



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

From the State President

I would like to thank the members of the Indiana Elks for giving E. I. and I the great opportunity to represent you this year. This is the greatest privilege that I have had in over 32 years of Elkdom.

For those who were at the State Convention at French Lick you had the privilege of hearing about all the great works of the Indiana Elks. The two representatives from Indiana University and Purdue University spoke on what programs our funds support in their research departments. Especially inspiring were the comments of Bob Zirkelback, a cancer survivor who had been treated at the IU cancer center.

This year the Indiana Elks need to expand our marketing, by putting forth to our members and the public the great programs of Elkdom and the good that Elks do in their community. Public awareness of what we do in our communities will equal to increased membership as more and more people become aware of the good we do and want to become part of it.

I am looking forward to visiting your Lodges sometime in the next year. If you have an upcoming event that you would like E. I. and me to be a part of, please contact us.

Congratulations to Wabash # 471 for winning the State Ritual Contest. We know that you will represent us well in Reno. "Good Luck" Your hard work will be rewarded in Reno.

To compliment the hard work of Jeff Mullendore and the Public Relations Committee I would like to find an Elk or Elks who have a background in Marketing. If you're Lodge has someone please have them contact me.

Larry Mercer publisher for the State Newsletter has been working hard on developing the email newsletter. This can only be as good as the information that is sent to Larry. If

your Lodge or Committee has something you feel that fellow Elks will be interested in please email it to Larry by the 15th of the month for the next month newsletter.

Please forward the email newsletter to all interested Elks. Larry will be working on setting up a system to forward emails to all Indiana elks with email address.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the coming months

I have had the opportunity to visit with Rushville for an initiation put on by the ritual team from New Castle who did a great job

We visited with Frankfort Saturday evening June 18th for a great meal and a mortgage burning program. It was every impressive.

Harry Smith
State President **“CHIME IN FOR ELKDOM”**

STATE DICTORY CORRECTION CHANGES

TOM McQUEARY 1st Vice President
Address: 3215 N Southampton Ridge
Everything else is ok

DATE OF THE STATE FALL MEETING

Seems to be different date floating around for Fall Convention!

Dates for Fall Convention
September 30 - Oct 2

Where: Quality Inn (was Ramada) Lebanon, IN

Marvin Buck, PSP

RITUAL FINAL REPORT 2004 - 2005

Dear Brothers/Sisters;

As I promised, here is verbatim my presentation of awards as presented Sat. evening
(Each lodge received a handout of their particular scores along with all other team comparisons)

and I also gave out copies of the results to the competition scoring judges). Therefore I am not going to list teams 4, 5,6,7,8 - their scores etc... Suffice it to say, they all did very well and represented their district admirably. I was proud of all of the competing teams. Bravo, Bravo, Bravo.

11 O'clock toast

2nd place.... Marti Tenturi (91.480)

1st place.... Rob Bishop (92.032)

Individual winners - runner-up chairs

Inner Guard.... Mike Chester - Wabash #471 (90.506)

Chaplain.... Dave Wadman - Newcastle #484 (88.995)

Lecturing Knight.... Steve Malone - Linton #866 (92.626)

Loyal KnightRon Jakacky - Ft. Wayne #155 (91.280)

Leading Knight.... Marianne Bolin - Wabash (89.691)

Esquire.... John Bednarczyk - Whiting #1273 (89.700)

Exalted Ruler.... James Muratori - Whiting #1273(88.332)

Candidate.... Butch Householder - Ft. Wayne #155 (7.000)

Coach (s).... Ed Boyle/Milo Borgetti

Individual winners - first place chairs

Inner Guard.... Bill Fraszier - New Castle #484 (90.964)

Chaplain.... Edward Boyle - Whiting #1273 (89.417)

Lecturing Knight.... Katy Stewart - Wabash #471 (92.659)

Loyal Knight.... Don Keller - Wabash #471(91.388)

Leading Knight.... Neil Kotarski - Whiting #1273 (90.137)

Esquire.... Jeff Willoughby - Greenfield #1720 (90.848)

Exalted Ruler.... Brian Rawding - Ft. Wayne #155 (90.595)

Candidate.... Sue Keller - Wabash #471 (8.000)

Coach (s).... Mike Chester/Chuck Curtis

Team awards - first three teams

3rd. Place: 92.671..... Ft. Wayne #155

2nd. Place: 92.954 ...Whiting #1273

1st. Place: 92.999.... Wabash #471

There you have it the report I turned in to the State Secretary and the one I read off on Sat. evening. Everyone have a wonderful day - Have a good one.

Wilber England State Chairman 2004-2005

Message from the Immediate Past State President

On behalf of Past First Lady, Carolyn, and myself, we want to thank all the Elks of Indiana for allowing us to serve as your Ambassadors this past year. It has truly been a wonderful, fast-paced, and personally rewarding experience that neither of us will ever forget.

We met literally thousands of wonderful people during our touring and were fortunate in being able to visit all 70 of our Indiana Lodges. Something that we took special notice of during our travels were all the beautiful County Courthouses throughout our great State. Some truly beautiful architecture. We live in a beautiful State, and Carolyn and I would encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery so close to us all.

Again - - thank you Indiana Elks! We hope we served you well.

Larry and Carolyn Shaver
Past State President and former First Lady

Insurance / Loss Control

“Slip and Falls” still continue to be the predominant type of claim filed against Indiana Lodges. This past year, out of the nine (9) reported liability claims, five (5) of them involved slip/falls. That is 55% of our loss history. Simply practicing good housekeeping measures, both inside and outside the Lodge building, could have prevented the vast majority of these slip/fall claims.

I continue to be very concerned over the number of Lodges still not purchasing Directors & Officers (or D&O) coverage. Lodge Officers must remember that there are numerous liability exposures covered under a D&O policy that are excluded under the Grand Lodge Master Liability Policy, most notably wrongful termination, membership discrimination, and sexual harassment. D&O coverage is not all that expensive.

I want to remind the Lodges that in order to keep the commercial liability premiums to a minimum, the Grand Lodge now self-insures, or retains, the first One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) of each and every liability claim. This means that before any commercial insurance comes into play, the Grand Lodge must pay out the first \$1,000,000 of each and every serious liability claim.

We all know where the Grand Lodge gets its operating money from - Lodge assessments. Therefore, it is vitally important for every Lodge to practice loss control and loss prevention on a daily basis. Every liability exposure you can lessen, or prevent, saves money for all of us!

Larry Shaver – PSP State Insurance Chairman

ALL LODGES! NO ATF Fee Required!!!

In the June, 2005, issue of the Grand Lodge Newsletter, we automatically included our usual yearly reminder that every liquor-dispensing Lodge facility should pay a \$250 Fee to the ATF. Imagine our surprise when several "early-bird" readers advised us that the ATF HAS SUSPENDED THE \$250 FEE REQUIREMENT

UNTIL JULY, 2008. Every liquor--dispensing Lodge, however, still MUST file an ANNUAL REPORT with the ATF using a special form available from your closest ATF office. Sorry to misinform everybody, but try to look at the good side: now you've got an extra \$250 in your Lodge coffers (to use for charitable purposes).

BUSINESS PRACTICE

We are nearing the end of the first quarter of the Elk year.

Have you:

1. Made a detailed review of your budget to actual performance?
2. Have you made an audit of cash transactions?
3. Have you audited bank statements versus your own income statement?

Ron Stier
Chairman State Business Practice

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We are going to compile an email address file between myself and the district chairmen and you will receive the newsletter in your email. If you know of a member that would like to receive the newsletter please forward their email address to your district chairman or to myself. At the start I hope you don't get more than one newsletter dropped in your computer but if you do I apology now. We will work hard to get things running smooth as quick as possible. My email address is LEMerc2@aol.com Please send your email address or articles in to me.

Larry Mercer
State Chairman

Message from the Indiana Elks Webmaster

I am pleased to report that two brand new sections have been added to the Indiana Elks web site. The first addition gives all Indiana Elks the ability to register online for the June State Convention; the July Grand Lodge Session; or the October Fall Conference; make a donation to our State Major Project (Cancer Research); or purchase a set of Father Cassidy's Prayer Books. Payment can be made by either credit card or by check.

Cancer Fund donations or Prayer Book purchases can be made at any time throughout the year, while conference registration is only accepted during specific time periods prior to each convention.

The second new section is a listing of Veterans' Memorial locations throughout Indiana. The list is arranged by County. This list is intended for "Veterans' Memorial" locations and not individual veteran gravesites. Many individuals enjoy traveling around our great State to visit these memorials. Because the Indiana Elks have historically strongly supported our veterans, the Indiana Elks web site is a fitting repository for this information.

If you know of a memorial location not included in the list please email the Indiana Elks Webmaster at <mailto:webmaster@indianaelks.org> with the following information - - (1) the County, (2) the name or description of the memorial, and (3) driving directions or street address to locate the memorial. Thanks for your assistance with this very worthwhile project!

Any time you discover an error on any of the pages, please notify me so it can promptly be corrected. The web site is only as valuable as the accuracy of the information posted on it.

Larry Shaver – PSP
Indiana Elks Webmaster

Hoop Shoot

Exalted Rulers, now is the time to start taking to your Hoop Shoot Chairperson to make sure that your lodge's contest is being scheduled for your lodge year. This is a very important program for our youth that must not be compromised. Last year the Elks of Indiana had 9 lodges that did not participate in the Hoop Shoot program. I will personally be contacting the Exalter Rulers from these 9 lodges to get a commitment of Hoop Shoot participation for this lodge year. My goal is to have a 100% participation, which means that the Elks of Indiana "walk the talk" as far as our youth programs. As I realize there are Indiana Elk lodges that are experiencing financial difficulties, the Hoop Shoot program is essentially cost free. The Hoop Shoot program requires getting the word out and help. Help is free and I truly believe that all Elk members are willing to support the Hoop Shoot program; they just need to be asked. Please get your Hoop Shoot programs engaged now so we can all be proud of achieving our long awaited 100 % participation in this very important youth program. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me at any time. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Tim Beissel
State Hoop Shoot Director

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

All of the members of the Southwest District want to say a big "Thank-you" to Larry & Carolyn Shaver for being our ambassadors of Indiana Elkdom this past year. What a fantastic job both of you did as our representative from the great Southwest. We wish you the best as you now look for things to do on the weekends.

The Southwest district would like to give a big pat on the back to Gary Jenkins and his wife Shirley from the Princeton lodge. They have hosted the Southwest district hospitality room for the past 16 years. They have decided to turn the reins over to Bob Willsey from the Bicknell lodge. We also add our congratulations to Gary as our new state director.

Elvis is alive!! Thanks to Wilber England for serving the state this past year as the ritual chairman. We extend our congratulations to Wabash and wish them well at the national.

At the Grand Lodge session in Reno our new DDGER will be installed. Lorrie Strait from Mt. Vernon #277 will be taking over the position as the new DDGER. We thank Gary Black of Bloomington for leading us this past year. Lorrie's first DD clinic will be held at Bloomington #446 on Saturday, August 27th at 1: PM.

The Southwest district wishes the best to Harry and E.I. Smith as they begin their year as State President and First Lady. We look forward to their visits in the most hospitable district in the state.

Yours in Elkdom,
"Mikie" Ed Hagemeyer, 7th St. V.P.

VALPARAISO ELKS 500

Last November Valparaiso Elks National Service Chairman contacted the eight nursing homes in Porter County; He received 94 names of residing men and women veterans. Along with their name included their birthdays and items they would like to revive. A board was posted at the lodge and members picked names to buy and send Christmas

gifts to. And we started a file and as their birthday rolls around they receive a card from the Lodge.

Gerald Lambe, P.D.D.G.E.R.
Lodge Chairman

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT

The Soccer Shoot program is still alive and kicking in Indiana. While participation has not been increasing, there is a core group of Lodges and Districts that continue to provide this event to our youth. The state of Indiana received a small grant from Grand Lodge to support the Soccer Shoot program this year. This was due to our small participation compared to other states. With the smaller state budget, we need as much support as possible. Increasing our numbers will get us more resources in the coming years. Please, make every effort to hold a contest this year to pump up our numbers and allotment for next year.

The calendar is set. Working backwards, the State Contest will again be at Columbus on October 22. District contests should be held shortly before that time (late September and early October). Lodge contests should be scheduled between now and the District contest.

Each Lodge received a letter from me in May outlining the program. Don't forget to use the Soccer Shoot Program Manual (if you've 'lost' your copy, let me know). Contact me if you need help or have questions that you cannot answer. Also, each Lodge should try to have someone attend the clinic on the program at the Fall Meeting in Lebanon.

I look forward to another successful year for the Soccer Shoot with the help of all the Elks of Indiana.

Edward F. Sulicz, PER Highland Lodge #981, State Soccer Shoot Director

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

- A packet containing samples of most Grand Lodge Drug Awareness materials, order form for the material and a letter which outlined many Drug Awareness

Education projects working in Indiana lodges was given to Exalted Rulers and Leading Knights attending the noon luncheon. Please review this material and share it with your lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson if not already done.

- Kids, Cars & