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District Deputies in Tampa



A quick photo op in Tampa for the newly installed District Deputies. From left to right: Craig Terven, Gregg Collins, William Gandolfi, Debbie Wallace, State Sponsor F.Louis Sulsberger, Grand Lodge Trustee Charlie Campbell and Grand Lodge Secretary Bryan Klatt, Jessica Mitchell, and Michael Pender.

That's quite a crew!

Your Illinois Elks Association President Jim Cusack, seated, and his Vice Squad! From left to right: Roger Quinn, J.C., Floyd Schmidt, and Todd Lindsay.



Scholars visit the Windy City



Elks Scholar Service Trips are back in a mini but major way! Instead of hosting one week-long service trip, the ENF is hosting three mini service trips in Chicago, Boston and Santa Monica, Calif., this summer. Recently, a group of nine Elks scholars were in Chicago! They spent the first day of service at Humble Design, a non-profit that furnishes homes for people who have recently exited homelessness. #ElksFamily

Grand Lodge Convention and Hurricane Elsa

The Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa was very exciting and a little scary. Eileen and I were excited to be with many Elks from Illinois, other

States, and Territories. We were especially glad to visit with our friends from Wisconsin. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills, his Officers, Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt, and District Deputies were installed. Illinois had many proud moments during the sessions. Past State President Jeff Rodier nominated Bryan Klatt for Grand Secretary. I was given the privilege, with PSP Jeff Rodier, carried the Illinois Flag in the opening ceremony. Grand Lodge Fraternal Committeeman PSP Tony Dardano presented the Merchant Marine Flag. Grand Trustee PSP Charlie

Campbell was announced during the session. Our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger was in attendance, giving support and guidance to the Illinois Delegation. Eileen and I are very thankful for the help we received in our hospitality room. We had fun visiting with new and long-time friends. We attended several enjoyable dinners, receptions, and gatherings. Hurricane Elsa, the scary part, was a threat but weakened as it approached Tampa. The convention had a delayed session, but no damage or injuries were reported. The IEA survived the hurricane.

Now the IEA needs to focus on our projects and programs. Hopefully, by being a strong influencer in the community, we will increase our membership. Please publicize the good work done by your lodge. Try to partner with other charitable organizations and government entities to improve life in your community. Take advantage of the grants available. Encourage members to get involved with the programs and activities at your lodge. Invite potential new members to events, so they may better understand our order. Engage your membership and the community to accomplish our goals of helping people and increasing membership.

During our Annual Meeting in May, Roger Quinn was elected as IEA Third Vice President. In June, due to medical issues and recovery time of IEA Secretary Marvin Leathers, an interim IEA secretary was appointed. Our interim IEA Secretary is Joe Ray of Centralia Lodge #493. Joe has served our order at the lodge, district, and state level. Please welcome Roger Quinn and Joe Ray to their positions in our association.

Our Fall Meeting will be September 23rd-26th. All IEA members and their spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. We are planning full sessions, hospitality rooms, Ladies Luncheon, and Saturday Evening Banquet. Assure your room reservations and credentials forms are complete. Room reservations are made through your district. The credential forms should be sent to Scott Flota by September 8th, 2021.

IEA President

Jim Cusack



Current IEA State President Jim Cusack and Past State President Jeff Rodier fly the Illinois flag in Tampa.

STATE

Interim IEA Secretary

Joe Ray



Members all,

As most of you should know Marvin Leathers our State Secretary had a stroke shortly after the May Meeting. I will be filling in for him until his health permits him to resume his duties. I appreciate any advice anyone has to give.

My email is secretary@centralielks.com and contact numbers are cell 618-315-8662 and home is 618-533-0648. I will be learning on the fly, so hopefully everyone uses patience,

If you have sent your request for State ENF Grant or Veterans Grant and have not received them please contact me and I will make sure you get it. I will be working with State Treasurer, George Hornung to process any grant requests.

Hopefully, I will make it around to all the hospitality rooms and introduce myself at the September Meeting.

