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## Paul R. Ryan Grand Exalted Ruler 2020-2021

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Paul R. Ryan was born in Elgin, IL but moved to Minnesota as an infant. Over the years he has resided in Redwood Falls, Spicer, and New London, his current home. Paul graduated from New London-Spicer High School and attended Southwest Minnesota State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a business management emphasis.

Paul has been a dedicated Member of our Fraternal Order since 2004, when he joined Willmar, MN Lodge No. 952. He served on the Board of Directors for 11 years and was chairman from 2009 to 2018. He served as Esteemed Leading Knight on three different occasions in 2010, 2017, and 2018, and served as Exalted Ruler in 2011. He received the Dedicated Service Award in 2009 and was named Officer of the Year in 2010. He received the Exalted Ruler Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication in 2017 and 2018. He earned All State American Ritual honors for Leading Knight, helping his Lodge win the Minnesota State Ritual contest. He participated in the National Ritual contest at the Grand Lodge Convention in 2011.

Paul has been distinguished by his Lodge as an "Honorary Lifetime Member." He was installed by his State Sponsor Dwayne E. Rumney for his first term as District Deputy in 2012 when the current District Deputy could not fulfill the term. He finished

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Paul R. Ryan was installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in July 2020.

## Message from the GER Paul R. Ryan "Communities need Elks' help more than ever"

As I begin my year as Grand Exalted Ruler, I want to begin by saying thanks to all of you and offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation that you have entrusted me as your next national president. This would not have been possible without all of you, my fellow brothers and sisters, and your support and guidance. I also need to thank my family and friends, and of course the assistance and aid of my wonderful wife.

When I started this adventure, finding a theme was something that I wanted to make sure stood out. I wanted to change a little of the landscape of the organization to make sure that we not only survive the future but thrive in it. With the changes happening in this world, my theme has become more and more vital to the situation. My theme for 2020-2021 is *Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom*. Now more than ever we need to go out there and help our communities and get them to thrive again, get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Help to realize that this is a great country. And teach them who we are as Elks and that our organization is one that will Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom and the people of this country.

Elks are a community, and it is my hope for the coming year that by working together with the Elks National Foundation and through our Members and Lodges nationwide we can build both stronger communities and stronger Elks. It is my goal that we can reach \$4.80 per Member in our ENF donations -

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that year under Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas Brazier and was installed into a second term by GER Millard Pickering. In 2015, Paul's sponsor approached him about being nominated to the Board of Grand Trustees. It was an honor that brought him to his current position.

Paul has been a Realtor for 25 years and has sat on many committees for the local Realtor Association and was a chair of one of those committees. He joined the local board of directors, serving intermittently over 17 years, and was the president of the local Association of Realtors for a year. After his stint as president he served on his state's Realtor Association for two terms, but then decided to focus his efforts on the Elks.

Paul and his wife Stacey have been friends since 1987. Paul, Stacey, and her son Jordan became a family in 2003. They have since been blessed with two more children, Cassandra (16) and Jackson (13).

Paul enjoys many pastimes, including golf, ice fishing, and boating. He loves nearly all film genres. Stacey and Paul share a passion for football and they support the Minnesota Vikings.

## Welcome to Our New State Sponsor: Ron Hicks

On June 15, 2020, Pursuant to the authority of Article IV, Section 4, of the Constitution of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in accordance with Section 4.310, Laws of the Order, and upon the recommendation of the Grand Lodge Advisory Committee, Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman appointed PGER Ronald Hicks as Sponsor for the Kentucky Elks Association. Please join us in congratulating Ron in his new appointment and extending a warm Kentucky welcome to the "Bluegrass State."

Ronald L. (Ron) Hicks was born, and continues to live, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He graduated from Spotsylvania High School in 1964. Also, a graduate of Chowan Junior College (now Chowan University) in North Carolina and Lynchburg College in Virginia, he received his law degree

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this Elks year. It's not a lofty goal when you consider that we have reached this amount for many of the past years. I understand that with the way the world is right now, it is hard to increase the goal. Lodges are closed and will have a hard time coming up with the extra funds to be able to sustain our current activity. Reach down and grab one more dollar.

Believe me, the Elks National Foundation charitable giving will be needed more than ever and the funds will go a lot further now in the world that we are living in.

It is my challenge to each and every Member to practice the Elks values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity in your work, your daily lives, and everything you do.

Stacey and I are looking forward to visiting you in each of your respective states and Lodges during our travels during the next year.

## State Sponsor Ronald Hicks' Message

On June 15, 2020, it was my privilege and honor to be named the new State Sponsor for the great Elks of Kentucky. My wife, Nancy, and I come to you from Fredericksburg, VA, Lodge #875. I served as Grand Exalted Ruler in 2015-2016 and my theme was *Elks Pride – Community Focus*, and I continue to believe they are two of the major components for any successful Lodge.

While I enthusiastically accepted the appointment, I did so knowing that I am following an exceptional Elk Leader and Advisor in PGER Lester C. "Ted" Hess. Ted is a good friend and great Elk, who has dedicated much of his life to Elkdom, and we all wish

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from the University of Richmond Law School, Richmond, VA, in 1972.

Ron was initiated into Fredericksburg, Virginia, Lodge #875 in February 1972. He has held numerous Committee chairs, including the House Committee and Board of Trustees, advanced through the Officer Chairs, and was Exalted Ruler in 2002-03. He was Chairman or Co-Chairman for a number of Lodge construction projects, including the construction of a new Lodge facility in 1997, and as Co-Chairman of the Lodge's 100-year Celebration in 2003. A former "Elk of the Year," he is an Honorary Life Member, and remains very active in the Lodge. He is also an Associate Member of Orlando, Florida, Lodge #1079.

At the State Level, Ron became active with the Virginia Elks Association with his appointment as Association Inner Guard. He has served as State Legal Advisor and on numerous Committees, Vice-President of the Central District, and was elected Virginia State President in 2009. He has been recognized by the Association as Officer of the Year and Elk of the Year, won the Eleven O'clock Toast Contest, and served as Chairman of the VEA Board of Trustees and as General Chairman of the State Orientation Committee.

At the Grand Lodge level, Ron has served as District Deputy for the Central District of Virginia and as a Certified Ritual Judge. In 2005, he was appointed to the Committee On Judiciary, representing Area 3, an experience that allowed him to work with many Lodges and Elk members throughout the Southeastern United States, as well as other areas of the Country.

In 2010, Ron was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2013-2014. While on the Board, he was appointed to serve as Building Applications – East Member, Investment and Pension Member, and Home Member prior to his election as Chairman. During his time on the Board, he worked diligently with other Board Members to resolve significant issues at the Elks National Home in

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Ted, and his wife, Becky, well on his retirement as State Sponsor. However, in his continuing role as PGER and Grand Lodge Advisor, we look forward to his continued participation and leadership in all things Elksdom for many years to come.

Nancy and I have many fond memories from our official visit to Kentucky and were looking forward to being with you to greet our Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Ryan, and his wife, Stacey, at the KEA State Convention in August in Ashland, KY. However, with the cancellation of the Convention, we will now have to wait for the next opportunity to come together, renew old friendships and make new friends.

This has been a challenging year for our Lodges, Districts and State Leaders. First, with the transition to the new Financial Reporting System, and now with the continuing and unprecedented Coronavirus pandemic. Both will have a major effect on our Order. The FRS will make the reporting of Lodge financials much easier, save annual costs, and make more financial information readily available to the Lodges. The Coronavirus, with its major disruption to operations at all levels, has brought new ideas and resources into play that will undoubtedly change the way we operate.

This is an extraordinary time, a special time for reflection, determination and change. The Elks were founded on the premise of helping others, and we have always shined our brightest in times of crisis. Given the unprecedented challenges presented by the Coronavirus, there has rarely been a time of greater need to help each other and let our bright lights shine.

As we begin to reopen our Lodges, please stay calm, remain vigilant and be aware of all that is going on around you. In all matters, use your best judgment and common sense, with the health and safety of your Members and Community in mind, and let's have a great year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ronald L. Hicks, PGER/State Sponsor



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Bedford, VA. This effort resulted in the Home being opened to the public in 2012 to help increase the number of residents, and led to its eventual sale in August 2014.

Ron has practiced law in the Fredericksburg area for over 40 years with emphasis on criminal and civil litigation, corporate and real estate law.

Ron served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Union Bank & Trust Company and Union Bankshares Corporation for 25 years, as well as Vice-Chairman of the Bankshares Board along with Executive and Compensation Committees. Ron also has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Riverside Center for the Performing Arts and on the Board of Trustees of Chowan University. In addition, Ron has served, or is serving, on numerous other community, civic and business Boards and Committees. He is a former member of the Virginia Army Air National Guard.

Ron is an avid golfer and sports fan, playing baseball throughout his college years, and has coached many youth sports teams in baseball, softball, basketball, and soccer. He is a former President of the Battlefield Basketball Officials Association, has refereed youth, high school, and adult basketball, and umpired youth baseball and softball.

Ron married his high school sweetheart, Nancy Jeanne Camper, on April 12, 1969. They have three children, Joseph, Jason and Anne Kathryn, and they have been further blessed with eight grandchildren. Nancy, Joseph and Jason are also members of the Fredericksburg Elks Lodge, and Joseph and Jason are both Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge. Ron and Nancy are life-long members of Fairview Baptist Church.

Please join us in welcoming Ron as our new State Sponsor and extend congratulations to him whenever you happen to see him. We are sure your kind words will be greatly appreciated.

## Organ donation is the ultimate gift

By James E. Stewart  
Committee Member



Remember as a child the anticipation and excitement of Christmas? Waiting for Christmas Eve to come because Christmas morning would hold a big surprise for you?

Well, imagine being someone who is waiting for a heart, a lung, a cornea, or a kidney. Imagine the anticipation and excitement of getting that phone call that an organ is ready for transplant and you are the lucky one who will receive it! There is your Christmas present!

Today, there are 113,000 people waiting for that call; 82% of those are waiting for a kidney. Waiting for that special gift of life from someone who has passed on but left their legacy behind as an organ donor.

