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Thaine Keith Mills has been an Elk since 1990, when he was sponsored to join by his father. He proceeded through the principal chairs to become Exalted Ruler in 2001–2002, after which he served as Lodge trustee for five years. He was a member of five Idaho state champion ritual teams. He served as Idaho Elks Association state president in 2006–2007 and was inducted into the Idaho Elks Hall of Honor in 2016.

At the Grand Lodge level, Mills served as district deputy for the Idaho South District from 2008 to 2010, was a regional Hoop Shoot director from 2010 to 2016, and served on the Board of Grand Trustees from 2016 to 2020.

The announcement of the election was followed by an exuberant celebration as supporters from Mills's Area 8 streamed into the hall. The newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler then spoke about his vision for the Order, which is encompassed in his theme, "*Meeting the Challenge.*"

He discussed the significant challenges the Order faces in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, and his belief that the strong response to adversity will help the Elks become stronger than ever. He expressed his confidence that the Order will return to growth and his hope that the total membership will once again surpass one million Members, noting that "we have the tools—and Lord knows we have the talent—to conquer any obstacles that comes our way."

State President John Rinehart

It is a great day to be an Elk! As of the printing of this article, Valerie and I, along with Rick Bryant, Administrative Assistant and spouse Sherri have had the pleasure of visiting 39 Lodges. We have been absolutely spoiled during our visits. In July I, along with Ron Bollinger PSP, had the honor of presenting our State Flag at the Opening Ceremony of Grand Lodge. Other highlights so far include throwing the first pitch for softball (it was a strike!), hitting the first drive at the golf tournament and helping launch the boats at the bass tournament. Valerie and I also had the honor of attending an open house at the Fisher House in Kansas City.

One thing can surely be said, Elkdom is alive and well in the State of Missouri. Yes, things have been slow, but recovery can be seen. Our Lodges continue to make an impact in our communities. We are supporting our youth and our Veterans. Lodges are displaying the Flag of our Country and our great State. Lodges are utilizing Grant Funds from Elks National Foundation to support their programs. Missouri Elks are supporting the Mobile Dental Unit. Lodges are raising funds to support the Fisher House project. Yes, Elkdom is strong in Missouri, but we can do better. We can and must grow our Membership. Lodge Officers need to encourage ALL members to stay current with their dues and be as active as they can be. Together, we can achieve great things. I am truly humbled to be the President of this great Association, thank you all

Greetings all

It is my hope that those Elks and guests that were fortunate enough to be able to attend this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa, Florida had a great time. Whether your Elk's involvement is with your local Lodge, District, State and/or at the National level, you surely took away many ideas and suggestions to bring home with you. The convention always builds excitement within our attendees and I encourage you to pass that on to all of our members. After the cancellation of last year's National Convention due to the pandemic, it sure was nice to join with many Elks throughout the Country to celebrate the accomplishments of States and Lodges. Plus, we survived Hurricane Elsa (which never showed up at Tampa!)

Congratulations to our eight District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's who were installed in their positions at the final business session in Tampa. This begins a year of hard work, but I can assure you that the experience will be one that you will enjoy and not soon forget. Good luck this year!

While we did not have a Spring State Convention, our new Missouri State President was installed and started his duties on schedule. Congratulations to John Rinehart and First Lady Valerie and we wish them much success this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past State President Ron Bollinger and his wife Jean for the wonderful job they did in serving our State Association. They navigated the year of Covid with grace and dedication and all Missouri Elks thank them. As I write this message, plans are being completed for the Missouri Elks Association Fall State Convention. This will be our first in-person Convention since March 2020.

At this meeting we will welcome Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan. As you know, he was unable to join us in March due to the cancellation of our Spring Convention which is when we traditionally host the current National President. Unfortunately his wife, Past First Lady Stacey is unable to make the trip with him due to her work schedule. We are fortunate that PGER Ryan can make the trip and I know you will all give him a warm Missouri welcome. Of course, with the ever changing status of the Covid-19 situation, things are always subject to change with the Convention plans. Any developments that might occur will be announced so be sure to stay tuned!

I look forward to being with all of you next month in Jefferson City. Until then, stay safe and God Bless.

F. Louis Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Missouri State Sponsor



We are very excited to welcome PGER Paul Ryan to our 2021 Fall Convention.

It is an honor to have you here and we are all looking forward to our time together.

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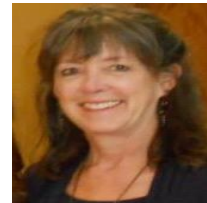
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Festus=Crystal City #1721	Eureka-Pacific #2644
METRO EAST	
William (Bill) De Larber	Mike Polson
Aftton #2635	Ellisville #2664
METRO WEST	
Lois Cavanaugh	Lynda Grinnell
Grandview-Hickman	Kansas City #26
NORTHEAST	
Dave Williams	Eileen Scrivner
Jefferson City #513	Jefferson City #513
NORTHWEST	
Lance Evans	Brett Romeiser
Brookfield #846	Chillicothe #656
SOUTHEAST	
Stan Harris	Chuck Reed
Perryville #2701	Jackson #2652
SOUTHWEST	
Don Cook	Dennis (Skip) Bell
Joplin #501	Christian County #2777
WEST CENTRAL	
Jason Meisenheimer	Zac Maggi
Nevada #564	Clinton #1034

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
RON BOLLINGER	2020-2021

Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL	METRO EAST	METRO WEST
De Soto #689	St. Louis #9	Kansas City #26
Festus-Crystal City #1721	St. Charles #690	Warrensburg #673
Potosi #2218	Manchester #2058	Lexington #749
Meramec –Arnold #2372	Florissant #2316	Kansas City North #2376
High Ridge #2455	Crestwood #2503	Blue Springs #2509
Eureka-Pacific #2644	Aftton #2635	Cass County #2791
Ste. Genevieve #2674	Ellisville #2664	Grandview Hickman Mills #2088
Cedar Hill #2678	Troy #2805	
Oakville #2726		
NORTHEAST	NORTHWEST	SOUTHEAST
Jefferson City #513	Chillicothe #656	Cape Girardeau #639
Columbia #594	Maryville #760	Farmington #1765
Louisiana #791	Trenton #801	Chaffee #1810
Mexico #919	Brookfield #874	Sikeston #2319
Macon 999	Cameron #2615	Arcadia Valley #2330
Hannibal #1198	Milan #2619	Dexter #2439
Washington #1559	Excelsior Springs #1001	Poplar Bluff #2452
O’Fallon #2587		Mineral Area #2583
St. Clair #2651		Jackson #2652
Warrenton #2662		Perryville #2701
Southwest	West Central	
Springfield #409	Sedalia #125	Lake Stockton #2857
Joplin #501	Nevada #564	Adrian #2864
Webb City #861	Clinton #1034	
West Plains #2418	Lake of the Ozarks #2517	
Kimberling City #2505	Bates County #2653	
Alton-Thayer #2545	Osage Community #2705	
Lebanon #2557	Benton County #2783	
Lake Tanneycomo #2597	Lamar #2800	
Christian County #2777	Bolivar #2828	
	Greenview #2857	



Greetings Missouri Elks

It's an honor to serve as your President Elect and I wish to express my sincere thanks to John and Valerie for allowing Donna and I to accompany them on their Lodge visits so far this year. Each of the visits has been inspirational to see the wonderful support our members give to veterans and our youth.

Donna and I extend our deepest thanks to all the Lodges and members we have visited for their

hospitality and generosity. We are looking forward to the second half of the year when we can enjoy fellowship with old friends and making more new friends.

Elkdom is going strong in Missouri and I wish you all success for the remainder of the year.

Steven Green, President Elect



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I can feel the excitement in the air as the time for our state convention draws near. It has been too long since we all have gotten together. I am proud of all the accomplishments from Missouri Lodges that are displayed in the Shozem. Even a pandemic can't stop the "Show Me" Elks from demonstrating what real benevolence is all about.

