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New leaders stress communication, education

March is an exciting month in the life of every Lodge. The installation of officers must be held after March 15 and no later than April 15. This is the time for new leadership to assume responsibility for the governance of the Lodge.

A challenge that may exist is the failure to properly train new officers for their duties. Many Lodges have their practices and traditions in some respects, but there are fundamental responsibilities provided in our statutes that all officers should be familiar with. Are you holding an officer training program within the Lodge or district that gives new officers the knowledge and tools to help them do their jobs? Knowing what to do must be learned, and new officers may not know where to look to get the best information.

And please, don't forget to get your committees appointed and provide committee members with the information they will need to do their jobs. I've often thought how helpful it would be for every committee chair to be asked to attend a Lodge meeting every month or at least every quarter to give a report on the activities of the committee. It will provide meeting attendees with updates of committee activities, and it will instill in committee chairs an understanding that the activities of their committees have value and their reports are appreciated.

All eyes are also on Lodge finances. Budget preparation should be underway, with serious thought being given to rightsizing Lodge spending plans to keep them within anticipated receipts. Too often budgets are prepared just because they have to be without serious consideration of what will be needed to maintain long term Lodge viability.

Please take your budgeting responsibilities seriously to make sure your Lodge will remain a welcoming home for your Members for many years to come.



Coming MEA Events

Softball Festus Crystal City Aug 8-9

Golf Eureka Pacific August 1st and 2nd

Bass Tournament September 25-26

Robins Resort Lake of the Ozarks

For Details go to moelks.org
or MEA Facebook Page

President Elect 2020-2021

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**WE ROCK THE
RED
ON FRIDAYS**
REMEMBERING EVERYONE DEPLOYED

*Why do you always see Missouri
Elks wearing RED on Fridays?*

Greetings from your Missouri

Elks Association State President Don Cook

Wow! How do you sum up a year as President of one of the premier State Associations in this nation of Elks?

To be President of the host state for Grand Lodge is a memory few are privileged to have, and it is one I will long cherish. We can each take pride in the work we did in July, and I am proud that Missouri Elks showed our visiting Elks "how it's done".

I have been honored and humbled to visit 71 of our 74 great lodges this year (inclement weather forced the cancellation of a weekend in the Kansas City area), and am so proud of the work these lodges are doing in their communities. From providing books to children to Christmas baskets for hundreds of families to recognizing and honoring those who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe, and multiple other projects across the state, the list is overwhelming and staggers the mind. Missouri Elks are truly leading their communities "by precept and example", and inspiring others to join us in the work of Elkdom.

Thank you for making Susan and I welcome in each of your lodges, and for making us feel like "family". Your many kindnesses and courtesies will linger in our memory forever. We have made many friends "for life" in our journey this year, and strengthened many more friendships. And we look forward to the next time we can be together.

I know I am passing "the torch" of the Presidency to a good man, and I am confident Ron will lead this State Association to even greater heights.

I know the good works of Elkdom will continue in our great State, and that Missouri Elkdom will continue to show the nation how to "lead by precept and example".

And always remember three of the important precepts of an Elk:
Believe in God. Salute the Flag. Tip the bartender.

Don Cook, President
Missouri Elks Association

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ST Charles #690

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Brookfield #874

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Cecil Arnett
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Metro East
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West Central
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Sergeant At Arms
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Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL

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

NORTHEAST

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

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

2019-2020 Grand Lodge Officers
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DISTRICT DEPUTY

John Lipsmire High Ridge#2678	Linda Dierker Oakville#2726
Thomas Sontheimer Crestwood #2503	Keith Freeman Affton #2635
Eric Farmer Cass County #2791	Douglas Jordan Blue Springs #2509
Janet Jones Mexico #919	Nick Mueller Washington #1559
Matt Roberts Trenton #801	Amie Kepner Chillicothe #656
Joy Clarkson Mineral Area #2583	Cheryl Lane Dexter #2439
Jeffery Holt Springfield # 4098	Bill Rickert Kimberling City #2505
Josh Coots Lake Stockton #2858	Virgil Bevans Greenview #2857

Living Past State Presidents

ROBERT TODD	1983-1984
CARL SIMPSON	1988-1989
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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It has been a very busy year for me but I have enjoyed every minute of it. While Bud and I had the privilege of traveling with Don and Susan Cook this year it allowed me to attend all but 3 lodges in our state and get pictures and stories of the Benevolent works in most of your lodges. I was so proud of all of your accomplishments and am so excited to share these in our state paper. To the 3 lodges I missed—I plan to visit you as soon as possible because I really hated that the weather prohibited me from getting the chance to visit with you and take pictures in your lodges. As I will be the Shozem Editor next year I look forward to including these pictures in the next edition.

Thank you to each and every one of you who submitted articles for your paper. This is truly a joint effort by the members of the lodges of our state and you all do a great job in sharing your stories and providing examples to each other.

Keep up the good work!

Joy Clarkson, Editor

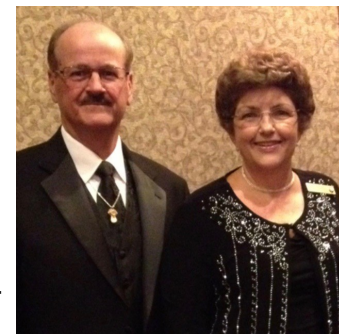
moelks.org PSP Richard Techau currently maintains and monitors our MEA State website. There are links to all things Elks including the Shozem and the EShozem Magazine. There are links to the National and State Directories as well as Links to lots of Missouri sites and pictures. There are links to many 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 on the Facebook page and opens up easily through the website.

2020 2021 Missouri Elks Association State President Ron Bollinger



It's hard to believe that my term as Missouri Elks Assn. President is fast approaching. Jean and I are very excited to begin our journey. I want to thank Don and Susan for allowing us to accompany them on 22 of their lodge visits this year. These visits only made me look forward to next year even more. It is inspiring to me to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of our members in carrying out the principles of Our Great order in serving our communities to help them become better places to live. Thanks to everyone for giving me this opportunity. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Fraternally,
Ron Bollinger
President, Missouri Elks Association
2020-2021

Fall Fundraiser Thank You

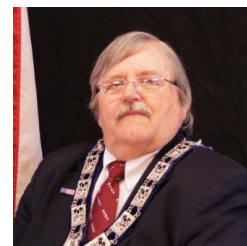
Many, many thanks to all those who so graciously donated items to the raffles and auctions. And a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way. From taking in donations, setting up, taking money, and auctioneering to cleaning up, I heard no grumbling, only laughs. What a wonderful group of volunteers made the Fall Fundraiser a success! I know it's been said before but Elks truly are the best!

Through your efforts we raised **\$9288.91**

Jean Bollinger, Chairman, Ladies Boutique 2019-2020

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.

Lodge Activities Membership Spring 2020



The **Lodge Activities** District Chairs and volunteers met February 8th, 2020 at the Columbia Lodge to judge the Missouri Lodge's bulletins. We had 18 lodges that submitted their bulletins for Contest "D". The judges were: East Central District Chair - Anita Snider, Metro East District Chair - Carol Meatte, Metro West District Chair - Jim Dougan, Northeast District Chair - Mona Brown, Northwest District Chair - Matt Roberts, Southeast District Chair - Ben Flatt, Ellen Dougan, and Tania Cook. Results will be announced at the MEA Spring Convention. Remember to submit your All American Lodge Contest "A" paperwork to your District Deputy by March 15th, 2020.



