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IEA's support for Vets is unwavering

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (Better known as simply "The Elks") have been strong supporters of our country's Veterans for over 100 years. During WWI at the 1917 Elks National Convention, the following resolution was approved: "Resolved: That the sum of One Million Dollars be appropriated by the Grand Lodge to be known as "The War Relief Fund," such funds to be contributed by our Subordinate Lodges." (That's 70 Million in today's dollars). Then in 1919, the Elks built and donated a Complete Hospital dedicated to Veteran's Rehabilitative Services for returning WWI Veterans and donated it to the Federal Government. This became one of the first VA Hospitals when the Veterans Administration was formed in 1930.

In the last two months, the Illinois Elks Association and the Illinois Elks South District (consisting of 12 Lodges from DuQuoin and Benton in the north to Cairo and Metropolis in the south), have continued their strong support of our Veterans. In December, the Illinois Elks donated \$5,000 to Honor Wreaths for Veterans, a fundraising arm of Wreaths Across America. These funds were used to help place Christmas wreaths on Veterans graves at over 2,100 cemeteries in the United States including 14 here in Illinois. Elk members from the South District helped to place over 9,000 wreaths at Mounds National Veterans Cemetery in Mounds IL.

On January 8, 2021, the Illinois Elks Association donated \$3,500



Honor Wreaths on display



Honor Wreaths Donation (l to r): Charlie Campbell (IEA), Coy Cockrum (IEA), Navy Captain Jonathan Mitchell (Honor Wreaths), Jim Koonce (Honor Wreaths), Jeff Rodier, President (IEA), Todd Lindsay (IEA), Mark May (IEA)

What a year it has been

As this issue of the Newsette goes to press, I am happy to announce that the State Annual Meeting, to be held May 13 thru 16 is on! Even though this will be an in-person meeting, Covid restrictions have limited us in what we will be able to do that weekend.

IEA President

Jeff Rodier



Because of these restrictions, hospitality rooms will not be allowed to open, the Ladies Luncheon will not be held and there will be no Saturday evening banquet. Annual District Reports and most State Committee reports are asked to be submitted to State Secretary Leathers in writing. Pre-registration fees will be waived for this meeting only. On-site registration will be required to pay the usual \$20 fee.

My sincere thanks to the Convention and Executive Committees, State Sponsor Sulsberger, State Judiciary Ali Mikels, Convention Coordinator Tina Haran, Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt, and the staff of the Wyndham for their input in putting this agenda together for the weekend. The agenda has been forwarded to District Deputies, District Vice Presidents and District Leaders. It is also featured on page seven of this Newsette.

There will still be important business to conduct for the weekend. The annual Memorial Service, covering the past two years, will be conducted to honor our deceased members. Nominations and elections of the upcoming slate of Association Officers, including the contested race for 3rd Vice President, will be held. The new budget will be presented and voted on and by-law changes to our State Constitution will be presented.

I want to take this opportunity to wish incoming State President Jim Cusack, and the rest of the State Officers the very best of luck in the coming year and thank them for their unwavering support this past year. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

To all the members of the IEA and all of the lodges, I want to thank all of you for keeping the charitable works of our Order going in spite of the trying times all of us have faced this past year. I want to acknowledge all of the efforts put forth by the Lodges to orient and initiate as many new members as possible in the last minute push to help our membership numbers. These efforts have reinforced my belief that we were truly Elks United in spite of the pandemic.

To the Past State Presidents, thanks for picking up the phone to mentor and advise me during the year. I appreciated it very much.

Finally, to my wife, Norine, thank you for all the love and support that you have given me this past few years as we began, and now end, this journey. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in May, and, hopefully, in Tampa in July!

IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO SEE EACH OTHER SOON!

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We're moving forward

IEA Treasurer

George Hornung



Members All: As this year comes to an end, I hope that as Elks we have completed our goals however modified they may have been! This coming year we can hope for a more normal physical year of participation at your lodge and community. Remember that all the grants and awards that are available to have your lodge make full use and access all the lodge has qualified for. This year has clearly challenged the lodges to modify and promote Elkdom throughout the state and I praise every lodge for their hard work regardless the circumstance. Keep up the great work for the IEA and be proud of this year. I think in a strange way this year has made us closer and loyal to our great organization. All of the new officers should be already planning for a busy year as it will go by faster than you think! Let's get a great start in a new year in Elkdom. Have a great start for 2021-2022!

We'll see you in May!

IEA Secretary

Marvin Leathers



It is going to be so great to see all of my fellow Elks in May at the Annual Meeting.

Yes, it will be a little different, but at least we can meet and get down to Elks business.

Here are couple of items for Lodges to know regarding the upcoming meeting...

- In April, I will be sending to Illinois Elks State dues notices.

- Each Lodge will also be receiving voter credentials for the vote at the May meeting. Each Lodge will get one for the Exalted Ruler and one for the Lodge Secretary. Also, one vote for each 100 members or major fraction thereof. Remember, exalted ruler and the secretary must sign. Be sure affix your lodge seal to each credential. The vote will take place for Third Vice President any time after 2:00 pm on Saturday. Credential must be presented to election judge to receive ballot.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Remember, Illinois Elks do lead the way!

Hopeful for a happy and healthy 2021

Greetings everyone,

I would like to begin by saying how much Beth and I have missed being with all of you this past year. The Covid-19 Pandemic changed life as we knew it and so many of our events were cancelled. We know that not having any State meetings since January of 2020 and of course no Grand Lodge Convention last summer has been difficult for all of you too. Despite not being able to hold these events, you have stepped up to the plate in continuing the good works of the Order that we all love and hold so dear. I commend State President Jeff Rodier and his Officers for what they have done this past

year during this unprecedented time. We thank Jeff and First Lady Norine for a job well done and for their dedication to Elkdom. At the upcoming May Annual Meeting, Jim Cusack will be installed as our 2021-2022 State President. We wish Jim and Eileen much success in their year serving the Illinois Elks.

