

JUNE
2023



Exalted Ruler
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TIP OF THE
MONTH



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

**CRESTWOOD LODGE CHARITABLE
GIVING \$\$ CONTRIBUTED
SINCE CHARTERED IN 1974 =
NEW TOTAL \$1,227,340!!**

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 have a lot of things happening at our lodge for you to come up and enjoy. "Trunk or Treat" – Saturday, October 28 and a *new fun* event ("Lights Out") the night of 10/28; Stick Horse Races – Friday, November 10 [Burgers, Brats & Games Night cancelled for November]; Shop With A Cop – Saturday, November 18 [a great event benefitting area children in need and their families to have a wonderful Christmas holiday]. We have our usual Friday night activities...Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money; Burgers, Brats & Games Night [REMINDER-Reservations are NOT required for Burgers, Brats & Games Night], and our very popular Fish & Chicken Fry.

There are plenty of opportunities to come to your Lodge and enjoy an evening of fun with your fellow members. So I am asking you as members to bring your kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, or your neighbors' kids...bring anyone under the age of 16 up to the lodge on Saturday-August 12 for a fun morning of soccer goal scoring competition.

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge for one of these fun events. If anyone one has an idea for another fun event, we are always willing to listen to new ideas. **As a Board we cannot run this Lodge by ourselves...we need your help! Please let me know if you can help with one of our wonderful Lodge events...I will happily sign you up!**

Joe Sanders
Exalted Ruler

SUGGESTION BOX RESPONSE

I want to thank those members who took the opportunity to reach out to me via the new Suggestion Box recently installed in the Lodge Clubroom. I appreciate your input and want to work together with you to achieve a mutually beneficial solution.



Several of the suggestions pertained to the temperature within the Lodge being too cold. I am sure that many of us have encountered this same dilemma at other venues....offices, restaurants, churches. Whenever there is a wide variety of ages present at a location, there is going to be difficulty accommodating the temperature preferences of everyone. Though we strive to achieve a median temperature that will accommodate the majority, there are situations that arise which call for immediate adjustments to be made to AC or heating settings – large crowds at an event...very hot/humid external conditions or conversely very cold external conditions. At those times, it is necessary to adjust the Lodge HVAC up or down.

I would like to offer the following as a potential solution to those members who consistently feel cold while at the Lodge: We will clear out a portion of the Clubroom closet and invite members to deposit an extra coat and/or light blanket for their personal use if needed. Each item should include the owners name.

I hope this solution will be a reasonable remedy and a means to make all members and guests comfortable when at the Lodge.

Joe Sanders
Exalted Ruler

LODGE TREASURER

Yvonne Sontheimer, who has held the position as Lodge Treasurer for 5 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.

Past ER Barb Burke presented immediate PER Don Freeman a commemorative ring for his service as Exalted Ruler 2022-2023.

**Metro East VP Visit May 25, 2023**

Greg Peterson, Metro East Vice President and Tom Boulch, Director visited Crestwood Lodge May 25, 2023. They met with Lodge Officers and Trustees prior to the meeting to review Lodge operations and to seek feedback on how they can provide support and assistance for Lodge programs and activities, including recruiting new members and encouraging existing members to be more involved in Lodge activities and functions.

**HOLIDAY BREAKFAST & 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 18th. Members of the St. Louis County Police-Affton 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.



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.**

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



BPOE = Best People On Earth Person of the Month

MIKE WOOD

February 2023

ED ROE

March 2023

CRAIG MATHIS

April 2023

MIKE WOOD

May 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:



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
St. Louis VA Health Care System