The Contest "D" Winners are:

Division I – Manchester Lodge #2058

Division III – Dexter Lodge #2439

Division VI – Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721

Division II – Louisiana Lodge #791

Division IV – Blue Springs Lodge #2509

Overall Highest Score – Louisiana Lodge #791



Please contact the Lodge Activities District Chairs if you have any questions about Contest "A" or Contest "D". You can also contact them for additional information regarding the Mandatory Activities that are required by Statute. The Chairs will have this information available at the District Deputy clinics in April and August. I am honored to serve as the State Lodge Activities Chair for the Missouri Elks Association. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
Joyce Gentry, PDDGER
MEA Lodge Activities Chair



Missouri Membership

The past three years have been fun but challenging. Growing membership isn't an easy task and it is usually reflective of the **EFFORT** put forth by our Lodges. Sounds easy but it isn't. We often get frustrated when our **efforts** don't end up in the results we want. However, if we stop trying, Missouri will start losing members again. Our **efforts** are measured by the number of new members our Lodges gain and how few delinquent members we end up with at the end of the year. Don't wait till the end, keep a watchful eye on these numbers at all times.

There are a lot of factors to take into account to measure where our **efforts** are needed to grow our Lodges; population, competition, demographics of the region, Lodge appearance, present membership, community presence, Lodge location, charitable activities. The list goes on and on but each Lodge has its own unique set of factors. Sometimes our **efforts** get misdirected. We need to identify what's unique to our Lodge and concentrate our **efforts** toward those factors.

These factors aren't always negative. We often get caught up in what we do wrong and not in what we do right. Your Lodge probably has a number of activities that will attract new members or even keep old members but they need to know what they are. A great way to let people know what you have to offer is to have a Lodge Brochure. If you don't have a Lodge Brochure, contact Michael Gleason at bpoelkspublicrelations@gmail.com for help. It will only take about an hour of your time. The brochures will be very helpful in promoting the good things your Lodge does. So, get started today!

It's impossible for me to mention everything we need to know about growing membership in a simple article. So please visit the Grand Lodge website at elks.org and open the Membership Toolkit page under the Members Only Tab. There on the top of the page are two areas to explore, Membership Guide and Marketing Guide. I guarantee that you will find answers there. Plus, I am always available to talk. Don't hesitate to contact me at 618-541-9939 or jfdross@sbcglobal.net. The most important thing to remember is that our membership numbers are reflective of our **EFFORTS**. It's easy to give up but rewarding to grow. More Members = More Income = More Charitable Work. KEEP GROWING MISSOURI.

2019-2020 Missouri Elks Association Membership March 1, 2020

East Central #4760
Desoto #889 828
Festus/Crystal City #1721 2046
Potosi #2218 486
Marionville #2082 158
High Ridge #2455 358
Eureka-Pacific #2644 695
St. Charles #2024 489
Cedar Hill #2678 280
Oakville #2726 518
Total 6,365

Metro East #4780
St. Louis #9 686
St. Charles #900 155
Manchester #2058 158
Florissant #2316 347
Crestwood #2503 357
Affton #2653 539
Ellisville #2664 169
Troy #2805 190
Total 2,611

Metro West #4790
Kansas City #26 401
Warrensburg #673 258
Lexington #749 216
Grandview-Hickman #2088 178
Kansas City Northland #2376 321
Blue Springs #2509 1123
Cass County #2791 292
Total 2,789

Northeast #4800
Jefferson City #513 745
Columbia #504 514
Louisiana #791 371
Mexico #919 220
Macon #999 264
Hannibal #1198 215
Washington #1509 1150
O'Fallon #2587 450
St. Clair #2653 532
Warrenton #2662 294
Total 4,755

Northwest #4840
Chillicothe #656 459
Maryville #760 363
Trenton #880 206
Brookfield #874 458
Excelsior Springs #1001 385
Cameron #2615 211
Millan #2819 282
Total 2,384

Southeast #4880
Cape Girardeau #639 1,009
Farmington #1765 978
Chaffee #1810 314
Sikeston #2319 559
Arcadia Valley #2380 359
Dexter #2436 626
Poplar Bluff #2452 288
Mineral Area #2583 322
Jackson #2552 384
Perryville #2701 401
Fredericktown #2812 66
Total 5,906

Southwest #4920
Springfield #409 1,233
Joplin #501 701
Webb City #851 164
West Plains #2418 376
Rolla #2461 38
Kimberling City #2505 336
Alton-Thayer #2545 85
Lebanon #2557 157
Lake Taneycomo #2597 64
Christian County #2777 149
Total 3,298

West Central #4940
Sedalia #1235 210
Nevada #564 745
Clinton #1014 821
Lake of the Ozarks #2517 747
Bates County #2653 110
Osage Community #2705 712
Benton County #2781 139
Lamar #2800 129
Bollivar #2828 139
Greenview #2857 172
Lake Stockton #2858 140
Adrian #2864 38
Total 4,162

Total for Missouri 31,670

Veterans Scholarship Auditing and Accounting



Financial Reporting System
What you need to know
PSP Richard Techau Auditing and Accounting

Resolution 2019-14 replaced the requirement of an Annual Financial Report (audit, review, or compilation) with a standardized on-line Financial Reporting System (FRS). As approved, each Lodge will be assessed a \$160.00 annual fee for "user level" that will be billed each April as part of the Annual per capita assessments. If your lodge wants to get the "viewer access" you will be paying an additional \$380.

The Auditing and Accounting Manual has been updated to implement the new requirements and the Laws of the Order has been revised to implement the resolution.

Full implementation of FRS, using the current Uniform Chart of Accounts (COA) must be completed by Mar 31, 2020. The March 31, 2020 yearend financial report must be submitted using the FRS with current COAs. Thereafter, monthly financial reports must be submitted by the 3rd Friday of each month for the previous month operations.

Please remember this does not change the requirement to have an experienced professional prepare and file the appropriate tax forms on the State and National level. All annual 990 Forms must be filed on-line at elks.org by August 1st of each year. There is much more information on this requirement in the A&A Manual.

The FRS is not a program. It is not resident on your computer. Rather, it is a system of reporting your monthly financial activity in a consistent, standardized format that allows interpretation of the financial health of a Lodge/club operation. The on-line FRS will enable Grand Lodge Area Auditing and Accounting Committee Members to review the financial status of individual lodges throughout the year. Reports built into the system will provide timely alerts of possible financial problems occurring within the lodge.

By using these reports and reacting to the alerts, financial concerns can be addressed as they arise rather than waiting until sometime after July.

The first step for transition to the FRS is to convert the Lodge Chart of Accounts to the authorized Uniform Chart of Accounts and complete the mapping process, next you should submit your 2018-19 year end numbers to become beginning balances for this year, then you should submit your budget and begin submitting monthly financials.

The responsible individual within the Lodge, either the Secretary or Treasurer, must decide on who will do the mapping and the monthly financials. If the bookkeeper is outside the Lodge, they will have to be trained and given access to the FRS. The requirement to forward monthly financials to the FRS remains the same and must be done by the 3rd Friday of the month for the previous month. The Lodge is responsible for compliance, not an outside accounting service. There are step by step tutorials on the Grand Lodge website.

Nothing else changes within the Lodge accounting. Lodges will continue to use their same bookkeeper/accountant, their same financial software (QuickBooks or other), their same Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditing and Accounting Committee. Lodge operations will stay the same. If inconsistencies or problems are indicated by FRS then an "Audit" or "Review" may be required.

All Lodges have until March 31, 2020 to fully implement the FRS system using the new COA's. Lodges that are not using the FRS system to close out their March 31, 2020 year-end financials will be subject to either an Audit or Review as determined by the Grand Lodge A&A Committee Member and the State Sponsor. A "Compilation" or "In-House Review" is no longer an option.

It is strongly recommended that Lodges convert their accounting software to QuickBooks. Any version later than 2016. QuickBooks has been found to be the most complete user friendly, practical system that allows the complete range of financial reports for Lodge and Club operations as well as being most compatible with the FRS. If you are utilizing an outside accounting service, any program that they use is acceptable, if they are able to file the monthly activity reports.

