

MAY  
2023



**Exalted Ruler**  
**Joe Sanders**  
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TIP OF THE  
MONTH



**Secretary**  
**Angie Fusco**  
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**CRESTWOOD ELKS # 2503**

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TIP Newsletter also available at [www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org) [Click on Lodge Locator & enter 2503, then click News]

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

**CRESTWOOD LODGE CHARITABLE  
GIVING \$\$ CONTRIBUTED  
SINCE CHARTERED IN 1974 =  
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:

We would really love to see you at our Lodge. I've been a member of Crestwood Lodge for 10 years. There are many of you that I have not met. I would love to know what I can change to get you back at our Lodge...maybe there is an activity you would like us to do to get you up to our wonderful Lodge. I am open to any and all suggestions, and I very much want to hear from you! Thanks to Lodge member, Barb Stringer, **there is now a SUGGESTION BOX at the Lodge** (in the Clubroom on the table next to the Kitchen door). I hope you will take time to drop me a note to let me know what you would like us to change or add to the Lodge. I can also be reached by e-mail at [jsanders6260@gmail.com](mailto:jsanders6260@gmail.com) or better yet, I hope to see you at a Lodge meeting or event and discuss your suggestion(s) in person.



We have a number of great events ... we had a good turn out for the Stick Horse Races on May 5<sup>th</sup> – a fun event [watch for next Stick Horse Races in November!] Our monthly Chef's Choice / Show Me the Money event has seen increased attendance – great food and a fun fast game with many \$\$'s to be won! Coming up 5/20 is the Booze Hunt – a fun afternoon for only \$10/person (see Sandi Krechel or Yvonne Sontheimer for tickets). And there is our world famous Fish & Chicken Fry 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month - always a fun night. And, don't forget our Flag Day ceremony – Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1pm.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Lodge!

Joe Sanders  
Exalted Ruler

**CRESTWOOD ELKS LODGE OFFICERS/TRUSTEES INSTALLATION**

**Crestwood Elks  
Lodge #2503**



**Installation of Officers  
2023 / 2024**



**April 1, 2023**



Tim Streisel was named "Elk of the Year" for 2022-2023 by ER Don Freeman.

Susan Hill was named "Officer of the Year" for 2022-2023 by ER Don Freeman.

Past ER Don Freeman presented Officer Emir Hadzic of the St. Louis County Police Department with the Crestwood Elks Lodge #2503 Citizen of the Year Award. Emir and his family immigrated to the US from Bosnia in 1995. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps in 1996 and served for 20 years, retiring in 2016 after 8 overseas deployments. After retirement, Emir became involved in a long list of humanitarian and human rights organizations. In late 2016, motivated by a desire to continue public service, Emir joined the St. Louis County Police Department, where he is currently assigned to the Affton-Southwest precinct and is a member of the emergency response team.

Emir has spent nearly his whole life in public service, driven by a desire to have a positive impact on as many people as possible. He sets a fine example for all of us, and is most deserving of this award. Please join in congratulating Emir for his outstanding service.



**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).



BPOE = Best People On Earth Person of the Month

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

**MIKE WOOD**  
 February 2023

**ED ROE**  
 March 2023

**CRAIG MATHIS**  
 April 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](mailto:Shelley.Meyer@va.gov)  
 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive St. Louis, MO 63125



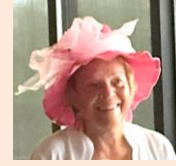
Virtual Health Resource Center Home & Virtual Care  
 Phone: 314-652-4100, ext.60352  
 e-mail: [STLVHRC@va.gov](mailto:STLVHRC@va.gov)  
 Jefferson Barracks Campus-Building 1, Room 1W20  
 1 Jefferson Barracks Drive St. Louis, MO 63125

**STICK HORSE RACES - 5/5/2023**



Hat contest winners Jean Bodenbun & Steve Verderber (guest of member Patti Lewis)

Stylish Derby hats were worn by many!



