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Grand Exalted Ruler Message from Paul R. Ryan—As I begin my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I want to begin by saying thanks to all of you and offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you have entrusted me as your next national president. This would not have been possible without all of you, my fellow brothers and sisters, and your support and guidance. I also need to thank my family and friends, and of course the assistance and aid of my wonderful wife.

When I started this adventure, finding a theme was something that I wanted to make sure stood out. I wanted to change a little of the landscape of the organization to make sure that we not only survive the future but thrive in it. With the changes happening in this world, my theme has become more and more vital to the situation. My Theme for 2020-2021 is Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. Now more than ever we need to go out there and help our communities and get them to thrive again, get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Help them to realize that this is a great country. And teach them

who we are as Elks and that our organization is one that will Create Momentum for the future of Elkdom and the people of this country. The Elks are a community, and it is my hope for the coming year that by working together with the Elks National Foundation and through our Members and Lodges nationwide we can build both stronger communities and stronger Elks. It is my goal that we can reach \$4.80 per Member in our ENF donations this Elks year. It's not a lofty goal when you consider that we have reached this amount for many of the past years. I understand that with the way the world is right now, it is hard to increase the goal. Lodges are closed and will have a hard time coming up with the extra funds to be able to sustain our current activity. Reach down and grab one more dollar. Believe me, the Elks National Foundation charitable giving will be needed more than ever and the funds will go a lot further now in the world that we are living in.

It is my challenge to each and every Member to practice the Elks values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your work, your daily lives, and everything you do.

Stacey and I are looking forward to visiting you in each of your respective states and Lodges during our travels during the next year.



Greetings all,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy. Who would have thought that in a matter of six months our lives would be turned upside down? The COVID-19 pandemic has definitely changed life as we knew it and this includes our Elk Lives!

We are so glad that our new State President, Ron Bollinger and his slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Lodge year were installed at the March Spring Convention before things began to lock down. In these unprecedented times, the Grand Lodge Convention that was to be held in July in Baltimore, MD was cancelled, and as you know our Fall State Convention has been cancelled as well. With the ending of one Fraternal year and the beginning of another, the Leaders of our Order both on the State Level and Grand Lodge, were forced to complete the work of the Order either virtually or with small groups in person. A different start to the year, but I know President Ron and First Lady Jean will adapt to the situation and serve the Missouri Elks proudly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past State President Don Cook and his wife Susan for the wonderful job they did in serving our State Association. We and all of the Missouri Elks thank them for their dedication and friendship.

To the Past District Deputies who served last year, I want to thank you for a job well done. You all made a great effort to keep me informed of the activities of the Lodges in your Districts.

Congratulations to our eight new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year. Unfortunately they did not have the experience of being installed in this important position during a Grand Lodge Convention.

Again, the pandemic sure played havoc on things, but you are now installed and this begins a year of hard work. I can assure you that the experience will be one that you will enjoy and not soon forget. Good luck!

Let's work hard this year to achieve the goals of the Grand Exalted Ruler and State President in Membership, Elks National Foundation and the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust.

In closing, Beth and I extend warm wishes to all of you during these trying times. It is our sincere hope that things will get back to normal and we will all be together again in March! God Bless you now and in the months ahead.

"Wow!" What a year 2020 has turned out to be. When I was sworn in as President last March, I didn't envision all of the turmoil each and every one of us has had to endure. As individuals, we have had to adjust to the "new normal". We have had to adapt to not seeing our loved ones, and even as far as losing someone close to our families. We had to subject ourselves to restrictions and inconveniences to protect us all from this horrible pandemic.

As much as our personal lives have been placed in turmoil, I have heard of many lodges that have put the down time to good use. Many lodges used this time cleaning, painting and remodeling their facilities.

On a selfish note, the first three months of my term were basically lost. I have had to try and reschedule 18 visits so far. Jean and I were really looking forward to visiting all lodges in our GREAT STATE. That being said, we were able to begin our visits in mid June. It still amazes me that with all of the shutdown and other obstacles each lodge has had to endure that they are continuing the great traditions of ELKDOM. We continue to serve our veterans, children and communities as best we can and know that as soon as this crisis passes Elks will resume in full force in doing what we do, and that is "Elks CARE-ELKS SHARE".

My motto of "Painting the Future of Elkdom" is more important than ever. When the history of this virus is written, we as Elks will have a blank canvas to use to put the past behind us and to paint a brilliant future for our Great Organization.

In closing, Jean and I have had a great time at each of the lodges we have visited and hope and pray that we can continue our visits. I am looking forward to the time we can be together again and enjoy the fellowship that we have had in the past. Thanks to everyone for your support. I ask that everyone stay safe. Think of others when you venture out. Be careful out there.

Fraternally,

Ron Bollinger

MEA State President

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Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL

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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

METRO EAST

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

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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 #28

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 WEST

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Warrensburg #673
Lexington #749
Kansas City North #2376
Blue Springs #2509
Cass County #2791
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#2088

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

Living Past State Presidents

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
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
DON COOK	2019-2020



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MEA State Directory

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I wish to thank all of you for taking the time to share the accomplishments of our lodges across Missouri.

Last year Bud and I were fortunate to be able to travel with Don and Susan and visit almost every lodge in the state. This year we have been isolated so much of the time and I miss all of our friends and fellow elks. So I have been excited to read about all of your hard work and the help you have given to so many people during these many stressful months. But that hasn't stopped Elks from having great times when they can be together.

I can't wait to see you all and ask that you please remember to keep sharing your benevolent deeds, great works and good times with me so we can stay united through the Shozem.

Each of our seventy-four lodges in Missouri provide so much support and good examples for each other. Keep up the good work and remember to send me your articles. Yes...Elks do Care and Elks do Share.

Because of what you have submitted to the Shozem, our paper, was presented a five star Recognition award for our 2019-2020 Editions.

Thank you again.

Joy Clarkson, Shozem Editor

Be sure to hunt for Izzy the Dog. She sneaked in here and hid three times.

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WE NEED YOU!

To meet our deadline for distribution in a timely manner, all lodges must have their information for the MO Elks State Directory for submittal by April 10th. Send information to: Rich Larkin, rrlarkin@swbell.net or call 816.824.8484 for further information.

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. Since there will not be a convention this Fall due to Covid 19 if you need to contact Frank for assistance please call him at 816-289-8352 or email at frankby@netzero.com Frank always is there to answer questions and solve problems.



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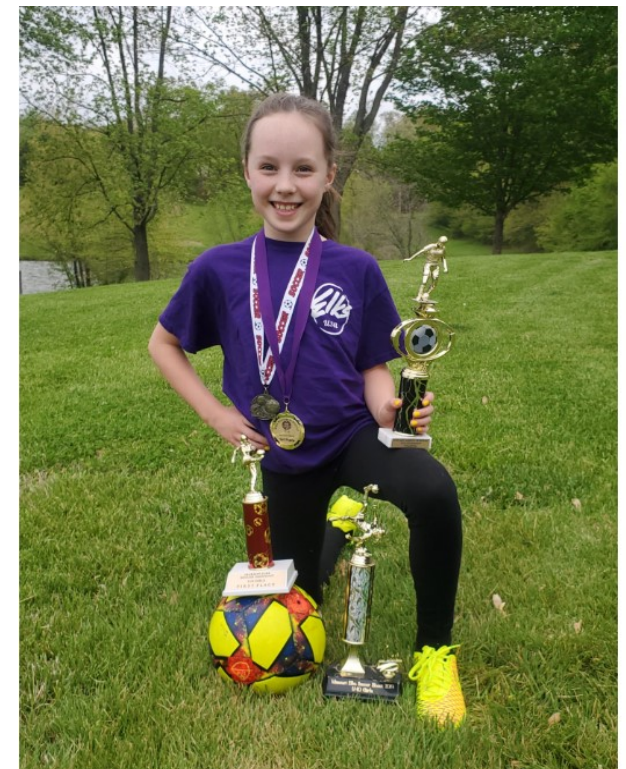
The Shozem
2019-2020



Robert L. Duitsman, Grand Exalted Ruler

Brian R. Klatt, Grand Secretary

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As you thumb through the Shozem notice that Missouri was blessed to have two National Winners this year. Both young ladies were from the Southeast District. Congratulations Ava and Audrey!!