As you thumb through the pages of our state paper you can be proud. But we cannot rest on our past deeds. We can use the information from other lodges to increase our own knowledge and learn even more ways to serve and better our communities.

Having said that, I ask you to please share your ideas in the Shozem so that we can help each other to be not only better Elks but better Citizens, better Americans.

Thank you all for your time; for caring and sharing. May God bless our work.

MEA Shozem

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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.

moelks.org PSP Richard Techau currently maintains and monitors our MEA State website. There are links to all things Elks including the Shozem and the EShozem Magazine. There are links to the National and State Directories as well as Links to lots of Missouri sites and pictures. There are links to many manuals and is a great Elk informational source. This sight is an awesome resource for District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and all officers both State and local.



Missouri Elks Association on Facebook— Join us on Facebook it is a closed group and it is nothing but Missouri Elks. Learn what's going on around the State at any time. The site is full of pictures and events going on around the State. Just ask to join the group and come in and join us.

The MEA Shozem is linked and opens up easily through the website.

CLMS

Lodge Secretaries are you aware that after every Saturday meeting at the State Convention that State CLMS Director Frank Kerby PDDGER conducts a Secretary and CLMS training session? It is a great time for Secretaries to get together and share their common questions and problems. This year as every year lodge secretaries are facing new challenges. We hope to see all of our Secretaries at the meeting. Time and location will be announced during the Saturday morning session. Frank is always there to answer questions and solve problems.



For the past several years PSP Tom Shelton along with his lovely wife Marty has served Missouri as our Convention Chairman. They have handled our scheduling, complaints, and every aspect of this important job with patience and grace. Thank you both for an amazing job. Although Brian and Betsy Crawford will undoubtedly do an outstanding job your smiling faces and sense of humor have been a wonderful addition to our conventions. So keep smiling and know we love you.



Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Just a few weeks ago, Help Heal Veterans CEO Joe McClain presented the Elks with their Partner of the Year Award. This award is thanks to our many dedicated Leather Program volunteers, led by Program Chair Dennis McAleese (center) and **Vice-Chair Chuck Mudge** (right). Use the link below to learn more about the partnership and how Elks leather is used to make craft kits that have helped hundreds of thousands of veterans over the last 20 years.
<https://www.elks.org/vets/news.cfm?StoryID=127571>

Greetings

Congratulations to St. Louis #9 for being awarded second place in the All American Lodge Contest "A" Division III.

With the assistance of St. Louis #9, we are going to organize a brief meeting for completing the Contest "A" application. I will announce the time and location of the meeting during the State Convention Saturday meeting.

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

The requirements for Newsletter Contest "D" require submission of three consecutive months newsletters between April 2021 – January 2022. Include a letter from the secretary with the number of members on April 1, 2021. Mail or email your submissions to your District Chair by January 8, 2022. Judging will be scheduled in February 2022.



Grand Lodge has updated the Membership Divisions as follows:

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| Division I – 1-150 | Division II – 151-225 |
| Division III – 226-300 | Division IV – 301-450 |
| Division V – 451-700 | Division VI – 701-> |
- The Lodge Activities District Chairs are:
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| East Central – Anita Snider | West Central – Allen Page |
| 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., MEA Lodge Activities Chairman



VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE

So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will not forget them. We do not KNOW them all But we all OWE them We owe them our thanks We owe them our respect We owe them our freedoms We owe them

What can you do to thank them or help them? May God be with our service men and women and all our veterans!

Respectfully Submitted, PSP Larry Robertson, MEA Veterans Chariman

Missouri Elks Lodges Appreciate our Veterans and Police Officers

Meramec-Arnold Elks Lodge #2372 at our Monthly Goodtimers Lunch invited, as our guests. retirees



from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Deptment to show our Appreciation for their service.

MEA Membership

Jim Ross, MEA Membership Chairman

As we know now 2019-2020's COVID-19 pandemic had a dramatic effect on Missouri Membership (-954) but has made this year easier for our Lodges to show growth. According to Rick Gathen, GL Membership and Marketing Manager, RESPOND, RECOVER and RENEW are three key words that will help guide your Lodges towards a successful year and return Missouri to a position among the top states in Membership Growth.

RESPOND by understanding that leading our Lodges to a sustainable future is a task that begins now. RECOVER by using the lessons we learned in 2019-2020 to build a new foundation and chart a new way forward. RENEW by harnessing the energy from our response and recovery to reach for a better future. You can also add a fourth word RETAIN by contacting our delinquent members and let them know how important they are to our success.



This can't be accomplished by just one person alone. All Lodges need a strong, local Membership Committee that sets goals, plan membership activities, recognizes success and increases retention. Increased membership enables our Lodges to give more to the community through our charitable works, youth activities, veteran assistance and community involvement. Together we all gain. These efforts will result in your Lodge **having** a +1 in membership this year. Isn't it worth a try?

We would be remiss if we did not thank **Tom Pouche of Blue Springs #2509** for his nine years of dedicated service to our **State Golf Tournaments**. Tom has done a great job organizing, promoting and overseeing these very successful and enjoyable competitions. Due to health reasons Tom will be resigning his position as golf chairman . He will truly be missed. Since Tom will no longer be overseeing this function **Mike Mills from Poplar Bluff #2452** will be the new State Golf Chairman. Mike has chaired the Southeast District Golf tournaments for several years. He will be able to share his experience and love of the game with participants. Thank you Mike and congratulations!





Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Missouri Sponsor Lou Sulsberger and wife Beth.



Congratulations to some of Missouri's Finest



Beth, Valerie, John, and Lou

The MO. District Deputies Grand Exalted Ruler at National Convention. They are as follows: East Central-Kevin Brock, Metro East-Bill De Larber, Metro West-Lois Cavanaugh, Northeast-Dave Williams, Northwest-J. Lance Evans, Southeast-Stan Harris, Southwest-Don Cook, West Central-Jason Meisenheimer. Also pictured on the right is Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler-John Gross.

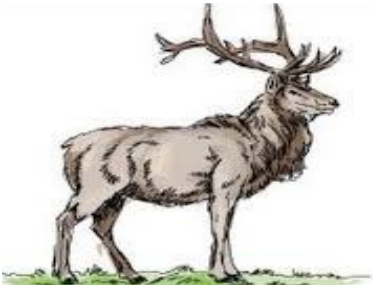


Missouri Elks and National Convention

2021-156th Grand Lodge Convention

Thank You Tampa!

Great Job!



Elks—Proud to be Strong and United



Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and State President John Rinehart



Summer 2021



Carl Simpson was inducted as the incoming Grand Leading Knight and was installed on Wednesday at National Convention. He is pictured here with his lovely wife ,Sharon.



Jean Bollinger, although this is a lovely picture, John and Ron may have a lot of explaining to do...Corsage??



John signs the flag at National Convention

“To Our Absent Members”



Each spring the Missouri Elks Association Memorial Committee has the Honor in recognizing those members who no longer answer when their name is called. Yearly, our services have been conducted with dignity and respect for all Elks whom we lost the past year.

Our Memorial Committee is in the process of putting together the First Memorial Choir in our State Association’s history to enhance our spring program. We have solicited vocalist via Face book, our State Website and during our Vice President Clinics. By the time you read this notice, we should be well on our way toward formation of the Memorial Choir. It is never too late for Elk members who may be interested in joining the Choir as a vocalist to contact James A. Hahn, Chairman by calling 573-431-5161 or send an email to jarahahn@charter.net.



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Walker Sumner	Lake Taneycomo	Lodge No. 2597	PER

State Softball Results:

First place – O’Fallon Second place- Festus Third- Desoto Fourth – Macon

We had 4 teams this year at the Missouri State Softball tournament played at west city park in Festus MO. It was a great day of softball that started out with the State President throwing out the first pitch.

