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Greetings everyone –

Welcome to the Spring Convention of the Missouri Elks Association! Beth and I would like to thank everyone for the warm and gracious welcome you gave us last fall when we attended our first official Missouri Convention as your State Sponsor. We are happy and excited to be a part of this great State Association and look forward to many years of Elkdom and friendship with all of you.

At this Convention, we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luhr and First Lady Barbara to Missouri for their official visit. The Luhr's are the first ever GER and First Lady from the State of Alaska. A slate of activities will keep them busy as they witness the commitment and dedication the Missouri Elks have for The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We know they will take away with them many good thoughts and lasting memories from their visit with us. Thank you for your part in making this possible.

We are also honored to have with us at this Convention Betsy Callicott who will join us Sunday morning for the Memorial Service. I know you are all excited to see her and have the opportunity to catch up.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this past Lodge year a successful one. Beth and I would like to especially congratulate State President Bill DeLarber for the wonderful job he did in serving our State Association. We extend our well wishes and good luck to Don Cook and his wife Susan as they begin their year as President and First Lady.

Lastly, I am sure I don't need to say how excited everyone is about the Missouri Elks hosting this years Grand Lodge Convention in July! The Local Support Committee, under the direction of PSP Jim Hahn, have been working hard to assist in making this a great Grand Lodge Convention. Please be sure to offer your help in any way they need.

Beth and I thank you for your support and friendship.
Be safe and God Bless you all,

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Missouri State Sponsor



Missouri Elks,

What a fantastic year that I just finished. With all the fun times we had at all the state functions and all the stupendous events we attended at the local lodges, everyone at all the lodges could not hold back their enthusiasm for furthering "ELKdom" in their communities. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed showing me how they went about taking care of all their charity commitments. It amazed me just how they fulfilled the duties assigned to each and everyone. They proved to me what ELKdom is all about.

Looking back I feel very humble about the way our members rallied in support of what we do as an organization. We had a softball Tournament, State Golf Tournament, the ELKs night at the Ballpark, we collected deer hides, lots and lots of them, for our Veterans. We held our State Hoop Shoot contest and crowned six state champions. We went to the State Bowling Tournament and enjoyed ourselves. We awarded very deserving students thousands of dollars in Scholarships to attend schools of their choice and realizes their dreams. We came together to help out a lodge to raise money that they truly needed. The successes of our Organization are played over and over throughout communities across this great state. Its because of our great members we have.

For myself, and on behalf of Don Kantouth, thank you Missouri ELKs for making this one of the best year of our lives, thank you for welcoming us in to your houses, we really felt at home because of the gracious hospitality you showed us all along the way.

Congratulations and thank you Missouri ELKs for all you do.

Yours Truly, MEA State President 2018 2019 Bill De Larber

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Time truly flies, especially when we experience the many joys of our charitable work. It's hard to believe the Lodge year is nearly at an end, but here we are ready to start all over again. To all of the Lodge Officers who have served during the past year, thank you! Your dedication and effort have undoubtedly enhanced the image of the Lodge within your community. Lodge Secretaries, make sure your attention is focused on completing your year-end report. Also focus on filling out your charitable report to show everyone in your Lodge what you accomplished over the past year. Do you have a group eager to contact those who are at risk of being dropped for nonpayment of dues? **Continued on page 4**



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John Gross Desoto #689	John Lipsmire High Ridge #2678
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John Taylor Florissant #2316	Thomas Sontheimer Crestwood #2503
METRO WEST	METRO WEST
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Steve Green Jefferson City 513	Janet Jones Mexico #919
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Kevin Judas Brookfield #874	Matt Roberts Trenton #801
SOUTHEAST	SOUTHEAST
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SOUTHWEST	SOUTHWEST
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Kathy Baron Sedalia #125	Josh Coots Lake Stockton #2858

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

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ROBERT TODD	1983-1984
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ROSS JENNINGS	1990-1991
JAMES HAHN	1991-1992
MARC BECKMAN	1992-1993
LARRY ROBERTSON	1994-1995
ROLAND A. SEAL	1998-1999
OTTO SAYLES	2002-2003
MIKE HAYES	2003-2004
ROGER REDFEARN	2004-2005
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
PETE NASH	2017-2018
Wm “Bill” DeLarber	2018-2019



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For the past 6 years I have been the editor of the Missouri Elks Association Shozem Magazine. Last year I was fortunate enough to be chosen to be Administrative Assistant for incoming State President Don Cook. During the fall session David Solomon resigned as the Missouri Elks Corporate Secretary and I decided to run for that position. I was lucky enough to win the election and I will be sworn in at the Spring Convention.

With the bylaws of the Missouri Elks as they are the future with

me and the Shozem had to change. I will not abandon the Shozem and I will make certain that it lives up to its current level. Joy Clarkson has assisted me for many years and she has agreed to take over the Editor position.

I thank the Missouri Elks for the opportunity to have served as your State Editor.....Last fall the Shozem received a five star Award plaque at the MEA Convention banquet. This is our second 5-star award in a row following a 4-Star Award on our first attempt.

The Shozem belongs to you the Missouri Elks. I have used it to get out the word of the State president and our State sponsor. I have used the Shozem as a directory of Missouri lodges, State officers and National officers from Missouri. Each issue I try to get submissions from our State committee chairman as well as to enter their Awards and prizes. The most important thing to me is to see that all of our lodges receive recognition in each Shozem. That will always be my goal and hopefully the goal of whoever follows me. Please continue to send your Shozem articles in to your district editor's or to Joy or myself and we will be certain that they get where they belong. Please continue your support and let's keep our magazine at the five star level. Thank you again Bud Clarkson



MEA State Sponsor Louis Sulsberger presented State Shozem Editor Bud Clarkson with a National 5 Star Award at the Fall Convention. It was the second consecutive 5 Star win for the Shozem.

2019 2020 **Missouri Elks Association** **State President** **Don Cook**



Dear Missouri Elks,

I am honored and humbled to have been selected to serve as your next State President. When I served as Exalted Ruler of the Joplin Lodge in 2009, I had no idea where 10 years would take me. You have my promise that I will do my best to represent Missouri and our Association with pride, dignity and integrity. I also promise not to take a step I would not have others follow.

I hope we can strengthen the MEA and our local lodges by following the precepts of our Order and leading by example. Susan and I are looking forward to meeting each of you, and visiting the Lodges in Missouri. We are especially excited to welcome all Elks to St. Louis in July for Grand Lodge Convention. We are extremely fortunate and blessed to belong to the "family" that is Missouri Elkdom.

Fraternally,
Don Cook
President, Missouri Elks Association
2019-2020

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. jyoungs@centurytel.net

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.

Veteran's & More

New MEA Corporate Secretary

Bud Clarkson was elected new MEA State Corporate Secretary during the fall Convention. Bud was elected to a two year term. Dave has agreed to hang around long enough to help close out this year. Anything in this lodge year's budget should be mailed to Dave. But we should begin transferring MEA business to Bud moving forward. All MEA business will go to Bud beginning April 1st. Bud's information for MEA Business is as follows:

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I am excited about becoming your State Secretary. I thank everyone who voted for me and you can feel free to call me at anytime and if I don't have your answer I will find it.

Dave Solomon Retires as MEA Corporate Secretary

Dave Solomon Corporate Secretary has stepped down from his office and is ready to enjoy retirement. Dave plans to retire this year from his work as quality manager at Haake Mfg. as well as from his position with the Missouri Elks.

Almost everyone is aware Dave loves playing music. Dave plays bass with his bands The Book of Ruth, Gospel and Déjà Vu, Classics and his new band Sweetwater Holler.

Dave will be free to travel to spend more time with his family and with his music and to enjoy the vacation benefits of retired life. Dave has served many years as our Corporate Secretary he will be missed from his



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(Continued from page 1) Now is your last chance to save them as Members. Make sure that they know how their dues help fund the programs that benefit your community. Trustees, have you been working on the coming year's budget? Have Committee Chairs submitted their budget requests? If not, let them know that they won't have any funds available during the coming year unless it's received on time. I guarantee you'll get a rapid response. Update your calendars for the coming year and make certain all Officers understand their duty to attend both District Deputy Clinics.

