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Message from the GER

Stacey and I can't believe that it has been nine months since this journey began for us. We feel that it has been an experience that has fulfilled us as Elks! Although our travels have been very limited, meeting all the wonderful Elks throughout this country during the trips that we have been able to make has been an absolute joy of our life.

So as we enter into the Elks New Year, this is a time to reflect on making sure you get your Lodge in order. Being able to be proactive rather than reactive will only help you and your Lodge in the long run. How is this possible? Start with making sure to have some of the following things in effect:

1. Review your bylaws and ensure that they are up to date and pertain to your Lodge's rules and regulations.
2. Check your house rules and make sure they are up to date and approved by your Judiciary member of your area.
3. Do a physical inventory of all your personal property and make sure that you have enough insurance to cover it.

These are just a few items that need to be done in the beginning of the Lodge year.

That being said, it is not just your responsibility. Involve your officers and your Board of Directors too.

Lean on your best friend (Secretary) to make sure that you plan and cover everything. A good thing to also do now is to create a list for monthly "activities" — not just your charitable ones, but also your social ones. You should have a monthly event at your lodge to keep members involved, to raise funds to pay bills, and to help in the community.



I would like to begin by saying how much Beth and I have missed being with all of you this past year. The Covid-19 Pandemic changed life as we knew it and so many of our events were cancelled. We know that not having any State meetings since March of 2020 and of course no Grand Lodge Convention last summer has been difficult for all of you too. Despite not being able to hold these events, you have stepped up to the plate in continuing the good works of the Order that we all love and hold so dear. I commend State President Ron Bollinger and his Officers for what they have done this past year during this unprecedented time. We thank Ron and First Lady Jean for a job well done and for their dedication to Elksdom. I congratulate our recently installed 2021-2022 State President John Rinehart and wish he and Valerie much success in their year serving the

Missouri Elks.

It was a different kind of year for our eight District Deputies as well. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to our Order. Some of these Elks have decided to repeat the position for an additional year. They along with the other DD Designates will be installed this summer.

I am happy to say that the National Convention will be held in July in Tampa, Florida. While there will be changes to several things due to pandemic protocol, it will be great to have a Convention and be together again. I appreciate all those going to abide by these changes so that we can have a safe Convention.

Beth and I look forward to seeing you in Tampa! Until then, stay safe and healthy!

God Bless you all,
F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Missouri State Sponsor

Hello to my fellow elk brothers and sisters. My year as the Missouri elk Association president is coming to an end. As each of you can testify this has been a very challenging time for our lodges and each of us personally. I could not complete my personal goal of visiting each Lodge in our great state, but considering the hurdles we faced Jean and I were able to make 50 visits. We had a wonderful time at each and every Lodge that we visited. Thank you for making my year special.

Now is John Rinehart and Valerie's time to experience what we were able to enjoy. I wish John the very best and I know he will do a great job. Hopefully John can visit all of The Lodges this year. As I said before this has been a very challenging year. Many lodges suffered through shutdowns and loss of Revenue during this time. But elkdom in Missouri is strong. I know we will survive this pandemic and grow even stronger.

Again Jean and I, along with my Administrative Assistant Steve Reed and Brenda, want to thank everyone for a most enjoyable year. I look forward to when we can be together again hopefully at the fall convention, and to those lodges I was unable to visit this year I hope to visit you in the coming year because my goal is still to visit every Lodge in Missouri.

Finally remember my motto, painting the future of Elksdom, because we as Elks are the brush and it is up to us to paint a brilliant future for our organization.

Have a great summer.

Thanks again
Ron Bollinger

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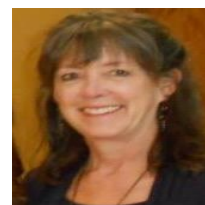
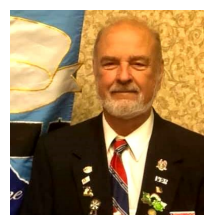
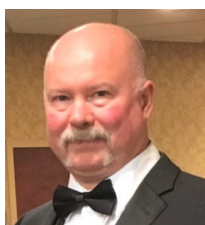
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 Festus-Crystal Cy 1721

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 GVHM #2088

NORTHEAST

Dave Williams
 Jeff City #513

NORTHWEST

Lance Evans
 Brookfield #874

SOUTHEAST

Stan Harris
 Perryville #2701

SOUTHWEST

Don Cook
 Joplin #501

WEST CENTRAL

Jason Meisenheimer
 Nevada #564

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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

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 #28

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
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Living Past State Presidents

ROBERT TODD	1983-1984
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JAMES HAHN	1991-1992
MARC BECKMAN	1992-1993
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OTTO SAYLES	2002-2003
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CARROLL SCHLEETER	2006-2007
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TOM SHELTON	2011-2012
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DUANE HELDENBRAND	2015-2016
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I have missed seeing you all so much this year. Covid has been an inconvenience to put it mildly. Even though social distancing has been challenging to our benevolent goals I believe you will be amazed, as I was, to see how well the Missouri Elks adapted and was still able to serve our many communities. This edition of the Shozem is full of examples of how even a pandemic cannot stop the brotherly love of elkdom. Thank all of you who took the time to not only do the good deeds but to share them with me so we can all appreciate what it really means to be an elk.

I have been tossing around the idea of including a page in the Shozem dedicated to honoring our military. I am sure each of us has someone about whom we would like to share a line or two. I would welcome feedback from you on this. These men and women are our heroes!

I hope to see you all soon. Stay well and God Bless you.

Joy Clarkson, Shozem Editor

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MEA State Directory

In order to meet our deadline for distribution in a timely manner, all lodges must have their information for the MO Elks State Directory submitted by April 10th.

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John Rinehart

2021 –2022 Missouri Elks Association State President



I want to thank the Missouri Elks for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for the 2021-2022 Fraternal year. Valerie and I, along with our Administrative Assistant Rick Bryant and his wife Sherri, are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Our intent is to visit all 74 Lodges.

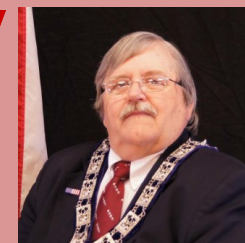
We look forward to learning about your Lodge and your community. My Motto this year is “Hit a Homerun for Elkdom”. In baseball, the homerun is the only play that allows the runner to touch all four bases, thus scoring a run.

In Elkdom, our four bases or principles are Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, each is important on their own, but only when we use all four principles can we truly make an impact in our Lodges and communities. Get out and hit that Homerun everyday!

Fraternally, John Rinehart,
President Missouri Elks Association

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.

Corporate Secretary

I'd like to thank the Missouri Elks for re-electing me as your Corporate Secretary for the next two years. I truly enjoy being the State Secretary and I appreciate your vote.

We are starting Elk year 2021 2022 and by the time you receive the Shozem your Grand Lodge report should be turned in and you should be in the process of paying your Grand Lodge and State assessments. Lodge Secretaries please submit \$2.50 per member to the Missouri Elks Association, 108 South College Street, Arcadia Missouri 63621.

Use the same membership number that appeared on your final Grand Lodge report. If you have any trouble or questions please contact me

Let's have a great Elk's year and hopefully we will meet in October in Jefferson City!