All of this information and much, much more is available on the Grand Lodge website.

**National Veterans Service
Commission**

PSP Larry Robertson
Missouri State NVSC Chairman

AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS-----

You can support/Honor Veterans when....

You don't have to have personal contact with service men/women and veterans to support or honor them. A personal "Thank you for your service" is always a good thing but sometimes you don't have that personal contact.

Many lodges send care packages to service men/women overseas without ever knowing who receives them. These packages not only give these men/women supplies they may need, they also help boost their morale.

The "Army of Hope" program is a way to help families of those serving away from home. Physical or emotional help to the family tends to boost the morale of those serving away from home.

Please do whatever you can to support our service men/women and veterans.



**Officer Training
Report Missouri
Elks Association
Spring 2020**



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 Osage Community Lodge #2705 in Lauri, MO on May 16, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In the past we have had very good turnouts for a single session when it is located centrally within the State. Last year we had 118 participants take the training at the Rolla Lodge. As always, there was active participation and many members came with good questions and a desire to learn. We hope to see a good crowd again this year.

We ask that everyone please submit their participant headcount to me no later than May 8th to ensure proper material and food can be prepared in advance.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gross, Co-Chairman

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plication to the Right or
Download @
moelks.org**



Missouri Elks Association - Officer Training
2020-2021

Osage Community Lodge #2705, May 16, 2019, 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration deadline is May 8th. 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.

-----CUT & MAIL-----
Lodge will have _____ Members attending
LODGE CONTACT INFORMATION:
_____(Print name/title)
_____(phone/e-mail)

DEADLINE: May 8, 2020

Bonnie Seal

Past First Lady

Spouse of Roland Seal Southeast District

MEA State President 1998-1999

Bonnie passed away peacefully Friday, December 27, 2019



Harold Goodman

Eureka Pacific #2644 PER State Director (ECD)
Respected MEA Officer, Family man, and
Vietnam Veteran

National Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest

Ninety-one years ago at the Grand Lodge session held in Atlantic City, NJ, Wilmington, OH Lodge No. 797 won the very first Grand Lodge Team Ritual Contest. Since then there have been changes in the Ritual but no new contest.

This coming Grand Lodge Convention in Baltimore, the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee has introduced The Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest. This is an individual contest open to all Exalted Rulers and Past Exalted Rulers. The contest will allow those individuals to show their ritual proficiency.

The Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest at Grand Lodge will feature the winners of the State Association's Toast Contests. The very best contestants in all of Elkdom will meet to compete for The Callicott Award, named in memory of PGER Ted Callicott, a true Ritual member and Past Chairman of the Ritualistic Committee. Your Lodge does not have to perform in the Team Ritual Contests for your ER or PER to compete and become eligible to perform at the first ever Grand Lodge Toast Contest.

Toast Contests are held at District and State levels throughout Elkdom, so the Ritualistic Committee decided to bring these individuals together to find the very best. The contestants will first perform in either the Eastern or Western Division according to the location of their State Association. The top two individuals in each division will perform in the Final Four Toast Contest, to be held immediately following the final performance of the Final Four Team Ritual Contest on Monday afternoon.

What we now know as the Eleven O'Clock Toast did not start out as the Toast we now recite. The fixed and official version was created back in 1906-1910, but the Toast had its beginnings before the Elks came into existence. Charles Richardson, the stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks, brought a form of the Toast with him from England. Some say the Elks first known Toast was the Jolly Corks Toast.

No matter the Toast, the previous or the current one, it recalls and remembers those Members who came before us and have "passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death".

We honor this old custom by creating a Grand Lodge Ritual Contest for the Toast.

Gary Dunlavy, MEA PER Association Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Gary C. Dunlavy Sr. was born November 14 1942 in Kansas City Missouri. Gary was married for 58 years to the love of his life, Lila Dunlavy. They've lived in the Grandview area for over 40 years. He was an auto mechanic at Monty's Safety Lane; he had recently retired after 41 years and made many friends in the community. Gary was a 2 time Past Exalted Ruler with the Grandview/ Hickman Mills Elks Lodge #2088 and held Missouri State PER Secretary/Treasurer for many years. He really enjoyed performing charity work the Elks provided throughout the community. A huge racing fan, he raced in his younger years and loved attending car shows with his boys; he was working hard on getting his own Chevy truck together to show. Gary knew no stranger and loved spending time with his family and friends.



Financial Reporting System.....

Frank Kerby Missouri Elks State Coordinator

The Elks Financial Reporting System (FRS) is designed to both enhance and simplify local lodge financial reporting, and will replace the Annual Financial Report for all participating lodges. The new system - to be employed by all lodges no later than April 1, 2020 - will not replace 990 or 990T submissions to the IRS, nor will it replace an audit or review if required by your state based on other factors or circumstances. In addition, your Grand Lodge Sponsor may still require a review or audit if there are concerns raised by the data in the FRS.



The FRS was voted in on the floor of the National Convention held in St Louis. It is not an option!! Frank has crossed the State numerous times trying to spread the word and offering training to all lodges. At the time of this writing only 18 Missouri lodges have been totally entered into the system. 44 lodges have mapped their accounting codes into the system and 18 lodges have started the actual monthly reporting process.

Although very unpopular with the lodges it is now required, The first actual entry will be due the 3rd Friday of each month with the first report due on May 15th. If it is not received on time the lodge will be fined \$100 per month that it is late reporting.

Failure to timely submit the report may subject the Lodge to an immediate fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a subsequent fine of an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) for each calendar month thereafter, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Payment of a fine does not relieve the Lodge of the duty to file the report and continued refusal will be considered Contumacy

Frank can be reached by email at fmkerby@gmail.com or by phone at 816 289 8352. Frank is always available and willing to help. There are lodges around the state that have people who are ready and willing to help regardless of the accounting system that you use. Training materials and videos are available online at elks.org.



IN MEMORY OF OUR ABSENT MEMBERS

Harold Goodman

Gary Dunlavy

Terry Emo

Joe Chichacki

Floyd Fisher

H R Guess

Donald Fairley

Rick Andrews

Billy Joe Boyer

Tom Reed

Thomas Couppee

Roger Deterding

W Gary Resa

Charles L Turlin

Eureka Pacific #2644

Grandview Hickman Mills #2088

Sedalia #125

Manchester #2058

Joplin 501

Blue Springs #2509

Mexico #919

Lake Tanycomo #2597

Potosi #2218

Cameron #2615

De Soto #689

Blue Springs #2509

Mexico #919

Perryville #2701

PER State Director (ECD)

PER PER ASSOC Secretary

PER PVP(WCD)

PER PVP (ME)

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"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"



**MEA State
Soccer
Chairman
Larry Shew
Greets State
President**



Missouri Elks Association Soccer State Champions

Missouri Girls Champions

Under 16-Sarah Barton Farmington #1765
Under 14-Ava Leininger Jefferson City #513
Under 12-Jaiden Rosenberg Chillicothe #656
Under 10-Audrey Maevers Farmington #1765
Under 8-Kinleigh Hayes Farmington #1765

Missouri Boys Champions

Under 16-Tyler Stephens Chillicothe #656
Under 14-Hayden Chapman Chillicothe #656
Under 12-Aryan Patil Farmington #1765
Under 10-Beau Webb DeSoto #689
Under 8-Tyler Hanek Crestwood #2503

Missouri Elks Association Soccer Regional Champions

Due to hotel scheduling conflicts the actual Regional Soccer Shoot was not held. The winners were determined from virtual results that were acquired from each States individual Soccer Shoot Scores. The Regional results for our Missouri Shooters are as follows:

Regional Winners

Under 12-Jaiden Rosenberg Chillicothe #656
Under 10-Audrey Maevers Farmington #1765
Under 12-Aryan Patil Farmington #1765

Second Place

Under 16-Sarah Barton Farmington #1765
Under 14-Hayden Chapman Chillicothe #656
Under 8-Tyler Hanek Crestwood #2503

Qualifiers

Under 14-Ava Leininger Jefferson City #513
Under 8-Kinleigh Hayes Farmington #1765
Under 16-Tyler Stephens Chillicothe #656
Under 10-Beau Webb DeSoto #689

**National results will be gathered by
Grand Lodge, and a virtual National
Soccer Shoot winner will be named in
April 2020.**



Drug Awareness

Charles Smith

Drug Awareness Chairman

Missouri Elks Association



According to a survey by "Monitoring the Future" [National Institute on Drug Abuse], (which has been ongoing for many years), we now find that one in four 12th graders say they vaped nicotine in the past month, along with one in five 10th graders, and nearly one in ten 8th graders.

