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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

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We're off to a great start

By the time you read this we will have already

celebrated Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Flag Day, Father's Day, Independence Day and the Grand Lodge Business Sessions are complete. Not bad for only seven weeks into my time as your State President.

As we have honored our parents, memorialized our fallen veterans, honored our flag, celebrated the birth of this great country, completed the business of Grand Lodge, and enjoyed the fellowship there, it is now time to begin looking ahead to what is still to be done.

Have you found a way to honor our veterans? Have you sent an email explaining what you want to do with the \$1,000 State Veterans Grant that is available to all Lodges in Illinois? All you need to do is send information to me, I will review it, and I will

forward to State Treasurer George Hornung to release the money to your Lodge. *Simple. Free money.*

If your Lodge made the State Presidents' goal of \$5.50 per capita your \$2,000 is waiting for you, all you need to do is request it via email to State Secretary Joe Ray and State Treasurer George Hornung. *More free money from the state.*

Has your Lodge applied for any and or all Grand Lodge Grants? With a little work and planning there are many more ways that you can help your community. All deadlines and applications are available through the Grand Lodge website elks.org. I encourage you to pursue any and all of them.

As we move past the 1st quarter of the Lodge year are you working with your Lodge Membership Chairperson and Secretary to get your delinquent members paid up? Dues are the life blood of our Lodges. Retaining membership is as important as bringing in new members.

Lisa and I look forward to seeing everyone again in September at the State Convention, and also enjoying the car show as well. Good time to take care of business of the Elks and a little extra while we are there.

Remember to *Strive, Survive and Drive*.

Todd Lindsay

Meet the new slate of Officers, VPs, and Sr. & Jr. Trustees



2022-2023 Officers - seated from left to right: 2nd VP Roger Quinn, President Todd Lindsay, 1st VP Floyd Schmidt, 3rd VP Dave Neel. Standing: Treasurer George Hornung, Secretary Joe Ray, Sergeant-at-Arms Chad Mitsdarffer-At-Arms, Tiler Kristi Wykes.



2022-2023 District Sr. Trustees - seated from left to right: Thomas "Tex" Tracy (North), David Faith (East Central), Jason Martin (South Central), Ray Wilkerson (West). Standing: David Copper (West Central), Tom Love (South), Lynne Schlink (East), Scott Vickory (Northwest).



2022-2023 1st District VPs - seated from left to right: Gene Howe (South Central), Kriste Pierson (East Central), Robin Lemay (West Central), Edward Riddle (South). Standing: Bob Eckhoff (East) Brian Supanic (North), Terry Harrington (Northwest).



2022-2023 District Jr Trustees - seated from left to right: Darcy Hastings (South), James Cochrane Jr. (Northwest) Ray McGee (East), Amy Jackson (West) Standing Mike Hozian (North), Stephanie Schwab-Parnell (West Central), Jeremy Pretzsch (South Central).

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A WORD FROM OUR OFFICERS...

Joe Ray

Members all,

Start things off, I would like to thank the Centralia Lodge and South Central along with

the rest for the support that I received the past year. It is never easy replacing a legend (the glueman, Mr. Marvin Leathers). While there have been bumps in the road, I enjoyed meeting many that I did not know. I would also like to thank Jeff Johnson from Lawrenceville for nominating me and Coy Cockrum for the second. They are both long time friends from the BPOE.

I have been an Elk for thirty years, joining on District Deputy night, I thought about what I'm getting myself into. I really had no choice; my father-in-law, PSP Tom Deien and my wife's stepmother's Dad (Dick Hays) gave me no choice but to join. I have enjoyed the work that the Elks do for our communities. The Centralia Lodge for many years has delivered Thanksgiving baskets to the needy of the Centralia and Sandoval area. You have not seen anything until you see kids come running to the door, because they have no milk. That is why I'm an Elk.

Lodges that have not sent the IEA per-capita dues please do, if you not gotten a statement let me know. Any request for ENF Grants or the Veteran Grant, please give some info on what you plan on using it for. Grand Lodge has reports that I have to fill out, this is IRS driven.

This year, we have a very fine leadership in Todd Lindsay as President and his VPs Floyd Schmidt, Roger Quinn and Dave Neel and the moneyman, State Treasurer George Hornung and our State Sponsor Lou Sulsberger.

