Convention camaraderie sorely missed

By Mike Chamernik
Convention News Reporter

For Stuart A. Burgoon, Sr., the 2020-21 State President of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association, the opportunity to represent Maryland during the Presentation of Flags was going to be the highlight of the National Convention in Baltimore.

Instead, it’s what Burgoon will miss most, as the global COVID-19 pandemic prompted the Elks to cancel its 156th Convention.

“I wanted to be able to carry my state flag across the stage,” Burgoon said. “It’s near and dear to my heart.”

There will be no parade of flags, just as there will be no booths visits, business and legislative sessions, installation ceremonies, ritual contests, or anything else Convention brings each year. Perhaps most important of all, there will be no opportunities for Members to fraternize: No chances to mingle at dinners, events, or hospitality rooms.

Ben Braden of Ballard (Seattle), WA Lodge No. 827 was going to make the trip to Baltimore. He said that he’s met Elks from across the nation through his work as an officer and committee member, and that Convention allows him to rekindle friendships.

“Elks do great things in their community through charity, but to me the most important thing I get from being an Elk is that sense of community the organization itself creates,” Braden said. “It’s that feeling of community I’ll miss the most with the canceled convention this year.”

This was a missed opportunity for Baltimore and its local Lodges as well. Several Lodges in the area were planning to host attendees. Visitors to Convention could have experienced all that they city had to offer, including spots like Fells Point, Harbor East, Little Italy, the Inner Harbor, Federal Hill, and South Baltimore, along with many historical points of interest such as Fort McHenry, the USS Constellation, Baltimore’s Washington Monument, and museums for Edgar Allan Poe, Babe Ruth, and the B&O Railroad.

“I’ve been to New Orleans, Indianapolis, and San Antonio and while those were nice cities I think ours is better,” said Bill Simonds of Kent Island, MD Lodge No. 2576. “I would have liked to show people around or give them suggestions, or just talk about our city.”

Tampa will host the Elks next year, followed in future years by Atlanta, Minneapolis, and Austin.

In the meantime, Braden said that he and his wife will go on a multi-state mini convention tour later this summer. He said he still plans to attend future national conventions.

Convention visitors in 2019 pictured a future trip to Baltimore (Photo: Bob Janovic)
Grand Lodge of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, Inc.

We, the undersigned Officers and Trustees of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, organized and existing under the laws of the District of Columbia, and having its principal place of business at 2750 North Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly adopted by the corporation and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

Therefore, It Is Resolved,

1. That a pandemic contagion of unknown origin and unpredictable effect has caused the cancellation of the 156th Grand Lodge Convention previously scheduled for July 5 through 8, 2020 in the City of Baltimore, Maryland. Guidelines from the Center of Disease Control as well as state and local governments have advised that the contagion is spread by human contact with as many as forty-five percent of infected individuals displaying no symptoms but still able to pass the disease on to others. Many jurisdictions have restricted group meetings of any kind, travel is regulated and often subject to quarantine.

2. Having in mind the health and welfare of our Members but also mindful of the need to perform such statutory and constitutional duties that ensure the programs, projects, and good works of the Order are able to move forward into the next fraternal year, we, the undersigned, do order and decree:

   a. That all nominees for Grand Lodge elective offices previously received have been published in the Elks Magazine and no other nominations have been received. Those nominees are hereby declared elected and may be installed by administering the oath of office before any past or present Officer of the Grand Lodge.

   b. District Deputy Designates shall be appointed by Executive Order of the Grand Exalted Ruler but may be installed by administration of the oath of office before any past or present Grand Lodge Officer.

   c. The Budget, as approved by the membership in convention last July, 2019, and having been reviewed by the Board of Grand Trustees, will be carried forward to the fraternal year 2020-2021 by transposing the data from the previous year into the 2020-2021 budget. That budget is hereby declared approved as of the 8th day of July 2020 and in full effect at that time.

   d. The Per-Capita shall be the same as that approved by the membership for the fraternal year 2019-2020 and is approved as of the 8th Day of July 2020 for the fraternal year 2020-2021 and in full effect at that time.

   e. The Legislative Session is postponed until the next meeting with all pending resolutions carried forward to that date.

   f. Members of the Board of Grand Trustees, Grand Forum, all Commissions, Committees, and other entities of the Grand Lodge shall meet as deemed by the Chairman and file a written report of their activities with the Grand Secretary no later than the 8th of July 2020.

   g. The Grand Exalted Ruler upon installation shall have the authority to make such appointments as required by the Statutes which said appointees shall be deemed ratified pending any review as described below, may be installed by the same procedure as Officers and shall take their respective office/appointment on July 8, 2020.

3. The above extraordinary actions are taken only in extremis and without a vote of the membership available due to meeting restrictions. For that reason, the Grand Secretary is directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to each voting entity of the Grand Lodge along with a form upon which those entities can express their objections to these measures. That form must be received by the Grand Secretary no later than July 8, 2020. Should the objections, timely received, reach the two-thirds measure of qualified voting entities, the Grand Exalted Ruler shall, as soon as practicable, order a special meeting of the Grand Lodge at a place and time recommended by the Convention Commission at which meeting the above provisions may be reviewed.

4. Unless and until such special meeting, this Resolution and the Orders contained therein, shall be deemed final.

The indulgence of our Members is appreciated as we endeavor to chart a path forward in extraordinary circumstances. These measures are clearly temporary. We look forward to resumption of normal fraternal activity as soon as conditions allow.

