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## Thaine "Keith" Mills

Missouri Elks are honored to have our Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills as our guest at the 2022 Spring State Convention. GER Mills has brought so much to Elksdom it will truly be a privilege to hear what he shares with us this weekend.

Though the space is limited I will try to highlight some of the information from his biography. He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho where he grew up on a farm with his three brothers and one sister. In high school he participated in almost every sport; football, basketball, track and rodeo. Keith received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for academics and football. After an injury he returned home to attend the College of Southern Idaho where he met his true love and wife, Amy. After they were married he received his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Keith and Amy have two children and two grandchildren.

In 1990, Keith was proposed for membership by his father and initiated as a member of the Twin Falls, Idaho Elks Lodge #1183. Upon relocating he transferred his membership to Caldwell Lodge #1448 where he is still involved today.

Keith began as Tiler for the Twin Falls Elks Lodge for two years. After his transfer to Caldwell he was appointed Inner Guard and progressed through all officer chairs. Serving as Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002. He then served on the Board of Trustees for five years, with the last as chairman. He also served as District Deputy for the Idaho South District from 2008-2010.

GER Mills congratulates all elks on their recruitment of new members but also reminds us that we must not forget about our delinquent members. "If they do not want to return find out why."

Again, This will be a great opportunity to meet and greet our Grand Exalted Ruler!

## State President John Rinehart

What a year it has been! PSP Ron Bollinger told me, "Don't blink, it goes fast." Truer words have not been spoken. This year has flown by, but I feel that we as Missouri Elks have accomplished so much. We reached 100% participation in Elks National Foundation, with an unprecedented amount of grants received by Missouri Lodges. We have successfully continued Scholarship Judging, IN PERSON Hoop Shoots!, and we bowled. I have heard many good things from the District Officers and the Exalted Rulers, our membership continues to grow and Lodges are doing new and innovative events to help their communities. I am so proud to be a Missouri Elk and I continue to be humbled to serve as your President. I thank you for all that you do. To the Lodges that we have visited this last half of the Elk year, Thank you for your hospitality. Valerie and I along with Rick and Sheri have truly enjoyed meeting you all. Remember, it is a great day to be an Elk. Thank you!

John Rinehart President  
Missouri Elks Association

## Grand Exalted Ruler

T. Keith Mills and

State President John Rinehart



Greetings everyone –

Welcome to the Spring Convention of the Missouri Elks Association! At this Convention, we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills and First Lady Amy to Missouri for their official visit. A slate of activities will keep them busy as they witness the commitment and dedication the Missouri Elks have for The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We know they will take away with them many good thoughts and lasting memories from their visit with us. Thank you for your part in making this possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make this past Lodge year a successful one. As you may have heard, Missouri is completing another year with a gain in membership! Good job everyone and let's keep that ball rolling! Beth and I would like to especially congratulate Missouri State President John Rinehart and First Lady Valerie for the wonderful job they did in serving our State Association. We thank them for their dedica-

tion and friendship. We extend our well wishes and good luck to Steve Green and his wife Donna as they begin their year as President and First Lady.

I hope many of you are making arrangements to attend the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in July. I am happy to report that all three of my States (Illinois, Missouri & Wisconsin) will be in the same hotel and this sure makes visiting each other so much easier.

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

F. Louis Sulsberger, Past Grand Exalted Ruler

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Nevada #564 Clinton #1034

Missouri Lodges by District

EAST CENTRAL

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

METRO EAST

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

METRO WEST

Kansas City #26  
Warrensburg #673  
Lexington #749  
Kansas City North #2376  
Blue Springs #2509  
Cass County #2791  
Grandview Hickman Mills  
#2088

NORTHEAST

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

NORTHWEST

Chillicothe #656  
Maryville #760  
Trenton #801  
Brookfield #874  
Cameron #2615  
Milan #2619  
Excelsior Springs  
#1001

SOUTHEAST

Cape Girardeau #639  
Farmington #1765  
Chaffee #1810  
Sikeston #2319  
Arcadia Valley #2330  
Dexter #2439  
Poplar Bluff #2452  
Mineral Area #2583  
Jackson #2652  
Perryville #2701

Southwest

Springfield #409  
Joplin #501  
Webb City #861  
West Plains #2418  
Kimberling City #2505  
Alton-Thayer #2545  
Lebanon #2557  
Lake Tanneycomo #2597  
Christian County #2777

West Central

Sedalia #125 Lake Stockton #2857  
Nevada #564 Adrian #2864  
Clinton #1034  
Lake of the Ozarks #2517  
Bates County #2653  
Osage Community #2705  
Benton County #2783  
Lamar #2800  
Bolivar #2828  
Greenview #2857

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CARL SIMPSON	1988-1989
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JAMES HAHN	1991-1992
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ROLAND A. SEAL	1998-1999
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CARROLL SCHLEETER	2006-2007
RICHARD TECHAU	2007-2008
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
JOHN RINEHART	2021-2022





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As another edition of our state magazine is being completed I look with pride at all of our accomplishments as friends and helpers in our various communities. We have managed to continue our important efforts in spite of some adversity with covid and having to adjust because of it. We have succeeded by taking advantage of the many incentives offered through Grand Lodge and ENF.

It is a pleasure to be able to report our work with our veterans, youth, disadvantaged and elderly people. If a need arises the Elks are there. Thank you all for your work and sharing the details in our paper so no one ever can forget Elks Care, Elks Share!

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## 2021 2022 Missouri Elks Association President Elect Steven Green



I would like to thank the Elks of Missouri and those of the Northeast District for your confidence in me to serve as State President for the upcoming 2022-2023 Fraternal year. Donna and I, along with my Administrative Assistant Matt Wideman and his wife Nancy, are looking forward to meeting each of you and visiting all the Lodges in Missouri.

With your help I look forward to promoting our Elk Programs, especially Youth Programs, for our Youth are the future of this great nation. As Elks we must strive to influence and inspire our Youth in positive ways in hopes that they may lead more rewarding lives. My Motto this year is "Make The Commitment - Leap Into Elkdom". Leap into Elkdom by making a commitment to create a positive impact in our Lodges and our communities, continuing the traditions of those who came before us while building a better future for generations to come.

Go all in -Leap into Elkdom.

Fraternally, Steven Green

President Missouri Elks Association 2022-2023

The Annual Ladies' Boutique Fall Fundraiser was a huge success! Thanks so much to all of you that donated the awesome auction items! Also, a big thank you to all the First Ladies and Elks that helped in any way, from checking in all the donated items, selling raffle tickets, setting up the silent auction, those that helped with the live auction, the checkout area, and cleaning up! It certainly took a team to make it successful.

Elks truly are a wonderful group of people. Elks Care - Elks Share.

Our final grand total for the Ladies Boutique was \$13,338.89, with the proceeds divided equally between ENF and Benevolent Trust.