It was a different kind of year for our eight District Deputies as well. Thank you all for your dedication and commitment to our Order. Some of these Elks have decided to repeat the position for an additional year. They along with the other DD Designates will be installed this summer.

IEA Sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger PGER



I am happy to say that the National Convention will be held in July in Tampa, Florida. While there will be changes to several things due to pandemic protocol, it will be great to have a Convention and be together again. I appreciate all those going to abide by these changes so that we can have a safe Convention.

Beth and I look forward to seeing you in Tampa! Until then, stay safe and healthy!

God Bless you all.

IEA presents \$10,000 to Woody Williams Foundation in support of Gold Star Families



IEA State Officers presented a \$10,000 check to representatives of the Woody Williams Foundation on Sunday, March 28th at the Springfield Elks Lodge 158. The donation will be used to complete the Springfield Monument located at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The Woody Williams foundation "pursues specific endeavors and goals through the vision of Medal of Honor recipient Hershel "Woody" Williams. The Foundation encourages, with the assistance of the American public and community leaders, establishing permanent Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the United States, conducting Gold Star Families Outreach across the country, providing Living Legacy scholarships to eligible Gold Star Children, and advocating for educational benefits for all Gold Star Family members." (Source: www.woodywilliams.org).

From the Editor...

Hello Elks!

Congratulations and well done to all of the Lodges on continuing with fundraising and service activities during the past year. I'm was pleasantly surprised as each deadline for the Newsette approached and my inbox started to fill up with photos and news items.

It's a true testament to the dedication of Elks. I look forward to seeing you all in May!

Happy Reading,

Liz

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STATE

Vets from page 1



Pictured above at Southern Illinois donation (l to r): Honor Flight members Evan Youngblood, Randy Youngblood, Doug Kimmel, Ed Smith, Coy Cockrum (IEA), Bryan Questelle, Chairman (HF), Jeff Rodier, President (IEA), Marvin Leathers (IEA), Charlie Campbell (IEA), Todd Lindsay (IEA).

to Honor Flight of Southern Illinois. The \$3,500 is an annual donation funded by the donations of Illinois Elks members throughout the year.

Also, on January 8, the Illinois Elks Association donated \$21,000 to This Able Vet, based in Carbondale, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of veterans living with post-traumatic stress. They train and provide PTSD service dogs and a trauma resiliency program at no cost to the veteran. The \$21,000 will be used to acquire and train a single service dog.

At their Mid-Winter Meeting on January 10, the Illinois Elks South



Abel Vets Donation (l to r): Coy Cockrum, Todd Lindsay, Jeff Rodier, President, Behesha Doan, Founder, Marvin Leathers, Charlie Campbell; In Front: Service Dog MCat (Mary Catherine).

District approved \$7,800 to purchase 50 new TVs for the Anna Veteran's Home and additional funds for the Haven House in Marion and the Haven on Crab Orchard Lake. These funds were donated from the 12 Lodges in the South District and volunteers from these Lodges will help to install them.

These donations amount to \$37,300 from the Illinois Elks to support Veterans programs, many of them in our local region. Finally, in 2020, the Grand Lodge (national Elks organization) donated \$285,000 to preserve, restore, and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor HI. Again, all these funds have been raised by the generosity of all Elks nationwide.

The Elks Veterans' motto is: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks motto is "Elks Care, Elks Share" and this is evident in our actions in our local communities.

Flyin' High with IEA

Pictured right, Springfield Elks 158 member & IEA President Jeff Rodier represented the Illinois Elks Association in presenting a check for \$3,500 to the Great Rivers Honor Flight (Quincy). This is the one of six checks presented to the Honor Flight organizations around the State of Illinois! Pictured with Jeff from left to right is West Central District Deputy Phil Reilly, Quincy Past Exalted Ruler and Honor Flight Board Member Steve Labs and Carlos Fernandez, Honor Flight Board President.



The Illinois Elks Association traveled to Peoria Lodge 20 to present a check for \$3500 to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight Association as part of our ongoing commitment to the Veterans in the State of Illinois. President Jeff Rodier and company presented the check to Honor Flight Representative Karrie Diess, from left, were Past State President and West District Leader Ralph Bradshaw, Peoria Exalted Ruler and Presentation Organizer Joe Boers, IEA 3rd Vice-President and West District Deputy Floyd Schmidt and Peoria Lodge Secretary John Bailey.



Honor Flight receives Donation from Rock Island Elks

The Board of Honor Flight of the Quad Cities was delighted to receive a surprise check for \$3,500 from the Rock Island Elks at the Quad Cities International Airport.

Kathy Quinn remarked, "When we finally are allowed to resume our flights, this generous gift from the Elks will go a long way to sending our honored Veterans to see their memorials in Washington DC."

Presenting the check for \$5,000 will be IL Elks State President Jeff Rodier and his wife, Norine, and Past State President Dave Jurmu, a member of the Rock Island Elks, and his wife, Rae Marie.

"I am aware," said Steve Garrington, Hub Director of Honor Flight, "that the Elks here and across the country are great supporters of our Veterans."

The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks has a long history of meeting the needs of veterans, as the Elk's motto states, "So long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them." On a local level, the Rock Island Elks Lodge #980 supports the soldiers and veterans on Arsenal Island with donations to the USO; help sponsor the Veterans' Standdown; and stand ready to offer assistance when necessary.

