



**JUNE
2022**



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**TIP OF THE
MONTH**



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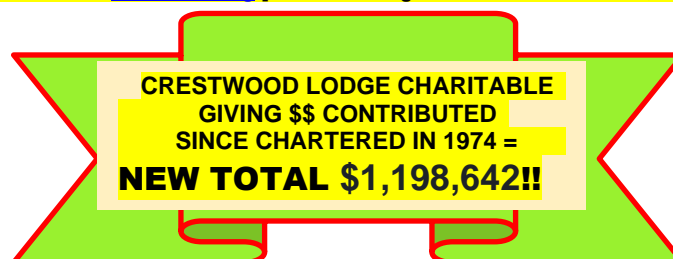
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Esteemed Leading Knight..... Joe Sanders
Esteemed Loyal Knight..... Adrian Winheim
Esteemed Lecturing Knight....Sandy Krechel
TreasurerYvonne Sontheimer
Esquire..... Susan Freeman
Tiler.....Bonnie Mills
Inner Guard..... Teresa Kirn



Susan Hill.....1 Year Trustee
Tom Sontheimer.....2 Year Trustee
Carolyn Toomey.....3 Year Trustee
Mike Wood.....4 Year Trustee
Barb Burke.....5 Year Trustee
Al Richardson.....Chaplain

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

My Fellow Elks:

On Sunday, June 12th, we gathered at the Lodge to honor and celebrate the symbol of our freedom – the American flag. As the history and evolution of our national flag was read, those present were reminded how precious is the freedom we should treasure and never take for granted.

We have recently installed new flags at the front of the Lodge. We will be holding a flag burning ceremony in the near future to properly retire all worn or old flags. Members are invited to bring old or worn flags to the Lodge for the flag burning ceremony. There will be a receptacle placed in the Lodge for you to deposit your flags.

On Monday, July 4th, the Lodge will hold a BBQ + Ice Cream celebration (see page 5 for details). Come on up to the Lodge and join fellow Elks in celebrating America and our freedom. We are reminded everyday when viewing the news about the war in Ukraine that freedom is a treasure. Our forefathers fought many battles and lost many lives so that we can be free to live and worship as we wish. May we always be thankful.

The "Buy a Box" for the Ukraine effort is still underway (see details on page 7). The United States servicemen and servicewomen serving at the border of Poland and the Ukraine need our help. Please consider making a donation.

My wife, Susan, and I will be heading to Atlanta, Georgia in early July to attend the Elks National Convention. We are honored to attend the convention and will proudly represent Crestwood Lodge.

Thank-you to all of our members who regularly volunteer at the Lodge. Your participation and dedication to Crestwood Lodge is greatly appreciated. ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE!

Wishing you a safe and happy 4th of July!

Don Freeman
Exalted Ruler

**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 2022. You can pay for the quarter (April-June 2022), 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. **CURRENTLY, ALL NUMBERS ARE PURCHASED.** Teresa can be reached at 314-277-9337 (TEXT OR CALL).



**BPOE = Best People
On Earth
Person of the Month**

KEITH ADKISSON

FEBRUARY 2022

TOM SONTHEIMER

MARCH 2022

DEBBIE MCCUBBINS

APRIL 2022

JOHN TREMBLAY

MAY 2022

JUNE ELK OF THE MONTH

ER Don Freeman named Tammy Tripp as Elk of the Month for June. ER Freeman noted Tammy's willingness to assist Dave Keau each month with the Harley Group meetings & her willingness to tend bar when asked. She also assists at many Lodge events.



**GOT EXTRA QUARTERS?
PLEASE BRING THEM TO
LODGE BAR - WE ARE
SHORT ON QUARTERS FOR MAKING
CHANGE. THANKS.**

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

HOWARD MEINE
45-year Lodge Member
Exalted Ruler 1984
District Deputy 1992

There will be a visitation from 10:00-11:00am at Assumption Parish on June 20, 2022. Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00am.

HELEN MCKENZIE
Lodge Member

Their faults we write upon the Sands, their virtues upon the tablets of Love & Memory - Rest in Peace our Brother & Sister.

