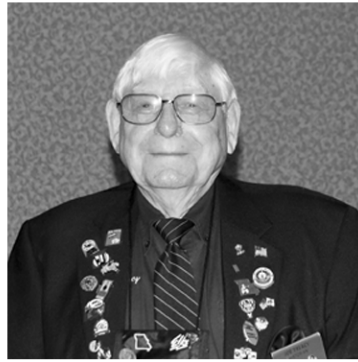


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State Historian Report

Joe Treacy, Historian

Good Morning,



As the state Historian I would urge all Lodges to keep your old records, pictures and items labeled and dated. For various reasons some Lodges don't have a list of their charter members, one lodge has a picture of its original officers with no names. Names and dates on pictures and items are so important.

Portions of this was taken from the 1979 John Ross Historian Report

"A nostalgic review of early happenings and events of the Missouri State Elks Association."

Remember when:

At spring conventions and fall meetings all association business was carried on at the Elk's building of the "Host Lodge". A banquet was held there except when space and the facilities did not permit, the activities took place at a near-by Masonic Hall, Armory and sometimes a school building.

The registration fee was \$10.00 a member, which also included his Lady, later an additional \$5.00 fee was charged for a Lady! Lodge dues at that time were in the area of \$10.00 annually.

Before air-conditioning the Convention groups socialized on front porches of the Joplin, Sedalia, and St. Joseph lodges and on the patio of St. Louis #9

Registration of 150 was considered a well-attended, Spring Convention, with a lesser number attending the Fall Meeting.

When the Convention was held at the Columbia Lodge #594, 15 South 9th Street, after the meeting Elks would take a short cut and happily walked through alleys and walk-ways to get to their rooms at the Tiger and Daniel Boone Hotels. They feasted on Boone County Country ham dinners at popular restaurants of that time.

The major projects of the Association were providing eye glasses to needy children and programs for Boy's camps. The official publication in those early days was the "Horn-ET", published in Sedalia. The only appointments made by the State President were Tiler, Sargent-At-Arms and Chaplain.

The "Hospitality" then was visiting the various Elk delegates Rooms and in most cases sitting on the bed, enjoying refreshments and conversation.

That my Brothers and Sisters was how it was!!

I will end with a gentle reminder to all Past State Presidents who have not submitted their Bio's to PSP Carroll Schleeter to please do so.