

APRIL
2023



Exalted Ruler
Joe Sanders
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TIP OF THE
MONTH



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CRESTWOOD ELKS # 2503

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Esteemed Leading Knight.....Carolyn Toomey
Esteemed Loyal Knight..... Sandi Krechel
Esteemed Lecturing Knight....Teresa Kirn
TreasurerYvonne Sontheimer
Esquire..... Susan Freeman
Tiler.....Bonnie Mills
Inner Guard..... Peggy Gorden

CRESTWOOD LODGE CHARITABLE
GIVING \$\$ CONTRIBUTED
SINCE CHARTERED IN 1974 =
NEW TOTAL \$1,198,642!!

Tom Sontheimer.....1 Year Trustee
Mike Kirn.....2 Year Trustee
Mike Wood.....3 Year Trustee
Barb Burke.....4 Year Trustee
Don Freeman.....5 Year Trustee
Donna Werner.....Chaplain

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Elks:

Hi to all! I am very pleased to have been elected to serve as Exalted Ruler of Crestwood Lodge for the coming year. As of 4/1/2023 we begin a new year with a new Board and new Board President – Don Freeman. I want to thank Don and last year's officers for the excellent job they did for the Lodge. They faced a number of critical repairs/issues and were able to work through them successfully.

My goal for the year is going to be getting more people to attend our Lodge events. If you look on page 5 of this newsletter you will find a list of coming events...our recurrent monthly activities – Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money, Burgers & Brats Nite, & Fish-Chicken Fry. In addition, we have a number of special events during the year that I hope you will make every effort to attend and/or participate in: 4/28 Blood Drive (we need only 6 more donors to achieve our goal-please consider signing up to donate), 5/6 Derby Day/Stick Horse Races – a super fun event-see page 7 for details, 5/11 the Lodge will be visited by Lodge scholarship winners who will share with members their thanks for the scholarship program + their individual educational goals, 5/20 is our fun and crazy "Booze Hunt"-see page 6 for info; on Saturday, 8/12, the Lodge will hold its Soccer Shoot. This event is open to anyone 15 years of age or younger-bring your children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, neighbors or friends to the Lodge to participate in this great fun event.

There are two very important events I want to call to your attention: On Sunday, 6/11, at 1:00pm we will gather at the Lodge to honor our nation's flag with a ceremony depicting our great nation's history as told through the evolution of our national symbol. **Veneration of the American Flag as a symbol of our great nation is an important part of Elksdom. I encourage all of you to attend this moving ceremony.** The 2nd event I want to note is the annual Memorial Service honoring our deceased brother and sister Elks. It is scheduled Sunday, 12/3. I know that is many months in the future, but I am calling your attention to this important Lodge function so that you can get it on your calendars. We will share more details of the Memorial Service in coming editions of the TIP.

I want all of you to know that I am open to your suggestions and/or comments. If you want to reach me, my e-mail address is jsanders6260@gmail.com or better yet, I hope to see you at a Lodge meeting or event and discuss your suggestion(s) in person.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the Lodge!

Joe Sanders-Exalted Ruler

MEDAL OF VALOR PRESENTATION

In a moving ceremony at the March 23rd Lodge meeting, Crestwood Elks ER Don Freeman presented to Jerry and Bess Langsdorf the Elks Medal of Valor in honor of their son, Michael, in appreciation for his service to the nation. Officer Michael V. Langsdorf was killed in action on Sunday June 23, 2019. He served with the North County Police Cooperative and prior to that with the Metro St. Louis Police Department for 17 years.



B.P.O.E. [500 CLUB]

For just \$10/month you could win \$500!!

Teresa Kirn, the B.P.O.E. [500 Club] Coordinator, is now accepting payments for 2023. You can pay for 6 months (January-June) or for the full year. Please send your payment ASAP to the Lodge [10261 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128, Attn: Teresa Kirn]. If you do not wish to continue with your number(s), please let Teresa know ASAP so those numbers can be offered to others.

THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO NUMBERS AVAILABLE.

Teresa can be reached at 314-277-9337 (TEXT OR CALL).

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED

At the March 23rd Lodge meeting Dennis Chastonay, Steve Foerstel, Robert Aufner, and Rich Garcia were initiated. Please join in welcoming them to Crestwood Lodge.