Fraternally,

Robert L. Duitsman, Grand Exalted Ruler
Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
T. Keith Mills, Chairman - BOGT
Warren H. Johnson, Vice Chairman - BOGT
Jeffrey R. Miller, Secretary - BOGT

Timothy C. Martin, Member - BOGT
Bruce A. Hidley, Member - BOGT
Randy P. Shook, Member - BOGT
Charles R. Campbell, Member - BOGT
Allen H. Lenort, Member - BOGT
CIP Grants build communities

A great deal has changed since the last Convention. The Elks National Foundation office has been closed since mid-March. But the mission continues.

During this uncertain time, we can remain certain about one thing—The communities we’ve built together are strong enough to navigate uncharted territory. Elks across the country are fulfilling the ENF’s mission in more ways than one. They’re using Gratitude and Spotlight Grants to support individuals and organizations on the front lines; they’re using technology to stay connected and relevant; and they’re showing everyone that #ElksAlwaysCare.

To support communities as they navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, the grant year launched on April 1, with $3.7 million available to eligible Lodges through the Gratitude Grants.

On June 1, the Elks National Foundation released $3.7 million for the Spotlight Grants. These $2,000 grants are available to every Lodge to shine the light on COVID-19 relief.

As of June 26, more than 750 Gratitude Grants and 350 Spotlight Grants have been approved!

Thank you to the Elks for stepping up and building stronger communities, no matter the circumstances. We know that whenever we emerge from this crisis, we will emerge as strong as ever because of the efforts of the Elks.

To learn more about the Community Investments Program, go to elks.org/cip/

Elks Lodges Celebrate 100-Year Anniversaries

The following Elks Lodges have stood the test of time as they celebrate their 100-Year Anniversary this 2020-2021 fraternal year during GER Paul R. Ryan’s term. Here’s to 100 more years in service to humanity, community, our nation and our Order’s noble principles.

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“That engagement with the Elks and its people is what keeps us coming back,” he said. “The charity is great, don’t get me wrong, but for us that’s second to the people and community the Elks gives us.”

Baltimore is expected to get a chance to host another Convention, possibly in 2028. It will be the first time the city has hosted the Elks since 1916. It will continue to be a long wait, especially for the Elks who live in Maryland, Delaware, or along the East Coast.

The Elks are a family affair for Burgoon, who spent two years working with more than a dozen others in planning for the Baltimore Convention. He and his son run commercial boat tour charters that would’ve taken guests out on the harbor during Convention week. His father, John M. Burgoon III, is a 50-year Member who would have loved to see his son carry that Maryland flag as a State President.

“He was looking forward to me walk across that stage with that flag,” Burgoon said. “He’s very proud of his time in Elksdom.” ★
Resolution Honoring Retiring GF Chief Justice, Louis W. Ringger, Jr.

Proposed by Grand Forum Senior Justice Vito C. Caruso

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. (Bill to all of us) is completing his second term as Chief Justice of the Grand Forum; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. graduated from Memphis State University, with a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and was awarded a Juris Doctor Degree from Memphis State Law School, and also pursued a master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. served for fifteen years as a Municipal Judge in Decatur County, Tennessee; and has practiced law for over forty years in the state of Tennessee; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. is a member of several professional and civil organizations. He is a member of the following Bar Associations: Tennessee, Memphis Jackson/Madison County, and the Five County; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. was elected the first Exalted Ruler of Decatur County Elks Lodge No. 2641 also elected Secretary, and after serving in several more chairs he was again elected Exalted Ruler. He served eight years as trustee, eight years as secretary; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. has been active in the Tennessee State Elks Association serving in many notable capacities including State President in 2007-2008; and

Whereas, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. has rendered dedicated service to the Grand Lodge including serving as District Deputy for Tennessee, West, and member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary for the years 2010-2014; and

Whereas, in July 2014, the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. was appointed and confirmed for a five-year term on the Grand Forum; and

Whereas, in July 2018 the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. was appointed Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, and in July 2019, was asked to serve an unprecedented second term as Chief Justice, completing that service in July 2020; and

Whereas, no resolution of the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. would be complete without a recap of his extensive service to our Country in the military. The Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. joined the Army in August 1966, serving at various posts in the United States and Western Europe. He continued his service for many years in the US Army Reserve. From 1982 to 1986, he returned to active duty in the United States Air Force. Having been twice decorated he retired with the rank of Captain. We thank him for his service; and

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that this 156th Session of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America in convention duly convened this 7th day of July, 2020 does hereby congratulate and commend the Honorable Louis W. Ringger, Jr. for his exemplary dedication and commitment, and directs that he be presented with an appropriate honorarium in keeping with one retiring after such a prestigious service of many years to the Order, along with an engrossed copy of this Resolution, and the admiration, respect and well wishes of his fellow Justices, colleagues, and the entire membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

Smooches from GER Paul R. Ryan and First Lady Stacey

The new Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2020-2021 fraternal year is Paul R. Ryan. He has been a Realtor for 25 years and has achieved success as a committeeman, chairman, BOD member of his local Realtors’ Association in Minnesota, and treasurer and president of his local chamber of commerce.

He also has enjoyed a long career with the Elks starting in 2004. He served as Exalted Ruler and Esteemed Leading Knight for his Lodge, Willmar, MN No. 952. He also served as District Deputy and a member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Paul and his wife Stacey were disappointed that all the Elks conventioneers missed the “celebratory smooch” that has become tradition after nominations and election of Grand Lodge Officers every year. Paul and Stacey have created some momentum by letting us peek at what we missed (left).