Donna Green, Ladies Boutique Chairman, 2021-2022.

Missouri Elks Association First Lady 2022-2023



## MEA State Directory

Send information to

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Or call 816-824-8484



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**.



### 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.**



Hello Missouri Elks  
I'd first like to take a few seconds and introduce myself.  
My name is Larry Page, and I am a member of the Desoto lodge in the

East Central District, and now the newly elected Director of the Benevolent Trust. I can't thank our board of management enough for putting their faith in me to lead our State Major Project.

I have been involved with the Benevolent Trust board of management representing the East Central District for at least the past 10 years. It has been my pleasure working under the past two directors, PSP Mark Beckman and PSP Brian Crawford.

I'm very excited to have been given this opportunity to lead our program and will do my best to fill their shoes.

Larry Page

From: Mike Mills  
Chairman: Missouri State Golf Association  
Hello All

As some of you already know I have been selected to succeed Tom Pouch on the golf committee. Tom has had to resign from the committee due to some serious health issues and will be missed. He has run the show for nine years and we owe him a big debt of gratitude for his service. I will do my best to fill his shoes and offer the best tournament possible. I have a great committee behind me so that will be a big help.

We would like to have some input from the golfers to know if there is anything about the tournament that you think needs to be changed. We will be looking for ways to improve it and we need suggestions from you to help us out. If you have anything to throw out there just drop me an email at [mmillsg4@gmail.com](mailto:mmillsg4@gmail.com). I sure would like to hear from some of you.

The state golf tournament has been set for August 13th and 14th. Please note this is a week later than normal due to lodging conflicts. By the time you read this your lodge secretary should have the entries. We are looking forward to another good turnout.

Thanks and good golfing to all,  
Mike



Welcome to Spring Convention! It is AWESOME to see "old" friends, and to make some new ones. Spring Convention always reminds me that the Lodge year is about to come to a close, and I want to remind you of some important facts as you prepare for 03/31/2022.

Please make certain your accountant (or whomever prepares your Lodge tax return) understands that the return MUST be completed by the 08/01/2022 deadline to upload the form to Grand Lodge. Getting an extension from the IRS will not release you from the August 1 deadline to Grand Lodge. And requesting an "extension" from your Area 5 Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting member is no longer an option. That "extension" expired when the FRS was voted into acceptance at Grand Lodge in St. Louis in 2019. Sorry, folks; that's just the facts.

Please make sure that the 990/990EZ is uploaded in its entirety. That means everything from page 1 through page whatever. This includes the 990-T, if that applies for your Lodge. The year you are uploading will be 2022 (as in fiscal year ended 03/31/2022).

If your Lodge files a 990-N (the "postcard"), please upload a copy of your Lodge balance sheet and income statement (after making the appropriate year-end adjustments) with your 990-N. Without that information, I have nothing to compare to the FRS, and am literally "flying blind".

When you upload your files to Grand Lodge, please do not protect them with a password. Your files are secure on the Grand Lodge site without the added password protection.

Please pass along the following to your Lodge accountant or whomever prepares your Form 990. The Group Exemption number is 1156, and can be found on page 49 of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Manual. Also, please give your tax preparer the total number of volunteers you submitted on your Charitable Summary to Grand Lodge. This number goes on Line 6 of Form 990, and helps to support our status as a charitable organization to the IRS.

Finally, when you see Richard Techau, please thank him for his years on the GL Auditing & Accounting committee. I guarantee you that you cannot appreciate the service he performed for Missouri and Area 5 if you haven't tried to do it yourself! And remember to thank Sherry, and give her a hug!  
Looking forward to seeing each of you in Jefferson City!

Susan Cook      Area 5 member      Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting Committee  
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### Jim Ross-Membership Chairman

Missouri Membership - Meeting the Challenge

Hello All Missouri Elks...The 2022-2023 year is right around the corner and I ask that you make Missouri Membership a priority for your Lodges. Remember that more members will generate more funds to serve our people. Our communities, our youth, our veterans and our First Responders need us.

Let everyone know the good deeds we do and how we help people. However, we can't do it alone. We need members. There's never been a better time to ask others to join our great order and help serve our communities. Visit [join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org) for more information as how to promote ourselves and our work or call me at 618-541-9939 and we can discuss your options. This sight has more information than we can ever use but there is something for you.

Jim Ross      MEA Membership Chairman      Figures below are from Feb 21st and do not include Delinquencies

East Central #4760 DeSoto #689 851 Festus-Crystal City #1721 2055 Potosi #2218 472 Meramec-Arnold #2372 662 High Ridge #2455 341 Eureka-Pacific #2644 762 Ste Genevieve #2674 426 Cedar Hill #2678 328 Oakville #2726 496 Total 6393  
Metro East #4780 St. Louis #9 758 St. Charles #690 160 Manchester #2058 163 Florissant #2316 318 Crestwood #2503 319 Affton #2635 542 Ellisville #2664 201 Troy #2805 184 Total Is 2645  
Metro West #4790 Kansas City #26 341 Warrensburg #673 239 Lexington #749 212 Grandview-Hickman #2088 163 Kansas City Northland #2376 327 Blue Springs #2509 1137 Cass County #2791 255 Total 2674  
Northeast #4800 Jefferson City #513 787 Columbia #594 484 Louisiana #791 317 Mexico #919 181 Macon #999 273 Hannibal #1198 204 Washington #1559 1120 O'Fallon #2587 449 St. Clair #2651 543 Warrenton #2662 290 Total 4630  
Northwest #4840 Chillicothe #656 499 Maryville #760 377 Trenton #801 202 Brookfield #874 450 Excelsior Springs #1001 393 Cameron #2615 209 Milan #2819 276 Total 2406  
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Total for Missouri      31,321

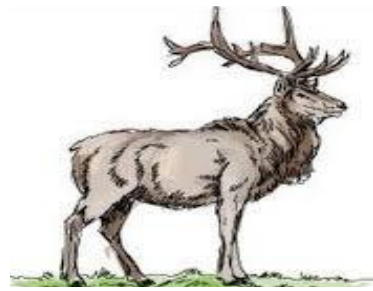




## Lodge Activities



Picture: Those who assisted with the judging of Contest "D" Newsletter.  
Left to right: Ben Flatt, Debbie Moore Flatt, Joyce Gentry, Jennifer Foster, Tania Cook, Mona Brown



**Elks—Proud to be Strong**

**And United**

The MEA Lodge Activities chairs have been busy recently! Thank you to Ben and Debbie Flatt, Jennifer Foster, Tania Cook, and Mona Brown for your assistance with the Contest "D" Newsletter judging.

We had 9 Lodges who participated in Contest "D": Ellisville #2664, Manchester #2058, Crestwood #2503, Columbia #594, Meramec-Arnold #2372, St. Louis #9, Springfield #409, Jefferson City #513, Lake of the Ozarks, and Dexter #2439. Winners will be announced at the Missouri Elks Association Spring Convention.