After 8 total games being played and an hour and half rain delay O’Fallon and Festus played in the championship in which O’Fallon came out on top.

After the tournament was finished we had a homerun derby with 10 participates and Matt Hill came out on top beating Kevin Lucas in a Hit off because they were tied after the first round.

Later we had a band and presidents dinner at the Festus Elks lodge.



John throws first pitch at State Softball game while Rick catches.



Rick and John strategizing



2021 Annual Ladies’ Boutique Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, October 2, 2021
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Live Auction to begin at 1:15 pm

Located in the Atrium of the Capitol Plaza

The proceeds of the boutique will be divided equally between the Elks National Foundation and the Missouri Benevolent Trust.

Donations of handmade creations, holiday decorations, and gift items are greatly appreciated. Please have items priced and to the Atrium before 7:00 a.m. Saturday.

We will again have a silent auction, raffle, and live auction.
Thanking you in advance for any way you plan to participate in this fun event.

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Washington, MO, Lodge congratulated two local winners of the Missouri Elks Association Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contests. The lodge presented \$50 to fifth grader Kate Cox, who finished first in the poster contest, and \$50 to eighth grader Isabelle Helm, who finished second in the essay contest. Kate and Isabelle also received \$300 and \$200, respectively, from the state association. Pictured are (from left) lodge Drug Awareness Committee Chairman Eric Dobelmann, poster contest winner Kate, essay contest winner Isabelle, and ER Eric Rehagen.

Above are State **1st place winner for the DA poster contest** Kate Cox and State **2nd place winner in the Essay contest** Isabelle Helm. They were sponsored by Washington #1559.



2nd place DA poster contest winner for the state was **Abigail Luster**. She was sponsored by **Mineral Area #2583**. Abigail is shown with her poster and PSP Roland Seal, SE Dist. Dir. Dennis Carmack, PER Anna Kleiner, Adm. Asst. Rick Bryant, Pres. Elect. Steve Green. State Pres. John Rinehart, SE VP Terry Young, PSP Ron Bollinger, SE Sgt. At Arms. Ben Flatt, MAC ER Mike Blanton, and PSP Jim Hahn.



Tonight, during Elks Youth Week, we honored Ryker Hampton. Ryker was the winner from Poplar Bluff #2452 for the Drug Awareness Poster Contest! After winning from our lodge, Ryker went on to place 2nd in the district and **3rd in the state!!** Ryker is the son of members Jamie & Rocky Hampton. Pictured are Exalted Ruler of Poplar Bluff #2452 Donnie Trout and Ryker.



Student sponsored by **Mineral Area Elks Lodge #2583** places **First in the State Drug Awareness Essay Contest**. Pictured from left to right PSP Ron Bollinger, Essay Contest Winner **Ava Clifton**, and State President John Rinehart. Ava was presented a total of \$425 for winning local, District, and State Contests. Ava was the **National winner** last year in the Drug Awareness Essay Contest.

The 2nd place Essay winner for the State is Isabelle Helm from Washington #1559. She is shown in the top left picture.



When Abigail Luster-2nd place poster winner (also shown on left) heard she had won \$200 from the State she started crying and gave State President John a big hug.



The 3rd place essay winner for the state contest is Konner White from MAC Lodge #2583.

Pictured above are PER Anna Kleiner, ER Mike Blanton, Essay Winner Konner White, District Drug Awareness Chairmen Joy Clarkson, Loyal Knight Ben Flatt, and Lecturing Knight Gene Thomas.



The winner of the State Drug Awareness Video Contest this year was Angel Nelson. Angel represented **Mineral Area Elks #2583**. Pictured above and present at the award ceremony for Angel are PSP Roland Seal, PER Anna Kleiner, S.E. District Director Dennis Carmack, President Elect Steven Green, State President John Rinehart, S.E. Vice President Terry Young, Angel Nelson, S.E. Sergeant At Arms Ben Flatt, Vo Tech Instructor Jason Loughery, PSP Ron Bollinger, ER Mike Blanton, PSP Jim Hahn. Angel was presented a total of \$425 for winning Local, District, and State Contests.



Second place State Drug Awareness Video Contest Winners were Darren Barnet and Joe Blanks. They received a total of \$325.



State 3rd place Drug Awareness video contest winners were sponsored by Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583. Pictured are Joy Clarkson SE Dist. Drug Awareness Chairman, PSP Ron Bollinger, The three video contest winners, and State President John Rinehart.



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Greetings Missouri Elks. I don't know about you, but I am so thrilled to be with and spend time with friends from all over the state. We have been apart for way too long.

I was shocked and honored to receive the appointment as Area 5 member to the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting committee. Yes, my original degree is in Accounting, and I have always said that “numbers talk to me”, but I never thought I would be considered for this. I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve the Order in this manner, and promise that I will do my best.

Exalted Rulers and Secretaries: remember that your monthly Lodge information should be transmitted to the FRS system no later than the 3rd Friday of the following month. The suggestion is to put a reminder in your calendar on the 15th of every month; the third Friday cannot be earlier for any month, so you should be covered. Also, IRS Form 990 should be transmitted to Grand Lodge no later than August 1. If you have an extension from the IRS, please do not upload that form. Form 990 and 990-T (if appropriate) are the required forms. The reason for the August 1 date is so the annual evaluation can be completed by the Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting member, and available for your District Deputy to discuss with you at their official visit to your Lodge. Obviously, those evals will probably not be available for every Lodge by your DD visit this year. But, I am working diligently to get the evals completed.

If you are having problems with uploading your Lodge budget for the Lodge year ending 03/31/2022, please remember to use 2022 for the year. That seems to be a point of confusion this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is in the online State Directory on the MEA website, and is included below. If you call, please leave a voicemail. I still have a “day” job, and can't always answer my phone. I promise, I will get back with you as soon as I can.

Lastly, the Missouri Elks Association owes a HUGE “thank you” to Richard Techau for his eight years of service on the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee. This committee is not an “easy” job, and every Missouri Elk should be proud of Richard's admirable work, especially when you consider the ongoing transition to the new FRS method of reporting. He is a dedicated member, and I greatly appreciate his endless kindness and patience. He has a wealth of knowledge regarding the FRS and the 990, and I am so thankful for him. (And God bless Sherry, too!!!) Thank you, Richard, for all you have done for our Order, and for your continued support!



Ron and John at State Golf tournament
#Double Trouble



John hitting the first drive
at the State Golf tournament

Auditing and Accounting, Americanism, Golf



Grand Esteemed Leading Knight
Carl Simpson and State President
John Rinehart at the National Con-
vention.



Special Deputy John Gross nominates
Carl Simpson as Grand Esteemed Lead-
ing Knight at the National Convention



Oakville Lodge #2726
was the proud sponsor of Cole Adair who was named the National
Champion for this year's Americanism essay contest. He was recog-
nized at the National Convention in Tampa this past July. Quite an hon-
or for Cole and for Elks in Missouri to have his essay represent our state
at the national level.

Missouri State Elks Golf Tournament Final Results

The golf committee would like to thank all who participated in this
year's tourney. Great fun was had by all.

We would like to congratulate the state champions- Glen Anthony
and John Jones- from the Eureka Pacific #2644 lodge with a whop-
ping score of 120. That is 24 under par for the 2 days total. Great job
guys!

The rest of the flight winners are as follows:

A flight - Chris Wyatt and Michael Collins-Blue Springs #2509

B flight- Dan Sylvester and Ritnee Smiley – Milan #2819

C flight - Robert Lukefahr and Mike Waller- Jackson #2652

D flight- Ed Reick and Rick McAfee - Blue Springs #2509

E flight- Eddie Wagoner and Rockwell Journey - Clinton #1034

F flight - Jack Davis and Bill Hoover- Joplin #501

I would like to thank my committee and all others that helped me over
the past 9 years. I have decided to step down as golf chairman due to
health issues. Mike Mills of the committee will be your next chairman
and I am sure he will do an excellent job. Congrats Mike.