Congratulations to both of them!

Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom . . . INDEED!
Resolution Honoring Retiring BOGT Chairman, T. Keith Mills

Proposed by Board of Grand Trustees
Secretary Jeffrey R. Miller

Whereas, T. Keith Mills of Caldwell, Idaho Lodge No. 1448 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees after four years of distinguished service, and upon his retirement, the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express their sincere appreciation for his leadership and service, and

Whereas, Keith was born in Twin Falls, Idaho in 1968. After a distinguished academic and athletic career in high school, Keith received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Keith eventually completed his education at the University of Idaho where he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. He then spent more than 10 years in the semiconductor industry with extensive travel in the United States, Asia and Europe. But family called Keith back home to Idaho where he returned to own and operate several construction and trucking companies. Keith currently works as superintendent of a county highway district in Idaho, and

Whereas, Keith has been a Member of the Elks since 1990 when his father proposed him for membership, ultimately resulting in Keith being initiated into Twin Falls, Idaho Lodge No. 1183. Following graduation from college, Keith relocated and transferred his membership to Caldwell, Idaho Lodge No. 1448 where he is still a Member today. Keith has served Caldwell Lodge as its Exalted Ruler, Trustee, and member of several Lodge committees. He was an excellent ritual performer, competing in several Grand Lodge contests. He was both Lodge and Idaho State Elk of the Year, and

Whereas, Keith and is still active in the Idaho State Elks Association, having served on many committees, and culminating with his election and service as the State President in 2006-2007. He served as State Hoop Shoot Chairman for over 15 years. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Idaho State major Project for six years, the last two as Chairman, and was elected to the Idaho Elks Hall of Honor in 2016, and

Whereas, Keith’s service to the Grand Lodge has included two terms as District Deputy for the Idaho South District. He also previously served from 2011 to 2016 as the Regional Hoop Shoot Director for the area including the States of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska. He was appointed Senior Special Representative for Idaho and Oregon in 2019 is still serving in that position, and

Whereas, at the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, Keith was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Grand Trustees, subsequently serving as Building Applications-West Member, Approving Member, Secretary, and most recently as Chairman, and

Whereas, through all of this Keith has had the loving and unwavering support of his wife Amy for 30 years, and with whom he shares two children ages 21 and 24, and two grandchildren, and

Whereas, he has proven over and over again of his commitment and dedication to our Fraternal Order, and has earned the love, admiration and respect of Elks everywhere,

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in grateful recognition of his valued service to Elkdom, and in tribute to his character and dedication to our Order, the Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by the Grand Lodge to procure and present to T. Keith Mills a suitable testimonial for his service, together with an embossed copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the gratitude and respect in which he is held by his fellow members of the Board of Grand Trustees, and the entire membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Resolution Honoring Outgoing BOGT Vice-Chairman, Warren H. Johnson

Proposed by Board of Grand Trustees
Approving Member Timothy C. Martin

Whereas, Warren Hugh Johnson, Frederick, Maryland Lodge No. 684 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees after four years of distinguished service, and upon his retirement, the members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express sincere appreciation for his leadership and service; and

Whereas, His career in Elkdom started in his initiation into the Frederick, Maryland Lodge No. 684 where he became Exalted Ruler in 1995-1996, served as a five-year trustee, and as a trusted advisor to new officers and the Lodge; and

Whereas, He has served his Association as chair to a number of State Association Committees of the Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia Elks Association, progressing to Vice President, President Elect, and President in 2007-2008; and

Whereas, He was involved and instrumental in the purchase of a van with the American Legion Post to transport veterans to the Martinsburg, West Virginia, Veterans Hospital and is still in use today. Another major effort was the purchase of a mobile hospital unit that was given to the Frederick Memorial Hospital for use locally; and

Whereas, As the owner of a small business, with a degree in law enforcement and served as a uniformed police officer, he continues to interact with people on many levels about the private and public sector assessing various situations and reaching common goals.

Whereas, He served the Grand Lodge with distinction as a member of the Grand Lodge Accounting & Auditing Committee for five years, and because of his business acumen and dedication served as Chairman of the Committee; and

Whereas, He was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 2016, serving as Building Applications-East, Pension Member, Approving Member, and the most recent as Vice-Chairman of the Board; and

Whereas, He has always been an upright and loyal Elk with strong ties to his family and the community and has accomplished all of the foregoing with the help and support of his loving wife, Deborah; and

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in grateful recognition of his valued services to Elkdom and in tribute to his character, leadership and dedication to our Order, the Board of Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by the Grand Lodge to procure and present to Brother Warren Hugh Johnson, a suitable testimonial for his service, together with a copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the high esteem and respect in which he is held by his fellow members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the entire membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.
The 2020 Top 20 Most Valuable Student finalists came together for the first time on April 24. They connected from across the country to share their stories with one another and to interview for the top six awards.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MVS Leadership Weekend looked different this year. Instead of meeting in Chicago, the new Elks scholars gathered virtually. The socially distanced atmosphere didn’t stop the scholars from connecting with one another and forming friendships with their fellow Elks family.

“This weekend was reaffirming that I’ll be able to rely on the Elks family for a long time,” said Santiago Alvillar, sponsored by Montebello, CA Lodge No. 2051. “If [meeting] was this amazing through this virtual weekend, imagine how amazing it would be if we were to meet in person.”

To start things off, the finalists shared their shields—personal crests to represent themselves. And, leading up to the weekend, the scholars got a preview of what it means to be a member of the Elks family as they watched four films demonstrating just that.