One in five 12th graders reported they vaped Marijuana sometime in the past year, nearly double the year before.

When asked why they vape, many teens said they like the flavor, to experiment, for social reasons, or to feel good. Notably, the number of high school seniors who say they vaped because they are "hooked" more than doubled in the last year.

Teens' use of many drugs continues to decline, including misuse of prescription opioids, cigarette smoking, and alcohol use.

Obviously, our education efforts are having some effects, but I'm afraid our society's apparent approval of Marijuana is going to have even more of an adverse effect on our kids. I fear it's just a matter of time before we'll see even younger kids being included in these survey reports. I saw on the news recently that Missouri had approved 110 Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, at \$25,000 each plus the taxes the state will receive, it seems apparent that our citizens and lawmakers wanted/needed this. I'm sure all this windfall of income to our state will benefit our schools just like our gaming laws, (not that someone close to me is against a trip to the "boat" from time to time).

Respectfully,

Charlie Smith
MO ELKS D.A.P. Chairman

**Does your lodge need the trailer? Contact your
District Chairperson**

East Central Selena Lambrich, Cedar Hill #2678, 314.471.4905
Metro East George Frame Jr., Florissant #2316, 636.284.8881
Metro West Doug Jordan, Blue Springs #2509, 816.868.9802
Northeast Eric Dobelmann, Washington #1559, 636.390.2564
Northwest Brett Romeiser, Chillicothe #656, 660.247.2472
Southeast Joy Clarkson, Arcadia Valley #2330, 573.546.7297
Southwest Theresa Hess, Springfield #409, 417.612.0147
West Central Dennis Schoem, Benton Cty #2783, 913.827.7544



Cass County Celebrates a Super Bowl Win and an Anniversary.....Guess which one?

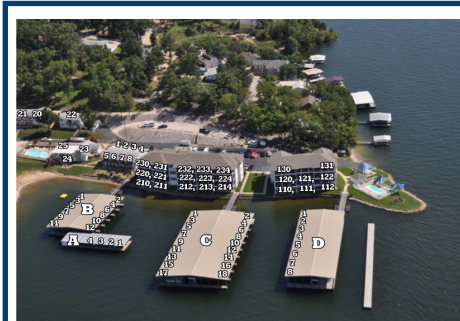


Pat MaTechau



Super Bowl Challenge #1 Kansas City Chiefs beat the 49ers 31-20 Losing State President has to Model opponents Jersey. We are waiting on the picture.

Superbowl Challenge #2 The Pearl Harbor Challenge. During the two week period after the game which State "CA or MO" will raise the most money For the Pearl Harbor Restoration Project. During Don's 2-weeks of visits following the Super Bowl we collected \$2882 ...plus unknown online Donations.



**2020 MEA
Bass Tournament
Robin's Resort
4935 Robins Circle
Osage Beach, MO 65065
September 25 th
and 26th**

Entry Fee \$150 Per Boat
100% Payback based on # of Boats
Big Bass Entry Fee is \$50 Per Boat
Prizes Awarded at the Lodge after the Weigh In Dinner
For more information contact:
George Budde @573 712 0662
georgebudde65@gmail.com
Get application forms @ your Lodge, or online @
moelk.org or SE Missouri District or MEA FB pages



A Super Bowl for MO Elks Spring 2020



Don Cook
Missouri State President



For Sell Cheap

Chief's Won Don will not!!
be wearing a 49ers Jersey

WINNER



Tim Jaeger
California State President



Needs to Buy

Tim we are waiting for
your Chiefs Jersey Picture

LOSER



Another \$823 turned in for President
Don Cook's Pearl Harbor Challenge
Columbia \$218, OAKVILLE \$350,
Christian County \$200, High Ridge \$55



Clinton #1034 Donated to the Pearl
Harbor Fund challenge
They wrote a check in honor of State
President Cook for \$1034 Thank You



Benevolent Trust Spring 2020

Our Dental Program relies on Missouri's 30,000 plus members financial assistance through donations and pledges for its continuing operation. We are very fortunate to receive financial assistance in the past from state funding through the Department of Health. I have been informed that our program is in the 2020 budget and we should be receiving \$200,000 to assist in our financial obligations of our dental program.

State funds are distributed by monthly installments and used mainly for salaries of the dental lab staff and dedicated staff working for our program at the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City. Donations and pledges that the Benevolent Trust (BT) receives are kept in the BT accounts and distributed when needed by our Comptroller. BT funds are used to fulfill salaries of staff if needed but mostly for operational costs of our two dental lab units.

The Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust has a board of directors that oversees its operations. A number of changes have occurred since last fall's convention in September. Jason Ledure from Cape Girardeau #639 was elected to the position of Finance Chairman replacing Dennis Harrington. Dennis spent over 20 years performing finance chairman services and we thank him for his dedication. Jason is your new contact for donations and pledges; his address is

1254 Marilyn Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. His phone number is 573-450-5122 and email address of jledure@havco.com. Remember that all checks should be made out to Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust and not to Jason personally. We also have a new comptroller, Susan Cook our current first lady to the state president Don Cook. Susan has an accounting degree and will be a great asset for taking care of our financial accounts.

The BT is made up of a Board of Management which consists of representatives from each of the 8 districts in the state. Part of our obligation is to address the needs from our districts to promote our major state project. I'd like to share with you our district representatives contact information so they can be contacted to assist you in your needs.

West Central, Josh Coots 417-276-9676
Metro East, Margaret Smith 636-528-2078
North East, Casey Stick 307-760-4959
South East, Paul Ledure 573-576-1945

East Central, Larry Page 314-261-3828
Metro West, Lacy Farmer 816-898-2136
North West, Gene Urick 660-648-6328
South West, Jeremiah Cook 417-499-5996

You may also contact me at any time at 573-821-0468. Your generosity has given us the ability to increase the amount of assistance with new and updated dental care. We and all of our clients, mentally challenged children and adults, and veterans when scheduling allows. Thank you for your continued support.

We are also rolling out a Direct Debit process to better help with perpetual pledges. There have been numerous requests for this process. This allows members to sign up for donations to be made monthly out of their savings or checking account relieving donors of continued pledge reminders. The process will start after this year's spring conference. If you are interested or have any questions on this contact me at 573-821-0468 or bbcrawf@mchsi.com.

We as board members are continuously looking at ways to better our Dental Program's operation. We are always open to suggestions for improvement. Do not hesitate to contact us. We all have to work together for those who need our help.



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Select: Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust Inc

How do I shop at Amazon Smile?

To shop at Amazon Smile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at Amazon Smile. (Once you have selected BT as your charitable choice you can type Amazon Smile in the search box and then click on the Amazon Smile logo and it will log you in. If you need help email me or a BT Officer.

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

AMAZON SMILE

As Elks we obligated ourselves to give back to our communities and this being our Major State Project, Benevolent Trust, is one of the numerous ways we fulfill that obligation and commit to the motto of **Elks Care and Elks Share**.

