

SEPTEMBER  
2023



**Exalted Ruler**  
**Joe Sanders**  
(314) 229-0370



TIP OF THE  
MONTH



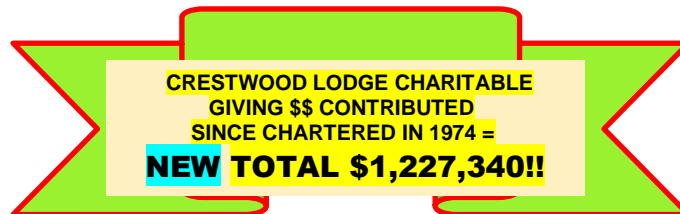
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## CRESTWOOD ELKS # 2503

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Esteemed Leading Knight.....Carolyn Toomey  
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Esteemed Lecturing Knight....Teresa Kirn  
Treasurer .....Yvonne Sontheimer  
Esquire..... Susan Freeman  
Tiler.....Bonnie Mills  
Inner Guard..... Peggy Gorden



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:

I have been talking for months about what we can do to get more of our members to participate in the Lodge. When I say "help" and "participate" I mean that you can **help** work an event...your generosity to volunteer your time will never be turned down; but it also means to come up to the Lodge and just enjoy an event as a **participant**. We have many great events coming up in the next couple of months:

- 10/28 from 1-4pm – **Trunk of Treat** – a fun daytime Halloween event for children and parents alike.
- 10/28 from 5-10pm – **"LIGHTS OUT"** – a fun adult Halloween themed party to help raise money to properly illuminate the flags on display at the front of the Lodge (see page 2 for details).
- 11/10 from 1-5:30pm – **BLOOD DRIVE** – a critical community need – Please consider making a donation. Call or text Barb Burke 314-822-1095 to sign up to donate or *volunteer* at the event.
- 11/10 – **Stick Horse Races** – a very popular and fun evening of horse races. The 11/10 event will feature a delicious dinner prior to the races 5:30-6:30pm. Reservations for the dinner required (see page 5 for info).
- 11/18 – **"Shop With A Cop"** – A wonderful community event featuring a holiday breakfast for underserved area children & their parents followed by a shopping trip to an area store to purchase Christmas gifts for their families. Each child receives a gift card for shopping & is escorted by a member of the St. Louis County Police Department. *A great opportunity for members to volunteer.*
- 10/22 to 11/26 – Fall Meat Shoots – Looking for a fun event on Sunday afternoons? Come up to the Lodge for the Meat Shoots – wonderful meat prizes + free soup or chili. *Volunteers welcomed*

In addition to these special activities we have our popular monthly events:

First Friday – Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money

Second Friday – Burgers, Brats and Games ... no reservation required

Third Friday – Fish & Chicken Fry

In this edition (page 5) we have a list of members delinquent in paying their dues. The benefit of paying your dues on time: #1 - You can come to your Lodge or any other lodge in our great nation. #2 - You have the pride that you had when you decided to join the greatest organization that benefits our military. Come up and interact with other members in good standing. Your membership helps our Lodge move forward with our planned events for community charitable programs benefitting first responders, area youth and veterans. As Elks we dig deep to do all these things, and paying your dues on time is one of those things. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity start with YOU!.

Hope to see you at the Lodge!

Joe Sanders - Exalted Ruler

## TRUNK OR TREAT



**Saturday - October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**1-4pm -Crestwood Lodge Parking Lot**

10261 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128

Come on up to the Lodge, decorate your car trunk or truck bed & give out Halloween treats to Trick or Treaters! A great fun way for kids to celebrate Halloween!

- \*\*\* Free Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks for the Kids
- \*\*\* Shriner Clowns
- \*\*\* St. Louis County Police & EMS presence



**“SHOP WITH A COP”  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

Crestwood Lodge will again host area children and their families for a Holiday Breakfast on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Members of the St. Louis County Police-Afton Precinct will also attend then accompany the children after breakfast to an area store for Christmas shopping for their families. Each participating child will receive a \$100 gift card for shopping + their families will receive a gift certificate from an area grocer to purchase a holiday meal. The Lodge hopes to receive grants from the Grand Lodge to fund a portion of this event. We are also asking for cash donations from our members to assist with expenses for the event in order to provide a wonderful holiday for the children and their families.