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

1 Jefferson Barracks Drive St. Louis, MO 63125



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Virtual Health Resource Center Home & Virtual Care
Phone: 314-652-4100, ext. 60352

e-mail: STLVHRC@va.gov

Jefferson Barracks Campus-Building 1, Room 1W20

1 Jefferson Barracks Drive St. Louis, MO 63125

**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.

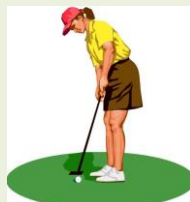
Paul Alexander	George A. "Jay" Anderson	Larry D. Bader	Helen Bailey	Darryl Beers	Anthony Bezzole, Jr
Randel Boehm	Mark A. Boka	Kevin J. Brennan	Ronald Brooks	E. Virginia Cieslinski	Kenneth M. Cosby
Roger Crask	George P. Darner	Daniel M. Drago II	Allan E. Ellis	Barbara A. Fleming	Diane M. Gassner
Jess 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. Suryn	John J. Thomas	Tony Utz	Christine M. Wallweber	Leroy Warfield
Kevin T. Winkler					

**P.E.R. Scholarship Golf Outing at
The Club at Castle Bluff GC
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

7am - Registration

8am - Shotgun Start

- 4 person scramble
- \$80/person...\$320/team
- Prizes for Longest Drive
- Closest to the Hole (Men & Women)



Lunch afterwards at the Lodge with Auction/Raffle and Golf Prizes. Members who wish to attend only the lunch after the golf outing are invited to do so. Lunch only - \$10 per person.

Hole Sponsorships available for \$100. Please contact Mike Wood [314-486-2180].

Volunteers needed at the Golf Outing. Please contact Mike Wood [314-486-2180].

**NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE AT
CRESTWOOD LODGE CLUBROOM BAR**

[At present the following snack 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.

NEW PREMIUM CHARDONNAY (MEOMI BRAND) NOW AVAILABLE AT \$5/GLASS IN CLUBROOM BAR & AT DOWNSTAIRS BAR.

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
- # Trivia
- # Halloween Costume Party
- # 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. OR, you can call Barb Stringer at 314-932-5700. We hope to see you soon!



BOOZE HUNT

5/20/2023



Co-Chairs Sandi Krechel & Yvonne Sontheimer



Barb Burke took home the Trophy, but there were other winners as well!



A FUN DAY FOR ALL!



FLAG DAY CEREMONY 6/11/2023



Flag bearers: Al Hill (assisted by Girl Scout Emma Sanders), Tony Dohr, Jim Queatham, Lee Mueller, Rich Garcia, Tony Neidhard, Mike Toomey, Dave Keau. Readers: Susan Hill & Nancy Ehret.

JULY 2023 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION- MINNEAPOLIS, MN [7/2-7/5]	3 ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION- MINNEAPOLIS, MN [7/2-7/5]	4 LODGE CLOSED 	5 ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION- MINNEAPOLIS, MN [7/2-7/5]	6	7 [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money ONLY 7-8:30pm 	8
9	10 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	11	12	13 LODGE MEETING 7PM	14 BURGERS, BRATS & GAMES NIGHT NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Fish-Chicken Fry [doors open 5pm] Music TF by DEAN BERRY	22
23	24 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	25	26	27 LODGE MEETING 7PM	28	29
30	31					
AUGUST 2023 						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING ELKS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE & JULY. Stop by the Lodge during **JUNE & JULY** to receive **ONE FREE DRINK** of your choice. **MEMBER DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO RECEIVE A FREE DRINK.** Bade



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

JULY

7/1 Alan Dothage	7/20 George E. Maun
7/4 Catherine M. Berding	7/20 Robert Scott Ruzicka
7/6 Walter Walkenbach	7/20 Charles F. Seger
7/10 Sharon A. Bader	7/21 Yvonne Sontheimer
7/12 Michael Berra	7/21 David Hartwig
7/13 William H. Banning	7/22 Alice V. Tumminia
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 Welfenberg	7/31 Michael Kirn
7/16 George P. Darner	7/31 John L. Skinker
7/16 Rita LaChance	7/31 Leroy Warfield
7/19 Judy Hennemann	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING FUTURE EVENTS