**NEW ADDITION TO JOLLY CORK ROOM**

The family of Mike Kirn, Sr. has donated an original wood artwork piece created by Mike Kirn, Sr. It was the last piece of artwork he created prior to his passing. It has been installed on a wall in the Jolly Cork Room.

NEW MEMBERS INITIATION

At the May 26, 2022 Lodge Meeting six new members were initiated. Please join in welcoming Peggy Gorden, Jimmy Harthill, Tami Rees, Karen Harper, Jane Pfuhl, and Robert "Scott" Ruzicka to Crestwood Lodge.

**Elks National Foundation/ENF**

Every year our lodge has to meet a per capita of (\$4.80/per member) in order to qualify for the various Grants provided by the Grand Lodge. These Grants help us to support projects that support our Veterans, our Youth, and our Community.

A good example is the recent project our Lodge supported with the Oakville Girls LaCrosse Team.

CAN YOU HELP - YES! ENF offers so many ways to give - and your Lodge could use your help by becoming a donor or continuing to donate to ENF or join the **ENF FIDELITY CLUB** with a monthly donation thru your bank account or credit card.

Use the new Pledge Card below, or contact ENF Chair - Angie Fusco @ 314/443-8182 for help.

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____ Lodge State: _____ Lodge No.: _____ Mem. No.: _____
ENF Donor I.D.: _____ Email: _____ Birthdays: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____
Employer: _____ ☐ Currently Employed ☐ Retired

GIFT INFORMATION

Designate My Gift (choose one): ☐ Community Investments ☐ Drug Awareness ☐ Hoop Shoot ☐ Scholarships ☐ Veterans ☐ All Programs ☐ Endowment Fund
I would like to make a donation of: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other _____ ☐ I have enclosed a check. Please make checks payable to the Elks National Foundation.
☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
Acct No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____

I want to join the ENF Fidelity Club with a monthly donation*

☐ Please draft my bank account monthly in the amount of \$ _____ Please enclose a voided check for accuracy.
Bank Draft Start Date (select one): ☐ 15th or ☐ 25th Signature: _____
☐ Please charge my credit/debit card monthly in the amount of \$ _____ ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Discover ☐ American Express
Acct No.: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____ Signature: _____





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

The Elks National Foundation 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.



JUNE 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Chef's Choice 5:30-7pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm  	4
5	6 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	7	8	9 LODGE MEETING 7PM	10 Burgers & Brats Night [doors open 5pm]	11
12  Flag Day Ceremony-1pm	13	14	15	16	17 FISH-CHICKEN FRY [doors open 5pm]	18
19  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY **LODGE CLOSED**	20 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm [P.E.R. Mtg. TF]	21	22	23 LODGE MEETING 7PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JULY 2022



					1 Chef's Choice 5:30-7pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm  	2
3	4  **Lodge BBQ**	5	6	7	8 Burgers & Brats Night [doors open 5pm]	9
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	26	27	28 LODGE MEETING 7PM	29	30
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"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

A new monthly feature to familiarize membership with Lodge leadership as well as fellow Lodge members.



This month our "Getting to Know You" featured member is Joe Sanders, Esteemed Leading Knight. Joe has been a member of Crestwood Lodge since 2013. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. His family moved to St. Louis when he

was 5 years old. He attended St. John Vianney High School then Missouri University- Rolla (now Missouri University of Science and Technology). He graduated in 1982 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Joe has been married to his lovely wife Laura for 41 years. They have 3 children & 8 grandchildren. Joe enjoys spending time with his family as well as gardening and cooking. He makes a superb bread & butter pickle. Joe has been instrumental in many Lodge improvement projects, most recently overseeing the renovation of the ladies restroom in the lower level of the Lodge as well as the rework of the area immediately outside of the lower level entrance. Joe's goal this year is to continue assisting in various Lodge improvement projects and invites fellow Elks to come up and get involved in helping to make Crestwood Lodge the best it can be.

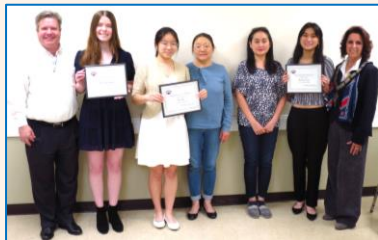
SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS VISIT CRESTWOOD LODGE

The three Crestwood Lodge scholarship winners attended the Lodge meeting June 9, 2022 to thank members for their support and to share their plans for college/careers. Each of the students received a \$1500 scholarship. The scholarship candidates are scored on Academics, Financials, Community Service, Extracurricular Activities, Employment, & Essays.