**PLEASE WATCH FOR THE  
ORANGE COLLECTION JAR  
TO MAKE YOUR DONATION.  
Thank-you for your generosity.**



## LOOKING FOR A GREAT FUN FALL NIGHT??!!

Come on up to the Lodge

**SATURDAY - OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:00 - 10:00PM**

FOR

**“LIGHTS OUT”**



A night of Halloween-themed fun for members/guests while helping our Lodge to raise money to properly illuminate the American flag, State Flag & POW flag displayed at the front of our Lodge.

**FOR JUST \$10 PER PERSON, YOU WILL GET:**

🎃 1 HOT DOG, 🎃 1 BAG OF CHIPS, 🎃 1 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, 🎃 TASTE-TESTING & VOTING FOR CHILI COOK-OFF, 🎃 PLAYING ALL GAMES [EXCEPT GAMES OF CHANCE], 🎃 HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST - CAST YOUR VOTE TO SELECT WINNERS!! ... [Additional hot dogs \$2/each...Bowl of chili \$2... 5 Vote Tickets with Entry Fee; Additional Vote tickets 6 for \$5 ... S'Mores Packets \$2/each]

**“Lights Out” will feature:**

- Fun Glow in the Dark Games + Games of Chance
- **Halloween Costume Contest** [costumes optional for attendees] [Prize for Best Costume Man & Woman]
- Fire Pits [Skewers will be available to Toast Marshmallows for S'Mores at the Fire Pits]
- **Chili Cook-Off Contest** - [\*\*Grand Prize - A Fire Pit\*\*] ...Sign-Up Sheet at bar...Deadline to sign up 10/20.
- 50-50 Drawing
- Music [6-9pm]
- Raffle for Fire Pit - 6 tickets for \$5
- Fun ...CREEPY?? Photo Ops!!
- The Lodge Bar will be open...Specialty Drink will be available.
- **Holiday Baskets Raffle**

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A FUN NIGHT OF ELK FRIENDSHIP & FUN!!**

Bring your lawn chairs to hang out by fire pits, but **PLEASE no drinks or outside food.**

**Susan Hill [314-952-8706] will begin taking reservations 10/1/2023.**



## STATE PRESIDENT LANCE EVANS VISITS CRESTWOOD LODGE



State President Lance Evans, along with his S.O. Connie VanDusseldorp, Greg Peterson (Metro East District Vice President), Tom Boulch (Metro East District Director), and Carol Meatte (member of Manchester Lodge #2058) visited Crestwood Lodge Friday, 9/15. They enjoyed a dinner of Crestwood Lodge's famous fried chicken & visited with many of the Lodge members. President Evans greeted attendees and noted that his motto this year is "Driving Elkdom Forward." He noted that Elks must drive Elkdom forward by adhering to the principles of our order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Lodge and Fidelity. He said by doing so it will help us to create a positive impact on our members, lodges and communities. He closed by stating that we must create this positivity to ensure we are building Elkdom for now and into the future.



## P.E.R. Scholarship Golf Outing – Sunday, 9/17



On behalf of all of the golfers who participated in our P.E.R. Golf Outing 9/17, we want to thank-you for your participation & generosity to benefit our Lodge's Scholarship Program. A big thank-you, too, to all of the members who donated items for the Auction/Raffle, to the members who worked at the Golf Course registering members & working on the course, & to the members at the Lodge who prepared and prepared/served the delicious lunch. **Because of your support, it was a very successful event ... \$4,707.00 was raised for the Scholarship Fund!**

Mike Wood  
Event Chairman

Barb Burke  
Event Co-Chair



1st Place Team-Team Stricklin



2nd Place Team-Team Schmid



Longest Drive-Men  
Wayne Betzer



Closest to Hole-Men  
Jimmy Harthill



Closest to Hole-Women  
Angie Fusco

## DISTRICT SOCCER SHOOT 9/9/2023



Crestwood Lodge #2503 hosted the District Soccer Shoot on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. A total of 26 children participated, with 8 of them advancing to the State Soccer Shoot. 2 of the 8 children advancing to State are from Crestwood. There were 65 persons in attendance 9/9.