***Every 10 minutes someone is added to the waiting list, but unfortunately, 22 die every day still waiting.***

One organ, eye, and tissue donor can potentially save more than 75 lives! Some 8,000 deaths occur every year because organs are not donated in time. One out of three needing a donation is over 50 years of age.

**Statistics show that 98% of Americans are in favor of donation, but only 58% are registered donors.**

**What can you do to help?**

**Register today as a donor!**

***The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has partnered with Donate Life America.***

***April is National Donate Life month. Plan now for a fundraiser for Donate Life America by encouraging other Members and family members to become organ donors during the month of April 2021.***

Visit the [Donate Life America \(www.donatelife.net\)](http://www.donatelife.net) for updates, registration information, printable handouts, videos of recipients, and more at donatelife.net.



## Kentucky Elks Association Bids Farewell to Lester “Ted” Hess

There are few who can think of a time or place in Elkdom’s history that Ted Hess was not a part of. For nearly 55 years, Lester C. “Ted” Hess has dedicated his service to the Benevolent Order of the Elks and has held many positions in our organization. It appears that he was born to be an extraordinary leader in our beloved organization. His journey started on October 23, 1965, when he was initiated into Wheeling Lodge No. 28 under the sponsorship of his father, PER and Ritual Coach, Lester C. Hess, Sr. In 1968 he was appointed Inner Guard, progressing through all the chairs until election and service as Lodge No. 28’s Exalted Ruler in 1974-75. In recognition of his many contributions to the Lodge, State and Order, Wheeling Lodge No. 28 selected him as its 1980-81 Elk of the Year. In Ritual, Ted was All-State Chaplain and All-State Exalted Ruler. In 1976 he was appointed District Deputy, followed by service on the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary from 1978-1983. He became the West Virginia Elks Association President in 1982-83. In 1983 he became a Grand Trustee and in 1984 was elected to serve a four-year term on the Board. He served as its Secretary, Building Application-East Member, Home Member, Approving Member and ultimately Chairman of the Board. Starting in 1988 Ted served three years as a Justice on the Grand Forum. He became the Grand Exalted Ruler in 1991-1992. After his term as GER, Ted has been serving as the State Sponsor of the Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia State Associations.

Your knowledge, experience, guidance and encouragement have touched all of us. You embody dedication, hard work, optimism and inspire passion to live by the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Thank you for being a tireless leader and mentor, a helpful brother, and a good friend. Congratulations on your retirement. We wish you all the best in this next stage of life! You’ll be missed but never forgotten.

## Message from Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Lester C. Hess, Jr.



Becky and I were unable to attend the recent conference of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers due to health and travel considerations. Although I was absent, the Advisory Committee granted my request to take Emeritus status. Accordingly, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L. Hicks of Fredericksburg, Virginia Lodge 875 has been appointed to be the Sponsor of the Kentucky Elks Association. I am sure all of you will enjoy being with Ron and Nancy. They are a super couple. I believe Kentucky is truly fortunate to have Ron as your Sponsor.

As for me, Becky and I intend to stay active within the order. I have been fortunate to become close friends with so many of you since Becky and I first began attending the Kentucky Conventions in 1992. I admire what you have done for your State Association and for your Lodge. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your friendship over so many years and for giving me the opportunity to tell all of the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and indeed the entire Elks world that there is no better State Association in the entire Order than the Elks of Kentucky. God Bless.

Lester C. Hess Jr.  
Past Grand Exalted Ruler





## State President Jesse Shipp



Dear Kentucky Elks:

This year has been an extraordinary and stressful year. Due to the COVID-19 virus everything has been closed. Unfortunately, the charitable needs in our communities did not go away. I applaud and thank those Lodges that remembered the charitable works and programs we do, even though our social quarters are closed.

Now it is time for EVERYONE to get back to business. Lodges need to figure out how to get back to holding meetings, events, fundraising, membership development and service to our communities just to name a few. Here are a few things I believe need attention:

**Financial Reporting System (FRS):** this is not an option!! I know Charlie Cunningham and the Executive Committee are willing to help you. Do not jeopardize your charter over this issue.

**Grants:** I do not understand and am curious as to why we leave thousands in free monies unused. I have asked Jack Brown to research this for me. Please cooperate with him and his team.

**State website:** Please make it a habit to visit and submit communications to this site. Leigh Ruble and her team have worked hard to get us back up and running. I believe you will be as pleased as I am at this site.

**Visitations:** Obviously, your first lady and I have not been able to make many visits, however we miss being with you guys. If you have an event coming up send me an email to [shippjesse57@gmail.com](mailto:shippjesse57@gmail.com) and/or your first lady and my social director at [marykay.ohara@aol.com](mailto:marykay.ohara@aol.com).

**State Major Charity Endowment Fund:** As we communicated in February, we have not donated completely to the Endowment fund because we have used the money to help ease the financial burden of families who have a child with cancer. I ask every Lodge to do what you can to help Mark Skeeters, Diana Yates and Gerda Martin with support and

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## President-Elect Johnny Jones



Greetings Kentucky Elks,

Darlana and I have missed each and every one of you since we last met at the February State Convention. Who would have predicted that we would have spent the last months as we have?

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Ron Hicks. From the meetings the leadership team has had thus far, it is apparent that our state association will continue to have the excellent guidance from the Grand Lodge in PGER Hicks. We can hopefully look forward to a tenure and a relationship that is as productive and as long as we have previously enjoyed.

Greg Swinney has been appointed as Second Vice-President! Welcome Greg and Lisa. Darlana and I know that you both will do an exemplary job and we look forward to seeing you in February!

I would like to thank all the West District Exalted Rulers. I spoke with each of them just after the shut-down order in March. They were all very forthcoming about whether they would be able to meet their financial obligations during an extended closure and how they might still be able to serve their communities. It was gratifying to hear about all volunteers who came in, observing the social distancing protocols, to clean lodges and make repairs. At the same time, food drives were held, veterans' services, and many other of the charitable events that make our lodges such an important part of our communities continued. You all exemplified the motto "Elks Care, Elks Share." And when the time came to reopen our lodges, you stepped up and made it happen, despite restrictions. To say that I am proud is an understatement.

I would be remiss if I did not also mention the tremendous amount of work that our Past District Deputies, Ken Hooper and Linda Caldwell, had to contend with during this COVID shut-down. They were amazing in assisting their lodges and keeping the leadership up-to-date while also making sure the lodges transitioned to the Financial Reporting

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ideas to get this fund up to a point whereas it will fund our State major charity indefinitely.

Financial health of your Lodges: I am sure we have some Lodges that may need help. I have asked the Vice Presidents to reach out. Please let us know how we can help.

Membership: View and use every charitable interaction as an opportunity to invite them to join us in the charitable works and events we do.

Please welcome Greg Swinney as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice replacing Jay Mitchell who had to resign due to health issues.

Due to the COVID-19 closure of our Lodges, National Convention and State Conventions, The Executive Committee has decided that everyone will stay in place for the 2021-22 year. Ashland has graciously agreed to host our February 2021 convention. We Hope!!!

Fraternally Yours,

Jesse R Shipp  
PDDGER  
Florence Lodge #314

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ray Pauly, Jr. PDDGER**

WOW, did not see this coming! The State Bowling Tourney was held at Newport #273 on March 14-15 and the next week, the world shut down. I sure did miss seeing everyone at the Grand Lodge Convention and will miss everyone again at the Mid-Year Meeting.



It has been far too long since we gathered. Let us hope we can come together in February.

We are slowly starting to open back up and if this continues, I will be contacting Lodges in the East for my official visits.

The Executive Committee has been meeting via video conference calls. Numerous topics were discussed and the one I feel will be most beneficial is getting some funds into Lodge Rehabilitation to

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System. Certainly not the DD year either of you expected, but you both handled it like the true Elks that you are.

Darlana and I want to express our heartfelt sympathy to all of our Elk's family that have been touched by this virus, especially our dear friends Jay and Yolonda Mitchell, and send our respect to everyone who has been classified as "essential" during this crisis. We know that several of you are on the front lines and you are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Finally, I want to thank our Past State Sponsor, PGER Lester C. "Ted" Hess, for all he has done for the association and for all he has done for me personally in my journey as an Elk. Ted, you are a true gentleman and you and Becky will always be missed.

I am always available if you have a question, concern or just want to discuss something. Do not hesitate to call or email.

Fraternally Yours,

Johnny Jones, Marshall County Lodge #2707

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Greg Swinney**

Greetings Kentucky Elks,

I want to start off by extending an enthusiastic welcome to our new State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks. I also want to say thank you to our past State Sponsor, PGER Lester C. "Ted" Hess. A true friend and fellow Elk who always showed his love and care in his guidance of the Kentucky Elks. Lisa and I will miss Ted and Becky.



It has been a long and strange time since last we were all together. I want to start off by saying how honored I am to be appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. I accepted this appointment with a heavy heart due to whom I am replacing. Jay Mitchell is one of the finest Elks I have met, and I can only hope to live up to his image.

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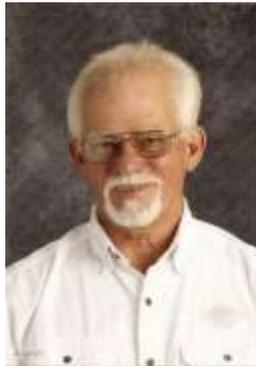
assist some of our Lodges that have been really hurt by this shutdown. Everyone stay safe and healthy – I want to see your smiling faces again. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.

Ray Pauly, Jr., PDDGER  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
KY Elks State Association



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Jeff Clifford

I hope everyone is doing OK with all that is happening in our state and the USA. I know we are glad to finally be able to open back up. The Lodge closed on March 14<sup>th</sup> and we opened up again on July 1<sup>st</sup>.



I want to thank everyone in the East for their support in my election to Third Vice.

Laura and I want to welcome our new State sponsor PGER Ron Hicks. We know he will do a great job, but he does have some big shoes to fill.

We would also like to thank our past State sponsor Lester C. (Ted) Hess for all the great years he gave to Ky Elks as our Sponsor. You will be missed.

