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Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler **BRUCE A. HIDLEY**

It's hard to believe that the summer months have come and gone and the beautiful fall season is now upon us. As our Lodge activities ramp up once again, let's take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks in "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm!"

Since the end of September is the halfway point of the Lodge fiscal year, it is a good time to inspect where your Lodge stands with the Grand Lodge and

State Association per capita. This is a perfect time to see what funds need to be raised during the balance of the Lodge year.

Fall also brings the reopening of schools in your communities and tremendous occasions for our Lodges to encourage our youth. Supporting local football, soccer, lacrosse and other sports programs and youth related activities are wonderful ways to show your Lodge's support and personal community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation grants. These grants are available to assist financially in your community partnerships with our youth, veterans, and community members. When possible, invite your local media to help publicize and promote your valuable activities.

This is also a time to concentrate on our Elks scholarship programs. Seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the needed student applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much-needed financial support. Can you think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than by helping the youth of today grow into the responsible leaders of tomorrow? Many of the youth who have been inspired and aided by Elks programs have joined our great fraternal Order to become active Lodge Members.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and most of all, God bless America.



Greetings everyone -

For those of you who attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, I hope it was an enjoyable and informative convention for you. The final business session culminated in the swearing in of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce A. Hidley. Beth and I have known GER Hidley and his wife Helen, the new First Lady of Elkdom, since 2007 when I was serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. Bruce and Helen were the State President and First Lady of the New York Elks Association that year. They are a wonderful and dedicated couple and will be excellent ambassadors representing the Order this year. We look forward to their official visit to Missouri in March of 2023.

Another exciting thing at the National Convention was celebrating a gain in membership in the Order this year, not only at the National Level but in the State of Missouri once again! I want to congratulate everyone for this accomplishment. At the final business session in front of thousands of convention delegates, Past State President John Rinehart and State Membership Chairman Jim Ross accepted a Certificate on behalf of the Missouri Elks Association. What a proud moment for me and all those from the Missouri Elks Association who were in attendance at the Convention!

Congratulations to our eight District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's who were installed in their positions at the final business session in Atlanta. 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!

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

What an amazing first half of the year with visiting 34 lodges in our great state.

Donna and I along with my Administrative Assistant Matt Wideman and his wife Nancy extend a heartfelt thank you for the generosity and hospitality we have received. We will cherish the memories and the friendships we have made.

Since April we have attended Lodge Anniversary celebrations, the State Bass Tournament, had the pleasure of throwing the first pitch at the Softball Tournament, and hit the first drive of the Golf Tournament.

At this year's National Convention in Atlanta I had the honor of carrying our State Flag during the opening ceremony of Grand Lodge.

Missouri Elks are showing their commitment to Elkdom. During our travels we have seen the work our lodges are doing...fishing derbies, Junior Golf, fundraisers for honoring our fallen heroes, and youth scholarships. We have met Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and youth of the year.

Lodges across the state are promoting our Elk programs, the hallmark of our Order. Missouri is growing in membership but we must focus on member retention and the return of delinquents. Every member is important to our association.

We offer countless opportunities for social activities and new friendships. We are the premier charitable and patriotic organization in the nation.

We are looking forward to the second half of the year and I wish each lodge a successful year and may God Bless each of you.

Fraternally, Steven Green
MEA President

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As I write this message, plans are being completed for the Missouri Elks Association Fall State Convention. I am pleased to let you know that Beth is able to attend the Convention with me. She is looking forward to being with all of you as I am. Until then, stay safe and God Bless.

F. Louis Sulsberger

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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

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

SOUTHEAST

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Farmington #1765
Chaffee #1810
Sikeston #2319
Arcadia Valley #2330
Dexter #2439
Poplar Bluff #2452
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Jackson #2652
Perryville #2701

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

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

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WM “BILL” DELARBER	2018-2019
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RON BOLLINGER	2020-2021
JOHN RINEHART	2021-2022



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The beautiful fall weather is here once again as is the time we gather with our Elk friends for fun and learning. I have received so many fantastic articles concerning the work in which all of our 72 lodges have been involved. We have given to education of our youth and health and welfare of our elderly and the varied needs of our veterans. Please take the time to read of our accomplishments so we can learn from the ideas of other lodges. Keep up the good work and keep promoting our goals and sharing in our state paper. This paper is overflowing with your benevolent works! Thanks
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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.**

**2022—2023
Missouri Elks Association
President Elect
Lance Evans**



Hello and welcome Elks to your Fall Convention. I am Lance Evans your President Elect. I am from the Brookfield 874 Lodge.

My AA is Kevin Judas, and he is from New Boston and also is out of the Brookfield lodge.

We are looking Forward to meeting everyone next year. Everyone have a good and safe convention and see you on the road in 2023.

Driving Elkdom Forward

Lance Evans
President Elect
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I Just want to take a moment and extend a warm welcome to all Elks members coming to the 2022 Fall Elks convention.

I am the Administrative Assistant for Lance Evans your President Elect. So, let's all meet, greet in Jefferson City and learn more about what we can do to help spread the word of Elkdom.

Kevin Judas
Administrative Assistant
(660)-412-3366



Lodge Activities

There were four Lodges that submitted Contest A (All American Lodge) submissions on time and complete. They were Troy #2805 (Div II), Northland #2376 (Div III), St. Louis #9 (Div V) and Festus Crystal City #1721(Div VI). Of those four, two finished in the top ten nationwide, St. Louis #9 and Festus Crystal City #1721. St. Louis #9 came home from National Convention with a 2nd place finish in their division, 1st Place going to Casa Grande Valley, AZ Lodge No. #1957. Congratulations to St. Louis #9 and great job to all Lodges that entered. Let's gear up and get more Lodges into the contest for 2022-23!