Brian Crawford, Director
Benevolent Trust



He enjoys helping..... for many years Robert "Bob" Young Columbia #594 has volunteered to move the dental van all across Missouri. Bob says he enjoys helping Dr. Beck, Cindy and our patients.

Getting the mobile unit from one location to the next is essential. With the assistance of elk members the dental staff can devote more time to concentrating on patient care.

This year the dental van will visit 17 locations. Having such an experienced driver like Robert is extremely helpful.Thanks Bob

MEA Hoop Shoot 2020



Eric Seyer MEA Hoopshoot Chairman Eric has always been active in the hoop. Shoot. Early in his Elks career Eric started working the hoop shoot at his home lodge Chaffee, Missouri where he still serves as Secretary. Besides his own Hoop Shoot, Eric still directs the Southeast District Hoop Shoot and is now our Missouri State Hoop Shoot Chairman. In the picture to the right Randy Eaton State Missouri Elks Association Hoop Shoot



Chairman for 41 years has stepped down as director, But he is still out there working with the Missouri Elks youth. This years 6 Missouri Elks Champions will travel to Padukah Kentucky on March 14th to compete in Elks Central Region Championship. The winners will compete in Chicago Illinois in the National Finals April 16th through the 19th.

12-13 Year Olds

Third place Josh Fallert Saint Genevieve #2674
runner-up Cole Hamilton Bates Co #2653
Champion Gage Albertson Mineral Area #2583
Girls Champion Addisyn Fidler Cass Co #2791
runner-up Kinley Norris Mineral Area 2583
third-place Kenzee James Troy 2805



8 and 9 year old– Boys third-place Drew Respondek Jackson #2652 Runner-up Ashton Boyet Potosi #2218
Champion Andrew McWilliams West plains #2418
Girls Champion Annalee Livengood Maryville #760
Runner-up Sage Redd Benton County #2783 3rd place Ryleigh Davis Alton Thayer # 2545



10-11 Year old-Boys 3rd-place Ladon Webb Poplar Bluff #2452 Runner-up Parker Owen Benton Co #2783
Champion Kylan Pickren Christian County #2777
Girls Champion Ainsley McWilliams West Plains #2418
Runner-up Katie Hunt Eureka-Pacific #2644
third-place Shelby Redd Benton County 2783



East Central District Spring 2020



On September 11, 2019 the **Meramec-Arnold Elks LODGE #2372** held it's first annual First Responders Dinner. A delicious meal was served from 11am until 8pm to allow First Responders from all shifts to participate. We also provided numerous carry out service for those who could not attend. First Responders ate free and others paid \$5.00. Background music was provided by Brian Min (Member) and Bill Triola. We also had the History Channel showing the 911 videos on our big screen TV all day. We had a 50/50 and are selling T shirts advertising the event. The Lodge is underwriting all expenses for this event, and all funds received will be donated to the Back stoppers. We raised approximately \$2300.00. We served over 100 First Responders and 90 others who came out to show their support.



We had a great visit with President Cook, ER Jim Ross and the Officers and Ladies of **Festus-Crystal City Elks #1721**.

MEA A fun visit was had by all. Great food was served and the Fact-O-Life Band provided some of the best music and Entertainment that you could ask for. Jim Ross is a Great ER as well as a Great Membership Chairman. Thanks #1721



During State President Don Cook's Visit to the **DeSoto #689 Elks lodge** both First Lady Susan Cook and Joy Clarkson were honored with gifts from Chris Sariego. The doilies were made by her Great Grandmother, Marcella Riola who came from Sicily to Ellis Island as a young bride of 16 in 1902. Pictured in back are ER Bob Galloway and Chris Sariego. Front row is Joy Clarkson, Susan Cook, and President Don Cook.



Many thanks to the **Oakville Elks Lodge 2726** for providing a delicious Thanksgiving dinner to veterans, current military and their families today. Food was delicious and the friendly staff made us feel so welcome. Thanks



Exalted Ruler Karen Yeager presents State President Don Cook with \$350 on behalf of **Oakville Lodge #2726** to help with the Pearl Harbor Restoration.



To all our veterans... past, present and future - Thank you and God bless you.



Ste Genevieve #2674

We want to send a huge Congratulations to Josh Fallert who competed in the Elks Hoop

Shoot State Finals this past week-end. Josh won his Local Elks Hoop Shoot and his District Elks Hoop



The **Cedar Hill #2678** annual Trunk or Treat took place on October 25th; there were approximately 25 cars who participated and over 200 children showed up to the event.

Elroy the Elk was there passing out coloring books with a piece of candy at the District Drug Awareness Trailer for all who attended.



Potosi Elks Lodge #2218 wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop #480 for a very beautiful and patriotic Flag Retirement Ceremony.



In the final seize of Vicksburg in 1863 The Publisher of The Daily Citizen ran out of newsprint and published his paper on the face of wallpaper showing the hardships and resourcefulness Southerners faced. On July 4th Union Troops marched into the city and found an issue ready for print. After they made a few changes they printed a final wallpaper newspaper. The final issue was reprinted about 30 times. This reprint is from the 1880s or 1890s and was the gift presented to President Don Cook by **The High Ridge #2455 Elks Lodge**.

The gift given to Adm. Assistant Bud Clarkson by **The High Ridge** Lodge was a book entitled Rifle and Light Infantry Tactics written by Lt. Col. William J. Hardee. This book was printed in 1861 under the direction of the War Dept. Col. Hardee resigned from the U.S. Army and joined the Confederacy where he served as a general Corps Commander. His name was taken off subsequent printings and was largely replaced by Casey's Tactics.

Pictured from left to right are President Don Cook, E. R. Ron Colatskie, His wife Sandy, and Adm. Assistant Bud Clarkson.



Benton County Elks #2783, Warsaw MO- Summer Food Drive June-August 2019. "Harbor Channel Hop", started the collection. Totals are: 1,740 lbs.-3 pick up loads; and \$5000 monies donated for proteins. Pictured are Dennis Schoen, ER #2783, with other Elks, Chuck Allcorn, organizer, and Pres. Hawthorn Bank; and Jeanie Arnold, Benton County Food Pantry Manager. All donations went to local Benton County Food Pantry. Elks Care - Elks Share!



Nevada Elks Lodge #564's own Elroy the Elk (Phil Thompson) presenting Sheldon School's November Student of the Month awards. Phil is very dedicated to being Elroy for Sheldon School every month and the school greatly appreciates him!

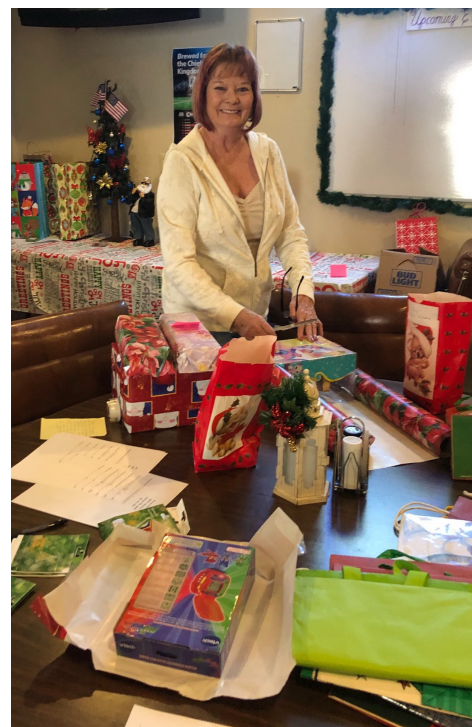


Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517 Elks members having fun at the annual Veterans Day Parade.

