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Grand Lodge Convention News

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks... "A Fraternal Organization"

Oregon Elks find historic stained glass

One hundred years ago, the 1912 Elks Grand Lodge Convention was held in Portland, OR. It featured an elaborate display of electric lights at a time when less than half of American homes had electricity. Four beautiful stained glass windows were made for display. Recently, one of these windows was discovered by a Brother Elk in a stained glass restoration shop. A group of volunteers from the Elks Children's Eye Clinic and the Beaverton, OR Lodge #1989 raised funds to purchase the window, and it now hangs in the 5th floor lobby of the Eye Clinic, which is sponsored by the Oregon Elks Association Major Project. We are pleased to preserve and share this piece of Elks history.



Adam Jernick, ER

Adam Jernick, Exalted Ruler of Nutley, NJ #1290, is the great-grandson of Past Grand Exalted Ruler William Jernick, who served as Exalted Ruler in 1933 and Grand Exalted Ruler in 1954-1955. He is a fourth generation Exalted Ruler of the Nutley Lodge, as both his grandfather and father also served in this role.



LICENSED VENDORS

The official licensed Elks vendors will close on Wednesday this year—**NOT THURSDAY** as in the past — because the exhibit hall is not available.

CLMS2 Webinar today at 2 p.m. with CLMS2PC Developer

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is proud to announce a CLMS2PC Webinar on Queries and the new help system. Rick Flores, approved by the Grand Lodge IT department, will be able to respond to your questions live. We are located next to the registration booth. Please join us on Tuesday, July 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Pick up awards at booths by Wednesday noon

Award winners are listed in today's edition from the various Grand Lodge Committee contests. First place awards are to be picked up at the committee booths. All other awards are being mailed to the Lodges or State Associations.

Public Relations Golden Mike Awards 2011-12

For Distinguished Performance in State Association Public Relations Activity and Effective Programs via Outstanding Chairperson Leadership.

Arizona Elks Association--Jack Baillargeon
Arkansas State Elks Association -- Ken Johnson
Connecticut Elks Association – Sidney P. Buttermore
Idaho State Elks Association -- Cyndi M. Carrigan
Kansas Elks Association -- Deborah M. Betts
Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Elks Association -- Connie J. DeYoung
Minnesota Elks Association – James (Jim) VanDuyn
Maine State Elks Association – Wayne D. Cotterly
Nebraska Elks Association -- Mark C. Flohr
Nevada State Elks Association--Sabina Bye
New Jersey State Elks Association – Debra Czech
West Virginia Elks Association – Christine Pearson
Oregon State Elks Association – Jan Jackson
Texas Elks State Association – Jennifer Schoppe

William “Bill” Hansch Award 2011-2012

Awarded to the State Association Public Relations Chairman with the highest quality and effective Public Relations program in the Nation coupling quality of participation in Grand Lodge Public Relations initiatives, State Association innovative approaches, and “Elksellence” in activity reporting.



The award is named for Bill Hansch, a former chairman of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee. Recipients for 2011-2012 are as follows:

California-Hawaii Elks Association—Andrew (Andy) Costello

Florida State Elks Association—Russell D. Sens

Six generations of Elks

Great-Great-Great Grandfather George Davie, PER, former Lodge Geneva, NY #1054;

Great-Great Grandfather John Davie, PER, former Lodge Geneva, NY #1054;

Great Grandfather Archie Noble, Penn Yan, NY #1722;

Grandfather Chasta Jensen, Penn Yan, NY #1722;

Father Robert Jensen, ER, Penn Yan, NY #1722;

Daughter Kayleigh Jensen, Penn Yan, NY #1722.