Everyone please stay safe and I hope we all can get together again in not so distant future.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey Clifford  
Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438

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I believe a standing ovation is due our two Past District Deputies. To perform their duties with what they had to deal with this year, they have done an outstanding job. The Lodges have done a great job dealing with this COVID mess we are in. Thank You to everyone that is helping to keep our Lodges going!

I am new to this and it has been a learning experience, but it has also been good to see the care with which your Executive Committee and Past State Presidents handle matters on your behalf. I hope to make some visits to the lodges soon as we can and look forward to working with you as we continue to make the Kentucky Elks Association the best in Elkdom!

Lisa and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Fraternally,

Greg Swinney  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Kentucky State Elks Association

### District Deputy GER KY East

#### Rick “Hub” Fryman

To All Kentucky Elks,



I am honored to have been chosen to serve as East District Deputy for the year 2020-2021. I would like to thank our Past State Sponsor PGER Lester C. “Ted” Hess and the Past State Presidents for giving me the opportunity to serve as DDGER. I look forward to working with our new State sponsor Ronald L. Hicks and SDGER Greg Willis.

I also look forward to visiting all the Lodges in the East District along with my team, Esquire Clyde Rayme, Auditor Laura Clifford and Safety Inspector Michael Crump. Together we can all make this a great year and work towards the goals set forth by the Grand Lodge.

Congratulations to our new State President Jesse Shipp & Mary Kay. I hope you have a great year and I can't wait till you make your official visit to Cynthiana 438. Till then...

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Rick “Hub” Fryman, Cynthiana Elks Lodge# 438



## District Deputy GER, KY West, Tom Armstrong

I first want to thank the Past State Presidents Association for their confidence in my selection as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler West. Also thank you to Ken Hooper for all of his help and encouragement this past year. I look forward to meeting, assisting and working with all our lodges this coming year as we meet the challenges that COVID-19 has dealt us.



The inspection team for this year is DD Esquire Ron Caffee from Louisville Lodge #8, Safety Officer is Bob Swoboda from Lyndon Lodge #2052, Auditor Richard Rosenbaum, Lyndon Lodge #2052 and Secretary Normal Sweets from Lyndon Lodge #2052. Visit times will be set soon along with the dates of our clinics.

It's Great To Be An Elk!

Fraternally,

Tom Armstrong  
Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052



## Take a Break with the ENF



Every Friday throughout the summer, members of the ENF staff are going live on Facebook as part of "Take a Break with the ENF", a chance for you to meet the faces of the Foundation and hear behind-the-scenes insight into the ENF's day-to-day. Grab your coffee and "Take a Break" with the Scholarships team this Friday, July 31, at 10 a.m. Central Time. Check out the Facebook Live schedule [here](#).

As for your afternoon coffee break, tune in to the Midday Minute every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Central Time. In the latest episode, Debbie and I discuss and explain what's happening in Phase III of the Community Investments Program grant year. Watch the most recent episode and catch up with the Midday Minute on the ENF YouTube Channel. Don't forget to subscribe!!!

Jim O'Kelley, Director  
Elks National Foundation



## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Laura Clifford, KY State Chairman



Stay connected with ENF. Reach your Goal, Elks' support makes the work of the ENF possible. Every year, the National President announces a per-member-giving goal. This year, the goal is \$4.80. If our Lodge reaches the per-member-giving goal this year, we are eligible for a Gratitude Grant, the ENF's way of thanking Lodges for their support

### ALL KENTUCKY LODGES (LODGE YEAR THROUGH: 06/27/2020)

Rank	Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Member
1.	Cynthiana, KY, # 438	433	\$6,500.00	\$ 15.012
2.	Louisville, KY, # 8	398	\$4,108.06	\$ 10.322
3.	Frankfort, KY, # 530	509	\$1,643.75	\$ 3.229
4.	Newport, KY, # 273	597	\$1,778.25	\$ 2.979
5.	Florence, KY, # 314	230	\$555.00	\$ 2.413
6.	Henderson, KY, # 206	220	\$400.00	\$ 1.818
7.	Paducah, KY, # 217	147	\$200.00	\$ 1.361
8.	Hopkinsville, KY, # 545	116	\$100.00	\$ 0.862
9.	Middlesboro, KY, # 119	123	\$67.50	\$ 0.549
10.	Princeton, KY, #1115	287	\$125.00	\$ 0.436
11.	Ashland, KY, # 350	1154	\$350.00	\$ 0.303
12.	Madisonville, KY, # 738	322	\$85.00	\$ 0.264
13.	Marshall County, KY, #2707	439	\$75.00	\$ 0.171
14.	Winchester, KY, #2816	188	\$30.00	\$ 0.160
15.	Lyndon, KY, #2052	325	\$45.00	\$ 0.139
16.	Tri-County, KY, #2826	183	\$0.00	\$ 0.000

### How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Kentucky?

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than meeting the needs of today's veterans and maintaining the Elks National Memorial.

You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

**During the 2019-20 Lodge year, the Elks of Kentucky donated \$70,492.02 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back \$130,840.00**

- These grants support our "Kids with Cancer" major charitable project, as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.
- We will award a total of 4 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors and up to 3 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks.
- We also provide the Elks National Veterans Service Commission with funding to support its volunteers working in veterans' hospitals and medical centers.

**\*\*\*That's a ratio of 1.856 for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our Community Investments Program.\*\*\***



## 2020 MOST VALUABLE STUDENT FINALISTS

This year's Top 20 Most Valuable Student finalists came together virtually for the first time on April 24. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MVS Leadership Weekend looked different this year; instead of gathering in Chicago to share their stories and interview for the top six awards, the brand-new Elks scholars gathered on video chat. The socially distanced atmosphere couldn't stop the scholars from connecting with one another and forming new friendships with their fellow Elks family.

## 2020 TOP WINNERS

### 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE

**Sarah Harper**, sponsored by Athens, Tenn., Lodge No. 1927

**Santiago Alvillar**, sponsored by Montebello, Calif., Lodge No. 2051.

**\*\*EACH will each receive \$50,000 toward their college education**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE

**Irissa Machetta**, sponsored by Clear Lake (Kemah), Texas, Lodge No. 2322

**Daniel Ardity**, sponsored by Pompano Beach, Fla., Lodge No. 1898,

**\*\*EACH will each receive \$40,000 toward their college education**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

**Madison Johnson**, sponsored by Selbyville, Del., Lodge No. 2173,

**Tanner Christensen**, sponsored by Provo, Utah, Lodge No. 849

**\*\*EACH will receive \$30,000 toward their college education**



## ENF to You

The Elks National Foundation is proud to present the “**ENFtoYou**,” a Summer Series, a virtual experience for Elks to learn and engage with the ENF and its programs. Since the Elks National Convention was canceled, the Foundation is bringing the ENF to you—wherever you are. The ENF kicked off the Summer Series on *Sunday, June 28*, with a virtual version of the show it would have presented at Opening Ceremonies in Baltimore. The show featured exclusive interviews with the top two **MVS scholars**, **Sarah Harper**, sponsored by Athens, Tenn., Lodge No. 1927, and **Santiago Alvillar**, sponsored by Montebello, Calif., Lodge No. 2051, plus other must-see moments.

The show was just the start. The ENF will bring programming and brand-new content to you every two weeks throughout the summer months, plus opportunities for pop-up sessions, coffee breaks with ENF staff, and so much more. ENF staff will present on ways to use social media to promote the ENF in your Lodge; Community Investments Program grants and the ENF's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; the return of the Hoop Shoot; and much more. ENF Director Jim O'Kelley and Assistant Director Debbie Kahler Doles will also share a State of the Foundation.

You can still register for the Summer Series at <https://www.elks.org/enf/> \*\*By registering, you'll receive a digital swag bag; notifications and updates about the types of programming the ENF will offer; and chances to win ENF prizes.

Where to watch: The shows will be live streamed on the ENF's YouTube channel and can be found on the ENF website

I would like again to thank my East District Chairman, Jim Staubach PDD and West District Chairman Richard Rosenbaum. We're in this together!

Fraternally,

Laura Clifford, Elks National Foundation, KY State Chairman



## Community Investments Program—Phase III Explained

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage on throughout the country, uncertainty remains for the foreseeable future. Project planning continues to be difficult, but not impossible. By following state and local mandates, along with C.D.C. guidelines, we believe Lodges can plan for COVID-sensitive Community Investments Program grant projects. Here's what's on deck for Phase III.

### Beacon Grants

On August 1, Beacon Grants will become available to every Lodge in the amount of \$3,500—a 40 percent increase over last year's grant amount.

Typically, Beacon Grants must be used for active projects. But, since nothing is what it was, we've built in flexibility for Lodges to meet pressing needs in their own backyards. Here's how we are relaxing Beacon Grant guidelines:

- **Keep on keepin' on**-If the Lodge can continue its regular Beacon Grant project with safety precautions, fantastic.
- **Nope, not safe**- If an active Elks-led project isn't feasible, donations will be considered to the partner organization the Lodge usually works with, or to an organization providing COVID-19 relief.
- **Change it up**-If a Lodge would like to pause its regular Beacon Grant project to do a COVID-19 relief project, we're all for it.
- **Split it up**- From the beginning, the Beacon Grant has only been allowed for one annual project. This year, it can be split between up to two projects.
- **Supersize me**-Lodges can opt to supersize their Beacon Grant with a Spotlight Grant, making a total of \$5,500 available for a Beacon Grant project.

We announced way back in the pre-pandemic days of late February that the Beacon Grants were set to be \$3,000 for FY2021. However, by suspending both Promise Grants and new Impact Grants, we can offer Beacon Grants at \$3,500. With the increased grant amount and built-in flexibility, we're confident that Lodges will continue to rise to the occasion and help communities where it's needed most.

Read on for how we arrived at these decisions.

### Promise Grants

In normal times, Promise Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to the most qualified projects. For FY2021, we budgeted \$750,000 to fund 300 Promise Grants. Instead, we reallocated the funds for Promise Grants to Beacon Grants. Here's why:

In a typical year, Promise Grants must be used for active projects; however, in many parts of the country, active projects are not feasible. That's why we relaxed the Spotlight Grant guidelines to permit passive projects (donations) and encouraged Lodges to donate their Gratitude Grants.