Fraternally Yours,
Joe Ray

IEA Treasurer

George Hornung



Members all,

If you haven't heard, I had a heart attack when returning from the National Convention. I am on the road to recovery. I would like to thank you for all your prayers and cards. It humbles me and makes me proud to be an Elk.

As this year is a little bit different, please send your ENF Goal Awards and Veterans Grants to Joe Ray, IEA acting secretary.

Please continue to keep Marvin Leathers "The Glue Man" in your prayers.

With this year underway, make sure your lodge is aware of Grants and Scholarship, qualifications and deadlines.

Hopefully we will be able to conduct this year's 2021 Hoop Shoot and work hard to make this the best event ever.

Hope to see you all in September at our first official meeting of the year.

Wishing Pres. Cusack a GREAT year, let's get behind him and make it a successful year

George Hornung

Greetings all,

It is my hope that those Elks and guests that were fortunate enough to be able to attend this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa, Florida had a great time. Whether your Elks involvement is with your local Lodge, District, State and/or at the National level, you surely took away many ideas and suggestions to bring home with you. The convention always builds excitement within our attendees and I encourage you to pass that on to all of our members. After the cancellation of last year's National Convention due to the pandemic, it sure was nice to join with many Elks throughout the Country to celebrate the accomplishments of States and Lodges. Plus, we survived Hurricane Elsa (which never showed up at Tampa!)

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

As you have most likely heard or read, plans are being made for a Fall Convention in September. Our May Annual Meeting was abbreviated in a variety of ways due to the ongoing pandemic, but current plans for our Fall Convention are to offer a full agenda of meetings and events as in prior years. Of course, with the ever changing status of the Covid-19 situation, things are always subject to change! Any developments that might occur will be announced so be sure to stay tuned.

I encourage as many of you as possible to make the trip to our State Capitol so that we can enjoy a full weekend of Elkdom together. I am pleased to report that Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Public Relations & Membership Marketing Manager will be in attendance to provide a Membership Seminar that week-end. He is excited to share with you ideas for membership growth in our Lodges. I would also like to encourage you to attend the Saturday night banquet. As you know, it is tradition to honor our Illinois Children's Care Corporation Scholarship winners at our Fall Convention banquet. Please join me as we celebrate the accomplishments of these young people and witness what our hard work has provided for them.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe and healthy! Beth and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Until then, God Bless.
Lou

IEA Sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger PGER



It is with great pleasure that Dixon Lodge #779 announces the endorsement of David Neel Jr. intent to run for Third Vice President of the Illinois Elks Association



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Correction

Below is the amended photograph of the District Junior Trustees. David Faith was incorrectly identified.



District Junior Trustees: Standing: (L-R): Scott Vickrey, Mark Jones and Jason Martin. Seated: (L-R): Thomas Tracy, Lynne Schlick and **David Faith**.

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Illinois Elks Association

FALL CONVENTION
SEPT 23-26 2021 Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