Contest "A" All American Lodge entries are due to your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler by April 1, 2022.

The spring convention will be my last serving as MEA Lodge Activities Chair. I have enjoyed my tenure in this position. I want to thank each of the District Activities Chairs and the Missouri Elks members for their support. Most of all I want to thank PSP Bill Walter for his many years of mentoring and support.

Fraternally,  
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**Pictured on right is the Memorial Choir.**

**Your Memorial Choir practicing for the March State Association Memorial Service which will be held Sunday at the conclusion of our Spring Convention. We are honored to have their vocal talents!**

## Drug Awareness



With our Elk year winding down I would like to look back on the year as a positive step forward as we try to get out of the grips of this pandemic we have been in for 2 years now.

In October the Missouri Drug Awareness Program

had the privilege of welcoming Elks DAP National speaker Ray Lozano. St. Louis Lodge #9 was the sponsoring lodge that got him here in Missouri. I want to thank Leading Knight Beth Schnettler, all the Officers and members of the lodge that made Ray, his wife Kris, and daughter Brooke's stay a memorable one.

Ray and Brooke visited 3 high schools in the St. Louis area doing 4 DAP seminars with over 600 kids and adults attending these events. They also conducted a DAP seminar for the St Louis Elks lodge members and guest with over 40 people in attendance. Thank You Ray, Brooke and Kris for making a stop in Missouri. We hope to see you again soon.

As we move into the 2022/2023 year I hope we can get our DAP message out to more kids and young adults as this nation is in the grips of a horrible drug epidemic. There are several websites you can visit that have information on drug abuse and information for help, [www.elks.org/dap/](http://www.elks.org/dap/) and [www.elkdap.org](http://www.elkdap.org) are a couple of Grand Lodge supported websites you can visit.

If there is anything you or your lodge is needing regarding the Missouri DAP don't hesitate to ask your district DAP chairperson or I, we would be glad to help you.

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas Jordan

Missouri Elks Association

Drug Awareness Program





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Harold Gallow	High Ridge	Lodge 2455	PER
Andrew Summers	High Ridge	Lodge 2455	PER
Fred Heck	High Ridge	Lodge 2455	PER
Frank Schwent	Mineral Area	Lodge 2583	PER
Scott Frame	Florissant	Lodge 2316	PER
Gary Brown	St. Charles	Lodge 0690	PER
Bill Walter	Sedalia	Lodge 0125	PSP
Duey “Dude” Branstetter	Louisiana	Lodge 0791	PER
Don Phelps	Joplin	Lodge 0501	PER
Ray Brand	Meramec Arnold	Lodge 2372	EOY



**PSP William Dean “Bill” Walter,** 65, of Sedalia, passed away Friday, October 15, 2021 after the discovery of advanced leukemia three weeks earlier. He was born June 27, 1956, in Sedalia, a son of the late Paul and Lorraine (Hampton) Walter .

In 1990, he was initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and was a member of Lodge #125, in Sedalia. He was a dedicated member serving in many capacities including two-time Exalted Ruler (PER) of Lodge 125, State President in 2009 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Bill was recognized many times throughout 31 years for outstanding service to the organization. Bill was a good natured, kind hearted person who was welcomed and valued by his Elks family not only in Sedalia but throughout Missouri and lodges around the country.



**PSP Roger D. Redfearn,** age 77, of Springfield passed away Thursday, January 20th, 2022, at Mercy Hospital, with his family by his side. Roger was born February 9, 1944, in Springfield, MO. He was raised by Velva Rose and was a graduate of Central High School. Roger served in the United States Navy during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Roger was very active with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, serving as Past State President in 2004-2005.

He will be remembered for his many accomplishments including being a fabulous cook. Roger enjoyed traveling with Sue Reis.

Corporate Secretary Report



**Fellow Elks**

By the time you read this Spring Convention will probably be over for most. Lodges need to be preparing for the upcoming Elk year. All lodges need to remember to drop all unpaid members by March 31st. You will still have 2 months to pick up any stragglers after the final report. But if you don't drop these delinquent members you will end up having to pay the Grand Lodge \$26.50 for every member that you do not drop in time. When your secretary or clms assistant drops or doesn't drop members all of those who were on the books of March 31st will go into your Grand Lodge final report.

The Missouri Elks Association State dues are due by April 30th. You calculate your state dues by multiplying your final membership number on March 31st times \$2.50 which is the state association fees. You can get the number from the final report on the CLMS roster page in the lower left-hand corner. These fees are due and must be paid directly to the State association. Mail your checks to: Missouri Elks Association 108 South College Street Arcadia Missouri 63621.

By now all secretaries should have sent out their first dues notice for the new year. I would be remiss if I didn't continue to push and praise the Grand Lodge membership billing program. The cost is \$0.33 per dues notice. That includes stationary, stamps and an enclosed envelope and your billing statement. They take care of all additional billings throughout the year. So even if you're lodge has already done it's initial billing you can join the program at any time.

If anyone has any questions concerning Grand Lodge billing Program or Missouri Elks association lodge fees please feel free to contact me at any time. My phone number and email address are on page two of the Shozem.

Respectfully Submitted: Bud Clarkson, Corporate Secretary,

Missouri Elks Association



**Missouri Elks Memorial Committee**

Sunday morning March 13th following the State Associations Business Session, your Memorial Committee will be conducting its annual Memorial Program. This honored tradition is dedicated to all Elks who have passed during the previous year with special Eulogies presented in recognition of any deceased Past State President. Our Committee asks all Elks in attendance on March 13th to attend this heartfelt service in honor of those Members who no longer answer when their names are called.

In addition, this year's service will feature our first Memorial Choir. Dr. John Israel from St. Charles Lodge has volunteered his services as Director. Choir members as of this writing are Samantha Barrett, Excelsior Springs Lodge; Susan Cook, Joplin Lodge; Susan Freeman, Crestwood Lodge; Stan Harris, Perryville Lodge; Mike Lane, Dexter Lodge; Tammy Numerosi, Arcadia Valley Lodge; Eileen Scrivner, Jefferson City Lodge; and Alisha Young, Jackson Lodge. This special group of Elks has spent many an hour in preparation for their first program. Their unique blend of voices will do nothing less than honor the memory of our departed members and provide their families and friends a special feeling of appreciation.

**Committee Chairman James A. Hahn, PGE/PSP**





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The Missouri State Hoop Shoot was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 at the Eureka High School. The banquet and awards was held at the Eureka Pacific Elks Lodge that evening following the event. I want to first off thank all the lodge and district directors for supporting the program. I really want to extend a big thank you to all the people that showed up to help work the State Contest. I would also like to thank the Eureka Pacific Elks Lodge for another job well done on the meal and hospitality extended to myself and everyone there. The 2023 State Hoop Shoot will be on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We will plan to hold the shoot in Eureka as we did this year but the location will be confirmed closer to the shoot. Now for the winners from the State contest.