FRIDAY
28th
APRIL

1:00-5:00 PM

**GIVE
THE GIFT
OF**
life

Crestwood Elks #2503

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

**WE NEED JUST
6 MORE DONORS
TO MEET OUR
GOAL!**

**10261 Bauer Rd,
St. Louis, MO
63128**

DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BURKE AT
314-882-1095 TO MAKE A DONATION.**



BPOE = Best People On
Earth Person of the Month

ANGIE FUSCO
November 2022

BARB BURKE
December 2022

**JAN BETZER
LAURA SANDERS
TAMMY BORAGE,
CINDY HANCOCK
SUSAN FREEMAN**
January 2023

MIKE WOOD
February 2023

ED ROE
March 2023

TO OUR VETERANS

Are you having difficulties navigating your health care needs through the VA Hospital at Jefferson Barracks? If so, following are two contacts that can assist you:



Shelley Meyer,
MBA, RN, CCRN-E
Telehealth Program Mgr.
Office: 314-652-4100, ext. 63872
Cell: 314-907-7987
e-mail: Shelley.Meyer@va.gov
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive
St. Louis, MO 63125



Virtual Health Resource Center
Home & Virtual Care
Phone: 314-652-4100, ext. 60352
e-mail: STLVHRC@va.gov
Jefferson Barracks Campus
Building 1, Room 1W20
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive
St. Louis, MO 63125

SPRING MEAT SHOOTS

Congratulations to all of the Lodge members who assisted with the Spring Meat Shoots. Because of your participation, the Spring Meat Shoot Operating Profit is \$4815! Great job!! Watch the TIP for Fall Meat Shoot dates.



Crestwood Elks Lodge #2503
10261 Bauer Road
Saint Louis, MO. 63128-3214

Dear Members,

If you have not already paid your dues for 2023/2024, I have attached a copy of the Dues Statement. This statement was originally sent on January 31, 2023.

Maybe you misplaced this information or life got in the way and April 1st got here before you realized your payment hasn't been sent. We value each and everyone of you as members of the Crestwood Lodge and want you to enjoy the many aspects of being a member of the Elks Organization.

This is the difficult part of my job, without a current membership card attendance to meetings or any events at our lodge or any other lodge is not permitted without a current 2023-2024 Membership Card. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Angeline Fusco, Lodge Secretary
CRESTWOOD ELKS #2503

DUES STATEMENT: April 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

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|---|----------|
| 1. Regular – Prepaid Dues 12 months | \$ 47.50 |
| 2. Prepaid per capita dues and assessments to Grand Lodge
and State Association in accordance with the Constitution
and SECTION 14.300 of the Statutes of the Order | \$ 32.50 |

Required Amount Due Per GL Statutes & Lodge Bi-Laws: \$ 80.00

CUT BELOW LINE & RETURN WITH PAYMENT:

**** PAYABLE TO CRESTWOOD ELKS**** TO: CRESTWOOD ELKS #2503
ATTN: SECRETARY
10261 BAUER ROAD
ST. LOUIS, MO. 63128-3214

****PLEASE PROVIDE ANY CHANGES****

NEW ADDRESS; PHONE NUMBER; NEW or CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS

ELK OF THE MONTH

ER Don Freeman
presented an Elk of the
Month pin to Mike Siegrist
for his work in
photographing many
Lodge Events & Functions.



**FLAG DAY CEREMONY
COME CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S FLAG
SUNDAY – JUNE 11, 2023 – 1PM**



Crestwood Lodge will celebrate the history of our great nation's flag on Sunday, 6/11, at 1pm. Veneration of the American Flag as a symbol of our great nation is an important part of Elksdom. I hope all of you will take this opportunity to join us in celebrating our nation's history and the freedoms that our flag represents.

Joe Sanders-Exalted Ruler

APRIL 2023



						1 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024
2	3	4	5	6	7 Chef's Choice 5:30-6:45pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm 	8
9	10 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	11	12	13 LODGE MEETING 7PM	14 BURGERS& BRATS NIGHT	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Fish-Chicken Fry [doors open 5pm] Music TF by Just Jethro	22
23	24 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm PER mtg TF	25	26	27 LODGE MEETING 7PM	28 BLOOD DRIVE At Crestwood Lodge 	29
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MAY 2023



	1	2	3	4	5 Chef's Choice 5:30-6:45pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm 	6 DERBY DAY & STICK HORSE RACES AT THE LODGE
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14 	15	16	17	18	19 Fish-Chicken Fry [doors open 5pm] Music TF by Dean Berry	20 Booze Hunt Noon-5pm
21	22 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	23	24	25 LODGE MEETING 7PM	26	27
28	29  MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			

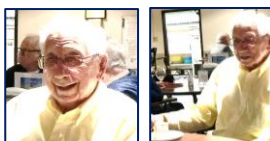
HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING ELKS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN APRIL & MAY. Stop by the Lodge during APRIL & MAY to receive ONE FREE DRINK of your choice. MEMBER DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO RECEIVE A FREE DRINK.



