MISSOURI STATE DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM 2013 FALL CONVENTION

Since becoming State Chairman I have been sent to Reno for Training in the Elks DAP and it was busy from start to finish.

Immediately after arriving home I found that a State Chairmans' Report was due Sept. 01. I had what seemed like tons of papers to go through to try to find the information needed for the report. FINALLY, with the help of FRANK KERBY, I was able to get into "CLEMS" and find a listing for MISSOURI, by Districts. This is labeled "Charitable Report Drill Down".

With only 29 lodges reporting, year ending 03/31/2013, the following are some interesting stats;

Total # of YOUTH reached in all programs---40,188 Total # of ADULTS reached in all programs---32,278

of ELKS participating—2,579 # of non-elks participating - 358 Total Volunteer hours – ELKS----16,187 Total Volunteer hours-NON-ELKS—3,070 Total Hours – 19,257 Total Value @ \$20.25/hr = \$389,954.25

These are figures used by Grand Lodge for, among other things, to maintain our Charitable status!

Imagine if we could achieve 100% <u>lodge reporting</u>. I say lodge reporting because I believe all our lodges are doing something, we just don't report as we should. <u>Exalted Rulers, urge your DAP Chairpersons and your Secretaries to get this information into the system!!!!</u>

DRUG WISE; As Elks, we need to back legislation against legalizing marijuana in MISSOURI!!!! Illinois recently passed this and I believe this action erodes our way of life. There will be more concerning this as well as other issues during the Clinic this afternoon at pm in the

Thank You –

Room.

Respectfully Submitted, Charlie Smith, MO DAP Chair