Thank You All, Joe Ray

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Flag Day celebration held at Marion #800

The Illinois Elks celebrated Flag Day with a joyous celebration at Marion Lodge #800. Officers and members were in attendance. It is also the home Lodge for Elk of the Year Rose Davidson who was in attendance and recognized for her service.









DON'T FORGET to SUBMIT!

Please submit your membership changes (name, address, etc...) to the Child Care Corp. It is important that we keep our numbers accurate for print/mail cost of Newsette!



ENF'S GOT YOU COVERED!

The 2022 Elks National Convention took place in Atlanta from July 3-6. If you couldn't make it, don't fret—the ENF's got you covered. At the Opening Ceremonies, the ENF debuted several new films featuring its programs, and you can watch them all now on the ENF's YouTube channel. You can also view photos from Convention and see the real-time coverage on the ENF's social media channels. Make sure to share them on your social media feed, too, so the celebration can continue!

Watch the new films on the ENF's YouTube channel at enf.elks.org/YouTube, and find more of the ENF's social media at enf.elks.org/social, Don't miss a single moment.

Watch the next issue of the Newsette for pics and info from Illinois Elks that were able to attend this year's National Convention!

From the Editor...

Greetings! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! Don't forget we have a super quick turnaround for Fall Newsette. Articles and submissions are due by July 20th. We want to see what your Lodge has been doing this summer so please submit to ilelksnewsette@gmail. com. If you submitted an item for this issue and it didn't make it in, look for it in the Fall issue!

I want to thank everyone for their kinds words and support on the Newsette receiving a 4-Star Award in the Bulletin Contest. I'll keep doing my best to create a compelling newsletter and try for 5-Star next year! Aim for the top, right? :-)

Happy Reading,

Elk of the Year: Rose Davidson honored at

Convention

This year's Elk of the Year is Rose Davidson from Marion #800. Rose has served as an Elk for sixteen years and during her tenure has served as a Trustee, Veterans Committee Leader, and the District and State Representative for the Elks Veterans Committee and the Child Care Corporation.

Rose represents the best of Elkdom with her dedication and selflessness.



Rose is pictured above with President Jim Cusack and State Rep F.

She supplies the CLC monthly meetings with coffee, birdseed, and Sprite Zero. She helps stock supplies for Behavioral Health and helps the coordinator with outings at the Lodge's lake property. She has helped save the Lodge money by donating desserts for various functions. She also published their Lodge newsletter, The Antler, for many years and donated baskets for raffle projects.

Thru Rose's contacts wit the local and state veterans affairs, the Lodge was able to write a grant to get their lake property up to ADA compliance for all Elks and their guests to enjoy. She has become the go-to person for all VA related activities and questions.

Marion #800 Leading Knight, Michelle Hamilton, had this to say about Rose in the nomination letter for Elk of the Year, "Roses exemplifies what an Elks is and her dedication to the Lodge and all of their charitable efforts are the reasons [she deserves this nomination].

Rose was presented with her award at the Annual Convention on Saturday, May 14th. Congratulations, Rose and thank you for your service and dedication to the Illinois Elks!

Elk Family of the Year: The Dardano Family

The Dardano Family was recognized as the Family of the Year at the Annual Convention in May. Hailing from Elmhurst #1531, the Dardano's have left their mark on Elkdom in the best way. Tony has been a member since 1992 and has a long list of letters behind his name from PER to PDDGER to PSP. He's a staple at the Lodge and a familiar face at State functions.

Known by many as just "Mom," Nadine Dardano, has certainly earned the admiration of Elmhurst Lodge and beyond. She chairs the annual spaghetti dinner, attends many functions at all levels of Elkdom, and has supported Tony as he progressed thru officer chairs. He was instrumental in helping the Lodge thru COVID and has always willing to lend a helping hand.

Cathy Dardano, sister of Tony, daughter of Nadine, has recently jumped into the fold, joining Lodge #1531, and enthusiastically serves as Lodge Inner Guard, Drug Awareness Chair, and is learning the ropes of Officer positions with hopes to advance in the future.

Congratulations to the Dardanos and THANK YOU for your 30 years of service! Pictured below (right to left) is IEA State President Jim Cusack, Tony Dardano, Nadine Dardano, State Representative Lou Sulsberger and Cathy Dardano.