Fraternally,
Bud Clarkson

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National Veterans Service Committee

Larry Robertson, Missouri State NVSC Chairman



AS LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS-----

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

As we are now beginning to approach (hopefully) the end of this pandemic, let us not forget our veterans. Many of these have been confined to hospitals or veterans homes. In the upcoming future, these individuals can again interact with visitors and families. As regulations permit, Elks can again visit these patients and continue their efforts to assist veterans in every way they can. A simple "Hello how are you today" can make a difference in that veteran's day.

As Elks, we also remember and honor those who cannot answer "rollcall" anymore. We will always remember these individuals and their families. Maybe there is a veteran's widow or family who needs assistance. The Elks will be there to help!

There is nothing so beautiful, and yet so very sad, as those service men/women who return home to their family covered by our nations flag, or those veterans who are honored with that flag at the end of their life.

May God bless our veterans and continue to watch over our service men/women.

National Veterans Service Commission

Larry Robertson, Missouri State NVSC Chairman



As the MEA Youth Activities Chairman I want to congratulate the winners of the MEA State Youth Brochure Contest

Division 1 Cass Country Elks Lodge #2791

Division 3 Jefferson City Elks Lodge #513

Division 4 Blue Spring Elks Lodge #2509

Steve Green, MEA President Elect



Boy Scouts Troop 11 perform flag raising ceremony for our flag day celebration

Bowling Results!!!

Hello! My name is Matt Hannon. I've been an Elk for seven years. I'm the new Elks Bowling Tournament Chairman along with my wife Kim Hannon. Kim and I have been bowling for 26 years. We enjoy this sport and hope to make this tournament grow more every year.

We just ran our 1st bowling tournament. the Elks 70th bowling tournament in Joplin the end of February beginning of March. We had a successful turnout considering everything that's been going on. We met a lot of new people and had a great time. We ended up having 45 teams, 113 doubles and 265 singles for this two weekend tournament. We would like to congratulate everyone that placed and cashed in this years tournament. Our first place winners for each event are:

Singles with handicap	Alex Thompson	802
Doubles-handicap	Jeff Baker and Richard Eaton	1532
Team with handicap	Fat Boys Mowing	3589
All events handicap	Cory Cowsert	2227



Elks bowling tournament is always the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March. Any Elk member can sign up to join. Next year our tournament will be held in Florissant, Mo at Kingpin Lanes. Come out and enjoy a great time. We have 50/50, bowling ball raffles and great food and entertainment at the local Elks lodge. Kim and I are looking forward to next year's tournament. We hope to see you there.



By the time you read this we'll be in the 21-22 Lodge year and as of this writing 46 of the 74 Missouri Lodges aren't compliant with the Financial Reporting System (FRS) for the 19-20 Lodge year. They either have 3-31-19 beginning balances that don't match what was reported for that year or their 19-20 numbers don't match their 990. If you are one of those Lodges you need to contact either myself or Frank Kerby for help in getting your issues fixed. Some-

one with the Lodge has been notified multiple times of your specific issue.

The FRS is not going away and there is soon going to be a time when fines will be levied against Lodges that are not compliant with all the requirements, including being current with all your monthly financials and your budget. Also Lodges must file their Form 990, 990-T and State returns by August 1st by uploading them to the Grand Lodge Website. There are no exceptions and fines will be imposed for late filings. Extensions of time requests filed with the Internal Revenue Service are not recognized by Grand Lodge. Failure to file on time with Grand Lodge will result in the imposition of penalties starting at \$100.00 per month or portion thereof that the return is late up to a maximum of \$500.00.

There is a brand new Auditing and Accounting Manual that was just posted the first of March. I urge everyone that has any responsibility in the financial management of the Lodge to read it. It is much more instructive and we attempted to write it in a way to make it much easier to understand. There were some changes to the Chart of Accounts; before anyone panics they were only additions that were done at Lodge request.

One thing I need to point out is that the implementation of the FRS did not do away with the responsibilities of the Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee. G.L.S. Section 13.040 enumerates the duties and responsibilities of the Committee and the members should be familiar with all of its provisions. Subsection (h) sets forth the requirement for three reviews during the months of July, October and January. If the Auditing & Accounting Committee is conscientious and carries out its duties responsibly, the Lodge will have much greater assurance that it is complying with the Statutes; that accounting data is reliable and that the budget process is being used properly to manage the financial affairs of the Lodge. The Committee must report on completion of their reviews to the Lodge at a regular Lodge meeting. This is one Committee whose term laps over the end of the Lodge year. The Members of the Committee continue with their duties until the FRS for the month of March is completed, reported to the Lodge and filed with the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year in which it is appointed.

This will be the last of my articles concerning A&A issues. After more than 8 years my time is up and I will be off the Committee as of July 7th. I appreciate the time and effort all of you have put into trying to make your Lodge as fiscally sound as possible and in keeping up with all the statutory requirements. Hopefully I'll see you around the State and at Conventions when I'm just another damned ole PSP.



I hope this finds all Missouri Elks doing well in this new year. The Benevolent Trust and Mobile Dental Program has seen its share of difficulties as most of us all have. Through these hard times we as Elks have kept on delivering for those in need. I'd like you to hear from our home-grown hero of our Dental Program, one who thinks of others before himself.

Continue to be safe and always take care of those who need our help.

Brian Crawford, Director, Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust

Hello my fellow Elk friends:

It is an honor and privilege to be your staff dentist for so many years, and I want to thank each and everyone of you for your continued support to the "Elks Benevolent Trust", and by that support, ensures our continual presence in the Missouri urban and rural communities, providing this very important and consequential dental service for the special needs, especially now with the negative impact of the COVID-19 outbreak and pandemic.

The direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic required us to shut down our service temporarily from the end of March to the beginning of May, to allow time to develop new protocols based on scientific evidence available at that time, so we could address the COVID-19 challenge. The revised protocols established, would focus on fomenting a safe environment for both staff and patients, to ensure that the viral transmission would be avoided. The great news is through the diligent and hard work of Dr Matthew Tinnel, Director of the Elks Mobile Dental Program, Truman Dental Clinic personnel and Elk's staff, effective protocols were put in place and the proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) was obtained, which allowed us to get back serving the Missouri population with pleasure.

Currently, I can say the Dental Program is running full schedule, with the exception of some decrease in patient load due to the new protocols, or people's fears to the COVID. We are providing our historical services, which include dental exams, X-rays, cleanings, fillings and extractions. We are now getting frequent requests for our dental services, which has been the result of COVID-19. We are there for them. That is what this program is all about and it depicts the most important aspects of the Elks Dental Program, which I call "Goodwill". This program goes beyond dentistry, it also serves as a guiding light to afford holistic health services. If our patient needs a dental specialist, we follow that individual to the best of our ability to ensure they get that dental care needed. It is not uncommon that we get patients that have uncontrolled high blood pressure, uncontrolled diabetes, or other chronic medical conditions, we help guide them to get proper medical care, so they get medically stabilized, in order for them to be treated safely in our dental clinic. I could go on with many more examples, but it has been proven over and over again that this program gives many individuals a feeling of hope, trust, security and respect. The Elks Mobile Dental Program lets people know that the Elks Care and Elks Share, because they see it and live it in action.