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moelks.org MEA State Website

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.



Grand Lodge Auditing and

Accounting

The Financial Reporting System got off to a somewhat rocky (to put it charitably) start. With that being said, to use a phrase from Star Trek, "resistance is futile". There has been too much time, effort and money invested for it to go away.

As a Committee we have pretty much resigned ourselves to spending this year trying to get everyone's

2019-2020 numbers correct and getting everyone submitting their numbers correctly. Our hope is that eventually this will allow the District Deputies to get more real time information to help Lodges and make it a valuable tool going forward. It is quite likely that the District Deputies will not have 19-20 evaluations when they make their visit as we can't write them until your numbers in the FRS are accurate and you have filed your 990's with Grand Lodge.

The single biggest issue we are encountering is mistakes on the 3-31-19 balance sheet. Some Lodge's simply haven't submitted them and most of the ones submitted do not match what you reported on your Annual Financial Report last year. It is very important that we get this corrected before we move forward. The most common error is that Lodge's have depended on their Accountant to book depreciation and their Lodge files do not reflect the correct amount. A second common error is simply not recording in the Lodge accounting system the year-end adjusting journal entries provided by the Lodge's accountant or return preparer. There are detailed instructions on the Grand Lodge website in the FRS section on how to properly accomplish this.

As we go forward there will be changes and we have tried to make improvements to the system. One is to minimize rework and reduce the necessity for the Lodge to resubmit the monthly actual data resulting from reconciling the Financial Reporting System (FRS) data to the Lodge's local accounting system the Committee is recommending the following change. Effective immediately Lodges should now submit Year to Date (YTD) data when submitting the actual data each month. This change can be implemented by simply adjusting the date range for the transaction report the Lodge is currently using as the basis for its monthly submission. It is recommended that you memorize this report in quick books and then it will be a simple task of changing the date range and remembering it. The report should start with 4-1-20 and then have the end date of the last day of the month you are reporting for. For example, when you run October monthly data, choose YTD (beginning 4/1/20, ending 10/31/20). Do this every time you run the monthly report.

The Committee believes that this change will result in fewer errors in the FRS data. Submitting YTD data will capture any prior month changes and adjustments that may have occurred in the current month. This should result in more accurate monthly and YTD data in the FRS and simplify reconciling the FRS data to the Lodges local accounting system.

We now have an In House help desk and they can be contacted at FRShelp@elks.org or better yet there is a help desk form located at <https://formcrafts.com/a/50124>. You can also access this form in the FRS section of the Grand Lodge website by selecting the Help button.

Please feel free to reach out to me or our FRS Coordinator Frank Kerby with any questions or concerns.



Three New Campaigns to Grow Membership

The Grand Lodge has introduced three new campaigns to help Lodges grow their membership. But more on that later. I would rather start out by saying that for the third year in a row Missouri has finished the year with a membership gain, a gain of 117 members. Great job considering that COVID-19 put a damper on Initiations in March. This is good for 10th place in the Nation. Way to go Missouri, AGAIN!!

The top three Lodges for membership growth for 2019-2020 were:

First Place, Benton County Lodge #2783 with a 15.7% gain, Second Place was Bolivar Lodge #2828 with a 14.9% gain and Third Place was Fredericktown Lodge #2812 with a 13.8% gain. Congratulations to all. Missouri finished last year with 43 Lodges gaining membership and 31 losing members. Four Districts gained and four Districts lost members. Let's work together and grow again in 2020-2021.

Back to The Grand Lodge introducing three new campaigns to help grow membership for 2020-2021 and beyond. They are called Elks Social Shareables. These new campaigns, New Generation of Elks, Join The Herd and Charity with Friends for Those We Love are targeting the Millenium and Generation X populations of our communities. As I talk to Lodges all across our state I constantly hear "How can we grow younger?" Well here is help, through social media. The best way to find out what these new campaigns are all about is to visit join.elks.org. This is a new sight for nonmembers to inquire about joining the Elks. It also contains information on the new campaigns too. Visit this public sight and at the bottom of the sight there is button to click on that says "Elks Social Shareables". Click on it and it will take you to an area that explains what the three new campaigns are. These shareables can be shared on Facebook, Twitter or downloaded to you PC for your usage on other social media sights. Please take the time to visit this sight and give it a chance. You never know. Remember, Effort = Results!!

Jim Ross

MEA Membership Chairman

2020-21 Year to Date Membership Report September 15, 2020 Missouri Elks Association

District	Start 2020	Gains	Losses	Change	Current	Unpaid
East Central	6069	144	53	91	6160	686
Metro East	2528	110	20	90	2618	407
Metro West	2641	90	53	37	2678	398
Northeast	4522	92	37	55	4577	704
Northwest	2273	72	30	42	2315	301
Southeast	5153	201	90	111	5264	879
Southwest	3108	128	49	79	3187	433
WestCentral	4099	130	96	34	4133	502
Total	30,393	967	428	539	30,932	4310

Officer Training Report Missouri Elks Association Fall 2020



By a show of hands, who is ready for this pandemic to be behind us so we can resume some sense of normalcy, whatever that is.

As many of you know, Co-Chairman and Past Grand Esquire, Roland Seal, and I chose to cancel our training session that was to be held at the Osage Community Lodge back in May, out of extreme caution for the health and safety of our members. Based on recent numbers, there seems to be resurgence in the number of new Coronavirus cases. Even though there are many inquiries about the Officer Training program and requests for special presentations, we as a Committee, feel we must first think of the health and welfare of our members. In light of this we ask for patience in trying to set up training sessions. If all goes well and the number of Coronavirus cases appears to be on the decline, we are considering an early spring session once all the Officers have been elected. We may also consider another session in April or May, or both, depending on the circumstances.

We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and desire to learn the material we present, and for the calls and emails requesting special sessions. As soon as we can see how this pandemic is going to go, we will get the word out to the membership letting everyone know when and where the next session will be held.

Thanks again for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
John Gross, Co-Chairman



PSP Larry Robertson

Missouri State NVSC Chairman

VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective of Elks will not forget them.

During this pandemic many of us feel cooped up, isolated, and may suffer some depression or other illness because we can't be with our families and friends. Just imagine what some veterans feel while confined to hospital rooms, nursing homes or veterans homes.

As Elks, we cannot forget these men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. These individuals have given up family time and careers to see that our nation continues to have the many freedoms that we cherish. Contact the volunteer service coordinators, administrators, nurses, etc. to see what you can do to serve these individuals. Maybe a phone call, email, letter or note will lift a veteran's spirits.

Please do whatever you can to support our service men/women and veterans. Do not forget the Elks pledge to veterans. During this time let's see what we CAN do for veterans and not dwell on what we CANNOT do.



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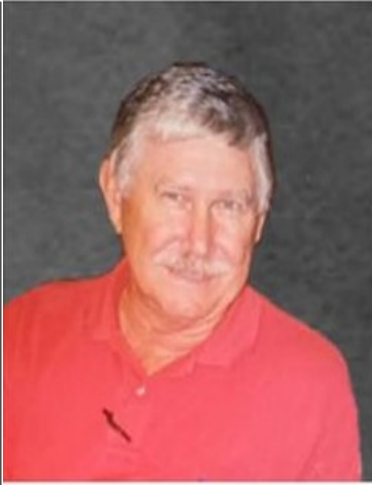
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Past State President Michael Hayes
passed away on August 16, 2020 at the age of 66. Michael was born October 17, 1953 in St. Louis, Mo. to William L. and Mary Hayes nee Scharitz. Michael was united in marriage on December 1, 1979 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cottleville, MO.

Michael was the owner/operator of J-Mac Door Company for 20 plus years, he was a member of the Elks where he was past state president of the MO Elks Assn. Michael enjoyed golfing, teasing his grandchildren, music, movies and tv. He didn't know a stranger wherever he went and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Michael is survived by his beloved wife Clair Hayes nee Rothermich of O Fallon, Missouri.



Past District Deputy Manuel Eugene Urick "Gene"
from Jamesport passed away at age 79 from complications of Covid 19.

Gene was a member of Elks Lodge # 801 in Trenton for over fifty years and held many offices locally, state wide, and was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler nationally.



Past First Lady Arlene Sayles

Mo. Elks are sad to announce the passing of former First Lady Arlene Sayles. This extraordinary lady will be missed by her family and many friends, but mostly by her husband of 54 years, Past State President Otto Sayles.



Corporate Secretary's Report

On Friday the charitable fund budget and the regular budgets were approved. It was noted that we would probably see an increase in revenues due to Grand Lodge Pro rating dues. The budget was approved with the state of Missouri donating \$15,001 to the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler who will represent our area. During the board of directors portion of the meeting area 5 sponsor Lou Sulsberger announce that he was appointing John Gross to replace outgoing Special Deputy Carl Simpson



Corporate Secretary Bud Clarkson

Regular Session
State president Don Cook gave report of his travels. Eight area State Vice-Presidents reported highlights from their District. Budget committee chairman Richard Techau and FRS chairman Frank Kirby discussed the importance of FRS and its use that will be required by all Lodge beginning on April 1st. Jeff McLeod of East Central District announced a \$1,400 donation from the annual ECD Convention Las Vegas night. Roland seal announced that the state bylaws were turned over to corporate secretary Bud Clarkson and that they would be submitted to Grand Lodge for final approval. Jeremiah cook announced that all Lodges need to submit their charitable summaries to him by April 1st. PSP Larry Robertson announced that a new website moelkvets.com would be online soon. Larry also announced that husband and wife team Dennis and Terry Carmack of Dexter were winners of the Veteran's Volunteer of the Year Award for the state of Missouri. Bass Tournament chairman George Budde announced that the tournament would be sponsored by the Lake of the Ozarks Lodge in September.. Chairman Joyce Gentry announced the winner of the State bulletin contest. The overall State winner was Louisiana Lodge 791. PSP John Gross announced that 118 Elks participated in the training session held in Rolla. Soccer chairman Larry Shew announced that Missouri had three state winners advance to the Regionals using the virtual shoot-out method. He also announced that National results would be announced at the Fall Convention. State Secretary Bud Clarkson gave the report for Eric Seyer on the Hoop Shoot and announced the state winners. Eric announced that next year's tournament would be moved to a location closer to the hotel in Eureka. Chuck Mudge National Vice chairman of the veterans deer hide program announced that once again Missouri finish Number 1 and that he would announce final state totals in the fall. Ritual chairman Cliff McDonald gave a report on the State Ritual contest. Festus-Crystal City Lodge won the ritual tournament. The Don C Conrad 11th Hour toast contest was won by Alan Eimer from DeSoto #689. PER chairman Steve Green on behalf of the association gave a pair of Kick-Ass mule pins to the Grand Exalted Ruler. He stated that the pins were quarantined for 30 days. Grand Exalted Ruler Duitsman and his wife Beth both spoke shortly at the close of the meeting. State President Don Cook closed the session.

"In vain we call "

I create this list each fall from the national website. It is often flawed but I try to do my best. 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"

Manuel Eugene Urick	Trenton #801	PER,PDDGER
Wallace L Johnson	KC MO #26	PER
James W Bowlin	High Ridge #2455	PER
Michael Hayes	Troy 2805	PSP, PER
Jon S. Oliver	Mexico #919	PER
Robert Tudor	Florissant #2316	PER
William Wise	Joplin #501	PER
Floyd Branstetter	Louisiana #791	PER
Leon Moore	Lake of the Ozarks #2517	PER
Walton {Murray} Cates II	Manchester #2058	PER
Kevin O'Sullivan	St. Louis #9	PER
Marvin Neal	Warrensburg #673	PER
Clyde Fleener	Warrensburg #673	PER
Charles L. Turlin	Perryville #2701	PER
W. Gary Resa	Mexico #919	PER
Roger L. Deterding	Blue Springs #2509	PER
Thomas R. Couppee	DeSoto #689	PER
Tom Reed	Cameron #2615	PER
Joseph Cichacki	Manchester #2058	PER
Billy Joe Boyer	Potosi #2218	PER
Terry R. Emo	Sedalia #125	PER PDVP
Rick Andrews	Lake Taneycomo	PER
Ben Lusk	Meramec-Arnold	PER
Ken Everling	Macon	PER

This list was created to the best of my ability, I apologize for any omissions. The Corona Virus has taken it's toll on our membership and our families of Elk's. We pray for all of our Absent Members during these trying times...
To Our Absent Members



Pictured left to right Anna Kleiner-ER Mac Lodge, Pam Clifton-Mother of National DA Essay Contest Winner, Ava Clifton-National Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winner, Doug Jordon-State Drug Awareness Chairman, Karen Ferrell-Co local MAC DA Chairman along with Ellie Tucker, Joy Clarkson-Southeast District DA Chairman, John Gross-Special Deputy GER, and Vickie Murphy MAC ER 2019-2020.



National Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winner Ava Clifton pictured with her Mother Pam Clifton. Pam was the inspiration for Ava's winning essay.

This year the National Drug Awareness Essay Contest Winner was from West County School in Leadwood Mo. Her essay was submitted through **Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583**. A ceremony was held at MAC Lodge where Drug Awareness State Chairman Doug Jordon presented Ava with a certificate signed by the National Drug Awareness Chairman, Kent Gade, a Drug Awareness Medallion, and an Amazon Gift Card for \$300.00. The new school year has begun so it is time for us to begin work on this year's DA Contests. The theme this year is "**Drug Abuse-No Excuse**". The contest rules are on the National Webb Site or you may contact Doug at 816-868-9802 or me (Joy Clarkson) at 573-783-9217 if you have any questions. **Below is Ava's essay.**



State Chairman Doug Jordon

Ava Clifton (7th grader when she won / now 8th grade)

I want to tell you a story of someone I know who understands what "life does not rewind, choose life not drugs" means.

This woman was abandoned by her mother at three years old. She went to the bar to drink instead of taking care of her child. Drugs eventually took over the woman's life. She died when she was 40 because of her addictions to drugs and alcohol.

The little girl was cared for by her grandmother, who continued the cycle of alcohol abuse.

When the young girl was 13, she moved from St. Louis to a small town and brand-new school. A teacher took special notice of her and took her under her wing. She became

the role model which the young girl desperately needed. After years of encouragement and guidance, that young girl grew up to be the first high school and college graduate of her family. She also left the addiction long behind her.

Today, she is a teacher with a master's degree and many achievements. She says her two biggest accomplishments are my brother and me.

That little girl who lived a lonely life is my mother. She made the decision long ago to not repeat the mistakes of her family. She tells my brother and me about her life growing up and how she avoided drugs and alcohol. Because of her I know we'll never choose drugs or alcohol.

I'm so glad she realized "life does not rewind" and instead chose "life not drugs."

Lodge Activities

Greetings,

Congratulations to PSP Duane Heldenbrand who recently had the honor of being appointed to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, representing Area 5. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee encourages lodges to become leaders in their community by creating a community project; much like that of a state association major project. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee sponsors a Lodge Community Project Contest. To enter the contest, the Exalted Ruler of your Lodge must complete a Lodge Community Project Contest entry form, available on the Grand Lodge Activities Committee webpage on Elks.org. Please encourage your Lodge to develop an ongoing Community Project, and to enter this contest.