On a State, level, the Elks help sponsor Honor Flights throughout Illinois each year as our way of saying, "Thank you for your service."

Honor Flight of the Quad Cities is, at this time, waiting for clearance to resume flights. Although plans for future flights continue, the exact dates will be announced as soon as they are available.

For more information and applications visit our web site at www.honorflightqc.org.



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STATE

Ronald A McCormick of Decatur Lodge 401

The officers and members of Decatur Lodge 410 recognize outstanding service, accomplishments, and years of dedicated service given by Ronald A McCormick to the Benevolent and Protective order of Elks and the East Central District of the Illinois Elks Association.

McCormick was initiated into Decatur Lodge 401 in 2008 where he soon became an officer and proceeded through the chairs becoming Exalted Ruler in 2010-2011. He also served as a trustee becoming chairman in 2012-2013.

He has continued to served Decatur Lodge 401 as Chairman of the House Committee, Hoop Shoot committee, Veterans committee, and the Elks National Foundation. He also chaired the district Business Practices committee and went through the district chairs becoming District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2016-2017.

He has dedicated himself to serving others and he has demonstrated the qualities to become 3rd Vice President of the Illinois Elks Association and as a member of the Decatur Lodge 401.

On behalf of Decatur Lodge 401, we present Ronald A McCormick for the office of 3rd Vice President, Illinois Elks Association.



Roger Quinn of Champaign-Urbana Lodge 2497

I'm Roger Quinn of Champaign-Urbana Lodge 2497 and a candidate for 3rd Vice President of the IEA. I'm a 30-year member of the Lodge 2497 and the IEA. In 2004, I served as Lodge 2497's Exalted Ruler and in 2011, I served as the Chairman of Trustees. I also served as the East Central District Vice President in 2013.

In 2012, I became the Accident Prevention Chairman of the IEA, and followed in 2014 as the IEA Ritual Chairman, a position I still hold. My dedication to the Elks also included the positions of District Deputy GER in 2015, IEA State Chaplain in 2016, and five years as the Grand Lodge Ritual Committeeman.

I would love the opportunity to serve as the 3rd Vice President and continue my dedication to the IEA and my commitment to upholding all that the Elks represent.

If elected, my wife Lisa would be by my side. She is also an active member of the organization. She currently serves as Scholarship Chair for our Lodge and District, and is IEA Scholarship Co-Chair.

Through the activities, what stands out are the great people we have met. We look forward to many more years with the Elks. Even though it's been a challenging year, its been great to see how the Lodges in Illinois have continued to make an impact in our communities. Lisa and I are proud to be members and appreciate your support in the upcoming election.



LODGE

History making installation at Springfield Elks Lodge 158: Mikels to be installed as lodge president

On Saturday, March 27, 2021 Springfield Elks Lodge 158 installed the new 2021-2022 Lodge Officers at a 1:00 p.m. ceremony.

Thirteen officers were installed, including the new lodge president or as Elks ritual states, the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, Ali N. Mikels, pictured right. The Esteemed Leading Knight will be Sandra



Begue, Esteemed Loyal Knight will be Jan Cimarossa, and Esteemed Lecturing Knight will be Matt Willis.

History was first made at Lodge 158 in 2016 when the first female was elected Exalted Ruler of the formally all male fraternal organization, and Mikels becomes only the second female Exalted Ruler in Lodge #158's history. Mikels does make history as the first daughter of a Past Exalted Ruler in the history of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nationwide to achieve the highest office in the Lodge. Her father, Bobby Orr, was Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 158 in 1993-1994.

Bobby Orr will preside over the Installation of Officers, representing the Grand Lodge and make history when he presents his daughter Ali with her gavel of authority.

Elks Lodge 158 has been a part of the Springfield community for 118 years and until 1995 was an all-male membership fraternal organization. Throughout the organizations as well as Lodge 158's history there have been several sons succeed their fathers in the stations of office, a 5-7-year process, and ultimately become Exalted Rulers. However, Mikels and Orr are the first father and daughter to hold this high honor.

"I am so proud of Ali," said Bobby Orr, "she was five when I was president of the lodge so she basically grew up here. She was active in our community and charitable programs as a teen and ultimately became a member at age twenty-one."

"I've followed in the footsteps of my dad, and I'm so honored to be President of this fantastic organization; we contribute so much to our community through our charitable programs and will continue our long-standing commitment of charitable work in the Springfield community and throughout the State of Illinois" said Ali Mikels. "I have so many fantastic leaders to follow in this great organization, and so many have helped me along the way to the highest station." said Mikels.

"Ali Mikels is not only our newest Exalted Ruler for the Springfield Lodge but she is also the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee for the Illinois Elks Association" said Jeff Rodier, Illinois Elks Association President. Mikels is an attorney employed by the State of Illinois and resides in Springfield with her husband, Anthony.



PER Bobby Orr became the first father to install his daughter, Ali Mikels, as Exalted Ruler. While many fathers have installed their sons, this is the first known father to install his daughter at any lodge in the country.



2021 ILLINOIS STATE ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT



July 23 & 24

Lincoln Elks Lodge 914

Lincoln, IL

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Putting & Chipping Contest Included

Practice Rounds Available
Thursday, July 22nd
Tee Times Required
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Women's & Senior Men's Tournaments
Friday, July 23rd
Shotgun Start at 8 am & 1 pm

Elks Members Tournament
Saturday, July 24th
Shotgun Start at 8 am



Fee: \$70 per Day, 18-Hole Stroke Play
Includes golf, cart, gift, prizes and lunch.

