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Introducing OUR NEW GRAND EXALTED RULER *"Staying Focused, but Bringing Enthusiasm"*

Bruce A. Hidley



****Bruce A. Hidley was installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the USA at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA on July 6th, 2022.**

After receiving the distinct honor of being elected as your Grand Exalted Ruler by the convention delegates in Atlanta, my wife Helen and I are extremely humbled and honored to represent our great Order of Elks this year.

Throughout my 42-year journey in the Elks, I have been blessed by the aid and support of many, many great people. Together, Helen and I owe a great debt of gratitude to our family, friends, and to you, our fellow Elks. Each

one of you has been there for us in one way or another, and Helen and I thank you very much for everything. To my lovely wife Helen, you are the most superb, supportive, and devoted wife anyone could ask for. Truly, thank you! I am forever grateful!

For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my theme is, **"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm!"** This theme represents the commitment that Helen and I have made to travel wherever we can across our great nation, to work as hard as we can to support our Local Lodges, in promoting the programs of Elkdom with tremendous and overwhelming enthusiasm in their communities.

A fundamental funding source of **"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"** is the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Last year, the ENF budget totaled over \$39.8 million. Think of the impact that the \$39.8 million has had on your State Association and Local Lodges in funding the various Elks programs that stress healthy and active lifestyles for our youth, fulfilling the Elks' pledge to always remember our veterans (past and present) who defended our freedoms that we enjoy, and providing millions of dollars in grants in the communities where we live and work. For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my goal is that the ENF personal donation will once again be \$4.80 per Member. Elks Members have proved over and over again their commitment to meeting this per-capita goal, and I'm sure that we will all look toward **"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"** to achieve that \$4.80 per Member goal. Please accept my sincere thank you to the entire membership, in advance, for your ongoing tireless efforts for ENF.

Since Lodge membership is absolutely vital to the success of our great Order of Elks, I strongly encourage you to focus on obtaining a +1 in membership. In addition to seeking new qualified Members, please also work with your Lodge Membership Retention Chairperson to get our stray Elks back into our Order. Membership is the life blood of our organization. By **"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm"** within our communities, we will attract residents who will want to become proud Members.

Perhaps it was best said by the simple words of American automotive pioneer and founder and namesake of the Chrysler Corporation, Walter Chrysler, **"The real secret of success is enthusiasm."**

Helen and I are excited and proud to travel to each state to see and commend the great work you are doing in your State Associations and Local Lodges. We look forward to meeting as many Elks as we can and making new, lifetime friends as we travel.



BRUCE A. HIDLEY
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2022–2023

Biography

Bruce A. Hidley was born and raised in Albany, New York. Bruce graduated from Cardinal McCloskey High School, and then attended Hudson Valley Community College, earning an A.A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice in 1979. Bruce worked as an Auditor for the New York State Comptroller's Office for 11 years, and as the City Clerk for the City of Watervliet for over 22 years. Bruce was elected Albany County Clerk in 2013, re-elected in 2017 and currently serves in that position.

Bruce joined the Guilderland Elks Lodge No. 2480 in 1980. In September of 1985, Bruce transferred his membership to Watervliet Lodge No. 1500 and served as Chaplain, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and then proudly served as the 65th Exalted Ruler from 1991-1992. Following that, Bruce was a Lodge Trustee from 1993-1997 where he served as the Chairman of the Board from 1996-1997. In 2002, Bruce served as the President of the State Capital District's Past Exalted Ruler Association. Bruce remains a very active Member serving on many Lodge committees.

On the State level, in 1996, Bruce was appointed to be the Director on the Conference of Private Organization (CONPOR) serving as Vice President and President. From 1997- 2007, Bruce was honored to serve as the New York State Elks Association Government Relations Chairman. In 2000, Bruce was appointed as a member of the Steering Committee for Amsterdam Lodge No. 101. Bruce served as the New York State Elks Association President in 2007-2008. He then served as the Area 1 Government Relations Chairman from 2011-2017.

On the Grand Lodge level, Bruce served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2001-2002. He was installed to the Board of Grand Trustees from 2018-2022. He served as Buildings Applications East Member, Home Member, Approving Member and Vice Chairman.

Bruce is also active with many community activities that include The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Albany County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians,

Knights of Columbus No. 3394, North Albany Limericks, Board of Directors Watervliet Civic Chest, Watervliet Senior Citizens and as a social member of the C.R.A.B. VFW Post.

Bruce and Helen reside in Watervliet, New York. They enjoy camping in the Adirondacks and spending time with their numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. They will be celebrating 40 wonderful years of marriage.

Bruce and Helen are excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, making new friends during their travels, and talking about their motto, **"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm."** They are honored and proud to work and promote all of the programs in the Elks with great enthusiasm.

GER CONVENTION MESSAGE

Wow, what a fantastic time we just had in Atlanta. Congratulations to the hard-working Elks of the Bluegrass State for the gain in membership last year.

Helen and I are thrilled to be with you in Kentucky. As we tour your state, we are looking forward to witnessing firsthand how you are **Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm**. Rich Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership & Marketing Manager has reported that in the first quarter of this year that **"Area Three"** had an increase of 837 instances in which the Elks were reported on in the local media which is a **134% increase over last year** for the same time period.

As Elks, we know how valuable our programs are to our communities. Be it Drug Awareness, Veterans Services, Hoop Shoot, Scholarship or Kentucky's Major Project, supporting families with children battling cancer. With your continued diligence **Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm**, the Elks of State of Kentucky will have a noticeable impact on their communities along with a continued gain in membership. Thank you, to you, the Elks of Kentucky for all that you continue to do.

Faternally,

Bruce A. Hidley, GER
 Watervliet Lodge No. 1500
 Watervliet, New York



STATE SPONSOR RON HICKS

Nancy and I are very-much looking forward to being with you at the KEA Mid-Year Convention being hosted by Lyndon Lodge #2052, in Lyndon, Kentucky. At the Convention, we will be welcoming our Grand Exalted

Ruler and First Lady, Bruce and Helen Hidley, from Watervliet, New York, and the Indiana State President and First Lady, Geoff and Lisa Robinson. I am sure they will enjoy their time with us and the hospitality of the Kentucky Elks!

