



MAY
2022



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TIP OF THE
MONTH



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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:

It has been a very busy month at the Lodge...a successful Blood Drive on April 1st; our Lotta Buck\$ Raffle sold out and winners were drawn April 2nd; Chef's Choice & Show Me the Money continue to grow each month with excellent menus & increasingly larger prize rounds & jackpots; our Fish/Chicken Fries are very popular and were awarded 4.5 out of 5 fishes by a local group that visits area Fish Fries & grades them in an online blog; and on Saturday, May 7th, **Teresa Kirn & Adrian Winheim coordinated a successful Derby Day event. Great Job, Teresa & Adrian, and their team...Mike Kirn, Kelly & Tim Streisel!** Derby Day featured many fun activities & raised \$596 for the Lodge. Those who attended had a great time and expressed their wish that another horse race type event be planned again aside from the actual Kentucky Derby.

All of the aforementioned events have two very important things in common – they require a lot of volunteer involvement to be successful and they provide great opportunities to our members to gather with fellow Lodge members in supporting events that benefit Crestwood Lodge. As I noted in my inaugural ER message last month – the life blood of our Lodge is the volunteers who step up and help out wherever and whenever possible to make our Lodge great! Going forward, we have many great events being planned at our Lodge. I ask that you consider how you can help your Lodge and step up to volunteer. It takes many hands to run the village, and we need you!

At the Lodge meeting May 12th we will initiate 6 new members into Crestwood Lodge. In February we initiated 7 new members. New members are vital to our Lodge. Once initiated we need their involvement to insure that our Lodge continues to grow and be successful.

On Sunday, June 12th, we will gather at the Lodge at 1pm to pay homage to the flag of our nation. We will review the evolution of the American flag and all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in order that we can live free. With the Russian invasion of Ukraine looming large on the international front illustrating how very fragile independence and freedom are, we as Elks need now more than ever to demonstrate the values of Elkdom – Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

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**

BARB BURKE
JANUARY 2022
KEITH ADKISSON
FEBRUARY 2022
TOM SONTHEIMER
MARCH 2022
DEBBIE MCCUBBINS
APRIL 2022

MAY ELK OF THE MONTH

At the April 28th Lodge meeting ER Don Freeman announced Ed Roe as May Elk of the Month. ER Freeman noted Ed's work in assisting with the POS system for the Lodge registers & for cleaning/maintaining the popcorn machine in the Clubroom.

**** REMINDER ****

**NO ACCESS TO THE LODGE
WITHOUT A CURRENT
MEMBERSHIP CARD!!**

If you know of a member who is not currently receiving the monthly TIP newsletter and wants to receive it, please ask them to contact Angie Fusco, Lodge Secretary, at (314) 443-8182 or by e-mail at afusco9@sbcglobal.net to give her their current e-mail address (TIP editions are distributed online) OR their mailing address if they do not have computer access. Thank you.

Missed an edition of the TIP Newsletter?? You can access back editions of the TIP by going to:

- >www.Elks.org
- >Then click on Lodge Locator at top of page
- >Type in 2503 in "Lodge Name or No." under Our Lodges
- >Click on Search button, & it will take you to Crestwood Lodge page.
- >Click on "News" to view TIP editions.

**HOW VOLUNTEERISM BENEFITS
CRESTWOOD LODGE**

The value of members volunteering benefits our Lodge in so many ways. Just one of those is via the annual Charitable Report that Lodge Secretary, Angie Fusco, files with the Grand Lodge. Following is a brief summary of how volunteer activity translates:

Year 2022	Number of People who attended Events at the Lodge	6270
	Number of Elks who volunteered	344
	Number of Non-Elks who volunteered	17
	Elk Hours	1557
	Non-Elk Hours	68
	Value of Hours	\$40,121.25
	Elk Miles	10,323
	Non-Elk Miles	170
	Value of Miles	\$5,771.15
	Non-Cash Contributions	\$18,729.00
	Cash Contributions	\$ 476.00

TOTAL VALUE OF CHARITABLE GIVING \$65,097.40

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.








MAY 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4  Cardinal Baseball & Pizza Night	5	6 Chef's Choice 5:30-7pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm  	7 Crestwood Lodge Derby Day 
8 	9 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	10	11  Cardinal Baseball & Pizza Night	12 LODGE MEETING 7PM	13 Burgers & Brats Night [doors open 5pm]	14 District Golf Tourn. Old Florissant Golf Course
15	16	17	18  Cardinal Baseball & Pizza Night	19	20 FISH-CHICKEN FRY [doors open 5pm]	21
22	23 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	24	25	26 LODGE MEETING 7PM	27	28
29	30  THANK YOU!! MEMORIAL DAY	31				

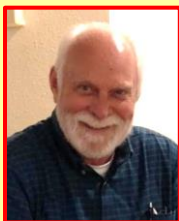
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			1	2	3 Chef's Choice 5:30-7pm [doors open 5pm] Show Me the Money 7-8:30pm  	4
5	6 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm	7	8 TBD  Cardinal Baseball & Pizza Night	9 LODGE MEETING 7PM	10 Burgers & Brats Night [doors open 5pm]	11
12  FLAG DAY CEREMONY 1:00PM	13	14	15	16	17 FISH-CHICKEN FRY [doors open 5pm]	18
19  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	20 Officers/Board Meeting 6pm [P.E.R. Mtg. TF]	21	22	23 LODGE MEETING 7PM	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"**