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State Elks Golf Tournament
Lincoln Elks 914 Golf Club
1020 1525th Street
Lincoln, IL 62656

Entry Deadline: July 15, 2021
Cancellation: July 16, 2021
All fees paid in advance.
No rain date.

Entry blanks are available at
your lodge and online at
www.elks914.org

Any questions e-mail:
proshop914@comcast.net or
call 217-732-3914 ext. 1

Des Plaines 1526 spread a lot of holiday cheer



Des Plaines Lodge 1526 collected nearly 1000 items to donate to Chicago IL Toys for Tots program.

When your Lodge Chaplain moonlights as the official Mrs. Santa Claus over the Christmas Holiday in Chicago, IL, and your Lodge is one of the largest in the Midwest (in membership), the natural result is an overwhelming outpouring of generosity towards CHARITY and BROTHERLY LOVE from the members. Santa and Mrs. Claus made a grand appearance as they welcomed children and family alike through a Candy Cane Lane, all safely distanced in compliance with guidelines. Many ELF ELKS helped make the day successful through their generous volunteerism. Each patron was able to speak with Santa, and get a special gift. Des Plaines Bakers generated over \$1300 in charity purchases for Elkdom benefits. A great day for the whole community!!

Pictured above is Santa - Des Plaines Elks Member Stephen Hozian and Mrs. Claus - Chaplain Donna Reda.

Oak Lawn 2254 reflects on past year’s accomplishments

- Annual Family in Need Christmas Program was held on Saturday, December 19, 2020. This year 78 families received food and/or gift cards. The families were referred to the Lodge by school social workers.
- A total of \$500.00 was donated in gift cards to help families in need have a Thanksgiving dinner. The families were referred to the Lodge by school social workers.
- Annual Coats for Kids Program provided 52 brand new coats to school age children in need of a winter coat. The children were referred to the Lodge by school social workers.
- Lodge Veterans’ Chairman Mike Simental purchased items totaling over \$5,000.00 for the Illinois Veterans’ Home in Manteno. Included in those items were clothing, electric razors, snacks and a power lift recliner.

Salem 1678 fries up some funds for local groups

Salem Elks 1678 has recently been able to resume their Chicken Dinner Fundraiser program, helping local groups raise thousands of dollars. The Salem Elks cook the meal and the participating group provides desserts and wait staff. Participants pictured below are Bob Lafenhagen (Salem 1678 ER and chicken fryer extraordinaire), Mike Hooe (Salem Trustee), and Leon Chapman (Salem Trustee) as well as representatives from the Salem High School FFA program and the Selmaville Grade School Boosters.



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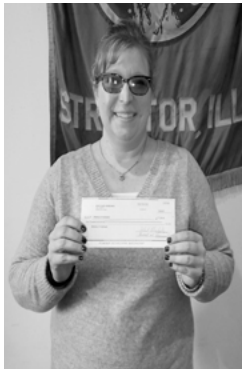
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Streator Lodge 591 uses grant funds for multiple projects

Streator Elks Lodge 591 received grants from the Elks National Foundation and Illinois Elks Association in the amount of \$10,500 to be distributed to nonprofit organizations who promote the community with services designed to help others.

The surrounding pictures feature the recipients. 1) Robert Luscombe, Trustee Elks Lodge 591 presented the IEA Grant to Susan Scully representing the LaSalle Veterans Home in the amount of \$1,500. 2) John Mouser with Genevieve Beckman representing Streatorland Food Pantry received the ENF Spotlight Grant in the amount of \$2,000 as well as the ENF Beacon Grant in the amount of \$1,500. 3) Ed Davis representing the Streator Ramp Builders received the ENF Beacon Grant in the amount of \$2,000. 4) Susan Bursztynsky representing ADV/SAS received the ENF Gratitude Grant in the amount of \$2,500. 5) Lala Armstrong representing Blessings in a Backpack received the IEA grant in the amount of \$1,000



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LODGE

Murphysboro Lodge 572 recognizes member for Service



Elk Michael Marks displays his Certificate of Service for a Law Officers work with area youth. Presented to him by Murphysboro Lodge 572.

Murphysboro Lodge 572 donates Beacon Grant funds to Local Food Pantry



Murphysboro Lodge 572 used a portion of it's 2021 Beacon Grant to assist efforts of the Murphysboro Food Pantry. Presenting a check for \$1750. Pictured above, Pantry Director Megan Austin and Merle Evans, Lodge Secretary.

Charleston Lodge 623 donates to local PD



The Charleston Lodge 623 donated \$500 to the local Charleston Police Department for their Shop With a Cop event! This program allows low income families to receive items they need and some they want for the holiday season. Pictured above is our lodge Exalted Ruler Krista Pierson and Sgt Dave Dunning from CPD.

Chicago South 1596 installs air purifiers



Chicago South Lodge 1596 installed two commercial air purifiers in the their rooftop HVAC units, the are produced by NuCalgon, The I-Wave C.

The units and installation were donated by Exalted Ruler Rich Dykstra's company. "There is no maintenance or bulbs to change with these units," Dykstra said. This has been tested and proven to kill multiple viruses including Covid-19.