I Hope this finds all doing well and in good health. My hope this year was that 2020 issues be over and we would get back to normal Elk activities. We are not quite there yet, but we are gaining on it. Dr. Beck informed me that he and his staff, due to Covid issues, see about 80% of their regular clients. Their safety precautions they utilize also poses addition stress on them while administrating care. When you see these Elk Hero's please recognize them for the work they do. I'd like to recognize the following Lodges for meeting their per capita for 2020-21:

**Jefferson City 513 Columbia 594 Mexico 919 Hannibal 1198 DeSoto 689 Festus-Crystal City 1721
Meramec-Arnold 2372 High Ridge 2455 Ste. Genevieve 2674 Cedar Hill 2678 Oakville 2726
St. Charles 690 Affton 2635 Troy 2805 Farmington 1765 Jackson 2652 Chillicothe 656
Brookfield 874 Kansas City 26 Cass County 2791 Sedalia 125 Lamar 2800 Springfield 409
Joplin 501 Webb City 861 Christian County 2777**

**Great job done through some difficult times.
I hope with having this year’s fall convention we can revitalize ourselves on our major state project and the needs of those who need our help.**

When I took over for Past State President Marc Beckman as Director of the Benevolent Trust my goal was to give my best for five to seven years and then let someone with new ambitions and drive take over. Well, it has now been over six years working for this wonderful project. At this fall convention I will be stepping down as director and at our Friday Board of Management meeting a new director will be voted on. Betsy and I will be taking on a new obligation. Tom and Marty Shelton were going to retire from their duties as Convention Chairman and Coordinator in the spring, but due to a recent health issue with Tom, they are stepping down now and State President John Rinehart has appointed me as Convention Chairman. Please keep Tom and Marty in your prayers for good health and a speedy recovery.

Betsy and I are excited on this new chapter in our Elk lives and look forward working with everyone at our state and national conventions.

I would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness working with me addressing the needs of our Dental Program. I will always be involved in the Benevolent Trust and will support its everyday needs. It has been a memorable time and I will cherish all the friends and memories made.

Yours in Elksdom,
Brian Crawford, Director
Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust

Benevolent Trust, Drug Awareness, Scholarships



The success of the Drug Awareness Program is dependent on each lodge promoting the DAP message throughout the communities we serve. The goal is to start the conversation early and the Drug Awareness Program asks kids to think about what it means to be drug free. We cannot do this without the help of every lodge in the state.

Each lodge should have a Drug Awareness chairman that promotes the program with the use of the district DAP Trailer. There are currently 9 DAP Trailers in the state and to utilize them for events simply contact your District DAP chair to check availability and reserve. There are many ways to get our trailers out in the communities and promote the drug free message. If the district trailer is unavailable, then just setting up a table at the event and handing out DAP material is another option. If your lodge does not have DAP material to hand out, all it takes is a simple phone call to your district DAP chairperson and you can get you the pamphlets you need. Remember that after a DAP event has been completed it is also crucial to complete and submit the DAP report to your secretary so it can be reported in CLMs.

There are two websites that Grand Lodge has been working on www.teenzone.org is an educational website created for teachers to help promote our message by creating age-appropriate lesson plans and assignments for students in the classroom. The other website www.elksdap.org is a news related website the keeps us up to date on the fight against drugs. Please check these sites out.

Feel free to contact me with any questions you have about Missouri’s Drug Awareness Program.

Doug Jordan,

PDDGER, Drug Awareness Program, Missouri Elks Association

816-868-9802 (check out your state contest winners on Page 7)



From the Scholarship Committee.

Answer - the amount of scholarships that were handed out in 2020-21 to Missouri students from the ENF and MO Elks. There are three ways to be awarded a scholarship from the

Elks and Missouri students have always done their best. First the Scholarship Committee sent the top 9 Seniors from the MOST VALUABLE STUDENT scholarship selection to Nationals where they were awarded a total of \$36,000, each \$4,000. Then the next 20 girls and 20 boys received \$1,000 each from the State Allocated awards totaling \$40,000. Second, the ENF selected 23 Missouri children and grandchildren of Elk members to receive a \$4,000 LEGACY scholarship (\$1000 for 4 years) totalling \$92,000. That's \$168,000. Third, we have no totals for the Emergency Scholarships (these are private) that are handed out in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$5,000 to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. I was assured Missouri did not get left out.

Boyce, Kelsey
Giles, Michael
Griffin, Jaycie
Hendrix, Kobe
Koishor, Shawn
Murphy, Gwyneth
Rohr, Jonathan
Shaw, Annamarie
Farr, Katelyn
Hamburg, John
Wood, Morgan
Haley, Allison
Cassidy, Wyatt
Norfleet, Grant
Wagner, Abigail
Angell, Schyler
Duncan, Elise
Hendrix, Kellen
Hensley, Jonah
Eze, Chuka
Hodges, William
Lipe, Genevieve
Schwartz, Joseph

Springfield, MO No. 409
Washington, MO No. 1559
Trenton, MO No. 801
Lake Taneycomo, MO No. 2597
Perryville, MO No. 2701
Hannibal, MO No. 1198
Maryville, MO No. 760
Warrenton, MO No. 2662
Jefferson City, MO No. 513
Oakville, MO No. 2726
Excelsior Spgs #1001
Chillicothe, MO No. 656
Mexico, MO No. 919
Mexico, MO No. 919
High Ridge, MO No. 2455
Mexico, MO No. 919
Springfield, MO No. 409
Lake Taneycomo, MO No. 2597
Joplin, MO No. 501
Grandview-Hickman Mills #2088
Jackson, MO No. 2652
Perryville, MO No. 2701
Jefferson City, MO No. 513

Missouri State University
Westminster College
North Central Missouri College
Missouri State University
Lindenwood University
Columbia College
Missouri State University
Brigham Young University
Missouri State University
Univ of Central Missouri
College of the Ozarks
North Central Missouri College
University of Nebraska
University of Missouri
Hillsdale College
University of Arkansas
Truman State University
Southwest Baptist University
Pittsburg State University
UMKC
Marquette University
Saint Louis University
Missouri University

Weller, Owen
Cha , Cara
Crutsinger, Lauren
Minner, Jacob
Harris, Gage
Jacquin, McKenna
Tang, Grace
Seithel, Katie
Blanchard, Megan
Breshears, Lola
Foster, Christopher
Howard, Dylan
Kim, Daniel
Price, Emma
Rashford, Michael
Sode, Makanda
Zahner, Charles
Mostyn, Kylie
Peters, Julia
Propst, Dawson
Roettgen, Blake
Scheid, Sara
Scrivener, Rachel
Trower, Elizabeth
Waltke, Mason
Wibbenmeyer, John

Webb City, MO No. 861
Blue Springs, MO No. 2509
Chaffee, MO No. 1810
Affton, MO No. 2635
Adrian, MO No. 2864
Washington, MO No. 1559
Kansas City (Northland), MO #2376
Oakville, MO No. 2726
Crestwood, MO No. 2503
Maryville, MO No. 760
Kansas City (Northland), MO #2376
Kansas City (Northland), MO #2376
Springfield, MO No. 409
Lake of the Ozarks, MO No. 2517
St. Louis, MO No. 9
Lebanon, MO No. 2557
Brookfield, MO No. 874
Springfield, MO No. 409
Washington, MO No. 1559
Osage Community, MO No. 2705
Osage Community, MO No. 2705
Warrenton, MO No. 2662
Bates County, MO No. 2653
Hannibal, MO No. 1198
Springfield, MO No. 409
Perryville, MO No. 2701

Our 9 Four-Year National Scholarship Winners are in Blue.....Congratulations to All!!