The Local Lodge Bulletin/Newsletter entries (Contest D) should be submitted no later than Feb. 3rd for scoring. The contest guidelines were submitted in August to the Chairmen for each district. If your Lodge needs the information, please drop me a line at mrsmonieb@gmail.com



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 hope all of you are staying safe and cool this summer. I pray that every Lodge in our Association is having a successful year to this point and continue to do so for the remainder.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has worked diligently this past year and a half in updating our Programs and I would like to make you aware of a few of them. There are now informational videos for every GL Activities program located on Elks.org that any registered user may access. These are short movies that provide an overview of the programs we encourage all lodges to adopt and participate. I urge you to view them all and incorporate into your indoctrination program for new members. The committee has also updated or created new brochures for all the Activities programs. They can be found on Elks.org as well and are downloadable/printable pamphlets that can be dispersed to your membership to explain what and how the programs work. Please review these programs, they are in place to let our communities know what Elks do to make our homes and firesides a better place to live.

I would prefer to detail each and every program available to our Show-Me State lodges, but space restraints prevent this. However, I will give an update on the program for which I’ve received the most calls, emails and questions. Scouting. Our Scouting Program is alive and well. At this time, the only difference in Scouting and the Elks is that your Lodge is NOT allowed to sign any new charters or sign any re-charters sponsoring Scouting Troops. Your lodge can still award Eagle certificates to Boy Scouts. You can still give Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates to deserving Girl Scouts. Scouts can still help with activities in your lodge. They can still hold box car derby’s or assist with Flag Day or flag retirement ceremonies. Your lodge can still nominate deserving Elk members for the Marvin M. Lewis award. Until such time as current litigation is complete, and we are directed otherwise, please support all Scouts and our Scouting program. Just don’t sign any charters. As always, please contact the MEA Youth or MEA Lodge Activities committee person for additional information or feel free to call me anytime.

Duane Heldenbrand

Grand Lodge Activities Committee

Area 5



As your new MEA State Veterans Chair-
man, I follow two excep-
tional leaders, PSP Larry Rob-
ertson, and Harry Henne-
man. Because of their leader-
ship Elk veteran’s projects in
our state have not only sur-
vived Covid, but rather inter-
est in veterans’ activities has
never been greater.

Many of our state projects are seasonal, not vet-
erans’ programs; they are continuous. Within our
30,300 members, and 8 districts we have VAVS Rep-
resentatives and Deputy VAVS Representatives
serving 18 facilities. We are represented in VA Hos-
pitals, Nursing Homes USO’s, Fisher Houses, and
Veteran’s Campuses by dedicated men and woman
that hold the title ELK.

It’s an exciting time to be an Elk. At our Fall 2022
state convention we’re going to be rolling out a new
website. A website dedicated to lodge and district
veterans’ projects. A dedicated website only for
veteran activities across the state, no other chatter.
This will allow us to share veteran activities, fund-
raising, and project ideas and experiences. A special
thank you to PSP Brian Crawford, Chairman Conven-
tion Committee for allocating us time and space.
And of course, to every Elk, in every district, and
lodge across the state. Individually we can do a
great deal, collectively we can do a great deal more.
Thank you, I look forward to meeting you.

PER Darrell Quinley VAVS
MEA State Veterans Chairman
Grandview-Hickman Mills Lodge # 2088

AMERICANISM		
Each year the Elks sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 5-8. The 2021-2022 theme is “What does it Mean to Love Your Country?” The following is a list of our State winners.		
<u>Division 1 grades 5 and 6 winners are :</u>		
Student	School	Award
(1st Place)		
Emmalin Clements	St. Francis Borgia (Washington)	\$200
(2nd Place)		
Isabella DaCosta	St. Andrew The Apostle (Northland)	\$125
(3rd Place)		
Aslyn Knuckles	Richland (Dexter))	\$75
<u>Division 2 Grades 7and 8 Winners</u>		
(1st Place)		
John Mandacina	St. Andrew The Apostle (Northland)	\$200
(2nd Place)		
Tristen Whitehurst	Camdenton (Lake of the Ozarks)	\$125
(3rd Place)		
Cooper Narr	Chillicothe (Chillicothe lodge)	\$75



Greetings Missouri Elks

A few months ago, Kim and I had the opportunity to travel down to Atlanta for the Elks Grand Lodge Convention.

While in Atlanta, we set up the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust booth and handed out literature about our state major project.

What a wonderful time we had... We were able to talk to so many Elks from all over our great nation and explain to them what we have been doing for the past 60 years. It was also a great chance to network with other states and see what great work they are doing in their communities too.

I think Missouri can be proud of the great work we are doing for those that need our assistance.

With your continued support, I know we will be able to help those less fortunate for years to come.

Kim and I are looking forward to seeing everyone soon at our Fall convention.

Larry Page
Director
Missouri Elks



Missouri Ritual Team from Festus-Crystal 1721 competing at National Convention



Hard Working Missouri Elks at Atlanta National Convention



PSP John Rinehart and Membership Chairman Jim Ross in Atlanta receiving Missouri's plaque for our 7th place finish in the nation for Membership Gain, +982.



Awesome job Steven Green representing Missouri in the waving of our state flag at the 2022 Elks National Convention Opening Ceremony!! We are so proud of you !



PSDGER Carl and SDGER John on break



Congratulations to Missouri's District Deputies



L to R- Alichia Young ER Jackson 2652, GER Bruce Hidley, Missouri Sponsor Lou Sulsberger, South-west Director Theresa Carter-Hess

Elks National Service Commission gathers 13,401 Deer Hides
The winners in the deer hide collection were:

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| 1. Missouri | 4598 |
| 2. Iowa | 3835 |
| 3. Arkansas | 2996 |



These hides provide occupational and recreational therapy for recovering veterans and gloves for veterans in wheelchairs.

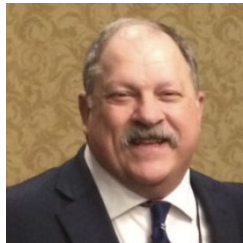
Thank you Chuck Mudge for once again helping to make Missouri number 1 for providing leather for our veterans.

Pictured on R are
State President
Steven Green, First
Lady Donna Green
and Terry Carmack
Southeast Credentials





Jerold W. Mullins	Grandview HM	Lodge 2088	PDDGER
Jack N. Willhoyte	Maryville	Lodge 0760	PDDGER
William Sternberg	KC Northland	Lodge 2376	PER
Jerry Moore	Mineral Area	Lodge 2583	PER
Robert L. Weidenhoffer	DeSoto	Lodge 0689	PER
Terrence Fisher	KC Northland	Lodge 2376	PER
Emmett Stewart	Blue Springs	Lodge 2509	PER
Harold Reed	Kansas City 26	Lodge 0026	PER



This year's **Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest** has begun for MO High School seniors. Get the message out to your school counselors and lodge scholarship chairs on this wonderful opportunity. There were 72 MO High School seniors who received college/ trade school assistance from the MVS or Legacy scholarships totaling \$168,000.