As your State Sponsor, I am proud to be working with so many active and dedicated Elks and continue to be impressed by your support of the State Major Project and the Elks National Foundation. Your use of the ENF Community Investment Grants and your service to Youth, Veterans, First Responders, and those in need. Your generosity and service help prove that the Kentucky Elks is a dependable partner in our communities, as we support of our Grand Exalted Ruler's theme of ***"Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm."***

This year our Order is celebrating the Anniversary of several National Programs. It is the 75th Anniversary of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission which has led to so many worthwhile Veteran Programs and helped facilitate our motto ***"So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them."*** It is the 50th Anniversary of the Elks Hoop Shoot, one of the largest co-educational youth sporting activities in America, and a program that provides the opportunity for all contestants to participate in a fun, age-appropriate program that sets them up for future success. We are also celebrating 40 years of our Drug Awareness Program, the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States, saving lives every day.

There will be much good news to share during the Convention as we recognize and thank our many outstanding Elks and Lodges on their achievements. I look forward to sharing a special time of reflection, learning, and fellowship. So, I hope you come prepared to share in an enjoyable experience and have a wonderful time together.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Ronald L. Hicks, PGER and Proud State Sponsor
Fredericksburg, Virginia, Lodge #875



STATE PRESIDENT JOHNNY JONES

What a wonderful year it has been so far! Returning to "business as usual" provides me the opportunity to see all the activities each Lodge participates in to support the

Grand Lodge, the State Association and give impact on their local community. I am filled with overwhelming pride and joy to be a part of and witness the positive impact of our Lodge's activities. It is so wonderful to see.

On December 10, 2021, a horrible tornado devastated Western Kentucky. Three Lodges, Madisonville #738, Princeton #1115, and Marshall County #2707 had members affected and their communities, and surrounding communities destroyed. This would have been a terrible event at any time of year, but right at Christmas this was, especially heartbreaking. You, Kentucky Elks, answered the call and responded. From setting up a Disaster Relief Center that was open for six months and served thousands to acting as a facility for rescue workers to come for food, coffee, rest, or restroom facilities, to providing individuals to go to ground zero to help clear debris, you stepped up. And you, all of you, all over the state, provided toys for the children affected by this tragedy so that they could experience a sense of normality during such a challenging time. I have never been prouder to be an Elk. I must also mention the outpouring of donations, both monetary and goods that came from Elks Lodges all over the country. Within a day, trailers, semi-trucks, people, checks, cash. It was truly amazing. We witnessed ***"Elks care, Elks share."***

Darlana and I have made six of our official visits; attended the West Virginia State Convention; State, Regional, and National Hoop Shoot; and opened the State and National Bowling Tournaments—as you can see, we have been remarkably busy! We would have had seven visits (Hopkinsville), but COVID finally got us! We are looking forward to visiting the rest of the Lodges and attending the Indiana State Convention in South Bend in October.

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A huge thanks goes out to Mark Skeeters and his committee of volunteers for the Kentucky Kids with Cancer Booth at the National Convention in Atlanta! This was the first time since the late '70's- early '80's that we have been represented. This was a huge undertaking and there were hours of preparation involved. Wonderful work, Mark, and crew!

Thank you to everyone for all that you do. I know how much each one of you give to this organization. If there is anything you need from me, I am only a phone call or an email away.

Fraternally,

Johnny Jones, State President
Kentucky Elks Association
Marshall County #2707

Elks Care — Elks Share

PRESIDENT ELECT RAYMOND PAULEY JR.



The Grand Lodge Convention is in our rearview mirror but let us not leave what we learned there or lose our enthusiasm. With all the associations in our hotel, we were able to talk to members from all over and compared our approaches to programs and problems. We had the debut of our exhibit at the convention this year. Our Kids with Cancer is getting notice nationally! A big thank you to everyone who worked the booth. And I must add, it was great seeing Johnny Jones hold that flag up high at opening ceremonies!

I have made two visits so far:

- Ashland Lodge 350 is always a pleasure to visit. Their participation in Grand Lodge programs is excellent and their community outreach is second to none.
- Winchester Lodge 2816 is a major player in their community from the bicycle giveaway to working with the local food pantry.

It is impressive the work our local lodges do - keep up the magnificent work.

If I can be of any assistance, feel free to contact me.

Ray Paul, President-Elect

KY Elks Association, Newport Elks Lodge #273



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GREG SWINNEY

Greetings Kentucky Elks, I want to start off by extending a Big Kentucky Elks welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley, and wife, Helen. Welcome as well to our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks, and wife Nancy. At this meeting we also welcome Indiana State President, Geoff Robinson, and wife Lisa.

Congratulations as well to Our State President Johnny Jones, and First Lady Darlena for the jobs they have performed this year, and I am sure they will continue to exemplify leadership in our fine organization.

This year has shown that the Kentucky Elks Association continues to grow and demonstrate to our communities what we are as Elks. Lisa and I were thrilled to see so many of the faces we love in Marshall County this past
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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JEFFREY CLIFFORD

Greetings to all our great Kentucky Elks and their guests. First, I want to extend a great Kentucky welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley and First Lady Helen. I hope you really enjoy yourselves at our Mid-Year Convention and get to know us all better. I am looking forward to meeting you. I want to extend a great welcome to our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks and his wife Nancy.

I also would like to welcome to our Mid-Year Convention the Indiana State President, Geoff Robinson and First lady Lisa. And of course, congratulations and welcome to our State President, Johnny Jones and First Lady Darlena. Fraternaly,

Jeffrey Clifford, 2nd Vice President
Cynthiana Lodge #438



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February and look forward to seeing you all again at this Convention. I want to commend our two Past District Deputies for the job they performed this year. They have done an outstanding job. I also want to welcome our two new District Deputies, Hub Fryman, of Cynthiana and Richard Rosenbaum of Lyndon. I have every confidence they will shine in their roles. I am also proud that we, as a State, have a gain in membership. This is a testament to the dedication and arduous work put in by the Lodges and the leadership from our State Membership Committee.

I continue to be amazed at the work we do to support our State Major Project. Please keep up the good effort. Your Executive Committee is always here if you need us. I look forward to visiting the Lodges soon as I can and look forward to collaborating with you as we continue to make the Kentucky Elks Association the best in Elksdom!

Lisa and I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Greg Swinney, 1st Vice President
Kentucky State Elks Association
Louisville Elks Lodge #8



THIRD VICE PRESIDENT KEN HOOPER

Greetings Kentucky Elks,

I want to start off by extending a Kentucky Elks welcome to our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ron Hicks, and wife Nancy. I would also like to welcome newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady of Elksdom Helen Hidley.



Kentucky Elks had an outstanding year recovering from the pandemic, with an increase in membership and participation across the board. Hopefully, this year will prove to be even better as our order continues to grow.