What is the \$168,000 dollar question?

If any of the students whose names are in Red are from your Lodge please have them Contact Keith Huck or Corporate Secretary Bud Clarkson. We are missing the required paperwork for them to receive their Scholarship Funds,.....Bud and Keith are in the Directory

MEA STATE BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Just an FYI for those fishermen that don't know about the state bass tournament!!

Let me introduce myself: John Devous, State Bass Tournament Chairman from Cedar Hill Lodge #2678

Email: kmdjrd@msn.com Phone: 314-608-6901

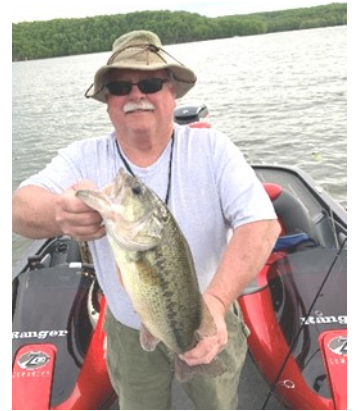
I took over this position on short notice this year because the gentleman handling it could not continue due to his work. This tournament is held every year in September usually about the third weekend.

It is held at Lake of the Ozarks. It includes prizes to win as well as attendance prizes.

I will be sending out information earlier next year than I did this year. Since I will have more time for planning there will be some changes. Maybe put some t-shirts together to purchase.

It is usually a \$150 per boat, plus if you're in it for the big bass it's an additional \$50.00 to accommodate the separate prize for that accomplishment.

There must be one elk in the boat to participate. If you are interested in joining us next year please feel free to send me your information so that I can contact you with a reminder when we get ready to put this together. I will need name, address, lodge number. Let's make this a great fund raiser for the Benevolent Trust!!!! It is divided between all participating lodges.



The above picture shows our 2020-2021 State Hoop Shoot Champion in the 12-13 boys bracket, Gage Albertson, about to be presented his trophy by PSPs Jim Hahn and Ron Bollinger.

Corporate Secretary Report

After only a year and a 1/2 the Missouri Elks Association finally had another convention. This past year has been a very hard year for all Elks. I know there's no way to determine how many members we have lost but I'm sure our organization has lost many due to the covid virus. Due to restrictions placed on lodges and our state organization the Missouri Elks Association had a financial loss last year for the 1st time in many years.. Hopefully we'll get back on track for now and times to come.

All of the Missouri State lodges have paid their Association fees and all committees and activities have returned to normal.

Speaking to you from my 2nd hat which is Secretary at Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583 I would like to talk to you about the Grand Lodge billing program.

The 1st mailing I used had a glitch in the return address because of an error in CLMS.. After that it became smooth sailing. The Notice is very professional. We added optional contributions for Benevolent Trust and ENF and we have already met our ENF per capita thanks to the generosity of our members who sent it in with their dues. The program costs approximately 35 cents per statement. That is 23 cents below the cost of a stamp and that includes postage and paper and printing and the labor to process it. It saves the lodge time and money.

To me this is a no brainer. As long as I am Secretary at the lodge and the lodge agrees we will stay in this program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me my information is on page 2. Let's hope that the current bout of covid doesn't last and that we can return to Elkdom...See you in the Spring.

Respectfully submitted. Bud Clarkson, Corporate Secretary.



Officer Training Report

In spite of the pandemic, this year Co-Chairman and Past Grand Esquire, Roland Seal, and I conducted two training sessions with one held at Chillicothe Lodge #656 on May 15 with the assistance of Mr. Frank Kerby, Blue Springs Lodge #2509, and the other session conducted on May 22 at Cape Girardeau Lodge #639 with help from Frank Kerby, Angeline Fusco, Crestwood Lodge #2503, and Sandy Trout, Poplar Bluff Lodge #2452.

There were 51 participants for the Chillicothe session and 78 for the Cape Girardeau session, for a total of 129 Elks in attendance. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Officers and Members of Chillicothe and Cape Girardeau Lodges for their accommodations and for their hospitality. Both events were first rate and the way Lodges go out of their way to help others, no matter what the cause, even Officer Training, is truly inspirational. The training at both sessions was very well received and, as always, meaningful dialogue was exchanged. There are a lot of Officers and members who really want to see their Lodges are managed properly and effectively, and that can be seen by the increasing numbers of participants and the topics of discussion.

We are now looking for potential venues for the Spring of 2022 so if your Lodge is interested please talk to me or Past Grand Esquire, Roland Seal Thank you for your continued support of this valuable program.

Respectfully submitted, John Gross, Co-Chairman Officer Training



Missouri Elks Association Fall 2021





Potosi Elks Lodge #2218-attached is a photo from our backpack program. We provide sacks of food each week for over 300 kids throughout 5 school districts.



The Veterans committee at the **Desoto Elks lodge** has made it a little easier for our community to properly dispose of their flags!!
This collection site will allow for their proper retirement.



FESTUS /CRYSTAL CITY ELKS All State Ritual Team. These guys went to **NATIONAL ELKS CONVENTION** in Tampa Florida to represent our **DISTRICT** as well as our **STATE of MISSOURI** .

Thank you Festus/Crystal City #1721 for your dedication and hard work.



Past Exalted Rulers at the **High Ridge Elks**, and a **Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lou Sulsberger!** What a Great night. Also thanks to **John Gross SDGER** for making it a night to remember. Oh and this is **High Ridge's 50th anniversary!**



Oakville Lodge has continued to help our community. The **Ladies Auxiliary** (assisted by members of the Lodge) sponsored their annual dessert auction to raise money for their **Christmas**

Family program. Lodge members also donated proceeds from the **Summer Washer Tournament** to the **Christmas Families**. The lodge also sponsored **Pig Races** with the proceeds going to **Breast Cancer Research**. **Elks Care Elks Share**



The members of **Ste Genevieve #2674** took State President John and Entourage on a fun filled trolley ride to the **Crown Winery**

East Central District Fall 2021



At our meeting Monday evening for **Meramec Arnold Elks Lodge 2372**, **Cindy Blase & Hal Bosler** received recognition and awards for all their hard work on our **Bingo's**. They were **Co-Chair's** of the year for the **2020-2021 Fraternal Year**.

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION WAS HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2021 AT FESTUS-CRYSTAL CITY LODGE FOR THE **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**



WITH ABOUT 200 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. THE PRESTIGIOUS HARRY S. TRUMAN AWARD WAS PRESENTED TO A CLASS OF INDIVIDUALS INSTEAD OF A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF AN EXTRADINARY PANDEMIC YEAR. ALL THE PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN THE MERCY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM WERE GRANTED THIS AWARD FOR THEIR GRUELING, LONG, SLEEPLESS, DANGEROUS AND SACRAFICING HOURS, DAYS, WEEKS AND MONTHS IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING THE VICTIMS OF COVID-19 AND PROTECTING OUR LIVES AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH.
ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, A BEAUTIFUL PLAQUE WAS PRESENTED TO DR. KARTHIK IYER, M. D., THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER IN THE ICU DURING COVID-19.A FEW DAYS LATER, THE TEAM OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AT MERCY JEFFERSON WERE GIVEN A MONETARY GIFT OF \$730.00 FOR THEIR DESIGNATED CHAIRTY, "THE MERCY HEALTH FOUNDATION".

PICTURED AT THE PRESENTATION ARE THE FOLLOWING, LEFT TO RIGHT.ANDREW HELD (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MERCY HEALTH FOUNDATION), ERIC AMMONS (PRESIDENT, MERCY HOSPITAL JEFFERSON), RAY DIERKER (AMERICANISM CHAIR, ECD AND STATE OF MISSOURI), DR. KARTHIK IYER, M. D., AND NURSE ALISYN BEFFA

GOLF

We would like to congratulate the state champions, Glen Anthony and John Jones from the Eureka Pacific number 2644 lodge with a whopping score of 120. That is 24 under par for the 2 days total. Great job guys!



