



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

From the State President February 2006

State President's Notes February 2006

January was a sad month for the Indiana Elks Association and the Lodges of Indiana with the passing of Kenneth O. Canner and Mel Keith. K. O. Canner served the Indiana Elks as State President in 1987-1988. K. O. also served the Whiting Lodge, the northwest District and the Grand Lodge in many positions over the years.

Mel Keith served the Indiana Elks as State Secretary for 25 years. Mel also served Anderson Lodge, the East District and Grand Lodge in many positions. We shall meet but we shall miss them.

After several months of looking and planning the Indiana Elks State Convention for 2006 has a home. The June Convention will be held at the Clarksville Holiday Inn Convention Center, located at exit 1 on I-65. Clarksville New Albany and Jeffersonville are all basically one big city with a lot of outstanding adventures. The Holiday Inn has 356 newly remodeled rooms. We will have the complete complex with any overflow going to rooms at the Ramada Inn at the next exit.

The Clarksville area offers something for everyone. Ample meeting rooms, excellent in house dining, and 2 swimming pools are available. Also next door is a large water park and a dinner theater.

One exit north are two large shopping centers. Downtown Louisville Ky has an outdoor mall with a number of upscale shops.

For the golfers, Jeffersonville Elks Lodges offers one of the best kept golf courses in southern Indiana. For those looking for gaming opportunities, New Albany offers Caesars river boat and Churchill Downs in Louisville will be running.

Your convention committee has worked hard to put together what we feel will be an enjoyable convention for everyone.

February brings forth planning for a new lodge year. With the nominations and election of new Officers, planning will get into full swing. New officers PLEASE take time to sit down and analyze your Lodge operations. Review your last year's audit report on your financial condition. Remember your future depends on operating a profitable business.

The next couple of month will be a busy time for your Lodge and the State Association.

Saturday February 18 -----State Officers Night at Greencastle

Friday / Saturday February 24/25 --- State Hoop Shoot at Lebanon

Weekend on March 3/4/5 ----- Tri District Meeting at Lebanon

Weekend of March 10/11/12 -----Northwest District Meeting at Valparaiso

Weekend of March 17/18/19 -----North Central and North East Meeting at Elkhart

Weekend of March 24/25/26 -----East and Southeast Meeting at Columbus

Their Will Be a Vacant Chair

We will truly miss our friends and brothers.

Kenneth O. Canner, PSP

In the early morning hours of Monday, January 23, 2006, Kenneth O. Canner of Whiting, IN Lodge No. 1273 passed away after several months of declining health. "K.O.", as he was called by his many friends, served as Exalted Ruler of Whiting Lodge in 1958-59 and as its Secretary in the mid-'90's. After successfully handling numerous District Committee Chairmanships, K.O. was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Indiana's Northwest District in 1960-61 by GER John Fenton of Massachusetts, then served on and chaired numerous Committees of the Indiana Elks Association, eventually being elected to its Presidency in 1986-87. Brother Canner then served as a multi-term Member of the State Associations Committee of Grand Lodge in 1988-90 (this Committee merged into the Lodge Activities Committee in 1997). The Order extends its deepest sympathies to his wife Amy and family.

Milford "Mel" Keith, Jr.

Past District Deputy Milford "Mel" Keith, Jr. of Anderson, IN Lodge No. 209 died on Saturday, January 28, 2006. Born on June 13, 1927, Brother Mel served as District Deputy for the East District of Indiana in 2001-2002. In addition to

serving his Lodge as Exalted Ruler in 1984-1985 and as its Secretary for 1995-2005, he also served the Indiana Elks Association as its Secretary for over two decades from 1980 until 2003.

We will meet but we will miss them.

For those of you who remember Stanley Mascoe, State President 1967-68:

I received a phone call January 4, 2006 from his son, Jerry that Stanley's widow, Elizabeth, passed away.

Gene Milliron, PSP

Southwest District

Hope everyone had a very happy new year start, as well as a joyous Christmas. Bicknell held its Hoop shoot in December and had a nice showing although it could have been better. The last meeting in Dec we had a very special presentation made to our Lodge. Dan Beery, of the Gold Medal Olympic Men's Eight Rowing team, presented our Lodge with a practice oar used by the team in preparation for the Olympics. This is a tradition of the sport to present an oar to an organization, individual, or group who has been very helpful to the team or individuals on the team. Bicknell Lodge #1421 donated the use of our facility for a fund raiser for Dan to help with his expenses, so he could concentrate on practice. Over \$7000 was raised to help him. Dan is a local boy who lives just about 10 miles from the Lodge, and graduated from our local high school. Needless to say we are very proud of him and his team.