The winner of the Traeger Grill was Teresa Kirn!! Teresa was definitely a surprised & delighted winner!



Mike Kirn, horse race assistant, cautions the ponies to behave.



Teresa Kirn & Kelly Streisel did a great job taking bets & handing out winnings.



Tim Streisel & Mike Kirn did a fine job managing the races.



Mackenna & Wade Kirn assisted Mike Kirn moving the horses on the course.



All those who attended had a great time!



# WE WANT YOU!!



Come back to the Lodge for all of our happenings! See your friends again! We've started our new year & have many events planned, but we would still like many more. We are asking your help to plan new activities & renew old ones.

Some of the events we have done in the past:

- Special Dinners
- Cards and Board Games Night
- Casino Night
- Family Picnic with Games
- Halloween Costume Party
- Trivia
- Country & Western Dinner Dance
- "Name That Tune" Sing Along
- ...and many more

If you have an idea for an activity or event, we want to hear from you! We now have a Suggestion Box (in the Lodge Clubroom) for you to submit your ideas, or you can e-mail your ideas to ER Joe Sanders at [jsanders6260@gmail.com](mailto:jsanders6260@gmail.com).



OR, you can call me - Barb Stringer - at 314-932-5700.

We hope to see you soon!

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS VISIT CRESTWOOD LODGE

Two of the three scholarship winners from Crestwood Lodge attended the Lodge meeting Thursday, May 11, to thank Lodge members for their scholarship opportunity and to share their plans for college education and potential careers. Pictured below are Caitlyn Price & Anna Wokurka. The third scholarship winner, Michael Jones (son of Lodge member Don Jones), was unable to attend due to another commitment. Lodge Secretary, Angie Fusco, read a heartfelt letter of thanks to Lodge members from Michael.



### 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 Elkdom. 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





### NEW SNACK ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE AT CRESTWOOD LODGE CLUBROOM BAR [At present these items are available in Clubroom Bar only-not downstairs.]

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Nachos with Cheese  | \$3.00 |
| Nacho Chips         | \$2.00 |
| Cheese              | \$1.00 |
| Pretzel             | \$2.00 |
| Pretzel with Cheese | \$3.00 |

\*\*\*Snack items & pricing are posted at Bar.\*\*\*



**MAY 2023** 

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|---------|-----------|----------------------------|--|--|
|   | 1   | 2       | 3         | 4                          | 5<br>Chef's Choice<br>5:30-6:45pm<br>[doors open 5pm]<br>Show Me<br>the Money 7-8:30pm  | 6<br>DERBY DAY &<br>STICK HORSE<br>RACES AT THE<br>LODGE  |
| 7   | 8<br>Officers/Board<br>Meeting 6pm  | 9       | 10        | 11<br>LODGE<br>MEETING 7PM | 12<br>BURGERS &<br>BRATS NIGHT   | 13   |
| 14<br> | 15  | 16      | 17        | 18                         | 19<br>Fish-Chicken Fry<br>[doors open 5pm]<br>Music TF by<br>Paul Hogenmiller  | 20<br>Booze Hunt<br>Noon-5pm   |
| 21  | 22<br>Officers/Board<br>Meeting 6pm   | 23      | 24        | 25<br>LODGE<br>MEETING 7PM | 26   | 27   |
| 28  | 29<br><br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>LODGE CLOSED | 30      | 31        |                            |  |  |