**ER Joe Sanders thanks all of the Soccer Shoot participants & attendees as well as the 10 Lodge Volunteers who helped with the tournament 9/9.**



## To Our Members

It is through your donations to ENF which allow the Lodge to do our "Shop With A Cop" project and fund our donations ..such as the donation to "Martha's House." The donations you make equate to the Lodge meeting its per capita of \$4.80 per member. Additionally, this is what enables the Lodge to qualify for grants from the Grand Lodge. So, please consider making a donation to ENF. Contact Lodge Secretary, Angie Fusco [call or text 314-443-8182], for a donation form.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

## CRESTWOOD LODGE BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY – 11/10/2023 1:00-5:30 PM



**DONORS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BURKE (314-882-1095) TO SIGN UP TO DONATE BLOOD OR TO VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST AT THE BLOOD DRIVE.**



BPOE = Best People  
On Earth Person of the  
Month

**MIKE WOOD**

May 2023

**ED ROE**

June 2023

**BONNIE MILLS**

July 2023

**HARRY GARDINER**

August 2023



## 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 July-December 2023. You can pay for 6 months (July-December) 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 NO NUMBERS AVAILABLE.**

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



### DONOR CARD

Thank you for helping Elks build stronger communities by donating to the Elks National Foundation. Here is a breakdown of some ways you can give to the ENF. For complete details, visit [enf.elks.org/GivingMethods](http://enf.elks.org/GivingMethods). If you have questions, please email the ENF at [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org) or call 773/755-4728.

#### ONLINE

Visit [enf.elks.org/give](http://enf.elks.org/give) to give securely through our website.

#### BY MAIL

Send us a gift or make a pledge by completing the information below, tearing off the card, and mailing it with your donation to:  
Elks National Foundation  
2750 Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256

#### RECURRING GIFT

Complete the information below or visit our website to establish a monthly gift to the ENF via credit card or direct debit.

#### MATCHING GIFT OR PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Contact your human resources office to see if your company sponsors a matching gift or payroll deduction program.

#### PLANNED GIFT

Visit our website for more information about planned gifts such as bequests, gifts of life insurance, or gifts of appreciated stock.

Please note: The ENF is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations to the Elks National Foundation, Inc., are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms ☐ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem. No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
ENF Donor ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Currently Employed ☐ Retired ☐ My company will match this donation.

#### GIFT DESIGNATION

Designate My Gift (choose one): ☐ Community Investments ☐ Drug Awareness ☐ Hoop Shoot ☐ Scholarships ☐ Veterans ☐ All Programs ☐ Endowment Fund

#### GIFT TYPE

☐ Enclosed is my donation of: ☐ \$50 (Peace) ☐ \$100 (Justice) ☐ \$250 (Mercy) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ I would like to make a tribute of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notification of this gift should be sent to: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to make an automatic, monthly donation\* to the ENF by:

☐ Charging my credit/debit card monthly in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Enter card information below.)

☐ Drafting my bank account monthly in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.

Bank Draft Start Date (select one): ☐ 15th or ☐ 25th

☐ I would like to pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total amount). I have enclosed my initial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The ENF will send you pledge reminders annually.

\*This agreement will remain in effect until the ENF receives written notification of termination.

#### PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ I have enclosed a check.\*\* Please make checks payable to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256

☐ Please charge my credit card:

Acct No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*The ENF is authorized to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic debit from the account for the amount indicated on the check.