Benton County Elks lodge #2783 is proud to send \$200.00 for the Mo vs Calif (KC CHIEF vs 49'ers) for the Pearl Harbor Restoration fund.



Bates County Lodge #2653 holds their annual Halloween Party. Pictured is Inner Guard Amy Cheek. They also used their grants to donate \$4500 for the Imagination Library. They also present Don Cook with \$51.00 for the Pearl Harbor Restoration Project.



The Greenview Elks Lodge #2857 was proud to provide Christmas food baskets for 20 families and gifts for 37 kids this year through our Elf Fund Program. Ten families from each of the Macks Creek and Climax Springs School District received a complete Christmas dinner as well as gifts for their children. The program also provided food baskets at Thanksgiving to 20 needy families. Pictured is Elk member Janet Pangborn wrapping presents.



During State President Don Cook's visit to **Adrian Lodge #2864** he was able to have his picture taken with several of their Charter Members. This was important to him as he was ER at **Joplin Lodge #501** when they obtained their charter in 2009 and he had the privilege of conducting the ceremony. Pictured above is Lecturing Knight Patsy Paige, Pres. Don Cook, Exalted Ruler Paul Stockdale, Trustee Keith Kunkelman, Jeanne Kunkelman, and Treasurer Donna Jones. With the exception of the E.R. all are Charter Members.



Sedalia #125

Past State President Bill Walter stands at the Sedalia lodge podium while giving a tour to state President Don Cook and AA Bud Clarkson showing off the old building of Sedalia lodge #125. Following the tour Sedalia hosted their annual Crappie feed and fish races.



While at **Clinton Lodge #1034** approximately 200 guests were treated to a great dinner and a Hillbilly play that kept everyone laughing all evening. The guests included State President Don Cook, future State President John Rinehart, and Past State Presidents Duane Heldenbrand, Rich Larkin, Brian Crawford, Bill Walter, Skip Bell, and Richard Techau. **Clintom donated \$1034 for Pearl Harbor.**



Poplar Bluff Lodge #2452 hosted a dinner for Emergency Personnel and First Responders. They held a silent auction to raise money for these heroes and a Roaring Twenties Party was enjoyed by the Elks and Guests.



Mineral Area Elks Lodge 2583 works with three area schools — Central, North County and West County. During the month of October we offered assemblies that focused on this year's national theme. Here, Elroy the Elk quizzes the students of North County Parkside Elementary.



Every year Cape Elks Lodge 639 partners with Boy Scout Troop 5 to help needy families. The Scouts collected almost 2500 food items that the Elks will sort and distribute to families in need this holiday season. Thanks to everyone who helped out!



Jackson Lodge #2652 loaded and delivered 250 Christmas baskets.

Our young lodge (36 years) has been providing this for our com-

munity from the beginning! It was a great day to be a Jackson Elk.



On behalf of **Farmington Lodge #1765** Exalted Ruler Wayne Wilson presented a \$1000 donation to officers for Shop With A Cop.



This is a picture of the contestants from the Southeast District who placed in the soccer shoot at the state level. From left to right are Audrey Maevers 1st place under 10 Div. Jackson lodge #2652; Kinleigh Hayes 1st place under 8 Div. Farmington Lodge #1765; Aryan Patil 1st place under 12 Div. Farmington Lodge #1765; Trevor Gowen 2nd place under 14 Div. Farmington Lodge #1765; Sarah Barton 1st place under 16 Div. Farmington Lodge #1765; and Lonnie Edwards S. E. Dist. Soccer Chairman.



Arcadia Valley #2330 Just wanted to say a huge thanks to everyone that helped pack the Care Baskets for our Veterans, also to all that helped shop, bring in, unpack and pack the boxes that we sent to our men and women that are serving overseas.

A special thanks to everyone that helped in any way to make our Freedom Grant a huge success

SE District MVS Scholarship Results 12/21/19 Advancing to State

Boys	Lodge	Girls	Lodge
Ross Dare	Pop Bluff 2452	Emily Boyd	Sikeston 2319
Hau Phan	Fgt 1765	Abigail Cassimatis	Fgt 1765
Rothman Harris	Fgt 1765	Aleasia Ryan	Fgt 1765
Isaac Layton	P'ville 2701	Shannon Martin	Perryville 2701
Samuel Varnon	Cape Gir 639	Bryn Myer	Jackson 2652
Noah Rolwing	Sikeston 2319	Megan Lipe	Perryville 2701
Austin LaFave	Jackson 2652	Faith Cates	Perryville 2701
David Layton	Jackson 2652	Eva Bedell	Pop Bluff 2452
Christopher Krewson	P'ville 2701	Mallory Griffon	Pop Bluff 2452
Vince Mathes	A Valley 2330	Sydnee Walling	Min. Area 2583
Mason Keena	Dexter 2439	Elizabeth Schell	Jackson 2652
Seth Kirkman	Pop Bluff 2452	Blair Rogers	Dexter 2439



SIKESTON

Sikeston Lodge 2319 awarded a Certificate of Honor to the Sons of the American Legion for properly displaying the large American flag at the Sikeston Recreation Complex. ER Wayne Smith made the presentation to Nelson Guth, a member of the American Legion group. The certificate is part of the Grand Lodge Americanism program.

Metro East Spring 2020

YOUTH ACTIVITIES TRUNK OR TREAT



On Friday, October 25th, the **Troy Lodge #2805** sponsored a Truck or Treat Space at the Boone Elementary . It was well received.



Florissant Lodge 2316 Veterans Committee hosted the monthly bingo at the Missouri Veterans Home with a happy hour that included Buffalo and Garlic Parmesan Wings, pulled pork sliders, cheese and meat trays and beverages. The residents enjoyed the comradery, food and drinks. (Photo credit to Bill Wann)

Ellisville #2644 and St Louis #9 visited St James retirement home on November 2nd 2019.

The Ellisville Elks an St Louis Elks provided a barbecue pork steak sandwich and deliver gift bags to 80 veterans at the St James retirement home.

The St. Louis Lodge #9 also provided for special gift bags to the lady retired veterans. The Ellisville Lodge used part of their Gratitude Grant to support the event. The most rewarding part of the visit was Lodge members visiting with the retired veterans after they ate lunch



Crestwood Elks Lodge #2503 hosted a breakfast on Saturday, December 7, 2019, for 25 area children, their families and members of St. Louis County Police Department.

Following the breakfast prepared and served by 16 Crestwood Lodge members, each child received a \$100 gift card to purchase Christmas gifts for their family. Police Officers were then paired with the children & were off to Wal-Mart for their shopping excursion. The Lodge utilized funds from the Beacon Grant for the "Shop With A Cop" event.



The Affton Elks Lodge #2635 once again held another successful Christmas Basket Program helping 58 families, 140 children and 6 seniors with food. The children also received presents.



The Ballwin Police Department says:

Our "Shop with a Cop" partners, the **Manchester Elks Lodge #2058** (represented by John and Jeanne Sullivan) presented us with two \$1000 checks on Wednesday. One for Mike, and the other for the Backstoppers.

Crestwood Lodge #2503

hosted 43 outpatients from Jefferson Bar-racks Hospital for a Christmas Party. 32 lodge members were present to help host the event. Vets enjoyed a great meal prepared and served by lodge members. In addition Santa and Mrs. Claus paid a visit and gave out gifts. They also enjoyed games of pool and shuffleboard and music by Tony Utz.



St. Louis Elks Lodge #9 Youth Activities Committee is making a difference in the community.

With the help of an ENF Spotlight Grant, Sunday February 9 St. Louis Lodge #9 hosted a Community Baby Shower at Our Lady's Inn which is a maternity home for abused and homeless mothers and their children.