“It showed me how many values and ideas I have in common with the Elks,” Leah Aaronson, sponsored by Ashland, OR Lodge No. 944, said of the films. “It made me so excited to be a part of something greater—to be a part of the Elks.”

Saturday morning was the moment the Top 20 had been waiting for: The chance to virtually interview with a panel of three national judges for the top awards of $30,000, $40,000 and $50,000.

“I really got to see the similarities we have and our connection to service, and also the ways that it’s impacted all of us individually,” said Neer Jain, sponsored by Katy, TX Lodge No. 2628. “We all share the same core values, and knowing that is really rewarding.”

When it was over, it wasn’t over. Most of the scholars gathered once more for a virtual Elks Family Game Night hosted by ENF Director Jim O’Kelley and 2003 top Most Valuable Student and national scholar judge Sean Loosli.

Mark Ansell, a 2015 top winner, joined the party. “I decided to volunteer at this year’s Leadership Weekend because of the profound positive impact winning the MVS scholarship had on my life,” Ansell said. “An important part of the scholarship was the nudge to keep striving, and especially in this challenging time, I believe it’s important we all do what we can to support the next generation.”

We’re pleased to announce the 2020 Top Winners. In third place, Madison Johnson, sponsored by Selbyville, DE Lodge No. 2173, and Tanner Christensen, sponsored by Provo, UT Lodge No. 849, will each receive $30,000 toward their college education. In second place, Irissa Machetta, sponsored by Clear Lake (Kemah), TX Lodge No. 2322, and Daniel Ardity, sponsored by Pompano Beach, FL Lodge No. 1898, will each receive $40,000. And in first place, the recipients of $50,000 scholarships are Sarah Harper, sponsored by Athens, TN Lodge No. 1927, and Santiago Alvillar, sponsored by Montebello, CA Lodge No. 2051.

Meet the top 20 MVS scholars on the ENF’s YouTube show 20 For 20. New episodes debut every Monday.

The 2021 MVS Scholarship Contest begins August 5. Learn more at elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm.
Final judging of the Americanism Essay Contest for 2019-20 has been completed. The theme was “What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?”

A huge round of applause and many thanks to all the students, parents, guardians, teachers, Lodges, and State Associations who followed through on the process to reach the submission and judging stages of this contest. Great job everyone!

The submissions were excellent and once again made the job of judging quite difficult. To complicate things, due to the unprecedented pandemic, our challenge was to complete the judging while keeping our team of judges safe. Through the benefits of technology, our team reviewed the entries and judged virtually, meaning all entries were scanned and voted on by our judges via the internet.

In all, 84 submissions were received, compared to 79 last year. The Winners are as follows:

DIVISION I  5th & 6th Grades  (43 submissions)
1st Place ELENA SORKIN, 6th Grade, Dennison Elementary School, Lakewood, CO.
Sponsored by Lakewood, CO Lodge No. 1777.

2nd Place ALANA HUA, 6th Grade, Christian Heritage Academy, Del City, OK.
Sponsored by Midwest City, OK Lodge No. 1890.

3rd Place AVA TOCCI, 6th Grade, Holy Angels Regional School, Patchogue, NY.
Sponsored by Patchogue, NY Lodge No. 1323.

DIVISION II  7th & 8th Grades  (41 submissions)
1st Place KATELYN HALVERSON, 8th Grade, Holy Angels Regional School, Patchogue, NY.
Sponsored by Patchogue, NY Lodge No. 1323.

2nd Place LUCY CROSBY, 8th Grade, home-schooled, Burlington, WA.
Sponsored by Mount Vernon, WA Lodge No. 1604.

3rd Place NAOMI SCHROEDER, 7th Grade, St. John Lutheran School, Kendallville, IN.
Sponsored by Kendallville, IN Lodge No. 1194.

Congratulations to all the winners! The Americanism Essay Contest theme for 2020–2021 is “How Can Patriotism Be Demonstrated?”

We enjoyed reading all of the essays on what made students proud of America. All of Elkdom is extremely proud of all of the contestants!

MARVIN M. LEWIS AWARD PRESENTATIONS

The Marvin M. Lewis Award is presented to loyal supporters of Scouting and is named after Marvin M. Lewis, Past Grand Exalted Ruler (1982-1983) who was a faithful supporter of Scouting. Each recipient of the award receives a medal, certificate, lapel pin, and a square knot. The following Scouters received this prestigious award for their support in Scouting.

Richard Albert  Ventura, CA Lodge No. 1430
Kenneth E. Nordstrom  Temecula, CA Lodge No. 2801
Gary R. Woodrow  Elk City, OK Lodge No. 2343
John W. Findley Jr.  Auburn, AL Lodge No. 1834

Congratulations to all the awardees for their participation in the Elks Scouting Program.
GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

LOCAL LODGE WEBSITE CONTEST WINNERS

FIVE ***** Awards

Vancouver, WA No. 823  elks823.org
Calabash, NC No. 2679  calabashelks.org
Murphysboro, IL No. 572  elks572.org
Lancaster, CA No. 1625  elkslodge1625.org

FOUR **** Awards

West Shore, PA No. 2257  westshoreelks.org
Houlton, ME No. 835  houltonelks.org
Ashland, OH No. 1360  ashlandelks.com
Dalton, GA No. 1267  daltonelks.org
Lakeland, FL No. 1291  lakelandelks1291.com
Arlington, TX No. 2114  arlingtonelks.org
Meriden CT No. 35  meridenctelks35.com
Oglesby, IL No. 2360  oglesbyelks.com
Annapolis, MD No. 622  elks622.com

STATE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE CONTEST WINNERS

FIVE ***** Awards

Connecticut  ctelks.org
Pennsylvania  paelks.com
New Jersey  njelks.org
Florida  floridaelks.org
Washington  waelks.org
Louisiana  laelks.org
MD-DE-DC  mddedcelks.org

FOUR **** Awards

Georgia  gaelks.org
Mississippi  mselks.com
Wisconsin  wielks.com
Missouri  moelks.org
Arkansas  arelks.homestead.com

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Monthly gift goes a long way

We can all agree 2020 is not a normal year. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have been shuttered for months. People are out of work. Your financial situation may be much different this year than it was last year.