What a great Saturday night at **Greenview Elks #2857!!** We conducted a silent auction to raise money for our local Veterans and raised \$785!!! Many thanks to Jody and Jennifer Lyddane of JL Forge who made the tomahawk and knife for the auction. Both have been featured on Forged In Fire!! Our evening was topped off with a dinner of burger or ham and cheese sliders!!!
A wonderful time was had by all!!!



Clinton Lodge 1034 was featured in the Friends of the Zoo magazine from the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield. Congratulations to Scott Humphreys

A Day at the Zoo with an Elk



Our annual distribution of dictionaries was completed this month. Lodge members distributed a dictionary to every third grade student in Benton County schools and to Skyline third graders. The students get very excited and happy to receive them. These dictionaries are theirs to keep and take home at the end of school year. **Benton County Elks #2783**



Congratulations to the Scholarship winners from the Bates County

Lake of The Ozarks #2517
Our lodge, and particularly the Veterans Committee, will be honoring students from the area's high schools that will be preparing to serve our country within various branches of the Armed Forces. They will be receiving a certificate of appreciation from our lodge along with \$100 for traveling expenses. We are extremely proud and grateful for these students. There are 24 students from 6 area schools.
These students plan to serve in the U S Marine Corp, Army National Guard, US Navy, US Army, Mo. National Guard, and the US Coast Guard.



Clinton #1034 annual trip to the Zoo. Each year the lodge takes students with special needs from five school districts to the Zoo. It's a great trip for all



State President John Rinehart and entourage visit Bolivar #2828



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

Nevada Elks Lodge No. 564 held a Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day Monday, from noon to 6 p.m. Pictured are Don Meisenheimer, Mike Kutina, John Rinehart (Missouri Elks Association State President), Mike Brooks, Jim Overton, Larry Rose, John Switzer



(Des Moines Elks Lodge No. 98), and Doug Thomas.
Photo by Gabe Franklin | Daily Mail
Thank you Veterans

Poplar Bluff Lodge #2452 hosted a covid vaccination clinic. Besides donating the facility they prepared a meal for personnel and workers.



MEA President John Rinehart participating in the age old shoveling tradition at **Arcadia Valley Lodge 2330**. Most of you past state presidents will remember this challenge!

Southeast District Spring 2021



Cape Girardeau Lodge 639 raised \$5,000 to donate to the **Safe House For Women**. The Safe House provides assistance and a safe place to stay for victims of domestic violence and their children.



Jackson #2652
One of our members painted our Elk.

Thank you so much **Justin Brune** for your talent and time.
It looks wonderful and you did a great job!
Thank you also to **Kosmetic Kar Doctor** for the use of the shop and paint both.
Our Elk looks ready to brave the elements.



Stan Harris from Perryville #2701 is the 2021-2022 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District. Congratulations Stan!



Mineral Area Community Lodge #2583 used their Gratitude Grant to donate \$2000 to **Shared Blessings**. **Shared Blessings** provides homes and shelter for the area homeless. The service of this organization is greatly appreciated. The hard work of our grants coordinator **PER Anna Kleiner** and **ENF donations** made this possible. Pictured are **PER Anna Kleiner**, **Shelly Bess** from **Shared Blessing**, and **Exalted Ruler Mike Blanton**.



Each year the **Dexter #2439** choose two students to represent seven **Stoddard County Schools** each month. The students along with their families and high school counselors are invited to a meal prepared and provided by the **Elks Lodge** members.

Dexter Elks Student of the Month/Year Co-chairperson Dennis Carmack lead the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer to open the banquet. The keynote speaker was **David Wyman** of **Essex**. Pictured are the **Students of the Month** (not all students were able to attend because of sports and other obligations)

Representing **Bell City**: **Mia Dembowski** and **Austin Hunt**. Representing **Bloomfield**: **Abigail Pyland** and **Parker Heaton**. Representing **Dexter**: **Layne Medler** and **Damon Stearns**. Representing **Bernie**: **Sarah Ellenburg** and **Landon Zoll**. Representing **Richland**: **Shelby Mayabb** and **Devin Duffie**. Representing **Advance**: **Nyah Wilson** and **Landon Dailey**. Representing **Puxico**: **Madison McMeans** and **Caleb Robinson**. The female Student of the Year is **Sarah Ellenburg** of **Bernie** and the male Student of the Year is **Austin Hunt** of **Bell City**.



I would like to say thanks to all who participated in our **Flag Day** service at the **Farmington Lodge #1765**. It is very humbling when we gather to pay honor to the symbol of perseverance of this great nation's liberty and unity. It is a reminder that as Americans we can push forward when we come together under the folds of this beautiful flag. May God continue to bless this great country and her citizens. Fraternally, **Jeff Burnette ER**



The Aftton Elks # 2635 teamed up with the Medicine Shop to provide Aftton Elks members and members of the Aftton area with Covid vaccinations. This involved over 20 hours of preparation and administering 1200 shots by approximately 45 volunteers.



Troy Lodge #2805 served a family style lunch to local veterans and their families after a service at the courthouse. Troy Buchanan football players helped serve the meal. This is something we've done for many years, and truly enjoy.

Thank you for supporting Veterans!



St Louis #9

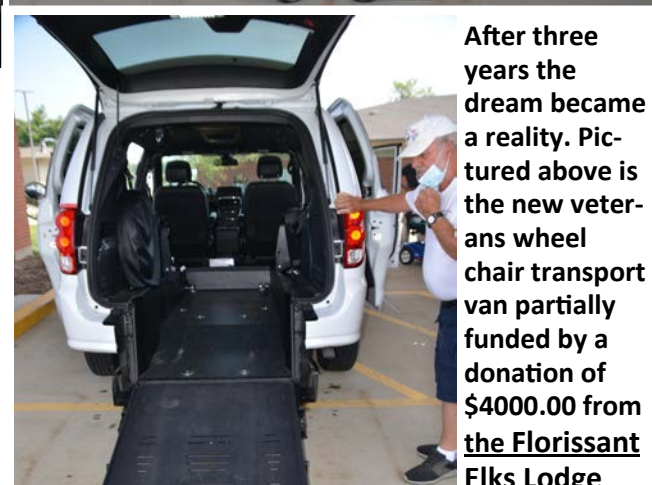
Left to Right: AJ Ford (Exalted Ruler), Elizabeth Makulec (widow of PER Pete Makulec), Ryan Jennings (Lecturing Knight)

Between Elizabeth and Ryan are Pete's golf clubs. Elizabeth gave an impassioned talk about Pete's legacy to Elkdom.

Thursday August 19th Saint Louis Lodge #9 had the 2nd Annual Pete Makulec Golf

Tournament. The Event was held at Forest Park Golf Course in downtown ST. Louis. The event was sold out and featured 144 golfers who raised \$1500 for ENF. \$750 for the Missouri Benevolent Trust, and an undecided amount to the Veterans Committee and Elks Rest.

Three Generations of Aftton Elks #2635 Spanning 38 years in the Metro East District



After three years the dream became a reality. Pictured above is the new veterans wheel chair transport van partially funded by a donation of \$4000.00 from the Florissant Elks Lodge 2316 and

\$2000.00 from the Florissant Elks Lodge 2316 Ladies Auxiliary.

Pictured left to right, Lon Lowery (Elks liaison to the Veterans Assistance League), Bill Haley (Exalted Ruler Florissant Elks), Tony Dalske (seated, Florissant Elks PER), Len Rhine (Executive Administrator Veterans Home) and Larry Bumgarner (Chairman Florissant Elks Veterans Committee). (Photo Credit: Bill Wann Florissant Elks Trustee)



EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION – At the Lodge Meeting June 10, 2021 Barb Burke, ER, presented Michael P. Jones a Missouri Senate Resolution. Michael is the son of Crestwood Lodge #2503 member Donald L. Jones and his wife, Karen. Congratulations, Michael!