**JUNE 2023** 

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---------|-----------|----------------------------|--|----------|
|   |   |         |           | 1                          | 2<br>Chef's Choice<br>5:30-6:45pm<br>[doors open 5pm]<br>Show Me<br>the Money 7-8:30pm  | 3        |
| 4   | 5<br>Officers/Board<br>Meeting 6pm                  | 6       | 7         | 8<br>LODGE<br>MEETING 7PM  | 9<br>BURGERS &<br>BRATS NIGHT<br><b>**REVISED MENU**</b><br>see page 7   | 10       |
| 11<br>FLAG<br>DAY<br>CEREMONY-1PM  | 12  | 13      | 14        | 15                         | 16<br>Fish-Chicken Fry<br>[doors open 5pm]<br>Music TF by<br>JUST JETHRO   | 17       |
| 18<br><br>LODGE CLOSED             | 19<br>Officers/Board<br>Meeting 6pm<br>[PER mtg TF] | 20      | 21        | 22<br>LODGE<br>MEETING 7PM | 23   | 24       |
| 25  | 26  | 27      | 28        | 29                         | 30   |          |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING ELKS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY & JUNE.** 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.**



**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 Glenn 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    |                           |

**JUNE**

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/1 Kristy A. Moore        | 6/15 Kenneth A. Hessler |
| 6/2 Bonnie Mills           | 6/15 Sam H. Kroll       |
| 6/5 Sandra Krechel         | 6/17 James Reh          |
| 6/9 June Dedeke            | 6/18 James P. Kilker    |
| 6/9 Paul Vitale            | 6/19 Robert Aufner      |
| 6/10 Douglas E. Bouck, Sr. | 6/19 Kathleen T. Keith  |
| 6/10 Frank Schmer          | 6/20 George Ehret       |
| 6/11 Brian Boresi          | 6/21 Terry J. Alexander |
| 6/11 Anthony G. Dohr       | 6/27 Steven C. Wilhelms |
| 6/13 Laura L. Kirby        | 6/28 Tamara R. Rees     |
| 6/14 Darryll J. Weil       | 6/28 Emily Stricklin    |
|                            |                         |

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



|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 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   |
| <b>6/11/2023</b> | <b>Flag Day Ceremony</b> 🇺🇸   |
| 6/16/2023        | Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry                                    |
| 7/2-7/5/2023     | Elks National Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota                     |
| 7/7/2023         | Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money                                       |
| 7/14/2023        | Burgers & Brats Night   |
| 7/21/2023        | Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry                                    |
| <b>8/12/2023</b> | <b>Lodge Soccer Shoot</b> ⚽   |
| 9/9/2023         | District Soccer Shoot at Crestwood Lodge ⚽                            |
| 9/17/2023        | P.E.R. Scholarship Golf Outing at Castle Bluff GC                     |
| 10/28/2023       | Trunk or Treat  |
| 11/10/2023       | Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge  |
| 11/10/2023       | Stick Horse Races at Crestwood Lodge [Burgers & Brats Nite-CANCELLED] |
| 12/2/2023        | Breakfast with Santa  |
| <b>12/3/2023</b> | <b>Annual Memorial Service</b> ✝️                                     |

**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

**CRESTWOOD LODGE BYLAWS CHANGES**

The five proposed Bylaws changes were approved at the regular Lodge meeting Thursday, May 11, 2023.

**CHEF'S CHOICE / SHOW ME THE MONEY ~ FRIDAY - JUNE 2, 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, 5/27/2023.*

**\*Deadline for making a reservation is 5pm on 5/31/2023.\***



**MENU FOR 6/2 CHEF'S CHOICE: PORK TENDERLOIN, GREEN BEANS, MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, 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.

**AFFTON ELKS VISIT CRESTWOOD LODGE**

On April 18<sup>th</sup> a group from Affton Elks Lodge visited Crestwood Lodge for an afternoon of Elk camaraderie, food, and fun. Everyone had a great time and plan to do it again in the future!



**NEW AMERICAN FLAG**

Thanks to Lodge member, Larry White, for donating the beautiful new American Flag at the front of the Lodge. Larry notes that this flag previously flew at George Washington's home at Mt. Vernon.



**ASSISTING WITH THE UKRAINIAN EFFORT**



**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.

**BURGERS & BRATS 6/9  
\*\*REVISED MENU\*\***

**Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Brats  
Homemade Potato Salad, Baked Beans & Ambrosia Salad**