I am very proud to be an Elk and be part of this very incredible and prodigious program. I know it has been a very difficult time in our history, both socially and financially to the Elk family, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Foremost, I pray that you stay safe and healthy, but also, I hope that you can financially contribute whatever is within your possibilities, to help sustain this unique and wonderful dental program for the special needs in the State of Missouri. Also, the Elk Dental Staff wants to thank all the Lodges that have accepted us and sponsor our stay to treat patients at their facility, and also, we gratefully thank the Elks who transfer the Dental Van to the next location on the schedule. Hope to see you soon.

With respect,

Robert E. Beck, D.M.D., Staff Dentist, Elks Mobile Dentist Program



Happy Spring from the MEA Lodge Activities!

The MEA Lodge Activities chairs have been busy recently! Thank you to the Lodge Activities District Chairs for your assistance with the Contest "D" Newsletter judging. We had 14 Lodges who submitted their newsletters. Congratulations to all of the Lodges for their involvement in the MEA Lodge Activities. Plaques will be presented at the Fall Convention 2021. Following are the Missouri Lodges who participated in Contest "D":

Top Scoring Lodge: Dexter Lodge #2439

(Division I) – Cass County #2791, Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088, Hannibal #1198, Manchester #2058, St. Charles #698, Troy #2805 **1 st Place: Manchester Lodge #2058 2 nd Place: Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088 3 rd Place: Cass County Lodge #2791**

Division II) – Columbia #594, Crestwood #2503, West Plains #2418 **1 st Place: Columbia Lodge #594 2 nd Place: Crestwood Lodge #2503 3 rd Place: West Plains Lodge #2418**

(Division III) - Dexter Lodge #2439, St. Louis Lodge #9 **1 st Place: Dexter Lodge #2439 2 nd Place: St. Louis Lodge #9**

(Division IV) – Jefferson City #513, Blue Springs #2509 **1 st Place: Jefferson City Lodge #513 2 nd Place: Blue Springs Lodge #2509**

(Division V) – Washington #1559 **1 st Place: Washington Lodge #1559 2 nd Place: Springfield Lodge #409**

(Division VI) – no submissions.

Your Lodge Activities District Chairs are available to answer any questions you have regarding Contest "A" and Contest "D". **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

Missouri Elks Association Lodge Activities Chair



"In vain we call "

Dena Wolfe	Christian County #2777	PER	PDDGER
Robert D. Spangenberg	Florissant #2316	PER	PDDGER
Bill Thomas	Cass County #2791	PER	
Lawrence Flower	St Louis #0009	PER	
Charles A Muick	Oakville #2726	PER	
Don Kempa	Christian County #2777	PER	
William Baker	Maryville #0760	PER	
William Joseph Foster Jr	Trenton #0801	PER	
Jeffery V. Charles	Blue Springs #2509	PER	
Edward H. Ellerbrake	Florissant #2316	PER	
Jerry Brauer	Mexico #0919	PER	
Bob Mach	K.C. Northland #2376	PER	
Gary Mills	St. Charles #690	PER	
Alisa Muller	Crestwood #2503	PER	
Dennis Harrington	Grandview Hickman Mills #2088	PER	
Bruce Brashears	Kimberling City #2505	PER	
Nancy Moore	Lebanon #2557	PER	
Gene Cross	Poplar Bluff #2452	PER	
Dave Wendell	Poplar Bluff #2452	PER	

State Hoop Shoot age 12-13

**Boys Champion
Gage Albertson**



The crew that worked the virtual regional shootout for Gage-PSP
Jim Hahn, Per Dean Gann, ER Anna Kleiner, State Sec. Bud Clarkson, Brad Hahn, Leading Knight Mike Blanton, Trustee Tom Hall.

Due to Covid 19, I was unable to obtain pictures of all of our state hoop shoot champions. However, they are all listed below. At this time I do not have results of who the Regional Hoop Shoot Champion will be. They certainly are all winners!

- 8-9 Boy Andrew McWilliams West Plains Lodge 2418**
- 8-9 Girl Annalee Livengood Marryville Lodge 760**
- 10-11 Boy Kylan Pickren Christian County 2777**
- 10-11 Girl Ainsley McWilliams West Plains 2418**
- 12-13 Boy Gage Albertson Mineral Area 2583**
- 12-13 Girl Addisyn Fidler Cass County 2791**



The 52nd annual Missouri Elks Association

Golf tournament August 7th and 8th

2021 hosted by Eureka Pacific 2644

Entry fee \$260 2-Man team entry fee includes flight prize money, Skins, Mulligans and player gifts

detach and return with your check made payable to: **Missouri Elks Golf Assn.**

Tee times will be confirmed by postcard before July 28, 2021 to Player 1.

Lodge Name and Number _____

Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Address P1 _____ Address P2 _____

City P1 _____ Zip _____ City P2 _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone P1 _____ Home _____ Cell phone P2 _____ Home _____

Player 1 Email _____ Player 2 Email _____
(cell numbers and e-mail addresses vital to receive info about tournament and local events)

Tom Pouche, Chairman

Mail Checks to:

Al Stansfield

1805 SW Crystal Creek PL

Blue Springs MO 64015

For more info

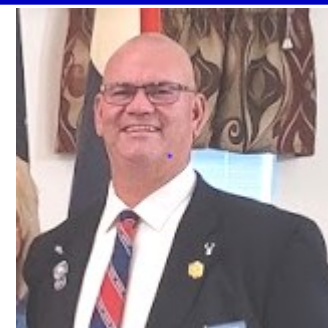
Tom Pouche

Cell 816 456 3939

email: tpouchegolfchairman@gmail.com

Drug

Awareness Program



Did you know that the Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP) is the largest volunteer-based drug prevention activist in the United States? Every year the Elks DAP hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers, and children. Missouri DAP has one of the largest fleets of DAP trailers in the country with 9 Drug Awareness trailers in 8 districts. These trailers have handed out hundreds of thousands pieces of literature each year at events like fishing derbies, hoop shoot, parades, National Night Outs Against Crime, carnivals, youth rodeos, and more.

The website <https://www.elks.org/dap/> provides a plethora of information for those looking for digital media. There are videos, trivia games, learning tools for teachers, and much more. The website is full of helpful and exciting activities for all ages.

As I close, I want to recognize the state of Missouri winner of the National Elks Drug Awareness essay contest in 2020. Ava Clifton a 7th grader from Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge #2583 submitted the winning essay. Congratulations to Ava for the hard work and effort she put forward in writing a wonderful essay. I want to Thank all the people that work with the Drug Awareness Program, without you we could not do this.

Missouri Elks Association – Officer Training 2021-2022

Chillicothe Lodge #656, Saturday, May 15, 9 AM to 3 PM

Cape Girardeau Lodge #639, Saturday, May 22, 2021, 9 AM to 3 PM

Registration deadline is May 1st. Mail the below registration form to

PSP John Gross, 7099 Whitewater Drive, Dittmer, MO 63023. You may call 314-477-8061 with details or e-mail to jgross68@att.net

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_____ Lodge will have _____ Members Attending

LODGE CONTACT INFORMATION:

(Print name/title)

(phone/e-mail)

DEADLINE: May 1, 2021

Great Learning opportunity for new

Officers. Hope to see you there!