Stay Relevant. Get Social.

Virtual engagement through social media platforms, email, and video cing websites like Zoom is a great way to spread information in touch with fellow Elks—even without going to your Lodge.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our day-to-day lives, but it hasn't changed the fact that the Elks are an organization founded on Brotherhood and that #ElksAlwaysCare. These virtual means of communication are a great way to be social with members of your Lodge while maintaining social distance

Let's start with the basics.

Here are some of the most popular ways to communicate virtually and get you started.

Facebook

Facebook is the top social network on the web It is a great place to share articles, photos and videos about the ENF. It is also a great place to comment and connect with other Elks.

Instagram

Instagram is best suited for pictures and captions. Do you have pictures of an event your Lodge hosted or project completed using an ENF Grant? Post the pictures on Instagram!

Email is a great way to send out ENF's News to Use articles or your Lodge's newsletter. It is the perfect vehicle for articles and other text-heavy pieces. You can also attach pictures!

Zoom or a Telephone Call

There is nothing quite like person to person connection, but a video or telephone call can be a close second. Zoom is a video conferencing platform that lets multiple members of your Lodge video chat in real time! Or you could simply call your fellow Elks to check in and keep them informed.



Best Practices for Online Communication



Use Photos

A picture says a Post engaging, high-quality photos story.



Consider Length

Is your point better suited to a long story or a short message? This can also help you figure out which platform to use!



Proofread

Re-read your text before you send it to make sure it is clear and free of errors. It helps to read it out loud!



Avoid Overstyling

Don't write in ALL CAPS and avoid overusing **bold text**. Exclamation marks should be used



Be polite.

Treat others how



you want to be treated. Answer



Stay true.

Make sure the sharing is correct. If you don't know an email enf@elks.org!

Remember:

You are a part of Team ENF, and you represent the ENF in the field. nt that you exemplify the virtues of broth fidelity while interacting with other Elks.

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ANNUAL CONVENTION AWARDS BANQUET

It was a big night for awards at the Annual Convention Banquet held on Saturday, May 14th at the Wyndham Centre in Springfield, IL. Congratulations to all of the winners! Keep up the great work!







DISTRICT OF THE YEAR South Central

Accepting Representative: Debbie Wallace, DD. Presenters: IEA President Jim Cusack and State Rep F. Louis Sulsberger.

ER OF THE YEAR James Cochrane, Jr.

North West District. Not pictured. Read more about DeKalb Lodge & ER and see pictures on Page 6.



SECRETARY OF THE YEAR * Robert Bond

McLeansboro #1882 Presenters: IEA President Jim Cusack and State Rep F. Louis Sulsberger.



LODGE OF THE YEAR DeKalh #765

Northwest District. Accepting Representative: Bryan Klatt, GS. Presenters: IEA President Jim Cusack and State Rep F. Louis Sulsberger.



DeKalb #765 - Veterans Service Award - Accepting Lodge Rep: Bryan Klatt, GS. Presenter: Bob Kane, Mt. Vernon #819, IEA State Veterans Service Chair.



Joliet #296 - Division II American Lodge Award - Accepting Lodge Rep: Karen Johnson, ER. Presenter: Dennis Bierman, DuQuoin #884, IEA Lodge Activities Chair.



DuQuoin #884 - Division III American Lodge Award -Accepting Lodge Rep: Jeanne Bierman, ER. Presenter: Dennis Bierman, DuQuoin #884, IEA Lodge Activities Chair.



Salem #1678 - Division IV American Lodge Award - Accepting Lodge Rep: Debbie Wallace, DD. Presenter: Dennis Bierman, DuQuoin #884, IEA Lodge Activities Chair.



Mt. Vernon #819 - Division V American Lodge Award - Accepting Lodge Rep: Bob Kane, ER. Presenter: Dennis Bierman, DuQuoin #884, IEA Lodge Activities Chair.



Springfield #158 - Division VI American Lodge Award - Accepting Lodge Rep:Sandra Begue, LK. Presenter: Dennis Bierman, DuQuoin #884, IEA Lodge Activities Chair.