The Spotlight Grant required a literacy component and Lodge #9 donated over 200 books, diapers, wipes baby clothing and food for the residents. At the end, we were thanked for brightening the day for the mothers and children as Success was in the smiles we received. Bravo to the Youth Activities Committee and Chairman Chair Beth Schnettler who're inculcating our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity .





Osage Community Elks Lodge 2705 Provided a Fishing Dock for the Local Boy Scout Camp The Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation is a camp owned by the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, located on the Lake of the Ozarks, a major fishery in central Missouri. In the current year, the scout reservation will serve over three thousand campers from Missouri and ten other states such as South Carolina and Georgia. In January of 2014, the camp's fishing dock was damaged by ice and had to be demolished, leaving the scouts only option to fish from the shore. The Osage Community Elks Lodge, located in Laurie, Missouri, was aware of this situation and used their Gratitude Grant supersized with their Anniversary Grant from 2018 to purchase a used dock for the camp. Rebel Docks from Stover, Missouri knowing it was a project for the Boy Scouts and the Elks, was able to sell the dock to the lodge for much less than their budget. This along with Ameren Missouri, who manages the lake, foregoing their normal permit fees allowed the Lodge to add to the scope of the project and purchase forty rod and reel sets along with tackle and fishing gear so that the camp was able to provide a first-class fishing program for the youth using the camp. The used dock the Lodge found was not set up for fishing and required considerable modification. Volunteers from the Osage Community Elks Lodge spent over 320 manhours of labor and drove almost 2800 miles in their efforts to find and modify the dock. The dock started out as a single well boat dock with a swim platform attached to the side. The Elks removed half the roof to make casting possible and moved the swim platform into the boat well creating a four-sided dock with a center fishing well. The Elks added handrail around the outside and around the fishing well for safety and built a cleaning station on the dock. In addition, they provided a free standing all weather shed adjacent to the dock to store the fishing equipment they provided. The dock was not

found until late fall of 2018. Due to cold weather and low water levels, the majority of the work had to wait until the spring of 2019. However, the dock was ready to be used during the summer camping season at the scout reservation. This was a major project for the Osage Community Elks Lodge that provided an enhanced experience for the campers at the scouting reservation. It is another example of the lodge living up to the Elks motto, Elks Care, Elks Share.



This is just one of the many baskets donated by the caring Elks of the **Southeast District** in order to raise funds for the Drug Awareness and Americanism Programs at our district Vice President Clinic.

PSP Jim Hahn acted as auctioneer and the attending Elks generously opened their wallets. We were able to raise \$1000 to help support these two very important programs and show the youth of our district that Elks really do care and share.



Dexter Elks #2439

getting ready for the Good Will Games. These are special games done each year for handicap kids



in Stoddard County. They have been sponsoring these games for twenty-five years.



The Southeast District had four visits with President Cook and raised \$800 for the Cal. Verses Mo. Super Bowl challenge. These funds will be used for the Pearl Harbor Restoration. Cape Girardeau raised \$284, Jackson \$102, Perryville \$291 and Fredericktown \$123. Thank you Southeast District.



Fredericktown #2812

officers hosting the MEA State President Don Cook and other dignitaries from around the state. This hard working small lodge makes a big impact on their community. Thank you for all you do.



Lake Stockton #2858

Elroy visits Stockton's Head Start



Ste Genevieve #2644

Membership Christmas party and Silent Auction update. Many hours of work to put this together.. and together we raised over \$1500 just in the silent auction for St.Vincent De Paul!! Thank you to all of our sponsors for your donations and to our members.

Southwest District & More Spring 2020



The Dobos Family from left: Julia (6), Alexandra (11), Olivia (8), Gabriel (10), Genevieve (12), Angelina (7), and Mom Claudia holding Daniel (11 months) – not pictured is Annabell (3)

Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 holds an annual event, Back to School Shopping for Kids, where they take underprivileged school aged children shopping for new clothing just in time for the school year. Each child receives up to \$100 worth of shoes, socks, underwear and at least two outfits of school appropriate clothing. This year, the Elks set a new record and took 253 children shopping and stayed just within budget at \$24,940.03.

The Dobos family, pictured above, originally moved into this area in 2004 from Romania and were very excited to be among the first shoppers on Saturday, July 6, 2019. Tragically, we lost three of the eight Dobos children in a tragic accident just two weeks later.

On Thursday, July 18, 2019 Claudia Dobos, age 35 was driving the family's passenger van with all 8 of her children safely buckled inside. While Claudia was merging West onto I-44 from the Chestnut Expressway exit, a semi, that had been parked on the side of the road re-entered traffic, causing Claudia to swerve. Unable to avoid the semi, Claudia's van side swiped the front of the semi and careened off the roadway striking a cable barrier. With the entire right side of the van peeled open, three of the children were ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased at the scene. Claudia and Genevieve were hospitalized and the remaining children were treated for various injuries. Friends, family and our wonderful community have raised over \$167,000 in a GoFundMe Account to help the family with medical and funeral bills. **Elks care Elks share.**



These adorable Scouts from Pack No. 2557 served a delicious steak dinner at the **Lebanon Elks Lodge #2557.**



FEB14
Valentines Murder Mystery Masquerade Ball **Joplin Elks Lodge 501** & Venue Hosted by A Night of Masks & Murder.



Mexico Elks Lodge 919 has held 3 Senior Fun nights for Senior Citizens this year. Seniors are invited from residential homes, and also come from local and surrounding towns. Music is played by a band for dancing and Lodge members prepare food of all kinds for the guests to enjoy. Crowds continue to increase. Most recent dances were held the first Friday of February and also for March of this year. We use the Beacon Grants for these Senior Fun Nights.

Christian County #2777 Collected \$200 in President Cook's Superbowl Challenge... Don't forget to pass the Bucket for the Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund...GO Chief's go Missouri Elks



Lake Tanneycomo #2597
Presenting a check for \$1500 for their brush truck and smoke detectors

Springfield Elks Lodge #409 distributed 205 food baskets to families in need on Saturday!

Countless volunteers, months of preparation, lots of fundraising, donations and great leadership by Linda & Tom Hrdlicka made the weekend a huge success!

#elkscaareelksshare #elks409 #elksdo



Webb City #861- Today we delivered "Welcome Home" gifts to homeless Veterans that were recently placed in homes. Dana served four years in the Navy and four years in the Reserves. She received a microwave, toaster, dish set, glass set, silverware, dish and bath towels. Marc and Angela (not pictured) received a futon couch. Thank you both for your service to our country! Thank you ENF for providing the grants to help us make a difference in the live of our Veterans.





Trenton Elks Lodge No. 801 has made a \$500 donation to Trenton police Officer Jasmine Diab to help with expenses associated with the recovery from a gunshot wound.

Chillicothe Lodge #656

Don't forget to come down and have breakfast. Free for Vets, Active Duty +1 ! All others welcome for a \$7.00 donation to the Elks Pearl Harbor Memorial Restoration Fund! Win/Win!



When President Don Cook visited the Northwest District he, Susan, Bud and Joy were escorted around on this Chiefs Bus. We were so proud to be travelling in style! In Missouri we take our chiefs seriously.

Pictured above are President Don Cook, Administrative Assistant Bud Clarkson and the officers of the Northwest District.



Cameron Elks Lodge #2615 held a fund raiser to raise money to adopt a family for Christmas. This is an annual event for this caring lodge. Thank you for caring and sharing.