STATE

Pre-registration
Deadline
APRIL 28, 2021

Scott Flota, Chairman
Credentials Committee
P.O. Box 1484
Mt.Vernon, IL 62864
scottflota@gmail.com
Phone: (618) 316-0219 (text)

Pre-registration
Deadline
APRIL 28,2021

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION

Illinois Elks Annual Meeting
Registration Form
Annual Meeting May 14-16, 2021
Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre – registration - FREE After APRIL 28,2021 ---\$20.00

ELK#1 _____ Non-Elk Spouse _____

ELK#2 (Only if spouse of Elk #1) _____

Lodge _____ No. _____ Dist. _____

Title ELK#1 _____

(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Title ELK#2 _____

(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Registration Fee @ FREE ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$ _____ 0 _____

If both male and female are members

Both FREE IF PRE-REGISTER

Ladies luncheon – NO LADIES’ LUNCHEON \$ _____ 0 _____

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2021 Annual Convention Agenda - May 14-16 at the Wyndham Convention Centre - Springfield, IL

Friday, May 14, 2021

8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office	Plaza 4
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Executive Committee	Illinois/Prairie
10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Committee	Illinois/Prairie
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Advisory Committee	Illinois/Prairie
12:00 PM-7:00 PM	Convention Registration	Mezz.-Reg. Desk

Saturday, May 15, 2021

6:30 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Registration	Mezz.-Reg. Desk
7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Board of Directors /Executive Committee	
	Continental Breakfast	Ambassador
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Athletic Commission	Capitol
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	Children’s Care Corp.	Illinois
8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Pub. Corp./Website/PR	Conf. Ctr 4
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	District Deputies & Esquires	
	Continental Breakfast	Prairie
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Memorial Service by 2nd Vice President – Todd Lindsey	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	General Business Session	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

Nomination of Officers - State President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

(Following Nominations General Business Session will be a Closed Session. Reports of Committees and Vice President District Reports will be given to the State Secretary for inclusion in the minutes by Friday, May 14, 2021 and will not be read on the floor.)

Presentation of the Budget – 1st Vice President James Cusack

Corporations/Commission Chairmen Reports

Athletic Commission.....	Dave Cassens
Publication Corporation.....	Mark Bump
Children’s Care Corporation.....	Tawn Williams
Final Credentials Report.....	Scott Flota
General Comments to Exalted Rulers / GL Convention Update	
Judiciary.....	Ali Mikels

Election of Officers (Credentials Required)

Unfinished Business: Adoption of the Budget

New Business

Good of the Order: Reports/Comments of the State Officers & State Sponsor

Sun, May 16, 2021

7:00 AM-11:00 AM	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Room Reservations for the September Convention -	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	General Business Session Reconvened	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
	(All Elks are encouraged to Attend)	
	Installation of 2021/2022 State Officers and District Officers	

HOSPITALITY ROOMS and MEAL FUNCTIONS

Due to state mandates on room capacity and the risk of COVID cross contamination, there will be NO hospitality rooms or meal functions at the May meeting this year. The Convention Committee and Executive Committee felt it was in the best interest and safety of the members. Currently restaurants are open in the Springfield area. The Springfield CVB web site has an updated list of open restaurants. <https://www.visitspringfieldillinois.com/LocationSearches/EatAndDrink?id=Local>

REGISTRATION

All Elks, male & female, Must Register for convention functions:
FEES: Pre-Registration Free/ On-site \$20.00 Pre-Registration deadline is April 28, 2021.

By pre-registering for the convention, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials are waiting for you at the check –in desk. This will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Wyndham in planning for a safe environment to conduct all business meetings according to all CDC guidelines and Illinois state regulations. Attending these meetings are not a requirement this year and are strictly on a volunteer basis. A signed membership card will be required to obtain your registration credentials.

Registration Badges are Necessary to Attend All Functions.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Cancelation cut off will be April 13, 2021. All mailings must be postmarked prior to the above date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after the above date will forfeit their deposit.

REPORTS

District Vice President & State Committee Reports will be written and presented to the State Secretary for inclusion in the minutes by Friday, May 14, 2021.

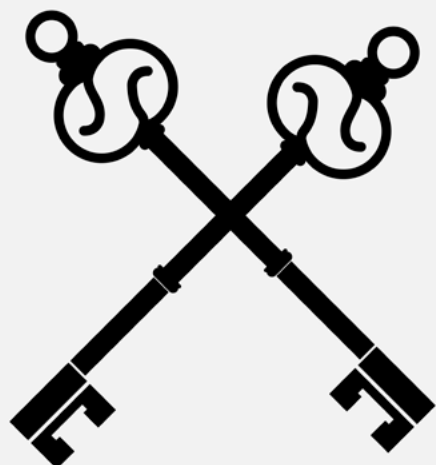
CONVENTION COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PRECAUTIONS

Safety measures and plans are constantly evolving to provide the safest event possible; however, please be aware that the convention will observe Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations and guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety measures and precautions.

All Convention attendees will be expected to:

- wear face masks when in public convention spaces
- practice effective social distancing by remaining six feet from others at all times
- wash their hands frequently during the convention
- monitor their own health on a daily basis to be alert for known symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Do not attend convention events if you feel any of these symptoms.

It should also be noted that face mask use is currently mandated by the Illinois state Executive Order 2020-32, which requires the use of a face covering by all persons over the age of 2 when in public and not maintaining social distancing from other people who are not family members or companions. Illinois state regulations only permit gathering of 50 people or less per room, which means we will be simulcasting the business session in the Illinois and Prairie rooms as needed.