The relaxed approach works for Spotlight Grants, because every Lodge is eligible to use one, and for Gratitude Grants, because every Lodge that met the GER's goal last year is eligible to use one. But there are only 300 Promise Grants. Relaxing the Promise Grant guidelines would have kicked off a frantic cash grab.

This decision means that some Lodges will receive less money in CIP grants this year than they did last year. That's unfortunate; however, there's no way that we could justify giving \$750,000 to 300 Lodges based solely on which Lodges had the fastest typists.

### Impact Grants

We applied the same logic to consideration of new Impact Grants during the time of COVID-19. We think of Impact Grants in terms of new and renewals. New Impact Grants are projects we are not currently funding; renewals are the ones we are currently funding.

The budget the Board approved in February contained \$200,000 for new Impact Grants and \$300,000 for renewals. For FY2021, we will not be accepting applications for new projects. Instead, we are reallocating the \$200,000 budgeted for new Impact Grants to Beacon Grants.

We are in the throes of reviewing the 64 2020 Impact Grantees' Second Quarter reports. The decision to move forward with the renewals will be announced on September 1.

### #ElksAlwaysCare

On August 1, we'll make an additional \$6.5 million available to Lodges through Beacon Grants. This is on top of the \$6.4 million in grant funds already available through Gratitude Grants and Spotlight Grants. There is no more pressing issue facing American communities than the response to the pandemic. Lodges across the country continue to rise to the occasion to meet the challenges brought on by the pandemic, which means our communities are stronger because #ElksAlwaysCare.





## 2020-21 MVS Scholarship Information

The 2021 ENF Scholarship contests are just around the corner! As the Kentucky Elks Association Scholarship Chair, I'm looking forward to working with all of the lodges again this year.

The MVS contest will officially begin on August 5. The ENF is making some changes to the judging process this year. Some of them are permanent, while others are in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On the whole, I think these changes will be beneficial for the local lodges as they score applicants submissions. Some of the highlights include:



The debut of the new MVS Portal is now housed on the "Elks.org" website. Yes, we can say goodbye to the old ISTS Judge Hub along with keeping up with multiple passwords and hopefully eliminate the poor customer service that went along with it.

There is also a new position for Lodges that participate in the "Most Valuable Student" selection, the **Lodge MVS Coordinator**. ***Even if your lodge has appointed a Scholarship Chair, your Lodge Secretary must appoint a Lodge MVS Coordinator as soon as possible.*** The ENF has emailed these directions to all Lodge Secretaries. Having this person appointed will allow them to receive updates from ENF as well as all the pertinent information to have a successful completion at the Lodge level.

Lodges will have greater scoring choices, with the ability to score the full application (financial, academic, and leadership), just the leadership section, or some combination thereof.

Because COVID-19's effect on school schedules and ACT/ SAT administration, the MVS contest will not require applicants to submit these scores as part of the application process.

The contest schedule has been streamlined to avoid holidays. Below are the relevant dates:

August 5, 2020	Contest Opens
November 15, 2020	Application Deadline
December 7-21, 2020	Lodge Judging
January 4-18, 2021	District Judging
February 5-22, 2021	State Judging
April 22-23, 2021	MVS National Finalists Leadership Weekend.

This week, the annual scholarship mailing will be sent to each Lodge to the Secretary's attention at the Lodge mailing address. We've also posted these materials on our revamped Scholarship Coordinator page. Visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarshipchair/> to check it out (member log-in required).

Again, I am really looking forward to working with all the lodges this year. As a Lodge Coordinator, you are a champion of our scholars. Please know I am available anytime at [jjsnyder92@gmail.com](mailto:jjsnyder92@gmail.com) or at 502-330-3426. Thank you for all you do!

Fraternally,

John Snyder, PER  
ENF-MVS Scholarship Contest  
Committee Chairman



2020 Kentucky MVS Finalists			
Name	Lodge	Award Amount	High School Name
Braedon Price	Hopkinsville 545	\$4,000	SOUTH WARREN HIGH SCHOOL
Christian Tingle	Louisville 8	\$4,000	DUPONT MANUAL HIGH
Madeline Kerr	Paducah 217	\$4,000	ST MARY SCHOOL SYSTEM
Cailin McDonald	Middlesboro 119	\$4,000	BARBOURVILLE CITY SCHOOL
2020 Kentucky Elks Association Scholarship Winners			
Name	Lodge	Award Amount	High School Name
Connor Pattinson	Newport 273	\$2,000	SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL
Barrett Blevins	Ashland 350	\$2,000	RUSSELL HIGH SCHOOL
Jacob Mills	Marshall Co. 2707	\$1,000	GRAVES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Owen Littrell	Florence 314	\$1,000	CONNER HIGH SCHOOL
Nathan Ciufo	Florence 314	\$1,000	RANDALL K COOPER HIGH SCHOOL
Stephen Yin	Frankfort 530	\$1,000	PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL
Leo Hughes	Louisville 8	\$1,000	DUPONT MANUAL HIGH
Renz Jordan Tolentino	Louisville 8	\$1,000	DUPONT MANUAL HIGH
Lauren Payne	Winchester 2816	\$2,000	HENRY CLAY HIGH SCHOOL
Hannah Phirman	Newport 273	\$2,000	BISHOP BROSSART HIGH SCHOOL
Chelsea Mason	Madisonville 738	\$1,000	MADISONVILLE NORTH HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
Makayla Whitaker	Paducah 217	\$1,000	GRAVES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
MaKayla Koon	Madisonville 738	\$1,000	MADISONVILLE NORTH HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
Reagan McCalister	Princeton 1115	\$1,000	CALDWELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
Hannah Cochran	Frankfort 530	\$1,000	GREAT CROSSING HIGH SCHOOL
Chloe Banaszak	Louisville 8	\$1,000	CAROL MARTIN GATTON ACADEMY
2020 Kentucky Elks Legacy Scholarship Winners			
Name	Sponsoring Lodge	Amount	
Cori Hack	Marshall Co. -- Lodge No. 2707	\$4,000.00	
Brooklyn Pierce	Louisville -- Lodge No. 8	\$4,000.00	
Max Thompson	Marshall Co. -- Lodge No. 2707	\$4,000.00	

## Kevil "Kids with Cancer"

### Kentucky Elks Association's State Major Project

I hope everyone is doing ok from the virus. It has been very frustrating due to lodge closures and the activities our lodges do in the spring put on hold or canceled.

With that being said, our State Major Project, "**Kids with Cancer**," continues to be alive and well. From February 2019 to February 2020, we were able to support our "Kids with Cancer" project with approximately \$70,000 and \$49,000 due to the generosity of **Jim Bob Kevil!!** *Although this year has started out slow, our "Kids with Cancer" has donated \$10,000 to kids and their families for lodging, gas, food, medication and other individual needs.* So far, we have helped 17 kids and families. This money came from Lodge donations at the February convention. We should be receiving the Kevil grant for the second year anytime. I encourage every KY Lodge to utilize our "**Kids with Cancer Kevil Fund**" to assist families facing the



challenges that come with taking care of a child sick with cancer. It is our duty to promote our great organization to our communities, clinics and hospitals and make them aware of our State Major Project as a resource for families in crisis. The toughest application we received thus far was for a 1-year old child with cancer. The difficulty that this family confronted is unimaginable and it is so rewarding to witness how much our help eased some of the burden that these families experience. That is just one application! This is "**Elks Care-Elks Share**" in action.

Finally, I want to thank Diana Yates for the effort and hard work she has put in through the years. She developed a firm foundation for KEA Major Project. Likewise, I want to sincerely thank the members of the current Kevil Committee for their dedication to making sure the charitable fund is truly used to meet the needs of "Kids with Cancer." If anyone at any lodge has questions, you can contact me, Dava Hooper (West) or Beth Saunders (East).

Fraternally,

Charlie Martin, PSP  
State Major Project Committee Chair  
"Kevil Kids with Cancer" Fund



## Grand Lodge Member News

### Elks donate \$373 million

The 2019-2020 Membership Report was filed online via CLMS2. As of March 31, the Order ended the year with a total membership of 768,926 for a loss of 2,107. With more attention to membership, the Order can show a gain for this year.

Totals from the Annual Charity Reports show the Order donated \$373,674,280 in time, mileage, and in-kind gifts. This dollar amount would have been larger, but 66 Lodges failed to file a charity report. Again, with everyone's help, during the 2020-2021 Lodge year we will strive to reach that elusive 100% reported.

Even though the Baltimore Convention was cancelled, I would like to thank the Baltimore Host Committee, their volunteers and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Paul D. Hesel for all the work they have done. Do not forget what your plans were, as it sounds like we may be back in 2028.

### How do ENVSC Surplus Grants Impact Kentucky Veterans?

As you probably are aware, your ENVSC VA Representative visits to facilities have been all but stopped due to the COVID-19 pandemic. BUT, in true Elks style, we continue to serve. We have transitioned from personal visits to shipping items to the facility or dropping them off at the door. One of the ways we are helping are via Surplus Grants.

#### How do ENVSC Surplus Grants Impact Kentucky Veterans?

Each year the Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) offers surplus grants to ENVSC representatives when additional funds are available. This year five Kentucky facilities requested and were approved for surplus grants. This equates to an additional \$5,000.00 to support each of those facilities.

- **Janet Cartwright** is the ENVSC representative for the Hansen Facility in Madisonville. She will be coordinating a project to provide the residents with limited resources, some dignity and help them purchase gifts for their family members along with professional photo sessions and four cookouts.
- **Tom Armstrong** is the ENVSC representative for the Louisville VAMC and plans to utilize the grant to support a cold weather gear drive during Veterans Remembrance Month in November. The cold weather gear will be provided to veterans in need during a veterans breakfast conducted at Lyndon Lodge #2052.
- **Cheryl Blake**, ENVSC representative for the Pennyroyal Veterans Center near Hopkinsville will coordinate Elk volunteers to build care packages full of personal items and lunches to be given to veterans in need as they arrive at the facility. This support should serve the facility's new residents for about a year.
- **Martin Harbolt**, ENVSC representative for the Radcliff Veterans Center near Fort Knox, along with volunteers from Louisville Lodge # 8 will build raised flower and vegetable gardens to allow handicapped residents some outdoor enrichment activities and grow their own vegetables and flowers.
- **Brian Kinney** the ENVSC representative for the Cooper Division of the Lexington VAMC and Elks volunteers will build clothing packets of socks, sweats, T-shirts and other items to be provided to the in-patient and homeless veterans in the community. Cooper Division recently had to close their clothing room and is in need of additional clothing items.