The requirements for Bulletin Contest "D" will continue to require submission of three consecutive months. However, we can review exceptions on an individual basis. If a Lodge is requesting an exception, they must send a letter to their Lodge Activities District Chair with detailed information which supports the exception request. The District and State Chairs will review the request and will contact the Lodge based on their decision.

Missouri Elks Association Contest "A" Lodge submissions:

Division I – Hannibal Lodge #1198, Troy Lodge #189

Division II – Crestwood Lodge #2503, Louisiana Lodge #791, Potosi Lodge #2218

Division III – Affton Lodge # 2635

Division IV – None Division V – None

Division VI – Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721 – Received 4th place

You can access the Contest "A" form at Elks.org, Committees > Fraternal > Forms and Contests > Contest A – All American Lodge

The Lodge Activities District Chairs are:

East Central – Anita Snider

West Central – Annabelle Young

Metro East – Carol Meatte

Metro West – Jim Dougan

Northeast – Mona Brown

Northwest – Matt Roberts

Southeast – Ben Flatt

Southwest – Tim Farmer

We look forward to continuing to serve you as we strive to keep the Missouri Elks Association Activities Committee strong!

Fraternally, Joyce Gentry, PDDGER



Joyce Gentry Chair.



Due to Covid 19 our National Convention which was to be held at Baltimore, MD had to be cancelled. This resulted in the eight 2020-2021 District Deputy Grand Exalt Rulers being installed by Missouri Officers.

Lake of the Ozark Lodge #2517 hosted this installation ceremony. This historical event was conducted by 3 Past Grand Esquires and PSPs, The Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, 7 PSPs, the Mo. State President, and the President Elect.

Mo. President Ron Bollinger addressed the newly installed District Deputies, presenting each with the official Grand Lodge Convention Pin for Baltimore and highlighted his motto for the year, "Painting the Future of Elkdom."

Pictured on the left beginning with the front row left to right is PSP Otto Sayles, PSP Marc Beckman, Past Grand Esquire and PSP Robert Todd, Past Grand Esquire and PSP James Hahn, and PSP William De Larber. On the back row left to right: President Elect John Rinehart, PSP Rich Larkin, Past Grand Esquire and PSP Roland Seal, PSP Duane Heldenbrand, Special Deputy GER and PSP John Gross, PSP Don Cook, PSP Brian Crawford, and State President Ron Bollinger.



Pictured Top Row left to right:

Linda Dierker East Central, Cheryl Lane Southeast, Nick Mueller-Northeast, Amie Kepner-Northwest

2nd Row Left to Right

Virgil Bevans-West Central, Jeffrey Holt-Southwest, Douglas Jordon-Metro West, Keith Freeman-Metro East

Special Deputy GER-John Gross



District Deputies are installed, take the oath of office, and received their jewels

PSP Jim Hahn installs the District Deputies

From beginning to end it was a beautiful ceremony. Great job and congratulations to our 2020-2021 District Deputies!





I'd like to start by wishing good health to all and hoping that you, your family and friends have avoided the covid issues that we all are coping with. As Elks we committed to help our communities, but let us remember that our own safety is foremost to allow us to continue our mission and goals as Elks.

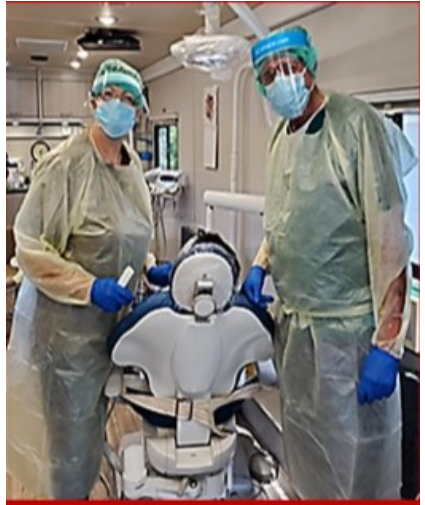
The dental program has, as you would expect, been affected by this pandemic. For Dr. Beck, the Dental Assistant's safety and our dental patients as well, the program was shut down from March 23 to May 14. The program restarted with a revised schedule. Dr. Beck and staff have addressed the covid concerns with extra PPEs for their protection. The extra safety precautions increase visit times so numbers will be down, but everyone has to perform their duties in safe and efficient manner.

We are extremely proud of Dr. Beck and his staff for their dedication, so if you see them please give them a special "Heroes" thank you.

I know we are feeling the financial pinch of covid. I look at our per capita donation numbers and see that giving is down by all Lodges across the state. I understand that and know that with a possible per capita shortfall this year we will survive. Four out of six years that I've been Director you have shown your generosity and we have accomplished our \$4.50 per member per capita goal. If we make it this year it indicates that Elks can't be beaten by any issue. If not, we will come back strong in the future. Our dental program will survive.

In end, I pray that we soon will come closer to what we used to know as normality. I don't think we will ever be the same but I believe we all will get back to performing our Elks Care, Elks Share duties.

Be safe and God bless you all.
Brian Crawford, Director



Dental Heroes

Dr. Robert Beck with Dental Assistant, Cindy Smith continue to make dental care available during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Their determination, as they adjust to the ever changing guidelines and a very hot summer, exhibit fully committed Heroes!



Audrey Maevers, National Soccer Shoot Champion is pictured with State Soccer Chairman Larry Shew from Brookfield Lodge #874, Chuck Reed local Chairman for Jackson Lodge #2652, and Southeast District Chairman Lonnie Edwards from Farmington Lodge #1765.

Audrey began by competing in the Jackson soccer shoot out, moving up to Districts, Regionals, and finally winning the National Championship! Missouri is very proud of Audrey!

The trophy Audrey is holding was presented by Jackson along with a \$100. gift card. The Championship certificate is signed by The Grand Exalted Ruler.

Audrey says her favorite memory of the Elks Soccer Shoot Out was participating at Jefferson City where she won first place on her birthday. Audrey also stated that when she grows up she would like to be on the National USA Soccer Team.

This nine year old fourth grader believes in reaching for the stars!

Congratulations and Best luck to you Audrey!

We are looking forward to watching your future progress.



THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO
Audrey Maevers
IN RECOGNITION AS THE
ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

2019-2020
NATIONAL CHAMPION

U-10 GIRLS DIVISION



In Testimony whereof, witness our signatures
"This, the 18th day of April, 2020."
Robert L. Dittman
Robert L. Dittman, Grand Exalted
Brian R. Klett
Brian R. Klett, Grand Secretary
David B. Laky
David B. Laky, Chairman
Grand Lodge Activities Committee



Far left is Jackson ER Bruce Sells and Audrey, Near left is the National Champion Pin awarded to her.



Audrey is shown here with State Soccer Chairman Larry Shew and State President Ron Bollinger.

Soccer-Larry Shew

After discussing with President Bollinger and sponsor Brian Crawford, the State Soccer Shoot in Jefferson City has been cancelled this year. Many of the districts who normally send contestants are not having local or district shoots, and we may also have facility issues in Jefferson City. Here's hoping we can start with a strong program in 2021. Thank you Missouri Elks for you continued support of Soccer.



Audrey with rightfully proud parents

Hello Missouri Elks. Remember when we all got together in March? We had such a good time and made many lasting memories. Here are just a few of the Good Times! Charity, Brotherly Love, Justice and Fidelity. See you soon!



New Officers



New State President



New First Lady and First (only) Daughter



PSP Jim Hahn receives the Elk of the Year Award from 2020 State President Don Cook as the Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman applauds.



Allan Eimer from DeSoto #689 won the 11th Hour Toast Competition.



State President Don Cook awards Selena Lambrich of Cedar Hill #2678 Officer of the Year.



GER Duitsman shows what a great sport he is by modeling his new Chiefs shirt while his beautiful wife Beth enjoys the moment.



Great Friends Great Times



Makenzie gives report on money she earned for elks assisted by proud grandparents Pres. Don and Susan.



Our smiling photographer Mona on candid camera



Carl and Sharron-She is wearing the most popular White jacket in the state.