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Summer - June 15 **NEXT ISSUE!**

Fall - July 20

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Brookfield Lodge 1510 spent the holidays collecting coats and feeding families



Pictured, left to right: Joe DeGuide - Treasurer Brookfield Elks Lodge #1510, Peggy DeGuide - Chairman of the House Committee and Coats for Kids Program, Principal of the School - Brookpark School, Social Worker of the School - Brookpark School

Joe and Peggy DeGuide have become active and interested members of the Brookfield Elks Lodge #1510. Joe DeGuide is the Lodges Treasurer and Peggy DeGuide is the Chairman of the House Committee. Peggy was Chairman of the "Coats for Kids Program" along with Alicia Kolasa (not pictured). More than \$1250.00 in coats were purchased for children in need. Pictured is Joe and Peggy DeGuide along with the Principal and Social Worker of one of the schools that coats were donated to. Funding for this Program was made possible by the Grants from ENF.



Pictured, left to right: Bob Rolewicz and Aida Gotch, Director of St. Barbara Food Pantry.

Since 1979 Bob Rolewicz, PER and DD of the North District has been Chairman of the Holiday Food Basket Program for both Thanksgiving and Christmas for the Brookfield Elks Lodge #1510. This year was no different. COVID however threw a different sort of obstacles in the way. Since most Family Services were not offering names of families in need this year; Bob became creative and went a different route. This year Bob teamed up with the Brookfield Food Pantry through St Barbara's Church and the Beds Plus Program which houses some of the homeless population. Not only did the Brookfield Elks donate food to both organizations he along with Tischler's Foods, which is a neighborhood grocery store - created a sponsorship for food baskets for those in need. Tischler's put out "the word" through their Facebook Page that the Elks would "match" every \$6.00 basket that the local community purchased up to \$1200.00. The community was quite intrigued and enchanted with this idea and it has been quite a success! Congratulations to Bob for his initiative and creativity on helping those in need.

Harrisburg Lodge 1058 spreads donations with Beacon Grant

Harrisburg, IL Elks Lodge 1058 received a Beacon Grant of \$5,500.00 from the Elks National Foundation. The grant was for our Regional School Districts, to be devoted to financial assistance with the ever increasing cost of Covid-19 expenses in the school systems.

The grant was divided between Carrier Mills/Stonefort (Bryce Jerrell, Supt.), Eldorado (Ryan Hobbs, Supt), Galatia (Shane Crank, Supt.), Gallatin Co. (Judy Kagle, Supt.) and Harrisburg (Mike Gauch, Supt.) school districts. Pictured above are the representatives being presented with Covid Relief aid by our Exalted Ruler, Mr. Jack Arnold, Dec. 20, 2020.

Harrisburg Lodge 1058 received \$1,000.00 to be dedicated to veterans. We purchased 34 gift bags for the veterans in our local nursing homes. Contents of the bag were a heavy throw blanket, socks, lotion, toiletries, games & snacks. Coordinating with the administrations staff, our lodge members distributed to the area nursing homes but were not able to deliver personally. Due to Covid 19 constraints, no presentation photos were available.



Fairview Heights 664 makes the most of Freedom and Helping Hands Grants

Fairview Heights 664 presented a \$2,500.00 Freedom Grant to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The money will support programming such as golf, softball, bowling, kayaking, cycling, archery, and strength training. These programs are for Veterans that have experienced Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post traumatic Stress Disorder. These programs help to ensure Veteran's are returning to living. Pictured top right.

They also donated \$1,000.00 from the IEA Helping Hands Grant allowed us to purchase and pack 40 Women Care Packages for John Cochran Inpatient Veteran's Care, 32 Women Care Packages for Primary Care Clinic Outpatient Veteran's Care. Can't forget the Children while they wait for their Mom's to be treated so also included 48 Child Goodie Bags. Pictured bottom right.



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Galena Lodge 882 Delivers for JDC Food Pantries

Past Exalted Ruler Tim Wicker and Exalted Ruler Michael Staver deliver food to Elizabeth Food Basket director Norma Schwartz. Between December 18th and 20th, the Lodge delivered 10,000 lbs. of food to United Churches of Galena Food Pantry, Galena School District #120 Food Pantry, Hanover Food Pantry, and Elizabeth Food Basket. Pictured below.



Presents for Patriots: Retired U.S. Nubs Cole (Navy), pictured below left, and Floyd Wieters (Army), pictured below right, display their Christmas gifts received from Galena Elks Lodge #882 members as part of their “Presents for Patriots” program. Gifts were purchased, wrapped, and delivered to 12 U.S. Veterans residing at Prairie Ridge, Galena Stauss, and Bell Tower. (Pictures #2, 3, 4)



Christmas Food Baskets: Galena Elks Lodge #882 carried on their almost 50 year annual Christmas Basket tradition by assembling and delivering nearly 500 gift boxes to Jo Daviess County families in need. Each box contained roughly 40 pounds of can goods, dry foods, juice and meats. Pictured below.



GRAND LODGE

2020-21 CIP Year in Review and Looking Ahead

When the 2020-2021 grant year opened on April 1 last year nothing was as it had been even a month earlier, so the Community Investments Program streamlined available grants and increased grant flexibility in the 2020-21 grant year. In total, more than 4,100 grants—totaling nearly \$11.5 million—were approved to support Elks communities.

The CIP approved 1,316 Gratitude Grants, the highest amount in three years. The CIP encouraged Lodges to use their Gratitude Grants to make direct donations to organizations that are better equipped to directly serve those affected by the pandemic, instead of encouraging active, in-person projects. Frankfort, Ky., Lodge No. 530 switched from its annual project of serving students and seniors to donating directly to a food pantry. The Lodge felt a responsibility to help where they were needed; even with the current hardships, the Lodge “loves to make a difference in our community.”

The \$2,000 Spotlight Grant had added flexibility in 2020-21, as well. Lodges could select from one of the six projects to shine a spotlight on veterans’ homelessness or family literacy, or they could use the funds for direct pandemic relief. For added flexibility, Lodges could also merge their Spotlight Grant with their Beacon Grant, for a \$5,500 Beacon Grant project.