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ENF AWARD WINNERS



DeKalb #765 - Accepting Lodge Rep: Bryan Klatt, GS 50-500 Members - First Place Highest Total Donations



Chicago N. Shore #1316 - Accepting Lodge Rep: Avis Thomas, LK 50-500 Members - First Place Highest Per Capita Donations



Des Plaines #771 - Accepting Lodge Rep: Ed Pizza, ER 501-900 Members - First Place Highest Total Donations



Springfield #158 - Accepting Lodge Rep: Sandra Begue, LK 901+ Members - First Place Highest Per Capita and Total Highest Donations



Champaign-Urbana #2497 - Accepting Lodge Rep: Jeffrey Pribble, ER. 501-900 Members - First Place Highest Per Capita Donations

Essay Winners









Essay Winners, Lydia Hardy (top photos) and Heather Crabtree (bottom photos) read their winning work and accepted their awards at the Annual Convention. Lydia represents the Northwest District - Obgelsby #2360. Heather represents the South Central District - Mt. Vernon #819. Way to go, girls!

Kristi Wallin honored by Elks

Kristi Wallin, of Peru, accepts a plaque from Oglesby Elks Lecturing Knight, Ken Ficek, and Loyal Knight, Ray Brandt, "in honor of her continued superior academic performance in the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation Physical/Occupational Therapy Scholarship Program." Sponsored by Oglesby Lodge #2360, Kristi is an Occupational Therapy Graduate Student at the University of Wisconsin.

The award is "Presented in honor and memory of Bill Leas, whose life exemplified the Charitable Tenets of Elkdom through his endless efforts on behalf of children in need." Kristi was honored for her positive leadership role as President of the Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) during the pandemic, in assuring that all students, regardless of where they were, were able to participate in SOTA and its associated service and learning activities.



Physical and Occupational Scholarships are available from the Elks. Information can be found on the website, Elks. orgscholarships.

Address Changes

Secretaries... Please don't forget to submit addresses changes and help us keep the Newsette mailing list up to date!

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Joliet #296 provides \$2000 in Gas Cards to Veteran Families



Exalted Ruler David Schultz, PER (pictured right) presented Courtney Sanders, Program Manager for Supportive Services for Veteran Families (pictured left) with \$2000 worth of gas cards. These gas cards were purchased from Joliet Elk Lodge member donations and fundraising efforts. The gas cards will support clients enrolled with the SSVF with their transportation needs.

Galesburg #894 donates to Rainbow Riders

Galesburg Lodge #894 donated \$491 to Rainbow Riders Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in Monmouth IL.

They assist in helping children and adults with special needs. Donations were collected the Month of April.

In right picture is Elks member Joan Smith, EJ the horse and Director of Rainbow Riders Krista Bushmaker.



Galesburg #894 hands out 16 scholarship



This year Galesburg Elks Lodge #894 gave out 17 scholarships to area students. Four of the winners are pictured above left to right: Eric Pio, Logan Kuberski, Angie Craver and Josh Maher.

Students filled out applications and were interviewed by the Lodge scholarship committee to be eligible for the scholarship. Congratulations to all!

DeKalb Elks Lodge #765 Receives IEA Awards

The Illinois Elks Association held their annual spring convention in Springfield, Illinois May 14-15. During the banquet held on Saturday, May 14, the DeKalb Elks Lodge #765 received two awards. One of the most prestigious awards of the convention, Lodge of the Year, went to DeKalb Elks. This award is given to the Lodge that has made significant accomplishments in various areas that are required by the Illinois State Elks organization. Awards are based on a point system and what each Lodge has done and accomplished. "We are extremely proud of our Lodge and support received from our



DeKalb #765 Lodge of the Year

members. Giving back to our community is key to our success," commented Lynne Kunde, Exalted Ruler. Jamie Cochrane, PER received the Exalted Ruler of the Year award for his leadership. He is a 26-year member and continues to be active in the elks at the local, state, and national levels. This is the first time in

the Lodge's 120-year history they received these awards.

Decatur Elks #401 Macon County Honor Guard Donation



Also receiving an award was Michael Embrey, 17-year member of the Lodge, for the Veteran Volunteer of the Year award (pictured above). Michael has not only been working hard to construct the Veteran's Memorial, but he has dedicated so much of his life ensuring our Veterans are remembered and honored. Lynne Kunde, Exalted Ruler was on hand at the Mayor's Breakfast held on May 30 to present this award to Michael.