The 2021-22 State Scholarship judging went smoothly. I want to thank everyone on the state committee for their time and dedication plus the Lake of the Ozarks Lodge #2517 for hosting the judging. Eight of the nine students advancing to national judging attended the Spring Convention with their families, each speaking to the Banquet attendees a little about themselves and their aspirations. Congratulations to them all as they are very impressive with a bright future.

Name and Lodge

- Chloe Lock , Chillicothe #656,
- Annamarie 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

Courtesy of the donations members have made to the Elks National Foundation, the next highest 20 boys and 20 girls have received \$1000 for their first year of college from the Missouri State Elks Association. (As of this printing, only 6 have not received their awards).



Respectfully Submitted:
Keith Huck, State Scholarship Chairman

Absent Members Golf Scholars



Elks State Golf Tournament 2022

The Missouri Elks state golf tournament was held in Joplin on Aug 13 th and 14 th . We had 194 entries that were treated extremely well by the Host lodge. Good food, entertainment, friendly service and plenty of cold beverages were offered up by the good Elks of Joplin. Thank you all for the great effort it took to host this tournament. Jim Willis did his usual great job of heading it up and making sure everything was in place and went smoothly.

Mike Mills Chairman

With this my first run at heading it up things didn't go as well as I hoped, but it wasn't the disaster it could have been either. This was mostly due to our-committee members that jumped in and took care of business like they always have in the past. I can't thank them enough for getting me through this. I also owe a "thank you" to the club pro's that helped organize the teams on the courses.

There will be some changes in the entry process next year that should help things go smoother and quicker. Plus I'll have another year in with the new software and that will help too.

This year's champions are Gary and Garrett Smith from Clinton. A two day total of 121 tied the score of Shawn Pennington and Shaun Gray of Nevada so the championship was determined by a score card playoff. We have plans to reinstitute the traveling trophy so that will be headed your way guys.

Congratulations!!

My thanks to all the golfers that made it to the tournament and made it a success. If you have suggestion's you think would improve the tournament, please don't hesitate to let me or someone on the committee know. After all, this is your tournament and we want to make it as enjoyable as we can for all our Missouri Elks.

Take Care and see you next year,

Mike Mills

Chairman, Missouri Elks State Golf Association.



The **St. Clair Elks Lodge 2651** presented Deputy Neace, our newest DARE deputy a check for the DARE Program. Our elks donated \$5000 this year! We have donated \$52,500 over the past ten years to the DARE Program.

With the help of these donations the DARE Program is offered to the schools at no cost enabling us to annually reach hundreds of students. Thank you Elks!



Pictured above is the State Drug Awareness Poster Contest 1st place-winner Myla Capel and her parents.

Pictured below is the State DA Poster Contest 2nd Place Winner Roman Havice and his family.

Springfield 409 was the sponsor of the 1st and 2nd place winners from Disney Elementary School.



Pictured above is Alli Deak sponsored by Arcadia Valley 2330 holding her poster which won third place in the State Drug Awareness Poster Contest.

From L to R: Tammy Numerosi 2021 Arcadia Valley ER, Alli's mom , Alli, Joy Clarkson Dist. DA Chairman, and Alli's three sisters.



First Place Winner - MO State Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest winner was Natalie Becker. Natalie was sponsored by Washington Lodge #1559. She is a 7th grader at Our Lady of Lourdes in Washington Mo.

Pictured with Natalie from Left to Right -Danny Heimann - Leading Knight Michael McCartney - ER Eric Dobelmann - Drug Awareness Chairman



The State 2nd place Drug Awareness winner was Briley LaMarr. Briley is a 7th grader from West County Middle School sponsored by Mineral Area 2583. Pictured above with Briley are the local Drug Awareness Chairman Dean Gann, SE Vice President Dennis Carmack and SE District DA Chairman Joy Clarkson.



Pictured below is the State 3rd place Drug Awareness essay winner Phoenix Benoit. She represents Mineral Area 2583 and attends West County Middle School.

Phoenix is pictured with her family.



It's always great to be back together at Convention, and I hope everyone had a good Summer.

There are still Lodges that have not uploaded their FY 2022 information to the Grand Lodge site. Please remember the due date was August 1, regardless of what your tax preparer tells you. An "extension" only applies to the IRS due date, not to the Grand Lodge due date.

Submission is a 3-step process this year. An online transmittal letter must be completed, then a Lodge balance sheet uploaded, followed by an upload of the tax return. Remember that the Lodge balance sheet must be from your Lodge accounting software, not from the FRS.

Something often incorrectly reported is the information regarding the number of members on the Lodge governing body. Per the Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting manual, the number reported on Form 990 Line 3 and Line 4 cannot exceed nine (9). This is the maximum number of Chair Officers and Trustees in a Lodge, and is considered the Lodge governing body. This number will increase to a maximum of eleven (11) for fiscal year ending 03/31/2023, with the inclusion of the Lodge Secretary and the Lodge Treasurer as approved by the majority at Grand Lodge in Atlanta.

The monthly FRS reports sent to you by your District Deputy should be compared to your Lodge financial statements. This gives the Lodge an opportunity to see potential "problems" prior to the fiscal year-end, and make the appropriate adjustments.

Lastly, we in Missouri are blessed to have an excellent FRS resource. Frank Kerby is very knowledgeable about the FRS, and is willing to help. Thank you, Frank, for making my life easier!

Susan Cook,
Grand Lodge Auditing & Accounting member, Area 5

Missouri State Drug Awareness Chairman Doug Jordon wins the rookie of the year aware at the National Convention in Atlanta. This award is given annually to a new state chair.





President Steven Green participating in the traditional “lawn work” at Aradia Valley 2330. Some things never change.



O'Fallon Team from Lodge 2587 win the State Softball Championship

Homerun Derby winner Nick Nielson with President Steven Green and O'Fallon Exalted Ruler Amy Roberts.