We get it. If you can’t support us right now, we understand. Please know that we are thinking of you and we are doing what we can to provide some relief to communities struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic.

If you are able to give, consider joining the Fidelity Club, the ENF’s monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as $5; quarterly gifts can be as little as $15.

Joining the Fidelity Club helps ensure the Elks are there during times like these.

Not only is joining the Fidelity Club a safe and reliable way to give, it’s simple and flexible—donations can be adjusted at any time.

Through the monthly giving program, you’ll have opportunities to earn exclusive pins and membership card stickers, too. Members of the Fidelity Club earn their first pin after just 12 gifts.

We are in this together; any support adds up to make a difference in our communities.

To learn more and join, go to enf.elks.org/FidelityClub
DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

There’s an old expression... “We’d rather be safe than sorry” and this holds true for those of us in the Elks Drug Awareness Program. In our hearts we know the correct decision was made to cancel the Grand Lodge Session and by doing so, canceling the annual two-day DAP training for State Chairs. It was the safe thing to do, but we were saddened to have to.

The good news is that the training has been rescheduled and re-tooled. Instead of meeting in person, we will conduct regional training via the internet. Unfortunately, we were planning on having Mrs. Camarena attend the training in Baltimore and meet with the Chairs, but that will have to wait until the next time we can all meet in person.

During the National Convention, we also take time to recognize the Chair of the Year and the Rookie of the Year. We would like to announce the winners through this newsletter. The Chair of the Year is traditionally presented a crystal Elk and the Rookie of the Year is presented with a bronze plaque.

We are pleased to recognize Stephen Moore from Kentucky as Chairman of the Year and Angela Meyer from Maryland/Delaware/DC as Rookie of the Year. Pictured are their awards, which will be presented to them at a later date.

We would also like to announce the following youth winners of our National DAP contests:

Poster Contest: Jihyeon Han (Elly), sponsored by Parsons, KS Lodge No. 527. The posters are used to produce future coloring books.

Essay Contest: Ava Clifton, sponsored by Mineral Area, MO Lodge No. 2583.

Video Contest, pre-high school: Edmund Bu & Geronimo Fernandez, sponsored by Temecula, CA Lodge No. 2801.

Video Contest, high school: Machenzie Feeney, sponsored by Saugerties, NY Lodge No. 2574.

The winning videos and essay will be featured on the new Elks Teen Zone website and prizes are awarded to the students.

The theme for this year’s (2020-21) poster, essay and video contests will be: “Drug Abuse? No Excuse!”

Contest rules can be found on elkskinzone.org or elksteenzone.org

COMMUNITY PROJECT CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019-2020

Congratulations to all the Winners! Their Award Plaques will be sent to them due to the cancellation of the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore this year. These hard working Elks Lodges are the ones that “Strengthened Elkdom Through Community Awareness” this past fraternal year.

And the Winners are:

Division 1 • (0 – 300 Members)
1st Place  Roxboro, NC Lodge No. 2005
2nd Place  El Paso, TX Lodge No. 187
3rd Place  Lincoln, NE Lodge No. 80

Division 2 • (301 – 500 Members)
1st Place  Presque Isle, ME Lodge No. 1954
2nd Place  Ishpeming, MI Lodge No. 447
3rd Place  Winter Garden, FL Lodge No. 2165

Division 3 • (501 – 700 Members)
1st Place  Corvallis, OR Lodge No. 1413

Division 4 • (701 – 1,100 Members)
1st Place  Vero Beach, FL Lodge No. 1774
2nd Place  Potsdam, NY Lodge No. 2074
3rd Place  Augusta, ME Lodge No. 964

Division 5 • (1,101 – 1,500 Members)
1st Place  Ashland, KY Lodge No. 350

Division 6 • (1,501+ Members)
1st Place  Keizer, OR Lodge No. 2472
2nd Place  Rotonda, FL Lodge No. 2710

This committee thanks all the Lodges that participated in the contest this year. We encourage more Lodges to enter for 2020-2021. Entry forms for next year’s contest will be available on the elks.org website in August. Community Projects are strengthening Elkdom and our communities showing that “Elks Care—Elks Share!”
Get buckets (or hampers)

We know getting to the court or gym to shoot hoops isn’t easy right now. So we’re bringing the Hoop Shoot home. Join Hoop Shooters of past and present, BackBoard members, and Elks from across the country and show us how you #HamperHoopShoot!

Demonstrate your free throw prowess with your hamper, laundry basket, or garbage can—the more creative the better! Then share the video on social media by July 31. Use the hashtag #HamperHoopShoot and tag the Elks National Foundation on Facebook (@ElksNationalFoundation), Instagram (@elksinaction), or Twitter (@ElksNtlFndtn).