DATE	TIME	MEETING	PLACE/ROOM
Thur	09/23/21	11:30 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office
	09/23/21	1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Executive Committee
Fri	09/24/21	7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office
	09/24/21	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Executive Committee
	09/24/21	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Committee
	09/24/21	12:00 PM-7:00 PM	Convention Registration
	09/24/21	1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Advisory Committee
Sat	09/25/21	6:30 AM-6:00 PM	Convention Office
	09/25/21	7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Registration
	09/25/21	7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting & Training - Continental
	09/25/21	8:00 AM-9:30 AM	Lodge Trustees Training/Accident Prev./Ins.
	09/25/21	8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Dist. Deputies & Esquires - Continental
	09/25/21	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Leading Knights Training
	09/25/21	9:00 AM-10:00 AM	Exalted Rulers Meet W/ Executive Committee
	09/25/21	9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Ritual Committee and Competition
	09/25/21	10:00 AM-11:00 AM	New Lodge
	09/25/21	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/Indoc.
	09/25/21	12:00 PM-1:00 PM	Ladies Lunch
		Menu: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich with Soup. Dessert: Ice Cream Cost: Pre-Reg \$19/ On-site \$22	
	09/25/21	1:00 pm-3:00 pm	Secretaries Association
	09/25/21	3:00 pm-4:00 pm	Lodge Treasurers
	09/25/21	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Elks National Foundation
Sat	09/25/21	1:00 PM-2:00 PM	Youth Activities & Antlers
	09/25/21	1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Publication Corporation/Web Site Monitoring/Public
	09/25/21	1:00 PM-3:00 PM	Hoop Shoot/Soccer Shoot
	09/25/21	1:00 PM-4:00 PM	PGER Meet with Lodges and Individuals
	09/25/21	1:00 PM-5:00 PM	Ritual Clinic
	09/25/21	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Americanism
	09/25/21	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Athletic Commission
	09/25/21	2:30 PM-4:00 PM	Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation
	09/25/21	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Veterans Service Commission
	09/25/21	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Scholarship Selection
	09/25/21	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Drug Awareness Program
	09/25/21	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Reception
	09/25/21	5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Illinois Elks Children's Care Social
	09/25/21	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Dinner
		Menu: Garden Green Salad, Smothered Chicken with Garlic mashed potatoes and Corn Dessert: Vanilla Cheesecake Price: Pre Reg- \$30.00/ Onsite - \$33.00	
Sun	09/26/21	7:00 AM-10:00 AM	Convention Office
	09/26/21	7:30 AM-8:00 AM	Room Reservations for the January Meeting
	09/26/21	8:00 AM-10:30 AM	General Business Session

REGISTRATION

All Elks, male & female, Must Register for convention functions: FEES: Pre-Registration \$ 10.00/ On-site \$20.00 Pre-Registration deadline is September 9, 2021.

By pre-registering for the convention, Lady's luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials will be waiting for you at the check –in desk and will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Wyndham in planning the workshops, Luncheon and banquet.

Registration Badges are Necessary to Attend All Functions, including hospitality rooms.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Cancellation cut off will be August 23, 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.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The Hospitality room assignments will be determined by the Pre- registration numbers per district excluding the state president's Area. The remaining District Hospitality Rooms will be assigned following the close of Pre-Registration then sent to the Jr Trustee.

All Hospitality Rooms shall be CLOSED from 6:00pm until the conclusion of the banquet on Saturday, September 25, 2021 and during all Business Sessions.

No one will be permitted in the hospitality rooms without proper convention credentials. Those not displaying proper credentials WILL be required to leave.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please watch IEA website for any convention or Covid Guideline updates.

SIGN-UP FORM ON PAGE 4 - PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL IN BY SEPTEMBER 8th to reserve your spot at the 2021 IEA Fall Convention!

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LODGE

FALL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

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Pre-Registration
Deadline
September 8, 2021

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Lodge _____ No. _____ Dist. _____

Title ELK#1 _____
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Title ELK#2 _____
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Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$ _____
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Ladies' Lunch @ \$19.00/\$22.00* \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$30.00/\$33.00* \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after SEPT 8, 2021 or purchased on-site

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Ottawa 588 makes the most of grant funds

In February, the Beacon/Spotlight grants were presented on behalf of Ottawa 588 to the Ottawa Salvation Army and the Servants Heart organizations. Both agencies work together to assist families with paying utility bills. This past donation helped 32 families. Each organization received \$2750.
Pictured below, left to right, Ottawa 588 ER Lynne R Schlink, Salvation Army officer, Lt. Christian Smith, Ottawa Chaplain Kathleen Olson, Ottawa trustee Kyle Creedon, and Servants Heart representative, Pastor Terry Gustafson.



Ottawa 588 also helped replace two flags at the Vietnam Memorial in Ottawa. One American Flag and one POW flag were replaced. ER Lynne Schlink is pictured below with Thomas Przybyla, Commander of the Ottawa American Legion.