APRIL

4/1 Ann Wors	4/15 Floyd Johnstone
4/3 Kevin J. Brennan	4/17 Helen Bailey
4/3 Karin McGrath-Wagner	4/17 Tim Griffard
4/8 James F. Christman	4/18 Greg Aegerter
4/9 Kelly A. Streisel	4/18 Shea P. Kelley
4/11 William Blanke	4/22 Donald F. Fairfield
4/11 Harold A. Eckert, Jr.	4/25 Jody Carmack
4/11 Randal S. Epperson	4/26 Virginia E. Cieslinski
4/11 John F. Marnatti	4/27 Joan A. Wolff
4/12 Patrice Niemann	4/27 Virginia Bodenburt
4/13 Roland M. Hartwig	4/30 Robert H. Williams

Proving you are never "too old" to attend a Lodge meeting... **Roland "Murph" Hartwig celebrated his 101st Birthday** at the 4/13 Crestwood Lodge Meeting!! Murph was treated to birthday cake & a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to You" by fellow Elks.



MAY

5/2 Carey D. Adkisson	5/16 Harvey E. Eldridge
5/3 Robert E. Jones	5/20 Andy Rieser
5/3 Pauline E. Sampson	5/22 Glann Hancock
5/4 Sharon A. Kaufmann	5/24 James Palazzola
5/5 John J. Weinmann	5/24 Christina Ruzicka
5/6 Ronald Newsome	5/26 Donna Kaps
5/6 Norman Schumacher	5/26 Christopher A. Smith
5/7 Mark Dressel	5/26 Vernon Swoboda
5/7 James T. Stringer	5/28 Rebecca L. Cowley
5/9 Donald J. Klahs	5/30 Laura Sanders
5/9 Laurie Spellmeyer	5/31 Kenneth N. Bennett
5/10 Francis W. Chlanda	5/31 Rhonda Leone
5/14 William Stahl	5/31 Wendy J. Reilly
5/14 Eugene L. Streb	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUTURE EVENTS

4/21/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
4/28/2023	Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge
5/5/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
5/6/2023	Derby Day at the Lodge – Stick Horse Races [DRAWING FOR TRAEGER PELLET GRILL]
5/11/2023	Scholarship Winners attend Lodge meeting
5/12/2023	Burgers & Brats Night
5/19/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
5/20/2023	Crestwood Lodge "Booze Hunt" Noon-5pm
6/2/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
6/9/2023	Burgers & Brats Night
6/11/2023	Flag Day Ceremony
6/16/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
7/2-7/5/2023	Elks National Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota
8/12/2023	Lodge Soccer Shoot
9/9/2023	District Soccer Shoot at Crestwood Lodge
10/28/2023	Trunk or Treat
11/10/2023	Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge
12/3/2023	Annual Memorial Service



CRESTWOOD LODGE MEMBERSHIP RECAP - [4/1/2022-3/31/2023]

The Lodge initiated 27 new members. 19 members were dropped due to non-payment of dues. 16 members deceased during the year. 2 members demitted. Total of 301 members as of 4/1/2023.
*****PLEASE NOTE-** Delinquent members dropped from the rolls as of 3/31/2023 have 60 days (to 5/31/2023) to retain their membership in Crestwood Lodge by: notifying Lodge Secretary Angie Fusco of their intent to retain membership + paying delinquent dues for 2022-2023 + paying current dues for 2023-2024.

CHEF'S CHOICE / SHOW ME THE MONEY ~ FRIDAY - MAY 5, 2023

ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK IS PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE LODGE!!

DOORS OPEN 5PM - Dinner will be served from 5:30PM to 6:45PM. **COST PER PERSON \$7.** Reservations are required. *Susan Hill (314-952-8706) will begin accepting reservations for Chef's Choice & Show Me the Money as of Saturday, 4/29/2023.*

Deadline for making a reservation is 5pm on 5/3/2023.



MENU FOR 5/3 CHEF'S CHOICE: PULLED PORK SANDWICH, BAKED BEANS, CORN ON THE COB, DESSERT

SHOW ME THE MONEY 7:00-8:30pm...\$20 per person - 21 games total [schedule of games: 9 regular games, 1 jackpot, 9 regular games, 1 jackpot + 1 coverall]

CRESTWOOD LODGE - SOCCER SHOOT SATURDAY - AUGUST 12, 2023

This is a goal scoring skills competition. **The Soccer Shoot is open to anyone 15 years or younger.** Members



bring your children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces/nephews, friends or neighbors up to Crestwood Lodge 8/12 for a great day of fun competition. Winners will be eligible for the District Soccer Shoot, which will be held at Crestwood Lodge 9/9/2023.

Surprise Chef!!
A shout out to Crestwood Lodge's "Surprise Chef" Steve Conran, who has surprised fellow members with culinary treats at several recent Lodge meetings. Thanks Steve for your treats and thoughtfulness!