Dennis and Terry Carmack win Mo. Elks Veterans volunteer of the year award.



Our State Sponsor Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lou Sulsberger, Beth Duitsman, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman. We enjoyed having them so much.



East Central District Fall 2020



On Saturday, March 14th, our lodge ritual team took 1st Place in the state ritual contest. Way to Go, Gents!!

Pictured are Ed Meyer, All State Leading Knight, Chip Price, All State Esquire, Jim Ross, All State Exalted Ruler, Jake Lunsford, Joe Oaks, Andy Cooseman, Dave Hanna, Larry Robertson, All State Coach, and Rick Schuler. The Team will now travel on to Baltimore, MD in July for the National Ritual Competition.

Congratulations Festus-Crystal City #1721

Allan Eimer from Desoto Lodge #689 won the 11th Hour Toast Competition and will also be headed to Baltimore to compete nationally. Congratulations!

Selena Lambrich from Cedar Hill #2678 received Officer of the Year award from 2019-2020 State President Don Cook. Congratulations!



POW MIA Remembrance Ceremony at Cedar Hill Elks #2678,

High Ridge Lodge #2455

Esteem Leading Knight, Kim Wrenfrow and P.E.R. Roger Fortner attended the Northwest School Board meeting and presented Northwest Superintendent Dr. Desi Kirchofer five \$500.00 checks for each elementary school in our Lodge's district for shoes and clothing for needy children in our area.



Missouri All-State Officers are:

All State Inner Guard	Tyler Allen	DeSoto Lodge #689
All State Chaplain	Jim Freeman	Desoto Lodge #689
All State Esquire	Chip Price	Festus Crystal #1721
All State Lecturing Knight	Larry Sagehorn	DeSoto Lodge #689
All Star Loyal Knight	Victor Thebeau	DeSoto Lodge #689
All State Leading knight	Ed Meyer	Festus Crystal #1721



Lunch on the Elks - In our on-going effort to thank front line workers who continue to serve the community, the Eureka Pacific Elks #2644 provided lunch for the Pacific Fire Protection District, The Medicine Shoppe - Pacific, MO, and the Pacific Post Office. In support of local business, the meals were purchased from Brown Jerry's Blues, Brews and Barbecue in Pacific.

Wonderful success for a food drive today! Thanks to a collaborated bunch of amazing people willing to help the community!!



Great Job Ste. Genevieve

Yesterday (9/11), **Meramec-Arnold Lodge 2372**, held it's Second Annual First Responders Appreciation Day. It was a HUGE SUCCESS, over 200 people attended during the day including approximately 60 First Responders. A meal was served that included a chicken dish, pork loin, green beans new potato's, salad,, dessert and tea or coffee. We served the meal from 11am to 8pm. Also several of our members provided entertainment throughout the day. First Responders and their spouses ate free and others made a donation of at least \$5 for the meal. We also sold tee shirts and had 50/50. In all we will be donating Over \$4,000 to the Backstoppers from this event. Thanks to all who attended and the many Lodge Members who volunteered to make this a successful event. Once again Elks Care/Elks Share.



Just wanted to send out some positive things happening at our Lodge during our shut down!! Jeff and his team have been working diligently and extremely hard giving our lodge a deep cleaning. This is just a few things going on right now. Thank you guys for doing this!! Hope everyone is doing OK during this rough time. Remember that if you are experiencing any extreme issues please do not hesitate to call me and I will see what can be done to help. God Bless- Chris Good Job **Meramec-Arnold #2372**.



Oakville Lodge # 2726 held it's first Pickle ball challenge. Members enjoyed the outdoors, fresh air, good fellowship and social distancing as they watched players vie for the championship won by Nancy Breier and Paula Palmer. Pictured here are John Hezel, Nancy Breier (PER), Paula Palmer and Scott Fink.





WOW! A HUGE THANK YOU to **the Lamar Elks Lodge #2800** for donating 4000 filled eggs for us to pass out today during our Grab & Go meal pickup. Thank you so much!
(From Lamar R1 School District)



Even though **Elks Lodge #2783** is closed due to the Covid 19 crisis, we have many positive happenings. In April ENF offered all Elks Lodges the opportunity to apply for a "Covid 19" Gratitude Grant. The grant was to be used during the crisis in local communities where crucially needed. Grant Coordinators Barry White and Tim Fink, along with members Betty Mewszel and Chuck Allcorn, completed research, submitted, and planned implementation of the process in a couple of weeks.

The Benton County Food Pantry serves about a thousand or more households each month. During this crisis because of widespread layoffs and closures the Pantry has seen a significant increase in new clients.

The Elks Covid 19 Gratitude Grant provided over 2000 lbs. of protein during this critical time. It will be distributed by the Benton County food Pantry to relieve widespread needs.

Front- left to right Sherry Blyth ER, Jeanie Arnold, Benton County Food Pantry, Paula Oprzedek Est. Loyal Knight, Tim Fink PER, Grant Coordinator



Nevada Elks Lodge 564 had drive though steak feed tonight and served 167 people! Elks Care Elks Share



PER Night 2020 18 PER's in attendance
Clinton Lodge #1034



Nevada Elks Lodge 564 had a fundraiser for the Kimberling City

Elks Lodge 2505 today at the lodge! The Lodge raised around \$5000.00 for the Kimberling Elks Lodge that burned down!



Stockton Elks put Freedom grant to work! From left, Joshua Harris and Nick Hawkins of The Good 'Ol Boys, and **Lake Stockton Elks Lodge 2858** veteran committee chair and president-elect Denise Russo share a moment of appreciation as the two entities team up to help a local Stockton veteran with much-needed home repairs.



We now have 3 new members at **Lake of the Ozarks Lodge 2517** Osage Beach, MO. They are L to R Dave Mast, Kevin Kerns and Mike Talbot. Also Exalted Ruler Fred Catcott who proudly initiated these 3 gentlemen into the World of Elksdom. Congratulations Dave, Kevin and Mike. We hope to see you at many of our functions and fund raisers.



The **Bates County Elks #2653** were able to show their support to local veterans with the help of a \$2500.grant from the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. With this grant they were able to make baskets filled with various comfort items and personalized throws for 16 veterans. They also were able to make a \$500 donation to the Adrian VFW Post 1937 for their Veteran's Relief fund. Pictured L—R front row: Don Arndt, Chaplain/Adjutant VFW, Tim Hummel, Quarter Master VFW, Terry Agnew, Surgeon VFW & Elks Trustee, Denny Petty, Commander VFW, Chris Cook Elks Exalted Ruler, Diana Bennett, Elks Trustee, Freedom Grant Organizer. Back row: Tiffany Blaser, Elks Secretary, Brenda Cecil, Elks Treasurer, Jason Bennett, Elks Leading Knight, Ryan Agnew, Elks PER, John Mertz, Elks Loyal Knight, Aubrey Westmoreland, Elks Tiler, Tammy Morgan, Elks Lecturing Knight.



Jim Hahn, PSP and District Leader for SE District received The Elk of the Year Award from State President Cook while GER Duitsman applauds as he shows off his new K.C. Chiefs t-shirt like the good sport that he is.

Jim received his award for many reasons but this year he more than deserved it for all the work and coordination he put in to making the National Convention in St. Louis one of the best ever.

Jim is a member of **Mineral Area Lodge #2583.**



By Richard Tchau
SP Bollinger mentioning that he has not got to start his year was a side affect of our times that I had not thought about. In honor of Ron I give you his home Lodge, **Cape Girardeau #639**, one of the

many great Lodges in the State of Missouri. If you have never had the pleasure of visiting I would highly urge you to.



Jackson Lodge #2652

Let us introduce you to **Audrey Maevers**. She won our local soccer shoot last August and went on to win Districts in Farmington, continued on to State in Jefferson City and won there, she was not done yet! She then went on to the Regional competition in Kansas and won there!