Leadership Training Missouri Elks Association Spring 2021



The Officer Training Committee, Co-Chaired by Past State President



and Past Grand Esquire, Roland Seal and Past State President John Gross, will be conducting two training sessions this year with one being held at Chillicothe Lodge #656, Saturday, May 15 and the other session being held at Cape Girardeau Lodge #639 on Saturday May 22, 2021. Both sessions will run from about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many people have requested the training for their own Lodge, and so we can reach many people and still maintain safe social practices we chose to offer two sessions this year. At the last session there was active participation and many members came with good questions and a desire to learn.

We ask that everyone please submit their participant headcount to me no later than May 7 to ensure proper material and food can be prepared in advance.

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

Respectfully,

John Gross, Co-Chairman

Americanism Ray Dierker Chairman

On Sunday March 20th Missouri State Elks Association Americanism Chairman Ray Dierker met with State President Ron Bolinger and Corporate Secretary Bud Clarkson to judge the 2020-2021 Americanism essays. They met and were hosted by the DeSoto Lodge # 689.

Winners were determined in Division 1 and Division 2. The state will reward the top three finishers in each division with the 1st place winners going on to the National competition.



Division I (5th & 6th Grade)			Prize
1. Julia Whitman	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Oakville #2726	\$200
2. Thomas Sullenger	La Salle Springs Middle School	Eureka-Pacific #2644	\$125
3. Max Hoerstkamp	Our Lady of Lourdes	Washington #1559	\$75
Division II (7th & 8th Grade)			Prize
1. Cole Adair	Queen of all Saints	Oakville #2726	\$200
2. George Volmert	Home school	Washington #1559	\$125
3. Ian Pfeiffer	Washington Middle School	Washington #1559	\$ 75



2021-2022 promises to be a banner year for **Missouri Membership**. It appears that our nation, as well as the Order of Elks, is prepared to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities will begin to prosper. Our Lodges will start opening up and holding events for all our members and their families. State and National Conventions will take place. We will all get to visit again. Something we took for granted before. It promises to be nothing but good

times ahead.

I'm not going to spend a lot of time on the membership numbers for 2020-2021. It was a very difficult year for most Lodges and I don't need to remind you of these difficulties in recruiting new members or maintaining your current memberships. However, some Lodges did have a successful year and congratulations to them. What we all can do now is concentrate on the upcoming year and growing Missouri Membership again.

What I would like see is for each Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary and Membership Chairman to review Statute 14.180. This Statute allows our Lodges to continue to grow for a 60-day period after March 31st by bring back our recently dropped members. Don't waste this opportunity. Remember: Effort = Results.



Osage Beach #2517

September 24 25

Robins Resort

Time: 7am - 4pm

\$150 per boat with 70% pay-back. Additional \$50 per boat for big bass is 100% payback.

Elk and that Elk has to be in good standing (Dues paid up) but can be from any lodge.

There will be a pre tournament meeting on Fri evening at our lodge here in Osage Beach. Our lodge also has a full bar and cocktails are reasonably priced.

Refreshments will be available at the weigh in at no charge then food will be served to the fishermen back at the lodge where the trophies and winnings will be given.

If you would like any additional information about fishing or donating please pm me or text me at 314-265-2243. Of you can contact George Budde. George is the chairman of the tournament and he can be contacted at 573-712-0662.

Americanism-Bass-Membership-Scholarship

Keith Huck State Scholarship Chair



Congratulations to this year's Elks MVS Winners from the attached list. Judging was done at Osage Beach the weekend of Feb. 20-21. This year there were over 1,000 applications from all over the state. These applications were narrowed down to 78 girls and 75 boys, who advanced from the district judging. The top nine (5 girls and 4 boys) will advance to nationals. The next 20 girls and 20 boys are to be awarded a State Allocated \$1,000 to help with their schooling next year. The final 9 are awarded \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year) with the chance to win up to \$50,000.

Sara Scheid	Warrenton #2662
Kylie Mostyn	Springfield # 409
Julia Peters	Washington #1559
Rachel Scrivener	Bates County #2653
Elizabeth Trower	Hannibal #1198
Lola Breshear	Maryville #760
Kelsey Boyce	Springfield #409
Lauren Crutsinger	Chaffee #1810
Megan Blanchard	Crestwood #2503
Gwyneth Murphy	Hannibal #1198
Genevieve Lipe	Perryville #2701
Annamarie Shaw	Warrenton #2662
Abigail Wagner	High Ridge #2455
Elise Duncan	Springfield #409
Emma Price	Lake of the Ozarks #2517
Morgan Wood	Excelsior Springs #1001
Cara Cha	Blue Springs #2509
Makanda Sode	Lebanon #2557
Jaycie Griffin	Trenton #801
Grace Tang	Kansas City Northland #2376
Schylar Angell	Mexico #919
Allison Haley	Chillicothe #656
Katie Seithel	Oakville #2726
McKenna Jacquin	Washington #1559
Katelyn Farr	Jefferson City #513
Dawson Propst	Osage Community #2705
Mason Waltke	Springfield #409
Blake Roettgen	Osage Community #2705
John Wibbenmeyer	Perryville #2701
Chuka Eze	Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088
John Hamburg	Oakville #2726
Jonah Hensley	Joplin #501
Gage Harris	Adrian #2864
Michael Rashford	St. Louis #9
Christopher Foster	Kansas City Northland #2376
Kellen Hendrix	Lake Taneycomo #2597
Kobe Hendrix	Lake Taneycomo #2597
Shawn Koishor	Perryville #2701
Jacob Minner	Afton #2635
Dylan Howard	Kansas City Northland #2376
Daniel Kim	Springfield #409
William Hodges	Jackson #2652
Charles Zahner	Brookfield #874
Grant Norfleet	Mexico #919
Owen Weller	Webb City #861
Wyatt Cassidy	Mexico #919
Joseph Schwartz	Jefferson City #513
Jonathan Rohr	Maryville #760
Michael Giles	Washington #1559



President Ron and First Lady Jean Bollinger at their last lodge visit at Cape Girardeau #639.



Ron presents the Traveling Gavel to incoming State President John Rinehart.



PSP Don Cook, President Ron Bollinger, Incoming President John Rinehart, Incoming AA Rick Bryant, PSP John Gross, PSP Roland Seal, PSP Brian Crawford, and President Elect Steven Green (Pic taken at Officer Training)



Ron with SE Officers, incoming State President John Rinehart and District Leader Jim Hahn.



Ron pins Past First Lady pin on Jean.



She pins him as well.



Ron's gift of appreciation from state



PSPs Brian Crawford, Ron Bollinger, and John Gross



Ron demonstrating the correct way to use the gavel ! We haven't seen this in long time.



Administrative Assistant to Ron Steve and Brenda Reed



Ron Bollinger throws out the first ball at the State Bowling Tournament .



Webb City, print called "Heart of a Warrior" by Jack Dawson. Very impressive!



Visiting Springfield

Visit to Jackson Lodge #2652





John is sworn in as State President by PSP and District Leader Otto Sayles.



John pins First Lady pin on Valerie.



Valerie pins State President pin on John.