7/2-7/5/2023	Elks National Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota
7/7/2023	Show Me the Money ONLY - \$
7/14/2023	Burgers, Brats & Games Night [NO RESERVATION REQUIRED]
7/21/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
8/4/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money 🍳💰
8/11/2023	Burgers, Brats & Games Night [NO RESERVATION REQUIRED]
8/12/2023	Lodge Soccer Shoot ⚽ [see page 6 for details]
8/18/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
9/1/2023	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money [Labor Day weekend] 🍳💰
9/9/2023	District Soccer Shoot at Crestwood Lodge ⚽
9/15/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry [State President Visit to Crestwood Lodge]
9/17/2023	P.E.R. Scholarship Golf Outing at Castle Bluff GC 🏌️
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)
10/13/2023	Burgers, Brats & Games Night [NO RESERVATION REQUIRED]
10/20/2023	Crestwood Lodge Fish & Chicken Fry
10/28/2023	Trunk or Treat – BOO!!! see page 7 🎃
10/28/2023	"Lights Out" Event – see details in July TIP
11/10/2023	Blood Drive at Crestwood Lodge
11/10/2023	Stick Horse Races at Crestwood Lodge [Burgers & Brats Nite-CANCELLED]
11/18/2023	Holiday Breakfast followed by "Shop With A Cop"
12/2/2023	Crestwood Lodge "Breakfast with Santa"
12/3/2023	Annual Memorial Service ☩



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



SHOW ME THE MONEY ONLY ~ FRIDAY - July 7, 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 Show Me the Money as of Saturday, 7/1/2023.*****Deadline for making a reservation is 5pm on 7/5/2023.*****>> NO CHEF'S CHOICE 7/7 <<****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.

**BURGERS/BRATS & GAMES NITE FRIDAY- 7/14/2023**

Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Brats
Yvonne's Award Winning Mac & Cheese, Barb's 7 Layer Salad

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!**Cardinals VS Nationals at 7:15pm****TRUNK OR TREAT**

Saturday - October 28th
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, Drinks for the Kids**
***Shriner Clowns**



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.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

DONOR CARD	
<p>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. If you have questions, please email the ENF at enf@elks.org or call 773/755-4728.</p>	
<p>ONLINE Visit enf.elks.org/give to give securely through our website.</p>	<p>MATCHING GIFT OR PAYROLL DEDUCTION Contact your human resources office to see if your company sponsors a matching gift or payroll deduction program.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>PLANNED GIFT Visit our website for more information about planned gifts such as bequests, gifts of life insurance, or gifts of appreciated stock.</p>
<p>RECURRING GIFT Complete the information below or visit our website to establish a monthly gift to the ENF via credit card or direct debit.</p>	
<p>DONOR INFORMATION Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____ Email: _____ Lodge State: _____ Lodge No.: _____ Mem. No.: _____ ENF Donor I.D.#: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: Number: _____ Employer: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Employed <input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> My company will match this donation.</p>	
<p>GIFT DESIGNATION Designate My Gift (choose one): <input type="checkbox"/> Community Investments <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Awareness <input type="checkbox"/> Hoop Shoot <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> All Programs <input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund</p>	
<p>GIFT TYPE <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my donation of: \$50 (Peace) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (Justice) <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 (Mercy) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make a tribute of: \$ _____ In Memory of <input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of: _____ Notification of this gift should be sent to: Name _____ Address _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to make an automatic, monthly donation* to the ENF by: <input type="checkbox"/> Charging my credit/debit card monthly in the amount of: \$ _____ (Enter card information below.) <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting my bank account monthly in the amount of: \$ _____ Please enclose a voided check for accuracy. Bank Draft Start Date (select one): <input type="checkbox"/> 15th or <input type="checkbox"/> 25th <input type="checkbox"/> 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.</p>	
<p>PAYMENT INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> I have enclosed a check. ** Please make checks payable to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256 <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my credit card: Card 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.</p>	

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.