Santa Barbara, Calif., Lodge No. 613 held a drive-through Stand Down event. The Lodge partnered with local organizations and provided hygiene kits for veterans experiencing homelessness.

“Even though it was different than years past, the

Elks showed up,” Grants Coordinator Joe Woodruff said. “The Lodge’s presence and work has made the veterans confident that they can count on the Elks.”

The Spotlight Grant had a record-breaking year: 1,043 stand-alone Spotlight Grants were approved, and 345 Lodges opted to merge the Spotlight Grant with their Beacon Grant. In the end, 1,388 Lodges used Spotlight Grants to meet the needs in their communities—a 152 percent increase in approved Spotlight Grant applications from last year!

The Beacon Grant, which opened on August 1, set another record with 1,401 Beacon Grants approved. Many Lodges suspended or changed their annual projects to meet immediate and pressing needs in a big way—especially because the Beacon Grant got a boost to \$3,500 from \$2,500.

Homer, N.Y., Lodge No. 2506 used its Beacon Grant to provide winter coats to children through Operation Warm. With the larger grant, the Lodge was able to provide 245 coats to children in need, eighty more than last year.

2021-22 CIP Plan

Elks Lodges will continue building stronger communities when the 2021-22 grant year opens April 1. Gratitude Grants are the first grant to launch, and Spotlight Grants and Beacon Grants will roll out during the summer months. Like this past year, CIP grants will feature more flexible guidelines, allowing Lodges to meet local needs while staying safe. For more information on the 2021-22 grant year, head to elks.org/cip.

Pre-registration for Convention opens in April

Online pre-registration opens April 1 with new distribution procedures being implemented in Tampa. Pre-registration will be the best way to avoid lines and safely receive your credentials and other critical attendee information.

Pre-registration will be available at elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm and runs through June 21.

The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Tampa Convention Center and Visit Tampa Bay to plan for a safe and healthy Elks National Convention. Safety measures and plans are evolving, but are likely to include social distancing, attendee occupancy management, and personal mask use that is currently required in Tampa (tampa.gov/emergency-management/covid-19/face-covering).

See form on page 11 to cut and mail your registration.

Life of early PGER remains a mystery

By Mike Chamernik, Publications Coordinator

The Memorial Room for Past Grand Exalted Rulers in the Elks National Memorial and Headquarters is adorned with the portraits of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers. It is a way to keep each man’s legacy alive. Every PGER is there—except one.

James W. Powell, who served in 1874 as the fourth Exalted Grand Ruler (as it was known then), does not have a photograph on the wall. His picture frame in the Memorial Room is sans imagery, with a note saying that he was described as “a tall, slim man, with a thin face and wore a black moustache.” The note also says that, according to a distant relative of his, Powell had never been in a photograph in his life.

It’s not just that Powell was camera shy. He was altogether cryptic.

Powell, a prominent businessman in Philadelphia, ended his career with the Elks soon after retiring from the EGR position. He stopped paying his dues and never reaffiliated with the Order, or gave any updates on his whereabouts. According to *An Account of the Origin and Early History of the BPOE*, which was published in 1897, it was even unclear if he was still alive at that time.

“It is to be regretted,” the authors of the book wrote, “that a brother who in his time manifested so much zeal for the Order, should not have maintained his position, and all that can be said of him is by reference to his past services and his present concealed identity.”

Authors of other books about the Elks history, including *An Authentic History of the BPOE* published in 1910, couldn’t find any reliable information about Powell, including his birthday or whether he had a family.

According to *An Authentic History*, after Powell’s stint with the Elks, it was rumored that he was a night watchman for museums and theaters in Philadelphia, but actors and stagehands who were asked about Powell said they had never heard of him.

GRAND LODGE

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156th Grand Lodge Convention-TAMPA
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Reservation deadline: June 1, 2021

Rooms reserved on a first come – first served basis. Illinois has only 100 rooms available.

Better late than never, Award Winners announced

We all know because of Covid-19 all conventions were cancelled last year, leaving the Children’s Care Corporation with some unfinished business. It is during the May Convention the CCC awards those Lodges with the Best Per-Capita as well as Gross Contribution to the CCC. The CCC also awards the Top Three Gross Winners as well as the Top Three Per-Capita Winners. Below is a list of all winners for the 2019-2020 Lodge Year. Please stop by the CCC Booth and pick up your Lodge’s award. On behalf of the Board of Directors to the Children’s Care Corporation thank you for your support.

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

DeKalb Elks 765 \$6,222.95 Gross Contributions
Freeport Elks 617 \$19.88 Per Capita

NORTH DISTRICT

Des Plaines Elks 1526 \$25,743.83 Gross Contributions (1st)
Chicago Northshore Elks 1316 \$68.02 Per Capita (1st)

EAST DISTRICT

Oak Lawn Elks 2254 \$5,595.17 Gross Contributions
Streator Elks 591 \$15.15 Per Capita

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Champaign-Urbana Elks 2497 \$7,836.00 Gross Contributions
Paris Elks 812 \$16.72 Per Capita

SOUTH DISTRICT

Murphysboro Elks 572 \$20,448.00 Gross Contributions (2nd)
Murphysboro Elks 572 \$30.34 Per Capita

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mount Vernon Elks 819 \$9,531.09 Gross Contributions
Centralia Elks 493 \$14.64 Per Capita

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Fairview Heights Elks 664 \$13,040.95 Gross Contributions(3rd)
Fairview Heights Elks 664 \$34.87 Per Capita (3rd)

WEST DISTRICT

Kewanee Elks 724 \$11,767.22 Gross Contributions
Kewanee Elks 724 \$43.91 Per Capita (2nd)

Top three in each group, noted in the ().

**THE 2020-2021 AWARDS ARE STILL BEING
TABULATED AND WILL BE AWARDED AT
THE MAY 2021 CONVENTION.**

CHILDREN’S CARE CORPORATION

Upcoming Elks Children’s Care Clinics

April 2021

- Lincoln Clinic April 6th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Pontiac Clinic April 16th Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- NW District @ Rockford Clinic April 21st at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District @Morrison Clinic April 22nd at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

May 2021

- Elgin Clinic May 10th at Sherman Hospital: 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- Galesburg Clinic May 11th at Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- Flora Clinic May 5th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Rock Island Clinic May 18th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin May 28th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

June 2021

- Mt. Vernon Clinic June 3rd at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 3:00 to 5:00 PM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic June 11th at Wabash General Hospital: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

- Lincoln Clinic June 8th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 9th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Robinson Clinic June 16th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Effingham Clinic June 17th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- NW District @ Rockford Clinic June 23rd at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District @Morrison Clinic June 24th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

July 2021

- No Clinics Scheduled

August 2021

- Galesburg Clinic August 10th at Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- Rock Island Clinic August 17th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- Bloomington Clinic August 20th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- Flora Clinic August 25th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin August 27th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Dates subject to change.



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2021 January - March Illinois Elks Children's Care Calendar Winners

JANUARY

Val Hunt, Sycamore; John Duffy, Pontiac; Darren R. Clendenny, Canton; Val Albrecht, Canton; Vicki Mowery, Robinson; Danny & Patty Jones, Pana; Annie Tucker, Mt. Vernon; Jo Etta Grau, Chicago South; Jody Cannon, Lawrenceville; John J. Swedberg, Des Plaines; Richard Stangeland, Dixon; Jerry Dobson, Sycamore; Heather Curtis, Olney; Linda Medrow*, Champaign/Urbana; Zack Fitzpatrick, Champaign/Urbana; Greg Huske, Elgin; Frank Geoghegan, Oak Lawn; John Feld Sr., Chicago Northshore; Holly Wyninger, Champaign/Urbana; Teresa Lindsey, Bloomington; Bridget Tobeck, Watseka.

FEBRUARY

Lorene Dykes, Chicago South; Cecilia O'Brien, Oak Lawn; David Foecking, Galena; Ralph Gallagher, Springfield; Robin Cullon, Elgin; Andrew Bohnsack, Galena; Courtney Lenza, Chicago South; Gene Schwebel, Murphysboro; Debbie Geers, Carlinville; Ray Vaughn, Olney; Anthony Burk, Mt. Vernon; Michael Porter**, Effingham; Duke Davis*, Jacksonville; Nancy Bradshaw, Peoria; Gil Haynes, Peoria; Sandra Grobe, Dixon; Willard Holup, Marion; Michael Christoffersen, Dixon; Margaret Greene, Elmhurst; David Kewley, Streator.

MARCH

Krista Pierson, Charleston; Ken Hakenjos, Jr., Chicago South; Don Simental, Oak Lawn; Brooke McAllister, Quincy; Carmen Doyle, Brookfield; Walter J. Korpan, Des Plaines; Phyllis Smith, Quincy; Michael Mikos, Chicago South; Mike Graham, Carlinville; Molly Bohnsack, Galena; Don Drone, Carmi; Mike Luscombe, Streator; Bob Ruff*, Springfield; June Valentine, Elmhurst; Neil O. Spurr, Galena.

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Next Newsette deadline is June 15, 2021!

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care as much as we do.*

Elks,
Thank you so much for helping us out with the bustie-downs for Eamonn's adaptive stroller. It is through the generosity of your donors that we were able to get the pieces we needed for his stroller to be transported easily via the school bus.

Eamonn was born with a rare single ventricle heart defect called Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome with an Intact Atrial Septum. He received a heart transplant at 8 months old and at 3 years old had spent a total of 16 months inpatient. He is thriving and loving school all while making immense progress with his various therapies.

Parenting a medically complex child like Eamonn can be additionally challenging, but unequivocally rewarding. One of the biggest challenges is the financial component and we are so grateful you all helped ease our minds by graciously purchasing the transport attachments for us.

We look forward to paying it forward to your organization in the future to be able to help other families such as ours. Thank you again!

The Moran Family



2021 Children's Care Benefit Calendar

The 2021 Children's Care calendars are now in stock at all the Lodges. If you would like one, please check with CCC Chairman, Lodge Secretary or Lodge Officer the cost is \$20.00. For \$20 they make a great Christmas gift as there are 262 drawings of amounts of \$50 daily, \$100 monthly, \$1,000 three special dates, and \$5,000 Veterans Day. Most important any ticket drawn is returned to the barrel for future drawings, you could be a multiple winner (it does happen). You can also purchase the calendar online at www.illinoiselksccc.org we will enter you into the drawing and mail you the calendar direct. Please support your State Major Project and help the kids!

T/OT Scholarships Received for Judging

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation program for students applying for physical-and occupational therapy scholarships came to a close on March 5, 2021 with 63 students applying. The IECCC Special Education Scholarship also received 8 applications, whose signup period closed March 20. We also received 1 Speech Pathologist request through the Carroll Scholarship Program. All applications will now enter the judging phase and winners will be announced and notified by mail by mid-June. Good luck to all those students who applied. Next year's Scholarship Program will be back online December 1, 2020 at www.illinoiselksccc.org.