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



Our first "Getting to Know You" featured member is our new Exalted Ruler, Don Freeman. Don has been a member of Crestwood Lodge since 2008. Don

was born in St. Louis & grew up in Hazelwood. He attended Hazelwood Senior High School and went to work as a Local 1 IBEW electrician after graduating. He has been involved in industrial sales for 39 years and is currently employed at Purvis Industries. Don is happily married to Susan Freeman (Lodge Esquire) since 1998. They each have two sons from previous marriages, 6 grandchildren, & 1 great grandson. The Freeman's have a home at Lake of the Ozarks and enjoy boating, golfing, and other summer activities with family and friends. Don has been very active in various Lodge building & maintenance projects throughout his membership. He is also a member of the cooking crews for Fish Fries, Chef's Choice, the Harley Group, & for Burgers & Brats Nights.

Don's goals as Exalted Ruler are Community Outreach and Increasing Lodge Membership & Member Involvement at the Lodge.

DERBY DAY AT CRESTWOOD LODGE

May 7, 2022

A great time for all who attended. Kudos to Adrian Winheim & Teresa Kirn, co-chairs, for a job well done.



Susan Hill, Teresa Kirn, & Kelly Streisel showed off their Derby "Fascinators."



Teresa Kirn presented Al Hill his prize for best male Derby hat.



Teresa Kirn presents Terry Alexander with his prize for winning the "Show Me Your Balls" contest.



Kelly Streisel's horse was the grand prize winner. Teresa Kirn presented Kelly her prize.

**The Gift of Time is Priceless**

Valuable is the work you do
 Outstanding in how you always come through
 Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer
 Untiring in your efforts throughout the year
 Notable are the contributions you make
 Trustworthy in every project you take
 Eager to reach your every goal
 Effective in the way you fulfill your role
 Ready with a smile like a shining star
 Special and wonderful - that's what you are!!

-Anonymous



TO: Crestwood Elks.
 Volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like more information on how to volunteer, visit

<https://www.ms-stride.org/jcsbikeforheroes/Volunteer>

If you do volunteer for the event, please submit to Angie Fusco, Lodge Secretary, your volunteer hours & miles for recording to Lodge Volunteer totals. Thank you.



CHEF'S CHOICE & SHOW ME THE MONEY FRIDAY – 6/3/2022



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, 5/27.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD PERMITTED.

****Deadline for making a reservation is 5pm on 6/1.****

MENU FOR 6/3: **Stromboli Sandwich**
 Pasta
 Dessert



SHOW ME THE MONEY 7:00-8:30p



\$20 per person - 21 games total [schedule of games:
 9 regular games, 1 jackpot, 9 regular games, 1 jackpot
 + 1 coverall]



CRESTWOOD LODGE - THREE WINNERS IN DISTRICT AMERICANISM CONTEST!

Crestwood Lodge took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the District Americanism Contest. Each winner will receive \$100 from the District.

Congratulations to our Division I
Winners:

First Place – Emma Mastnak, 6th grade at St. Simon the Apostle

Second Place – Nikola Kurtuma, 6th grade at St. Simon the Apostle

Third Place – Luke Radil, 6th grade at St. Simon the Apostle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING ELKS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN APRIL & MAY. Stop by the Lodge during April of May & 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 James A. Boaz
5/3 Eugene Denning	5/20 Andy Rieser
5/3 Robert E. Jones	5/22 Glenn Hancock
5/3 Pauline E. Sampson	5/23 Kristy Budt
5/4 Sharon A. Kaufmann	5/23 Edward Deichmann
5/5 John J. Weinmann	5/23 Lisa M. Fusco
5/6 Ronald Newsome	5/24 James Palazzola
5/6 Norman L. Schumacher	5/24 Christine Ruzicka
5/7 Mark Dressel	5/26 Donna Kaps
5/7 James T. Stringer	5/26 Christopher A. Smith
5/9 Donald J. Klahs	5/26 Vernon Swoboda
5/9 Laurie Spellmeyer	5/28 Rebecca L. Cowley
5/10 Francis W. Chlanda	5/30 Laura Sanders
5/14 William Stahl	5/31 Kenneth N. Bennett
5/14 Eugene L. Streb	5/31 Rhonda Leone
5/16 Harvey E. Eldridge	5/31 Wendy J. Reilly

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 Dedeke	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



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



5/18/2022	Cardinals Baseball & Pizza Night at the Lodge
5/20/2022	Crestwood Lodge Fish-Chicken Fry
6/3/2022	Chef's Choice/Show Me the Money
6/8/2022	TO BE DECIDED - Cardinals Baseball & Pizza Night at the Lodge
6/10/2022	"Burgers & Brats Night" at the Lodge
6/17/2022	Crestwood Lodge Fish-Chicken Fry
7/4/2022	4th of July BBQ at the Lodge – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
7/3-7/6/2022	Elks National Convention – Atlanta, Georgia
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]
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: \$330 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