Since the Soccer shoot does not currently have a National shoot out to determine the national winners, they have a shoot off in every state for the winners of their regions. They then use those scores to determine the National winner....and you guessed it , she won the virtual **National Soccer shoot for U-10 girls** division. We are so proud of her!



Mary Tyler was the 2nd place winner in the south-east district drug awareness essay contest. She attended St. Francis XAVIER school in Sikeston. Mary Tyler received \$50 and a certificate from **Sikeston Lodge # 2319**. Mary Tyler is a former winner in the District poster contest.



State President Ron Bollinger was "apprehended" by Deputy Clark at **Cape Girardeau Elks 639** summer picnic fund raiser!

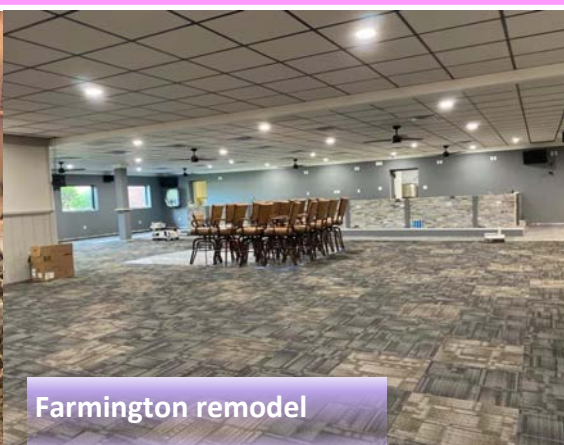


We had a great time at our 50th anniversary celebration. Thanks to everyone that continues with their benevolent and selfless contributions. Let's keep building and paint the canvas for the next 50. God bless this Lodge and every Lodge and keep allowing us to continue our charitable work. **Poplar Bluff**



Perryville #2701 hosted it's Annual BBQ Cook-off with 24 teams. The weather held up for a very successful Cook-off. We received 4 new member applications for Perryville and 1 for **Meramac Arnold**. Five New Members! Great event!

Examples of delicious food served at the Perryville BBQ.



Farmington remodel

When **Farmington Lodge #1765** discovered a major water leak they had to do a lot of clean up and remodeling. The picture on the left is the beginning of the clean up and on the right is almost completion.

If you get the chance stop in and see the transformation.

Good work and Congratulations!

The Arcadia Valley Elks Lodge #2330

donated a \$1000 grant to the Iron County Medical Center to use for PPE to protect the staff and patients during the pandemic.





left to right: members Sharon Cribbs, Sarah Cribbs, ER Greg Peterson, JB Pantry Director Linda Ferguson, then member Deborah Cribbs, Veteran's Chair Mark Cribbs, PER Carol Meatte, then friend and helper Jan McCorkle. **Great job Manchester #2058—Veterans are VIPs!**



We want to remind our residents that we offer FREE gun locks. We offer the gunlocks in conjunction with Project Childsafe, a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation that promotes firearms safety, education and free locks to law enforcement agencies. Please stop by the Florissant Police Department lobby and get a FREE gun lock. **Florissant Lodge 2316**



Crestwood Elks Lodge 2503 is still closed but we still can do great things. Bbq for our local police and Mercy Hospital workers .

Thank you, Crestwood No.2503



Hello from Saint Louis Elks Lodge #9!

Sunday August 30 we Initiated 3 which takes to 37 new members this year while 32 prospective's remain in the pipeline.

Check out our new website - <https://elkslodge9.org>

**** Keep on recruiting as Elks are in the Loving America Business ****



Mike Wood, Exalted Ruler, recently presented a check for \$2,000 to Sherry Rischbieter, Director of Guidance & Community Relations-Hancock Place School District, for the district's "Weekender Program." Crestwood Lodge utilized a Gratitude Grant from Grand Lodge for the donation. The "Weekender Program" provides a food source for middle school students who might otherwise go hungry. The donation will provide assistance for 24 students.



Fredericktown Elks Lodge 2812 donated \$2,500 to the Madison County Food Pantry, July 21. The funds will be used to help provide Christmas hams. Pictured, from left, are Madison County Food Pantry President Karen Fulton and Fredericktown Elks Lodge Esquire Sam Prier, Secretary Tracy Stam, Inner Guard Jeff Head, Exalted Ruler Ozie Prier, Head of House James Davis, Tiler Gerry Campbell and House Committee Member David Stam.

State President Ron Bollinger and President Elect John Rinehart enjoy a delicious crappie feed with the Sedalia Elks.

One Member Stan Vaughn not only catches all of the fish but he "Fluffy and his team" also cooks them!



State President VISIT #24. A BEAUTIFUL DAY AT ST. CHARLES LODGE #690.

GREAT ELKS AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP.

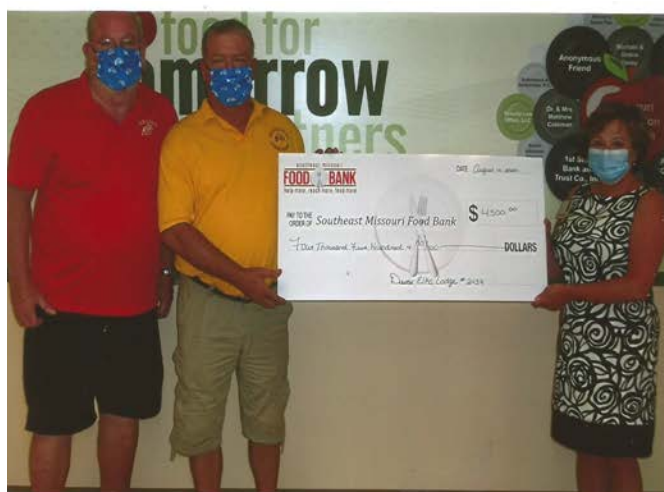




Washington Elks Lodge #1559 hosted their 3rd Annual Messy Play Day for children of all abilities! Mud, sand, water features, lunch, and some special guests! What a day of fun with the kiddos! All children were accompanied by an adult. Measures were in place to practice social distancing and sanitation.



Boy Scouts Troop 11 perform flag raising ceremony for our flag day celebration at Jefferson City #513



Dexter Elks Donate to Food Bank

Dexter Elks Lodge #2439 recently made donations totaling \$4,500 to Southeast Mo. Bank to support Covid-19 related hunger relief efforts.

The funds will provide 18,000 meals to families who need them.

Pictured are from left: Elk Leaders Randy Northington, Exalted Ruler Randy Breashear who presented the donation to Lisa Church, Food Bank Advancement Officer.

WE NEED YOUR (gently used) ...Stuff,
Donations, Leftovers, Odd & Ends, Recycled,
Reusable...



INDOOR GARAGE SALE...

To Benefit Back to School Program for Polk Co. Kids

Saturday, August 1st @ Bolivar Elks Lodge 6am-2pm

Donations accepted until July 31st Contact Rodney @ 417-298-2929 for more info.

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Great job Bolivar Lodge #2828.



State President Ron Bollinger and Jean along with Adm. Asst. Steve Reed and Brenda visit Chaffee Lodge #1810.



Members of Alton-Thayer #2545 gave \$2,500 in supplies to Selah Place. Selah Place is a shelter for victims of domestic or sexual abuse in Oregon County. Selah means "pause" and the idea is to provide a place for survivors to rediscover themselves.



It is with a heavy heart that I must report that Kimberling City Elks Lodge #2505 lost their building to a fire. The loss that is felt by these members is unimaginable.

Many of us have enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the members of this great lodge. We send our love to you and feel that the people of Kimberling City Lodge will come through this tragedy united and stronger than ever.

Our Brothers and Sisters are in our thoughts and prayers.

To quote Exalted Ruler Ray Koca "We will come back from the ashes".