8-9 Girls Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Presley Henderson WC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Blakely Bogart NW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Melanie Golden EC

8-9 Boys Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Easton Davis NW
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Issac Holding SW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> John Belardo MW

10-11 Girls Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annalee Livengood NW
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryleigh Davis SW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Danica Hanneken NE

10-11 Boys Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Graysyn Joggerst EC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Arnold SW
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matai Holman NE

12-13 Girls Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maylee Merrill SE
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Miller WC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Madeline McConville MW

12-13 Boys Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chase Evans NW
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parker Owen WC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Carter St. Gemme SE

Thank you again to everyone who helped making this a success this year.

Eric Seyer





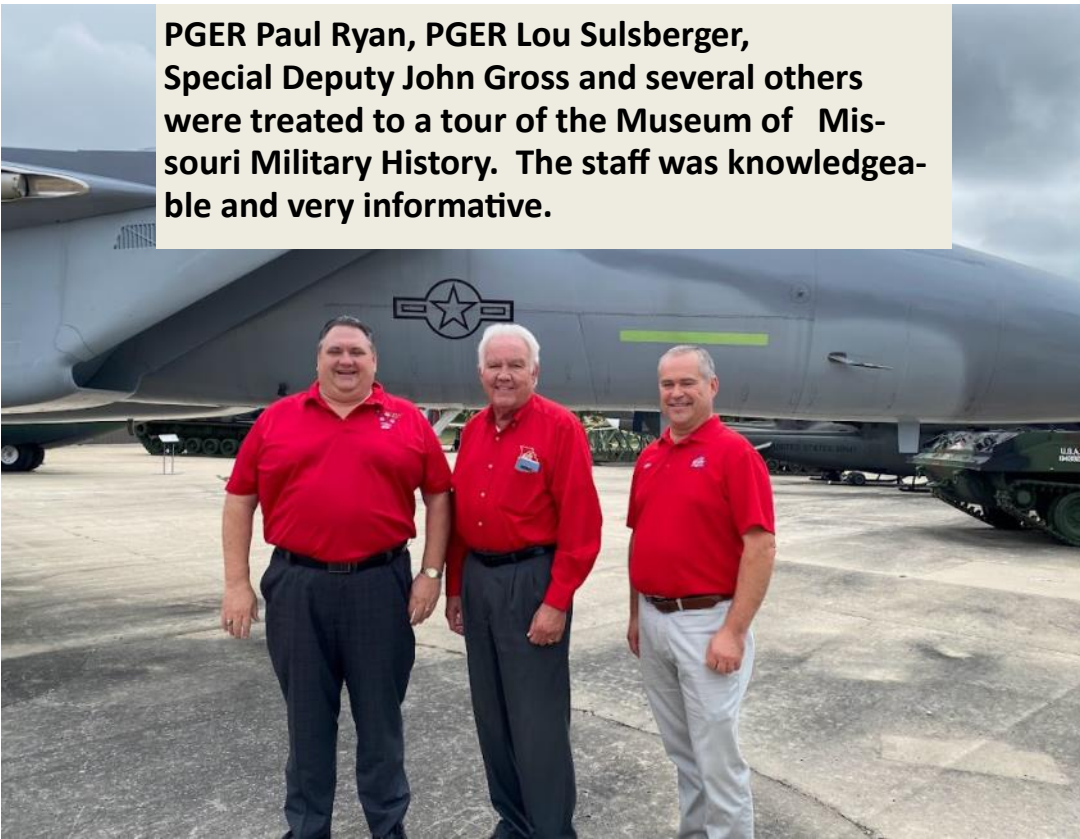


Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan addresses the Missouri State Elks at the Fall Convention. It was a privilege to have PGER Ryan.





PGER Paul Ryan, PGER Lou Sulsberger, Special Deputy John Gross and several others were treated to a tour of the Museum of Missouri Military History. The staff was knowledgeable and very informative.



Scenes from Fall Convention, Scholarship  
2021 2022 ENF

Scholarship Winners

National Scholarship Winners

Chloe Lock, Chillicothe 656,  
Anna Marie Stone, Mexico 919,  
Alexis Peterson, Cameron 2615,  
Adelyn Enos, Lake of the Ozarks 2517,  
Libby Washburn, Chillicothe 656,  
Jonathan Lieb, Jefferson City 513,  
Tyler Johnson, Lake Stockton 2858,  
Kollin Kolb, Lake Taneycomo 2597,  
Adam Honson Kansas City Northland 2376

Missouri State Scholarship Winners  
Girls

Kendel Locke, Hannibal 1198,  
Emma Johnson, Benton County 2783,  
Jace Reese, Alton-Thayer 2545,  
Sophia Liu, St Louis 9,  
Morgan Watkins, Blue Springs 2509,  
Mia Foote, Cape Girardeau 639,  
Kennedy Edgar, Brookfield 874,  
Allison Jansen, St Louis 9,  
Lacey Quinn, Jefferson City 513,  
Miah Norman, Kimberling City 2505,  
Claire Galbraith, Maryville 760,  
Mylee Schilling, Perryville 2652,  
Gracie Maurer Ellisville 2664,  
Rachel Ada Kansas City 26,  
Kaitlyn Tran Crestwood 2503,  
Alonna Cross Maryville 760,  
Hailee Williams Cameron 2615,  
Abby Loesing Washington 1559,  
Lillian Petry Webb City 861,  
Leia Goodwin Sedalia 125

Boys

Kaushal Parimi, Joplin 501,  
Jacob Martin, Kimberling City 2505  
Hiren Parekh, Perryville 2701,  
Braeden Short, Jefferson City 513,  
Joshua Donaldson, Maryville 760,  
Alexavier Clark, Cameron 2615,  
Tanner Hirschi, Kimberling City 2505,  
Matthew Greenwalt, Kimberling City 2505  
Adam Owen, Cameron 2615,  
Trey Scott, Sikeston 2319,  
James King, Nevada 564,  
Tommy Sutcliffe, Nevada 564,  
Aydan-Laine, Johnson Sikeston 2319,  
Trent Polley, Brookfield 874,  
Nicholas Martonfi, Lake of the Ozarks 2517  
Braxton Johnson, Chillicothe 656,  
Lathan Martin, Bolivar 2858,  
Kerrick Adkins, Lexington 749,  
Isaiah Holgerson, Christian County 2777,  
Spencer Dickey Blue Springs 2509



From the Scholarship Committee,

It is with great pleasure that the scholarship committee wishes to announce the winners of the Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition that took place at the Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517 Osage Beach on Feb 12th. Thank you to ER Fred Catcott of Lodge #2517 for hosting the judging committee.

The top 4 boys and top 4 girls plus the next highest score equaling nine students advance to the National level of judging which will be announced in April 2022. The ENF 2022 Most Valuable Student gives 480 \$4,000 (\$1,000 for four years), 14 \$20,000, 2 \$30,000, 2 \$40,000, 2 \$50,000 winners. This means MO's winners will receive a minimum of \$4,000 each.