Each of these initiatives is solely focused on the needs of their local facility and will enrich the lives of veterans across the commonwealth. These are great examples of Kentucky Elks providing a positive impact on their communities.

If your lodge has an idea to help or needs some support from the KY Elks Association team, please reach out to your ENVSC District Representative or State Chair:

- **Amanda Cummins** (East); (417) 298-3690; [mandyj4123@gmail.com](mailto:mandyj4123@gmail.com); *Florence Lodge # 314*
- **Greg Dueser** (West); (502) 523-4621; [pmcclure13@hotmail.com](mailto:pmcclure13@hotmail.com); *Lyndon Lodge # 2052*

Fraternally,

**Martin L. Harbolt**

KY ENVSC Chairman,

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## DAP REPORT – JULY 2020

We are still and continue to be in the grip of COVID-19. I trust all Lodges are using the Power Point I sent out in March during this down time for training and promoting the programs that can be carried on at home via internet, phone, email and social media. **ANYONE THAT DID NOT RECEIVE THIS POWER POINT OR NEEDS ANOTHER COPY CONTACT ME AT ONCE.**

Reach out to your local DEA and Law enforcement office to see if they will cooperate on a Drug Take Back program, **SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 24, 2020**. Remember, each Lodge should have a minimum of ONE DAP activity per month. Report on Form 1801 and copy me by E-mail or mail.

Be Creative!! Remember, **DAP** is not an annual event, but rather a continual opportunity to improve your community and your Lodge. If you can make a difference in the life of even one child in your community, we have succeeded.

### **I HAVE 3 GOALS FOR THE 2020-21 YEAR.**

1. *ONE (1) DAP EVENT PER MONTH PER LODGE.*
2. *100% REPORTING OF EVENTS ON THE 1801 FORM AND CLEMS SYSTEM.*
3. *EACH LODGE SHOULD ESTABLISH A BUDGET FOR DAP EVENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.*

### **Current Drug Awareness Contacts**

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***MY PRIMARY METHOD OF CONTACT AND SENDING FILES WILL BE ONLINE. LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE ON COMPUTERS AND USING EMAIL SO WE CAN DISCUSS.***



Fraternally,

Stephen Moore, PER

Drug Awareness Chairman

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## 2020 KY Bowling Tournament

On March 14 & 15 the Newport Lodge hosted the 2020 State Bowling Tournament at Walt's Center Lanes. Elks from around the state came to participate in the tournament. 22 Teams participated in the "Team Event," 48 participated in "Double Pairs," 95 participants in the "Singles Even,t" and 79 participated in "All Events." BIG Congratulations to Cynthia member/bowler Kent Burgan who bowled a 300 in his third game of the Team Event!

Many of the participants enjoyed the Friday Night Fish Fry that Newport annually hosts as well as the Saturday night "Bowlers' Dinner." Newport was a wonderful host and everyone enjoyed visiting the Lodge and had a great time. Thank you Newport for a wonderful tournament!

### 2020 Kentucky Elks State Bowling Tournament Results - Newport March 14 & 15

#### TEAM HANDICAP WINNERS

Place	Lodge	Team	Team Members	Score
1 <sup>st</sup>	Newport	Motley Crew	G Pophan, P Liles, B Shay, M Witte, and D Hilker	3373
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lyndon	Lyndon Elks #1	D Zipper, M McNatt, R Rosenbaum, S McNatt, and J Rosenbaum	3370
3 <sup>d</sup>	Newport	Inner Guards	K Combs, K Fry, T Mann, P Barton, and J Combs	3346
4 <sup>th</sup>	Newport	Roses 1 Thorn	N Steffen, P Mader, J Steffen, P Hill, and M Hampleman	3339
5 <sup>th</sup>	Newport	Laru Lanes	D Otting, S Potter, D Haverkamp, D Halfhill, and D Hildebrand	3310

#### DOUBLE PAIRS WINNERS

Place	Lodge	Team Partners	Score
1	Newport	Scott Potter and Don Otting	1478
2	Frankfort	Jason Earnest and Justin Lafollette	1454
3	Newport	Dave Haverkamp and Scott Amriott	1421
4	Newport	Greg Popham and Phil Liles	1397
5	Newport	Dennis Cummins and Spradlin	1363

#### SINGLES WINNERS

Place	Lodge	Bowler	Score
1	Newport	Don Otting	840
2	Newport	Roger Bray	749
3	Newport	Dennis Cummins	745
4	Frankfort	Jason Earnest	744
4	Cynthiana	Allen Fryman	744

#### ALL EVENTS WINNERS

Place	Lodge	Bowler	Score
1	Newport	Don Otting	2328
2	Newport	Steve Potter	2124
3	Newport	Greg Popham	2122
4	Newport	Mary Lou Hamplemann	2112
5	Newport	Will Hicks	2098

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS!!!!**



## NEWPORT ELKS LODGE #273

So much has happened, and not happened, at Newport since last we met in February in Florence. March 14 & 15 we hosted the State Bowling Tournament. We had a great turnout, thanks to everyone who came up. Monday, March 16, we shut down. We contacted the city and they said we could continue our Friday Fish Fry as drive-thru only. Beginning the third week of Lent we tried it. We served between 800 and 1200 dinners each night and we continue to do drive-thru today.



We used our ENF Grants to assist 60 recent or soon-to-be mothers with essential supplies. We put together 200 cinch bags with the Elks logo full of supplies and books for new kindergarten students. Bags were also filled for 60 homeless veterans in a program at the Ft. Thomas VA facility with necessities such as soap, shampoo, socks, hand sanitizer, wash rags and towel, fleece blankets, etc. Unfortunately, the next day the veterans were relocated to a homeless shelter to make room for veterans with COVID-19. Using the 2020 Gratitude Grant along with donations from members, local restaurants, and the Lodge, we assisted in ensuring the displaced veterans had lunch every day of the week. We are using our Spotlight Grant to set up a Resource Room for veterans. Working in conjunction with a local organization, The Barracks Project, we will be setting up a room with desk computers, printers, resource materials and clothes for job interviews.

We have kept busy at the Lodge. Brand new siding was installed all around the building and I must say it looks good. We went non-smoking on April 1<sup>st</sup>, so we scrubbed walls, carpet, floors, tables, chairs and sanitized the interior. We have started our Bingo up, but with the limit on number of players we can have, we had to turn players away.

This has been an interesting year, from finding new ways to install officers, to trying to comply with the ever-changing rules and regulations. Stay safe and God willing, and the government lets us, see you in February 2021.

Ray Pauly, PER  
Exalted Ruler

## FLORENCE LODGE #314

On March 19, 2020, Florence Elks #314 received a call from the NKY Veterans Coalition (NKYVC) group, "...our Veterans need your help." Due to the pandemic, the Fort Thomas, KY VA Homeless facility was being converted to accept COVID-19 patients. Any voluntary Veteran residents needed to relocate immediately. Within 24 hours, the NKYVC group arranged housing at the Joseph House of Cincinnati for the displaced Veterans, but this new facility did not have funding to feed 50 Veterans 3 meals a day...the Florence Elks #314 gladly stepped up to help.



Within 24 hours, the Florence Elks needed to organize and fund a lunch meal every day for 50 Veterans for at least 4 weeks, the current "shelter in place" state order. The 4 weeks of meals calculated to \$7,000. The Florence Elks raised \$2,000 by rewriting their Gratitude Grant and, with the help of the ENVSC and the Newport Elks, raised a total of \$6,000. This was enough support to get started, but what if the "shelter in place" state order was extended? More weeks and the 24-hour turnaround effort would require a village of do-gooders, and fast, so the Florence Elks reached out to the American Legion Post #4 and combined funds. Post #4 wasted no time in raising \$5,800 through their Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and 3 other American Legion Posts. And, within one day, the Elks had \$11,800 for our Veterans in crisis. The extra funds would provide for 6 weeks of meals.

Now, to determine where the food would come from. We remembered all those restaurants that donated to our events and how they may be struggling as a business due to the pandemic's effect on our economy. Time to pay it forward! Calls were made and the restaurant owners were more than happy to provide a daily meal for 50 Veterans at \$250, some restaurants even donated the meal. The Florence Elks scheduled the restaurants, sharing their provided meal dates and pickup details. Delivering the meals from KY to OH was the next challenge. Most Elks and Kentuckians were already practicing the "shelter in place" state order, they were homebound. Keeping in mind the health of our members and community, it was necessary to recruit delivery drivers only from those people still publicly working and provide them with safe handling instructions. On a rotating schedule, 4 Florence Elks, 4 Newport Elks, 3 Legionnaires Post #4, 2 members of The Barracks Project, and volunteers from some of the participating restaurants were on the road to provide our Veterans a daily lunch. What teamwork!!

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As of March 21, 2020 the Elks have provided a daily lunch to 50 Veterans at Joseph House of Cincinnati and will continue to do so until the state quarantine order has been lifted. The turnaround on this time-sensitive effort was nothing short of miraculous and reflects the incredible challenges that Elks will accept and face head-on in order to provide support where needed. So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them. We are Elks!

