

September 2013

To: Missouri Elks Association

From: James A. Hahn, Chairman, Government Relations



Wow! What a start to a new Association Year! This committee barely made it home from the Spring convention when our work began. Good news! For the second consecutive year, Missouri Lodges were 100% reported on their Charitable Summary submission and on time. The committee members work hard and are dedicated to their role within the MEA. Their continued efforts help tremendously in seeing that the Charitable reports are submitted on-time. Most importantly to this process are the Lodge Secretaries. Without their effort this process would not get completed. A special Thank You goes out to Secretary Christina Schafer from West Plains. While staying with her ill husband in St. Louis hospital, Christina made certain that West Plains report was submitted on-time. Thanks Christina for your effort under extremely trying times. Will the following Government Relations Committee members please stand and be recognized for your hard work: ^{VP} John Gross, PSP Bob Wikoff, ^{Chairman} Paul Quirk, Jim Ford, Marvin Holcer, PSP Roger Redfearn, Advsior PSP Roland Seal and our GL Area Committeeman Roger Triplett. Please show them your appreciation. Totals (attachment)

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Our Legislative Monitor worked very hard during this past session. We talked often on many issues. Most importantly was his efforts in helping the Benevolent Trust regain \$200,000 lost during conference. It is important to note, again, at this time, our Monitor is available to help all committees. The particular issue surrounding the budget for the Department of Health, Mental and Dental was tough. Once we saw the need for help, no one of us knows the halls of politics in Jefferson City better than our Monitor, Mike. We need to use his expertise sooner, than later and always through notification and assistance of this Government Relations Committee. It is important that the Chairman of Government Relations be called on these issues in a timely manner and I will get Mike working on our behalf, as Mike is directed through this committee only. Thankfully, we were able to help salvage \$200,000 for budgetary needs of the Department of Health, helping our State Major Project. Once we felt secure in this endeavor, HB 253 was vetoed by Governor Nixon. Rumor has it that HB 253 ^{is} will be facing an attempt to override the Governor's veto. It is felt by many, including officials with Truman Medical Center, that an override of HB 253 ^{will} jeopardize our funding through the Department of Health, Mental and Dental. I personally contacted Representative Stream, Budget Chairman, surrounding this issue. Once I read around his political response, I found his assurance the funding for our Mobile Dental Program will remain in budget.

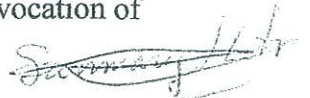
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~~Early~~ June 22, 2013, Regina and I had the distinct privilege to attend Webb City Lodge's first Legislative Forum. Jeremiah Cook, Esteemed Leading Knight and Local Lodge Chairman of Government Relations arranged to have State Representatives Bill Rieboldt, Bill Lant, Charlie Davis and Bill White in attendance as well as aide to Congressman Bill Long, Jake Heiston for an open forum discussion with the citizens of

the Webb City and Joplin area. Legislators provided updates on various and current topics of interest with a question and answer session following their presentations. I was extremely honored to have represented this State Association as Chairman of the Government Relations Committee. Great job on helping the citizens of your community have a personal voice with State Government at the local level. Great Job Jeremiah!!

Where could the IRS look ~~at~~ to find unrelated business income? Toward private organizations, maybe. The IRS is expanding. Why? To look for income from organizations such as ELKs to help offset the cost of governmental growth. Again, where can they look to find such money? How about the internet; various web-sites, facebook where they can and youtube. Last year, Government Relations warned us about complications with advertising through social media and such articles contained therein. Please understand GL Statute 14.130 has not changed, nor has its content and intent. Many lodges throughout our Order are using social media accounts to advertise such events as; Texas Hold'm, car shows, Adult bike rally's, gun shows, poker runs. Many non-elks websites are caring such advertisements. As a reminder, Statutes covering our Closed Door Policy forbid advertising your lodge and events as open to the public, either overtly or covertly. Lodges are restricted from selling food or drinks to the public, yet many social sites are strewn with such advertisements and invitations. Flyers are being used to support lodges "fund raising efforts." Such comments as "everyone welcome", "open to the public" listing costs of participation etc., gives a foundation for the IRS to inspect your Lodges financial statements and overall record keeping. Should your Lodge be involved in such activities, you are inviting possible litigation, fines and revocation of your Charter by the Grand Lodge.



