



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana *Elks* State Newsletter

From the State President August 2005

Elkdom is alive and well.

Having just returned from the Elks National convention in Reno and having seen and heard all of the great programs of Elkdom, I can tell you Elkdom is alive and well. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler L. Jim Grillo is an energetic man who will lead the Elks this year to bigger and better programs.

Indiana's major project booth was one of the biggest and best. It explained to the entire Elk's convention the great work done by the Indiana Elks. A big THANKS to the three Amigos, Don Fassnacht, Gill Marten and Bob Jensen for a job well done.

The highlight for me was the great privilege and honor to present the flag of the great State of Indiana to the thousands of great Elks at Sunday evening's opening.

Thanks to the hard work of Don and Cheryl Young with the help of Tommy and Fran MCQueary, Indiana continued the tradition of having one of the best and friendliest hospitality rooms in Reno.

The weekend before Reno VP Jim Warren and his wife Laquata joined E.I. and I at Columbus for their family night and fireworks on July 2nd. Then on July 4 at 12:01 A.M., VP Jim and Laquata accompanied us to Anderson for their midnight parade. Anderson had a Convertible for the four of us to ride in along with the Officers of Anderson Lodge. Making a long trip from Bicknell the girls of the walking Flag marched in the parade. It was a real surprise to me that so many units would be willing to participate at that time of day and that thousands of people would line the parade route. Events like that at Columbus and Anderson are a great way to highlight Elkdom to your members and communities. If your community has annual events try to be a part of it.

The weekend after Reno E.I. and I traveled to Auburn for their 50th Anniversary. Their hospitality is exceeded only by their hard work for Elkdom. Here is wishing you another

50years of success for Elkdom. On the way home on Sunday, We were guests of Rob Bishop and Lois and the Fort Wayne Elks for a Great Sunday Brunch.

All the Checks have been mailed out to the winners of the State Raffle. I would like to thank all the Elks for the support and the funds raised will go a long ways to support our State Programs.

Indiana has lost one of its great past First Ladies. On Monday July 18th Karyn Kelly passed away. Mike, the Great Heart of Indiana Elkdom goes out to you and your family. Karyn will be missed but not forgotten.

This is the second edition of the email newsletter. I would ask that those receiving it to please forward it on to your Lodge and Elk Friends. Also please advise your Lodge and communities that if they have information to distribute to the Indiana Elks, please email the information to Larry Mercer.

Harry Smith – State President

INDIANA SWEEPSTAKES WINNER JUNE 4th 2005

\$ 50.00 WINNERS

20 = \$ 1000.00

1	Cory Johnson	11	Allen Miracle
2	Robert E Wilson	13	Norman Lewellyn
4	Albert B Cox	14	Linda B Martz
5	Robert H Thomas	15	Theodore D Crouse
6	Merrill W Ney	16	Phil McCune
7	C.R. Hofius II	17	Eric May
8	Ray Harmon	18	Jim Fyock
9	Max Reynolds	19	Richard Tulli
10	Verlin Rose Nevins	20	Mrs. R.E. Mahaffly

\$100.00 WINNERS

15 = \$ 1500.00

1	Barbara Simmons	11	Jin Grandin
2	William McFarland	13	Dick Lafrentz
4	Joe A Swope jr	14	Doug Miller

5	Tim Bradberry		15	Scott Smith
6	Fred Parvis jr			
7	Coy Neely			
8	Tracy Hughes			
9	Franklin George			
10	Sue Ginter			

\$500.00 WINNERS

2=\$1000.00

1. Darrell J Jenkins
2. Darrell J Jenkins

\$1000.00 WINNER

1 = \$1000.00

1. Barbara Rotramel

\$5000.00 WINNER

1= \$5000.00

1. Shyla Greentree

\$ 300.00 TO WINNING LODGE OF \$5000.00 WINNER

Vincennes IN Lodge

\$200.00 to the District of \$ 5000.00 WINNER

Southwest District

\$200.00 TO TOP SALESMAN

John Sauer

Insurance / Loss Control

FUND RAISING

Many Lodges have the need to raise funds to continue operating and to provide resources for charitable activities. However, the management of all Lodges must act with common

sense and not engage in events or activities that are dangerous or have a dubious loss/benefit equation.