**State President Steven Green
Throwing the 1st ball to Adm. Asst. Matt Wideman**

Membership, Softball, Bass

Missouri finishes 7 th in the Nation in Membership Gain!!

Membership has made a fantastic recovery from the effects of COVID-19 of 2021. Nationally our order added 97,643 new members with Missouri adding 3,637. Total gains were 25,000 for the nation and 982 for Missouri and a 7th place finish in the Nation. That’s the good news. The not so good news is that our order lost 41,287 members for nonpayment of dues; Missouri 1,712. This is an area that Missouri and the Nation needs to work harder on in this current year.



It was truly an honor to return to the front stage at the 2022 National Convention in Atlanta along with PSP John Rinehart to receive our plaque for Missouri’s 7 th place finish. That is four out of the last 5 years and hope for another return to the front with another successful year from Missouri. We have become know as a leader in membership by the Grand Lodge, something for all of us to be proud of. We are the Show Me State and we continue to show them.

Top Lodges for membership gain this year by percentage of membership are: 1 st Place Ellisville #2664 with a 35% (50) gain, 2 nd Place Alton-Thayer #2545 with a 34.2% (25) gain and 3 rd Place is Christian County #2777 with a 31.2% (48) gain. Honorable Mention is Webb City #861 with a 25.1% (44) gain. The Lodge with the highest gross membership gain is St. Louis #9 with a gain of 105 members.

Jim Ross



On September 17th we held the state bass tournament at Robin's Re-sort. We had 13 boats participate in this tournament. These boats caught a total of 31 fish for the day weighing a total of 76.34 pounds. What a fantastic day!

I would like to thank all those who participated in the tournament as well as those who volunteered that day helping me make it through that day so I could enjoy myself.

Special thanks to Russ Suda, Theresa Carter-Hess and Karen Devous for making bacon wrapped scallops and peppers as a little appetizer for the fisherman as they came in for the weight in. Thanks to George Budd for donating some beer for them to enjoy during the weigh in. I was overwhelmed with the amount of attend-

ance prizes given by the lodges and all the districts that allowed a thank you to the fishermen who participated in the tournament..

A special thank to the Lake of the Ozark Lodge for allowing me to have a preview meeting on Friday and the awards banquet on Saturday. The pork tenderloin dinner was out of this world is all I can say.

A special thanks to Steve Green who handled that flash light in the morning with such precision when he inspected all the live wells as the boats departed. I believe he did a double check on one boat because PSP John Gross and Brian Crawford were in that boat. I think he was looking for some frozen tuna or cod.

Again Robin's Resort came through for the Elks allowing us to have the tournament at the resort. Bill also donated a \$350.00 gift certificate to be used any time during the year by the lucky fisherman.

Mark your calendars!!!! Our next tournament is already booked for October 14, 2023 out of Robin's Resort.

Respectfully submitted,
John Devous, Missouri State Bass Tournament Chairman



It was an honor to have PGER and our State Sponsor Lou Sulsberger and his wife Beth along with GER 22021-2022 T Keith Mills and wife Amy.



Incoming State President Steven Green and Wife Donna

President John Rinehart & Valerie President Elect Steven Green & Donna





Leadership Training at Osage Community 2705 . Thank you John Gross and Roland Seal for conducting the training.. Thanks also to all who attended and to Osage Lodge for hosting.

What a great weekend I had in Chicago with the wonderful Henderson family at the Elks National Hoop Shoot. Presley fell a little short but still finished 2nd in the country. Congrats to this wonderful young lady and sure she will be back again soon. She was from Benton County Lodge 2783.



The Brookfield Elks Lodge 874 has a National Champion from the 2021-22 Soccer Shoot. In April of 2021, **Gracy Corbin** won the U8 age group at the Brookfield Soccer Shoot. In September, she also won the District Shoot in Chillicothe. At the State Shoot in Jefferson City in October, she won again with a score of 40 out of a possible 45, missing only one shot. She advanced as Missouri's representative for the U8 age group and again scored 40. Here scores were then submitted to the Virtual National Soccer Shoot, where she won without the need of a tie breaker.



Fall 2022 Leadership Training Missouri Elks Association

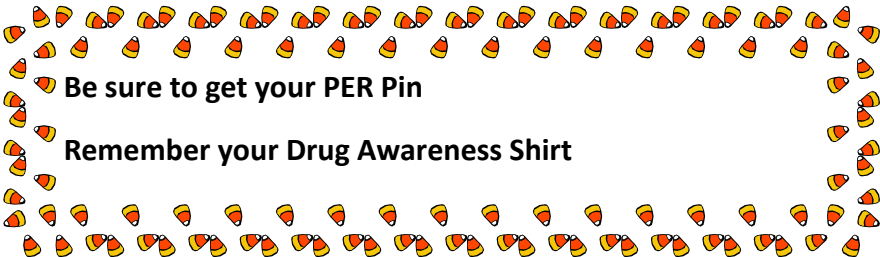


The Officer Training Committee, Co-Chaired by Past Grand Esquire and Past State President Roland Seal and Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and Past State President John Gross conducted two training sessions for 2022 with one session hosted by Osage Community Lodge #2705 on April 30, and the other session hosted by O'Fallon Lodge #2587 on May 21.

We had a total of 36 Lodges attend throughout both sessions. For the Osage Community session we had 74 attendees with five presenters for a total attendance of 79. For the O'Fallon session we had 73 attendees and four presenters for a total of 77. That means we had 147 Officers and Members receive the training. Overall, it was a really great showing with strong audience participation.

The feedback on the content continues to receive strong reviews but we are continuously looking for opportunities to improve. One change implemented this year was the introduction of Officer Responsibilities. We need to further refine this but we are encouraged by the strong feedback.

We are currently looking for Lodges willing to host a training session. If your Lodge is interested please contact PSP Roland Seal, PSP John Gross, or one of the Committee members. Respectfully submitted, John Gross, Co-Chairman



Be sure to get your PER Pin

Remember your Drug Awareness Shirt



BSA Troop 535, sponsored by **High Ridge Elks Lodge 2455**, honored Andrew Yochim on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, an achievement less than seven percent of Scouts ever reach. PER Roger Fortner presented Andrew and his mother, Sister Breen Yochim, with a Grand Lodge Certificate of Merit from GER Mills on his Achievement.