Emily Bonifant – Emily attended Cor Jesu Academy. She scored 853.25. She plans to study biology in preparation for going into pre-med.

Ida Fan – Ida attended Lindbergh High School. She scored 932.6. She plans to attend Williams College to study biology & pre-med. She is also interested in computer science. She values community.

Kaitlyn Tran – Kaitlyn attended Clayton High School. She scored 937.4. She will be attending Harvard University studying government and economics or English. Kaitlyn advanced in district & state scholarship competition.



CRESTWOOD LODGE - 4TH OF JULY BBQ

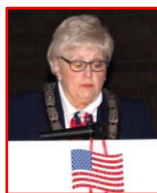
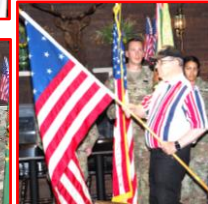
BBQ Pork Steak/Roll + Ice Cream Treat - \$7

- Doors open 3pm
- Dinner will be served at 5pm
- 6:30-7:30pm - Abbreviated Show Me the Money game (9 games + jackpot round) for \$10
- **Please bring a dish for the sharing table.**
- Reservations required - Susan Hill will begin taking reservations Tuesday, 6/14. **Deadline for reservations 5pm on Wednesday, 6/29.**
- Cardinals baseball game will be televised.



CRESTWOOD LODGE FLAG DAY CEREMONY June 12, 2022

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Participating Lodge Officers: Don Freeman, ER; Joe Sanders, Esteemed Leading Knight; Adrian Winheim, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Sandy Krechel, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Susan Freeman, Esquire; Barb Burke, 5 Year Trustee; Carolyn Toomey, 3 Year Trustee; Tom Sontheimer, 2 Year Trustee; Bonnie Mills, Tiler

Flag Bearers: Jim Queatham, Tony Dohr, Terry Alexander, Tony Niehard, Chuck Seger, Dave Keau, Mike Toomey, Dave Hartwig

Color Guard: Military Unit from Jefferson Barracks.



CHEF'S CHOICE & SHOW ME THE MONEY FRIDAY – 7/1/2022



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 Friday.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD PERMITTED.

****Deadline for making a reservation is 5pm on 6/29.****

MENU FOR 7/1: **PORK TENDERLOIN**
MASHED POTATOES
GREEN BEANS
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]

VP VISIT TO CRESTWOOD LODGE

District Officers attended the May 26, 2022 Lodge meeting. VP Greg Peterson shared the goals of our State President, Steve Green, for his year. Greg stated Steve Green's theme is "Make the commitment – leap into Elksdom!" Greg also encouraged District participation, and noted the District has a monthly newspaper that anyone can obtain by contacting the Editor - Kathi Rike at her email: kathire58@gmail.com. Greg was also impressed by Crestwood's project "Buy a Box" supporting U.S. troops stationed near the Ukraine border & expressed hope that he could get the District lodges involved in that effort.



Pictured (left to right): Patrick Dolan-Chancellor/ Officer at Large of Metro East District [Afton Lodge #2655]; Dave Lefebvre- Director of Metro East District [Florissant Lodge #2316]; ER-Don Freeman; Greg Peterson-VP of Metro East District [Manchester Lodge #2058]

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



JUNE

6/2 Bonnie Mills	6/15 Kenneth A. Hessler
6/5 Sandra Krechel	6/15 Sam H. Kroll
6/6 Robert Risha	6/17 James Reh
6/8 William M. Rife	6/18 James P. Kilker
6/9 June Dedeker	6/19 Kathleen T. Keith
6/9 Paul Vitale	6/20 George Ehret
6/10 Douglas E. Bouck, Sr.	6/21 Terry J. Alexander
6/10 Frank Schmer	6/27 Jerome Kern
6/11 Brian C. Boresi	6/27 Steven C. Wilhelms
6/11 Anthony G. Dohr	6/28 Tamara R. Rees
6/13 Laura L. Kirby	6/28 Emily Stricklin