Family members celebrate with John and Valerie.

Metro West & State Officers



Having a little fun—PSPs Duane Heldenbrand And Otto Sayles with State President John Rinehart



PSPs Don Cook, Skip Bell, Duane Heldenbrand, President Elect Steve Green, President John Rinehart, PSPs Otto Sayles, Rich Larkin, and Bill Walter. (Happy Birthday Otto)



Pictured on left from left to right: Metro West Officers Patrick Monks Chaplain, Debby Aliff Director, R.D. Mallams Vice-President, Rick Bryant Administrative Assistant, Bud Clarkson State Secretary, Steve Green President Elect, and John Rinehart State President.





At our meeting the evening of November 17th, **Meramec-Arnold Lodge #2372** presented checks totaling \$14,000.00 raised from various fund raisers to Representatives of the Back stoppers As-soc. Pictured above, left to right are Jimmy Rayman, Lodge Es-quire, Jeff Broombaugh, Fire Chief Rock Community Fire Protec-tion District, Hal Bosler, Sunday Bingo Chairman, Chris Blasé, Trus-tee & PER, Tom Lakin, Chief High Ridge Fire Protection District and Anita Snider, Exalted Ruler.



Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721

initiated seven new members during the District Deputy visit Wednesday night.
Congratulations
and welcome to our new members!!



While Alfred Wibble was at the **Festus Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721** where he is a part time em-ployee, his 1993 Ford pickup was stolen from outside the Lodge. The Lodge members took up a collection and about 12 hours later they along with DeSoto Auto Plaza Group surprised Alfred with a 2006 Ford Explorer. Mr. Wibble said “these people are truly great people and friends. I’m blessed in so many ways.”



DeSoto #689

Randy Northington, ENF Chair-man for Mo, giving first place award to ENF chair-man Larry Page Jr. First place in Mis-souri Chairman Challenge for 2019-2020, along with ER Robert Gallaway .



My grandpa, US Marine, was on the Nevada when Pearl Har-bor was attacked. He was a survivor and went on to fight the war in Iwo Jima. Kim Armstrong Draves This posting is from **Eureka Springs Lodge #2644**. (I would like to say thank you to your Grandpa for his service and to all of our heroes. Joy Clarkson, Shozem Editor.)

Cedar Hill #2678
It’s a good feeling to give back and help out and this is what we do as Elks!
God bless all of those that are in nurs-ing homes or hospitals with little con-nection to the outside world and their families. Amen



Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674 enjoying a game of corn hole.

High Ridge #2455

wELKomed five members on March 10. Pictured here with Exalted Ruler Andrew Summers.



Oakville #2726
Even though the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with the lodge ac-tivities, we have still been able to show the community what Elkdom is all about. Oakville Lodge made contributions in the amount of \$2,000 to the Guardian Angel Settlement Association, an organization focusing on providing relief to local families in need, and a \$3,500 donation to the Veterans Community Project which is building tiny homes to support homeless veterans as they transition to more permanent housing. Our Ladies Auxiliary provided Christ-mas baskets to over 20 families in our neighborhood as they do year after year. Pictured are Matt Le Duc, GASA; Karen Yeager, ER, John Yeager PER/Treasurer, Jeff Johnson PER/Chair BOD



Potosi 2218 Christmas Auction was held Sat. March 6. They had a good crowd and raised money even if it had to be held in the Spring! Great Job!



Benton County #2783 delivered 25 cases of chicken to the Benton County Food Pantry. This is half of the one ton of protein made possible by the ENF Spotlight Grant.

Pictured are Elks: Mark Porter, Barry White, Ron Hux, Mike Blyth and Al Wholf. Front row: Sherry Blyth, Elks #2783 Exalted Ruler and Jeanie Arnold, Benton County Food Pantry Manager.



The Nevada Elks lodge 564 raised \$26,000.00 tonight at the Thanksgiving dinner and benefit auction for the Christmas baskets! (pic on left)



Bates County Elks Lodge #2653 delivered a \$750 donation to Bates County Coats for Kids, the program's largest single donation so far this year. This level of support was made possible through the Beacon Grant program of the Elks National Foundation, and the annual contributions provided to ENF by our Lodge. ENF has provided extra grant funding for 2020 due to the Covid crisis, in an effort to serve the increased needs of our communities.

We are proud to support the ongoing efforts of Larry and Carol Ann Winburn, and DSWA, to provide for the children of our community! Pictured are Carol Ann Winburn and Jamie Loe of DSWA, and Chris Cook, Exalted Ruler of Bates County Elks Lodge #2653.



Lake of the Ozarks #2517

As most of you already know, the Chiefs played in the AFC championship game against Buffalo Bills.

We had a great turnout and even though they lost we had a good time cheering for them.



The Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie recently completed their annual Christmas Basket/Tree of Joy program to provide Christmas gifts and food for 100 families in Morgan and Camden counties, including 323 children. Each child received 2 gifts, a blanket, and toiletries. Food

was provided through gift certificates to Woods SuperMarket, with families receiving \$125 to \$175 each, depending on family size. Individual deliveries this year were limited due to Covid-19 restrictions, resulting in the use of distribution centers in Camdenton and Versailles and limited deliveries to those who could not get out for pickup. In addition, the Elks donated \$300 each to Helping Hands Homeless Shelter, Community for Christ, CADV, and Food for Morgan County pantry. Elks Care and Elks Share.



Clinton Elks Lodge 1034 Exalted Ruler, Keith Weston is pictured handing John Schwent of Camp Valor Outdoors a Beacon Grant of \$1,750. The Beacon Grant is provided by the Elk's National Benevolent Trust Fund for local events, programs and organizations who support Veterans. Camp Valor Outdoors is a non-

profit organization dedicated to our military veterans. They recognize veterans and their families through adaptive and competitive activities such as guided fishing, hunting, shooting, archery, 4-wheeling, or just simply relaxing around the campfire. All branches of the military services, from any generation, are welcome. Camp Valor Outdoors understand the hurdles veterans and their families face after military service, particularly with injuries and illnesses. They focus on therapeutic healing in the great outdoors and by connecting with fellow warriors to provide essential healing.



Lamar Lodge #2800 in conjunction with Lamar-Barton County Good Samaritan hand out personal hygiene products purchased with an ENF Gratitude Grant. Pictured I to r Wayne Johnston Leading Knight and PER and Catherine Stout Secretary and Grant chairperson. Any excess was passed on to Division of Family Services.



Clinton #1034 Veterans Chairman and Leading Knight Tim Humerickhouse presents a check to Latisha Koetting (Supervisor of Volunteer Services) and Jamie McCannon (Assistant Administrator) from the Missouri Veterans Home - **Warrensburg**. The gift was made possible from a grant from the Elks National Foundation.



Farmington Elks #1765 carrying the American Flag at the Desoto Veterans Day Parade. Thank you Desoto Elks for the meal afterwards!



Thank you **Sikeston Elks Lodge #2319** for the donation for the Bulldog Pantry, LLC. This \$2000 will allow us to keep our children fed. When we start running

low on supplies or money to go buy items, it miraculously appears. Bulldog Pantry, LLC assists children in Sikeston Public Schools with giving them food, clothing or whatever they might need to be successful in school and move forward in life.