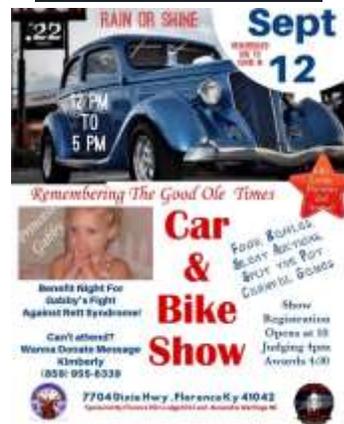
Bessie Howard (Ky American Legion District 6 Auxiliary), Florence ER Mandy Cummins, Faye Fayson (314 Elks Member and Ky American Legion Member), Ky Elks State President Jesse Shipp & Mike Howard (Ky American Legion District 6 Commander)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, September 12th - Annual Golf Outing -  
Wheatley, Ky**

### **Saturday, September 12th - Gabby Benefit Car/Bike Show - Florence Lodge**



### **Saturday, October 10th - Florence Elks Riders Charity Ride for Cancer**



**KIDS with CANCER RIDE**  
Sponsored by  
The Florence Elks Riders



In 2004 the Kentucky Elks adopted "Kids with Cancer" as their State Major Project. The mission of the Kentucky Elks Association's State Major Project, "Kids with Cancer," is to provide pediatric cancer patients with a recreational camp experience that allows them to enjoy "just being a kid" without the restrictions normally associated with their disease and treatment. The camps focus on the values that Elks members support, including citizenship, family values, teamwork and responsibility, community and giving, respect, fairness, and tolerance. It is the belief that each camper will hopefully leave camp with a life-enhancing experience and a concrete example of the "Elks Care, Elks Share" philosophy. The Kentucky Elks Kids with Cancer project shall also provide emergency grant funds to provide necessary equipment and services, in the absence of an outside funding source, that enable the independence of these patients.

The Kids with Cancer project also offers yearly grants to any child that incurs co-pays for medical services, prescription drugs, medical equipment or supplies. These requests are submitted by hospital social workers or oncologists.

The Florence Elks Riders will host a ride, with all the proceeds going to this great charity.

**Date: Saturday, October 10th, 2020**  
**Registration: 10:00am - 11:45am**  
**Kick Stands up: Noon**

\$15.00 Per Bike/ \$20.00 Per Couple  
Ride will leave & end @ The Florence Elks (7704 Dixie Hwy; Florence, Ky)

**Breakfast will be served - Raffles - 50/50**  
**And More....**

We hope you will join us for a day of riding and helping the children of our community-



## ASHLAND ELKS LODGE #350

On Saturday, March 7, Ashland Elks helped assemble beds for the “Build a Bed Project”. We had 15 member-volunteers and 2 non-member volunteers. Our group built 24 beds and over 200 beds were assembled that day. In addition to the beds, groups and individuals donated other items to be given with the beds. Ashland Lodge donated alarm clocks to go with each bed. The “Build a Bed” project builds these beds for children going into foster care. This is the second year that our lodge has participated.



Representing the Ashland Lodge were Ray Stanley, Susan Stanley, Keith Adkins, Larry Hankerings, Connie Colegrove, Diana Dean, John Orta, Carla Dixon, Chris Kane, Jerry Adams, Debbie Adams, Jason Melvin, Jack Brown, Jenie Mills and non-member volunteer Brayden Mills

## Congratulations

**Ashland Elks Lodge #350 for Winning  
1<sup>st</sup> place (Division V) in the 2019-2020  
“Community Project Contest”  
for their participation in the “Build a Bed” Project.**



**Pictured: Roberta Parsons, ER Ashland Elks Lodge and KY Elks Association Lodge Activities Chair**

This award is given by The Grand Lodge Activities Committee to encourage Lodge’s to conduct a project in the community that one that “fills a need in your community *and* makes a difference to those you serve. Applications for the award can be found on *Elks.org* and are to be submitted by May 2021.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee awards first, second, and third-place winners in each of the six membership size categories.

*\*\*Certificates were to be awarded to the winning Lodges at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, however, due to the cancellation, the award arrived by mail.*



## **CYNTHIANA ELKS LODGE #438**

### **Greetings from**

### **Cynthiana Lodge #438**

We hope all Elks and their families are staying safe during these difficult times!

Here in Cynthiana we were closed for 107 days due to the COVID-19. We reopened on July 1st.

During the shutdown our ER and Secretary secured the Beacon grant, the Gratitude grant and the Spotlight grant from the Grand Lodge. The Beacon grant is used to help our Veterans which is what our Veteran Chairman, Brian Kinney takes care of (*see pictures*).

We gave \$2,000.00 to the Local Food Pantry and \$2,000.00 to the Hope Food Bank (*see pictures*). Our ER, Jim Smith had a mail drop box built and donated by Harrison Machine Shop and decals donated by Shane Stevens. This box is for anyone to drop off their old used or battered Flags. Our Boy Scout Troop 76 will do a Flag retirement ceremony with all those collected.

We will be handing out dictionaries to all 3rd graders in Harrison Co. in November. We will also be having a Veterans Fish Fry in November, take home or delivery only due to not being able to gather in large groups.

*Until Next time----Stay Safe—Elks Care, Elks Share*

### **Flag Retirement Box Dedication**

On Saturday, June 20, 2020, the Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 held a dedication for their “FLAG RETIREMENT BOX” at the Elks Lodge. The drop box is for anyone in the city, county, or from anywhere who needs to have their AMERICAN FLAG properly retired. Anyone can DROP worn flags off anytime because the drop box is conveniently located on the outside porch. The flags will be properly be retired by BOY SCOUT TROOP 76 (Sponsored by the Elks Lodge).



The CYNTHIANA ELKS LODGE would like to THANK the “HARRISON MACHINE SHOP” for the donation of the box and “PRINTED VINYL FOR YOU” for decals and the mounting of the decals.



Picture from left to right: Jim Smith-(lodge ER), Michael McFarland-(BOY SCOUT), Brian Kinney-(VETERAN LODGE CHAIRMAN/ VAVS REP).

### **Hope's Helping Hand Food Bank Donation**

On Saturday June 20, 2020, The CYNTHIANA ELKS LODGE #438 presented the HOPE'S HELPING HAND FOOD BANK a check for \$2000.00 (SPOTLIGHT GRANT) at the Elks lodge. The check was presented by Jim Smith, ER.



Picture from left to right are: Jackie L. Collins- (HOPE'S HELPING HAND FOOD BANK) and Jim Smith, ER.

### **Veterans Get New Sweatsuits through Cynthiana Elks Lodge Grant**

The Elks received a grant and were able to order 75 sweat suits for the Lexington VA Health Care system in Lexington Kentucky.



Working with the Elk's National Veterans Service Commission, Brian Kinney was able to purchase new sweat suits for Veterans in need at the Lexington VAHCS. #Cynthiana #Elks438 #Veterans.

**LIT UP GREEN** for citizens our State has lost to COVID-19



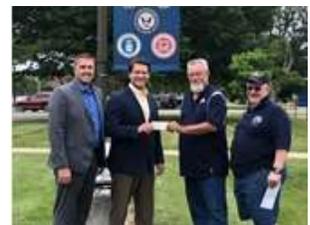
**Brian Kinney, Cynthiana Lodge Volunteer**



Brian Kinney, Cynthiana Committee Veteran chairperson, delivering gift boxes and visiting with patients this past Christmas.

**Posted on the Lexington VA Facebook Page:**

*"Thank you to the Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438. Brian has been working hard these last few months and is excited to present a \$2500.00 check that will go towards the needs of Veterans of the Lexington VA Healthcare System".*

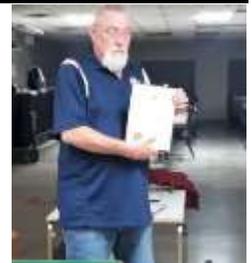


Pictured left to right: Voluntary Service Chief, Patrick Sinclair, Lexington VAHCS Director, Greg Goins, Jim Smith, ER and Brian Kinney Volunteer.

**CYNTHIANA ELKS LODGE #438  
ER Awards Banquet Ceremony**

On Thursday, July 23, 2020, Cynthiana Elks Lodge was finally able to hold their annual "ER Awards Banquet Ceremony" in recognition of members, officers, and citizens for their outstanding dedication and hard work.

**Jim Smith, ER, holding the "MAKING A DIFFERENCE SPECIAL LODGE AWARD CITATION"** awarded by The Grand Lodge! This award is given for increasing membership.



Jim Smith, ER, presents "**ELK OF THE YEAR**" Award to Grady Blair.



Jim Smith, ER, presents the "**ELKS DISTINGUISHED CITIZENSHIP AWARD**" to Jeffery Clifford.



Jim Smith, ER, presents the "**OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**" to Rick (Hub) Fryman.



Jim Smith, ER, presents the "**GRAND EXALTED RULER'S ACCOMMODATION AWARD**" to Lynn Hicks and Michael Crum.

**\*\*\*Although not pictured, we also recognized several of our members with various CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.**



## FRANKFORT ELKS LODGE #530

### FRANKFORT LODGE #530

I hope that everyone is doing well and following the guidelines during these difficult days so that one day, we will see each other again. I am very proud to have been elected the new ER of the Frankfort #530 and extend my gratitude to the membership in giving me the opportunity to serve. One of my goals as ER is to promote our organization's work to the Frankfort community. During these last several months Frankfort #530 has demonstrated to the community what *"Elks Care, Elks Share"* truly means. The outpouring of volunteers and contributions that our lodge has shared with Franklin County Seniors, Our Veterans, Our Servicemen and First Responders as well as to the Frankfort Men's Shelter and Access Community Soup Kitchen has been AMAZING to say the least. I am so proud of our Lodge!



Our Lodge celebrated Memorial Day during a "Drive Thru" Ceremony at the Frankfort Cemetery. Also in May, we delivered furniture, cookware, and household supplies to a homeless Veteran, making his dream of having a place to call home a reality. And for the first time in our Lodge's history, we conducted our Flag Day Ceremony in public on the Old Capital Lawn. Even while our facility doors were closed, our work never stops! We thrive when we share.

Frankfort #530 extends very warm welcome to our new State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks. Congratulations Ron!! We are excited to see you in our Lodge soon! We also wish to extend gratitude to our past State Sponsor, PGER Lester C. "Ted" Hess. Thank you for your dedication, guidance, wisdom and demonstration of what it means to be an Elk. We will never forget you and will miss you. Best wishes for a happy retirement to you and Becky!