The other 40 winners shown (20 boys and 20 girls) each receive a onetime \$1,000 grant to be used at a school or service academy of their choice. Last year's winners went to trade schools and colleges throughout Missouri, and one went to West Point.

To me this is the most fun part, helping students achieve their dreams and fulfills the Elks pledge "Elks Share, Elks Care". Thank you to all Scholarship chairs who went out of their way going to the High Schools, talking to school counselors, and getting the scholarship information out to our students.

Sincerely, Keith Huck  
MEA Scholarship Chair



**Missouri Elks Association  
State Bass Tournament  
September 16th - 17th 2022**



**Lake of the Ozarks  
Robins Resort  
573-348-2275  
4935 Robbins Castle  
Osage Beach MO 65065**

Lake the Ozarks #2517 will be hosting the Friday night meeting at the lodge. Open at 5:00 p.m. check in 6:00 p.m. Meeting 6:00 p.m. until complete or asked to leave. Saturday Awards Banquet 5:00 PM

Come have some fun or just be with the Elks enjoy a beautiful weekend at the lake.

**John DeVous  
314-608-6901  
Cedar Hill Lodge #2678  
East Central District  
MEA State Bass Chmn**

**Ron Fry 636-357-1196  
Kimberling City #2505  
Southwest District  
Bass Committee**

**Dave Lafeber  
314-422-0861  
Florissant #2316  
Metro East District  
Bass Committee**



**Leadership Training  
Missouri Elks Association  
Spring 2022**



The Officer Training Committee, Co-Chaired by Past Grand Esquire and Past State President Roland Seal and Past State President John Gross is excited to announce we will be conducting two training sessions for 2022 with one session being hosted by Osage Community Lodge #2705 on April 30, and the other session hosted by O’Fallon Lodge #2587 on May 21.

We try to either hold a single, centrally-located session or two sessions when we can identify Lodges with a willingness to host. Although we do want to ensure we have a broad membership base that wouldn’t have to travel too far to attend. Last year we had 129 participants take the training at either the Chillicothe Lodge or the Cape Girardeau Lodge. As always, there was active participation and many members came with good questions and a desire to learn.

We ask that everyone please submit their participant headcount to me no later than Friday, April 22, 2022 to ensure proper material and food can be planned and prepared in advance.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
  
John Gross, Co-Chairman



**MEA Budget Report**

The budget for the 2022-23 State Association has been a challenge. Now that we are trying to get back to whatever will be our normal operations we are feeling the same inflationary pressures that you feel on your personal family budget along with some new costs that we haven’t had before. We are now required to buy separate insurance for our State Convention and this year’s host hotel for Grand Lodge has some expensive stipulations on our ability to have a Hospitality Room.

Happily most of our committees are coming in within budget and we have been able to hold their funding at current levels. But, to make this year’s budget work we have had to increase the Administrative costs charged against the ENF Grants that we receive. We are allowed a 10% charge against these funds and have been holding to 2%, this year we will have to raise that to 4% and will have to budget a possible transfer from reserves. The good news is we that have a healthy reserve balance.

All of this brings me to mention that some time in the near future we may need to consider an MEA dues increase if we want to maintain all of the projects we currently fund. We are all aware of the increases that the Grand Lodge Liability Insurance has levied for the next two years and hope to hold on past then to limit the impact on Lodges. I will point out that the best we can determine is that the last time MEA Dues increased was 1993 and a lot has changed since then.

One last note, every year sometime around the first of the year I email anyone overseeing a portion of the budget a reminder to send me their budget requests for the next Association year. Every year there are people I don’t hear back from, in those cases as long as I can find the revenue their funding remains the same. If you need an increase I expect to hear back from you so that the budget can be set and ready for approval at Convention.

Richard Techau



# East Central District Spring 2022



At our meeting on Sept. 20th, Meramec-Arnold Elks, Lodge 2372 presented the proceeds from a Black Light Bingo Bash, in the amount of \$15,000 to the Backstoppers Organization. Pictured below are (Left to Right) Exalted Ruler, Debbie Belavich, Chief Jeff Broombaugh of the Rock Community Fire Protection District, Tom Lakin, Retired Chief of the High Ridge Fire Protection District, Sunday Bingo Chair Person Cindy Blase and Hal Bosler Tuesday Bingo Chair Person.



Potosi #2218...The veterans committee raffled a queen size flag Afghan to benefit our local veterans! The Veterans received \$484! The Afghan was made by Marylyn Mocca and Lori Bergeron.



State President John Rinehart and Valerie visit DeSoto Lodge #689. Here he is shown with their officers, State Officers and spouses, President Elect Steve and Donna, AA Rick and Sherri, PSP Brian Crawford, Betsy, Ron Bollinger, Jean, and John Gross, Sarah.



Missouri's East Central District Initiated 30 new members at the All Star Initiation Saturday at the DeSoto Elks Lodge #689. Great job of initiation.



Festus-Crystal City Elks Lodge #1721 donated \$21,000 to our community this past week. That's what The Elks is all about. Sure we have fun and enjoy life but it's our community that counts. Thanks to all who contributed or help make these donations possible. \$7,000 to Shop With a Cop and \$14,000 to local 1st responder organizations.



Oakville # 2726 has continued to have fun and at the same time benefit others. Our annual Night Golf Tournament contributed \$5000 to the ENF, the Corn Hole League made a donation of \$240 to the BackStoppers, the Ladies Auxiliary did their fabulous Christmas baskets for needy neighborhood families, Trunk r Treat and Breakfast With Santa were enjoyed by member and community children, the PERS held an Elkwood Derby in which the" Benevolent Trust Dental Van" competed and Puppy Races supported the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry.



Cedar Hill Lodge #2678 Food baskets being prepared and delivered. Thank you to everyone who helped and participated. This is what Cedar Hill Elks Lodge #2678 is all about! Getting together and getting ready those baskets and gifts for Christmas is a great feeling...



Ste. Genevieve Elks Lodge #2674 hosted a Kid's Christmas Party.

[K9 Rescue Outreach](#) was live — [High Ridge Elks Lodge #2455](#).







Nevada Elks lodge 564 had their treats with tricks in conjunction with Nevada city community center! We had three hundred kids come through today! The Elks provide a safe environment for the kids to trick or treat! Elks has games, prizes, cookies, drinks, candy and coloring books for the kids! We also had two of Nevada Police officers show up today and pass out candy! The Nevada Elks have been doing this event for 37 years! Elks Care Elks Share



Greenview Elks Lodge #2857 hosted a wonderful night of pageantry, dinner, and dancing for our local Veterans. Lodge members prepared and served 76 prime rib dinners to our Veterans and their families to show appreciation for their service and sacrifice to the Nation!!! Elks Care, Elks Share!!!