## Crestwood Elks

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 2023 FALL MEAT SHOOTS

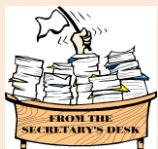


**6 Sundays: 10/22 10/29**

**11/5 11/12**

**11/19 11/26**





### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The following members are delinquent in paying their 2023-2024 dues (dues were to be remitted by 4/1/2023). Any delinquent member must pay current year's dues to gain access to our Lodge or any other Elk Lodge. **If dues are not paid before 3/31/2024, the member will be dropped.** If you wish to continue your membership, please send your check payable to Crestwood Elks Lodge #2503, 10261 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128, attn: Angeline Fusco, Lodge Secretary.

**CURRENT DUES AMOUNT IS \$80.00.**

Paul Alexander	George A. "Jay" Anderson	Larry D. Bader	Helen Bailey	Darryl Beers	Anthony Bezzole, Jr
Randel Boehm	Mark A. Boka	Kevin J. Brennan	Ronald Brooks	E.Virginia Cieslinski	Kenneth M.Cosby
Roger Crask	George P.Darner	Daniel M.Drago II	Allan E.Ellis	Barbara A.Fleming	Diane M.Gassner
Jess Giesler	Leonard C.Gilbers	Pauline M.Gilbers	Judy Hennemann	Mark Hollman	Jeanine R.Kamp
Donald J.Klahs	Art Kniffen	Rita LaChance	Patricia A. Lalumondiere	Rhonda Leone	Michael R.Lock
John F.Marnatti	Alan Martini	Frank Mastis	George E. Maun	Jackie Maun	Karin McGrath-Wagner
Joseph J.McMillian	Jon Meyer	Frank Obradovits	John P.Perlongo	Jane M.Pfuhl	Justin Phillips
G.Keith Phoenix	Tamara "Tami" Rees	Richard A.Reeves	Allen R.Richardson	Christina Rusicka	Frank Schmer
John L.Skinker	Robert M.Surnyn	John J.Thomas	Tony Utz	Christine M. Wallweber	Leroy Warfield
Kevin T.Winkler					

**\*\*Highlighted names have paid their dues.**

Crestwood Lodge will hold the next Stick Horse Races on Friday, November 10. Teresa Kirn is now selling horse sponsorships (\$20 each). To purchase a horse, contact Teresa at 314-277-9337.



There will be food served from 5:30-6:30pm prior to the Races. The Menu: Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Potato Dish, Salad for \$12/person. Susan Hill will be taking reservations for the dinner at (314-952-8706) beginning 10/15. **Deadline for making dinner reservations is 11/3.** Please contact Teresa if you have additional questions.



### SHOW ME THE MONEY



**FRIDAY - October 6, 2023**

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

**DOORS OPEN 5PM - Susan Hill (314-952-8706) will begin accepting reservations for Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money as of Saturday, 9/30/2023. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS-5PM - WEDNESDAY, 10/4.**

**CHEF'S CHOICE MENU: Italian Beef Sandwich, Salad, Chips, 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]**

## OCTOBER 2023



1 MO State Elks Convention 9/30-10/1	2	3	4	5	6 Chef's Choice 5:30-6:45pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm	7
8	9 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	10	11	12 Flag Retirement Ceremony Prior to Lodge Meeting LODGE MEETING 7PM	13 BURGERS & BRATS NIGHT NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Fish-Chicken Fry [doors open 5pm] Music to follow dinner.	21
22 MEAT SHOOT	23 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm PER mtg TF	24	25	26 LODGE MEETING 7PM	27	28 Trunk or Treat 1-4pm "Lights Out" Halloween Party 5-10 pm
29 MEAT SHOOT	30	31 Happy Halloween				

## NOVEMBER 2023



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19 MEAT SHOOT	20 NO Officers/ Board Meeting	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 MEAT SHOOT	27	28	29	30		