I would like to congratulate our two outgoing District Deputies, Ron Caffee and Clyde Ramey, on an outstanding job over the past year, and wish luck to the newly installed District Deputies, Hub Fryman from District 3440 and Richard Rosenbaum from District 3480. I know they will do an excellent job this year representing the Grand Lodge.

Kentucky's State Major Project, Kids with Cancer, is moving along. We are on schedule to have completed the use of the JBK money by the 5-year mark. To date, we have helped approximately two hundred families with money for expenses to help them cope with a sick child. It is not a lot, but every little bit helps. The families that have responded are profoundly grateful for our help and with the continuing donations from Lodges around the state we will be able to keep this program going.

Fraternally,

Ken Hooper, 3rd Vice President
Kentucky Elks Association
Marshall County Elks Lodge #2707

INDIANA STATE PRESIDENT GEOFF ROBINSON



I am honored to attend the great State of Kentucky Mid-Term Convention to learn what works well for your State and lodges. Also, to see what challenges Kentucky Lodges face in meeting the needs of your members and communities.

Your State Major Project coincides with Indiana's State Major Project. Kentucky does an excellent job in support of "Kids with Cancer" while Indiana support "Cancer Research". You should be proud of all that you are doing for kids to help fight this dreaded disease.

Just to give you a little history of my experience in Elksdom, I have been ER of Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 for 2 years; Treasurer for 1 year and the remaining 29 years as lodge secretary. I have held several Committee Chairman roles, including ENF (District & Local), Scholarship, Hoop Shoot (Local), Orientation and Membership chairperson, including Indiana State Membership Chairman for the past 6 years. I have also held the position of District President and District Deputy for the Central District.

My motto this year is L.I.F.E. (Living in Full Elksdom). My personal charity is raising funds for the American Heart Association. Feel free to see me if you want to hear more about my story and why the AHA is so important to me.

Geoff Robinson, Indiana State President
Noblesville Elks Lodge #576



DISTRICT NEWS

EAST DISTRICT DEPUTY RICK FRYMAN



Hello Everyone, I am Back!!

In Atlanta it was my honor to be installed as the East District Deputy for 2022-2023. First, I would like to say Congratulations to Johnny Jones and Darlena as our State President and First Lady and wish them a fun and successful year.

I would like to send a big Kentucky welcome to our new GER Bruce Hidley and his lovely wife Helen from Watervliet Lodge #1500 in New York. You are going to love the Louisville area. I would like to extend Special welcome to Indiana State President Geoff Robinson and his wife Lisa, State Sponsor Ron Hicks, his wife Nancy and SDGER Greg Willis and his wife Geri.

I will be holding my DD clinic at Cynthiana Lodge #438 on August 21st. Official letters will be sent to all ER's soon. I am looking forward to visiting all the East Lodges with my traveling team: Esquire Sherry Suttles, Auditor Lynn Hicks and Secretary/Safety Inspector Michael Crump.

Finally, a big shout out to Lyndon Lodge for hosting what I know will be an impressive Convention!! Lots of Love!!

I will see you soon! Remember, life is too short to frown, so laugh and be Happy!!

Fraternally,

Rick "HUB" Fryman, DDGER
Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438

WEST DISTRICT DEPUTY RICHARD ROSENBAUM, JR



I am honored to have been chosen and installed in Atlanta as the KY West District Deputy 2022-2023.

I am looking forward to working with Ron Hicks PGER, Greg Willis SDGER and all the Lodges in the Kentucky West District.

Helen and I would like to send a Warm Kentucky Welcome to our New Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and his lovely wife Helen!

Also, to our State Sponsor PGER Ron and Nancy Hicks, SDGER Greg and Geri Willis and Indiana State President Geoff and Lisa Robinson. I am positive you will enjoy the hospitality of our Kentucky Elks!

We are so proud of our dear friends, KY State President Johnny Jones, and 1st Lady Darlena. Wishing you safe and fun travels. We love you!

Special Thank You to Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052 for all your hard work in putting together an impressive Midterm Convention!

I will be holding my DD Clinic at the Lyndon Lodge #2052 on August 28th at 9:00 a.m. eastern time. I am looking forward to visiting all the West Lodges with my traveling team: Esquire: Tobby Haines PER, Auditor: Normal Sweet, Secretary: Helen Rosenbaum PER, and Safety Inspector: Mike McNatt.

Fraternally,

Richard Rosenbaum, Jr.
DDGER KY West
Lyndon Lodge #2052

LODGE NEWS

Greetings from Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438

Rick "Hub" Fryman PDDGER and the membership of Cynthiana #438

Our New Temporary Lodge was opened on December 30th. It is a triple wide trailer 60' long by 36' wide. The first trailer is office, bathroom, and storage rooms. That leaves us with a 60' X 24' open area. We had our first meeting in the new trailer on January 20th. Our building committee led by our ER Steve Anderson and Treasurer Jeffery Clifford did an outstanding job.



We truly appreciate everything; all of the Lodges in the State association have donated to us to get back to this point!! We also must give a big thank you to the Virginia State Association for their donations of money and a set of Jewels.

The hard work for a new permanent building has begun! Wish us Luck!! ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE is very evident in this State!! Thank You!

- We are proud to announce after working on plans for the New Lodge, we will be **Breaking Ground** on **Thursday September. 1, 2022.**
- We are joining with the Winchester Elks for **"6th Annual Ride for Hope Teddy Bear Run"** on **September 24** (they accept teddy bears to be given to Law Enforcement to distribute to children at accidents or any traumatic event).

DRESS UP FOR DINNER



Also, we work on many projects with Lexington KY, VA to help our Veterans. We do all we can to hold up to our ELKS PLEDGE *"So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks will NEVER forget them"*. A project that we are working hard on is **Veterans in Lexington VA Nursing Home Dress Up for Dinner**. Jessica Hatterman, a speech pathologist at Lexington VA, produced a more dignified solution for Veterans than just a towel for a protective cover while they eat. She used her husband's dress shirts that he did not use anymore and a sewing machine to create a functional clothing protector that allows Veterans to get dressed up and ready for meals. The Dress Up for Dinner Project was created! Lexington VA Center for Development and Civic Engagement partnered with Blue Star Mothers and medical staff to expand production of the design. To read more go to this blog: <https://blogs.va.gov/.../veterans-in-lexington-va.../#>. We have been told that many VA hospitals are working to get these made, so it is going **National**. We are using our various grants for Community (Donation to Food Bank) and for Veterans (for supplies or needs).