2011-2012 Public Relations National Awards

“The Best Image of Elkdom” Contest

FIRST PLACE

Yuma, AZ #476

Atascadero, CA #2733

SECOND PLACE

Mountain Home, ID #2276

THIRD PLACE

Bountiful, UT #2442

“The Best Single Event” Contest

FIRST PLACE

Eveleth, MN #1161

Lake Taneycomo, MO #2597

Sierra Vista, AZ #2065

Decatur, AL #655

Woodbridge, VA #2355

SECOND PLACE

Hasting, NE #159

Danielson, CT #1706

Chino Valley, AZ #2842

Livingston, MT #246

THIRD PLACE

Mountain Home, ID #2276

Stroudsburg, PA #319

Kingman, AZ #468

FOURTH PLACE

Broken Arrow, OK #2673

Prescott, AZ #330

“Focus on the Community” Contest

FIRST PLACE

Gresham, OR #1805

Perry, OK #2629

Sierra Vista, AZ #2065

Atascadero, CA #2733

SECOND PLACE

Lake Taneycomo, MO #2597

Denison, TX #238

Thousand Oaks, CA #2477

THIRD PLACE

Gateway (Portland), OR #2411

Denison, TX #238

Gresham, OR #1805

FOURTH PLACE

Charlottesville, VA #389



Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest 2011 - 2012 winners

Division I (5th & 6th Grades)

- 1st Place: Gabriel Cook, Princeton, IL #1461
- 2nd Place: Sarah Viele, Naugatuck, CT #967
- 3rd Place: Autumn Williams, Marshall County, AL #2869

Division II (7th and 8th Grades)

- 1st Place: Mary E. Colussi, Gloucester, MA #892
- 2nd Place: Riley Hardy, Walla Walla, WA #287
- 3rd Place: Brynna Corley, New Albany, IN #270

Grand Lodge Americanism Brochure Contest Winners 2011-2012

Division 1 (under 301 members)

- First Place: Cedar Grove, NJ #2237 (Area 2)
- Second Place: Allen Park, MI # 2194 (Area 4)
- Third Place: Eureka "Tintic" UT #711 (Area 7)

Division 2 (301 to 500 members)

- First Place: East Stroudsburg, PA #319 (Area 2)
- Second Place: Wheeling, WV #28 (Area 4)
- Third Place: Bridgeport, CT #36 (Area 1)

Division 3 (501 to 700 members)

- First Place: Calvert, MD # 2620 (Area 2)
- Second Place: Sierra Vista, AZ 2065 (Area 7)
- Third Place: Escanaba, MI #354 (Area 4)

Division 4 (701 to 1100 members)

- First Place: Loveland, CO #1051 (Area 6)
- Second Place: Bullhead City, AZ #2408 (Area 7)
- Third Place: Osage Community, MO #2705 (Area 5)

Division 5 (1101 to 1500 members)

- First Place: Fayetteville/Springdale, AR #1987 (Area 6)
- Second Place: Santa Barbara, CA #613 (Area 7)
- Third Place: Mesa Buckhorn, AZ #2656 (Area 7)

Division 6 (Over 1500 members)

- First Place: Sun City, AZ #2559 (Area 7)
- Second Place: Santa Maria, CA #1538 (Area 7)
- Third Place: Rotterdam, NY #2157 (Area 1)

Lodge Activities/State Association Contest "A" All American Lodges

Division 1 (300 members or less)

- 1. Plaquemine, LA #1398
- 2. Cedar Grove, NJ #2237
- 3. Santa Monica, CA #906

Division 2 (301 to 500 members)

- 1. Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782
- 2. Sedona, AZ #2291
- 3. East Stroudsburg, PA #319

Division 3 (501 to 700 members)

- 1. Columbia, MO #594
- 2. Arlington, TX #2114
- 3. Chula Vista, CA #2011

Division 4 (701 to 1100 members)

- 1. Bullhead City, AZ #2408
- 2. Calabash, NC #2697
- 3. Show Low, AZ #2532

Division 5 (1101 to 1500 members)

- 1. Kelso/Longview, WA #1482
- 2. San Luis Obispo, CA #322
- 3. Mesa Buckhorn, AZ #2656

Division 6 (more than 1500 members)

- 1. Lake Havasu City, AZ #2399
- 2. Sun City, AZ #2559
- 3. Santa Maria, CA #1538



Oldest Elk

The Grand Lodge Convention is honored to have Sam H. Johnson from Tucson East, AZ #2532, in attendance. Sam has been a member of the Order for 50 years. This is his 32nd Grand Lodge Convention. Sam's first Grand Lodge Convention was in Chicago in 1980 when he was Exalted Ruler for Longview, TX # 1128. Sam was the oldest Elk at last year's convention, and we think he may be the oldest again this year.



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Grand Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "B" Community Service & Image

Division 1 (300 Members or less)

1. Temecula Valley, CA #2801
2. Cedar Grove, NJ #2237
3. Sahuarita, AZ #2851

Division 2 (301 –500 members)

1. Hamden, CT #2224
2. Jonesboro, AR #498
3. Catalina Mountain, AZ #2815

Division 3 (501 –700 members)

1. Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley, CA #2444
2. Brooksville, FL #2582
3. Fullerton, CA #1993

Division 4 (701—1,100 members)

1. Kingman, AZ #468
2. Bullhead City, AZ #2408
3. Lake Elsinore/Wildomar, CA #2591

Division 5 (1,100—1,500 members)

1. Santa Barbara, CA #613
2. Mesa Buckhorn, AZ #2656

Division 6 (Over 1,500 members)

1. Green Valley, AZ #2592
2. Lake Havasu City, AZ #2399
3. Bremerton, WA #1181

Grand Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "C" Memorial Service Winners

Division 1 (300 members or fewer)

1. Watertown, MA #1513
2. Saranac Lake, NY #1508
3. Johnson City, NY #2821

Division 2 (301 to 500 members)

1. Camillus, NY #2367
2. Fulton, NY #830
3. Wheeling, WV #28

Division 3 (501 to 700 members)

1. Mechanicville-Stillwater, NY #1403
2. Whitehall, NY #1491
3. Hudson, NY #787

Division 4 (701 to 1,100 members)

1. Fredericksburg, VA #875
2. Glens Falls, NY #81
3. Oswego, NY #271

Division 5 (1,101 to 1,500 members)

1. Charleston, SC #242
2. Ashland, KY #350
3. Santa Barbara, CA #613

Division 6 (more than 1,500 members)

1. Lake Havasu City, AZ #2399
2. Sun City, AZ #2559
3. Weymouth, MA #2232

Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "D" Lodge Bulletin Winners

Division 1 (300 members or fewer)

1. Santa Monica, CA #906
2. Burlington, NC #1633
3. Watertown, MA #1513

Division 2 (301 to 500 members)

1. Riverside, CA #643
2. Payson, AZ #2154
3. Catalina Mountain, AZ #2815

Division 3 (501 to 700 members)

1. Santa Clarita, CA #2379
2. Fullerton, CA #1993
3. Brooksville, FL #2582

Division 4 (701 to 1100 Members)

1. Lompoc, CA #2274
2. Mount Vernon, WA #1604
3. (tie) Oregon City, OR #1189
& Osage Community, MO #2705

Division #5 (1101 to 1500 Members)

1. Carmichael, CA #2103
2. Manasquan, NJ #2534
3. Oceano/Five Cites, CA #2504

Division #6 (Over 1500 Members)

1. El Cajon, CA #1812
2. Santa Maria, CA #1538
3. Rotterdam, NY #2157

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Members	Donations	Per Capita
Division 1 (300 members or less)		
1. Plaquemine, LA #1398		
80	\$9694.00	\$121.175
2. Manila, Philippines #761		
141	\$15,192.00	\$107.745
3. Virginia Beach, VA #2268		
180	\$16,672.55	\$92.625
Division 2 (301-500 members)		
1. Mount Carmel, IL #715		
446	\$21,378.00	\$47.933
2. Wichita Falls, TX #1105		
320	\$13,280.79	\$41.503
3. Grapevine, TX #2483		
343	\$14,040.56	\$40.935
Division 3 (501-700 members)		
1. Washington-Rockville, MD #15		
545	\$24,364.95	\$44.706
2. Kent Island, MD #2576		
539	\$18,471.50	\$34.270
3. Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley, CA #2444		
658	\$15,179.50	\$23.069
Division 4 (701-1100 members)		
1. Owatonna, MN #1395		
757	\$20,500.90	\$27.082
2. Orange, CA #1475		
885	\$23,023.95	\$26.016
3. Ashland, OR #944		
767	\$15,917.60	\$20.753
Division 5 (1101-1500 members)		
1. Miami, FL #948		
1104	\$106,295.23	\$96.282
2. Carmichael, CA #2103		
1341	\$33,463.65	\$24.954
3. Arvada, CO #2278		
1125	\$19,021.20	\$16.908
Division 6 (more than 1500 members)		
1. Bristol County, RI #1869		
1524	\$25,675.52	\$16.848
2. Bremerton, WA #1181		
1509	\$21,720.70	\$14.394
3. Yuma, AZ #476		
1585	\$18,680.20	\$11.786

CONTEST "F" Elks National Foundation - Chairman Challenge

DIVISION 1 Composite Score (300 members or less)		
1. Kenai, AK #2425	296	91.500
2. Bessemer, AL #721	282	90.823
3. Raleigh, NC #735	288	77.850
DIVISION 2 Composite Score (301 to 500 members)		
1. Jackson, MO #2652	336	104.787
2. Grapevine, TX #2483	343	92.199
3. Shenandoah, IA #1122	334	91.343
DIVISION 3 Composite Score (501 to 700 members)		
1. Tulsa, OK #946	531	101.013
2. Gallipolis, OH #107	648	97.750
3. Arlington, TX #2114	551	96.523
DIVISION 4 Composite Score (701 to 1,100)		
1. Ashland, OR #944	767	112.750
2. Owatonna, MN #1395	757	103.265
3. Apache Junction, AZ #2349	708	102.529
DIVISION 5 Composite Score (1,101 to 1,500)		
1. Murrells Inlet, SC #2797	1159	91.000
2. Ocean City, MD #2645	1268	89.165
3. Santa Barbara, CA #613	1125	88.750
DIVISION 6 Composite Score (more than 1,500)		
1. Bristol County, RI #1860	1524	103.980
2. Yuma, AZ #476	1585	94.925
3. Sun City, AZ #2559	2745	86.000

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Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "G" State Association ENF Per Capita Contest

	Members	Per Member	Per Capita
1. Nevada	4,581	\$64,372.38	\$14.052
2. Louisiana	1,859	\$25,549.54	\$13.744
3. Texas	16,299	\$201,513.82	\$12.364
4. Rhode Island	6,199	\$65,110.36	\$10.503
5. Utah	4,616	\$44,786.06	\$9.702

Lodge Activities/State Associations Contest "H" State Association ENF Chairman Challenge

By Composite Score

1. Rhode Island	74.315
2. Arizona	51.292
3. Washington	48.794
4. Vermont	47.764
5. Minnesota	47.556

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Grand Lodge State Associations Publication Star Awards

All of the following Awards will be forwarded to your State Associations for presentation.

5 Star Winners: Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland/Delaware/District of Columbia New Jersey, New York

4 Star Winners: Alaska, Kentucky, Michigan West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming,

3 Star Winners: Connecticut, Louisiana

Grand Lodge State Association Web Site Star Awards

The GL Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee thanks the twenty State Associations that registered and participated in the Web Site Star Awards Contest. The sites were reviewed for content, layout, design, graphics and their effectiveness in telling the Elks story.

5 Star Winners: Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia

4 Star Winners: California-Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio

Grand Lodge Local Lodge Web Site Star Awards

The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee thanks the fifteen Local Lodges that registered and participated in the Web site Star Awards Contest. The Sites were reviewed for content, layout, design, graphics and their effectiveness in telling the Elk's story. These Awards will be forwarded to the respective Lodges.

5 Star Winners:

Alaska – Palmer Lodge #1842

Colorado – Denver Lodge #17

California/Hawaii – Orange Lodge #1475

Illinois – Murphysboro Lodge #572

Minnesota – Minneapolis Lodge #44

Missouri – Osage Community Lodge #2705

and Lake Taneycomo Lodge #2597

Nevada – Henderson/Green Valley Lodge #2802

New Jersey – Cliffside Lodge #1502

New Hampshire – Laconia Lodge #876

New Mexico – Carlsbad Lodge #1558

Oregon – Gateway Lodge #2411

Texas – Grapevine Lodge #2483

Virginia – Staunton Lodge #351

West Virginia – Bluefield Lodge #269

Welcome 250 new members— via online membership inquiry

Since our last convention, more than 250 new members have joined the Elks after initiating contact with the Order through our new online “Membership Inquiry” system. An additional 68 new candidates have applied and are awaiting initiation. Our new Elks.org Inquiry System is just one of several new online initiatives designed to promote membership and streamline the application process.

Stop by the Grand Lodge Internet Booth (just beyond registration) for more information.

Husband/wife state presidents

Frances Case of Riverton, WY #1693, is Wyoming State President, 2012-2013, and her husband Jim Case is Wyoming Past State President, 1992-1993. Carmel “Candy” Stevens of Kalispell, MT #725 is Montana State President, 2012-2013, and her husband Bob Stevens is Montana Past State President, 2003-2004. Both couples are in Area 8.



PSP Bob and SP Candy Stevens of Montana share respective offices with SP Frances and PSP Jim Case of Wyoming.

Special Recognition Award for ENF

The Grand Exalted Ruler, David R. Carr and the Grand Lodge Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the following Lodges for their generous donations to the Elks National Foundation in 2011-2012 with the Special Recognition Award Best Grand Lodge Area.

The generous donations in 2011-12 by the B.P.O. Elks of Manila #761 are gratefully acknowledged by the Grand Exalted Ruler and our Board of Trustees.

Elks National Foundation Offers Emergency Educational Grants

Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grants provide college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. These scholarships, which range up to \$4,000 each year, offer hope to Elks’ children who face a difficult road ahead.

Jordyn Livengood is one of these children. Jordyn’s father, a member of Oakland, MD #2481, passed away a few years before she embarked on her college career. Thanks to her Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grant, Jordyn’s college education was never in jeopardy.

“My scholarship is allowing me to get a great education and follow my dreams,” says Jordyn, a freshman at Garrett College in McHenry, MD. “My dad would’ve been proud because education was very important to him.”

Each year, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks’ children through Emergency Educational Grants. If you know a family that could benefit from this scholarship, direct them to the ENF booth or encourage them to e-mail scholarship@elks.org for an application and more information.

Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee Best Lodge Youth Program Brochure Contest

DIVISION 1 (Under 300 members)

Cedar Grove, NJ Lodge #2237

Jerome, AZ Lodge #1361

Lincoln, NE Lodge #80

DIVISION 2 (301-500 Members)

Wheeling, WV Lodge #28

East Stroudsburg, PA Lodge #319

Bicknell, IN Lodge #1421

DIVISION 3 (501-700 Members)

Okmulgee, OK Lodge #1822

Brigantine, NJ Lodge #2428

New London, CT Lodge #360

DIVISION 4 (701-1100 Members)

Tucson East, AZ Lodge #2532

Oswego, NY Lodge #271

Groton, CT Lodge #2163

DIVISION 5 (1101-1500 Members)

Mesa Buckhorn, AZ Lodge #2656

Fayetteville/Springdale, AR Lodge #1987

DIVISION 6 (Over 1500 Members)

Green Valley, AZ Lodge #2592

Santa Maria, CA Lodge #1538

Bremerton, WA Lodge #1181



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Grand Lodge Youth Activities State Association Youth Brochure

1st Place: Arizona State Association,
Sari McQuality, Chairman

2nd Place: South Carolina State Association,
Marilyn Adams, Chairman

3rd Place: Nebraska State Association,
Jackie Norris, Chairman

Student/Veteran Volunteer Program Contest

New Jersey Elks Association,
Pat McDonnell, Chairman

Local Lodge Junior Golf Brochure

1st Place: Eatonton, GA #2549

2nd Place: Wheeling, West V #28

3rd Place: Midwest City, OK #1890

Youth Activities Committee State Association Designated Best Lodge Program 2011-2012

Green Valley, Arizona #2592
 Jonesboro, Arkansas #498
 Santa Maria, California #1538
 Hamden, Connecticut #2224
 Merritt Island, Florida #2650
 Elmhurst, Illinois #1531
 Bicknell, Indiana #1421
 Louisville, Kentucky #8
 Escanaba, Michigan #354
 Lincoln, Nebraska #80
 Cedar Grove, New Jersey #2237
 Oswego, New York #271
 Calabash, North Carolina #2679
 Okmulgee, Oklahoma #1822
 East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania #319
 Rock Hill, South Carolina #1318
 St. Albans, Vermont #1566
 Bedford, Virginia #2844
 Vancouver, Washington #823
 Wheeling, West Virginia #28
 Green Bay, Wisconsin #259

Outstanding Youth Activities Volunteer

Area 2 Julie R. Mandes, Brigantine, NJ #2428
 Area 3 Jackie Tucker, PER, Arcadia, FL #1524
 Area 4 Rosemary Durant, Ohio River Valley, OH #231
 Area 7 Kim Bush, Santa Barbara, CA #613
 Area 8 Natalie Hanson, Long Beach, WA #1937

Youth Activities Committee 2011 Elks National Youth Week Contest

DIVISION 1 (Under 300 members)

Jerome, AZ #1361
 Wheeling, WV #28
 Abington, MD #2354

DIVISION 2 (301-500 Members)

East Stroudsburg, PA #319
 Wickenburg, AZ #2160
 Falls City, NE #963

DIVISION 3 (501-700 Members)

Escanaba, MI #354
 Sierra Vista, AZ #2065
 Prescott, AZ #330

DIVISION 4 (701-1100 Members)

Tucson East, AZ #2532
 Lompoc, CA #2274
 Vancouver, WA #823

DIVISION 5 (1101-1500 Members)

Santa Barbara, CA #613
 Mesa-Buckhorn, AZ #2656

DIVISION 6 (Over 1500 Members)

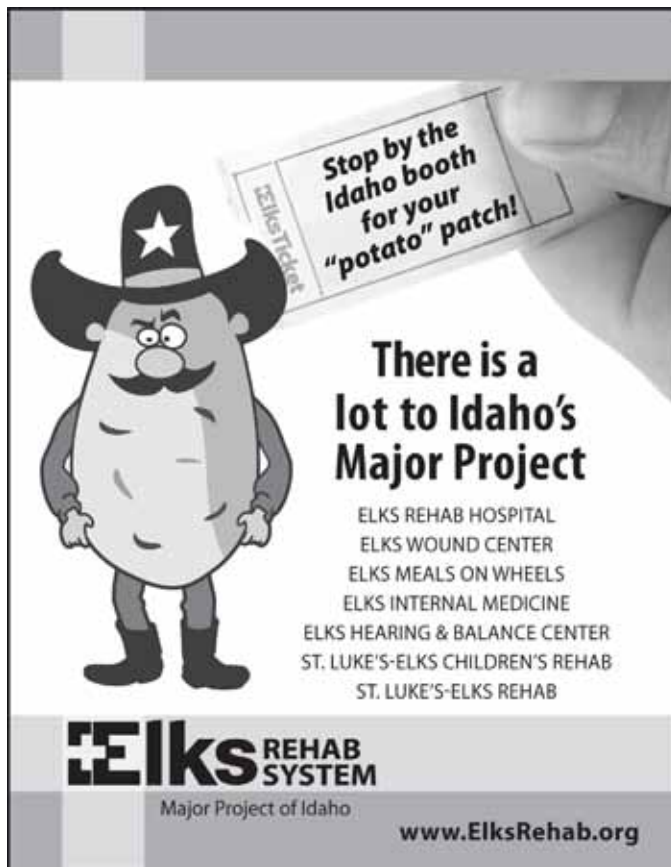
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 Lake Havasu City, AZ #2399

Grand Lodge Youth Activities Contest Winners Local Lodge Soccer Shoot Brochure Contest

Green Valley, AZ Lodge #2592
 Prescott, AZ Lodge #330
 Atascadero, CA Lodge #2733

Texas host vests now available to all

By popular demand, the Texas host vests are now on sale to all convention goers. The attractive blue vests with the "Welcome to Texas" logo are available for \$10 each at the Texas booth in the exhibit hall. "We had planned to keep 'em and use 'em again when the Grand Lodge convention comes to Houston (in 2016), but we are yielding to popular demand and putting them on sale," said Texas PSP Kirk Storey, co-chair of the Texas Local Support Committee. He added, "Take two; \$10 is a give away price." Proceeds benefit the Texas Elks Association.



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Resolution for Chairman of Grand Trustees

WHEREAS, James F. Kile has been an active attorney in the State of Idaho for almost 40 years and as a result, he has heard enough "whereas's," "wherefores," "here-tofores," to fill a warehouse for a lifetime; therefore, he doesn't need to hear any more this morning; and

Jim has served his local Lodge for almost 30 years, his State Association, and the Grand Lodge on various committees and in leadership roles, and most recently as the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees this past year; and

Jim has unselfishly given countless hours of community service toward helping his Church, Cub Scouts, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Little League Baseball, Kiwanis Club, and fellow individuals with the pleasure and satisfaction that only volunteerism can provide, and

Jim has most enjoyed helping local Lodges through the seemingly endless maze of the challenges of membership, finances, and statutory red tape, and throughout his practice, he has been truly grateful for the friendships he has acquired and for the dedication of those working with him, to provide the best service possible for and preservation of this great Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in grateful recognition of this valued service to our Order, the Board of Grand Trustees is authorized and directed to present to James F. Kile on behalf of the Grand Lodge a suitable testimonial for his service, as well as, a hearty handshake and a "Big Thanks" for a job well done, thereby expressing the deepest admiration and respect the Board has developed for Jim. We wish him much continued success in all his future endeavors in Elksdom.

Younger Youngest Elk found

Cody Hoisington of Grants-Milan, NM #2053, age 22, is attending his second Grand Lodge Convention. Last year he had only been 21 and a member for two weeks before attending.

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Ritual Results as of Noon on Monday Eastern Division

Sturgis, MI #1381	94.6391
Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782	93.9720
Dalton, GA #1267	92.7607
Greenville, SC #858	92.6886
Danielson, CT #1706	92.5473
Bradenton, FL #1511	92.4464
St. Johnsbury, VT #1343	92.3919
Kenton, OH #157	92.2756
Woonsocket, RI #850	91.7420
Bath, NY #1547	91.5311
Dover, MD/DE/DC#1903	91.4296
Ocean Springs, MS #2501	91.2630
Sanford, ME #1470	90.0093
Sistersville, WV #333	89.6360
Arlington-Fairfax, VA #2188	86.2170

Western Division

Reno, NV #597	97.0426
Carlsbad, NM #1558	96.9293
Bremerton, WA #1181	96.9056
Blue Springs, MO #2509	96.7930
Pawhuska, OK #2542	96.2174
Lincoln, NE #80	95.9829
Houston, TX #151	95.7409
Hopkins, MN #2221	95.6397
Casper, WY #1353	94.7496
Robinson, IL #1188	93.8680
Hillsboro, OR #1862	93.7237
Yuma, AZ #476	92.2411

2012 G.L. Convention Honor Guard



The honor guard from Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782 presented the colors at Monday's opening ceremony. This is the third consecutive year that they have had this honor. The honor guard members are Linda Gathen, Wayne McDonnell, Eric Martin, Thomas Mahoney, and Heidi McDonnell. They are pictured re-enacting the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima during WWII (or a scene from *Toy Story*).

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CA-HI booth Strongest Elk update

Stop by the California Hawaii booth to learn about their major project and to test your strength in their quest to find the Strongest Elk. Today is your last chance as the contest ends at 11:00 am today. The leaders as of 11 am on Monday are women: Jennifer Welcher, Fairfield, IA #1192 at 91 pounds and men: Matt Gustin of Rock Springs, WY #624 at 200 pounds. Come by and see if you can take over the top spot!

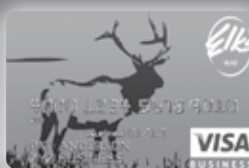


State Presidents wait to present their flags at the Opening Ceremony.

Attendance Report as of noon on Monday

		Spouse/ Guest
Grand Exalted Ruler	1	1
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	23	11
Grand Lodge Officers	8	7
Grand Trustees	9	7
Grand Forum	4	2
Grand Lodge Committeemen	49	29
District Deputies Designate	235	107
Special Deputies	17	14
Representatives to the Grand Lodge and Alternates	1624	670
State Presidents	44	26
State Secretaries	28	18
Grand Lodge Members	1258	482
Non-Voting Members	1203	127
Guests		367
Vendors		41
Total	4504	1909
Combined Total:		6413

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GRAND LODGE SESSION – Austin, Texas
Tuesday, July 3, 2012



8:00	Call to Order.....	David R. Carr, GER
	Invocation.....	Rev. Father Stephen McNally
8:05	Pledge of Allegiance	All
	Report of Commissions	
8:10	National Memorial & Publication	James M. McQuillan, PGER, Chairman
8:15	Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust.....	James M. McQuillan, PGER
8:20	National Convention.....	Roger R. True., PGER, Vice-Chairman
	Report of Committees	
8:25	Ritualistic (Preliminary Report)	Brian T. Burns, Chairman
8:40	Government Relations	Roland A. Seal, Chairman
8:45	Public Relations.....	Donald L. Jones, Chairman
8:50	Lodge Activities/State Associations.....	James A. Ferland, Chairman
8:55	Announcements	William L. Hart, Grand Esquire
9:00	Membership	Charles W. Lester, Chairman
9:05	Americanism	Sim Nathan, Chairman
9:10	Youth Activities	Earl E. Cavanagh, Chairman
9:15	Auditing and Accounting	Charles W. Voigts, Chairman
9:20	Resolutions Committee	Jerome C. Shapiro, Chairman
9:25	Board of Grand Trustees Resolutions (Two)	
9:35	Grand Forum Resolution	Mark E. Huegel, Senior Justice
9:40	Future of Elkdom – Special Report.....	Robert Grafton, PGER
10:10	Discussion of Proposals	John D. Amen, Sr.
10:40	Announcements	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
10:45	Announcements	William L. Hart, Grand Esquire
10:50	Benediction.....	Rev. Father Stephen McNally
10:55	Grand Lodge Session Recessed	

Additional events on Tuesday, July 3

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ENF Chair Tools and Resources will be held at the Austin Convention Center, room 6
- 1:00pm Ritualistic Finals will be held at the Austin Convention Center, 4th floor
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. District Deputy-Designate Conference will be at the Hilton Austin Hotel, Grand Ballroom Salon H. Special Deputies are required to attend.
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Elks National Foundation office hours at the Austin Convention Center, room 6A
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Auditing and Accounting Committee will be available for questions at the Austin Convention Center, room 10C
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Public Relations Seminar will be held at the Austin Convention Center, room 9
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Committee on Judiciary will be available for questions at the Hilton Austin Hotel, room 401
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 18th Annual Grand Lodge Youth Activities Seminar at the Hilton Austin Hotel, room 410
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Legislative Discussion will be held at the Hilton Austin Hotel in the Governor's Ballroom Salon D
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with State Presidents at the Hilton Austin Hotel in the Austin Grand Ballroom Salon G
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect will be available for photos with District Deputies-Designate at the Hilton Austin Hotel in the Austin Grand Ballroom Salon G