This is what we do for our children and community!

The **Cedar Hills 2678** Veterans Chair, Jessica Shaible took the initiative to get our lodge involved in the Welcome Home Kit program. the first drop we did at the St. Patricks Center in Festus, Mo. Pictured in the Photos are Jessica Shaible, our Veterans Chair and Kyle LaChance of the St.



Patricks Center. We donated 5 kits total that consisted of bedding, coffee pots, a microwave, some small home needs and an actual bed for each veteran in need. We went thru the Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee and were able to get reimbursement on this project thru their Welcome Home Kit pro-

Trivia! Where in the United States was our Drug Awareness Hero Elroy the Elk Conceived and brought to life? Right in our State by the Festus-Crystal City Lodge #1721.




Festus-Crystal City #1721 celebrates their 75th Anniversary
The 75th anniversary celebration of the Festus-Crystal City Lodge 1721 was an event of which they can certainly be proud. The food and entertainment were exceptional. The many guests from across the state were treated to the proud history of this lodge of well over 2000 members. In addition to the many PSPs, state officers, lodge officers, State Secretary and current State President Steven Green, also present were PGER and State Sponsor Lou Sulsberger (pictured center front) and 4th from the left in the front row is Special Deputy GER and PSP



Fun at the Child Abuse Awareness Party with Elroy the Elk! - Potosi #2218



Oakville # 2726
Members of Oakville #2726 held a Hawaiian Luau and Pig Races raising \$2400.00 to support our local veterans and the children's Christmas party. No pigs were injured during the races!!!!



Get in the Game and Give Blood with the St. Louis Cardinals!

St Louis Cardinals Blood Drive
Arnold Elks
Meramec Arnold Elks
1515 Miller Road
Imperial, MO 63052

Thank you
Meramec Arnold Elks Lodge #2372 for this life saving event. This is just another way the Elks show how
Elks Care Elks Share

Cedar Hill Elks 2678 RAH committee presented a \$6000 check To Mercy Jefferson Health Foundation. (A program for children born addicted) We are celebrating our 5th year of Rally Against Heron. Our motto this year is “Moving Forward! Helping our Community Against and Fighting Substance Abuse”. We have held two rides that benefited our Drug Awareness and Veterans Programs. These rides were dedicated to our two time PER/ER (deceased) Ed Hergert. Ed was a big supporter of both of these programs.





Nevada Elks lodge 564

celebration for the Vietnam veterans! Thank you for your service! The lodge provided lunch and drinks for the veterans! The Elks would like to thank the VFW and 4H groups of Vernon County for helping out! Elks Care Elks Share



Bates County #2653 had a busy summer with some fun youth activities.

July was Safety Village, a week long program for 4&5 yr Olds to learn about community helpers and how to stay safe in different situations. We partnered with Bates co. Memorial hospital, Butler police, Butler Fire, Osage Valley electric, Butler Aquatic Center, Bates co health dept and Apple bus. We also have lots of great community partners that help sponsors this program that has been in our community for over 40yrs. We had 32 participants and 11 teen volunteers.

In August we hosted a back to school fair and helped to supply around 100 community children with school supplies and helped families learn about drug awareness. Our back to school fair was held with West Central community action agency and The Carpenters Cup.



Benton County Elks lodge #2783 had the pleasure of presenting a check to Restoring Hope, a group which hosts adults with disabilities, and Andrea Drake, to assist with the cost of Vanderbuilt Music Camp in Nashville, June 12th - 17th. These funds were the result of donations made by the Elks Lodge #2783, the Lodge Boys Band and other gracious members of our lodge, specifically for this event.

This camp is for adults with Williams Syndrome. Andrea, is one of only 24 nationwide chosen to go.



Lodge 2517, Lake of the Ozarks

Sanitary and educational supplies were purchased for the Children's Learning Center in Camdenton using the \$2,000.00 Spotlight grant. Pictured are from Left: Bob Bickle, Mike Hammerstone, Dan Skouby - Grant Chairman, Adrienne Anderson - Director of Learning Center, Megan Thurman - Learning Center, Jan Dodge - Elk and Learning Center Volunteer, Kay Carter, Charlene Carter, Rich Carter and Sharon Cass. Photo taken by Carol Skouby

OSAGE COMMUNITY (Laurie) SCHOLARSHIPS

Osage Community Lodge #2705 in Laurie awarded \$1000 scholarships to eight graduating high school seniors from 4 area high schools for their college expenses in the fall of 2022.

There were 39 applicants who were judged using criteria defined by the ENF for the Most Valuable Student scholarships.

West Central District



At the 2022 Elks National Hoop Shoot in Chicago Presley Henderson from Benton County 2783 finished 2nd in the nation. Congratulations Presley!

The lodge held an ice social for Presley, her family and friends.

Center of Human Services held a Game Day which the Sedalia Elks 125 donated over 150 bags freshly made popcorn. Thank You Carolyn Green, Cathy Parker, Jamie Schumaker, and Jeanie Langston .



Elk Lodge 2517, Lake of the Ozarks

Elk Bill Morris was presented a plaque at our regular Lodge Meeting. Bill has been an Elk for 61 years and has dedicated his life to the service of Veterans. At the Spring State Convention it was announced that Bill has earned, and won the State Veteran Volunteer of the Year award.

Congratulations Bill, you earned this award and much more !!!



After 23 years as Exalted Ruler of **Sikeston Lodge #2319** Wayne Smith is finally a Past Exalted Ruler! Congratulations "Smitty." Thank you for your many years of service. He is pictured with his son Bart who is also

an elk and his grandson Zechariah. Wayne's wife Doris is also a hard working elk.



Poplar Bluff Lodge 2452 hosted our 34th Annual Law and Order Night! It is always a joy for us to honor the men and women in law enforcement around our area who work tirelessly to protect us day in and day out.



Farmington Elks #1765 POW/MIA display. The arrangement is very nice and when we see it our minds and hearts are reminded of the sacrifice made by our military.



State President Steven Green and Arcadia Valley 2330 Exalted Ruler Linda Moore in front of the Wall of Honor.