FLAG RETIREMENT BOX



Picture from left to right are: **Bill McFarland-(BOY SCOUT TROOP 76 LEADER)**, **COLIN PERKINS-(EAGLE SCOUT)**, **TRENTON GERSTEIN-(EAGLE SCOUT)**, **STEVE ANDERSON-(E.R.)**.

On **MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022**, The **CYNTHIANA ELKS LODGE #438** was able **restore** its **FLAG RETIREMENT BOX** at the **Temp ELKS lodge** with the help of **BOY SCOUT TROOP 76**. The Drop box is for anyone in the city, county, or from anywhere who needs to have their **AMERICAN FLAG** properly retired. You can **DROP** your flag off anytime because the drop box is located on the outside of the building. **BOY SCOUT TROOP 76** (Sponsored by the **ELKS lodge**) will properly retire the flags.

FLAG DAY



On **June 12th**, the **Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438** held their **Annual Flag Day Ceremony** with the help of **BOY SCOUT TROOP 76**. They helped by holding and placing the **Flags** in their respective spots as a statement was read about each flag's history.

CONGRATULATIONS LOUISVILLE 8!!!!

Winners named in 2021-22 All American Lodge Contest

By Anthony J. Dardano

Committee Member The top three Contest "A" — All American Lodges have been chosen in each division. After listing the top 10 in each division in the July Grand Lodge Newsletter, the judges have chosen the top three in each division and announced them at Grand Lodge in Atlanta on Tuesday morning at the Business Session. Congratulations to all Lodges that participated in Contest "A." You are all winners. Your Lodge is better because of your participation. Here are the top three awards for Lodges in each division.



Division I — [1-150 Members]

1st Place Crestview, FL Lodge No. 2624
2nd Place Norfolk, VA Lodge No. 38
3rd Place Norfolk, NE Lodge No. 653

Division II — [151 to 225 Members]

1st Place Santa Monica, CA Lodge No. 906
2nd Place Kearny, NJ Lodge No. 1050
3rd Place Roxboro, NC Lodge No. 2005

Division III — [226 to 300 Members]

1st Place Forks, WA Lodge No. 2524
2nd Place Bridgeport, PA Lodge No. 714
3rd Place Howell, NJ Lodge No. 2515

Division IV — [301 to 450 Members]

1st Place Roseville, CA Lodge No. 2248
2nd Place Sierra Vista, AZ Lodge No. 2065
3rd Place Louisville, KY Lodge No. 8

Division V — [451 to 700 Members]

1st Place Casa Grande Valley, AZ Lodge No. 1957
2nd Place St. Louis, MO Lodge No. 9
3rd Place Lake Hopatcong, NJ Lodge No. 782

Division VI — [701 Members and up]

1st Place Orange, CA Lodge No. 1475
2nd Place Fayetteville-Springdale, AR Lodge No. 1987
3rd Place Ballard (Seattle), WA Lodge No. 827





Dearest Elks Family,

Down Syndrome of Louisville has been a crucial part in our family's journey. Because when a child is born with that extra chromosome, the first words parents often hear are, "I'm sorry". However, when DSL steps in, it is all about celebrating the child, surrounding you with love, support, education, and community. DSL was established with love, and it continues to do so till this day.



When Lola (12) and Oliver (10) were born, DSL was there on day one! With Lola it was all a surprise and we just didn't know what to expect. DSL was there to guide and support us along the way. Even when Oliver was born, we knew about his diagnosis in utero; and yes, DSL was there!



DSL brings so much love and support and advocacy to its members and their families. As a non-profit, they can continue to do so with the support of the community. We would love for you to join us on September 17th in sharing love and support for Down Syndrome of Louisville and the DSL community at our annual fundraiser. Enjoy a night out with friends, enjoy the music of Goldbrick and dance the night away!



~The Royal Rosenbaums

*****Any donations will be greatly appreciated! *****

~ Lyndon Elks Lodge #2052

FRANKFORT ELKS LODGE #530 NEWS

Veterans Rehoming

In June, Frankfort KY Elks Lodge #530, put into practice the motto of the Elks, *"As long as there are Veterans we will never forget them"*. Members of the Lodge had the privilege to help with the rehoming of 14 veterans living at the St James Place Homeless Veterans Transitional Housing unit in Lexington, Kentucky. We were lucky enough to get to meet some of the Veterans.

Thank you to our Veterans Chairperson Gippy Gibson for his work in coordinating, new VAVS Representative Rene True, and volunteers, Trustee Leslie True, Charlie Cunningham, Mike Fawbush and ER Mark Skeeters for helping with loading and unloading.



Kids with Cancer Golf Scramble

The Annual Charitable Kids with Cancer golf scramble at Juniper Hills was a huge success this year! We had beautiful weather which helped with the record turnout. For the first time this year, we added gold sponsors (\$200) to our hole sponsorships (\$50) and had shirts printed with their logos. We also had a cornhole competition and putting contest. There were no winners at the \$50,000 hole in one contest, but with a record-breaking \$14,000 raised for Kids with Cancer, everyone left feeling like a winner! Thanks to the 50+ volunteers that it takes to pull off this event! Stay tuned to see what fun features are added next year!

Freedom Grant

Our Veterans Chairperson, Herman & Gippy Gibson, presented a \$2500 check to Iva Bingham of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. These funds will be used to help provide for homeless veterans.

Tornado Relief Donation

The Frankfort KY Elks were able to raise \$7,000 through donations and by utilizing funds from the combination Beacon and Spotlight Grant. This donation was given to the Marshall County nonprofit who is servicing individuals whose homes and businesses were damaged or destroyed during the December 10 tornado outbreak in Western Kentucky. The donation was carried out during the Kentucky Elks Association State Convention held in Marshall County, KY.

Community Involvement



Second St. School donation

We've made two donations of school supplies to *Second Street School* and *Bridges Family Resource Center*. These much-needed classroom supplies go directly to the teachers!



Bridges Family Resource Center



Yes Arts

Our monthly charity donation to **Yes Arts** Executive Director Elle Travis! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this organization.

Kids with Cancer

We also joined together with other Kentucky lodges during national convention and raised \$6,000 for Kids with Cancer Charities!!

Elks Lodge #530 helping Eastern Kentucky flood relief efforts

Your Frankfort Elks Lodge doing what we love doing most helping our neighbors and our communities. Elks member Jane Stamper called with an urgent request for the Hazard KY Hospital, they were completely out of freshwater and their delivery truck wasn't expected until tomorrow, 15 hours later we are on the road with three pallets totaling 288 cases of fresh water headed to Hazard. Huge shout out to Larry Wilhoit of General Rental for providing the necessary transportation equipment. "As always ***"Elks care, Elk share"***".



Pictured Mark Skeeters, ER, Frankfort Elks Lodge #530



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AND
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SHARE**



LYNDON LODGE #2052 NEWS



KY State President Johnny Jones and KY 1st Lady, Darlena, made their official Lodge visit on July 16th. The visit

coincided with our Key West or Bust event which they were able to attend.



Pictured from left to right: Richard Rosenbaum (DDGER KY West), his wife Helen (PER), Darlena Jones (KY 1st Lady), Johnny Jones (KY State President), Kathie Piell (ER)



The 3rd Annual Car Show & Concert / 1st Annual MS Fund-raiser on June 25th was a great success.

The Car Show was the largest one we have ever had. Rick is already planning on making it bigger and better for next year. Elvis (Todd Bodenheimer) entertained everyone with his Elvis flair and vocals. Britt's delicious bar-b-q, 50/50 drawing, raffles and t-shirt sales brought in \$4200.00 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Special thanks to make this event successful go to:

Rick Ward, Britt Weatherby & crew (Susan Weatherby, Joe & Cheryl ~~Raddona~~, Wendall Taylor & Terry ~~Kozora~~), Debbie Wood, Dave, Jane & Madison Schoenbacher, Kathie Piell, Terry ~~Vitt~~, Gary McClure, Mark Brown, Bob Swoboda and all Elk members and guests who attended.

Carol Swoboda



FLORENCE ELKS LODGE #314 NEWS



2022 has been a busy year for the Florence Elks. We started off the new year by bringing back our Tuesday night dinners for members and guests. Each month is a rotating menu for only \$7.00 per person. Our Installation of Officers Banquet was a fun time as always. Lent of course, means Friday night Fish Dinners. This years dinners was really successful. In **April, we hosted an Easter Hunt for children. The kids also got to visit with the Easter Bunny.** Ever year after the Lent Fish Dinners, we hold our Annual Billy Ray Steak Dinner. This annual dinner is in honor of one of cherished members, PDD Billy Ray Wilkinson. It has become a crowd pleaser. The following month, we held our Derby Party, which is always a big hit with Stuffed Animal Races, Hat Contest, Music, Food and Fun.



Another annual event is the Mother's Day Brunch. It was nice to hold this event without restrictions as there had been the past two years. A newer event was the Father's Day Grill-out. This event is only a couple of years old but grows with every passing year.



The **Florence Memorial Day Parade** was held after a two-year absence. There was great participation from both the local organizations, as well with the Members. In June we hosted a Fishing Derby for the Members. This event took the place of our Fishing Derby that we previously held for the Northern Kentucky Boy's Home every year. Unfortunately, they are still under lockdown protocols and were unable to join us.

We had a great turnout for Flag Day.

The Honor Guard was present for assisting with a flag retirement ceremony. They also performed a 21-gun salute and played Taps for those in attendance. July 4th was celebrated with a firework display in the back parking lot. Another event that was brought back this year was Boogie on the Blacktop. An event that features a local band performing LIVE in the back lot, food is served and gives members and guests a fun night to rock out. The proceeds for this event will go to **Kids with Cancer**.



We are proud to announce that we had five students represent the Florence Elks at the **Soccer Shoot** Finals in Pennsylvania. And, we also had a student represent us at the **Hoop Shoot** Finals in Chicago this year.

The Auxiliary is still hard at work supporting the lodge and the local community. At the Installation Dinner in March, they **presented a check to the Lodge for \$10,000.00. \$5,000.00 for the lodge and another \$5,000.00 for "Kids with Cancer"**. Friday and Saturday night entertainment in the GTO Lounge is still happening. Karaoke is the Friday night staple and a live band is usually the normal for Saturday nights. Stop out and see some great local band and enjoy a night out. **Once a month, we donate a dinner to a local organization to thank them for being on the front lines and showing that Elks Care- Elks Share.**



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How did KY ENVSC representatives address the Pandemic?

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. During the Pandemic many veterans in VA facilities experienced additional trauma due to isolation and loneliness. During the pandemic your ENVSC Representatives transitioned from personal visits to shipping items to the facility or dropping them off at the door. The Silver Lining? ENVSC continued to provide funding for these facilities during shutdown. This gave



our ENVSC Representatives the opportunity to purchase bigger ticket items to help address the isolation and limit contact with family and friends, we purchase laptops and tablets and subscriptions to Zoom which provided the veterans the ability to Facetime with family and talk with friends on Zoom meetings.

Amid all the challenges the 2020-21 Elk year presented, KY ENVSC Representatives provided **1,588.5 Volunteer Hours**, along with **\$14,558.81** in funding and requested items and **served 2,225 veterans** in VA Facilities. Great Job ENVSC Reps. You make us proud!

In addition to monthly funding, KY ENVSC Representative received BOOST grants to support additional support:

Brian Kinney, Cynthiana Lodge # 217, supporting the Lexington VA, Cooper Division received \$994.56 in Boost Grant funding to provide clothing kits for veterans who visit the hospital. Kits included sweatpants and shirts and are distributed at the guidance the VA coordinator. Brian recently made the Elks.org veterans homepage for being the first ENVSC representative in the nation to return to the facility and will soon be inducted into the KY Elks Veterans Hall of Fame. Congratulations Brian.

Tom Armstrong, Lyndon Lodge # 2052, supporting the Robley Rex VA Hospital in Louisville received \$1,000.00 in Boost Grant Funding to support the purchase of personal toiletries for patients in the hospital. Items included shampoo, soap, dental floss, denture adhesive, combs and more.

Martin Harbolt, Louisville Lodge # 8, supporting the Radcliff Veterans Center in Fort Knox, KY, received a \$1,000.00 Boost Grant to provide Memory & Mental Stimulation for Alzheimer's & Dementia –Large Lock Station Center,



Sulena Bryant, ENVSC Rep for Lexington VA (Sousley Campus) provide snacks and drinks for inpatient veterans.

Various Music Recordings, MEROCO Montessori Matching Colorful Keys and Locks Set and Montessori Practical Life Matching Game. Each of these items assist the residents with memory care and dementia treatments and in some cases comfort care during end of life services.

We hope all facilities will be open soon so we can return to having personal visits with residents in the facilities. On top of the Boost Grants, 9 local lodges were selected to receive one of the 325 available Freedom Grants to assist veterans in their local communities:

- Louisville Lodge # 8
- Florence Lodge # 314
- Ashland Lodge # 350
- Cynthiana Lodge # 438
- Frankfort Lodge # 530
- Hopkinsville Lodge # 545
- Lyndon Lodge # 2052
- Marshall County Lodge # 2707
- Newport Lodge # 273

These are great examples of Kentucky Elks providing a positive impact to their veteran communities. If your lodge has an idea to help or needs some support from the KY Elks Association team, please reach out to State Veterans Chair.

Sulena Bryant - Hail and Farewell!

Since 2016 Sulena Bryant of Frankfort Lodge # 530 has been supporting the veterans at the Lexington Medical Center. Sulena is retiring from VAVS Service and we wish her the best in her future adventures. During her tenure Sulena made more than 75 visits to the medical center, served a total of 2,739 veterans, an average of 46 veterans per visit, volunteered a total of 295 hours and provided \$15,711.00 supporting the need of veterans at the center. The KY Elks Association Veterans committee is grateful for her service.

Fraternally,

Martin L. Harbolt KY ENVSC Chairman

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As we approach mid-year we are building for the coming year. Our DAP Annual Training was held at Atlanta Convention. Due to doctor's orders, I was not able to attend. Lora Forde attended in my place and did an excellent job representing Kentucky.

I will be stepping down as the State Drug Awareness Chairman at our February State Convention.

Lora Forde, Louisville Lodge 8, has been approved to assume the Chairman's position. Lora brings great qualifications and dedication to Drug Awareness and will be a positive addition to our State Program. I welcome such dedication and will be available to assist her and the program as needed.

We have accomplished much over the last 9 years. We reached over 12,000 youth and parents, were part of the DEA's 360 operation, distributed over 15,000 pieces of literature and collected around 3500 pounds of drugs at the DEA Drug Take Back events. The Tri-County Elks Lodge helped organize and participated in a Regional Conference on the Drug issues in Kentucky and how best to address the issues. *(I will get a separate communication out on this effort due to the size and major impact it should have in Kentucky.)*

In closing, the last nine years have been emotional for me. The reception and comments from the youth and parents have been unbelievable. I hope to look back and get a more detailed letter to all on the impact of our program in Kentucky. I appreciate those giving me the opportunity to serve as your State Chairman for Drug Awareness and view it as my most rewarding since becoming an Elk.

To those members and Lodges that have been involved in the Program over the years, THANK YOU. You are the reason the program accomplished what it did the last 9 years.

Fraternally,



Stephen Moore, PER
Drug Awareness Chairman
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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.**

Of note is the passing of a resolution to establish and codify a new Elks National Drug Awareness Commission, to better support and promote the Order's programs designed to increase drug awareness and address the dangers surrounding substance abuse. Another noteworthy resolution that overwhelmingly passed provides the GER with the ability to protect Lodge Members, guests, and property when a member behaves in a threatening or otherwise egregious manner.



Early prep begins for Red Ribbon Week

By William J. Bryan, Assistant National Director

It's never too early to plan your Lodge's Red Ribbon Celebration for the month of October. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31) and every part of your community can get involved.

Here's 10 easy tips for your Lodge to have a successful program.

1. Contact your elected officials about issuing a proclamation declaring Red Ribbon Week in your community. You can obtain PDF copies of proclamations from your State Chair.
2. Invite elected and government officials to participate in Red Ribbon Week activities.
3. Display a basket of red ribbons in the reception area of your Lodge for visitors and Members to take, along with copies of the Red Ribbon Week fact card, which are available from your State Chair.
4. Display red ribbons on the interior and exterior surfaces of your Lodge's building.
5. Sponsor a special drug abuse prevention seminar for the community. Invite a speaker who is an expert on drug prevention and invite the community to attend.
6. Submit a public service announcement about Red Ribbon Week activities to your local radio station. These can be found in the DAP section of the Elks webpage.
7. Sponsor an in-service educational program for your Members and community leaders.
8. Organize a drug prevention awareness fair. Invite local nonprofit organizations to participate by staffing exhibit booths, distributing educational materials, offering free health screenings, and much more. The Elks are leaders in this area and your Lodge will stand out!
9. Set up and staff an exhibit table at a local hospital, doctor's office, community center, or shopping center to promote Red Ribbon Week and to distribute drug prevention information and materials.
10. Post fact sheets and Red Ribbon Week event notices and other materials on community webpages, and on bulletin boards in libraries, hospitals, local churches, synagogues, gymnasiums, grocery stores, parks and recreation departments, health clinics, universities, and other public places.

Some of these ideas take little effort, while others take more of a commitment. What are you waiting for?



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Jeff Clifford, KY State Chairman



Stay connected with ENF. Reach your Goal! Elks' support makes the work of the ENF possible.

Every year, the Grand Exalted Ruler announces a per-member-giving goal. This year, **GER Bruce Hidley's Per-Member-Giving Goal for 2022-23 is \$4.80**. If your Lodge reaches the per-member-giving goal this year, it is eligible for a **Gratitude Grant**, the ENF's way of thanking Lodges for their support.

1.	Middlesboro, KY	0119	KY	3440	117	\$3,397.00	\$ 29.034
2.	Louisville, KY	0008	KY	3480	414	\$9,236.00	\$ 22.309
3.	Paducah, KY	0217	KY	3480	134	\$1,574.00	\$ 11.746
4.	Marshall County, KY	2707	KY	3480	518	\$3,668.00	\$ 7.081
5.	Lyndon, KY	2052	KY	3480	379	\$2,683.64	\$ 7.081
6.	Florence, KY	0314	KY	3440	214	\$1,119.50	\$ 5.231
7.	Ashland, KY	0350	KY	3440	1062	\$4,354.00	\$ 4.100
8.	Madisonville, KY	0738	KY	3480	244	\$988.35	\$ 4.051
9.	Cynthiana, KY	0438	KY	3440	387	\$1,213.00	\$ 3.134
10.	Hopkinsville, KY	0545	KY	3480	104	\$305.00	\$ 2.933
11.	Newport, KY	0273	KY	3440	533	\$1,170.00	\$ 2.195
12.	Frankfort, KY	0530	KY	3440	510	\$993.00	\$ 1.947
13.	Tri-County, KY	2826	KY	3440	172	\$80.00	\$ 0.465
14.	Princeton, KY	1115	KY	3480	302	\$120.00	\$ 0.397
15.	Henderson, KY	0206	KY	3480	258	\$20.00	\$ 0.078
16.	Winchester, KY	2816	KY	3440	181	\$0.00	\$ 0.000

Community Investments Program (CIP) Participation

#	Name	Dist.	In Compliance	Gratitude Eligible	Gratitude Status	Beacon Status	Impact Status	Freedom Status	Spotlight Status	Total Granted
0008	Louisville	3480	Yes	\$3,000.00	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	\$12,000.00
0119	Middlesboro	3440	Yes	\$3,500.00				Approved	Follow-Up Needed	\$1,000.00
0206	Henderson	3480	No	\$2,500.00						\$0.00
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0217	Paducah	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00						\$0.00
0273	Newport	3440	Yes	\$2,000.00				Approved		\$3,000.00
0314	Florence	3440	Yes	\$2,500.00	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	\$9,500.00
0350	Ashland	3440	Yes	\$2,000.00				Approved		\$3,000.00
0438	Cynthiana	3440	Yes	\$2,500.00	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	\$11,500.00
0530	Frankfort	3440	Yes	\$3,000.00				Approved		\$1,000.00
0545	Hopkinsville	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00	Pending			Approved		\$3,000.00
0738	Madisonville	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00						\$0.00
1115	Princeton	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00						\$0.00
2052	Lyndon	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00	Approved	Approved		Approved	Approved	\$9,500.00
2707	Marshall County	3480	Yes	\$2,500.00				Approved		\$3,000.00
2816	Winchester	3440	Yes	\$2,000.00		Approved		Approved		\$5,000.00
2826	Tri-County	3440	No	\$2,500.00				Pending		\$0.00
16 lodges					4 approved	5 approved	0 approved	11 approved	4 approved	\$61,500.00



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Elks Most Valuable Student

2022 Kentucky Elks Scholarship Winners

The 2022 MVS competition sort of returned to normal this year, with our participation up over 20% from last year. In total, 340 applications were submitted. We did have at least one applicant from each lodge, and again Louisville #8 got the most applications, with 72.

In the MVS contest, Kentucky had one national finalist who made the top 20 nationwide, Tristen Sexton, who won a \$20,000 award, and three national semi-finalists, who each received a \$4,000 award. Tristen is the fifth Kentuckian in the last five years to be a national finalist.

The State Association generously allotted \$20,000 to provide state association scholarships for eight boys and eight girls in the class of 2022

Kentucky had seven Legacy Award Winners (Children and Grandchildren of Elks) in 2022. We were guaranteed four, and the state had three additional applicants score in the top 103 entrants after the allotted scholarships were awarded.

2022 Kentucky MVS Scholarship National Award Winners

Student Name	Lodge	High School	Award
Tristen Sexton	Ashland #350	East Carter	National Finalist \$20,000
Lavery Hughes	Louisville #8	Barren County	National Semi-Finalist \$4,000
Emma Burns	Winchester #2816	George Rogers Clark	National Semi-Finalist \$4,000
Avery Stivers	Louisville #8	Henry County	National Semi-Finalist \$4,000

2022 Kentucky Elks Association Scholarship Winners

Student Name	Lodge	High School	Award
Gracelyn Deweese	Tri- County #2826	Barren County	\$2,000
Megan Oakley	Madisonville #738	Madisonville North Hopkins	\$2,000
Ashton Montgomery	Frankfort #530	Eminence	\$1,000
Courtney Phillips	Marshall County #2707	Marshall County	\$1,000
Abigail Hayes	Louisville #8	Assumption	\$1,000
Gwendolyn Akers	Ashland #350	Paul G. Blazer	\$1,000
Rose Smith	Princeton #1115	Lyon County	\$1,000
Julianne Latimer	Henderson #206	Henderson County	\$1,000
Elijah Hill	Louisville #8	Bardstown	\$2,000
Dalton Hale	Ashland #350	Boyd County	\$2,000
Zachary Holtz	Newport #273	Bishop Brossart	\$1,000
Jonathan Pilbean	Louisville #8	Louisville Trinity	\$1,000
Ethan Roberts	Paducah #217	McCracken County	\$1,000
Chandler Zhu	Frankfort #530	Paul Laurence Dunbar	\$1,000
Ethan Conrad	Florence #314	Covington Catholic	\$1,000
Ian Warford	Florence #314	Conner	\$1,000

2022 ENF Legacy Award Scholarship Winners

All Legacy Award Winners receive a \$4,000 Award (\$1,000 per year for four years).

Student Name	Elks Relation / Lodge	High School
Macon Adkins	Daughter of Lorne Adkins / Ashland #350	Russell High School
Madelyn Griggs	Granddaughter of John Jagers / Princeton #1115	Caldwell County
Pauline Hancock	Daughter of Jeff Hancock / Frankfort #530	Frankfort
Dorothy Hanson	Daughter of Melody Stephenson / Frankfort #530	Frankfort
Zach Holtz	Grandson of Thomas Calme / Newport #273	Bishop Brossart
Ashtyn Markus	Granddaughter of Terry Markus / Newport #273	Highlands
Sophia Sarakatsannis	Granddaughter of William Burkart / Newport #273	Highlands

Finally, now that things are getting back to normal in terms of in-person school activities, we would once again encourage your lodges to send representatives to the Senior nights for our MVS, State, and Legacy winners. Let your communities know how proud we are as Elks to help these kids.

Fraternally Submitted

John Snyder, PER
State Scholarship Chair



CONGRATULATIONS MASON DAVIS and FLORENCE LODGE 314!

The 2022 Hoop Shoot Hall Celebrates Top Competitors, Contributors

By CATHLEEN DRAPER
ENF Communications Coordinator

Much has changed since the Hoop Shoot began, but one thing has stayed the same—the people who come through the program. Participants continue to take the lessons

they learned while competing and go on to succeed.

Volunteers continue to dedicate their time to the kids, their families, the Elks, and the program. **In celebration of the 50th anniversary as a national program in April, the Elks Hoop Shoot established the “Elks Hoop Shoot Hall of Fame”.**

The Hall of Fame recognizes the MOST OUTSTANDING Competitors and Contributors: National Finalists who stood out or have gone on to do remarkable things, and volunteers who worked to make the program the best it can be.

The Elks Hoop Shoot is proud to announce the inaugural class of Hall of Fame inductees: Competitors Bonnie Samuelson, Brian Gibbs, Chris Mullin, C.J. Cowgill, Jennifer Howard, Karlie Samuelson, Melissa Arrowood, Sean Flohr, Taylor Robertson, Taylor Worman, Alyson (Johnson) Ellison, Bill Brandsma, Jackie Stiles, Joseph Girard III, Steve Alford, Bryan Thoemke, Doris Carie, Kelly Hughes, Seimone Augustus, and Zeb Alford. Bill Cook, Cam Cronk, Emile Brady, Frank Bonner, Frank Hise, Getty Powell, James Roche, Joyce Roche, Keith Mills, Linda Cronk, Raymond (Buddy) Avezzie Jr., Vern Larson, Walter Kettelle, William Critchfield, Bill Gerken, Jerry Grafton, Jim “JD” Dorris, Jim Fuller, Randy Gragg, Richard Blinn, Richard Harris, Robert Bartolameolli, Ron Shogren, and Larry Torres.

The Elks National Foundation allocated more than \$1.4 million to fund the Hoop Shoot program in 2022-23. For videos, news, and more information, visit <https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/> for National Hoop Shoot Final Results

Ages 10-11 boys

Madox Hodges	Greater Spokane, WA Lodge No. 228	24/25
Terro Zhang	Sparks, NV, Lodge No. 2397	23/25 (5/5)
Easton Misegades	Wadena, MN Lodge No. 2386	23/25 (3/5)
Mason Davis	Florence, KY Lodge No. 314	20/25

Youth Activities

It is that time of year again. Each lodge has the opportunity to support the youth in their community as far as GL and state youth activities. Find someone in your Lodge who care about kids. School starts earlier and earlier. Do not wait to contact the local schools. Kids have so many choices in their activities, Americanism, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, and Scholarship Program are just a few programs that kids can be involved in. Also, lodges can sponsor sports teams, boy and girl scouts. An excellent way to mentor kids is to start and Antlers program. This is a tremendous way to mentor kids. Get involved with the Dictionary Program or contact schools about recognizing individuals in the JROTC Program. I will be talking more about KEA activities during the Mid-Year Convention and District Deputy clinics.



Charlie Martin, PSP
KEA Youth Activities Chairperson



KENTUCKY ELKS DART TOURNAMENT

Open Blind Draw
Friday, August 26th
8:00pm



Elks Tournament
Saturday, August 27th
10:00am

Elks Lodge #8

2824 Klondike Lane
Louisville, KY 40218

Tournament Contact: Greg Swinney (502) 724-8455

Day	Friday Night	*Saturday	*Saturday	*Saturday	*Saturday	*Saturday	*Saturday
Time	8:00pm	10:00am	Noon	2:00pm	4:00pm	6:00pm	8:00pm
Event	Open Blind Draw Doubles	Mixed Trips (Team must have at least 1 Female)	Doubles Cricket	Singles Cricket	Doubles 501	Singles 501	701 4 Person Lodge Challenge
Entry	\$10 Entry	\$30 Entry(Team)	\$20 Entry(Team)	\$10 Entry	\$20 Entry(Team)	\$10 Entry	\$40 Entry(Team)
Payout	100% Payout	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation	80% Payout 20% ENF Donation
	Best 2 out of 3 Cricket 501 Bullseye Choice	Best 2 out of 3	Best 2 out of 3	Best 2 out of 3	Best 2 out of 3	Best 2 out of 3	Best 2 out of 3
Rules:	Friday Night is an Open event to Elk Members and Non- Members	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge	*Must be a Member in Good Standing in a Kentucky Elks Lodge

- This is a Steel Tipped Darting Event!
- Friday Night Blind Draw is Open to Elks and Non-Elks.
- Lodges may bring as many teams as they wish.
- 701 Lodge Challenge: Winning Lodge will receive a Travelling Trophy.
- All Events Single Elimination.
- Sign-ups end 10 minutes prior to the start of the event.
- All proceeds in excess of the payouts will go to the Elks National Foundation.
- Food and beverages on site!
- To Play in any event on Saturday requires the participant is an initiated member of a Kentucky Elks Lodge in Good Standing.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

KY Top Recruiters for Lodge Year Starting 4/1/2022



Net new Members with online invites

by Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt

Has your Lodge promoted the online Membership application for signing up new Members?

Using the Elks website, a current paid-up Member of the Order can forward a membership invitation to family and friends. Invitees can complete and submit the application online.

Lodge Secretaries will be notified of these applications via the "Alerts" screen of CLMS2, then can process the electronic version the same as a paper application. All data provided by the applicant will be imported into the Lodge's CLMS2 database with the simple click of a button.

What better way to gain a member than by using technology to its fullest?

Rank	Name	Lodge	District	Proposed
1	Charles W Nolte Jr	350	3440	6
2	Lori Travis	2707	3480	4
2	Jack C Kerns Per	314	3440	4
4	Angie Palmer	530	3440	3
4	Tameka Tester	2816	3440	3
4	Robert Crawford	545	3480	3
4	Kathleen L Piell	2052	3480	3
4	Normal D Sweet	2052	3480	3
4	Julie Caffee	8	3480	3
10	Michael W Perry Sr	217	3480	2
10	James L Rhodes Jr	8	3480	2
10	Britt Adkins	350	3440	2
10	Austin Boaz	1115	3480	2
10	Kandice Wommack Duke	2707	3480	2
10	Scott E Park	350	3440	2
10	Rebecca Crouch Faulcon	2816	3440	2
10	Gina Sears	2826	3440	2
10	Anthony W Roth	2052	3480	2
10	Tony D Cain	206	3480	2
10	Thomas McClure	2826	3440	2
10	Joseph Petito	8	3480	2
10	Kenneth Vincent	1115	3480	2
10	Shane Toler	350	3440	2
10	Larry Majors	206	3480	2
10	Jason Ramsey	530	3440	2
10	Alex J Kenealy	8	3480	2

Enter this web address in your browser <https://www.elks.org/who/> to invite someone to become one of the "Best People On Earth" today!

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****July 2-5, 2023- Grand Lodge Convention Minneapolis, MN****

The OFFICERS of the Kentucky Elks Association are:

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- **President Elect:** Ray Pauly, Jr., Newport Lodge #273
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- **Tiler:** Janet Cartwright, Madisonville Lodge #738
- **Sergeant-at-Arms:** Terry Vitt, Lyndon Lodge #2052

Upcoming KY ELK Conventions

February 2023-State Convention
August 3-6, 2023-Mid Year Meeting, WEST
August 1-4, 2024-Mid Year Meeting, EAST

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