On Page 65 of the fourth edition of the “Accident/Claims Prevention” Manual, there is a list of some suspect activities that should generally be avoided or handled in a special manner.

The Self-Insured Master Liability Program can not be used by any Lodge to protect others, provide insurance for others, or extend coverage to activities of a nature not related to normal Lodge activities. Lodges that have business operations that extend beyond normal Lodge activities would have to obtain separate coverage for such operations. Some Lodges attempt to begin business operations as a means of raising funds without appropriate experience or a business plan. These efforts frequently fail. The Self-Insured Master Liability Plan should not be expected to provide coverage.

Lodges should also be wary of other organizations (either for-profit or not-for-profit) that seek Lodge participation not only to share proceeds but also to provide insurance. Such insurance will not be extended to these other entities. This is also true of leases to caterers or operators of restaurant operations. The leasing party must get their own insurance.

Larry Shaver – PSP
State Insurance Chairman

INDIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

DALE S PHILLIPS, State Chairperson E-mail dphillips@custom.net

July 9, 2005 **PRIDE APRIL 2005 – CINCINNATI, OHIO -- CONFERENCE NOTES:**

- I. **Common Power of Heart-Driven Leader** by Bob Danzig, E-mail bdanzig@hearst.com
 - Everyone is full of promise. Ownership in the project is very important. Give everyone a reason to care about the issue. (Example: (53,000) deaths a year related to 2nd hand smoke.) This gets you thinking.
 - Make sure you have a clear issue.
 - Thru anecdotes of Danzig’s personal life and business career, he convinces his audience that each person can make a difference in the world around us.
 - Danzig emphasized the unique qualities of each individual and showed ways to help identify your special purpose in life.
 - His point was to turn his audience into champions for children so that they can lead happy, healthy and productive lives.

- II. **Born Sober**, by Kathy Payton, E-mail kpprevent@aol.com
- Payton talked about the youngest victim of alcohol abuse – that youngest victim being the baby and how to get the point across.
 - Birth defects – A sheet of paper with the brain outlined was folded into (2) folds and (6) holes random punched into it.
 - Each person got up and showed the random location of holes in the brain which were different on each person's paper.
 - This illustrated how the new born babies can be affected differently thru the use of alcohol by the mother which damages her life supply of eggs.
 - This is a very effective teaching tool to get a message across to young girls about the ill effects of alcohol use during early developmental stages of the teens' bodies.
- III. **Does Marijuana Measure Up As A Safe Drug?** by George Willis, gwillis@lakecountyohio.org
- FDA criteria were explained to determine a drug's medical status. Must meet (8) criteria items.
 - FDA criteria were explained to help show how a drug's medical value is determined.
 - The criteria showed many chemicals in marijuana. THC was used as an example to show consequences to the reproductive system.
 - This type of approach will very quickly dispel any thought that marijuana can be used safely for medical benefit.
 - This presentation would be good for both youth and adults.
 - This presentation really pointed out why marijuana is dangerous and not a drug that can be used safely as a medicine or any humane use.

INSTRUCTIONAL RITUAL VIDEO AVAIBLE ON CD

The B.P.O. Elks - The Ritual judges for the State of Indiana and myself have put together a video.

A condensed version of the full initiation process (highlighting seven areas – total time Of 14 minutes) of the initiation process. Our intent here is to help all lodges

Enhance the quality of your initiation process. The seven areas of the initiation cover an overview from start to finish of how to conduct an initiation. The video can of course be used as a video to actually see what the coaches should be presenting verbally, which can be found in the "White Book"(a printed breakdown of the ritual – if you will), if a lodge is considering ritual competition. The participants in the video are all Indiana certified judges (I am sure you will recognize them – credits are given at the end of the video).

The video lasts around 16 minutes, and each CD is accompanied with a time line for you to use in viewing each segment.

