilynn Cook, Makailynn Nuss, Chelsea Mullen and JC Wallis.

Exalted Ruler Jo Wood, Leading Knight Judy Patton, Loyal Knight Amy Hyatt, Lecturing Knight Carol Hyatt, Secretary Bruce Penfield, Treasurer Anthony Mistretta, Tiler Joyce Horrell, Esquire Samantha Hyatt, Chaplin Roberta Penfield, Inner Guard Brittany Kay Baker, Trustees Kevin Hyatt, Rodger Hyatt, Andrew Royal



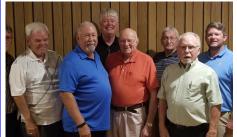


Shayna Meisenheimer was initiated into *Nevada Elks* #564 as 3rd generation

The initiation was conducted by past and present Grand Lodge Officers. Pictured (left to right): Blaine Diehl, PDDGER; Don Meisenheimer, grandfather; Shayna Meisenheimer, 3rd generation Elk; Dr. Jason Meisenheimer, PDDGER and father of our new member; Steve Brooks, PER.

Brookfield #874 Brookfield hosted the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for past State President Rich Larkin and Ruthie.

Elks came from all four corners of the state to attend the celebration it was estimated between 200 and 250 people showed up. In attendance were MEA State Officers from all over the state as well as 7 Past State presidents and their wives.



This was probably one of Brookfield's largest events held in recent times and is a testament to how much Richard and Ruthie Larkin are endeared to members of the Missouri State Elks.

Congratulations Richard and Ruth Larkin.



Chillicothe # 656 Chillicothe

#656 used its Beacon and Anniversary Grant purchase and assist the Chillicothe Parks Department install new ADA compliant playground equipment. The donation amounted to \$3,789.







Excelsior Springs #1001

Excelsior Springs lodge hosted pack 309 Court of Honor and presented them a check from the anniversary grant.



Maryville #760

This is a picture of Maryville Lodge 760 setting the kiosk for the Freedom Rock monument in Maryville.

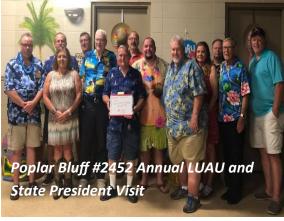
This large rock pays tribute to our military and law enforcement.

We use our anniversary grant to support this project.





Jeremiah Cook KSN TV in Joplin preps State President Bill DeLarber for his on-air TV career. On the right Bill gets hand-fed at Alton-Thayer #2545 on his visits to the Southwest oh what a life





The Cameron Elks Lodge #2615 presented the CHS Cheer Squad with a check to purchase new uniforms. This year the CHS Cheer Squad grew to 18 members creating a shortage of uniforms. The Cameron Elks Lodge #2615 chose to work with the squad, sponsors, and School District to provide the much-needed uniforms for the squad. The 18 CHS Cheerleaders, along with their coaches, Adrienne Bickford and Summer Howe and some parents, worked Bingo kitchen every Friday evening from 5pm-9pm, May 25-August 3 in shifts of 4-5 girls, 1 adult and 1 Elk per night. These girls have maintained their "Cheer" smile while taking orders, filling orders, making food, washing dishes, taking out trash, wiping down tables, and mopping floors!! The CHS Cheerleaders also volunteer at other community events we sponsor. The past 3 years, the CHS Cheerleaders have volunteered at the "Special" Prom; this year they helped with decorating in addition to serving, dancing and cleaning up. The Cheerleaders also helped with Home Runs for Rose, served at the Veterans Dinner and some helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. We have enjoyed having the CHS Cheer Squad with us and will miss their energy on Friday nights. Some of the girls have asked to volunteer for Bingo Kitchen after Football Season.

In the 1904's, the Elks made a commitment to "lay a solid foundation for the future; building the moral and physical character of American boys and girls, the leaders of tomorrow." The Cameron Elks Lodge #2615 has always stayed true to this commitment. Over the Years, the Lodge has supported many activities throughout the Cameron Community, including: Athletics, Academics, Community Involvement, on top of the many scholarships we give out. Throughout the year, the Cameron Elks Lodge raises money for our Youth Account from the Annual Elks Golf Tournament, the Bethany Fair, Bingo and other various activities. The Cameron Elks Lodge #2615 believes that in investing in our youth is investing in our future!



David Oder, Angel Oder, Patty Foster, Melissa Van Dusseldorp, Bill Delarber MEA State President, Bill Reckrodt, Don Kantouth, Amie Kepner, Bruce Arnold, Kevin Michael, Lance, Anthony Lynn Hart, Lee Van Dusseldorp, Steve Foster, Mark Moser, Mark Shaw,



Washington Lodge 2559

the Washington Lodge gave a donation to the Washington City Police Department for safety City. Safety City is a program to help teach safety procedures and safe habits to youth. In May Washington Lodge posted veterans from the Missouri Veterans Home in St Louis Missouri to dinner games and fellowship.



Mexico #919

Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winner

The Mexico Elks Lodge held a Drug Awareness Essay contest for 5th and 8th graders. The theme was "Importance of Drug Awareness in School, Community and Family" The students that entered was recommended by school principals, counselors and teachers. They were chosen by their academic, citizenship and attend-

Ten students per school entered the contest from St. Brendan, Mexico Middle School, Hawthorne, and McMillan schools. Students entered were 8th graders and 5th graders. When essays were completed, Elk members judged the essays on different area points of the essays. They were then totaled.

The winners of the essays were given a certificate along with a letter inviting them to the Elk's lodge at their school awards assembly.

The winners and their parents and siblings came to the Mexico Lodge for a meal and presentation of their winnings. The 8th grade winners were given \$100.00 each and the 5th graders were given \$50.00 each.

(This was a local Drug Awareness themed contest sponsored by the Mexico Lodge)

St Clair# 2651

We are so grateful for our partnership with the St. Clair Elks Lodge #2651. They have been strong supports of the Franklin County DARE program for many years.

We would also like to thank all the golfers who participated in the Elks' Annual Golf Tournament that made this donation possible. The Elks contribution is a huge reason the DARE program can be taught in 18 schools reaching over 500 at no cost to the districts. (From: Franklin County Sheriff's

Office Missouri Franklin

County Sheriff's Office Missouri)



Northeast District Fall 2018

Louisiana #791 The 11th Annual Clarence Luebrecht Veterans Appreciation hog roast was held Saturday August 18th with approximately 100 in attendance including 9 residents from the Mexico Veterans Home. Exalted Ruler Danny

Wood presented two checks to the Veterans Home Activity Therapist Nicole Maggard, \$750 which was raised by donations at the July 4th Veterans Breakfast and \$500 which was donated anonymously by a Louisiana Elks Lodge member. More than \$400 was donated during the event and that also will be sent to the Veteran Home for their pro-

grams. Each Veterans Home resident in

attendance also went back to Mexico with a Walmart gift card from the Elks. E.R. Wood expressed his appreciation to all Veterans and a special thank you for all the Legion Riders/Patriot Guard Riders that escorted the van from the Mexico Veterans Home

Jefferson City #513

Steve Green presenting Grand Lodge **Eagle Scout Certifi**cate of Merit to Jared Daley Troop 10 Jefferson City









Hannibal #1198 Gratitude Grant

\$350 Avenues —Justin Crouch is the Marion County Out reach advocate. They serve 8 counties. They are currently at max capacity of 12. In the future they are hoping to relocate or build to increase their capacity.

\$350 Kids in Motion- Amy Vaughn they currently have 114 kids, They have 3 programs with kids in motion that are Junior high 6-8th grade, Teens in motion High School 9-12 and they also have a program in Bowling Green and Louisiana. They want to provide a good work ethic. They provide services to Douglas Community Center & Head Start are just a few places they provide services to.

\$500 Great River Honor Flight- Vern Bastian. This is the 9th year for the Great River Honor Flight and there has been 48 flights. The 49th flight will be on August 25th going to La-Grange University here in Hannibal. They have served over 1600 veterans.



Columbia #594

Lauren Watkins is Columbia Elks #594 winner of our Ralph Nickel Scholarship of \$2,000. Lauren is pictured with #594's officers. She is well deserving & special to our Lodge, as Lauren is also our Lodge waitress. A big Congratulations!!!

Cass County #2791

Another Open Buddy
Bass Tournament in the
books! 43
boats, 9 soldiers from
Warrior Transition
Battalion, and a weekend of laughs and tears.
Reminiscing with old
friends and welcoming
new friends.
And over \$2200.00
raised for our Vets in



Blue Springs #2509

need

was proud to again host and provide luncheon for the 70 riders who participated in the Missouri Patriot Express fund raising ride for the new Fisher House being built near the Kansas City VA Hospital. Their keynote speaker, Dave Barr, veteran and double amputee provided a very moving keynote address.



Patriot Express is a volunteer group of caring individuals that have come together under the Dave Barr Foundation, a 501C3 not for profit organization., founded in 2000. It was designed to raise awareness and provide donations, support, and counseling to the families of our injured veterans, and the troops who return from duty with long-term medical care needs. Patriot Express has been active in Missouri since 2010.

Grandview Hickman Mills #2088









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Community Involvement : What the Elks are All About

Here are a few pictures of how our Lodge gets involved in our community. At the top are four pictures from our annual bike rodeos we are able to host jointly with the Grandview Police Department. This sponsorship is possible from the Beacon Grant we receive from the Grand Lodge thanks to the efforts of Edith Ketay and Lois Cavanaugh. Below left is a picture of the many items our membership donated for our May "Fill the Gap" challenge. The Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) assists families in Grandview and the Grandview School District with emergency assistance and guidance. As Elks we should be proud to be able to assist in these wonderful community efforts.

MO Elks National Veteran Service Committee

One of our veteran facilities is Missouri State Veterans Home in Warrensburg, our District Deputy Garry Bockes is also a Deputy VAVS at the home. We visit these facilities at least twice or three times monthly. At one of our visits Latisha Koetting, Supervisor of Volunteer Services at the Veterans Home, gave me a tour of the Alzheimer's wing. As we stood their in the common area, where residences gather twice a week to watch TV, she pointed out to me how small and inadequate their TV was. So, over the next several



Metro West Fall 2018

weeks, plowing through on line Ad's, Charlie and I found a 70" smart TV with a mounting bracket. We purchased the TV, with the stipend I receive from the Grand Lodge for the home, Garry Bockes delivered it, their maintenance people mounted it, and this is what it looks like.

Pictured from left to right Jamie McCannon Interim Administrator, Latisha Koetting, Supervisor Volunteer Services, and Angela Boone, Social Worker.

VAVS' working for those who came to the aid of our country. (submitted PER Darrell Quinley VAVS)
PER Darrell Quinley VAVS—PER Garry Bockes DDGER, Deputy VAVS—Charlie Cantrell, Deputy VAVS

KC #26

Kansas City Elk's Lodge 26 hosted it's 5th Annual Car Show on Saturday, July 7th. There were over 130 cars and motorcycles from all eras entered. Live entertainment and a beer garden were featured along with vendor booths and food provided by Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A). Over \$5000 was raised for Youth Activities and Scholarships.





With the support of a \$2,000 ENF grant, members of the Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376 in Gladstone, Missouri were able to provide financial assistance for the items purchased to support the Kansas City Guild for Children with Down Syndrome. Members of the Lodge dedicated time to prepare baskets of items for parents who had a child diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Each basket contained children's clothing and educational CD's and literature for parents and other family members. Pictured from left to right are: R.D. Mallams, Past Exalted Ruler; Mike Michalski, Exalted Ruler; Amy Allison, Chief Operating Officer for the Guild; Rob-

bie Robertson and Larry Hostetter, Members, and Bill Moore, Past Exalted Ruler. The following actual quotes from parents who received the baskets: "Having DSG come in and bring a basket the same day we received our diagnosis was truly a blessing. We were so afraid and worried until we learned about the great support and resources available to our family through the DSG."

"I can't imagine where we would be without the DSG! The new parent basket we received was a lifeline to my husband and me. The contents were carefully selected to help us better understand our baby and how to parent him. The love poured into those baskets makes all the difference to scared parents who are receiving a diagnosis and feel like they are absolutely on their own and no one can understand. DSG became family once we received our basket."

In conclusion, we are indebted for the support of this rewarding and valuable initiative that helps children and parents of special needs children.



Grandview Hickman Mills #2088 PER and Trustee John Cary and his daughter ER Lori Barnes. John Cary (JC), was installed as Exalted Ruler of Grandview-Hickman Mills lodge # 2088 for the year 1976-1977. 42 years later, after being raised in the lodge, his daughter Lori Barnes was installed as the Exalted Ruler for the year 2018-2019. With out question JC is proud of his daughters life long interest in Elkdom, and feels she will do an amazing job as the family tradition continues. And JC's grandson, Riley, is only one year away from becoming the families third generation elk at our lodge.

Elks National Foundation What we get back!

Raised in 2017-2018 \$200,574 Paid back to MO 2017-2018 \$298,890

State Charity \$124,700 Special Projects Grant \$68,150 Bonus Grant \$25,340 Most Valuable Student \$36,000 Legacy Award \$24,000 NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- \$\$438,500 up \$99,200 to 70 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants \$237,926 more than paid in!! Figures on right 9/12/2018



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association **29,978 Members** Totals Contributions \$63,114.00

Per Capita Average \$2.10

Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee

14 States hit Bullseye in **Bulletin Contest**

By TOM SHELTON **Committee Member**

Results of the Grand Lodge State Association Bulletin Contest "I" for 2017-2018 have been announced.

State Editor Stars

Kentucky	Raymond Pauly	5
Louisiana	Buddy Hartie	5
New Jersey	Maureen Whalen	5
New York	Timothy Weipe	5
Kansas	Carl Lindsey	5
Missouri	Bud Clarkson	5
Ohio	Larry O'Grady	5
West Virginia	Jack Bennett	5
Illinois	Joseph L. Baker	5
MD/DE/DC	Margie McIntyer	5
Connecticut	John Paul	5
Michigan	Karen Cary	5
Georgia	John Heigesen	4
Virginia	Roger Monger	4

Congratulations to all the State Associations that participated in the contest. The overall content and quality of the bulletins submitted this year were impressive.

Award recognizes JROTC students

By THOMAS A. BIANCO

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee is introducing a new program to recognize out-standing high school students enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Our research shows that 943 high schools throughout the United States offer Junior ROTC classes. Any Lodge in the country that would like to adopt a school should sponsor a program and give a medal and certificate to an outstanding individual chosen by a Junior ROTC representative, much like we do with the Student of the Year Award. Selection criteria should include the following leadership attributes: academic achievement, community service project work, and maintaining the highest standards of performance in all JROTC fields of endeay-or

The cost of such an award would be around \$10 for a certificate, medal, and dis-play box. If an Elks JROTC award was given to a worthy cadet at each of the 943 participating high schools, the total cost would be approximately \$7,500. We envision that each sponsoring Lodge will cover the cost of the award.

We are asking for your support. Our children, community, and country are the corner-stones of Elkdom.

National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

Nearly 16,000 hides produce 3,336 gloves

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission reports that the Leather Program this year has topped the million dollar mark in value. We had 15,983 hides

donated by 16 states. With the donated hides, we were able to distribute 3,336 fingerless gloves to our most deserving veterans.

Full-fingered gloves are available for purchase

through the Leather Program Chair. Craft kits are available to order by your Lodge Veterans Chair for helping veterans in your community. Voluntary service representatives can order gloves for the veterans at the facilities they

Congratulations to the top three states in donating deer and elk hides in 2017-18. Missouri donated 6,665 hides; Iowa donated 3,472 hides; and Arkansas donated 2,458 hides.

As you can see Chuck Mudge and the Missouri leather program donated a whopping 41% of the total. Missouri Elks led the Nation one again in total hides donated.

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

Chuck Mudge MEA State Chairman Commission Veterans Leather Program

National Veterans Service



Convention





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Spring 2018 March 16 – 18 Fall 2018 September 21 – 23 Spring 2019 March 15-17 Fall 2019 September 20-22

2018 San Antonio July 1 – 4 2019 St Louis June 30 – July 3 2020 Baltimore July 5 – 8

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