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



**SEPTEMBER**

9/2 Paula Berra	9/13 Robert T. Petri
9/2 Joanne D. Cronin	9/16 Norman Weck
9/3 James W. Harthill	9/17 Robert Spellmeyer
9/4 Roger Crask	9/18 Dennis Quinlan
9/4 Anthony R. Neidhard	9/20 Michael J. Valenti
9/4 Christine M. Wallweber	9/23 Michael DeRienzo
9/7 Gary Banstetter	9/24 Paul J. Alvino
9/7 Harry C. Gardiner	9/24 Pauline M. Gilberts
9/8 Mark Hollman	9/24 Charles Huey
9/8 Margaret M. Mazzuca	9/24 Michelle Moore
9/9 Christina Mattingly	9/24 Timothy Moore
9/9 Scott Schaller	9/25 Linda Ann Hartmann
9/10 Karen A. Harper	9/27 Victor P. Clay
9/10 Linda L. Tippet	9/28 Richard H. Feager
9/11 Michael Wood	9/30 Joan Bartels
9/12 Joseph C. Sanders	

**OCTOBER**

10/1 Roy Lemley	10/20 Tamara Musgrove
10/2 Wayne A. Tasler	10/20 James A. Stringer
10/7 Bob Owens	10/21 James L. Henderson
10/7 John J. Thomas	10/21 Thomas J. Sontheimer
10/8 Stephen Sontheimer	10/23 Ronald W. Wolff, Sr.
10/9 Diana M. Forster	10/24 Eric Sontheimer
10/10 Larry D. Bader	10/25 Deedra Clay
10/10 Kevin T. Winkler	10/25 Barbara J. Puckett
10/11 Richard M. Garcia	10/26 Leonard C. Gilberts
10/14 George A. Anderson	10/26 Richard A. Reeves
10/17 Jack D. Gardiner	10/27 John J. Tremblay
10/18 David Schoen	10/30 Perry Fife
10/19 Al Morgan	10/30 Michael W. Pfaff
10/20 Charlie Granda	

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUTURE EVENTS**

9/28/2023	District Deputy will attend Lodge Meeting
9/30-10/1/2023	State Convention in Jefferson City
10/6/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
10/7/2023	Ellisville Lodge Hop visits Crestwood Lodge (3pm arrival)
10/12/2023	Flag Retirement Ceremony [Precedes Lodge Meeting]
10/13/2023	Burgers, Brats & Games Night <b>[NO RESERVATION REQUIRED]</b>
10/20/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
10/22/2023	<b>LODGE MEAT SHOOTS [Sundays: 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26]</b>
10/28/2023	<b>Trunk or Treat – BOO!!!</b>
10/28/2023	<b>"Lights Out" Halloween Party-Susan Hill taking reservations as of 10/1 [see pg 2]</b>
11/3/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
11/10/2023	<b>Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge 1-5pm</b>
11/10/2023	Elks BBQ at JB Hospital <i>[Volunteers needed – if you can help, please contact Angie Fusco (314) 443-8182.]</i>
11/10/2023	Stick Horse Races at Crestwood Lodge -Taking reservations as of 10/15 [see pg.5] <b>[11/10 Burgers &amp; Brats Nite-CANCELLED]</b>
11/17/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
11/18/2023	Holiday Breakfast followed by "Shop With A Cop"
12/2/2023	Crestwood Lodge "Breakfast with Santa"
12/3/2023	<b>Annual Memorial Service</b>



**TO ALL MEMBERS**

**WE WILL HOLD A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY 10/12 AT 6:00PM PRIOR TO THE LODGE MEETING AT 7:00PM. IF YOU HAVE A FLAG TO BE RETIRED, THERE IS A COLLETION BOX LOCATED TO THE RIGHT AS YOU ENTER THE CLUBROOM.**



**LODGE TREASURER – NEED NOMINEE(S)**

Yvonne Sontheimer, who has held the position as Lodge Treasurer for 6 years, has advised that she will not accept a nomination next year to continue in that role. Members who wish to be considered for Treasurer must be a member in good standing, and it is recommended they have a working knowledge of accounting/ bookkeeping and the QuickBooks application.