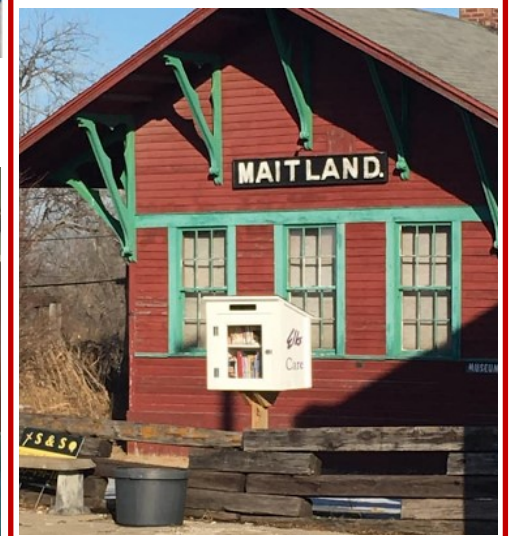
State President Cook's visit to the **Chillicothe Lodge #656**. A great time was enjoyed by all.



Excelsior Springs #1001

Maryville #760

125 miles and 3.5 hours and I have visited every library we have set up. Coming soon locations: Ministry Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Mozingo main campground and Mozingo beach. We are still looking to place locations in Barnard, Burlington Junction, Elmo, and Quitman if you know anyone in those areas or know where we can place a little library please contact Tammy Thompson at 816-351-7250. Thank you!📧



Brookfield #874

A snow covered Elroy helps the Brookfield Elks Chief's Fans celebrate a Chiefs Victory.

Several of the ladies of the lodge hit the front porch to pose with our snow covered Mascot.



Northeast District Spring 2020



Hannibal Elks Lodge #1198 passing out our Drug Awareness materials at the Halloween Parade with Elroy and McGruff.



Members of **Hannibal Elks #1198** have been busy shopping for our Gratitude Grant. We purchased \$700 worth of supplies for Avenues.

We also purchased \$700 worth of deodorant for veterans at the Mexico Veterans Home which they had requested. Thank you to all members



During the State President's visit at **Columbia Lodge #594** several visiting elks posed in front of the State Archives display. Pictured above is President Elect Ron Bollinger, Past District Deputy Steve Green, Adm. Assistant Bud Clarkson, President Don Cook, Director Rob Orr, Marshall Cecil Arnett, Past State President Brian Crawford, and Past State President Carroll Schleeter

Columbia Lodge #594 raised just over \$200 during our Super Bowl gathering for the Pearl Harbor Restoration! Thank you PDDGER Joyce Gentry for donating your winnings back to the cause!



The Elks of **Louisiana Lodge #791** helped more than 400 kids get \$32,000 worth of warm clothing for winter. (preliminary figures) We are fortunate to be able to utilize funding from the George Trimble Trust for this project. We do not take pictures of the participating families. These are all elks working on the program.



Every year on the first Sunday in December we gather together to remember our absent members! We had a good turnout to a beautiful ceremony followed by a delicious lunch! Thank you to everyone involved.

Warrenton Elks Lodge #2662

On December 14th **Jefferson City Lodge 513** provided \$2500 from the Gratitude Grant to help fund the local Take Our Youth Shopping (TOYS) shopping event where various local enforcement officers help 100 children shop for Christmas presents.



Each child received a \$150 gift card with which to shop. After an early morning breakfast the officers escorted the children in approximately 60 patrol cars, SUVs, trucks and buses for a parade to the local store with sirens blaring and lights flashing with Santa arriving in a black SWAT vehicle.



The Washington lodge #1559 worked with the City Parks Department in a joint Community Project on turning a deserted area into a District Golf Course.



Congratulations **Macon ELKS Lodge #999** for taking 2nd place in the Christmas parade.



St. Clair #2651 hosts a Mardi Gras Party!



O'Fallon Elks #2587 having sooooo much fun at the Elvis Presley show taking us all back to The 60's for sure.



Lodge members from **Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge #2376** in Gladstone, Missouri sponsored the 7th Annual Breakfast to generate funds which were donated to the Down Syndrome Guild of Kansas City.

The \$3,300 will be used to prepare baskets of baby clothing, hygiene items, and educational materials for parents with a child diagnosed with Down Syndrome. A great example of Elks Caring and Elks Sharing. Pictured from left to right: Bill Moore, PER; Tim Elliott, Exalted Ruler; and Amy Allison, Chief Operating Officer for the Guild.



Kansas City Elks Lodge 26 is one of the oldest Lodges in the United States, founded in 1884!

Home Lodge of Former President **Harry S. Truman 33rd President of the United States of America**

“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.” **Harry S. Truman**

On October 29th, 2019 the **Blue Springs Lodge** hosted it's 4th annual Halloween Special Needs Dance, with over 250 in attendance. It was a spooktacular night of activities, food, fun, and a lot of dancing! Prizes were awarded for best costumes, and everyone participated in Trick or Treat Lane.



Blue Springs Lodge #2509 Packing boxes for the 240 families and 500 plus children the Elks have supported this year! Thanks to all who have helped today and throughout the year! Elks care Elks share!!



PER Lois Cavanaugh accepting a certificate of appreciation from Grandview Mayor, Leonard Jones. GVHM#2088 participated in a food drive for our local food pantry last month. Elks Care. Elks Share.



Cass County 2791 recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. The attached picture is of the existing PERs. We wore number 25 Jerseys to commemorate this momentous occasion and also our AFC Champion Kansas City Chiefs!



K. C. Chiefs
Rock!!
We are so Proud!
100th season of the NFL Winners!
GO CHIEFS!



Vonda Love, member of **Lexington Lodge #749** presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Jennifer King and Heidi Lynn for repairs to the Girl Scout Cabin. The grant was made possible through Elks National Foundation.



Warrensburg #673

This was our Chicken Wing Cook-off fundraiser. With this event we were able to raise the last of the money needed to have KC Wolf come down for Youth Week.

Elks National Foundation What we get back!

Raised in 2019-2020

Paid back to MO 2019-2020 **\$297,440**

State Charity \$121,760

Special Projects Grant \$70,960

Bonus Grant \$24,020

Most Valuable Student \$36,000

Legacy Award \$24,000

NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- **\$405,700** to 64 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants. \$1.6 per every \$1 received

\$256,870 more than paid in!!

Current Figures on right 2/23/20



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 30,276 Members

Contributions \$174,526.44

Per Capita Average \$5.76

National Veterans Service Commission

Bolivar #2828

Rick Crites and Dennis Eagon cleaned over 60 deer hides for the Bolivar Elks Lodge and the Elks Veteran's Leather Program. The Elks collect deer hides to make gloves for our Veterans. Under the guidance of Chuck Mudge, Missouri has collected the most hides nationwide for over five years.

Veterans Leather Program

MEA Deer Hides Chairman

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



A very entertaining evening at the **Clinton #1034 Lodge**. Pictured on back row are Pres. Elect 2020-2021 John Rinehart, PSP Brian Crawford, State Pres. Don Cook, PSP Richard Techau, PSP Bill Walter, Front Row: Pictured PSP Richard Larkin, PSP Duane Heldenbrand, and PSP Skip Bell.

Brotherly Love!



One more example of Brotherly love. This is at **High Ridge #2455**. This was after a delicious brunch. Pictured from left to right are President Elect Ron Bollinger, PSP Bill DeLarber, PSP John Gross, and State President Don Cook.

Love the Camaraderie.



On left-1st Lady Susan wearing antlers and center pic is Susan, Don, and their son Jeremiah who is State Chaplain.



Susan at the Crestwood
Testicle Festival

Just one example of many great lodge visits across this great state. This one is at **Oakville Lodge #2726**. Thank you Don and Susan for sharing an amazing year with all of us. Memories to share and cherish for a life time.



Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks

Chairman
Tom & Marty Shelton

Convention

State

Spring 2019 March 15-17
Fall 2019 September 20-22
Spring 2020 March 13-15
Fall 2020 October 2-4
Spring 2021 March 12-14
Fall 2021 October 1-3

Dates

Grand Lodge

2019 St Louis June 30 – July 3
2020 Baltimore July 5 – 8
2021 Tampa July 4 - 7
2022 Atlanta July 3 - 6