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ER Marc Walker Accepts Donation from Car Show to State Project Children’s Care Corp. from Tiler Judy Shimkus



On Saturday July 17th, 2021 Des Plaines Elks Lodge 1526 hosted the 9th Annual VooDoo Kings VooDoo-a-Go-Go Custom Car Show. 70 custom, hot rod, antique cars and over 20 motorcycles were on display. Check out some pictures from the event to the left.

The following Tuesday at our Regular Lodge Meeting VooDoo King and 1526 Tiler Judy Shimkus presented the Lodge with \$3775.00 raised for the Illinois State Project Children's Care Corp. This was the 4th time Des Plains 1526 has hosted this event. Over the 4 years, almost \$11,000 has been raised for Children's Care Corp.



Pictured from left to right: Esquire Joan Hooson, ER Marc Walker, Tiler Judy Shimkus, Secretary KC Ferguson and Chaplain Donna Reda.

Anna Veterans Home gets a television upgrade with help from the South District Lodges



Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Anna-Jonesboro Elks Veterans Chairman Marilyn Crawford mentioned that the Anna Veterans Homes rooms were equipped with 19” televisions that could use an update. The Elks South District sprung into action, agreeing to update the televisions to 32” units. Over the past few months, they’ve purchased 50 televisions, wall mounts, DVD players and HDMI cables.

All of the entertainment upgrades were installed and any remaining donation monies (\$1,100) was donated to “The Haven House”, a getaway retreat for the veterans near Marion, IL.

Pictured above is the install crew and all the new televisions! The Elks South District includes the 12 following lodges: Anna-Jonesboro, Benton, Cairo, Carbondale, DuQuoin, Harrisburg, Herrin, Johnson County, Marion, Metropolis, Murphysboro, and West Frankfort.



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Galena 882 helps out Local PD



Officer Tim Wuebben of the Galena Police Department accepts a \$3500 donation from Galena Elks 882 for intoximeters, medical trauma bags and department supplies on July 20th.

Presenting the check to Tim on the right is Exalted Ruler Michael Greene and on the left is Esquire and ENF Chair Brian Kelly.

Galena 882 appreciates and supports local law enforcement officers and were happy to be able to contribute in a significant way.

Charleston 623 prepped for 4th of July festivities



Charleston Elks 623 Drug Awareness Committee spent an afternoon prepping giveaway bags for Independence Day festivities. Thanks to Committee Chairperson PER Krista Pierson and members Sue Easton, Bev Sterling, and Ronalee Wohlstein.



Belleville 481 Recognizes Local Scholars



Belleville 481 recognized 14 area students on July 21 at the annual Scholars Night program held at the Catholic War Veteran's Post 370. Presentations included the Elks National Foundation Scholarships, the Illinois Elks Association Children's Care Corporation Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Scholarships, and the Belleville Lodge Paul L. Kunz Memorial Scholarships. Through the lodge, \$31,250.00 in scholarships was awarded. Over the past five years, a total of \$153,050.00 have been granted through the Belleville Lodge.

This year's top local Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship goes to Katie Morwick from Fulst, and a graduate of Valmeyer HS. She will attend Olivet Nazarene University.

An ENF Emergency Educational Grant Scholarship was also awarded to a local student this year. This is only available to a child of a deceased lodge parent or step-parent.

The second scholar's group includes seven Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy majors with students receiving awards ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,600.00. Listed are the students, hometowns, and their universities: Casey Barberich (Lebanon, Maryville University), Jonte Gray (O'Fallon, St. Louis University), Amanda Kaltwasser (Belleville, Maryville University), Emily Lassman (Shiloh, Rockhurst University), Emma Roscow (Red Bud, Maryville University), Owen Suedkamp (Columbia, Maryville University), and Kelsey Weatherford (Columbia, St. Ambrose University).

Paul L. Kunz Memorial Scholarship awardees, their high schools, with the institutions they will attend included: Claire Garriss (Belleville West HS, Southeast Missouri State University), Olivia Moll (Mascoutah HS, St. Louis University), Megan Morwick (Valmeyer HS, Olivet Nazarene University), Jake Baron (O'Fallon THS, Lawrence University), Jack Geppert (Belleville West HS, Drake University), and Mason Hoffman (Waterloo HS, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville). Olivia Moll and Megan Morwick were also awarded Illinois Elks Association District Scholarships.