Cape Girardeau 639 presented a check for \$1,100.00 to the Cape Career & Technology Center's Criminal Justice Program to help update some of their outdated equipment that is not in the school's normal budget to replace. The lodge is always happy to help out our local first responders whether active, retired, or trainees as they continue to help keep our community safe.



When State President Steven Green visited **Mineral Area 2583** Desloge Mayor David Shaw presented him with a Proclamation honoring and welcoming him to the city.

Mayor Shaw thanked Steven and Lodge 2583 for all that the Elks do for our communities. Pictured above are Past State President and current lodge ER Roland Seal, Past State President and current lodge Treasurer Jim Hahn, State President Steven Green and Mayor David Shaw.



German Days at Chaffee was a great time. The picture at right is from the mud run. The members of **Chaffee 1810** participated in this enjoyable event.

Perryville elks lodge 2701 Mother's Day Breakfast this morning was a hit! Thank you to all our sponsors who helped donate to our event and a HUGE shout out to all our volunteers who made this happen and took the time to help today, we couldn't have done this without each one of you! We served around 400 people with about 170 of those being moms that we were able to feed for FREE! Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. we hope you are enjoying this beautiful day!



Big Thank you to all who came out and helped with the **Dexter Elks Lodge 2439** Flag Day celebration today. Flag Day is June 14th. it was declared a National Observance Day by President Harry S Truman from Independence Missouri in 1949 and also an Elk. God Bless our Flag !



District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Chuck Reed from Jackson 2652 conducting the Southeast DD Clinic at Farmington 1765.



Amazing 2nd State President visit at **Ellisville 2664**. ER Dan Ramsey and Lodge members presented a check to Backstoppers for \$27,179! Incredible teamwork by Ellisville and all the help from volunteers!



Incredible evening at **Troy 2805** - 3rd State President visit. Awesome to see the years of service and the dignitaries in attendance at the event. **Congrats on your 25th anniversary!**



Florissant 2316 donated a lottery tree for the **Jared Schmitz Trivia Night**.



Afton Lodge #2635
Mel Grey, Retired Wide Receiver, from the St. Louis Football Cardinals instructing Harry Proffitt, Americanisms Chair on the fundamentals of golf.



State President Steven Green hit the ground running with his first official visit to **Manchester 2058** on Friday 4/1.



Beautiful day at **Crestwood Elks Lodge 2503** honoring Jerry and Bess Langsdorf's son Michael who was killed in the line of duty. Our hearts and prayers go out to you everyday. God-bless you Michael.



In partnership with the Lodge Veterans Committee, **St Louis lodge #9's** History Group held a gravesite re-dedication ritual at St Louis Lodge #9 Elks Rest in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri. The ritual honored the 33 interned members of Lodge #9 and those that served in the Armed Forces.

Pictured L to R: John Gross (Special Deputy GER, Past Missouri President, Desoto Missouri #689), Mick Conley (PER, Saint Louis #9), Mark Dixon (Member, Gloucester Massachusetts #392), Mark Goddard (Exalted Ruler, Saint Louis #9), Bob Dixon (PER, History Group Chair, Saint Louis #9), Michael Schnettler (Trustee, Saint Louis #9), Beth Schnettler (Leading Knight, Saint Louis #9), Kurt Eggerding (PER, Saint Louis #9), Dan Lodes (Member, Saint Louis #9). ces.



Our State President Steve Green, Adm. Asst. Matt Wideman and John Israel had a great visit at the Fisher House St Louis. They were able to present a check from the Jared Schmitz Trivia and had a tour of the facility. Thanks to Fisher House Board President Jim Donahoe for the great tour of the Fisher House and the Jefferson Barracks campus.



While visiting O'Fallon Lodge 2587 State President Steven Green Congratulations Eagle Scout Kyle James



Jackson 2652 had an ATV ride for charity and raised \$2500 which they donated to The Hope House for children located in Jackson Mo. Their motto is Hope for One More. Pictured from left to right: ER Alisha Young, Lecturing Knight Eston Livingston, Hope House Representative, PER/Trustee Bruce Sells, PER/Secretary and DDGER Chuck Reed.



Webb City Elks #861 participated in the new shared American Legion and VFW building ribbon cutting ceremony. The lodge donated \$5,500 to the Rally Around the Flag project. We had 9 of our officers in attendance to present the check. The names of veterans and service members are displayed on the wall of the new American Legion across from the front door. The memorial is 5 feet by 8 feet, with 15 tiles per row.



Elks Contribute to OUR Community In July Christian County Elks #2777 helped children obtain school clothes with "Back-to-School-Shopping-with-kids" program for the 10th year. We took a record number of children shopping; 268 kids for a total of \$26,169.00!! It took a LOT of Elks and Elks Helpers to handle this number of children, so thank you again so much for all who gave of themselves to help a child. Thank you to Least of These

Food Pantry for supplying the children, and for helping with every shopping day. A \$4,000.00 Beacon Grant from the Elks National Foundation and two Walmart Foundation Grants totaling \$4,500.00 were a tremendous help and were our largest donors. It has been a very tough year for a lot of folks financially, so this is especially heart felt to have so many members step up. A big shout out to our community donors as well. Please thank and support these local businesses: GFWC Utopia Club, Cosmopolitan Club, Creative Audio, Christian County Shrine Club, Kiwanis Club, Ozark Abstract, Law Offices of Stuart P. Huffman, Daniel Powell & Brewer, Sertoma Duck Race Car Show, CC Elks Bartenders, the Peterson and the Edwards families, and all of our members who contributed.



High Ridge Lodge #2455 PER Association filled 30 backpacks with back to school supplies and donated them to four local elementary schools in our community. Pictured from left to right: Ken Holke, Brian Feldworth, Les Munzlinger, Pete Milanowski, John Lipsmire, Kevin Lewis, Ron McAllister, and Roger Fortner.