Nevada Elks lodge 564 for the veterans! State representative Patricia Pike was here to pay respect to the veterans.



Lake Stockton Elks 2858 used the Veterans grant to adopt 29 Veterans in 3 nursing homes.



From Lodge 2517, Lake of the Ozarks We held our annual auction Saturday to raise money for our Christmas Fund. Monday volunteers will go to Walmart to shop with lists of items given to us from area school counselors for children in need. Wednesday we will meet and wrap all those gifts. The spirit of giving is alive and well in the Lake of the Ozarks area as we raised over \$15,000 on Saturday. A huge thanks goes out to Ruth Ann who always does an amazing job in chairing this event. Thanks to Joan who is the Co-chair and as big a thanks to all the other volunteers who have spent and are still spending time in making this event a reality.



Benton County Lodge #2783 delivered over 500 pounds of chicken to the Benton County Food Pantry. This was made possible due to our receiving the Spotlight Grant from the Elks National Foundation. Pictured left to right: John Way, Elks Member, Ron Hux, Elks Member, Dennis Schoen, Leading Knight, Jeanie Arnold, Pantry Manager and Mark Porter, Lodge Trustee.



Clinton Lodge #1034 made a visit to local nursing homes with Elroy the Elk dressed in his Santa suit along with the "Grinch". The residents were thrilled to have a little Christmas spirit come there way during the holidays.

Past State President Bill Walter "Wild Bill" Forever loved....



Forever missed.  
Sedalia Lodge #125  
West Central District  
State of Missouri...To our absent Member





Our community filled a semi headed over to the Kentucky Lake area. The Cape Elks #639 donated a truck load of food and helped do our part to fill the truck. The semi pulled out to go help our KY neighbors after they were hit by a devastating tornado. Pictured from left to right are PDDGER Jason Ledure, ER Paul Ledure and PSP Ron Bollinger.



It was quite an honor to get to present these four students with "Student of the month" certificates from the Poplar Bluff #2452 Elks Lodge. Each student along with their parents and guests were allowed to enjoy a fish dinner and also received a \$25 gift card from Academy Sports.

Pictured left to right Whitney Lynn Mitchell from Naylor High School, Ivannah Lynn Bratton from Greenville high School, Lexus Lee Hagood from Neelyville High School and Darian Deon Webb from Poplar Bluff High School. Exaltded Ruler Donnie Trout. I owe a special thanks to Lori Smith for getting this program started.



Mr. Boyer from the Jackson Elks Lodge #2652 stopped by our office today to present Sheriff Dickerson a check to the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office for the use of purchasing specialized equipment. We are very grateful to our community and the continued support they show the Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office



Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 delivered 190 baskets by 70 members this morning in time for Christmas to local families.

January 11, 2022



Farmington Lodge #1765- 1001 KREI Blvd: Farmington, Mo



Perryville Lodge #2701

Vice Chair. of the National leather program- Chuck Mudge serves squirrel brains

during Pres. John Rinehart's visit. PSP Jim Hahn demonstrates how to eat them while PSP Ron Bollinger and AA Rick Bryant watch the demonstration. The expression on Valerie's face explains how she feels.



The Auxiliary and others at Dexter Lodge 2439 decorated a special tree this year. It is a wonderful idea. A great tribute to veterans and all Americans.

Southeast District Hoop Shoot was held at Chaffee Lodge #1810

Pictured below with State Hoop Shoot Director Eric Seyer are the SE Dist. 8-9 yr. old winners. They are from L to R boys 2nd place Jaxon Thompson, Farmington; 1st place Owen Mills, Dexter. Girls 8-9 1st place Alaina Perry, Mineral Area; 2nd place Kendall Cavins, Arcadia Valley.

The 10-11 winners for the SE boy's Hoop Shoot competition were 2nd place Harrison Barton, Farmington; 1st place Trenton Harbison, Mineral Area; 10-11 girls District Champion is Josey Tongay, Mineral Area; 2nd place Grace Randazzo Farmington

Southeast District Hoop Shoot Champions pictured below left to right for the boys 12-13 age bracket are 2nd place Bear Blair, Dexter; 1st place Carter St.-Gemme Arcadia Valley; 1st place 12-13 girls Maylee Merrill, Mineral Area; 2nd place girls Ashley Hawkins Farmington.



Sikeston #2319 headed out to make Christmas better for 5 families with a total of 20 kids with groceries, clothing and lots of toys







2021 Veterans Parade, Downtown St. Louis - gorgeous weather! Wish more had made it, but we got 26 Metro members to show support for our Veterans. Thanks to everyone, especially Patrick Dolan, for volunteering his time and effort so we all didn't have to walk!



Elroy Elk and the MEA Dental Van pulling the Drug Awareness trailer in the Thanksgiving Parade in downtown St. Louis.



Troy Elks #2805 put together food baskets for 37 families. We put together enough food for a couple weeks. Casey & Crystal did an awesome job planning and we had such a great turn out of volunteer's. We put together & delivered the same day.



Wonderful participation from the Florissant Elks No. 2316 and Florissant Police for Shop with a Cop day!



After beginning the fiscal year with 665 members All American St Louis #9 has 752 actives, 29 candidates in the pipeline, 23 Life Members and 4 delinquents which has our lapsation rate at .60 % Whenever on this side of the State please frequent one of the eight lodges within Metro District 4780 which includes Affton #2635, Crestwood #2503, Ellisville #2664, Florissant #2316, Manchester #2058, St. Charles #690, Troy #2805, St. Louis #9.



Metro East District Hoop Shoot Champions Pictured With Linda DeGeare From Troy #2805 And John Israel From ST Charles #690

**Elks Lodge #9**

*Masks and appointments required!*

**Saturday, April 23**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm



**SAUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 AT 9 AM – 1 PM**  
**Saint Louis #9 Spring Blood Drive**  
12481 Ladue Road, Creve Coeur, MO 63141



Thank you #9 for this life saving Commitment!





While hanging at the Jackson Lodge # 2652 it became very apparent that these four gentlemen had something in common. Can you figure out who they are? Here is a hint. One Is The Adm. Asst.. One (who has a great sense of humor) is a member of Jackson Lodge ), one is a state officer, and one is the State President.



John and Mike Woeltje found the cure for baldness!!  
Mike said Chia  
Jackson #2652



Jeanne Hays Porter and I had the pleasure of presenting a check to Melody Chailland for UCAN. Donations raised from the WC Porter Golf Tournament were \$630. Pictured are Donnie Trout, Melody Chailland, and Jeanne Hays Porter.  
Poplar Bluff #2452



Nancy Grisham-Maddox was the winner of the white elephant. Congrats we raised \$300.00 for the Benevolent Trust.  
Hannibal #1198



Ellisville Elks Lodge 2664 initiated 14 new members. Here is a picture of 10 of the 14. Welcome!