Please welcome **Arcadia Valley #2330** newest Elks . Timothy Schad, Jennifer Childers and Brad Steinhoff (not pictured)



The Cape Girardeau Elks #639 presented Sheriff Ruth Ann Dickerson with a check for \$5,200.00 to be used towards communication equipment for the sheriff's office.

The support we receive from you, our community, is immeasurable in dollars. While the donation will go a long ways to help make lasting upgrades, the meaning behind the donation doesn't escape us. We are continuously thankful that, in an age full of uncertainty and strife, we have the backing and support of our community. We would like to thank the Cape Girardeau Elks #639.

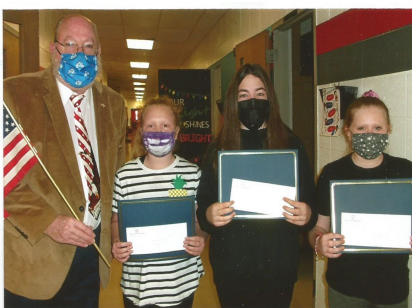


Our annual Christmas Basket Day is here!! Great job Jackson Lodge #2652



Today the **Poplar Bluff Elks Lodge #2452** had a great time partnering with United Healthcare for our annual "Grandparents Raising Grand-kids" event!! Even with COVID-19, we were still able to bring Christmas presents and a visit from Santa to 11 families in our area!!! Each family also received a smoked pork butt, complete with all the fixings/sides, to take home and enjoy over the next week! We are so thankful that we were able to bring so much joy to these families!

Picture on right
Dexter Lodge #2439
Dist. Americanism Chairman Randy Northington
Div.1 (5-6 grades)
American essay winner-Trinity Pinkley: 2nd place-Payton Bell: Third place: Allison Arnold



Div. 1 Top Div 2 Bottom



Mineral Area Community Elks Lodge 2583, in partnership with the East Missouri Action Agency's Head Start and Community Service programs, delivered 120 boxes of food to families in need in the Parkland area last week.

This is an annual event for the two organizations.

Members of the Elks Lodge donated food, plus \$20 for a turkey, according to organizer **Cathy Dickerson**. She gave the members a list of food for each of the boxes, so each would make a complete holiday meal. Some members also donated money and she shopped for the food items.

Dickerson said it hasn't been easy getting all the food together this year with the pandemic. Each box contains about \$60 worth of food.



Div 2 Winners from Dexter Lodge Americanism essay contest

Grades 7th and 8th

Jacob Wally-1st Place

Allie Corlew-2nd Place

Addyson Williamson-3rd place



We presented the Florissant Team Food Pantry with a check for \$5,500.00, which we received thru a Beacon Grant. Team Food Pantry serves the Florissant and Hazelwood Area families, and was just about at rock bottom for the month. Our donation was greatly appreciated and we were given a short tour of the building. Present for the presentation was our Exalted Ruler Sandi Mohl, Leading Knight Bill Haley Treasurer Mike McGaughey, Lodge Historian Bill Wann, Team Member and Fellow Elk Mark Behlmann, and Team Representative Bob Aubuchon. Great Job **Florissant Lodge #2316.**



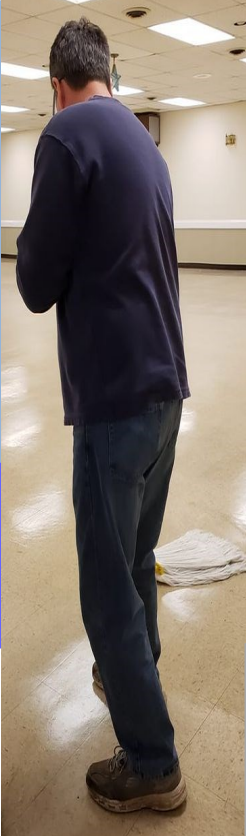
Despite being closed in December and the majority of November **Saint Louis Lodge #9** gave the gift of warmth as a result of its 3rd Annual Holiday Coat Drive. January 12, 2021, members of the

lodge delivered over 220 coats to the Brenda and Kurt Warner Foundation's Winter Warm Up (<https://www.kurtwarner.org/warmup>). The '9' has collected over 500 winter items since 2018 and is a proud member of Metro District #4780 (<https://www.elks.org/lodges/default.cfm?DistrictNumber=4780> /

**Affton Elks Lodge #2635
CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM 2020**



L-R Rick Seratti, Don Veile, Mark Murphy, Keith Freeman, DDGER
The Affton Elks provide food and gifts for 50 families residing in the Affton Community. Over 2 1/2 tons of can goods, and enough fresh food and produce for several weeks.



A great big thank you to Tom Sontheimer, Dave Keau. Don Freeman and Mike Wood for the amazing job waxing our floor. Our members go above and beyond . **THANK YOU !!!**

Crestwood Elks Lodge #2503
Great job! You found a new way to set a **Shining** example.

Troy Lodge #2805—New Year started well for the Elks. There was a corn-hole tournament and horse races. Thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Baskets. Our State President Ron Bollinger will be here on February 20th. We are looking forward to his visit!

The St. Charles #690 Lodge has been busy with our annual Fish Fry and transitioning to our new Lodge Officers for the 2021 -2022 year. The Lodge has donated over \$3,500 to the Bare Necessities program this year, which provides food and snacks to students on the weekends when school is not in session.

The Lodge also used a \$2,000 Freedom Grant to provide needed items and restaurant gift cards to the Fisher House and also provided food donations to the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry. During the month of December, 25 families received special Christmas Baskets of food, including a turkey and ham for the holidays. A Spotlight Grant was also used to support local literacy programs as well as providing much needed items to the St. Louis Crisis Nursery in the amount of \$2,000. Even amongst the challenging COVID pandemic, the St. Charles Lodge was able to accomplish many things to support our surrounding community.

Great job St. Charles 690

American Red Cross
Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
West County Community Drive
Manchester Elks Lodge
Main Room
2242 Mason Ln
Ballwin, MO 63021

MANCHESTER Members, thank you for your gift of life!

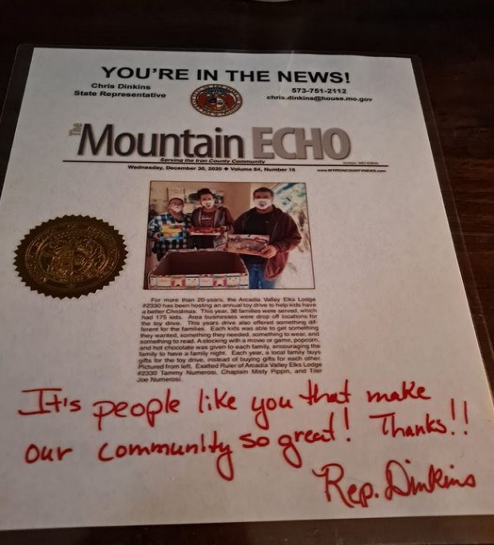


Flag Retirement ceremony at St. Louis #9

On December 19, 2020, the **Ellisville Elks Lodge** Delivered 7 Christmas Baskets to families in our Local Community. Our Lodge Members Donated non-perishable cans of food worth \$400.00, and a Lodge Member, Mary Rudolph purchased the hams. Our Lodge purchased the perishable foods to complete the Baskets for our Community Families in need. Pictured (L-R) Member Julie Ray Polson, Trustee Michael St. Onge, First Lady Kelly Roach, and Exalted Ruler Lonnie Millaway, Deliver 7 Christmas Baskets to Holy Infant Catholic Church Volunteers,



Mixed Mo. Lodges



This certificate from State Representative Chris Dinkins was awarded to Arcadia Valley for their continued work in the community. For more than 20 years, The **Arcadia Valley Elks Lodge #2330** has been hosting an annual toy drive to help kids have a better Christmas. This year 38 families were served, which included 175 children. Area businesses were drop off locations for the toy drive. Each child was able to get something they wanted, something they needed, something to wear, and something to read. A stocking with a movie or game, popcorn and hot chocolate were given to each family.