The 2020 BackBoard will judge your free throw, slam dunk, layup, or creative new move for a special prize. Not on social media? Email us your submission at hoopshoot@elks.org.

National Soccer Shoot title becomes new goal

The first season of the Elks Virtual National Soccer Shoot competition ended on March 31, 2020. Throughout the year, over 48,000 boys and girls competed to become a national champion.

Here are the national champions for each of age and gender group in the competition.

- **U-8 Boys**
  - Ryan Toof, St. Albans, VT Lodge No. 1566
- **U-8 Girls**
  - Alleigh Barriger, Chanute, KS Lodge No. 806
- **U-10 Boys**
  - Caleb Sharo, Summerville, SC Lodge No. 2719
- **U-10 Girls**
  - Audrey Maevers, Farmington, MO Lodge No. 1765
- **U-12 Boys**
  - Brayden Ramsey, Chambersburg, PA Lodge No. 600
- **U-12 Girls**
  - Corrine Langston, Greenville, SC Lodge No. 858
- **U-14 Boys**
  - Tobias McGarvey, Chambersburg, PA Lodge No. 600
- **U-14 Girls**
  - Jenna Benoit, Plymouth, NH Lodge No. 2312
- **U-16 Boys**
  - Gavin Lear, Madisonville, KY Lodge No. 738
- **U-16 Girls**
  - Zoey Hill, Durant, OK Lodge No. 1963

The second season of this national competition began on April 1, 2020. Every Elks Lodge and State Association is encouraged to hold a Soccer Shoot. It is a great way to become visible in the community and to support our nation’s youth.

For more information on the Soccer Shoot Program, visit the Activities Committee page of Elks.org.

Famous Elks Online

With an organization that dates back over 150 years, have you ever wondered how many influential people have been a part of the Order? Find out online! The Elks History Project (https://www.elks.org/history) has been updated to include a gallery of famous Elks. Visit the Elks.org Convention booth to review the Gallery, and/or submit any Famous Elks we may have missed.

Famous Elks

What do John Kennedy, Gene Autry, and Bobby Jones have in common? You guessed it!
Winners have been announced for the 2019-2020 Contest ‘A’ — All American Lodge Contest, which recognizes the best administered Lodges in the Order. One-hundred and fifty-six (156) Lodges participated and the top three finalists in each of six membership divisions were awarded the title of “All-American Lodge.”

How do successful Exalted Rulers have a good Lodge year? They start with a guideline that contains important and impactful activities. They assemble officers and committee members to organize and implement the activities. And, they often use the All-American Lodge Contest as their guideline!

Congratulations to the Exalted Rulers of the Lodges listed as winners for 2019-2020! Thank you for your many efforts. Thank you to the District Deputies who encouraged and assisted and thank you to the State Lodge Activities Chairpersons who conducted their state contests.

Division I — [300 Members or fewer]
1st Place Cedar Grove, NJ No. 2237
2nd Place Roxboro, NC No. 2005
3rd Place El Paso, TX No. 187

Division II — [301 to 500 Members]
1st Place Hot Springs, AR No. 380
2nd Place East Stroudsburg, PA No. 319
3rd Place Sierra Vista, AZ No. 2065

Division III — [501 to 700 Members]
1st Place Casa Grande Valley, AZ No. 1957
2nd Place Ferndale, MI No. 1588
3rd Place Calabash, NC No. 2679

Division IV — [701 to 1,100 Members]
1st Place Fayetteville-Springdale, AR No. 1987
2nd Place Phoenix, AZ No. 335
3rd Place Manasquan, NJ No. 2534

Division V — [1,101 to 1,500 Members]
1st Place St. Petersburg, FL No. 1224
2nd Place Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley, CA No. 2444
3rd Place Wallingford, CT No. 1365

Division VI — [1,500 Members or more]
1st Place Sun City, AZ No. 2559
2nd Place Lake Havasu City, AZ No. 2399
3rd Place Orange, CA No. 1475

The Elks National Foundation is proud to present ENFtoYou: Summer Series, a virtual experience for Elks to learn more about the ENF and its programs. Since the Elks National Convention was canceled, we’re bringing the ENF to you — wherever you are.

We’ll be bringing programming and brand-new content to you every two weeks throughout the summer, plus opportunities for pop-up sessions, coffee breaks with ENF staff, and so much more.

Are you interested? Register at enf.elks.org/ENFtoYou

By registering, you’ll receive a digital swag bag to help you get ready for the series, notifications and updates about the types of programming the ENF will offer, and a chance to win ENF prizes. We can’t wait to bring the ENF to you!

**Summer Series Dates**

**Sunday, July 12: ENFtoYou: Get Social.** Learn how to utilize social media to spread the word about the Elks National Foundation. The show will be hosted by the ENF’s Communications team.

**Sunday, July 26: ENFtoYou: CIP Edition.** Hear from the CIPsters and ENF Board Chair Jim Grillo about ENF grants.

**Sunday, August 9: ENFtoYou: Hoop Shoot Edition.** Board Chair Jim Grillo joins the Summer Series again to talk all-things Hoop Shoot.