Motor Rally for the Vets On August 15th, Jefferson City Elks Lodge #513, held the 13th Annual Motor Rally for Veterans. The route began at the Jefferson City Elks Lodge with registration, 50/50 raffles, patriotic music, a slide show to honor lodge members and their family members who had served their country, and the blessing of the bikes by Father Medina. The run included motorcycles, classic cars, jeeps and a bus full of elks. Participants paid \$10.00 for their poker hand making them eligible to win \$150.00 for the best hand at the end of the day. Following the ride, the lodge served pork steak meals. A silent auction was held with many donated items. The live auction was handled by an American Legion Rider, Brian, who volunteered to run the auction. Everyone had a great time bidding on the many items all of which were donated. The auction raised close to \$3,700. The Motor Rally ride raised nearly \$2,100. The final total came to \$ 7,700 of which all proceeds are used to support Veterans activities and needs. The day was a huge success with over 250 people participating in the ride; our best Motor Rally ever.



Volunteers from **Joplin Lodge #501** made reusable masks for residents at the Mount Vernon Veteran's Home.



Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 hosted the Flag Day Ceremony at the Lodge with area Boy/Girl Scouts for about 48 people. Beautiful Day!

Thanks to the Elks lodge of Lebanon for purchasing books for the Literacy Council. They will be well used.

Great job Lebanon Lodge #2557



SPRINGFIELD#409 Elks had a great time raising money for Benevolent Trust this past weekend! Benevolent Trust is our state project and provides free dental care to disabled citizens, children and veterans!



Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597 held a Luau and Membership Drive.

Looks wonderful!

Thank you Lake Taneycomo for promoting Elksdom.

Total collected on luau fund raiser \$5,347.00 includes dinner, bar, 50/50, silent auction, horse races AND donations.

If all goes well we could have six new members applying.



It's up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19 so this year **Webb City #861** will be serving Mother's Day breakfast to Lodge Members and their families only.



Richard "Richie" "Wing Man" Shertz was once again honored by West Plains Lodge #2418 as Elk of the Month. Richard is known not only in West Plains but around the State for his hard work and dedication to the lodge and to the Elks Organization. Congratulations "Rich".

Lebanon Lodge 2557 donated 6 boxes of "things to do" to Mount Vernon Veterans home. Boxes included, books, 2 to 3 hundred movie DVD's, puzzles, adult coloring books, colored pencils, pens, and drawing supplies.

Springfield Lodge #409 member Gary Bockman, picked them up and will deliver to the home. Thank you

Christian County Elks #2777 opened their 9th year of Back to School Shopping for Kids which wrapped up on Saturday, August 15. Volunteers did not let COVID-19 stop shopping from fulfilling our largest gift to our community. We feel that these children need to be comfortable, confident, and have good self-esteem to improve their performance in the classroom, and not have them be judged because they do not have appropriate clothing. Elks, volunteers, Walmart staff and children and their families all wore masks and practice social distancing. Walmart staff sanitized shopping carts and register stations frequently. Our local Food Pantry, scheduled shoppers 15 minutes apart to aid with adherence to social distancing policy. The Missouri Elks State President, Ron Bollinger, his wife Jean and his entourage helped take the final 66 children shopping at the Ozark Walmart. This final group raised our count to 218 children for a total of **\$21,281.35 spent**. Not quite what we did last year, but very good considering we were only able to get one ENF Grant totaling \$3,500. Walmart Stores contributed \$5,000 in Grants, Bea Payne Stewart Foundation contributed \$4,000 in Grants and Allstate Foundation contributed \$500 in Grants. The rest was raised by our wonderful members! A very special thank you goes out to members Mary Angell and Jesse Stalker for bringing in the most donations from community businesses. And, of course, thank you ALL for opening your wallets and your hearts for this very special and rewarding annual event for our community.





Memories from PSP Richard Techau Brookfield
Lodge #874

It has been 13 years since I was State President and a whole new generation of Elks have become active. Someday you might get the chance to be State President and it will be a year like none you've ever had. You will have adventures that you don't want to forget and then there are some that you wish you could.....

Cameron Elks Lodge #2615
4pm-6pm
or until
Gonell

Charlie's curbside dinner
Free will donation

Pulled Pork sandwich, baked beans & coleslaw

Covid-19 got you cooking all the time?? No Problem
Cameron Elks Lodge is offering a Pulled Pork Sandwich dinner for a free will donation. Donations from dinner will go the Cameron Food Pantry.
Pull into the southside of the building, a member will be out to take your order and donation, you will get your order and away you go!
Delivery available for Elderly and special circumstances within the City Limits. Call (816)632-7987 ask for Rachelle
Watch for other Saturday free will donation dinners!!
Elks Care - Elks Share

Chillicothe Elks Lodge #656 is with **Brittane Jacobs** at **Livingston County Sheriff's Office**.

Posted by Brittane Jacobs
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Secretary **Brittane Jacobs**, on behalf of our lodge, presents Deputy Mike Lewis of the **Livingston County Sheriff's Office** with a \$500 grant to assist with COVID-19 needs. This is part of the Gratitude Grant program through the **Elks National Foundation**. Thank you for serving our community! Elks Care, Elks Share!

Lee Vandusseldorp, Steve Foster, Bill Reckrodt, Mike and Brian Caldwell, Dan Sylvester and Mike Staulbaumer, all members of Milan Elks Lodge 2819 collected and cleaned 220 deer hides.

Excelsior Springs Lodge #1001 starting a new mural near the pool.
President Bollinger adding a small contribution "Painting the Future of Elkdom"



440 Miles from Lee Van home!
State President Ron Bollinger and Administrative Assistant Steve Reed visit Maryville #760.

Elks Mobile Dental Program

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Truman Medical Center Lakeview
7900 Lee's Summit Rd.
Kansas City, MO, 64139
Dr. Matthew Tunnel, Dental Director

Online: www.lakeviewhospital.org/services/dental

Home Office #816/404-6904
Fax #816/404-7783

Phase-1 Opening

The Elks Mobile Dental Unit is now open for essential emergency services at the St. Clair Elks Lodge #2651. Infection control protocols and personnel protective equipment (PPE) guidelines are being strictly followed. Patients and Caregivers are pre-screened prior to appointment then again upon arrival. We continue to monitor state and local COVID-19 updates for changes in preventative practices.

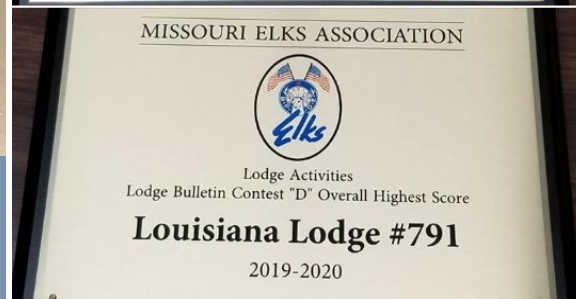
Visit www.youtube.com for an official Elks video
Search: **Missouri Elks Mobile Dental Program**

Northeast District Fall 2020



We all want to thank those who donated food for the O'Fallon Elks Lodge Food Drive today along with those who made it happen - Mick and Tina Bridgins, John and Debbie Woehler, Ken and Laurie Kampman, and Tony Graceffa.

We didn't get an exact count of food items but I'd say "a lot" is a good estimate. The food will be delivered to the local food pantry tomorrow morning.



Exalted Ruler Mona Brown picked up a couple of beautiful new plaques for the Lodge at the Spring Missouri Elks Convention. Bulletin (Newsletter) contest best in Division and highest score overall (entire state/all divisions).



Mexico Elks Lodge #919 may be closed but it didn't stop them from using the Beacon Grant to purchase many items for Kings Daughters Home. Items included snacks of all kinds for the residents along with shampoos, conditioners, body washes, lotions, toothpaste, toothbrushes, assorted drinks, cases of protein drinks, candy bars, laundry soap, bathroom cleaner, etc. was purchased and delivered by Elks National Foundation chairman, Janet Jones and newly Elected Exalted Ruler, Roger Shipp.



Ladies enjoy St. Patrick's Day at **Columbia Elks Lodge #594**. Fun Times! It is great to be an Elk. Wonderful place to celebrate good times with good friends.