In January we attended a DD Clinic at Princeton, wonderful food and good meeting, and also attended the District Hoop shoot at Bloomington. Our Bicknell boys and girl did not win, but made a very good showing.

Nothing to report from other lodges other than everyone was in attendance at DD Clinic.

Later, Sara Kixmiller

NOTICE

All Request for State Reimbursements Need to be filed of the State Voucher and sent to the State Approving officer no later than March 15th.2006 (The Budget year ends on March 31)
Remember that the mileage allotment is .25 Cents per mile not .32 cents please send the request

To: Gerry Avery SD at 3201 Williams Dr. Kokomo IN 46902-7502

Thanks
Gerry Avery
State Approving Officer

INDIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION

May 30-June 4, 2006

Tentative Schedule of Events – Conference/banquet space has been reserved based on the following agenda. Final details to be outlined at least thirty days prior to arrival.

Tues-Sun	Office	Suite
Wednesday 11am	Pre Con Meeting	Dickens
Thur.-Fri	Registration	Lobby Lounge
Thursday		
11a-1p	Directors Meeting (20) Classroom	Elliott
1-4:30p	PSP Meeting	Bryon
6pm	PSP Reception Cash Bar Premium Brands, 2 hosted	Pool drink tickets
7pm	State Officers Dinner	Tack
7pm	PSP Dinner	Churchill
9-11pm	Flag Ceremony	Royal Ballroom

Friday	7a-2p	Ritual Ready Room	Wordsworth
	8a-12noon	Business Session	Royal Ballroom
Friday			
	9a-6:30p	Ritual Contest Practice 11:30a-4p contests 4-6:30p.	York
	10-11a	Ladies Reception	A011
	12-2pm	Grand Lodge Ladies Lunch	Sidewalk Café
	12:30-2p	Secretary Lunch	Bryon/Elliott
	12:30-2:15p	Lodge Officers Luncheon	Shakespeare/Chaucer
	2-3p	State Chairman Meeting	Dickens
	6-9p	Banquet	Royal/Jr. Ballroom
Saturday	.		
	7a-2p	Ritual Contest	York
	8:30-10:30a	Scholarship Winners Reception	Elliott
	8:30a-11a	Business Mtg	Royal Ballroom
	11:00 a	Memorial Svr	Shakespeare/Chaucer/Byron
	11-12noon	Judges Luncheon	Dickens
	12-2p	Ladies Luncheon	Royal Ballroom
	1:30-3:30p	District Deputy Meeting	Elliott
	4-5p	Mass	Dickens
	5pm	Reception	Royal Ballroom
	6p	Installation of Officers	Royal Ballroom
	8p-1a	Dance w/cash bar	Royal Ballroom
Sunday		Departures	

Hoop Shoot

The District "Hoop Shoot" Contests are currently in progress. I have attended a few of them and have seen some real good shooters. Our District Directors are conducting very impressive Contests and should be commended for a job well done. The Indiana State "Hoop Shoot" Contest will take place in Lebanon, Indiana at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at the Lebanon Middle School. The Awards Banquet will be held following the Contest at the Quality Inn starting at 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased from me in advance. If you can spare some time, please consider stopping by the Contest to see the formation of "Team Indiana" who will represent Indiana in the Regional "Hoop Shoot" Contest. "Team Indiana" will compete against the winners from Michigan and Ohio on March 18, 2006 in Rochester, Michigan. The Headquarters for the State "Hoop Shoot" contest is the Quality Inn in Lebanon, Indiana. If you would like to spend a night in Lebanon, please call the hotel and ask for the Elks special "Hoop Shoot" rate. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the State Contest, please feel free to contact me at anytime. I can be reached at (219) 531-8611.

Go Indiana!!!!

Tim Beissel
State "Hoop Shoot" Director

GREENFIELD LODGE #1720

In December, the Greenfield Elks Lodge donated \$1,500 to the "shop with a cop" Christmas program. The money was used to buy gifts and clothing for needy children in Hancock County. Our Lodge also donated \$650 to a local family who has a child with a brain tumor. The father is out of work and the family was facing some tough times and a bleak Christmas. Hopefully we helped make it a little merrier.