It is hoped that we can assist the tremendous cost that ritual creates in the Indiana budget, by making all of the proceeds go towards this line item. Perhaps the proceeds would help the winning team with travel costs etc... to the National convention.

To order a full copy on CD, please email Wilber T. England at englandw@indiana.edu Each CD copy of the instructional video will cost \$20 and is payable by check only. Make check payable to Wilber T. England, B.P. O. Elks after September it will go to \$25.00

Proceeds will go to benefit the Ritual Budget for B.P.O. Elks Indiana

To see a sample of the video go to: www.prodev.com/elks/index.html

Thank You, Wilber England, PDDGER

FROM THE STATE RITUAL CHAIRMEN

Can we bring "RITUAL" back to life? Jim Warren and I (Wayne Fessel), with your help, CAN make it happen. We have scheduled the Ritual Judges Clinic to be held at the New Castle Elks Lodge on

October 15, 2005. We plan on starting the clinic at 8:30AM. Eric Mullholland, (Area 4 Ritualistic Coordinator) will be presiding. We will be re-certifying all Judges: Word, Computer, and Floor. New Castle Exalted Ruler, Steve Coers, has promised their Ritual team will be ready. My thanks to the New Castle Lodge for allowing us to use their facility for this Ritual Judges Clinic. I plan on using e-mail as the primary method of keeping you informed. If you know of anyone I have omitted, please let me know and I will add them to my "Ritual Contacts" group. If you received this e-mail by mistake, let me know and I will remove your address from the group.

Fraternally,
Wayne Fessel & Jim Warren, State Ritualistic Co-Chairmen

HIGHLAND LODGES #961 100th ANNIVERSARY

August 6th 2005

For reservations to the ball contact Doris Havens at: doris.havens@sbcglobal.net

6th Vice President Ed Boyle recommended that we stay at the Hampton Inn in Munster, IN their phone number is 219-836-5555

STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 13 – 14
AT RICHMOND LODGE

KOKOMO STATE OFFICERS PICNIC

AUGUST 27th

INDIANA ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

It was nice to see that the Soccer Shoot program was not forgotten at the Grand Lodge Convention. While the program has been returned to the Youth Activities Committee, it is still being promoted by a group of dedicated Elks. I was informed that promotional grants to the state associations would continue to be made based on participation. To increase our grant, we need to increase our numbers. Please, make every effort to support the program in Indiana.

There are supposedly some changes being made to the rules for the grid-goal contest. But, I haven't been able to confirm them at this time. In the mean time, continue as before. Your lodge event should be set by now. If not, you can still get involved if you hustle. Contact your District Soccer Shoot Director or myself for assistance. Please, make sure that the program is mentioned at your District Deputy Clinics. We have a good group of District Deputies this year. I know because I am one of them, and know the rest. But, a little reminder from 'the troops' is always helpful.

Further reminders will be coming out from me to the Districts. And, don't forget to plan on attending our clinic at the Fall Meeting in Lebanon if you are interested or involved in the program at the Lodge or District level. Again, the State Contest will be at Columbus on October 22. District contests will be held shortly before that time.

Keep supporting the Soccer Shoot.

Edward F. Sulicz, DDGER Northwest, State Soccer Shoot Director

FROM THE STATE CANCER CHAIRMAN

Joe Erp
Here is a letter I received from Purdue

PURDUE

UNIVERSITY

PURDUE CANCER CENTER

June 30, 2005

Indiana Elks Charities
Mr. Joe Erp
1313 Stadium Drive
Seymour, IN 47274

Dear Joe,

"The older I get, the less attention I pay to what people say or think or hope. I notice what they do, how they live, and what they work for."

Robert Fulghum

The Indiana Elks truly deserve attention for all that you do, for the way you live and for the things that you work for. Purdue Cancer Center is honored to be the recipient of the result of all of your hard work. With your gift of **\$110,583.85** this year, you bring the total of all of your giving to Purdue Cancer Center to **\$2,702,012.84**. This is an astounding total and we pledge that we will use these funds with the utmost care.

Your support has made the Purdue Cancer Center one of the most respected and effective institutions for cancer research in the world.