JULY

7/1 Alan Dothage	7/20 Robert Scott Ruzicka
7/4 Catherine M. Berding	7/20 Charles F. Seger
7/6 Walter E. Walkenbach	7/21 David Hartwig
7/6 Frank A. Werner	7/21 Yvonne Sontheimer
7/10 Sharon A. Bader	7/22 Alice V. Tumminia
7/13 William H. Banning	7/22 Dale Venarde
7/13 Leigh Borage	7/23 Jerry K. Scheske
7/14 John Cook	7/28 Nancy McGrath
7/14 Carole Pantazi	7/29 Ronald Brooks
7/15 Kenneth R. Welfenberg	7/31 Michael Kim
7/16 George P. Darnier	7/31 John L. Skinker
7/19 Judy Hennemann	7/31 Leroy Warfield
7/20 George E. Maun	



An FYI for Crestwood Lodge members – 2022 dates for Honor Flights for the Greater St. Louis area that the USO supports in the morning with a snack table are: 5/17, 7/12, 9/13, & 11/1. For Franklin County, the dates are 6/18, 9/17, & 10/15. There should be between 60-70 Veterans on each flight. Everyone is welcome to come out to see our Veterans off on this fantastic trip. The flight departures are normally 2:30 a.m. at Terminal 2, lower level, door 14. Have questions? Please contact Cary Warner at cwarner@uso.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUTURE EVENTS



7/1/2022	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
7/4/2022	4 th of July BBQ at the Lodge – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
7/8/2022	Burgers & Brats Night
7/15/2022	Fish/Chicken Fry
7/3-7/6/2022	Elks National Convention – Atlanta, Georgia
8/5/2022	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
8/12/2022	Burgers & Brats Night
8/19/2022	Fish/Chicken Fry
9/10/2022	District Soccer Shoot at Crestwood Lodge (10am)
9/24/2022	Bud Hunt at Crestwood Lodge
9/16-9/17/2022	State Bass Tournament at Lake of the Ozarks
9/30-10/2/2022	Fall State Convention – Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City
10/22/2022	"Trunk or Treat" at Crestwood Lodge
10/23/2022	FALL MEAT SHOOTs begin [Sundays 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27]
11/11/2022	Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge (1-5pm)
12/10/2022	Crestwood Lodge "Breakfast with Santa"
8/6/2022	District Picnic at Florissant Lodge
11/12/2022	District Trivia Night at Manchester Lodge
12/10/2022	Crestwood Lodge ER Holiday Party 6pm - ??
1/7/2023	District Hoop Shoot
2/11/2023	District Comedy Night at Crestwood Lodge

ASSISTING WITH THE UKRAINIAN EFFORT

Many Elks have expressed a desire to provide assistance to the situation in Ukraine, but are unsure how best to do that. Cary Warner, one of our new Lodge members & USO Center Operations Supervisor, is offering an opportunity for Lodge members to help the U.S soldiers assisting Ukraine. For a donation of just \$30, Cary will put together a box full of items most needed by U.S. troops stationed in Poland along the Polish/Ukrainian border. The USO will distribute 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. Cary advises that members are welcome to include with their donation a personal note of encouragement to the Ukraine citizens expressing support for them against Soviet aggression. Personal notes will be placed in the boxes. **COLLECTION TOTALS TO DATE: \$460 from Crestwood Lodge members; \$390 donated from #9 Lodge & Affton Lodge.** **DONATIONS STILL WELCOME!**

IT'S YOUR LODGE!! HELP KEEP IT CLEAN!!

When attending Lodge events, please clean off your table(s), check floor around tables (hand vac stored next to bar for floor cleanups), & deposit trash in containers located throughout the Lodge. Take pride in our great Lodge by chipping in to keep it clean.

**PLEASE DONATE TO THE CRESTWOOD ELKS HOLIDAY FUND 2022**

Your generosity will enable us to provide holiday meals and to again participate along with the St. Louis County Police Department "SHOP WITH A COP". The Lodge will provide children of struggling families with meals and gift cards to local area stores where they will be accompanied by our wonderful STLCPD officers so they can purchase gifts for their families. Your donation will mean so much. Thank you.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

Watch for the Orange Holiday Fund 2022 Jar at upcoming Lodge Events