Application and information regarding the 2022 ENF Most Valuable Student will be available August 2, 2021 at www.elks.org/scholars. The application deadline is November 15, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Emergency Educational Grant applications are currently available until November 1, 2021. Judging for the Paul L. Kunz Scholarship is completed locally using the Most Valuable Student application. Applications for the 2022 Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Scholarships will be available after December 1, 2021 at www.illinoiselksccc.org.

From the Editor...

Hello Elks!

The summer sure is flying by! So many great events have been held this summer at the IL lodges. If you've held events that you would like recognized, please don't hesitate to email them to ilelksnewsette@gmail.com. It not only helps let other lodges see what you're up to, it inspires others to join in! Like the ladies to the left who prepped goodie bags or the guys on page five that upgraded televisions at the Veterans Home, they could have just inspired lodges in other parts of the state to do the similar events.

Elks thrive when they inspire each other. Keep up the good work and don't forget to let us know about it! Enjoy the rest of your summer! We'll be back with a new issue in December!

Happy Reading,

Liz

LODGE

Brookfield 1510 holds Flag Day baseball game



The Brookfield Lodge is very proud that one of their very own, Mr. Thomas Day - CEO of Bugles Across America was able to perform TAPS on the Bugle for the Flag Day Baseball Game at Kiwanis Park.

The little league team, pictured right, was sponsored by the Brookfield Lodge.

Below, Billy Rodriguez PER threw out the first pitch. He's also a Navy Vet.



Above is a photo of ceremony and to the left is a photo of Trustee Mark Roegner who donated a large US flag and POW Flag, with all the fittings needed for this formally unusable pole. He also supplied the Lodge with the ability to have this flag pole illuminated 24 hours a day.



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2021 May-July Illinois Elks Children's Care Calendar Winners

MAY

Ellen Gayon, Pontiac; Paula Metcalf, Mt. Vernon; C J Johnson, Galesburg; Dennis L. Shafer, Mt. Vernon; Paula Anderson, Des Plaines; Gerald Brogley Jr., Galena; David Rakey, Mt. Vernon; Sandra Herring, Murphysboro; Don Drone, Carmi; Janet M. White, Robinson; Carmen Vercoglio, Carlinville; James Dietrich, Effingham; Amy Spomer*, Cairo; Lane Burghoffer, Rock Island; Ward Day, Carlinville; Debra Stewart, Metropolis; Kathleen Nelson, Rock Island; Ruth Erzinger, Chicago South; Susan Salzman, Champaign-Urbana; Ronald Naylor, Carmi; West District IEA, West District.

JUNE

Christine Schmidt, Lincoln; Travis Looney, Kewanee; Ronald A. Donoho, Centralia; Mary Jo Copeland, Galena; Tim Mack, Oak Lawn; Marilyn Krezwick, IECCC; Cheryl Lockard, Canton; George J. Konieczny, Des Plaines; Rich Kingdon, Watseka; Virgil R. Martin**; Champaign-Urbana.

JULY

Mary Twaddle, Quincy; Marlene M. Seaborn, Springfield; Diane E. Rzasa**, Streator; Todd Justus, Macomb; Robert Brieseacher, Mt. Vernon; Scott W. Brown, Bloomington; Kevin Bowers, Robinson; Lilette Suva, Joliet; Charles Finnell, Springfield; Michael Slape, Fairview Heights; Kendall Hill, Salem; Marty J. Coe, Springfield; John W. Uhl, Mt. Vernon.

*\$100 **\$1,000 ***\$5,000

It's a **PINK** tricycle for Elsie

With the help of school physical therapist, Elsie's family reached out to Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. Their request was approved and Elsie was gifted a Rifton Adaptive Tricycle with each option recommended by her PT. It was complete in Elsie's color of choice: pink. Elsie was all smiles as she proudly sat on the new trike! After, she used her communication cards to share that: "yes" she likes her trike, "yes" she wants to ride again, and it's "pink"!