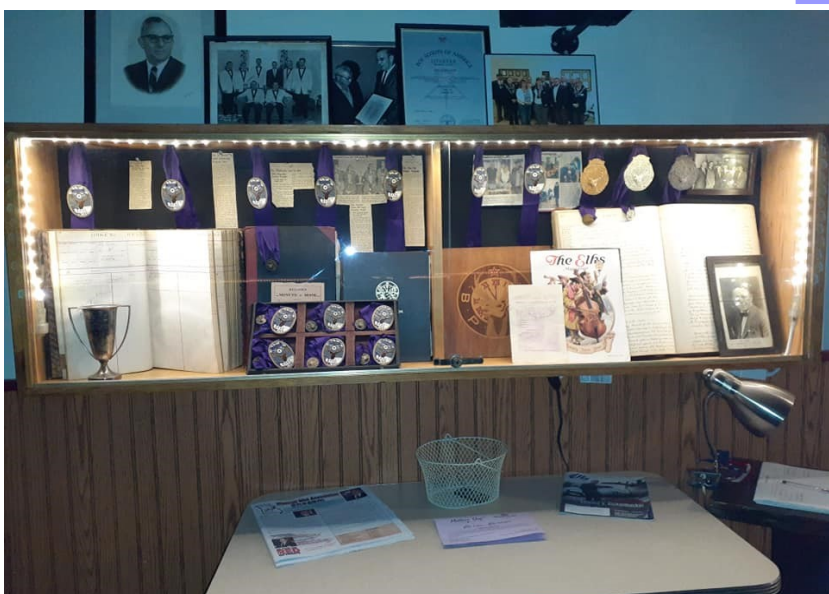
2020-2021 Officers of MACON #999

Jeffrey Neeson, Pam Carnahan, Larry Durham, Tara Durham, Michelle Renae, Lance Olson, Kendall Kothe and Dede Smith Spidle.



Northeast District Officers at **Jefferson City Lodge #513** for Vice President visit.

Washington Lodge #1559 is shown on page 15 hosting their 3rd annual Messy Play Day



Hannibal Lodge #1198 -Adding some lighting to the Lodge and updating our display case. Members check out the case there is some interesting artifacts.

Warrenton #2662- Teach them young that Memorial day is more than an excuse for a BBQ & beer filled 3 day weekend. It is a day we honor, celebrate, and remember those who have fought for our rights to be able to do all of those things. Thank you to everyone who has fought to protect our rights in the past, in the present & in the future.





Kansas City Lodge 26 Exalted Ruler Robert Youngs presents a check for \$2000 from a Spotlight Grant to Rachel Casey, Executive Director of KC Community Action Council.
CAC provides services and assistance to needy families in south Kansas City area.



Cass County 2791 had the honor of surprising a Veteran in a local nursing home for his Birthday.
We sang to him and safely presented hand made cards.



Darrell was asked by the KC Veteran's Hospital Volunteer Services and MO. State Veteran's Home, Warrensburg if we, Metro West District Veteran's Committee, could supply face masks. Darrell put out a request and Julie Hicks of **Cass County Elks Lodge #2791** jumped all over it. Pictured is Lois Cavanaugh, Metro West District VP picking up face masks from Julie Hicks, Cass County Elk, (her husband Jay), and the second picture is Darrell delivering the 60 face masks to Monique Pena, Volunteer Services KCVA. We have several Elks working on additional face masks, however, we could always use more help. **Grand View-Hickman Mills #2088** members helped sew the masks.



Spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert all served on this coming Friday night, May 8, at the Elks Lodge in Gladstone - a dinner for our Elks members - we haven't forgotten you! We miss you!
. The new ER pins are for sale for 5\$ each. Also some Northland Veterans pins 5\$ with all proceeds going to the Veterans Home in Cameron.
We want to see you again so please get out and grab some delicious dinner cooked by Chef Sandy Norman and your Exalted Ruler JC Gregg and his officers.

Kansas City Northland #2376



Caption: Kansas City Northland Lodge #2376 awarded \$9,000 in scholarship assistance to six high school seniors. Pictured during the presentation ceremony are (from left) R.D. Mallams, PER and scholarship recipients Catherine McFarland, Emmy Chirpich, Grace Yu, Nicholas Burdolski, Laina Cunningham, and Mikayla Armstrong.

VISIT #4, GREAT WAY TO END A GREAT WEEKEND. THANKS LEXINGTON #749!!!



Blue Springs Elks Lodge 1st Responders Committee, Sni-Valley Fire, MSHP, MO Conservation, the parents and kiddos

Thank you for making Bates City Kids Camp awesome....a special thanks to the Sponsors Colonial Nursery, Home Depot, Elks Lodge 2509.



Leading Knight Lisa Brotherton and Past Exalted Ruler, RD Mallams, presented a Gratitude Grant check to the Superintendent of the North Kansas City School District, Dr. Dan Clemens, and the Board of Education President, Jan Cauk, to assist in the daily meal preparation for over 9,000 students each day from March through May of this year.
With the COVID pandemic, the district leadership made the decision to daily, Monday through Friday, prepare and distribute meals to the school district's children. Great job **K.C. Northland #276**



Warrensburg Lodge #673 donated school supplies to 3 school districts in Johnson County, which was made available by a \$2500 Grant.
Pictured are Kayla Rehkop Chairperson of Youth Programs,

Sandy Woods, BOD, and Tom Mullins, PER/BOD.

Elks National Foundation All Lodges can apply

Raised in 2019-2020

Paid back to MO 2019-2020 **\$336,190**

State Charity \$148,450

Special Projects Grant \$74,600

Bonus Grant \$24,020

Most Valuable Student \$40,000

Legacy Award \$24,000

NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- **\$364,700** to 65 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants. \$1.58 per every \$1 received

\$152,987 more than paid in!!

Current Figures on right 9/20/20



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 30,393 Members

Contributions \$59,666.74

Per Capita Average \$1.96

National Veterans Service Commission

Due to Covid-19 the Veteran's Leather program has been unable to pass out Veteran's wheel-chair gloves. So instead they passed out over \$400,000 in leather to help heal veteran's.



Veterans Leather Program

MEA Deer Hides Chairman

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



2020 MEA SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT—AND THE GAME WENT ON!

Champion.....O'Fallon #2587

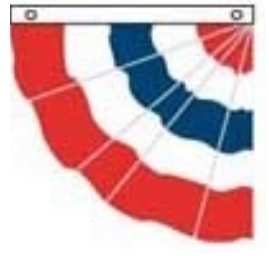
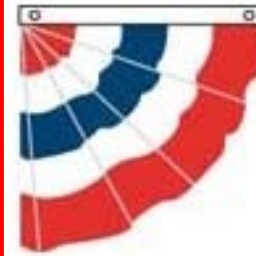
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Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks *Chairman*



Tom & Marty Shelton



Convention Dates

	State	Grand Lodge	
Spring 2021	March 12-14	2021 Tampa	July 4 - 7
Fall 2021	October 1-3	2022 Atlanta	July 3 - 6

Missouri Elks Association Bass Tournament 2020

Chairman George Budde conducted the 2020 MEA Bass Tournament at Robin's Resort Lake of the Ozarks. George was able to payout \$2482 in prize money as well as donating \$370 to Benevolent Trust. There were 18 Boats registered and 10 boats weighed in fish. Lake of the Ozarks lodge hosted the event with lots of help from lodge members Bob Chester and Rich Carter. They look forward to hosting again same time same place 2021.



1st Place \$1002 Bill Kleine-Dennis Pale Lake of the Ozarks #2517

2nd Place \$480 Barry Huwer-Buddy Tietjens Blue Springs #2509

3rd Place \$200 Rich Pieper-Don Wolf Lake of the Ozarks #2517

Big Bass \$800 Jim Green-Dan Gosney Affton #2635 3.66 lbs