Lastly; I anticipate having an Elks day at the Capital during the beginning of our next State Legislative session. I will let all know our intentions via our State Web-Site once finalized. I have asked, and we are working on establishing a listing of all legislators and key state officials who are Elks. Such an idea was highlighted during my attendance at Webb City Lodge. If your lodge has a member or members who fall into the above mentioned positions, if you have not done so already, contact your District Government Relations Committee member and provide them with your listing..

Thank you to President Larkin for his continued support and Taco for his efforts on behalf of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Charitable Report Summary: Missouri

Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs for Fraternal Year Ending 03/31/2013

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Program Participants:	568,422
Elks Who Worked:	62,981
Helpers of Elks Who Worked:	33,077

Total Workers: 96,058

Elks Hours Donated:	385,019
Helpers Hours Donated:	215,172

Total Hours: 600,191

Cash Value of Donated Hours*: \$13,078,161.89

Elks Miles Traveled:	1,231,577
Helpers Miles Traveled:	509,612

Total Miles: 1,741,189

Cash Value of Miles Traveled:** \$957,653.95

Cash Contributions: \$2,299,005.00

Non-Cash Contributions: \$1,350,699.00

Total Contributions: \$17,685,519.84

* The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$21.79 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

** Mileage computed at \$0.55 per mile.

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June 25, 2013

Mr. James Hahn
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Dear Mr. Hahn:

This letter is to acknowledge that your correspondence to Governor Jay Nixon has been received and shared with staff.

Governor Nixon is working toward making state government more efficient and ensuring the highest possible quality of life for all Missourians. Your input is appreciated.

Again, thank you for your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we may be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kayle Clark".

Kayle Clark
Constituent Services

From: "Linda Black" <Linda.Black@house.mo.gov>
To: "Jim & Regina" <jarahahn@charter.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013 1:27 PM
Attach: Impact of HB 253.pdf
Subject: RE: HB 253

Jim and Regina,

Thank you for writing and we apologize for the delay in getting a response to you. Following is the response our office has received from the Appropriations Department.

The Governor did withhold \$200,000 from DHSS for the Mobile Dental Program. All of the Governor's withholds this year were a preemptive response to a potential override of HB253, which he believes could cost in excess of \$1.2 billion this fiscal year if the Marketplace Fairness Act passes at the federal level. It would stand to reason that if HB253 is not overridden that the Governor would then release all of his withholds, including mobile dental. Budget and Planning, however, has given us no clear assurance that he would release all the withholds if and when veto session closes with no HB253 override. We are equally unsure of how the withholds may shift throughout the fiscal year if HB253 is overridden. It is within the Governor's power to shift withholds to other appropriations and release the previously withheld appropriations, or to simply release withholds with no offset. He could also increase the amount of withholds. It all depends on what amount he feels must be withheld and what appropriations he feels should make up that amount.

Please see the attached information regarding the withholdings and how a veto override may affect the different agencies.

If after reading, you have any further questions, please let our office know.

Sincerely,

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From: Jim & Regina [mailto:jarahahn@charter.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Kevin Engler; Linda Black
Cc: Roger Triplett; Roland Seal
Subject: HB 253

Representatives Black and Engler: One very important question which relates to the Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust (Mobile Dental Units for those with Special Needs), should the veto by Governor Nixon on House Bill 253 be over-ridden, will this override eliminate the \$200,000 place in the Department of Health, Mental and Dental for our Elks projects. You may recall my e-mails and calls on this issue during this current legislative session.

Your quick response is appreciated.

James A. Hahn, Past State President and Chairman, Government Relations
 Missouri Elks Association

9/11/2013