Eagle Scout Presentation

Crestwood #2503 Exalted Ruler, Barb Burke, presented Alex Reifsynder a Mo. Senator Resolution, a certificate from Grand Lodge, and an American Flag to commemorate his achieving Eagle Scout Status.

Congratulations Alex!



I wanted to thank everyone for making our Metro East District Picnic such a success! Aftton did an amazing job of hosting and the food was wonderful! Thanks you to our ERs for tricycle racing and being dunked several times- Dave and Greg- thank you for your work and everyone who pitched in to help. We look forward to our VP meeting on the 22nd and the District Trivia on November 6th at No 9.



Celebrating at the Metro East Picnic! So much fun.



Sikeston Lodge #2319 is proud of our continued support of the Red Cross by having at least 4 blood drives a year at our lodge for the last several years



Six Scholarship winners awarded \$1600 each after the **Affon Elks** Installation



Metro West
Today the Metro West district and Veterans committee, with the assistance of State President John Rinehart presented Michael Uden the Kansas City VA Fisher House Program Manager a check for \$3,750 during a special

open house for Elks members. We were honored to be the first group to tour this beautiful home for active military, veterans and their families receiving medical care in Kansas City. #elkscaeelksshare



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Ellisville, MO, Lodge hosted a youth festival for 90 underprivileged young people. The event featured food, beverages, prizes, face painting, a bounce house, music provided by a DJ, and a tour of a fire safety house. Pictured having her face painted is guest Kyla Reidt.



Kimberling City Elks Lodge #2505 donated \$3500.00... the Beacon Grant for \$2000.00 plus the 150th year grant year combined were used to provide funds to Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake for two food distributions which were held at our Lodge. Food was provided to 126 households, serving adults, children and veterans.



John and Valerie, Rick and Sheri-enjoying time at
Macon Lodge #999

Festus-Crystal City Lodge

#1721 combined the Beacon and Spotlight Grants to donate \$2,750 each to Ozark Food Pantry and Jefferson County Rescue Mission.



Jefferson City #513 held their annual Veteran's rally in August. The rain held off as over 162 members and guests started the day. With over 300 pork steaks sold, 60 silent and live auction items, 50/50 raffle and POW/MIA pins sold the Lodge raised \$8,700 for their Veteran's fund. The Lodge also had the honor of having a special appearance from the *K9's on the Front Line* for the event. The Lodge had over 40 members volunteer their time and talents to make this event a success.

Jefferson City through the pandemic has continued supporting our Veterans in Columbia's VA Hospital. Maybe not in person yet but by providing monthly catered lunches and other necessities our veterans need and deserve. We hope to someday soon be able to visit in person for those monthly bingo and snack days, and other festivities.

With a couple of volunteers Jefferson City has been giving guitar lessons to local Veterans. They meet weekly at the Lodge to hone their skills and enjoy fellowship along with their love and gift of music.



Arcadia Valley Elks #2330 had an appreciation Dinner for our areas First Responders.

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



These are the winners for the Farmington Soccer Shoot held 9-11-21.

There were about 80 total that shot. Awards were presented to the top 3 places. SE District Soccer Chairman Lonnie Edwards is pictured in the center back row.

In conjunction with Elks Youth Appreciation Week, [Christian County Elks #2777](#) hosted their annual Kite Day for members, guests and the community on Saturday May 8th. This year we lucked out with mild rain in the morning and clearing to gusty afternoon, perfect for flying kites. Everyone started the day with indoor games of Corn Hole and basketball. Ozark Fire Department was nice enough to send over a firetruck accompanied by fireman Dave Hubbard and Elaezar Soto. Everyone had lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs, grilled-up by the Scouts. Part of the mission of Christian County Elks during Youth Appreciation Week is to make donations to our community organizations that support children. Christian County Elks donated \$2500 (\$500 each) to following Christian County organizations: Boy Scouts Troop 709, Jason Factor accepting, Ozark Sheriff DARE Program, Officer Bill Whitaker accepting, Cub Scouts, Felicia Sweet accepting, Girl Scouts and Brownies, Ticia Kraus accepting and Least of These, Michelle Teter accepting.



Ground breaking and dedication of Kimberling City's new lodge.



What a great turn out we had for the charity breakfast... Thank you all sooooo much. We were able to raise over \$600 for the Lafayette House. What a great way to show how much the Elks care about our community. A special thank you to the auxiliary for getting everything set up, cooking, and organizing this event. The food was great! Joplin Lodge #501



Yesterday evening we had the honor of presenting one of the \$500 [Webb City Lodge #861](#) Scholarships to Blake Lundien . Blake is a student at Carl Junction School.



West Plains #2418 donated \$1500 to the American Legion to help support their monthly breakfast which takes place on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Beginning September 18th they will be providing the breakfast to veterans and their families as well as the homeless population from the West Plains area. The American Legion will continue to provide these breakfast until the funds run out. The Veteran's program is very important to the Elks organization.



At Springfield Lodge #409 State President John Rinehart, Valerie and the rest if the entourage were shown a great time. They shared some stories and enjoyed relaxing together.



Congratulations to **Webb City #861** and **Springfield #409 Elks** for your participation in competing in our very 1st SW District Smoke-Out / BBQ!!

As promised the funds raised have been divided equally for both lodges and presented today! The amount of \$3487.00 was raised and after only \$98 in expenses each lodge raised \$1694.50 for their ENF per capita!!

(Pictured left to right...Presenter- PER, PSP and SW District Leader Robert "Bob" Todd, ER David Pyle Webb City and ER Larry Smith Springfield. Thanks to everyone who participated!



State President John Rinehart visited **Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597** and was presented this amazing metal sign created by PDDGER Nathan Brooks.

Congratulations to Susan Cook Joplin #501 on your appointment to the Grand Lodge Area 5 Auditing and Accounting Committee.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021, your efforts in the classroom and your high character is noteworthy. Congratulations to the following for earning the Chillicothe Elks Lodge #656 Scholarship.

Front row Lucy Gaston, Aidan Anderson, Allison Haley, Lydia Anderson, Maya Snyder, Ella Leamer
Back row Hallie Jones, Trey Tipton, Nathan Toole, Tucker Wagers, Keagan Valbracht, Warren Meservey, Hannah Dominique



Chillicothe #656 Scholarship Winners

Brookfield #874 is the home lodge of PSP Richard Techau. Richard has served on the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee for the past eight years.



Brookfield, Northwest District, Missouri as well as all of Area 5 can be proud and grateful for the job Richard has done and the many times he has helped us during those eight years.

He is stepping down this year and Susan Cook from Joplin #501 is the new Area 5 Auditing and Accounting Committee person. Good luck Susan.

Richard is fond of saying “he is now just another damn old PSP”. Richard is still the State Budget Chairman and if he thinks he is getting off the hook and people will not be calling for his help and advice he is in for a rude awakening!

Thank you Richard for all you have done for us.



John and Valerie were presented this beautiful throw on their visit to Cameron Lodge 2615.

John, Valerie, Rick and Sherri visit at the **Maryville #760** Lodge. (below)



Trenton #801 playing corn hole and raising funds to support the local women’s shelter



Lance Evans of Brookfield #874 was installed as DDGER for the Northwest District at National Convention in Tampa! Congratulations Lance.



I posted this picture of PSP Pete Nash and challenged State President John Rinehart if he really felt capable of filling these enormous “shoes”. The response that was received is pictured on the right.



What do you think? Can he fill them? Strange thing is the man standing behind him is the same one he was seen giving a corsage at National Convention. Maybe he is just judging this contest? President Elect Steve Green, can you fill these “shoes”?



