



JULY  
2020



**Exalted Ruler**  
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TIP OF THE  
MONTH



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Esteemed Leading Knight.....Barb Burke  
Esteemed Loyal Knight..... Joe Sanders  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight.....Don Freeman  
Treasurer .....Yvonne Sontheimer  
Esquire..... Susan Freeman  
Tiler.....Bonnie Mills  
Inner Guard..... Adrian Wilhelm

**CRESTWOOD LODGE CHARITABLE  
GIVING \$\$ CONTRIBUTED  
SINCE CHARTERED IN 1974 =  
\$1,071,135!!**

Robert Hartman.....1 Year Trustee  
Bob Stricklin.....2 Year Trustee  
Susan Hill.....3 Year Trustee  
Tom Sontheimer.....4 Year Trustee  
Mike Krechel.....5 Year Trustee  
Al Richardson.....Chaplain



### EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



To My Fellow BPOE'S,

As I noted in the June edition, the Lodge reopened Wednesday June 10 and a regular Lodge meeting was held June 11. The bar resumed its previous schedule with volunteer bartenders. Other regular Lodge events (Card Parties, Burger Night, Chicken/Fish Fries, and Pasta Nights) have not yet been rescheduled. A Show Me the Money (with no Chef's Choice food) was scheduled in the lower level for Friday, August 7.

In the interim since June 10 the Lodge has experienced very limited activity. The Board met on Monday, 7/6, and discussed the situation. Several of the officers expressed the feeling that members are still hesitant to come up to the Lodge, especially with the recent uptick in Covid-19 cases. While the Board is anxious to see our Lodge resume a full schedule of Lodge activities, after discussion, the Board voted to reclose the Lodge in July except for Lodge meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays and for Board/Officers meetings the Monday before each Lodge meeting.

Further, the Board decided to cancel the August 7 Show Me the Money due to concerns about possible virus contagion with the playing cards and covers. They are going to be exploring a way to rework the playing cards and covers to make them safe for players so that Show Me the Money can resume again soon.

These decisions were difficult, but the goal of our Board is to provide a safe yet comfortable environment for members to enjoy our Lodge.

Mike Wood  
Exalted Ruler



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

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

Barb Burke is now accepting payments for July - December. Please send your payment ASAP to the Lodge [10261 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, MO 63128, Attn: Barb Burke]. If you have any questions, please call Barb at 314-882-1095.

BPOE = Best People On Earth  
Person of the Month



**HOWARD MEINE**

MARCH 2020

**BARB BURKE**

APRIL 2020

**SCOTT SCHALLER**

MAY 2020

**SUSAN HILL & ANGIE FUSCO**

JUNE 2020

TO ALL CRESTWOOD ELKS LODGE MEMBERS – EDITIONS OF THE TIP NEWSLETTER FROM 2014 TO PRESENT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE ELKS WEBSITE:

[www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org)

To view an edition of the TIP, go to [www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org) then tap on "Who We Are." Next select "Local Lodges" then enter our Lodge number 2503 & hit "SEARCH." That will take you to our Lodge information page – there select "News." A list of all TIP editions will then appear. Click on any to view.



**CRESTWOOD ELKS - 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE  
FRIDAY — JULY 31, 2020**

**>rescheduled to FRIDAY-SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 <**

**2:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE CONTACT BARB BURKE  
TO SIGN UP FOR A TIME – 314-882-1095**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GIVE, PLEASE ASK SOMEONE YOU KNOW!**





### NEW MEMBERS INITIATION

At the regular Lodge meeting July 9, 2020 Mike and Sharon Bader and Thomas and Wendy Reilly were initiated as new members of Crestwood Lodge. Please join in welcoming them to our Lodge!



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

7/23/20	District VP Visit to Crestwood Lodge
8/8/20	District Picnic at Affton Lodge - <b>CANCELLED</b>
9/25/20	<b>BLOOD DRIVE at Crestwood Lodge 2-6pm</b> [rescheduled from 7/31/20]
10/2-10/4/20	Missouri State Elks Convention-Jefferson City
10/24/20	District Trivia Night at Florissant Lodge
11/7/20	Veterans Parade downtown – see future TIP editions for information on how to participate
2/6/21	District Comedy Night at #9 Lodge
2/13/2021	Mardi Gras – District will need volunteers
2/20/21	State President visit to Crestwood Lodge



## \$2,000 PRESENTATION TO HANCOCK PLACE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Mike Wood, Exalted Ruler, recently presented a check for \$2,000 to Sherry Rischbieter, Director of Guidance & Community Relations- Hancock Place School District, for the district's "Weekender Program." Crestwood Lodge utilized a Gratitude Grant from Grand Lodge for the donation. The "Weekender Program" provides a food source for middle school students who might otherwise go hungry.

In her thank-you letter, Director Rischbieter stated:

"On behalf of Hancock Place School District, I would like to sincerely thank you for your extremely generous gift of \$2000. As it states in your mission, you have instilled the principles of charity, as you provide weekend food for our middle school students who may otherwise struggle to get through the weekend without being hungry.

We call this our "Weekender Program," and the identified students will be able to stop by the middle school counselor's office, in a discreet manner and put the bags in their backpack to take home for the weekend. Research has shown the importance of meeting the basic needs of students so they are able to prosper academically, socially and emotionally. Your gift will meet the needs of 24 identified students who deserve the chance to thrive.

Thank you so much for your generous support!"