The cure for cancer is coming closer every day and Purdue Cancer Center has redoubled our efforts to understand the mysteries of this disease – from investigating why cancer cells grow to designing new drugs to improve patient comfort and reduce negative side effects. Now, with your gift, we can delve more deeply into the challenge of lung cancer and work to find answers to the many questions that exist.

With your help, we are moving ahead and continue to provide hope for cancer patients everywhere. Thank you for helping to ensure that the Purdue Cancer Center is ready to meet the challenges ahead.

Most sincerely,



Stephanie Mannon Grabow
Director of Development

AWARDS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION RENO

Two awards received at the national convention. Mark Smith from Michigan City Lodge received a Marvin Lewis award for his dedication and work with the Boy Scouts. It was presented in Reno.

Dale Phillips also received an award for the drug awareness program during the convention in Reno. It was really wonderful to see the impact that Dale has made over the many years with our Drug awareness program. It is Elks like Dale and Mark with there dedication to the many programs of Elkdom and there communities that set the Elks apart as leaders in our communities. Congratulations to them both all of the Indiana Elks are proud of them.

Also Highland Lodge #981 is celebrating there 100th Anniversary with a Ball on Aug. 6th at the Briar Ridge country club. I will try to get you pictures for the newsletter but it would be nice to give them a shout out in the news letter. State President Harry Smith and First Lady E. I. will be attending.

Ed Boyle, 6th State Vice President

RED WHITE AND BLUE

Ton Williams as you know has been selling ties and scarves for some time and he turns his profits over to cancer. He now has umbrellas that are like the old ones with the crooked handles there are of coarse red, white and blue he is selling them for \$10.00 if you are interested give him a call or I'm sure he will be at the state fall meeting.

EMAIL ADDRESS

As of this time I have not received any more email address to add to my file
I hope if you want the next Newsletter you send me your email address

Send to

LEMerc2@aol.com

**Also Look for July winners of the Big Bucks Calendars
In the next newsletter.**

ICE - In Case of Emergency

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in their mobile phone's memory under the heading ICE (In Case of Emergency), has rapidly spread throughout the world

as a particular consequence of last week's terrorist attacks in London.

Originally established as a nation-wide campaign in the UK, ICE allows paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative / next-of-kin in an emergency situation.

The idea is the brainchild of East Anglian Ambulance Service paramedic Bob Brotchie and was launched in May this year. Bob, 41, who has been a paramedic for 13 years, said: "I was reflecting on some of the calls I've attended at the roadside where I had to look through the mobile phone contacts struggling for information on a shocked or injured person. Almost everyone carries a mobile phone now, and with ICE we'd know immediately who to contact and what number to ring. The person may even know of their medical history."

By adopting the ICE advice, your mobile will help the rescue services quickly contact a friend or relative - which could be vital in a life or death situation. It only takes a few seconds to do, and it could easily help save your life. Why not put ICE in your phone now? Simply select your person to contact in case of emergency, enter them under the word 'ICE' and the telephone number of the person you wish to be contacted.

Please will you also email this to everybody in your address book, it won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this.

It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

What starts with one act of generosity, and over the course of a year, multiplies? A recurring gift to the ENF!

If you want the satisfaction that you are helping students, families and veterans every month, consider joining the ENF's Recurring Gift Club. The ENF has the ability to automatically debit a donor's bank account or charge a credit card on a recurring basis each month for a set donation amount.

There are no checks to write or coupons to mail. It's safe, reliable, and allows us to spend less time on administration and more time on our mission. You may even end up making a larger gift than you would have by writing a single check! For example, if you normally give \$100 to the ENF and sign-up for a \$10 per month direct debit, you'll actually have given \$120 to the ENF by the end of the year!

Reduce the number of things on your "to-do" list, and let the ENF do the work for you by signing up for a recurring gift today! You can download a form by visiting www.elks.org/enf/recurringclub.cfm. Donors who join our Recurring Gift Club

have their name listed on our website and receive a special gift. For more information, email enf@elks.org or contact us at 773/755-4728.

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That's all for this month!