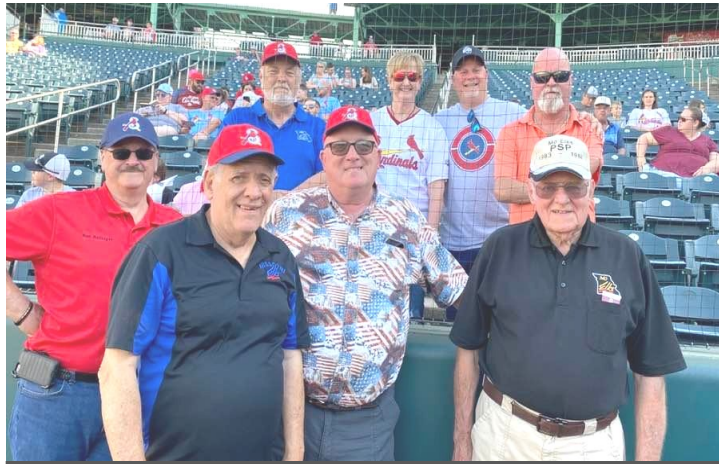
Ken Smith (Marine) and Eual Hayes (Army) were chosen for the Southeast Mo. Honor Tour. They were taken on an all expense paid trip to Washington. They visited many sites including the Wall. Most of all Ken and Eual received the welcome home that they never got when they returned from the war. Thank you for your service. These veterans are members of the Poplar Bluff Lodge 2452.



Eureka-Pacific 2644 One of the photos from our opening ceremony of the 17th Annual Green Beret Casualty Fund Benefit. There's still time to stop by and support this great event!



Happy St. Patrick's Day from Christian County Elks 2777! Fantastic Family Friday Night Dinner to celebrate SPD. ER Mike Klinger, Judy Klinger, Kory Klinger and Susan Fox prepared a delightful dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots, rolls and Bai-leys iced cupcakes. Member Len Hayes won the Pot-Ol-Gold, donated \$60 back for School Kids and tried to win a bundle with the 20 Lotto tickets. Six Leprechauns raced with NO injuries and dodged Grasshoppers in the Lodge. An evening full of fun, fellowship, frolic and memories of green. Thanks to everyone who supported our event.



The **Springfield Cardinals** held an Elks night at the Ballpark. In addition to tickets Elks received a ball cap and tee shirt. PSP Robert Todd threw the first pitch. Steven and Heather Sade worked very hard to insure all Elks had a great evening as did Bob and Elaine Todd and others from the **Springfield 409**.

Pictured above on the back row is Bud Clarkson, State Secretary Mineral Area 2583; Amy Smith, Exalted Ruler Springfield 409; Steven Sade Springfield 409; Richard Shertz Vice Pres. SW Dist. West Plains 65775; Middle Row: PSP Ron Bollinger Cape Girardeau 639 and PSP Don Cook Joplin 501; Front row: PSP Jim Hahn Mineral Area 2583 and PSP Bob Todd Springfield 409.



We initiated 6 new members. WEL-Kome to Elks Lodge #2418! West Plains



Great job, SW District for showing up, showing out and cleaning up the hospitality room! Looking forward to seeing more pics!!!

Our "Laurel" fundraising efforts raised \$330 for Benevolent Trust!

(FYI laurels not morals)



The above picture is the Veterans Wall of Honor at Webb City Lodge #861. So beautiful!



Kimberling City 2505 recently recognized local restaurant owners for going above and beyond in helping us with catering services after the fire that destroyed our Lodge on 8/23/20. Flat Creek Restaurants provided fair pricing and outstanding delivery services to aid us during this time.

Attached is a picture of the lodge members who coordinated the effort, along with the co-owners of Flat Creek Restaurants and our Exalted Ruler, Doug Mayhew. Pictured on L-R John Moore, co-owner Josh Rassmussen, co-owner Alan Kram, Exalted Ruler Doug Mayhew and Bill Moore. The plaque reads, "For providing us with outstanding services during our time in need." Flat Creek Restaurants are widely known in our area of Southwest Missouri and they have grown from one location in Cape Fair, to several restaurants in the Branson, Springfield and Joplin areas. They have long been a friend of our lodge.



The Alton Thayer Elks Lodge #2545 placed the Missing Man Tables (Also known as the fallen Comrade Table) at 4 local restaurants and one at the lodge in honor of our Fallen Veterans



Great lunch at Lake Taneycomo 2597. Steve and Donna loved their member made gifts. Great veterans memorial also.

Thank You Lebanon #2557 for supporting the Drug Awareness Program



Elroy was at the Laclede County Fair in Lebanon today telling everyone about our DAP (Drug Awareness Program) . He had the opportunity to visit with his friends.

The 501 Auxiliary celebrated Christmas in July" with the veterans at the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home. Each resident veteran received a gift from their personal "wish list" and had an opportunity to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.





Excelsior Springs Elks Lodge #1001 proudly presented a donation of \$2000 to the Friends of Fisher House at the lodge meeting. Fisher House provides lodging and services free of charge to families of Veterans receiving treatment at the surrounding VA hospitals. This place is Phenomenal!



Here are pictures of the flag day ceremony for Chillicothe 656! Thank you to the ones that joined us!



Thanks so much to the **Cameron Elks Lodge 2615** and their expertise in a fish fry! The Veterans asked for catfish for their Meal of the Month and like always the Elks came through!!! Thank you for your never ending commitment and support to the Veterans at MVH - Cameron! Today is a great day in Cameron!!!



Milan's Easter Egg Hunt



Congratulations to Jack Willhoyte, 96, on his 75 years of membership at Maryville #760 and on receiving a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives! Jack is shown surrounded by Maryville Elk members and his family. At 21, Willhoyte joined the Elks in 1948 — later serving as Exalted Ruler of the Maryville #760 in 1968, as district deputy to the state president of the organization and as district deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler from 1972-73. During Saturday's ceremony, all smiles and in good spirits, Willhoyte said his work as an Elk was very "rewarding."



Brett Romeiser was selected to be the 2022-2023 Northwest District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Brett is a member of the Chillicothe Lodge #656. Congratulations Brett!



Congratulations to Gracy Corbin and **Brookfield #874**. Gracy competed and won the Soccer shoot at Brookfield and continued on to win both the District and State shoot outs. Then Gracy competed in the virtual National Shoot Out. She then became the National Soccer shoot Champion!



Brookfield Lodge 874 is proud to be the home Lodge of President Elect Lance Evans. Lance has been to many of the lodges this year and is looking forward to seeing everyone as he travels next year. Good luck Lance!