Thanks for the help

The Alexandria Elks # 478 gave Food Baskets to 50 families, shoes, clothing and toys to 96 children who are less fortunate so they could have a better Christmas. When we were preparing the baskets we had a big surprise. Mickey Hosier the basketball coach

for the Alexandria Tigers brought his complete basketball team and managers to help us. They did a wonderful job. What would take us a lot of time to complete they had it done in a very short time. They were very polite and courteous. The community should be very proud of these young adults. Going to the Elks for pizzas and soft drinks was their reward. We want to give a big thanks to Mickey and his group and to everyone, who was involved in wrapping gifts, helping with the baskets and delivering them. This made the families and children who are less fortunate have a better Christmas. Thank you.

Carroll McCune
Exalted Ruler
Alexandria Elks # 478

SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS

Tobacco smoke from the burning end of a cigarette, cigar, or pipe or smoke exhaled by a smoker has all the same harmful chemicals—including formaldehyde, tar, arsenic, and benzene—that smokers ingest when they puff on the end of a cigarette. Secondhand smoke also contains carbon monoxide, which reduces oxygen in the blood, hydrogen cyanide, which interferes with proper respiratory functions, and ammonia, which irritates the lungs. Thus, non-smokers who spend time with smokers are inhaling all of this—and it puts them at risk for all the same ailments that smokers face—just to a lesser degree.

Tobacco damages your health—the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considers tobacco smoke to be a Group A carcinogen, which means it is a substance that has been scientifically proven to cause cancer in humans. Secondhand smoke has been linked to nasal sinus cancer, lung cancer, and cervix, breast, and bladder cancer. Secondhand smoke has also been linked to heart disease. The bad news about tobacco smoke doesn't end with the long-term life-threatening problems. **Other related problems include** bronchitis, pneumonia, chronic coughing and wheezing, and eye and throat irritation.

Secondhand tobacco smoke can be harmful during pregnancy and later for the mother and baby. Smoking or exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke during pregnancy (especially the first three months of pregnancy) can cause a baby to be born early or too small or stillborn. Also, after birth the baby may develop behavioral problems, attention-deficit and hyperactivity disorder and score lower on tests which can be attributed to the mother smoking. Secondhand smoke can cause the baby to be sick a lot or may develop ear and sinus infections or asthma.

Tobacco can kill you. Smoking is the leading preventable cause of over 400,000 deaths in this country each year. About 3000 nonsmokers die of lung cancer each year from breathing secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke has all the same harmful chemicals—

including formaldehyde, tar, arsenic, and benzene that smokers ingest. Think how many times recently you may have been exposed to secondhand smoke. Think how you could have prevented, or at least reduced, your exposure to secondhand smoke. The more cigarette smoke you inhale, the higher your risk for health problems.

For more information about tobacco health problems—refer to the Elks’ “Tips For Teens The Truth About Tobacco” – DAP 200 at your local Elks Lodge Drug Awareness committee or visit the Elks website at www.elks.org Also to “CHOICES” November/December 2005 Magazine.

**--Dale S Phillips-- Indiana Elks Association State Drug Awareness Chairperson.
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Loss Control / Loss Prevention

Planned and Organized Self-Inspection of Lodge Premises

The Accident Prevention Manager for each Lodge, or his assistant, must inspect the Lodge on a frequent periodic basis.

Deficiencies or hazards must be reported and immediately corrected.

This inspection should include the grounds, building, and all furniture and equipment. The Membership and/or the Board of Trustees must act immediately to remove or correct any hazardous condition or to replace or stop the use of defective furniture or equipment.

If financial problems limit the ability of a Lodge to replace or repair equipment, the use of a defective instrumentality must be stopped until repair or replacement can be accomplished.

If there is a condition in the building or on the grounds that presents a hazard that cannot be immediately corrected, it is necessary that such a condition be clearly marked and labeled and that, to the extent possible, the portion of premises effected not be used.

Immediate action, for safety reasons, must be taken and must not be delayed until meetings of the Membership, Trustees, or other committees are held.

Always remember that the most basic work of the Lodge Accident Prevention Manager is to:

“Anticipate what might cause a claim and eliminate the cause”

Larry Shaver – PSP
State Insurance Chairman

Remember - - - this is *your* newsletter!
The more you send in, the better the letter!