CRESTWOOD ELKS #2503
20TH MAY 2023



ELKS STATE CONVENTION - March 2023



Lance Evans
2023-2024 MEA State President

I am honored to have been elected to the office of President of the Missouri Elks Association and look forward to serving you. **This year's motto is -Driving Elkdom Forward.** We must drive Elkdom forward by adhering to our principles of order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. This will help us to create a positive impact on our members, lodges and communities. We must create this positivity to ensure we are building Elkdom for now and into the future.



Angie Fusco, Lodge Secretary, received the Elks 2022-2023 Veteran Volunteer Award at the State Convention. The award is given to an Elk who has demonstrated Outstanding Service to Our Nation's Veterans. Congratulations, Angie.



Crestwood Lodge placed 2nd in the Statewide Lodge Activities-Lodge Bulletin Contest for its division. Carolyn Toomey, TIP Newsletter Coordinator, accepted the award from ER Don Freeman at the March 23rd Lodge meeting.



Lodge Esquire, Susan Freeman (far left in photo at left), was a member of the choir at the Elks State Convention.

CRESTWOOD ELKS LODGE #2503

10261 Bauer Road
St. Louis, MO 63128

TRAEGER PELLET GRILL RAFFLE**\$20/TICKET****WINNER WILL BE DRAWN SATURDAY
MAY 6, 2023 [DERBY DAY AT THE LODGE]****PRO 780**

WiFIRE® technology lets you monitor & control your grill from anywhere using the Traeger App & the powerful D2 Controller maintains precise temperatures for perfect results every time.

**PRIZE INCLUDES
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SIGNATURE
PELLETS**

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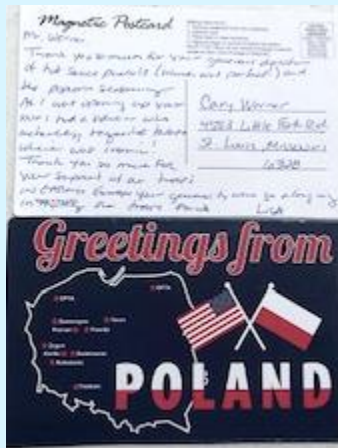
RETAIL VALUE \$1,100 !!!

**DON'T DELAY.....GET YOUR TICKETS
NOW!! CALL OR TEXT BARB BURKE AT
314-882-1095 TO PURCHASE TICKETS.**

ASSISTING WITH THE UKRAINIAN EFFORT

At the March 23rd Lodge meeting Cary Warner gave an update on donations to our troops stationed along the Polish/Ukraine border. He also shared 2 thank-you notes (see below) from servicemen and servicewomen who have received the boxes of supplies purchased with the donations Lodge members have made.

DONATIONS STILL WELCOME! For a donation of just \$30, Cary Warner puts together a box full of items most needed by U.S. troops stationed in Poland along the Polish/Ukrainian border. The USO distributes the boxes to the troops. If you would like to buy a box, please send your \$30 donation (check) payable to Crestwood Lodge #2503 and send to the Lodge attention: Ukraine Effort.

**CRESTWOOD LODGE
BOARD PRESIDENT**

Congratulations to Don Freeman, 5 Year Trustee, who was elected Board President at the 4/10/2023 Officers/Board Meeting.

**ANNUAL MEMORIAL
SERVICE – SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3, 2023**

Please mark your calendars for this very important event on the Lodge schedule. It is the day when we gather to honor our Lodge Brothers & Sisters who have passed. I sincerely hope you will make every effort to attend.

Joe Sanders – Exalted Ruler

**DONATION TO JEFFERSON BARRACKS
FOOD PANTRY**

Marcia Crabtree, JP Food Pantry Liaison, was presented \$1698 from Lodge member donations to replenish food items at the JB Food Pantry, which provides assistance to service men and women and their families.



Crestwood Elks #2503

Join us for

DERBY DAY100% PAYOUT
DERBY
WAGERING!

LIVE STICK-HORSE RACES - LOTS OF COMPETITIVE FUN!
THERE WILL BE WAGERING ON THE RACES AND ON THE DERBY

SATURDAY MAY 6th

Doors Open at Noon, Races start at 1:00

FACINATOR HAT CONTEST

PRIZES FOR BEST MENS AND WOMANS DERBY HAT

DRAWING FOR GRILL RAFFLE

WE'LL HAVE A GRAZING TABLE TOO. BRING YOUR SNACKS TO SHARE

As of 4/13 all horses have been purchased. We do have 12 horse sponsorships available. For additional information, call or text Teresa Kirm at 314-277-9337.

CRESTWOOD ELKS - 10261 BAUER RD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63128