By "Working Together to Make a Difference" we can ensure that 2019- 2020 will be another great year for our Order and your Local Lodge.

Just a reminder: Updated records due by March 31

Local Lodge Secretaries are reminded that they must have all membership records for 2018-2019 ready for yearend closeout finalized by 11:59 p.m. on March 31. Failure to have the records current can, and probably will, cause membership totals to be out of balance in the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS2Web).

I call your attention to Section 16.010 and in particular the first paragraph: As of April 1 of each year the membership portion of the Lodge Annual Report shall be filed electronically by the Grand Secretary. Each Lodge Secretary shall ensure that all Lodge Membership information is current through March 31.

National Veterans Service Commission

Larry Robertson, Missouri State NVSC Chairman



AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS-----

The men and women serving in the military and the veterans who have served deserve our appreciation and honor. Those currently serving around the world appreciate the "packages from home" which remind them that someone cares. Those veterans in hospitals and homes appreciate the visits and help we give.

Just someone to talk to makes them feel better. Those veterans who gave all deserve our honor and respect.

What are you and your lodge doing to support our service personnel and veterans? Are you visiting a VA hospital, veterans home, or local hospice facility? Are you donating to a veterans fund or maybe helping a homeless vet through the Welcome Home program? Are you hosting veterans to a meal at your lodge? No lodge is too small, too far away from a VA facility, or too poor to help veterans. What is your lodge doing for veterans?

If you need help contact me or your District Veterans Service Committee member.

-----THE ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM!

Veterans and military members make great Elks

By JAMES L. NICHELSON, PGER Past Chairman
Published in Grand Lodge Newsletter January 2019

Is your Lodge looking for new Members? Wouldn't you love to have more service-minded people at your Lodge? It's a natural fit for Lodge Membership and Veterans Committees to team up to recruit veterans and military members as Elks. The Order has proudly supported veterans for more than 100 years and the military teaches teamwork and leadership skills we need. Military members and recently separated veterans have the youth, energy, and know-how to get the Elks' job done.

Elks connect with recently separated veterans through the Welcome Home Program. Elks battle homelessness among veterans and volunteer in more than 600 VA and state veterans hospitals. Our Veterans Leather Program provides gloves and craft kits. Many Lodges support military families and send comfort kits to active military units. These recipients appreciate what the Order does for them, and they may want to be part of the effort.

Actively recruit Members from within your Lodge's veterans programs! If you sponsor a dinner for veterans, provide an Elks brochure and an application with the dinner. If you adopt a vet, invite that vet to be a Member. If you stuff comfort care kits for overseas, put in an invitation to visit an Elks Lodge "when you get home." If you learn of a Member's child or grandchild actively serving, encourage that Member to sponsor his or her relative. The Lodge, under Sec. 14.310 of the Laws of the Order, may waive dues, initiation fees, or reinstatement fees of any applicant or Member who is serving on active duty.

Encouraging interested community residents to become Members is just another way of serving military members and veterans. You will find many who will make good Veterans Committee members.



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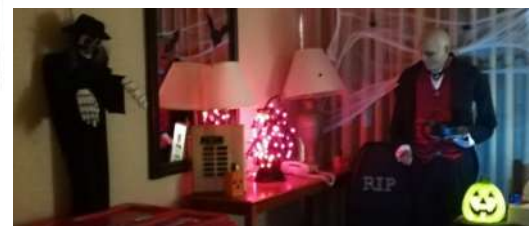


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types. This is a rare opportuni-
ty for Missouri Elks. ...



“Don” Conrad” MEA State President 1972-73

Donald C. Conrad, age 84, of Washington, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at his home. Donald was born on February 8, 1934, in Washington to the late Clarence and May (nee Kaiser) Conrad and married his high school sweetheart, Constance J. “Connie” Marchbank, on August 31, 1957, at the Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Together they made their home in Washington on his family’s 1830’s farmstead with their three children, Kyle, Janet, and Alisa. Don’s faith was very important to him. He joined the Presbyterian Church of Washington at the age of 16 and was the youngest elder the Church has ever had. Don served in the United States Army from 1955-1957.

Don was a 65 year member of the Washington Elks Lodge 1559 He remained an active member of the Elks until recent years when his health began to fail. He served as Lodge Exalted Ruler from 1965-1966, State President of the Missouri Elks Association from 1972-1973, Grand Lodge District Deputy and Honorary Lifetime member in 1977, and Officer of the Year in 1998. In 1962, he became the Lodge’s coach of their competitive ritual team and led them to numerous national championships.

Don was a co-founder of Sheltered Workshop, Inc. (now EMPAC Group) in 1967, and served as an original and current board member. The non-profit was founded to provide employment and training for adults with developmental, mental and physical challenges in Franklin county. This organization has made a positive impact on the lives of many people and continues to do so.

MEA Archives Joe Treacy

Joseph Jude Treacy passed away Dec 13, 2018 at his home in Columbia Missouri with family by his side. Joe was born March 7, 1931 in St Louis Missouri to Arthur Joseph & Elizabeth Marie (Fitzpatrick) Treacy.

He graduated from St Edwards, McBride High & Hadley Tech in St Louis. At age sixteen he joined the Local Union number 1 Pipefitters as a young man. He was drafted into the United States Army serving under the 511th Engineer Aviation Division (SACRWAF). He served his country as a Mess Sergeant setting up MASH units in Korea 1950 to 1953. He returned to the states & resumed working with the Union, which later was named Insulators & Allied Workers Local # 1.



The Elks Lodge 594 was a passion of Joe’s. He served as a 63 year member of the local lodge & became a historian for the Missouri State Elk Association. This service to the Elks included being the State Historian & heading up the Archive Committee. He was a lifetime member of the VFW American Legion, Boone County Historical Society and Pipe Fitters retiree club.

Past District Deputy Dan McBride

Daniel (Dan) McBride, 64, of St Charles, MO, passed away Tuesday, September 25, 2018. He was born March 27, 1954 in St. Louis, MO.

Dan was a hard working husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle that loved his family. He was a dedicated Elk for 34 years, and was a member with the Florissant Elks Lodge #2316. He went on to be a



Past Exalted Ruler, District Vice-President and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. He had a wonderful sense of humor, with a contagious laugh. Beside his family and friends his next love was playing his music LOUD.

Roger L. Triplett, son of the late Charles N “Nob” Triplett and Betty Lynn Baker Triplett was born on January 14, 1939 in Dexter, Missouri and departed this life on September 26, 2018 at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri at the age of 79 years.

Roger was a Vietnam War Veteran and retiree from the United States Navy. He was an active member of the Dexter Elks Lodge #2439 and was past State President during 2005-2006.

On July 16, 1961 he was united in marriage to Shirley Ann Keller. Shirley Triplett preceded him in death on April 11, 2015.

Roger served as lodge Secretary for several years and was beloved by the members of his lodge.



Freddy Fender Roger Triplett

Roger spent part of his High school years growing up in Texas. He became friends with Freddy Fender and adopted “Wasted Days and Wasted Nights” as his theme song.

When this song plays at the Dexter Elks Lodge the entire membership stands and crosses their hearts in tribute to Roger.

Roger “may come no more” but he is never forgotten.

To our Absent Member!



Gary Carl Ballinger 79, of Excelsior Springs, Mo., passed away Sunday, December 23, 2018. Gary was born on May 17, 1939 in Jamesport, Mo. He is the son of Robert Carl Ballinger and Lorane Low Emke. He married Jackie J. Ballinger on March 20, 1959 in Princeton, Mo., who preceded him in death on April 1, 2018.

Gary enjoyed volunteering many hours to the Missouri Elks Association. His lifelong passion was being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. While achieving the high office of Missouri State President in 2000-2001. Gary was also a three year Past Exalted Ruler of the Excelsior Springs #1001. Gary spent many summers with his friends and family at the Knoxville Sprint Car Nationals.

He is survived by two daughters, Carla (David) Little and Cheri Berry; his two adored kitties, Baby and Sweetie; brother, Bob (Barbara) Ballinger of Excelsior Springs; sisters, Lou Netta (Richard) Payne of Warsaw, Mo., and Marsha (Jim) Vantellman of Lexington, Mo.

Many of us knew Gary from the registration table at the MEA State Convention where he served as Chairman. Each convention he would do the Ballinger Shuffle and in his best deadpan voice announce the number in attendance and then Shuffle off as only Gary could do. He will be missed by many of us.

He was one of a kind....

“To Our Absent Member”



Donald C Conrad	Washington #1559	PER PVP PDDGER PSP
Gary C Ballinger	Excelsior Spgs #1001	PER PVP PSP
Dan McBride	Florissant #2316	PER PVP PDDGER
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Martin Winkler	Trenton #801	PER
Donald Strange	Desoto #689	PER
Jerry Chezum	Macon #999	PER
Mark Bentlage	Cape Girardeau #639	PER
Robert Daugherty	Clinton #1034	PER

“In vain we call ”

I create this list 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”



Missouri Elks Association Soccer-Winners of the Regional Championship Congratulations Larry Shew and Missouri Champions

Missouri had a very good day at the Midwest Regional Soccer Shoot in Eldorado KS. We took first place in 5 of the 10 divisions and second in two more. In addition, the Regional committee has implemented an Overall Team Championship based on placement totals. Missouri walked away with that award as well. I am very proud of our Missouri kids, and thanks again to the State Association, and all those at the local Lodge and District levels who makes our Soccer program a success.



Missouri Girls Champions Under 16-Haley Kidd Trenton #801 Under 14-Halei Seyer Jackson #2652 Under 12-Alicia White Cameron #2615 Under 10-Jaiden Rosenburg Chillicothe #656 Under 8-Chloe Abernathy Jackson #2652

Missouri Boys Champions Under 16-Ismael Carillo Milan #2819 Under 14-Chace Corbin Chillicothe #656 Under 12-Howard Bramhall Farmington \$1765 Under 10-John Chadbourne

Lodge Activities

The Lodge Activities Committee met at the Sedalia Lodge #125 on February 2. PSP Bill Walter, committee chair, and **Joyce Gentry**, Columbia #594, incoming committee chair, organized the Bulletin Contest "D" scoring. The scoring was completed by the District Lodge Activities Chairs: Anita Snider from Meramac-Arnold #2372, Carol Meatte from Manchester #2058, Jim Dougan from Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088, Matt Roberts from Trenton #801, Ben Flatt from Mineral Area #2583, Josh Coots from Lake Stockton #2858, and Mona Brown from Louisiana #791, as well as spouses and friends.

At the District Deputy meetings, the District Chairs will provide Contest "D" submission information. Contest "D" requires 3 consecutive newsletters and an official letter from the Lodge with the number of members on April 1, 2019. The submission date will be January 4, 2020.

In January, your Lodge will receive the Contest "A" All American Lodge entry form. Carefully follow the directions while completing the form. When the form is complete, send it and all required documentation to your District Deputy by March 15. The National winners are announced at the Grand Lodge session in July. This is your Lodge's opportunity to be recognized by the entire Order of Elks as the best there is – an All American Lodge.

I'm looking forward to working with all Missouri Elks as we establish and maintain a position of leadership through community programs that enhance the image of Elkdom.

Contest Winners are:

Division I - Manchester 94.45 Troy Grandview Hickman-Mills
Division II - Chillicothe 79.89 Kansas City #26
Division III - Columbia 81.0 St. Louis #9 Jefferson City Dexter Meramec Arnold
Division IV - Osage Community 70.11 Blue Springs
Division V - Washington Division VI - Festus 58.89 Manchester is All State



Joyce Gentry Chmn.

Drug Awareness

As we near the end of another year of trying to get schools to allow us to offer our Drug Awareness Programs to their children we sometimes shake our heads and wonder what is it going to take to get more participation. We can get ourselves to a point I call "Elked' Out". At this point I try to remember who it is I'm working so hard for. It doesn't take but a moment to remember the look on the faces of children who have just found out they were selected as winners in the competitions! The Poster, Essay and Video contest winners who are recognized at their lodge levels, hopefully again at the District level and again at the State level are so excited and what about our very own National Essay Winner just a short time ago. How proud the parents are of these kids! Recently we had our National Speaker, Ray Lozano speak to kids/adults in the Kansas City area. This is the first time we've had him in Missouri! It's my responsibility as State Chairman to see to his needs, accommodations, transportation to and from airport/schools, as well as his meals. I had rented a van, made my hotel reservations, contacted the Past State Presidents from the District as well as the District Drug Awareness Chairman, Doug Jordan. The lodge D.A.P. Chairperson, Sandy Sharkey (who started the procedure to get Ray), Doug and myself were to meet at the hotel to go together to pick-up Ray from the airport. When the time to leave Troy came, my wife was very sick and wanted me to go and she would stay home. I called Doug and told him I would not be coming. I knew he and Sandy would do a great job. From what I've heard back from Ray Lozano's people since the events, they did! Thanks Doug and Sandy!!!

When **VOLUNTEERING** we can easily forget the **many others** who are doing the same thing! I feel that when you believe in what you are doing it becomes a **PASSION**. The more people we can involve with us the easier it gets and the passion becomes addicting. During all of this, please remember family always comes first.

Respectfully,

Charlie Smith, MEA Drug Awareness Chairman

Kansas City Elks #26 hosted Redlands Lodge 583 member and Elks National Drug Awareness speaker **Ray Lozano** for both a parent engagement night at Center Middle School in Kansas City Missouri that drew 45 parents in addition to three student session for all 550 students Grades 6 through 8 at Center Middle School.

Ray has a special way of reaching children regarding the dangers and consequences of using drugs. He provides true scientific facts intermingled in a fun environment. Students are engaged at their age levels and Ray asks for a lot of participation to hold their interest. The parents were introduced to new ways of communicating to their children using techniques that equipped them with scientific data and real world talking tips.





Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee

As the end of the 2018-19 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. There are four acceptable levels of Annual Reports that may be submitted to Grand Lodge annually: an audit, a review, a compilation, or an in-house preparation. The requirements and level of service of each varies greatly, so each Lodge must determine what type of financial statement meets their specific needs.

Audit. Although an audit is appropriate for any Lodge, it requires much more work and is the most expensive type of report. The audit is normally prepared for larger Lodges that have extensive assets and more complex operations. The end result is a final report in which the accountant issues an opinion as to the financial condition of the Lodge. An audit can only be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant.

Review. A review is an engagement performed by an independent accountant and is less expensive than an audit. A review determines whether the financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles. A review is appropriate for all but the larger Lodges. Like an audit, a review can only be prepared by a CPA.

Compilation. A compilation merely presents, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of the Lodge management. The Lodge Auditing & Accounting Committee must inform the Lodge that the report is based solely on information provided by the Lodge, and that no opinion or other form of assurance will be issued by the accountant. A compilation can only be prepared by a CPA as well.

In-House Preparation. GLS Section 13.040(j) states that a Lodge must request permission to prepare the Annual Financial Report using in-house personnel. An application, as well as the additional documentation noted on the application, must be submitted each year to the area Auditing & Accounting Committee member. The application can be found on the Grand Lodge web site, in the Auditing & Accounting Manual in Exhibit I.

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. Filing the AFR without all tax forms does not satisfy the requirements to file on time. All records necessary for the Accountant to meet these deadlines should be delivered to them by April 30th. To meet this timeline the Lodge Secretary & Treasurer must have all bookkeeping entries kept current so that after March 31st all they have to do is reconcile Bank Accounts before they turn the records over to the Auditing and Accounting Committee for review prior to presenting them to the Accountant.

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. As your Area A&A Committee-man I can give you a one month extension, additional extensions have to be requested from PGER Sulsberger, our State Sponsor. Failure to meet the extended deadline is considered as if there was no extension and any fines will be assessed from the original deadline. All tax extensions have to be filed with the appropriate government entity.

Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee – Area 5

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The Annual Financial Report form is not mailed to the Lodge; each Lodge is required to download from the Grand Lodge web-site 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 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 upload can only be completed by someone who has a username and password for the site and is a member of your Lodge. (DO NOT PASSWORD PROTECT YOUR SUBMISSION WITHOUT SUPPLYING THE PASSWORD)

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 me for assistance if needed. Here is to a successful submission.



Missouri Membership Spring 2019

What a busy year Missouri Membership is having. Local Lodge Officers and Committees, District Leaders, State Officers, the Missouri Membership Committee and you have worked long hours to continue Missouri's efforts to grow membership. Those efforts should be rewarded again at year's end with another year of growth and Missouri being recognized at the National Convention for "Outstanding Contribution to the Growth of Our Order and Being Among Those States Achieving the Highest Gain of Membership." YOU can make it happen AGAIN!!

As you read this article you will be returning to your Lodges from the 2019 MEA Spring Convention and feeling inspired to make your Lodges grow even more before our fraternal year ends. We need to initiate our candidates waiting to join us and continue to contact our delinquent members and remind them of the important role the Elks play in our communities. Without them our community charities suffer. If your Lodge is not receiving Membership Updates each month, let me know and I'll make sure you get the information you need. Knowing where your Lodge stands has a direct effect on your Lodge's growth. These numbers can be confusing at times. So please call me and I'll help (618-541-9939). Once you see how these numbers effect each other and your Lodge, it becomes pretty clear where you stand.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone again next year as our new State President, Don Cook, has approved my return. It promises to be an exciting year with Missouri hosting the 2019 National Convention in St. Louis, The Gateway to Elksdom.

MEA Membership Numbers – March 1, 2019

District	New Gain	Total Loss	Non-payment	Candidates	Loss/Gain
East Central	424	99	310	88	+15
Metro East	248	108	131	73	+9
Metro West	260	60	233	36	-33
West Central	352	281	110	51	-39
Northeast	345	114	356	103	-125
Northwest	195	87	143	59	-35
Southeast	352	198	384	31	-230
Southwest	314	143	289	58	-118
Totals	2490	1090	1956	484	-556

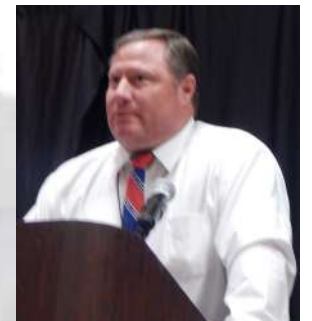
Winners of the Most Valuable Student Award 2018

This years Most Valuable Student Scholarships went to nine lucky winners from Missouri.

The following Elks students were awarded \$1000 a year for four years.

Boston Small
Adrian Fedorko
William Gentry
Hannah Wood
Lydia Juengling
Anusha Manjunath
Mikayla Mattson
Pamela Petterchak
Jerry Zhang

KC Northland #2376
Affton #2635
Cameron #2615
KC Northland #2376
Washington #1559
St Louis #9
Maryville #760
Affton #2635
Manchester #2058



Benevolent Trust-G L Convention-Officer Leadership



The last couple of years the Missouri Elks have shown their compassion toward our major state project, the Benevolent Trust Mobile Dental Labs. Though your generosity we surpassed our \$4.50 per capita funding goal for the dental labs operating costs in 2017 obtaining \$4.76 per capita and in 2018 reaching \$5.65 per capita. I am hoping that this year we will continue with our per capita goal success.

So, let's see where your generosity is used for the program – The program's fiscal years runs from October through September and is administered by the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City. In 2017-18 our dentist Dr. Robert Beck and his dental assistants addressed the dental needs of 815 patients who received 7347 procedures which include exams and diagnosis, tooth removal, restorations, gingivitis treatments, crowns, sealants, x-rays and root canals at an estimated value of \$343,770.

The dental labs which are operated by Dr. Beck and his three assistants work with Dr. Matthew Tinnel, our Director at Truman Medical Center, addressing the dental needs of our program.

The dental program also has a full time unit clerk at the Truman Medical Center, Lisa Gamm, who is in charge of scheduling visits and lab locations, producing the monthly Elks Mobile Dental Program Newsletter and other duties that are too numerous to list. Lisa is also the contact person to talk to if an

individual needs to make an appointment. You can contact her by phone at 1-816-404-6904 or by email at li-sa.gamm@tmcmed.org.

All in all we have six individuals who maintain our program's operation. Combined salaries for these six were \$144,068. Other operating costs added up to \$48,835 making an operating cost of \$192,903 for the 2017-18 year. As you see, it is very important for us to keep up our success in reaching our per capita goals.

One of our best opportunities to inform the members of your Lodge and those in your community as to what the Benevolent Trust Dental Lab Program does is through the use of one of the labs when having a fundraising event, participating in a local parade or any other event that would capitalize on its visual display. We have districts that display a lab at golf tournaments and in parades. If you have a request to use one of the units for an event please contact me. If one is available for your use it can be arranged.

I hope that this information has given you an understanding of what our program does for our patients and a knowledge of where our donations go. Your generosity is helping keep our patients with the dental care they need and a continued smile of happiness.



155 th Grand Lodge Convention – St. Louis

"Gateway to Elkdom"

Missouri Elks Association – Local Support Committee

Organizing and staffing the needs for our National Convention is an enormous project. We are fortunate that over 100 volunteers have stepped forward to work on the needs of this Convention beginning June 30, ending July 3 rd . Many have asked, "What can I do?" Our needs are many, such as assisting Ritual with crowd control, serving as ushers during the convention, or assisting with registration of delegates. We will be providing entertainment in the registration/exhibit area, staffing the information and sales booth and handing out ballots for our legislative session for example. We are fortunate all required Committee Coordinators are in place for which we are most grateful. Should you be interested in volunteering, you may go to the Missouri Elks Association Web-Site, and included under "forms", you will find the volunteer registration sheet. Just follow its instruction and be a part of this historical event. If you volunteer, Grand Lodge Registration fee is waived except for DD-Designates and those competing in ritual.

We are required to pay for many items without reimbursement from the Grand Lodge. For example, two days of music in the exhibit hall, vests and host badges

for volunteers, transportation for VIPs, parking and parking security, insurance for various portions of our efforts (parking and bonding) and more.

To help defray these costs we will be selling the Official Grand Lodge Convention Pin found at the Missouri Information Booth next to Registration in the exhibit hall as well as other memorabilia; shirts, hats, Missouri Mule shot glasses, visors, cozies, tote bags and more???

Should you attend the Convention, stop by and patronize our efforts.

Your Local Support Committee is comprised of a dedicated and talented group of Elks: Angie Fusco, Information Booth and Sales; Jim Ross, Legislative Assistance; John Gross, Manpower; Charlie and Margaret Smith, Registration Control; Mickey Wikoff, Airport Greeters; Bill De Larber and Bill Haley, Transportation; Rick Mohl, Ushers; Selena Lambrich, Communications; John Taylor, Parking; Roland Seal, Security; Jeremiah Cook, Media Relations; Dave Solomon, Music and Entertainment; Cliff McDonald, Ritual and Keith Freeman Ritual Liaison.

Your Executive Committee is comprised of Grand Esquire Roland Seal, Past District Deputy Jim Ross, PSP Larry Robertson serves as Treasurer; PSP John Gross serves as Secretary. I am honored to serve as your Local Support Committee Chairman. James A. Hahn, PGE/PS



Leadership Training Missouri Elks Association Spring 2019

The Officer Training Committee, Co-Chaired by Past State President Roland Seal and Past State President John Gross will be conducting a training session at the Rolla Lodge #2461 in Rolla, MO on May 18, 2019.

In the past we have had a very good turnout for a single session when it is located centrally. Last year we had 97 participants take the training at either the Christian County Lodge or the Perryville Lodge. As always, there was active participation and many members came with good questions and a desire to learn.

We ask that everyone please submit their participant headcount to me no later than May 13 to ensure proper material and food can be prepared in advance.

If your Lodge is interested in hosting a session please contact PSP Roland Seal, PSP John Gross, or one of the Committee members.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gross, Co-Chairman



Missouri Elks Association – Officer Training
2019-2020

Rolla Lodge #2461, May 18, 2019, 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration deadline is May 13th. 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 jgross68@att.net.

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_____ Lodge will have _____ Members attending

LODGE CONTACT INFORMATION:

_____ (Print name/title)

_____ (phone/e-mail)

DEADLINE: May 13, 2019

MEA Hoop Shoot 2019

Randy Eaton MEA Hoop Shoot Chairman is stepping down after 41 years of excellent service to the Missouri Elks Hoopshoot program. Pictured with Randy is his wife Janice who sacrificed many hours and supported Randy with the program. Randy has hosted 246 State Champions, well over 2000 District Champions and Countless local shooters.



Paula (Corder) King and Kaylee King are both Missouri Elks State Free Throw Champions. Paula was the 12-13 year old Missouri Champion in 1991 and continued on to become the first girl from Missouri to win the National Championship and she accomplished this by shooting her way through 5 levels: Local 24/25, District 22/25, State 24/25, Regional 25/25 and National 24/25. Now, 28 years later, Paula, now Paula King, is the mother of the current Missouri State Champion, Kaylee King. Kaylee is competing in the 12-13 year old division just as her mother did. So far Kaylee has made her way through the local level where she shot 22/25, District with 21/25, and the State competition with 23/25. Kaylee is now preparing for Regionals to be held in Paducah, Kentucky on March 16, 2019.



Easton Vaughn Champion 8-9 Boys Eureka Pacific, Ainsley McWilliams Champion West Plains 8/9 Girls. Pictured with Chairman Randy Eaton Left to Right Boys 3rd Place Becket Caldwell, Washington 1559 2nd place Carter St. Gemme, Arcadia Valley 2330 1st Place Easton Vaughn, Eureka Pacific 2644 1st place Ainsley McWilliams, West Plains 2418 2nd place Journey Vaughn, Eureka Pacific 2644 3rd place Ella Mosley, Brookfield 874



Brady Fox 10-11 Boys Champion Mexico Faith Carlson 10-11 Girls Champion KC Northland pictured with chairman Randy Eaton left to right 3rd place Kylan Pickren, Christian County, 2nd place Kobe Hill, Trenton Champion Brady Fox Mexico Champion Faith Carlson, KC Northland 2nd place Sydney Miles Mineral Area 3rd place Shelby Redd Benton County



Cale Mills Champion 12-13 Boys Alton Thayer Kaylee King Poplar Bluff 12-13 Girls Champion pictured what chairman Randy Eaton left to right 3rd place Cole Hamilton, Adrian 2nd place Jack Logan, Louisiana 1st Place Cale Mills, Alton Thayer. 1st place Kaylee King, Poplar Bluff 2nd place Cadence Sadler, Potosi 3rd place Corey Holcer Brookfield



***Following in mom's footsteps
12-13 year old girls Champion
Kaylee King poses with PSP Jim
Hahn and her mother Paula
Corder King.***

***In 1991 Jim was State President
Paula was State Champion and
she also won the National Hoop
Shoot Championship!***



2019-2020 MEA State President Don Cook was busy at the Hoopshoot banquet passing out Elks Hoopshoot basketballs donated by the Missouri Elks Drug Awareness Program.

East Central District Spring 2019



Meramec-Arnold Elks annual Halloween party and hay ride for the students of the Missouri School of the Blind !! This year on Oct. 29th, we had 26 children and 13 chaperones in attendance. This is our 23rd year doing this. Love these kids, they are so appreciative. Every year we give them chili dogs, pizza, chips, soda, cupcakes and cookies, then give them a hay ride which usually ends up with everyone covered in hay, then back inside to clean them up and give them a big bucket of candy. They usually have a few kids who have great voices and they sing for us. This year we had the pleasure of hearing The Star Spangled Banner. Who could ask for anything more !!! We have a list of these children and what they would like for Christmas. We each pick one or two and fulfill there Christmas List and Santa and his Elks come to their school and have a Christmas party. Each year we donate a big item they are in need of for the school. In the past, they have gotten popcorn machines, pots pans for each dorm, digital cameras, pool tables, televisions, DVD players, and a public address system. It is such a blessing to have these children in our lives. The children always put together a program with singing, skits, etc. Makes being an Elk and helping them worth all the long tiresome days and nights we volunteer for throughout the year for our various charitable projects. Worth Every Second of the few hours each year we spend with these children.



Cedar Hill #2678 What do Elks do? I get asked this all the time by my non-Elk friends... Yesterday some members of my lodge got together gave a 90 year old lady in our community a birthday ride on a Harley... something she has wanted to do her whole life. She wasn't an Elk, no one even personally knew her.... a member overheard a conversation and made it happen because we love our community. It's the little stuff that matters sometimes... like making a bucket list item happen for someone in our town... Although I didn't have a part in filling her birthday wish it's just another reason I am so proud to be an Elk.



The **Festus/Crystal City Lodge #1721** was honored to host Thanksgiving luncheon for thirty of the Pony Bird Residential Care residents from Mapaville, MO, along with about 30 of their family members and Pony Bird staff. The guests were treated to a traditional Turkey Day feast thanks to the hard work of volunteers and staff members who worked for several days leading up to the event. Picture: back row; L to R-Elks Dave Shelly, Glen Gay and Rodney Russ along with their families.



DeSoto #689

had the honor of folding the flag, at the Veteran's Day Parade Luncheon.

Great job, Hoppy, Dan, Cliff and Larry!!!

Thank you, ALL Veterans, for your Service!



ST Genevieve #2674 loaded 12 pallets of deer hides for our veterans deer hide program.. **Totaling 1290 hides!** Over 500 more than last year! Thanks to all our awesome St Gen volunteers who made this possible and to all that donated!



Eureka Pacific #2644

hosted the 2019 Missouri hoop shoot Championship Banquet. Exalted ruler Ron Kurtz welcomed the State President Bill De Larber and President-elect Don Cook and



Susan, the entourage and over 200 people were served a great meal. Almost all of the 18 top finishers from each bracket were there along with their families and Missouri Elks State officers and many Elk members.



Festus/Crystal City #1721

As you enter the lodge the table is set for for the "Missing Man" and "Our Absent Members."

Sedalia # Members of the Sedalia Elks Lodge joined Mayor Pro-Tem Don Meier to declare October 23 - October 31, 2018 as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Sedalia.

The Elks are proud to promote the Red Ribbon campaign through the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, which provides information to children and parents regarding the dangers of illegal drug use along with strategies to prevent abuse of illegal and prescription drugs.

Pictured seated: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Meier. Standing left to right: Janice Siron, Member; Dean Roe, Exalted Ruler; Carla Scott, Lecturing and Bill Monsees, Leading Knight



Osage Community #2705 The Elks Drug and Alcohol Awareness team jumped into action to get involved with the Versailles Elementary School. Sarah Moon, the elementary counselor, along with Gretchen Steffen, the Drug and Alcohol Chairman, discussed and planned the weeklong event together. On Monday, Oct 22, Elroy the Elk, greeted the elementary students as they got off the bus.

A new Elk, Kyle Nowalski, a Speech Therapist at the elementary school, dressed as Elroy. All students received their drug and alcohol ribbons to wear. On Tuesday, Oct. 23, the students received twizzlers, which have the slogan, "Don't get twisted into Drugs". These twizzlers were prepared by the student-led community service group, under the direction of Sarah Moon. Gretchen Steffen met with the students and worked with them on putting the slogan on the twizzlers, as well as leading a discussion on healthy choices with the students.

In addition, every teacher in every classroom was given a poster to create showing healthy choices for students. The contest was judged on Thursday by Sam and Mary Vogel, LeeAnn Vanderpool, and Gretchen Steffen, members of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness Committee. The winners received prizes of drug and alcohol materials, toys, and candy, delivered by Elroy. The winning class was given a pizza party, contributed by the Elks. Mary and Sam Vogel picked up and delivered the pizza on Monday, Oct 29. It was a great culminating event and the Elks showed a great presence at the school. This year Versailles Elementary was highlighted, although red ribbons were delivered to Stover Elementary, and Climax Springs.



Nevada #564 had its thanksgiving dinner and benefit auction to raise money for Christmas Baskets this December!! The Lodge members set a new record we raised over \$25,000.00 for the needy Families for Nevada and Vernon County !



Nevada #564 Members of the Nevada Elks Lodge were joined by Missouri Governor Mike Parson Friday afternoon as they dedicated a new Vietnam memorial. "It's just an honor to be here and to do a Vietnam veterans memorial in this town on a size like this, and you saw the crowd out here today, how much people really appreciate people that served our country, so it was really an honor to be here today, to be part of this ceremony," Parson says. Parson says moments like this are part of a much larger emphasis on seeing to the needs of our state's veterans, including jobs.



Bates County #2653 hosted the annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner on Sunday November 11th. A great meal was prepared by Elk members and served by the Boy Scouts. Guest speaker retired Master Sargent Susi Serna (USAF) provided a presentation on the Air Force's role in Antarctica. We wish to thank all who have served to keep our country free!



Lamar #2800 The Barton County Senior Center provides between 100 and 150 meals daily to the seniors in our community. All building maintenance, utilities, insurance and upkeep are done by the Senior Center, which runs on donations from the community.

The members of the Lamar Elks Lodge were very excited to renovate and repair the kitchen cabinets and countertops, upgrade the bathroom lighting and have the floors professionally cleaned and waxed. This project was made possible in part to a grant from the Elks National Foundation.



Lake Stockton #2858 lodge had a clean sweep at the chili cook-off put on by the Korth Center during the annual car show and burn out. Judges choice and hottest went to Ken. Ed took people's choice and the team took best both. Elroy looked a little odd today though.

Southeast District Spring 2019

Fredericktown #2812

Used part of the National Foundation Grant money to participate in the Dictionary Project. The lodge distributed 160 Dictionaries to seven third grade classes in the Fredericktown School District.



Mineral Area #2583

As has been a tradition for the last 10 years, Mineral Area Elks #2583 has partnered with East Missouri Action Agency to provide Christmas baskets to those in need. About 20 volunteers from the Elks

Lodge and EMAA gathered to load the food baskets for delivery. Dean Gann, exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge, said 124 baskets were prepared this year. Gann said the lodge spends approximately \$3,000 on the project each year. However, he said the real worker is Cathy Dickerson, the wife of one of their members.

"The Elks have done Christmas baskets for many years, but had trouble with finding recipients. About 10 years ago, we partnered with East Missouri Action Agency and allowed the agency to decide who the baskets would go to," said Roland Seal, an Elks member and Past Exalted Ruler. Every member of the Elks Lodge gets a list of items needed for the food baskets and donates food items or money to purchase the needed food.

Each basket contains a gift certificate for a turkey redeemable at Park Hills Save-A-Lot.



The Jackson Elks recently held a Golf Tournament to raise money for the Cape Girardeau County Sheriffs Office and the Jackson Fire and Rescue. We are proud to say that we raised \$7,700.00. Pictured below are the presentation of checks for \$3,850.00 to each department.



JACKSON #2652 Members enjoy the Banquet at Fall Convention

Perryville #2701 hosted the second annual Perryville Southeast Barbeque Cook-off

After a chilly October weekend the plans are to move the event up another 2 weeks. September 27-28 2019 Have your lodge team plan to some join us.



Jackson Elks BBQ



Perryville 2 Krackers Kookin



Cook-Off Overall Champion Meramac-Arnold Back R Down



Dexter Elks

3rd Annual SE Barbeque September 27 & 28



Perryville's Elks Killer B's BBQ



St Louis #9 Jolly Corks & Cleavers took home the Open Prize with Smoked Bacon wrapped stuffed Jalapeno Peppers



Sikeston's Blind Smoke



Cape Veterans Home (150) received a Christmas basket compliments of the Cape Elks Lodge 639 and two Grant's from the Elks National Foundation.



Cape Girardeau #639

Santa and Cape Elks 639 delivering Christmas baskets. Every veteran in the

Sikeston #2319



Our first annual shop with an Elk. Elroy even showed up. The looks on the kids faces were priceless. We had lots of Elks that helped the kids shop. One little girl had never been to Walmart. The smiles on the kids faces made us all very proud to be Elk members of Sikeston #2319.



Florissant #2316

Florissant Elks Exalted Ruler, Dave Lafeber and his wife Vicki, delivered approximately 40lbs of aluminum tab tops to Ronald McDonald House collected by members of Florissant lodge



Affton #2635

Christmas Basket Program. Making Christmas a happy event for 219 children, We assisted 6 senior citizens and 78 families were given grocery items to help them through the Christmas Holidays



Troy #2805

awarded the Key Youth Center of Troy a \$1500 dollar check. The Key Youth Center is a community partnership to end youth homelessness in Lincoln County. The Key Youth Center will effectively open doors to educational advancement, viable employment and community integration by providing sustainable housing with individualized support service, such as but not limited to mental health care, life-skills coaching, etc.



St. Louis Lodge #9

**CHRISTMAS PARTY & AUCTION
RAISES RECORD \$32,000!!**

A packed house of close to 300 members and guests, came to enjoy the annual festivities of the Christmas Auction & Party on Saturday December 1st! The lodge was looking very festive thanks to the decorating of the Ladies Auxiliary, the Patio Committee and the Christmas Committee which set the mood for an eventful evening. M&S Catering along with the Ladies Auxiliary created an amazing buffet of heavy appetizers and deserts for the guests to enjoy, while our great bartenders kept everyone full of good cheer!!



The event is not only a celebration for the Lodge's holiday season, but also is our largest charitable fund-raiser each year. Our two beneficiaries this year were "Got Your Six Support Dogs", who provide trained service dogs to veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD and NAMI-St Louis and their CIT program for first responders. Each of the Agencies gave a brief presentation about their services during our program while thanking the Lodge membership for their support! Who's heart was not stolen when "Recon---the support dog" showed off a few of his skills to the audience that night?!!

The Christmas Committee was able to solicit almost 100 Silent auction items and another dozen Oral auction items which helped raise much needed funds for our Agencies. Additionally we raffled off our 48-bottle Tower of Wine to raise additional funds. Several members chose the cash Sponsorship option, with a good mixture of all levels of Elf, Star and Angel Sponsorship.

Bottom Line is a new Christmas record was set with \$31,869 in gross income and net proceeds of \$30,068.94 which means each agency and Lodge #9 will receive over \$10,000 each!!! FANTASTIC!! The Christmas Committee and Lodge #9 members were excited to be able to donate this record amount of funds back to our community through these amazing agencies!

Stl #9has completed a great six month food drive benefiting Circle of Concern. The membership



donated 3663 items which was 22% over our original goal of 3000 items!! Thank you to all the members who supported this drive monthly, whether you brought 5-10-20 items each month. We couldn't do it without your generosity!! We delivered all collected items to Circle of Concern on Saturday December 8th. The donated Hogan truck was loaded with over 90 large cases of food holding our huge donations! Several members joined the delivery festivities and were proud of our efforts!

Ellisville #2664

Ellisville Elks Lodge assisted the Six String Heroes Organization with their Graduation Ceremony. We purchased dinner and helped serve pizza to 17 veterans, and then two Veterans received a guitar that was



donated by the Ellisville Elks, during the Graduation Ceremony. This Organization helps Veterans cope with PTSD through music.

Crestwood Lodge #2503, hosted 40 disabled Veterans from Jefferson Barracks on Saturday, December 8, 2018 for a Christmas party. The Vets enjoyed a great meal prepared & served by Lodge members.



In addition, Santa paid a visit & handed out gifts. The Vets were also treated to music by Tony Utz.

Metro East District - St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

On Nov 10, 2018 the Metro East District participated in the Annual St. Louis Veterans Day Parade. Our District Members handed out candy to the spectators and paid respect to the Veterans that were present. The trolley was provided by Affton Lodge's #2635 PER Patrick Dolan.

After the parade was completed all the District Members went to the Affton Lodge for a great meal, provided by the Affton Elks.





High Ridge #2455

On October 13, the High Ridge Lodge was the end point of the first Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Parade put on by East Central Dist. After the parade, an appreciation ceremony and picnic was presented honoring Vietnam veterans, along with all veterans present. Certificates of appreciation and

pins were given to all Vietnam vets.

High Ridge Lodge #2455 hosted a Trunk or Treat for the High Ridge community, introducing Elkdome and Drug Awareness to our friends and neighbors. Here's a couple of the cuties that received treats.



Clinton #1034 held the lodge's PER night this February. With 18 PER's in attendance they initiated seven new members. It is awesome to have 18 PER's and even more so to have them show up for a meeting. Congratulations Clinton.



Dexter #2439
Murder at the
Mardi Gras

Dexter #2439 has sponsored three blood drives. They gave away 50 Christmas food baskets and 413 dictionaries. They have supported the Poplar Bluff Veterans hospital with donuts coffee and bingo. Dexter sponsored two BBQs at the hospital and new events included the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby and Veterans appreciation dinner with 100 Veterans attending. They have also started ARC holiday parties. Dexter received 3 ENF grants to give away \$6,000 to their community.



Poplar Bluff #2452

Took a little time out to have a little fun while putting on a Murder Mystery. They combined their Steak Night with a little "Murder at the Mardi Gras"



Arcadia Valley Elks #2330

had an appreciation Dinner on February 2nd for our area's First Responders.

We wanted to thank these wonderful Men and Women who continue to keep all of the Arcadia Valley safe.

Adrian #2864

State president Bill DeLarber, Zac Maggi, back row Allen Page ER, Keith Kunkleman, Richard Kentner VP, AA Don Kantouth



Greenview Elks

#2857 is proud to sponsor the Student of the Month Character Award Program at Macks Creek Elementary. This month's theme was "Commitment". Congratulations to January Student of the Month Colt Ehorn, pictured with Loyal Knight Anna Emerson



Farmington #1765

Exalted Ruler Lonnie Edwards is shown donating a check to **Parkland Pregnancy Resources**. They donated \$300 to their organization and hope next year to possibly to secure a grant to help them even more. Parkland Pregnancy Resource Center offers care, support, and education regarding sexual health, pregnancy and relationships. They have expanded to include dads' classes, sexual abuse recovery classes, healthy relationship classes for teens, an abortion recovery class, and parent support classes.



Lebanon

#2557 On Nov. 17th we met brothers Joe & Tom Sero at our, 7th Annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon. Our Speakers were from, **Woof for Vets**, a MO. 501-C-3 who matches Veterans with pure breed dogs of their choice. After hearing that Joe had been severely injured in a home explosion and is still recovering, they offered to find him his special dog. At the Lodge's Steak Night, Joe got to meet his 8 week old female puppy. Exactly the size and breed he wanted, provided to him free of charge by, **Woof for Vets!** For more info contact:

Sue Swanigan 417-399-9047

Woof for Vets



Kimberling City Elks Lodge #2505

donated \$3500.00... the Beacon Grant for \$2000.00 plus the 150th year grant year combined were used to provide funds to Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake for two food distributions which were held at our Lodge. Food was provided to 126 households, serving adults, children and veterans.

Southwest District Spring 2019



Rolla #2461

Rolla participated in the Saint James Fall festival. Rolla Elks 2461 smoked 2 lb Turkey legs enjoyed by young and old along with a bake sale.

Rainy day we still had fun as the look on this face of this little girl looking at a turkey leg as big



Janie Kelly Rolla 2461 showing the new winners and highest bid item hand made quilt by Judy Patton Rolla at the fall convention auction. The smiles say it all.



Joplin # 501 Joplin #501 was happy to be a part of a check presentation for \$1000 to the American Heart Association. This money was raised as a part of the September charity breakfast. Join #501 each month for our charity breakfast.

Webb City #861 Cheri Badgley, Jeremy Hubbard, and Chase Emery with the Webb City Elks Lodge #861 presented the Sheriff's Office a check for two thousand dollars for the Shop with a Deputy Program.

Thank you so much for the amazingly generous donation. That amount will allow us to pay for 20 kids in the program.

We would like to give a heart felt thanks to everyone who has donated to the program this year. We are happy to see the Shop With a Deputy program continue this year and into the future. Thank you from everyone here at the Jasper County Sheriff's Office.



West Plains #2418 West Plains Elks Lodge #2418 hosted their 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 20th. It was a huge success! Great crowd of people, great food, and awesome music! Thank you to all that were there to help us celebrate.



Lake Taneycomo #2597 with funds from the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant, is very proud to have presented the Cadets of the Forsyth MCJROTC with new windbreaker jackets. These amazing young men and women deserve a lot of thanks for all of the hard work they put in both with their MCJROTC training and their community activities. The Elks wanted to present them with these jackets to say THANK YOU for all they do. They are an asset to their families and this community.



Springfield #409

Springfield #409 presented Ozarks Food Harvest with \$2,000 last month to help provide food for Springfield area children through the **Weekend Backpack Program**. This donation was made possible by a grant from the Elks National Foundation, as well as from support of Lodge members, Elks Riders #409 and volunteers delivering bags of food each week to Robberson Community School. With one out of four children worrying about their next meal, members of the Elks Lodge feel the Weekend Backpack Program is a much-needed part of the community and have financially supported the program for several years. The Ozarks Food Harvest program provides meals to food insecure children over the weekends when school meals aren't available and many kids go hungry. Elks members also donate time to Ozarks Food Harvest. Because Robberson Community School does not have the space to store its bags of food, Elks Lodge members volunteer their time each week to deliver the bags to the school.

Ozarks Food Harvest's Weekend Backpack Program makes it possible for 1,668 children across the Ozarks to have the comfort in knowing that they will have something to eat over the weekend. The Springfield Elk Lodge #409 has given \$11,000 to the program over the past five years. Through these donations, Elks members say they have shown that Elks care and Elks share.



Maryville #760

Chuck Mudge, left, National Vice chairman of the Elks' Veterans Leather Program, stands beside Maryville Exalted Ruler John Nelson last year after the two men helped load more than 100 locally harvested deer hides onto a trailer.

The hides were turned into butter-soft leather and stitched into wheelchair gloves for use by disabled veterans nationwide. Last year the Maryville Elks collected 172 hides for the Elks National Veterans Leather Program, eclipsing its 2016 total of 102. Over the last half-dozen years, Missouri has been the program's top hide producer nationwide.



Brookfield #874

The Lodge delivered Christmas Baskets to 40 area families. Accompanying the deliveries were members of the Brookfield Fire Department who installed Smoke Detectors and replacement batteries the Lodge donated to any residents who needed them. Thank You to everyone who donated or helped deliver.



Chillicothe # 656

presented a pledge totaling \$4,230 to LICOVA. The group, formed under the more inclusive 501(c)(3) nonprofit guidelines, has adopted a shorthand name: LICOVA.

"Livingston County Veterans Association, Now, veterans in Chillicothe have become conversant with nuances of the tax code. Regular group meetings have been supplemented with get-togethers with accountants and lawyers.

They see it as worth the effort, setting things right with all comrades and leaving behind something for the community and future veterans.

Chillicothe 656 Members of Chillicothe #656 partnered with Scout Troop 121 and Patriot Guard Riders to prepare and serve a holiday meal to over 200 residents and guest at the Cameron Veterans Home. Additionally, funds from the ENF Freedom Grant were used to purchase clothing for those residents in need and wireless headphone/Ipod's to assist with the homes Alzheimer's & Dementia therapy programs.



Trenton #801

Here are three pictures of the Lodge making donations to the VFW and DAV and to the Veterans Service Officer of the VFW.

The gentleman with the VFW cap is Tony Ralston VFW Commander of post 919. The big fella is Wayne Kleinschmidt Veterans Service Officer. The gentleman in the bib overalls is Gary Lee Commander of the DAV Chapter 60.

The Elks in attendance are ER Kathy Savage(front row) and in the back row are Adrienne Littleton and that handsome creature with the mustache is Robert Stephens Lodge Secretary and Grant Coordinator.

The money was from our combined Anniversary and Gratitude Grants.



Excelsior Springs, MO lodge #1001

Excelsior Springs #1001 donated the \$1100 Gratitude Grant to the local police department's Shop with a Cop program, helping them to reach and exceed the program's monetary goal.

February 2nd #1001 held its first bowling tournament as a fundraiser for their Veterans activities. 17 teams participated and the event raised \$2400.00

Milan #2819

Milan Elks used the Gratitude grant to deliver and serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners free for over 350 people.

Donations of over 1200 was given to the Sullivan County Senior Center.

Mike Caldwell is seen here presenting a check to Rebecca Bennett.



