



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

January 2007

FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER ARTHUR H FROST III

Elkdom celebrates its 139th birthday this February.

To all District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members: February is a month of celebration for the Lodge and Elkdom. This month we celebrate the 139th birthday of our Order. From the small band of men we have grown into a mighty organization solidly based in the cardinal principles of our Order-Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. We are men and women, American patriots who, by our acts and deeds, continue to prove that “Elks Care-Elks Share”.

February is also the month that our lodges select the leaders for the next lodge year. I hope that your lodge is building a strong leadership chain in which the officers move up each year. Choose officers who will lead by example. This ensures your lodge will have knowledgeable, well-trained members who have accepted the challenge of leadership and are prepared to move your lodge ahead during the coming years.

This month the lodge should select and honor the many members of the lodge who have contributed to the lodge's success. By selecting a “Citizen of the Year”, “Elk of the Year”, and “Officer of the Year” you recognize the outstanding hard work put into the lodge by these individuals. It is also time to recognize the Past Exalted Rulers for their contributions and many volunteer hours of hard work promoting the lodge and its programs.

In February we also observe President's Day, Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays and National Patriotism Week. Along with celebrating these, take time to honor your communities police, firefighters, educators, volunteers and community leaders for the job they do protecting, educating and helping our communities.

These are true American heroes who all practice and share our Elk values. The Elks are the “Enduring Legacy Kindling Service”.

Don't forget Valentines Day. Remember to tell those you care about that you love them.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT



Rushville Elks No. 1307 Hoop Shoot competition winners are (front row, left to right) Keragan Niehoff, Noah Nigh, Savannah Graham; (back row) Elks Exalted Ruler Mark Sloan, Kaley Flannery, Cameron Cox, Brayton Wood, Hoop Shoot chairman William Walker. The winners will shoot in District competition Saturday at Seymour.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

From the Southwest District

Winter finally arrived to Southern Indiana. We all really enjoyed the mild weather and now find it hard to accept the cold. But it's nice and warm in Bicknell's lodge and enough activities to keep everyone busy and warm. After a fun filled New Years Eve party, we started off with a big O'Dell's Family Birthday party. Always on Mondays is Bingo, Big Ben Night is getting bigger and the Buffet on Fridays is delicious. Lodge meetings are well attended and we initiated two new members. The officers attended the DD Clinic at Boonville and Bicknell hosted the SW District Hoop Shoot. The shooters and parents were invited back to the lodge for a spaghetti luncheon.



PER's L-R 1st row: Max Kixmiller, R.R. Willsey, Bob Willsey, Greg Risley
2nd row: Joe Singleton, Larry Branch, Ed Hagemeyer, Fred Hagemeyer, Don Pieper,
Merlin Anderson, Bob Lumbrich, Terry Perkins

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UNDER THE SPREADING ANTLERS CHAIRMAN

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We are 1 month into 2007 and need to run a checkup on how we are progressing for the final 2 months of the Lodge year. January saw us complete District Deputy Clinics, the Veteran's Remembrance Report, the local and some District Hoop Shoots. The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications are in and arrangements for annual audits should be made.

February should result in the nomination and election of officers for the new Lodge year. A Past Exalted Rulers night should be observed. We will celebrate the Birthday of our Order on Feb 16, 1868, and National Patriotism Week the 3rd week of February and the Elk of the Year; Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year will be nominated.

March brings deadlines for completion of many contests and awards programs. Elks Training Course, All American Lodge contest, Best Youth Brochure, Elks Memorial Day are due to be finished up this month. Hopefully all Lodges are entering these programs and contests. This is one way we can get the good things we, as Elks do, out to the public.

Good luck in the final months of your Lodge year.

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SARA KIXMILLER, DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Lucky Bucks Calendars Winners for 2006

December 2006

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Shan Bowers	Linton, IN	Linton #866	7076	250.00
Eddie & Kristin Farrey	Richmond, KY	Lawrenceburg 1836	1047	100.00
Elaine Irvin	Noblesville, IN	Indianapolis #13	3299	100.00
James W. Miller, Jr.	Boonville, IN	Boonville #1180	8000	100.00
William Kramer	Greensburg, IN	New Castle #484	1194	100.00
Lenell Clay	Chicago, IL	Whiting #1273	8162	250.00
Jerry Limp	Franklin, IN	Martinsville #1349	4712	100.00
Gerald Dehn	Shelbyville, MI	Angola #2398	5189	250.00
Mrs. Suzie Stotler	Jamestown, OH	Lawrenceburg 1836	3563	100.00
William Hutchens	Marion, IN	Marion #195	1176	100.00
Patricia Wooten	West Lafayette, IN	Lafayette #143	2017	250.00
Catherine Stephens	Crown Point, IN	Whiting #1273	8124	100.00

Thanks,
Bill Schaab, PSP
State Calendar Chairman

Please send any articles for next month's newsletter to:

Sara Kixmiller

Under the Spreading Antlers, State Chairman

Also any comments to my attention at <mailto:mkixmiller@charter.net>