A group of seven people, four women and three men, are standing in a room. The man in the center, wearing a red shirt and blue shorts, holds a white sign that reads "Washington 1571" and "8". The room has a large deer head mounted on the wall behind them, and a sign that says "FIDELITY" is visible above the head. The group is dressed in casual attire, including polo shirts, jeans, and shorts. The setting appears to be a community center or a similar indoor space.

A young woman with long brown hair and black-rimmed glasses is smiling and holding a large wooden plaque. She is wearing a blue and red sports jersey with white stars on the sleeves. The plaque is dark wood with a gold-colored border and features the O'Fallon Elks Lodge 2567 logo at the top. The text on the plaque reads: "YOUTH OF THE YEAR MIA CROSSFIELD", "In Recognition of your Outstanding and Dedicated Service to our Lodge. 2021 - 2022", and "O'FALLON ELKS #2567". The background shows a stone building and a window.

A man and a woman are standing in the foreground, smiling for a photo. The man is wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red, white, and blue striped tie. He has a small pin on his lapel. The woman is wearing a white blazer over a white shirt and a dark bow tie. She has blonde hair and is wearing a necklace. In the background, a large crowd of people is seated in a church sanctuary, many wearing white robes. A large screen at the front of the church displays a video of the event.

A male golfer is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a lush green field. He is wearing a dark blue and white horizontally striped polo shirt, dark blue shorts, a grey baseball cap with a white logo, and white golf gloves. He is holding a golf club with a silver head. The background is filled with dense green trees under bright sunlight, which creates a strong shadow of the golfer on the grass.

We used the Beacon Grant for Senior Citizens, hosting 2 Senior Fun Nights, Purchasing supplies for Senior Homes, and buying several food items for the Nutrition Senior Center. For the Gratitude, we went shopping for the Adopt A Child Program through the Help Center. Many families received an abundance of new Clothing and toys for their children, we also prepared 20 totes of food for Family Christmas. Our Spotlight Grant was used for the Homeless. We supplied many food items, warm gloves, hats and socks also. We purchased item all through the months of December thru February. The community was very grateful for all that ENF did for them to help get them through.



Members from the **Kansas City Northland 2376** awarded \$13,000 in scholarships to the following students (pictured left to right): Caleb Winkler, Dylan Mitchell, Bryce McCarthy, Ashley Gass, Charles Carter, and front row: McKenna Brown, Yoana Zamora, Aydan Stowe, and Ayah Abdelhameed. The students attended the following Northland high schools: Oak Park, Staley, North KC, Platte County and Kearney. Scholarship Chairs pictured are R.D. Mallams and Toni Mallams.



KC 26 welcomes 5 members. Congratulations and Welcome



The Lexington Lodge 749 once again held it's annual duck dash and cardboard boat races to raise money for their many charities. This is a very popular downtown tradition and is also becoming part of the Lexington Community Fair. Lodge 749 definitely has it's Ducks in a Row!



1st Responders Committee from **Blue Springs Lodge #2509** presented portable CO 2 detectors to Chief Jeff Jewell of Inter-City Fire Dept. The Committee is raising funds to supply these to local Fire Departments



Kansas City Northland Elks Lodge members donated the funds to purchase two BBQ grills for the St. Michael's Veterans Home in Kansas City. Pictured left to right: Kim Murch, Veterans Chair; R.D. Mallams, Past Exalted Ruler; and Billy Thompson, Veterans Representative. Elks Care and Elks Share

I am so proud of Cass County 2791, my home Lodge. PER **Brian Kellhofer** and member **Jaquilyn Kellhofer** led a drive to collect over 3000 comfort items for Soldiers from Fort Riley, KS returning from deployment. Brian, along with Jaquilyn and PER **Mark Hart** delivered these items. The pictures of Soldiers unloading the trailer made Kansas City news on Fox 4. John Rinehart (Picture Below)



Grandview-Hickman Mills 2088
On May 7th, Ellen Dougan, Pam Gooseman and Lois Cavanaugh attended the scholarship program at Grandview High School where they presented two \$1600 checks to Cortez Phillips and Ayla Stepp, two very surprised, grateful and deserving Seniors. They will both start at Longview College this term while they decide on their career paths.

Blue Springs Lodge 2509
member, Johanna Rogers shopping for school supplies for FosterAdopt Connect with the use of the \$2500 Gratitude Grant



Metro West District Golf tournament was hosted today by Warrensburg 673. 24 teams from 6 lodges participated. Jim Kimbley 99 year old member of Warrensburg and his son, Gerald, finished 1st place in A flight. Congratulations!!!

Elks National Foundation

What we get back!

Raised in 2021-2022 **\$212,276.7475**
Paid back to MO 2020-2021 **\$453,486**

State Charity \$128,330
Special Projects Grant \$79,110
Bonus Grant \$23,630
Most Valuable Student \$40,000
Legacy Award \$24,000
NVSC \$20,700

Total Paid back- **\$439,000 up \$99,200**
to 61 Missouri Lodges in CIP Grants
\$227,000 more than paid in!!
Figures on right 09/04/2022



Randy Northington, Chairman
Missouri State Elks Association
Totals 30,442 Members
Contributions \$87,359
Per Capita Average \$2.87



In this lineup who is the real Superhero? The answer... They all are because they are Elks!!



Trivia! In which Elk's lodge was Harry Truman a member? Most of you will know.



Congratulations PSP Brian and Betsy Crawford
Convention Chairman

Convention Dates

States	Grand Lodge
2022-Sept 29-Oct. 1	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

12 Years of Service

A message from Dr. Beck:

As I begin my retirement, I would like to thank Mr. Marc Beckman, Mr. Brian Crawford and Mr. Larry Page for all their diligent dedication to keeping the Missouri Benevolent Trust viable in maintaining the Elks Mobile Dental Program active. Giving invaluable services to the special needs community.

I also want to thank Dr. Matthew Tinnel, Dr. John Dane, Cindy Smith and Lisa Gamm for their wonderful guidance, ensuring the continuity of care could be maintained for our wonderful patients.

Lastly, I will truly miss all the incredible people I have met throughout Missouri.

God Bless,
Thank you Dr. Beck
Robert Beck