The physical benefits of a trike are numerous, but seeing Elsie's face light up while riding her tricycle is the greatest reward!



CCC earmarks \$111,200 in scholarships for the 2022-2023

Judging has been completed for 2021-2022 Physical/Occupational Graduate and Assistant Programs also included are the CCC Lydia Miller Special Educations Scholarships. A total of 75 Applications from 31 Lodges from all 4 Areas were submitted this year.

We are proud to say the Children's Care Program will be awarding 60+ students scholarships totaling more than \$111,200. The students have been notified by letter of their award. Those students who did not receive an award have also been notified; in those cases the student simply did not score high enough to receive an award. Please note that this Application has become very competitive with many more excellent students applying.

The PT/OT is a six-year major program, and a two year assistants program is available. The Special Education is awarded up to three juniors, three seniors, and three first year post graduate students. We encourage all students seeking either career to reapply each year whether they receive a scholarship or not. For those students aspiring to be a PT/OT Therapist or Special Ed Teacher the 2022-2023 applications will be available December 1, 2021 at www.illinoiselksccc.org.

We look forward to introducing several of our six year graduating students at the upcoming Fall State Convention September 25, 2021. We are also hopeful that with the subsiding of Covid19 we will see an uptick in all of our Scholarship Programs.

2021-2022 PT/OT Scholarship Recipients

Area 1, East Central District - Danville Lodge, Dawson LaBaw; Paris Lodge, Jenna Lawson; Effingham Lodge, Hannah Pike; Champaign-Urbana Lodge, Keely Smith. District Total, \$10,250.

West Central District - Quincy Lodge, Julia Hahn; Springfield Lodge, Brooke Metzger and Hope Lang; Belleville Lodge, Casey Berberich, Jonte Gray, Amanda Kaltwasser, Emily Lassman, Emma Roscow, Owen Suedkamp and Kelsey Weatherford; Jacksonville Lodge, Alex Bertman and Makayla Irlam; Granite City Lodge, Kayla Derstine, Maria Mezo and Brittany Milton; Carlinville Lodge, Jillian Baum and Connor Wagahoff. District Total, \$34,000; Area 1 Grand Total, \$44,250.

Area 2, North District - Elgin Lodge, Nathalia Baum; Chicago

Northshore Lodge, Jack Falcus; Wheaton Lodge, Alexandra Perry. District Total, \$5,675.

Northwest District - Dixon Lodge, Rebecca Alexander; Galena Lodge, Kyle Wienen; Oglesby Lodge, Elisha Li, Jonathan Sydlowski and Kristi Wallin. District Total, \$12,975 Area 2 Grand Total, \$18,650.

Area 3, South District - Murphysboro Lodge, Carly Carril; DuQuoin Lodge, Taylor Wildermuth; Herrin Lodge, Makayla Smothers and Tori Schullian. District Total, \$8,100.

South Central District - Centralia Lodge, Sidney Hitpas and Olivia Theising; Mt. Carmel Lodge, Zachary Kemper and Jayla Schwarzlose; Mt. Vernon Lodge, Delaney Varel; Olney Lodge,

Abigail Hasewinkle and Mikaela Inskeep. District Total, \$11,600; Area 3 Grand Total, \$19,700.

Area 4, East District - Joliet Lodge, Holly Hildebrand; Pontiac Lodge, Abbie Fuller and Maddison Stark; Oak Lawn Lodge, Katherine Pappas. District Total, \$6,100

West District - Bloomington Lodge, Emily Hopf; Canton Lodge, Cassidy Williams; Kewanee Lodge, Logan Zarvell; Galesburg Lodge, David Vaynerman. District Total, \$4,000 Area 4 Grand Total, \$10,100.

Overall Grand Total, \$92,700.

2021-2022 PT/OT Assistant Scholarship Recipient

East Central District - Charleston Lodge, Kendal Morgan. \$500.

Next Newsette deadline is November 21, 2021!

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