Chuck sees no evil, Terry hears no evil, and I believe someone finally told Dennis to shut up! Jk...we all love you Dennis.

**Missouri Elks Association
President Elect from
Northeast District
Steve Green**

See you in Tampa for
National Convention on
July 4th-7th.



Lake Taneycomo #2597 holds a toy run.



Congratulations to Lyle Mudge from **Perryville Mo.**, Bowling 279 279 247 for a 805 series Saturday in the doubles event !



Chaffee Elks Lodge #1810 recently donated \$1750 to the Local Police Station and \$1750 to the Local Fire department. The lodge also donated \$1000 to the Chaffee Elementary and \$1000 to St. Ambrose Catholic School . These funds were to offset additional funds needed for Covid Relief. Pictured is Chief Billy Sullivan and Exalted Ruler Mark Perkins, and Fire Chief Sam Glency and Exalted Ruler Mark Perkins.



Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie, recently received two grants from the Elks National Foundation. Both were donated to Share the Harvest Food Pantry (STH). The first, a Beacon Grant, was for \$3500, and is to help fund the STH emergency assistance program, which helps those in need with items such as rent, utility bills, and prescriptions. The second, a Spotlight Grant, was for \$2000, and is to help fund the STH program for non-food items such as laundry and cleaning supplies and health aids. Pictured are Elks Exalted Ruler, Tom Eisenach, Carol Vossen, Elks Grants Chairperson, and Shana Aubuschn, Share the Harvest. (Pic above)

COME FLY A KITE



**CHRISTIAN COUNTY ELKS LODGE IS CELEBRATING
Elks National Youth Week**
By Inviting you to our
**KITE DAY and COMMUNITY APPRECIATION
DAY**
on
SATURDAY, MAY 8TH, 2021
FROM 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Bring a Kite or Fly one of Ours
Enjoy FREE Hot Dogs & Hamburgers
D.A.R.E. Officer, Ambulance, Fire Truck,
Performance by Ozark High School JROTC Drill
Team, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

2401 N. 17th Street * Ozark, MO 65721 * (417) 581-4190

Below on right is the picture of our 1st year for Deer Hides and we collected 120 Hides. **Dexter Lodge #2439** Pictured is **Dennis Carmack** Southeast Mo. District Director.





Joplin Lodge #501 distributed 200 Christmas baskets this morning to our community.



West Plains enjoyed a great visit with our State President Ron Bollinger, wife Jean and Vice President Tom Hrdlicka, wife Linda.



Kimberling City #2505—Thank you!

WEBB CITY ELKS LODGE #861 ANNUAL SUPER BOWL PARTY



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 2021
WING AND CHILI COOK-OFF
JUDGING AT 3PM

ENTRIES DO NOT NEED TO BE COOKED ON SITE BUT ENCOURAGED.
\$5 ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI AND WINGS
50/50 RAFFLE PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS WEBB CITY ELKS
VETERANS FUND
GAME TIME 5:30PM



Veterans Holiday Food Baskets

Over the holidays, the [Christian County Elks Lodge 2777](#) accepted food donations of canned goods, coffee, boxed cereal, peanut butter and many other non-perishable items. To this list the Elks Lodge donated bread, eggs, milk, butter, potatoes and ham. All of the food is for our Annual Veteran's Christmas Food

Baskets. Last year we were able to donate 10 baskets to needy veterans in Christian County. We were blessed this year to donate 31 boxes of food to our veterans in need. Thanks for the support of Scout Troop 201 for assembling all the food boxes.

In the Fall 2020 issue, on page 16, was Lebanon Lodge 2557's report and photo about "things to do" donation to the Mount Vernon Veterans Home. I am happy to report that today, February 10, I was finally permitted to deliver the items to the Veterans Home. I also learned that on Friday, February 12 the second dose of Covid-19 vaccines will be administered at the facility. Picture of Gary Bockman below



ugly sweater party



Alton-Thayer Lodge #2545 held a Christmas Party, Chili cook off, and ugly sweater contest. There was great food and prizes for both the best chili and the ugliest sweater!



Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the [Springfield Elks Lodge 409](#) Youth Activities Banquet was canceled. Every year the Springfield Lodge 409 honors area youth by providing scholarships for local seniors representing 14 area high schools. This year we kept with our commitment and honored 22 amazing seniors with scholarships by mail instead of in person. We were able to provide over \$13,000.00 in scholarships to our area seniors.

These pictures are just some of the amazing youth the Elks 409 and their Ladies Auxiliary honored this year with academic scholarships. One applicant expressed, "The involvement and support of Lodge #409 are commendable and impactful to local students. I appreciate all that you do for the community." One of our most treasured memories of this year is giving a scholarship to a young lady and in her own words, "I am very grateful for this scholarship, thank you so much! It will allow me to pursue my dream as a first-generation college student."

Chillicothe #656

Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered for this year's blood drive! Despite the circumstances, we had 83 donors and 76 units of blood.

Huge shout-out to Beverly Howe for organizing the blood drive. Thank you to both Beverly and Diane Albertson McKiddy for volunteering all afternoon

**Maryville Elks**

#760 enjoyed a great St. Patrick's Day meal of Rueben and corned beef and cabbage. They also enjoyed listening to the music of Tyler Folkerts.

**The Excelsior Springs Elks Lodge**

#1001 worked at our local Lane of Lights to raise money for our local Veterans and Needy Families. \$1400.00 was donated. Thank You to all who helped by donating..

DONATIONS NEEDED**Cameron Lodge**

#2615 held an

Easter Egg Hunt and Cake Walk on April 3rd,

They try to get enough cakes, cupcakes, cookies, or candy bouquets so that most families will leave with at least one item.

MEA State Officers NW District 2021 2022
 Vice President Junior Boyce— Excelsior Springs #1001
 Director— John Nelson—Maryville #760
 Tiler-Samantha Barrett— Excelsior Springs #1001

**MEA NORTHWEST DISTRICT STATE OFFICERS 2021 2022**

With Covid Times and no MEA Spring Convention the Missouri State Officers were sworn in at the Spring VP Clinics. PSP Richard Techeau was honored to swear in the Northwest District Officers for the coming year.