St. Clair #2651 donated \$5000 to the Franklin County DARE program and \$2000 to the local St Clair DARE program with proceeds from our annual Golf Tournament



Laurie Elks Christmas Basket Program

The Osage Community Elks Lodge #2705 in Laurie once again stepped up to assist needy families in Morgan and Camden counties, with deliveries made on December 18, 2021. The food was purchased and assembled largely by Elk members, co-chaired by Ron Wood, Kirk Peglow, and Mike Wright. The gifts for children, plus toiletries, were purchased and assembled by the Lady Elks Auxiliary as the Tree of Joy, chaired by Linda Havel.

The 460 food baskets delivered, consisted of both perishable and non-perishable items and approximated a 2-week supply of food for the family. The Tree of Joy gifts for the children consisted of 2 gifts for each child, plus a blanket.

There were 101 families with 318 children receiving these gifts to make their Christmas better. There were 51 Elk delivery vehicles that made personalized visits to each family. The major funding source for this program is the annual Golf Tournament held in September, which has major support from many area merchants and businesses. In addition, there were significant monetary donations from many individuals. The Laurie Elks greatly appreciate all the contributions from both individuals and the community to make this effort successful, and truly believe in:

Elks Care—Elks Share.



"During the Monday January 24th Lodge Meeting of All American Saint Louis #9 funds were distributed relating to our Christmas Auction. Of the \$11,000 collected, \$5,500 was given to the Joshua Chamberlain Society and \$5,500 was provided to "One Heart Ministries."

Picture (Left to Right) - "Joshua Chamberlain Gift Presentation". 01. Holly Schmitz, Representative of Joshua Chamberlain Society 02. AJ Ford, Elks 9 Exalted Ruler 03. Lynn Roeth, Elks 9 Auxiliary President 04. Katie Reither, Elks 9 Christmas Auction Chair



Poplar Bluff Murder!  
The Cat did it.  
Do not turn your back on this group.



Kimberling City Grand Reopening





## Southwest District Spring 2022



Leo Lozano presented **Alton-Thayer #2545** with a Certificate of Appreciation for the lodges support of the 1ST Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO) 30 Year Desert Storm Era Reunion and Mental Wellness Retreat, conducted on 9-13 September. Lozano, the reunion committee chairman and also a member of the lodge, along with the retreat attendees recognized the lodge's contribution to the event, which ensured it's success and thanked Lodge #2545 for their continued support of our military, veterans and their spouses



New Years Eve Speakeasy Roaring 20s Gangster & Flapper Party at the **Christian County Elks #2777 in Ozark MO**. Over 100 members and guests, Surf & Turf dinner, LIVE music by Mr. D and Bonita and a bunch of photos of everyone having a great time. Goodbye to 2021 and we kicked-off 2022 with a roar! What a great time to be an ELK helping children and supporting our veterans and community. And having fun DOING IT! Happy New Year to ALL!

Mike Klingner, ER



### Kimberling City #2505

celebrates it's Grand Re-opening with the help of some awesome elks.



100 year-old Springfield WWII Vet attends 80th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. Great man and hero!

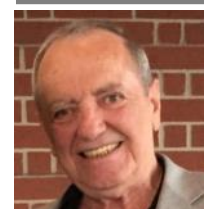
**Springfield Elks 409's** very own Jack Hamlin! Thank you for your service Sir



Pictured on left is State President John Rinehart, First Lady Valerie, AA Rick Bryant and Sherri with lodge officers, members, State Officer Theresa Carter- Hess and Russ Suda at **Lebanon Lodge #2557**.



What a great start!!! Biggest undertaking of our lodge every year. We stand and help strengthen our community and this is only the beginning. Tuesday night our auxiliary shops for the children toys, we add food to our boxes and deliver Saturday. Shane Cook leads this committee and his hours of commitment and devotion are not overlooked. Thank you Shane, Auxiliary, and members of **Joplin Elks 501**. Elks Care Elks Share.



Past State President Roger Redfern  
Forever loved....Forever Missed  
**Christian County Lodge 2777**  
Southwest District  
State of Missouri  
To Our Absent Member

### West Plains #2418

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



Over 150 cycles on their annual toy run arriving at **Lake Taneycomo Lodge 2597** in Forsyth last Sunday. They brought toys, clothing and funds which will be combined with funds from an ENF grant to purchase more. The gifts then will be distributed to those in need at the Lodge in early December.



**Webb City Elks Lodge #861** · A special thank you to the Webb City high school JROTC for presenting our nation's colors and to the Carl Junction high school dynamic choir for singing our national anthem and God bless America. We had an amazing turn out for our Veterans day ceremony. Thank you to all veterans for your service.





Congratulations to Macie and Jaiden Rodenberg and Hudson Marcolla for winning state and advancing to the regional Elks Soccer Shoot in Eldorado, KS! Jaden won outright and Macie took 2nd in her division 2 points shy of 1st, but the 1st place winner was unable to travel to regionals. Hudson won his 11U division. Good luck ladies and Hudson.., **Chillicothe Elks #656** is proud of you!



Today we saw a post from an aunt of a little boy who had a birthday party, invited his whole class and no one had shown up. So we took him some presents and gave him, his sister and a friend a ride in the rZR!! We were one of the 13 people to show up after the post! He had a Minecraft Party and his parents had went to a whole lot of expense with themed decorations, candy and cupcakes!! It was a great party!! Happy 8th Birthday Jaxson!!! Hope you had fun!! **Cameron #2615**



**Cameron Elks Lodge 2615** handed out Halloween Treats along with our Exalted Ruler Barbara Barnes handing out Drug Awareness coloring books to each child. We had 300 plus little Trick or Treaters in all types of costumes.



**Excelsior Springs Lodge #1001**  
Delivery to the middle school, thanks to everyone,  
Merry Christmas, Elks Care Elks Share



**Trenton Lodge # 801** has an Annual Cabbage Toss Every Saint Patrick's Day

**Chillicothe #656** taking supplies to the Tornado Victims in Kentucky



**Theresa Carter Hess and Russ Suda** visit friends PSP Rich Larkin and Ruthie at **Brookfield Lodge #874**.



When the **Chillicothe Elks Lodge 656** heard that our Elementary Schools were missing several reading books, they immediately jumped into action. Our children now have the books they need. Elks care, Elks share.



Another friendly Elks Lodge in the Northwest District is **Milan #2819**





Northeast District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler David Williams conducts his final DD visit at his home Lodge  
**Jefferson City #513**



The **O'fallon Lodge No. 2587** handed a check for 6000 Dollars to the director of Backstoppers Ron Battelle who is also a lifetime member of the **Florissant Lodge #2316**. It is great being an elk!



Memorial Day Service at the **Columbia Lodge 594**.