**Sunday, August 23: ENFtoYou: State of the Foundation.** ENF Director Jim O’Kelley recaps the Foundation’s year and looks forward to the future.
ENF Per-Member Contest Winners
April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020

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Lodge Winners

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Local Lodge Activity

During Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman’s Fraternal Year 2019-2020

Charter Granted = New Lodges
- Lewis County, TN Lodge No. 2883
  Instituted 3/8/2020

Charter Surrendered
- Charleroi, PA Lodge No. 494 (EO #19-057) Effective 8/26/2019
- Galena, KS Lodge No. 677 (EO #19-216) Effective 6/12/2020

Charter Revoked
- Owosso-Saginaw, MI Lodge No. 47 (EO #19-062) Effective 9/9/2019
- Libby, MT Lodge No. 2231 (EO #19-086) Effective 9/24/2019
- Galax, VA Lodge No. 2212 (EO #19-206) Effective 5/22/2020

Lodge Mergers
- Athens, GA Lodge No. 790 & Elberton, GA Lodge No. 1100, to be known as: Elberton-Athens, GA Lodge No. 1100
  Effective 11/14/2019 by EO #19-142
- Claremore, OK Lodge No. 1230 & Pryor, OK Lodge No. 2320, to be known as: Claremore, OK Lodge No. 1230
  Effective 1/16/2020 by EO #19-172

Lodge Name Change
- Charlotte, NC Lodge No. 392, name changed to: Lake Norman, NC Lodge No. 392
  Effective 7/3/2019 at St. Louis Convention by EO #19-003
- Pinal Mountain, AZ Lodge No. 2809, name changed to: Globe-Miami, AZ Lodge No. 489
  Effective 7/16/2020 by EO #20-003
- Auburn S. Worcester County, MA Lodge No. 2118, name changed to: Auburn, MA Lodge No. 2118
  Effective 8/6/2020 by EO #20-022

Lodge Redistricting
- Massachusetts
  - Transfer Newburyport, MA Lodge No. 909 from the North District No. 4040 to the East District No. 3920
  - Transfer Lexington, MA Lodge No. 2204 from East Central District No. 3960 to the Metropolitan West District No. 4000
  - Transfer Saugus-Everett, MA Lodge No. 642 from the East District No. 3920 to the Metropolitan North District No. 3980
  - Transfer Chicopee, MA Lodge No. 1849 from the West District No. 4120 to the West Central District No. 4160
  - Transfer Ludlow, MA Lodge No. 2448 from the West District No. 4120 to the West Central District No. 4160
ENF Chair Challenge Contest Winners

April 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020

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<td>5. Maryland–Delaware–District of Columbia</td>
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**Chairman’s Challenge STATE ASSOCIATION WINNERS**

**LODGE WINNERS**

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<td>3rd Place Portage, WI Lodge No. 675</td>
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<td>2nd Place Owatonna, MN Lodge No. 1395</td>
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<td>3rd Place Homer, NY Lodge No. 2506</td>
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<td>3rd Place Rochester, NH Lodge No. 1393</td>
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<td>2nd Place Oceano/Five Cities, CA Lodge No. 2504</td>
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<td>3rd Place Haverstraw, NY Lodge No. 877</td>
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<td>3rd Place Sun City, AZ Lodge No. 2559</td>
<td>3298</td>
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**STATE ASSOCIATION BULLETIN CONTEST “I” WINNERS**

Nineteen states entered the Grand Lodge State Bulletin Contest “I” for 2019-2020. Arizona and Florida were new to the Contest this year. And the Star Winners are:

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There were no Three Star states this year. Iowa and Massachusetts moved up from Three Stars last year to Four Stars. Virginia, Kansas and Missouri moved up from Four Stars last year to Five Stars. North Carolina moved up from Three Stars last year to Five Stars.

Congratulations to all of the State Associations that participated. The content and quality were impressive. It is important that all State Association bulletins provide timely information to Lodges and Members. We hope that even more State Associations participate in 2020-2021.
Past Grand Lodge Conventions

Grand Lodge Convention sites and the GER who was elected at each.

2020: Baltimore, MD
Paul R. Ryan

2019: St. Louis, MO
Robert L. Duitsman

2018: San Antonio, TX
Michael T. Luhr

2017: Reno, NV
Malcolm J. McPherson Jr.

2016: Houston, TX
Michael F. Zellen

2015: Indianapolis, IN
Ronald L. Hicks

2014: New Orleans, LA
John D. Amen

2013: Reno, NV
Millard C. Pickering

2012: Austin, TX
Thomas S. Brazier

2011: Phoenix, AZ
David R. Carr

2010: Orlando, FL
Michael F. Smith

2009: Portland, OR
James L. Nichelson

2008: Anaheim, CA
Paul D. Helsel

2007: Charlotte, NC
F. Louis Sulsberger

2006: Orlando, FL
Arthur H. Frost, III

2005: Reno, NV
Louis J. Grillo

2004: Minneapolis, MN
James M. McQuillan

2003: St. Louis, MO
Amos A. McCallum

2002: Reno, NV
Roger R. True

2001: Philadelphia, PA
Arthur Mayer, Jr.