THE CAMERON ELKS LODGE PRESENTS THE 3rd ANNUAL UTV/ATV PATRIOT RIDE

\$45/Registration Fee Includes 1 Free Shirt

MAY 1ST, 2021

UTV, ATV RIDE

DOORS OPEN 0900

RIDE LEAVES @ 1030

ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO BAR \$10

50/50 RAFFLE

APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES

EXTRA SHIRTS \$20

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE LEAGUE

CAMERON ELKS LODGE 9018 NE 69 HWY CAMERON, MO. 64429 RSVP to Jim Ford (816)291-7731

Milan #2819

In October the Milan Elks hosted State President Ron Bollinger as well as the NW State Officers and guests.





Veterans Parade was short and sweet. Thank you to everyone coming out and supporting our vets. **Hannibal Elks Lodge #1198** sporting the Drug Awareness Trailer supporting our Vets.



St Clair Lodge #2651 held an auction to raise funds for the scholarship program.



Due to Covid, the **Washington Elks #1559** had to cancel the Annual Halloween Party given for those with Special needs, but the treats and fun of Halloween was not completely cancelled. On November 1st, the lodge held a Drive-thru Trick or Treat event for approximately 60 guests who received a bag of snacks, candies, fruit and socks. "Elks Care Elks Share".



Steve Green, Missouri Youth Activities Chairman presents a certificate of appreciation to **Tina Chidister** for her work in bringing Scout Troop 156 and Cubs Pack 156 Charters under **Louisiana Lodge 791**. Kudos!



In these times of uncertainty it's awesome to see good things happening. Yesterday the **Warrenton Elks lodge** delivered over 200 meals to those in need, another 40 meals were picked up!!! The generosity of the Elks and it's members that showed up on Christmas morning to make this happen was truly a blessing. This is just the turkey that was prepared. Thank you to all the volunteers that delivered 200 meals in an hour, and to those helping to make it happen.



We are busy at the **Columbia Lodge #594** judging Lodge Newsletters. Judges are **Mona Brown** Northeast District, **Jim and Ellen Dougan** Metro West District, **Ben Flatt** Southeast District, and **Carol Meatte** Metro East District. We received Newsletters from Metro East, Metro West, Northeast, Southeast, and Southwest Districts. Proud to be an ELK!!!!



Mexico Elks Lodge used the Gratitude Grant towards the Adopt A Child Program at the Help Center. Items purchased were all types and sizes of clothing and toys for the needy children for Christmas 2020 gifts. Large totes of food was also provided for some families for the holidays. Delivery was made in this photo by Exalted Ruler **Roger Shipp** and ENF chairman **Janet Jones** to **Nancy Geodeke**.

Today **Chris Horvath** and I had the honor of presenting the Ft. Zumwalt School District a check for \$2000 to support the West High Food Pantry. The pantry provides food for needy families in the district. The funds were made available through a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. Pictured are **Dr. DuBray**, **Dee Dee Boyle** (Coordinator of Homeless and Residency Services), and **Melissa Tichy** (started the pantry at West High School). **O'Fallon #2587**



New member donating blood at Jefferson City Lodge #513.
New elks care and share!



Member **Kansas City Northland #2376** Mary Ellen Hammon-tree crocheted several lap blankets and ladies scarves for Warrensburg Veterans Home. Also pictured are Lois Cavanaugh, Metro West VP and Darrell Quinley, VAVS who will deliver to the Veterans Home. Elks Care, Elks Share!



Grandview Hickman Mills Elks Lodge representing at the City of Grandview Parks & Rec Boo Drive Thru (Trunk or Treat). Had so much fun!!!



PSP and Metro West District Leader Otto Sayles and **State President elect John Rinehart** present a plaque; To a member of the **Bronze Circle of Giving** in appreciation of generous cumulative donations totaling \$5,000.00 or more toward the philanthropic projects fostered by the Elks National Foundation October 2020 to Metro West District VP and member of Grandview Hickman-Mills lodge Lois Cavanaugh.



Bill Moore, Past Exalted Ruler; **Mike Michalski**, Past Exalted Ruler, **R.D. Mallams**, Past Exalted Ruler; **Kim Murch**, Veteran's Co-Chair from **Lodge 2376**. Donations of gift cards, clothing, and coffee for the patients at the **Kansas City Veteran's Hospital**.



Cass County Elks not only served veterans a pulled pork sack lunch at the **KCVA Hospital** but also supplied 100 lunches to **St. Michael's Veterans Center**. Pictured **PER Darrell Quinley VAVS**, and **Spencer** a senior at **KU** serving her apprenticeship in social work. Behind the camera is **Shane** also serving his apprenticeship and working on his master's in social work at **KU**.



Lexington 749 helping the children of our school district to read. The **Leslie Bell Elementary School Lexington, MO**.

Mrs. Bertz's class received their books from the **Elk's Book Grant** today!! Thanks **ENF!!**



March 11th VA Covid Clinic hosted by **Cass County Elks Lodge # 2791**. **VA employees and volunteers** were served breakfast and lunch by **Metro West District #4790 Veterans Committee**. **600 veterans** received their **Johnson and Johnson vaccine**.

Tonight was the last meeting for our ER Steve McKay
We initiated three new members into Elksdom.
Blue Springs Lodge #2509



Doug Jordon had the pleasure of initiating his son into **Blue Springs #2509** and his wife got to escort him.

Tonight **Trenton** was initiated as a member of **Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509 - Blue Springs MO..**

Doug was given the privilege of initiating the new members and **Angie Jordon** was honored to lead them through the initiation as the **Esquire**.

Metro West Welcomes
our new state president
Joh Rinehart
and First Lady Valerie



Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2020 2021 **\$154,211**
Paid back to MO 2020 2021 **\$336,190**

State Charity \$145,450
Special Projects Grant \$74,600
Bonus Grant \$28,440
Most Valuable Student \$40,000
Legacy Award \$24,000
NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- **\$336,190**
to 70 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants →
\$181,979 more than paid in!!



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 30,393 Members

Contributions \$154,211

Per Capita Average \$5.07

National Veterans Service Commission Veterans Leather Program

Last year the National Veterans Hide Program donated over 1 million dollars in goods and Services to US Veterans.

Over 11,000 feet of leather was donated to Veterans homes.

Over 30,000 feet were donated to "Help Healing Veterans" a program based program in California.

This year Chuck has driven over 7,000 miles and put in 250 hours and the year is not over yet.

Last year Chuck made 9 trips to the Tennessee Tannery.

Each year Chuck drops off hundreds of hides at Coey Tanning Co Wartrace Tennessee.



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

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

Convention Plan Your Vacation with The Elks

Chairman
Tom & Marty Shelton



Convention

State Convention

Sept 30-Oct 1-2 2021

March 11-13 2022

Sept 30-Oct 1-2 2022

March 20-23 2023

Sept 29-Oct 1 2024

July 4-7 Grand Lodge Tampa 2021

July 3-6 Grand Lodge Atlanta 2022

July 2-5 Grand Lodge Minneapolis 2023

June 30-July 3 Austin TX 2024

Dates

The Past The Present And The Future

CATCHING
UP WITH OLD
FRIENDS.
PRESIDENT
ELECT JOHN

RINEHART, PSP BILL DeLARBER (2018-2019) STATE PRESIDENT RON BOLLINGER, PSP DON COOK, (2019-2020) PSP BILL WALTER (2009-2010)