**Future Elks—Warrenton #2662**



Not all heroes wear capes  
but the uniform of the U.S. Military.  
**Thank you for your service**

This was taken from the Facebook page of Washington Lodge #1559. " I never took my Military Service as a sacrifice; I as a Legal Immigrant, felt very proud to have been Drafted to do my part in my new Country... My physical wounds cannot be compared with the Mental; Emotional and Spiritual journeys I took... Who I am today; is very much influenced by the 18 years of Military background, that induced a strong respect for others and their beliefs... "GOD Bless America" . Carlos M. Flores

**Jefferson City # 513** was busy this past fall and winter. It started with the annual Veteran's Day meal followed the next week by delivering over 70 meals to needy families in the community thanks to the Beacon Grant. The Lodge also this year was able to serve Christmas Eve lunch to over 75 veterans, their families and staff at the VA Hospital and deliver gifts to the Veterans. With the Gratitude, Freedom and Spotlight Grants the Lodge received they were able to provide 103 winter coats to the VA; give over \$2,000 to the Boys & Girls Club for PPEs, sanitizer, masks and other supplies; provide \$150 to 83 local children assisted by local police, (pic on right) fire, county and other officials to shop for Christmas; \$640 the the local Samartin Center for the purchase of Christmas Turkeys; and providing items for "Baby Boxes" to female Veterans who are new moms.



Ending our holiday celebrations by gathering together for a Chiefs game and great Elk camaraderie. Happy 2022 from  
**Macon Lodge #999!**



Annual Colorfest BBQ to raise funds for community charitable projects. Elks Care Elks Share.  
**Louisana #791**



**Louisiana #791** is one of the grateful recipients of funds from the George W. Trimble Trust each year. This year an extraordinary disbursement will allow Lodge #791 to distribute nearly \$400,000 in the Pike County area to the "indigent and poor" as Mr. Trimble's will dictates. This is an increase of more than \$250,000 over the normal Trust Fund disbursement. The members of the Lodge are working diligently to identify the best uses of these funds and will report more in the Fall.







**Kansas City Northland #2376** Bill Moore and Kim Murch added the Elks decals to the two BBQ grills purchased through the Freedom Grant (ENF) and very soon they will be transported to the Fisher House, a temporary residence for spouses and/or families of veterans being treated at the Kansas City Veterans Hospital. Elks Care and Elks Share!



**Blue Springs 2509** serving Thanksgiving meal to Senior Citizens

This season, the **Cass County Elks Lodge 2791**, saw a need in our community and in conjunction with our local Shop with a Cop and special assistance of the Wal-Mart of Harrisonville will be providing over 250 brand new coats for kids this Christmas season. Here's to Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love.



Members from **Kansas City Northland Elks #2376** prepared 50 individual family holiday food boxes for the elderly citizens of North Kansas City and families from Meadowbrook Elementary. In addition to the food items in each box, additional items included personal hygiene and cleaning products. The funds to purchase the items came from the receipt of a Spotlight and Beacon Grant from the Grand Lodge. An excellent example of Elks Caring and Elks Sharing. Pictured from left to right (front row): Mary Braton, Marva Cox, Helen Murch; (back row): Toni Mallams, JoAnn Fisher, Shirley Rocha, Santos Rocha, Jerry Braton, Bill Thompson, and Kim Murch.



**Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge #2088** donation to G.A.P. Grandview Assistance Program.



Everyone wants to look like John and Rick



**Blue Springs 2509** Veterans being presented with Flags flown on missions from Whiteman AFB 509th Bomb Wing. Thank you for your service



This picture was actually taken in Southwest Missouri. They had special guests from East Central District, Desoto Elks!  
  
Thank you Larry Page Missouri State Benevolent Trust Chairman, for your very generous gift of \$300 towards participating lodges BT per capita in SWD!



What is John doing in those bushes? Who is weird guy on the left?



**Potosi Lodge 2218** celebrated their 60th anniversary in conjunction with State President John Rinehart's visit. They also had their annual Christmas auction where they were very successful in raising funds to help many of the people in their community have a very Merry Christmas.



The following is a comment from Sherri Bryant about the visit of State President John, Valerie, Rick and Sherri at the Lexington Lodge #749. Lexington Lodge is a neat old lodge. They fed us an amazing breakfast. You should definitely buy some breakfast sausage from them! It is soooo good and very reasonably priced. We visited with the members and relaxed in the lodge. Afterwards, John drove us around the battle grounds and showed us where a canon ball is embedded in a column at the courthouse. It was an interesting area to see.





## Elks National Foundation

### What we get back!

Raised in 2021-2022

Paid back to MO **\$322,910**

State Charity \$135,830

Special Projects Grant \$76,870

Bonus Grant \$25,510

Most Valuable Student \$40,000

Legacy Award \$24,000

NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- **\$473,000 up \$99,200**

to 70 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants

**\$179,401 more than paid in!!**

Figures on right 2/21/2022



### Randy Northington, Chairman

Missouri State Elks Association

Totals 29,440 Members

Contributions \$178.068

Per Capita Average \$6.05

Thank you, Jay Parrack, for fifteen years of dedication and loyalty to the Veterans Leather Program. (West Central District)

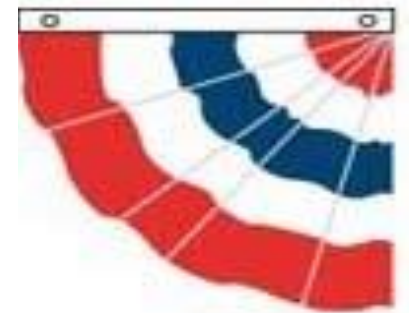
The demand for gloves was down last year since many Adaptive Sports Events were cancelled. However, 8810 craft kits were sent to recovering veterans. Also, more than 111,000 feet of leather was donated to help heal veterans. The value of this leather was more than \$450,000.

In the past 20 years the Elks have donated 923,380 square feet of leather to help heal veterans. This leather was used to make 622,216 craft kits for recovering veterans.



Southeast always greatly enjoys

John's visits



As most of you might already know, Tom and Marty Shelton retired last year from taking care of the Missouri Elks Association state and national conventions. We thank Tom and Marty for their many years of dedication to the MEA convention needs.

National Convention for 2022 will be in Atlanta, GA, July 3-6, 2022. We will be housed in the Sheraton Downtown Hotel. Room rates are \$149.96 per night, taxes and fees included. Self-parking is \$17 per day and valet is \$45 per day.

Registration information and forms will be available at spring convention and will also be sent to all Lodge secretaries to post for membership.

Betsy and I are looking forward to working with all Missouri Elks for their future convention plans.

### CONVENTION DATES:

#### STATE

2022, March 11-13  
2022, September 30-Oct 2  
2023, March 10-12  
2023, September 29-October 1

#### NATIONAL

2022, July 3-6, Atlanta GA  
2023, July 2-5, Minneapolis, MN  
2024, June 30-July 3, Austin, TX  
2025, June 29-July 2, Kansas City, MO

It has been a very successful year. Thank you guys.