Maybe next year?



Excelsior Springs #1001 donates \$12,000 for Medical Expenses

What a great night to get to give the golf tournament money away. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, played, or helped in any way. This is why I love our community and lodge so much. We pull together and boy did we this year. Largest tournament to date. Thank you Mike Hack. We love you and so glad we could help out.



Picture is of quilt made by Karen Chezum and donated in honor of her late husband Jerry Chezum, PER of **Macon 999**.

It is being donated for the Fall Ladies Boutique auction. Left to right are District Officers Mona Brown, Sergeant at Arms; Cecil Arnett, Vice President; Tara Durham Director.



Good times with President John, Valerie and the whole gang.



Club Carwash sponsored a benefit for the Elks Special Needs Scholarship Fund and presented a \$9,207 check. Carwash Manager, Colby Ramsey, is presenting the check to the Lodge Special Needs Committee Chair, Paul Henderson, and other lodge members who serve on the committee. A HUGE thank you to our community for your support! Way to go **Washington Lodge #1559**



Poker run at **St. Clair Elks #2651** to support Elks dental van. All proceeds go to Elks Benevolent Trust for dental van. All donations welcome.



Scout Troop #813 Chartered thru **O'Fallon Lodge #2587** held a Flag Retirement ceremony Sat June 5th. What a moving experience to observe!

Job Point
Focused on employment.

Columbia Elk's Lodge 594 presented Job Point today with a check for \$2,500! This is to help Job Point's Youth Build program. This money will help provide food for our local homeless population!!



Hannibal #1198 is working hard on the Spotlight Grant. Our Lodge was able to help a Veteran to keep from losing his home due to back taxes owed on real estate property. The city was about to take possession of his property and sell the property at the court house steps.

The Hannibal Elks Lodge #1198 and the Spotlight Grant was able to prevent this from happening. The Exalted Ruler

Jennifer Foster from our Lodge met with the Veteran at the Courthouse and wrote a check for his back taxes. He was appreciative of what our Lodge did for him. This Veteran has had a rough month. His mother just passed away and has been unable to work. He was also behind on his Board of Public Works Bill. After meeting him at the Court house taking care of his taxes, we then met at the Board of Public Works Office and wrote a check for his electric bill. I spoke with him in regards to the Hannibal Lodge and how it helps our Veterans, Youth, Homeless and etc. I think we might just gain a new member out of this.

Northeast District



In the afternoon of June 6th State President John Rinehart and Adm. Asst. Rick Bryant had the pleasure of going to **Warrenton #2662** where they met a member named Charles Love who is 96 years young and served during The Battle if the Bulge. It was a great time and after they left the lodge they went to a Veterans Memorial in Warrenton. So amazing.



Duey "Dude" Branstetter, PER 1960-61 Louisiana MO **#791** was presented his 70 year membership pin and a proclamation from the Missouri House of Representatives by Missouri Elks Association President John Rinehart on May 14, 2021.

Dude is a United States Marine Veteran and lifelong citizen of Louisiana who was initiated into the Order in 1952 and elected to life membership in 2002.



A night out with the guys. Veteran residents at St. Michael's Veterans Center working on their bowling game. Left to right, Charlie, Carl, Mike, Oliver, Yvette, Jeff, Darrell, and Tim. Burgers and fries at Freddie's afterward. Darrell and Charlie, VAVS



Reagan Quinley, South Harrison High School Bethany Missouri, Grand-daughter of PER Lois

Cavanaugh and PER Darell Quinley receiving the Elks National Foundation Legacy Scholarship. Reagan will be joining North Central Missouri's nursing program. **Congratulations Reagan!**

Kansas City Northland #2376,

Gladstone, hosted its annual Fishing Derby. Trophies were awarded to the following children : Smallest Fish - Juan Portillo; Biggest Fish - Haley Mitchell; and Greatest Number of Fish caught: Braylin Rocha.



Children were transported to a local lake where the fish were caught and released and then, the children had a lunch provided by the Lodge

Kids Fishing Derby Cass County #2791

One of the largest Fishing derbies in the state.

234 kids from the community and their parents took part in the Elks Annual Fishing Derby on June 5, 2021. Each child was given a Fishing pole, tackle box and worms. Prizes were awarded to the largest fish, smallest fish and the most species for each of the 4 brackets. Everyone enjoyed hot dogs and chips after their morning of Fishing. The National Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited and South Grand Water Alliance were on hand with bb gun and archery ranges and exhibits.



Blue Springs #2509 along with members of American Legion Post 499 placed flags on the graves of our Veterans in local cemeteries for Memorial weekend



Blue Springs 2509

was represented at Lexington 749

Annual cardboard boat race with Maria and Debby in their vintage suits and Chiktanic boat. Unfortunately the Chiktanic went down. Tons of fun



Gladstone Public Safety Officers eating at the Down Syndrome Breakfast

Blue Springs 2509 Gratitude Grant used for back to school supplies for Foster Adopt Connect

Blue Springs Lodge 2509 hosted lunch for the Patriot Express who raises money for the Fisher House which houses family members of Veterans needing extensive care at the VA Hospital.



Kansas City Northland #2376 presents \$3,500 to Down Syndrome.

They also held a tribute to honor the 13 soldiers who gave it all for us recently in Kabul, Afghanistan!!!

Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2020-2021 **\$154,211**

Paid back to MO 2020-2021 **\$336,190**

State Charity \$148,450

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!!

Current Figures on right 09/12/2021



Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,440 Members

Contributions \$86,397.42

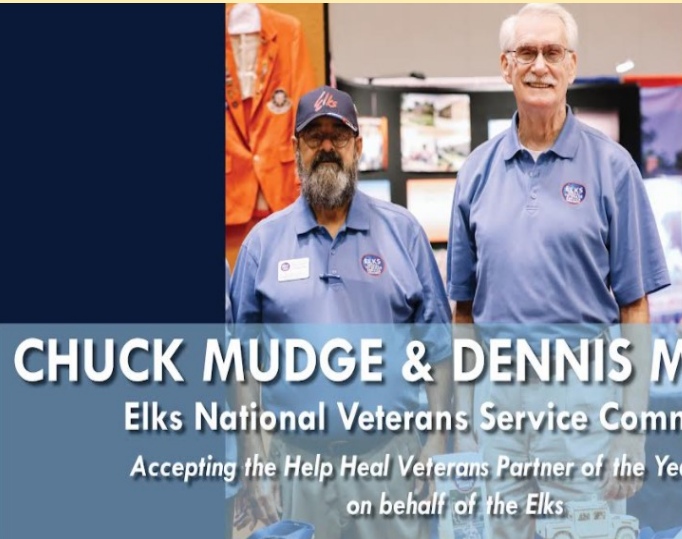
Per Capita Average \$2.93

National Veterans Service Commission

Veterans Leather Program

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


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



CHUCK MUDGE & DENNIS MCALEESE

Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Accepting the Help Heal Veterans Partner of the Year Award
on behalf of the Elks



Due to health issues PSP Tom Shelton had to resign as State
Convention Chairman. After several dedicated years Tom and
Marty will be missed.

We hope to see you both soon

Our prayers and thoughts are with you both.



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T.Keith Mills

Grand Exalted Ruler
2021 -2022

"Meeting the Challenge"

Initiate in honor of
GER Keith Mills
September through October
Share your Photos of the New Members with us.

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"The Johns"



Congratulations PSP Brian and Betsy Crawford

Convention Chairman

Convention Dates

State	Grand Lodge
2022-March 11-13	2022 July 3 - July 6 Atlanta, GA
2022-Sept. 30-Oct.2	2023 July 2 - July 5 Minneapolis, MN
2023-Mar. 10-12	2024 June 30 – July 3 Austin, TX
2023-Sept 29-Oct.1	2025 June 29—July 2 Kansas City, MO



Having a great year !?!