Fraternally,

Mark Ruble, Exalted Ruler  
Frankfort Elks #530



### HOMETOWN HEROES – ANGIE PALMER, DEBI NEWMAN AND LESLIE TRUE OF FRANKFORT

On April 14, 2020, radio station HITS 106.5 named Angie Palmer, Debi Newman and Leslie True as their "Hometown Heros".

*They published on their website, "All three decided that staying at home and staying healthy means give something back. All three recently became members of the Frankfort Elks Lodge #530, in part to find ways to give back to the community. Soon after becoming Elks members, the Coronavirus happened. That is when the women went into high gear. In less than a month, the three women have hand sewn over 700 personal protection masks for use in the battle against COVID-19."*

To date, these wonderful ladies have sewn over 3000 masks and have been recognized in the Frankfort State Journal as well as in the "Elks" Magazine.



From Left to Right: Debi Newman, Angie Palmer, and Leslie True.



## FRANKFORT LODGE SUPPORTS SENIORS!

For several years, Linda LaFontaine (otherwise known as “The Bag Lady”) has dedicated her service to Capital City Activity Center, otherwise known as the Frankfort Senior Center. One of the ways that she helps them is by collecting our donated grocery bags and delivering them to the Senior Center’s “HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY” to use for weekly food distributions to senior families in Franklin County. In mid-April, Linda presented a \$2500 donation to Diane Rodgers, Director of the Outreach Program. This donation was made possible and supported by the Beacon Grant awarded to us by the Elks National Foundation. Thank you Linda for all that you do for Frankfort Lodge and The Frankfort Senior Center.



Pictured left to right: Diane Rodgers, Director of the Outreach Program and Linda LaFontaine.

## Frankfort Lodge Responds to COVID-19 Pandemic by “GIVING”

Due to Beshear’s executive order of “bar and restaurant” closure and following the Kentucky State Elks Association recommendations, on March 16, 2020 our lodge facility closed indefinitely. Even though the doors closed, another opportunity to “GIVE” opened! Our member, Veteran, and Bar Manager, Carla Hawkins along with a team of volunteers quickly responded by giving a generous donation of much needed food from our pantry to the Access Soup Kitchen. She also donated our extra vinyl gloves, hand sanitizer, bleach and antibacterial wipes to the Boone National Guard to distribute to local first responders. Another fine example of how “*Elks Care, Elks Share.*”



## FRANKFORT LODGE FLAG DAY CEREMONY

On Monday, July 15, our Lodge held a Flag Day Ceremony for the first time in public. It was held on the Old Capital Lawn with beautiful weather. Brad Marston conducted the ceremony while explaining the meaning of each fold. Rick Nesserole and Mark Ruble were there to fold the flag along with each meaning. The event had approximately 15 members and public in attendance, including several Veterans. The local paper, *The State Journal*, published an article about the event, including photos. Due to our ceremony making the news, we plan to make our Flag Day Ceremony open to the public and Frankfort’s VFW Post 4075 has offered their color guard to help and participate in next year’s ceremony.



Pictured left to right: Rick Nesserole, Brad Marston, PER, Mark Ruble, ER, Charlie Cunningham, PSP and Terry LaFontaine.

## Frankfort Lodge Partners with Florence Elks to Supports Veterans

COVID-19 has affected all of us and in ways we could not predict. In Northern KY, when the VA Hospital needed space for pandemic patients, approximately 50 veterans found themselves quickly relocated to another facility. That facility did not have food services. Within hours of this happening, the Florence Lodge stepped in to assist by providing meals to the veterans on a daily basis until they are able to go back to the original facility. In the process, the Florence Lodge also provided cash flow to struggling small businesses by buying the meals locally. This is an example of Elks supporting our Veterans while also making an impact on the community as well. Mark Skeeters shared this news with our Lodge. On April 15, 2020, our Lodge #530 responded by donating \$2000 to the Florence Lodge for the Veteran’s meals. Our donation was made possible by the Freedom Grant awarded to us by the Elks National Foundation. Special thanks to our Grant Coordinator Mark Skeeters and to Martin Harbolt, PER and KY State Veterans Chair (Louisville Lodge #8) for making the donation possible! “*So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.*”

### FRANKFORT ELKS REMEMBERS



It was a gorgeous day on May 25, 2020, when Frankfort Elks #530, (in collaboration with the Frankfort VFW Post 4075 and American Legion Post 7), “Honored and Remembered” Those from Franklin County who gave the Ultimate Sacrifice in a Memorial Day Ceremony. The event was held “COVID style” in a “drive thru” service held at Frankfort Cemetery. Member Leigh Ruble designed the pamphlets our Lodge donated for the event. Members, Morris and Jannette Wilson, passed the pamphlets and flags to each vehicle while Exalted Ruler, Mark Ruble, announced the names of those who fell during WWII. Going forward, Frankfort Lodge #530 has enthusiastically committed to participate in the event annually!



### FRANKFORT ROCKS!!!

Painting rocks and hiding them has become a thing! In



February, Leigh Ruble thought it would be a great way for Frankfort Elks Lodge to introduce our organization to Frankfort and other communities. When asked why she started painting rocks, she said, *“I just thought that it would be a fun project to get non-members to check out our Facebook page and get to know who we are and what we do, and hope that it inspires others to want to be a part of the **Best People On Earth.**”* To date, she has personally painted over 75 rocks and has inspired several other members to join in on the fun! (You may have found one at the 2020 Convention as they were hidden all over the hotel!) One of our rocks made it to Key West and was posted to our Facebook Page!! We have no idea who found it, but have no doubt that when that person looked up our page on Facebook, they were introduced to the Elk Organization and some of the great work our Lodge does for our community.





## WEST DISTRICT ELKS LODGES

### LOUISVILLE LODGE # 8

Louisville Elks Lodge # 8 has executed a successful although limited re-opening. A maximum of 50% capacity is being observed and we have structured the Lounge area to adhere to



social distancing requirements. We are also taking advantage of days with good weather and our outside amenities. One of those good days afforded the opportunity to pay tribute to “Old Glory.”

Louisville Elks Lodge # 8 has a deep passion for what “Old Glory” means to their community. Magnificent weather helped contribute to a very successful, social-distanced Flag Day ceremony for Louisville Elks Lodge # 8. With the help of the Louisville Lodge # 8 Color Guard, the lodge successfully retired more than 100 flags with respect and dignity. The ceremony was opened by the Chairman of the Veteran’s Committee, Ms. Lora Forde, and a flag folding demonstration conducted by the Lodge 8 Color guard. Our State President, Mr. Jesse Shipp, was afforded the opportunity to retire a Kentucky State Flag and was presented with a wavy wooden flag as a remembrance of the occasion.



### HENDERSON ELKS LODGE

#### #206

Henderson Lodge closed during the governor’s mandate of COVID-19 business closings.



On June 4<sup>th</sup> the lodge had a board meeting to discuss reopening and restrictions needed for the safety of members. Also, the lodge officers were installed at the same meeting, while practicing social distancing. A meeting for June 18<sup>th</sup> was scheduled to discuss the current status of the virus and state recommendations for opening on July 7<sup>th</sup>. During this board meeting we discussed the state government guidelines that will be followed for everyone’s safety. The first meeting night was July 9<sup>th</sup>. We discussed all safety measures being put in place including the governor’s mandate for wearing a mask.

We are now open with safety precautions including social distancing, wearing of masks, handwashing and sanitizing. The minutes were read from our previous board meetings regarding the preparations for reopening. There was good attendance at the meeting and hopefully we will get back to normal and resume lodge activities safely.

Gary Hayden/Interim ER



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## PADUCAH ELKS LODGE

### #217

Shutdown did not mean a slowdown at Paducah 217. After the staff cleaned the lodge for COVID-19 purposes, then came the new wax for the floors, new paint for the meeting room, new LED lighting for the areas we had not taken care of yet.



We also worked with the community to help those in need. We donated \$5000 to Community Kitchen to help with the purchase of food for their free lunch program for the city.

We have also helped Merryman House with their garden program. So far, 200 lbs. of fresh vegetables have been harvested with more to come, public sales of the produce will happen in the future with the proceeds to benefit the Merryman House.

Our own Army Gosh has provided masks for the masses free of charge, but donations for the masks received helped Starfish Ministries.

Now that we have resumed meetings, we look forward to bringing in new members, and finding new projects to help with.

For those that haven't heard, "BBQ on the River" has been cancelled for this year because of the pandemic so we hope to see y'all when you get a chance.

Fraternally,

Kevin Nelson, ER  
Paducah 217

## HOPKINSVILLE LODGE

### #545

What a long 4 months from the time we closed on March 16, 2020. Per Governor Beshear's order, we reopened on 6/29/2020. We are following his order for the use of masks. I am sure our lodge is no different than others in that we need to re-energize and start looking for the future. We had our first lodge activity on July 3, 2020 to celebrate lodge members birthdays for April, May, June and July. We have applied for a stimulus loan through the Small Business Program to help with a roof problem. Our lodge will begin plans for all the Grand Lodge Programs for the fall. We will also have to talk about membership as we are the smallest lodge by membership in Kentucky. We send thoughts and prayers to all the lodges to get through this pandemic.



Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Charlie Martin, ER

## KEA Youth Activities

The past four months have been very frustrating for our youth. Limited social activities, virtual learning from home and no organized sports activities. The regional and national hoop shoot was cancelled in March and April. The youth activities week in May was not conducted in many lodges because we were closed. The future is unsure as states are deciding to let students actively go back to school. I feel confident the GL Scholarship Program will continue but other Youth Activities may be modified. I'm sure we will continue to get guidance from the GL. Let's do our best for the youth of Kentucky during the very unusual and different time in our history.