2000: Dallas, TX
Dwayney E. Runnym

1999: Kansas City, MO
James C. Varenhorst

1998: Anaheim, CA
C. Valentine Bates

1997: Chicago, IL
Carlon M. O’Malley

1996: Las Vegas, NV
Gerald L. Coates

1995: New Orleans, LA
Gerald R. Coates

1994: Chicago, IL
G. E. Bledsoe

1993: Portland, OR
Lee A. Donaldson

1992: Dallas, TX
Robert G. Pruitt

1991: San Francisco, CA
Robert W. Brown

1990: Atlanta, GA
James G. McFarland

1989: Atlantic City, NJ
William G. Meyers

1988: Las Vegas, NV
Robert J. Sabin

1987: Minneapolis, MN
Meade D. Detweiler

1986: Cincinnati, OH
Meade D. Detweiler

1985: Atlantic City, NJ
John F. Malley

1984: Atlanta, GA
James G. McFarland

1983: Seattle, WA
John R. Coen

1982: Atlantic City, NJ
George I. Hall

1981: Atlantic City, NJ
Charles E. Pickett

1980: San Francisco, CA
Sam Stern

1979: New York, NY
Edward W. McCabe

1978: Chicago, IL
Robert A. Youthers

1977: New Orleans, LA
E. Gene Fourmance

1976: New York, NY
Robert H. Davis

1975: Dallas, TX
William V. McDonald

1974: Miami Beach, FL
F. Louis Sulsberger

1973: Charlotte, NC
E. Mark Sullivan

1972: Atlantic City, NJ
George F. Buch

1971: New Orleans, LA
Charles H. Grakelow

1970: San Francisco, CA
Charles R. Atwell

1969: Dallas, TX
Frank Hise

1968: New York, NY
John L. Walker

1967: Chicago, IL
Robert H. Davis

1966: Dallas, TX
Robert A. Youthers

1965: Miami Beach, FL
L. A. Lewis

1964: New York, NY
Charles E. Broughton

1963: San Francisco, CA
Edward W. McCabe

1962: Chicago, IL
Robert A. Youthers

1961: Miami Beach, FL
William V. McDonald

1960: New York, NY
Joseph G. Buch

1959: Chicago, IL
Charles E. Pickett

1958: New York, NY
John T. Thomas

1957: San Francisco, CA
H. K. Blackledge

1956: Chicago, IL
Fred L. Bohn

1955: Philadelphia, PA
William J. Jernick

1954: Los Angeles, CA
John L. Walker

1953: St. Louis, MO
William J. Jernick

1952: New York, NY
Sam Stern

1951: Chicago, IL
Howard R. Davis

1950: Miami, FL
Joseph B. Kyle

1949: Cleveland, OH
Emmett T. Anderson

1948: Philadelphia, PA
George I. Hall

1947: Portland, OR
L. A. Lewis

1946: New York, NY
Charles E. Broughton

1945: New York, NY
Wade H. Kepner

1944: Chicago, IL
Frank Hise

1943: Boston, MA
Fred Harper

1942: New York, NY
Robert H. Davis

1941: Philadelphia, PA
William V. McDonald

1940: Houston, TX
Robert A. Youthers

1939: St. Louis, MO
Joseph G. Buch

1938: Atlantic City, NJ
Edward J. McCormick

1937: Denver, CO
Frank Hise

1936: New York, NY
Charles E. Broughton

1935: Columbus, OH
James T. Hallinan

1934: Kansas City, MO
Joseph T. Fanning

1933: Milwaukee, WI
Lawrence H. Rupp

1932: Birmingham, AL
John L. Walker

1931: Seattle, WA
John R. Coen

1930: Atlantic City, NJ
Frank Hise

1929: Los Angeles, CA
Charles E. Broughton

1928: Miami, FL
William H. Atwell

1927: Cincinnati, OH
Frank Hise

1926: Chicago, IL
Wm. M. Abbott

1925: Portland, OR
Raymond V. Arnold

1924: Boston, MA
Robert G. Pruitt

1923: Atlanta, GA
Wade H. Kepner

1922: Atlantic City, NJ
Robert H. Davis

1921: Los Angeles, CA
Robert H. Davis

1920: Chicago, IL
Frank Hise

1919: Atlantic City, NJ
Robert H. Davis

1918: Atlantic City, NJ
Frank H. France

1917: Atlantic City, NJ
Robert H. Davis

1916: Baltimore, MD
Fred Harper

1915: Los Angeles, CA
Wade H. Kepner

1914: Denver, CO
Wade H. Kepner

1913: Rochester, NY
Wade H. Kepner

1912: Portland, OR
Wade H. Kepner

1911: Atlantic City, NJ
Robert H. Davis

1910: Detroit, MI
Wade H. Kepner

1909: Atlantic City, NJ
Wade H. Kepner

1908: Dallas, TX
Wade H. Kepner

1907: Philadelphia, PA
Wade H. Kepner

1906: Denver, CO
Wade H. Kepner

1905: Buffalo, NY
Wade H. Kepner

1904: Cincinnati, OH
Wade H. Kepner

1903: Baltimore, MD
Wade H. Kepner

1902: Salt Lake City, UT
Wade H. Kepner

1901: Milwaukee, WI
Wade H. Kepner

1900: Atlantic City, NJ
Wade H. Kepner

1899: St. Louis, MO
Wade H. Kepner

1898: New Orleans, LA
Wade H. Kepner

1897: Minneapolis, MN
Wade H. Kepner

1896: Cincinnati, OH
Wade H. Kepner

1895: Atlantic City, NJ
Wade H. Kepner

1894: Atlantic City, NJ
Wade H. Kepner

1893: Detroit, MI
Wade H. Kepner

1892: Buffalo, NY
Wade H. Kepner

1891: Louisville, KY
Wade H. Kepner

1890: Cleveland, OH
Wade H. Kepner

FUTURE SITES

2021 (July 4–7)
Tampa, FL

2022 (July 3–6)
Atlanta, GA

2023 (July 2–5)
Minneapolis, MN

2024 (June 30 – July 3)
Austin, TX

2025 (June 29 – July 2)
Kansas City, MO

The 155th Grand Lodge Convention was held last year in St. Louis, MO.