Northeast District Spring 2019



LOUISIANA LODGE

#791 had a busy fall and winter. Elroy was involved in the Louisiana Country Col-orfest parade and helped wind up the 200 year anniversary celebration for the city. Utilizing the Gratitude Grant, \$2,000.00 was presented to the teaching staff at Louisiana Elementary School. Part of the Anniversary Grant, \$1,000.00 was presented to Boy Scout Troop 156. The Lodge Hoop Shoot was held in November and the

Louisiana the first Saturday in January. The Beacon Grant was used to fund Breakfast with Santa and more than 100 area kids participated.

The first Freedom Grant funded event for the Lodge was also held in December with more than 75 Veterans being served by the grant.

The annual Kids Shopping night for Christmas helped more than 300 area youth-in-need purchase clothing, a George Trimble Fund event that has been running for more than 30 years.



Mexico #919

The Mexico Elks 919 Gratitude Grant was used to provide the Adopt A Child program at the Help Center with \$1,000 of coats and clothing and \$1,000 towards 20 of those families with large containers of food. This was provided and delivered to them for Christmas.

The Beacon Grant has been used to hold 3 Senior Fun Night's with music and food furnished for Senior Citizens. Seniors are invited to come from all surrounding towns also along with the nursing homes, assisted living and Senior Nutrition Center. The crowd increases each time and is very well received by the community reaching up to 150 guests. \$2000 is the amount of the Beacon Grant

The Anniversary Grant was used for the Missouri Veteran Home to hold a Christmas party this past December. It was done on three separate occasions so each floor of the home could enjoy it even more. The Anniversary Grant was used to provide refreshments each day and also used to purchase Gift cards for the use of the Veterans needs. \$1500 is the total of the Anniversary Grant. All Grants totaled \$5,500 together.



Jefferson City # 513 had 6 members volunteer in various ways to Tim Tebow's "Night to Shine" which is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and up. On February 8, 2019, Night to Shine celebrated its fifth anniversary! On that one night, 655 churches from around the world came together to host Night to Shine for approximately 100,000 honored guests through the support of 200,000 volunteers!

Pictured are a couple of the guests and their escorts which were officers from local Jefferson City Law and Fire Enforcement. WHAT A FANTASTIC NIGHT IT WAS.



Washington #1559

Don Conrad Blues & Bar-B-Que

Cook-Off— Special Needs Scholarship.

The Don Conrad special Needs Scholarship was established last year to provide help to a special needs individual to attend special camps or classes.

This scholarship is in addition to the college scholarships given to HS seniors. It was established to honor Don Conrad Past state president and Co- founder of the sheltered workshop in our community dedicated to helping citizens with special needs.



Warrenton # 2662 hosted over a hundred and fifty children this year at their annual Halloween Party. They traveled through the haunted house played games and ate lots of candy

Columbia #594

This year Columbia #594 received the Marie Kovar "One who made a difference award."

Each year the Boone County Family Resources committee gives out the award for someone or some group that has made contributions that better the lives of persons in Boone County with disabilities.

Pictured From left to right: Jacki Davidson, Paul Love Exalted Ruler, Charlette Booth and Greg Hawkins.



Hannibal #1198 Gratitude Grant

The Hannibal Elks Lodge #1198 donated a check from our Gratitude Grant to Down Country for Down Syndrome. This is a great cause we have donated to and will help many of our local families.

In the Picture below excepting this donation, representing down country on the left is John Chilstead and his son Maverick Chilstead. Maverick is the nephew of one of our Elk Members Noland Brothers. Standing to the right of me is Kate Dougherty and her daughter Ella. Kate is a representative of Down Country, whom can also help anyone in need of assistance.



O'fallon #2587

Each year O'fallon does a luncheon and dinner for our first responders.

We do this to honor 9-11 as well as to honor our own.

O'fallon invites local Police, Firefighters, EMS, and current military. This year we served about 150 meals to our dedicated first responders and military.



Warrensburg #673

hosted a Chili Cook Off on Saturday October 13, 2018 along with Ladies Brunch, Purse Auction, Mouse Race, and more. All proceeds made from these events raised a total of \$3,140.00 for Breast Cancer Awareness. We did 2 categories, Original and Spicy chili competition. Our 1st place original chili belongs to Michael Nix and our 1st place Spicy chili winner is Corrine Jacobsen with her white spicy chili. We cannot thank everyone enough for all their support. Elks Care! Elks Share! Together we can make a difference. Left to right, Debra Dierkens, Tim Taylor, Corrine Jacobsen, Mike Callaway, John (JT) Taylor, Michael Nix, and Bill Graves.



KC #26

Kansas City Elk's Lodge 26 gave 240 dictionaries to all Third Grade students in the Center School District in Kansas City as part of the Dictionary Project. In this photo Esteemed Loyal Knight [Bob Youngs](#), Lodge Secretary [Barb Gunn](#), and Exalted Ruler [Lynda Grinnell](#) pass out dictionaries at Boone Elementary School. — with [Bob Youngs](#) and [Barb Gunn](#).



Kansas City Northland #2376

On State President Bill DeLarber's official visit Bill participated in the check presentation to Amy Allison with the Down Syndrome Guild of Greater KC. The lodge raised \$4,600 with their Annual Down Syndrome Breakfast to support their chosen charity.



Blue Springs #2509

MO State President Bill Delarber riding in the Elks Mobile Dental Clinic Van in the Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Parade. [Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509](#) also showcased the Drug Awareness trailer with the assistance of the Young Marines .



Cass County #2791 Presented [John Schwent](#) with Camp Valor Outdoors the proceeds from the poker run. **\$8,601.50!**
A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND MADE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. We are already planning next year's event.

Members of **Kansas City Northland #2376** donated their time for the set-up and operation of the Northland Christmas Store. This year over 300 income eligible individuals were given the opportunity to select age appropriate gifts for their children; receive food items; and hygiene and cleaning supplies. The efforts of these Elks volunteers impacted over 1,500 family members and also 250 homebound adults insuring that they had a memorable holiday season.



Grandview Hickman Mills #2088 helped 20 families have a brighter Christmas through our Christmas Assistance Program. Each family received a large box of dry food, fruit, dairy and milk. The families also received a gift card. In addition several children were excited to receive gently used and refurbished bicycles.

Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088, with the help of the Midwest Young Marines made their annual delivery of candy decorated Christmas trees to St. Michael's Veterans Center residents on Saturday, December 10, 2018. The smiling faces of the Veterans make all the work worthwhile.



Blue Springs honors Hal Jordan

the two-time Purple Heart recipient and his three decades in the military, which spanned World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, in honor of his 90th birthday.

Jordan enlisted in the military in 1945 and retired in 1975. He was a captain in the First Cavalry at the Battle of Ia Drang Valley 53 years ago, which the 2002 film "We Were Soldiers" famously depicted. Throughout his long career, he also earned a Medal of Freedom and numerous other awards.



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- **\$543,500** up **\$99,200**
to 70 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants
\$237,926 more than paid in!!
Figures on right 2/18/2019



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,978 Members

Contributions \$149,916.52

Per Capita Average \$5.01



National Veterans Service Commission

Veterans Leather

Program

Chuck stated Facts:

Last year the National Veterans Hide Program donated over 1 million dollars in goods and Services to US Veterans. Over 11,000 feet of leather was donated tu Veterans homes. Over 30,000 feet were donated to "Help Healing Veterans" a program based program in California.



This is Lefty getting his gloves at the Veterans Wheelchair Games in Orlando this summer. Ask Chuck at the convention and I'll tell you how he got his name.

For answers contact Chuck Mudge at 573-547-8909 or 573-513-2605

Chuck Mudge Vice Chairman National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program MEA State Chairman



Governor Michael Parson was the key speaker at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Statue dedication at the Nevada Elks #564.

Government relations chairman Jeremiah Cook along with West Central Vice President Jason Meisenheimer and Exalted Ruler Phil Thompson orchestrated and hosted the visit.

Pictured are Administrative Assistant Bud Clarkson, Governor Mike Parson, Past State President Bill DeLarber, State President Don Cook, and Administrative Assistant 2018-2019 Don Kantouth.

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