Charlie Martin, PSP  
Youth Activities Chairman

**Elks Care — Elks Share**

**MADISONVILLE ELKS LODGE #738**

To help out and show our community in a time of crisis that we as Elks care we decided on a food drive for our local food bank. In the month of June, we collected food every Sunday. *Elks Care, Elks Share.*



Madisonville Elks Lodge gives special thanks to: Connie Martin, Velma Adams, Carolyn Hunt, Tom Tichenor, Leroy and Carol Phelps, Brad and Susan Houck, Mike Wyatt, Randy Orten and Christy, RO and Teresa Cabbage, Karen and Dave Luce, Gerda Martin, Billie and Peggy Winstead for the generous donation and assistance with our food drive for the local food bank.



**PRINCETON ELKS LODGE 1115**

Just prior to the statewide shutdown, we awarded \$1000 to the SKILLS USA Club at the Technical Education School in Princeton. This donation was to help pay for travel, meals, registration fees, and competition clothing for seven students. Instructor Mickey Bayer stated *“For some of these kids they have never been to a big city or stayed in a nice hotel. These students have already placed in regional competition and proved that they deserve to go to state. We truly thank ELKS 1115 Princeton for helping make this happen and for supporting Technical Education!”*



**Pictured Left to Right: Exalted Ruler Chris Rogers, Instructor Mickey Bayer, Leading Knight Harvey Deboe**



**PRINCETON ELKS LODGE**

1115 donated \$250.00 to “Happy Feet equals Learning Feet.” This nonprofit group started in 2013 with the goal of providing a new pair of shoes to every student identified “in need” by the Family Resource Youth Service Center Coordinators at each of the schools. You can learn more about Happy Feet equals Learning Feet on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/happyfeetequalslearningfeet/) or online at <http://www.happyfeetequalslearningfeet.com/>

We are humbled that our Lodge has been able to begin distributing some of our charitable gaming monies to help with such worthy causes.



**Pictured Left to Right: Jill Lane and Jody Lamb of Happy Feet and Exalted Ruler Chris Rogers**



## TRI COUNTY ELKS LODGE 2826

### Tri-County Elks Recognized Nationally for Community Service

The Tri-County Elks Lodge with the help of local restaurants spent the last two months feeding the hungry and supporting the local economy thanks to a Gratitude Grant.



During the COVID-19 outbreak local restaurants struggled, to say the least. In



*Pictured Tina Hyde, Jane Gabbart, Sandy Perkins, Gladys Lane.*

an effort to help both troubled restaurants and the homeless, the Elks used the \$2,000 they received to give to both.

In April the grant began feeding the patrons of the White Flag Ministry in Corbin. The lodge purchased meals from local downtown restaurants in Corbin every Wednesday.

Paul Sims with the White Flag said the partnership with the Elks was a wonderful example of how community entities can work together for the common good. Sims also said the Elks were always timely with the food and they were always interested in how the ministry was

progressing as well as how the food was being received.

The Tri-County Elks were recognized in the national Grand Lodge Newsletter for their work with the community, specifically during this grant project. The Tri-County organization was mentioned alongside other groups from New York and New Jersey. Organizers said that was never their goal but they hope the recognitions draws more members and in turn more ways to serve the community.



*From left to right: Tina Hyde Trustee, PER, Sandy Perkins, ER, Alex Lockridge, White Flag Ministry, and Paul Sims, White Flag Ministry.*

Sandy Foley, Tina Hyde and Gladys Lane were three Elks that were at almost every meal delivery. According to Foley, the group had \$125 left over from the grant. Hyde said they bought masks for the White Flag patrons with that money.

Tina Hyde applied for and we received the Spotlight Grant from Elks National Foundation. Last night we presented the entire \$2000. Check to the White Flag Ministry. They will in turn use the money to purchase work shoes & sleeping bags for people in need.



## MARSHALL COUNTY ELKS LODGE #2707

Hope all of our Kentucky Elks are doing well. It has been a very interesting first year as ER. We did get a lot of cleaning done, thanks to our officers and members. We are still planning to do our annual Golf Tournament on September 19th. Last year we were able to raise \$65,000.00 for the Marshall County Exceptional Center. We would love to see some of our fellow Kentucky Elks if you are able to make it. Even if you are not interested in playing, we could always use the extra help.

Fraternally Yours,

Stacey Haines

ER MC Elks #2707



## KY State Association has NEW WEBSITE!

At the 2020 Elks State Convention, **State President Jesse Shipp** announced his appointment of the State Webmaster and the State Newsletter Editor to **Leigh Ruble**. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the long-“established” website was inaccessible and no longer available for use. In early March, in a joint effort between Marty Harbolt, PER and Leigh Ruble, a NEW KY State Association website, [www.ky-elks.org](http://www.ky-elks.org) was created, and launched!



Keep up with the latest news from the KY Elks Association at [www.ky-elks.com](http://www.ky-elks.com). You can search for members, lodges, and committees by becoming a “**member**” of the site. Blogs, group discussions, and detailed searches are just a few of the new features that our new site brings. Join today by visiting the website and clicking “Log In” (located at the top right of the page) and select “Sign Up”! If you have a question, suggestion or submission for the site, contact **Leigh** at [support@kentuckyelks.org](mailto:support@kentuckyelks.org)

## TWO MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS DEBUT

By Rick Gathen, PR and Membership Marketing Manager

Because of COVID-19, our Lodges are faced with the most serious social and financial challenges in our 152-year history.

Help is here with two new membership programs. We have been busy developing a shareable social media campaign to be used in conjunction with the Virtual Manuals site. Designed to target the Millennial and Generation Z demographics to increase membership, this work will create a social media campaign that speaks to a younger audience.

We have produced a variety of items for people to share. The goal is to appeal to younger generations who may not have considered membership. The campaign will target what motivates this demographic: They like to choose the charities they work for and they enjoy working in groups. The Elks' mission facilitates these principles. The campaign will clearly delineate that the Order is non-partisan. The branded social media templates can be easily shared.

We will also introduce a new optional billing renewal program for August. This will provide Lodges with a substantial time and money savings on its membership renewal efforts. It also modernizes your Lodge billing system by offering many payment options to your membership without adding fees. The cost is only \$.32 per renewal invoice. This includes postage, paper, envelopes, ink, credit card fees, and all labor of stuffing envelopes, printing, stamping the envelopes and bringing them to the post office. Lodges typically spend from \$.77 to \$1.00 per renewal for postage, paper, envelopes, ink and credit card fees. The average Lodge will save anywhere from 42% up to 68%. The expected savings on time and labor for Lodge Secretaries are more than 100 hours per year. Now they simply click a button! Lodge Secretaries can spend time on other important tasks while saving their Lodges money.

Please go to [elks.org](http://elks.org) to find out more about these exciting new programs to help your Lodge navigate through these challenging times.

- An online application can be found on the Elks.Org website at: <https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm>
- Members can propose someone for membership online at <https://www.elks.org/emas/proposer.cfm> and an application for membership will be emailed to the applicant for them to be able to submit virtually.

**DID YOU KNOW?**



## The Americanism Essay Contest

By Gary Hayden, Americanism Chairman

If your lodge has not experienced reading the essays students turn in each year for the essay contest, I ask that you please do this and experience what these students have to say. The awards are \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> place; \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$25 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This year's theme was "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me," which is in sync with today's political environment and the emotions being expressed across our country. I found it to be common in all of the essays I read that each student believed that freedom of speech is our constitutional right as long as it does not put others in harm's way. Due to COVID-19 causing the cancellation of the Combined DD Clinic and the Mid-Year Convention, the awards were mailed to the lodges to be presented to the students. I would like to thank the lodges and the students for their participation. Congratulations to the winning students and their sponsoring lodges.

**The 2019-2020 winning essays are:**

### 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

**1<sup>st</sup> place Katrina Petrey – Frankfort Lodge #530**

2<sup>nd</sup> place Maddison Hampton – Ashland Lodge #350

3<sup>rd</sup> place Garrett Lambert – Madisonville Lodge #738

### 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

**1<sup>st</sup> place Nathan Keneipp – Florence Lodge #314**

2<sup>nd</sup> place Mason Furst – Ashland Lodge #350

3<sup>rd</sup> place Jade Canterbury – Frankfort Lodge #530

## 10 HELPFUL TIPS FOR CONVERSING ON SOCIAL MEDIA

By RICK GATHEN, Membership and Marketing Manager



Local Lodges are finding social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, an effective means of broadening their reach into their respective communities.

The objective is to keep the messages positive. To remain on the high road, here's a social media disclaimer for your Lodge to consider adopting into your By-Laws.

### **Do not post, publish, or share messages and images that:**

- are hateful or mean-spirited.
- are potentially libelous, obscene, or sexually explicit.
- are personal attacks, or involve profanity or insults.
- are private or public information published without Lodge consent.
- violate any law or promote the violation of any law.
- contribute to or encourage discrimination or harassment.
- display photos of Members drinking or smoking, or any other actions considered harmful to the Elks' image.
- contain the names of minors.
- divulge Lodge business that may violate your Obligation.
- are not positive and informative.

Furthermore, do not accept non-Members as friends or followers.

# Kentucky Elks State Convention February 21-23, 2020





**August 1**-Beacon Grant opens  
**August 5**-MVS Scholarship Contest begins  
**August 9**-ENFtoYou: The Hoop Shoot Show  
**August 30**-DD Clinic, Cynthiana 10AM  
**September 1**-Legacy Awards Contest begins  
**September 12**-FLORENCE Annual Golf Outing  
**September 12**-FLORENCE - Gabby Benefit Car/Bike Show  
**September 19**-MARSHALL COUNTY- Annual Golf Outing  
**October 10**-FLORENCE Elks Riders Charity Ride for Cancer  
**October 24**-Drug Take Back Program

**Future Grand Lodge Conventions:**

July 4-7, 2021 Tampa, FL  
July 3-6, 2022 Atlanta, GA  
July 2-5, 2023 Minneapolis, MN

**Upcoming KY ELK Conventions**

**February 2021**-State Convention, Marshall County  
**August 5-8, 2021**-Mid Year Meeting, WEST  
**February 2022**-State Convention, Newport  
**August 4-7, 2022**-Mid Year Meeting, EAST  
**February 2023**-State Convention, Henderson  
**August 3-6, 2023**-Mid Year Meeting, WEST  
**August 1-4, 2024**-Mid Year Meeting, EAST

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