The Lodge also received three additional awards for their donations to both the Elks National Foundation and the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. The Elks National Foundation provides grants that enable local Lodges to give back to their communities. DeKalb has given back to the community by providing donations to organizations such as Hope Haven, Safe Passage, area mobile food pantries and local veterans. Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation assists children under the age of 21 who is a local resident in the State of Illinois, with medical assistance.



Jeff Rauch, ER Decatur Elks Lodge #401 presents \$500.00 to The Macon County Honor Guard May Monthly Breakfast.

A Saturday breakfast was held for the Macon County Honor Guard to help sponsor the very important work they do. From this breakfast's proceeds, we were able to donate \$500.00. The Honor Guard is made up of all volunteers.

Decatur Elks #401 Boys & Girls Club Donation



Bev and ER Jeff Rauch, Lodge #401 Decatur, present a check for \$3,300.00 to the Decatur Boys & Girls Club.

A big thank you to the MG3 Pool League. With their help, the Decatur Illinois Elks #401 held the Putt-Putt For A Cause and raised \$3,300.00 for the Boys & Girls Club of Decatur.

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North District presents Midwest Veterans Closet with \$20,500 towards new building



North District Vice President Brian Supancic (above right) and CEO Mary Carmody of the Midwest Veterans Closet (above left) proudly display the \$20,500.00 that the North District donated to help with their new building. They serve 1200+ military heroes monthly. A great cause for Elks to get behind!

Pana #1261 Distributes Scholarships



The Pana Elks Lodge #1261 distributed nine \$500.00 scholarships to full time students (two were not present). We raise these funds during our annual golf outing in August. The proceeds go to ENF and the rest goes to these scholarships. Our first year we were able to distribute five and last year raised enough for nine. This year it is scheduled for August 13 and we hope to continue giving back in big ways to our community.



CCC Top Gross Contributions and Top Per Capita in Each District

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: DeKalb #765 \$7,979.95 Per Capita: DeKalb #765 \$21.57 **NEWS**

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NORTH DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Des Plaines #1526 \$15,400.25² Per Capita: Chicago Northshore #1316 \$56.48

EAST DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Oak Lawn #2254 \$5,701.29 Per Capita: Chicago South #1596 \$56.48¹

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Cham.-Urbana #2497 \$8,846.78 Per Capita: Paris #812 \$27.30

SOUTH DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Murphysboro #572 \$15,7900.00¹ Per Capita: Carbondale #1243 \$29.88

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Mount Vernon #819 \$6,359.00 Per Capita: Centralia #493 \$14.58

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Springfield #158 \$13,560.00³ Per Capita: Fairview Heights #664 \$47.12³

WEST DISTRICT

Gross Contribution: Kewanee #724 \$12,610.58 Per Capita: Kewanee #724 \$52.11²

¹²³ Denotes top three Lodges overall



Want to show what your Lodge has been up to?

Send it to the Newsette! ilelksnewsette@gmail.com

Upcoming Elks Children's Care Clinics

August 2022

- Flora Clinic August 10th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:00 AM to
 12:00 PM
- Rock Island Clinic August 23rd at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin August 26th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic August 31st at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

September 2022

- Bloomington Clinic September 2nd at Cortese Foot & Dinic: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- Mt. Vernon Clinic September 8th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Robinson Clinic September 14th at CMH Bone & Dint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Effingham Clinic September 15th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic September 26th at Wabash General Hospital: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

October 2022

- Lincoln Clinic October 11th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- NW District @ Rockford Clinic October 19th at Ortholllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District @Morrison Clinic October 20th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

November 2022

- Flora Clinic November 16th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin November 18th at Marshall Browning Hospital:
 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Rock Island Clinic November 29 th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic November 30th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

December 2022

- Mt. Vernon Clinic December 1st at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Pontiac Clinic December 2nd at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
- Robinson Clinic December 14th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Effingham Clinic December 15th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic December 19 th at Wabash General Hospital: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
 Dates subject to change.



Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation

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Apr-June 2022 Illinois Elks Children's Care Calendar Winners

APRIL

Edward D. Taylor, Murphysboro; John E. Goy, Dixon; James Wangler, Herrin; Ronald Mitchell, Robinson; Beth Parks, Oak Lawn; Jeff Iwema, Oak Lawn; Gail Sessler, Mendota; Mary Jo Copeland, Galena; Bruce Whitman, DeKalb; Andrew Rentz, Joliet; Carl Rice, Chicago Northshore; Bill Holmes, Galena; Don Sanson, Carlinville; Gene Gehret* Mt. Carmel; Emerson Beharelle, Peoria; Leigh E. Morris, Beardstown; Ron Buhl, Jacksonville; Bill Mier, Chicago South; Travis Swope, Charleston; John Cantrell, Robinson; Mike Simental, Oak Lawn.

MAY

Patricia Little, Centralia; Steve Andich, Belleville; Terra Auvil-Beard, DuQuoin; Will Raftis, Elmhurst; Colleen Pinto, Springfield; Irvin Kaage, Des Plaines; Mike Lanthrum, DeKalb; Jeff Shew, Benton; Belden Marie P. Gathman, Chicago Northshore; Roger Williams, Dixon; James R. Raben Farms, Carmi; Brad Field, Effingham; Thomas Straube*, Des Plaines; David Chamblin, Robinson; Victoria Trevino, Carlinville; Franklin Walter, Metropolis; Martin Konishi, Carpentersville; Floyd Schmidt, Lincoln; Peggy Tieman, Carlinville; Pat Markham, Decatur; Robert D. Hubbard, Jacksonville; Jessica Brough, Beardstown.

JUNE

William Acton, Danville; Salem Lodge 1678, Salem; A. Terry Boone, Chicago Northshore; Christa Mack, Oak Lawn; Zeldon Smith, Canton; James H.Wheeler, Mt. Vernon; Leo & Judy Wrona, Joliet; Jane Huff, Belleville; Claire Worobec, Elmhurst; Lori Shannon** Marion.

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

Next Newsette deadline is July 20th!

Send your items to ilelksnewsette@gmail.com

CCC Year End for 2021-2022 and Board Officers for 2022-2023

In 2021-2022 the Illinois Elks Lodges raised \$162,171.77 for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation.

The Children's Care through its three annual fundraisers raised the following; Annual Appeal (HoDo) \$28,535.00, Statewide Drawing \$25,563.00, and the Benefit Calendar \$48,850.00 for twelve-month total of \$238,955.00, other fundraisers \$14,492.00 for a grand total of \$279,575.00.

Expenses (Clinic Related) Patients \$155,796.61, Clinic \$36,499.33, all Scholarships \$124,275.00 Totaling \$118,148.94.

The 2022-2023 Elected Board Officers- Chairman, Tawn Williams of Elmhurst Lodge #1531, Vice Chairman, John Bayler of Flora Lodge #1659, Treasurer, Chad Mitsdarffer of McLeansboro Lodge #1882, Secretary, Kristi Wykes of Pontiac Lodge #1019.

The CCC only works because of you, without your support we could not provide for the abundance of children we help each and every year. The IEA places no Per-Capita on this project, we exist only through our Lodges and the planned functions provided for the CCC, and through our three annual mailings throughout the year: The Annual Appeal/HoDo Pin, the Statewide Drawing, and Benefit Calendar. For 93 years, the CCC has been helping Kids, making this Project one of the oldest and continuous State Major Projects in all of Elkdom. The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation gives us a purpose and a cause; thank you for your support and all you do for the Kids.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Block

SHOUT-OUT Top 10 Recruiters in IL

- 1. James L Webber #0627
- 2. Jeff Rauch #401
- 3. Michael E Bromley #20
- 4. Sarah Welsh #914
- 5. Val Albrecht #626
- 6. John Heyer #682
- 7. John W Ervin#100
- 8. Mark Lambird #926
- 9. Michael B Penninger #1641
- 10. Sandra Begue #158

List pulled from elks.org. Reflects 2022 recruitment.



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Send your articles and photos, and show every Illinois Elk what you're proud of in your Lodge. **E-mail them** to Newsette Editor Liz Conaway at ilelksnewsette@gmail.com, mail to 414 S Eaton, Edinburg, IL 62531 or call (217) 827-3799.

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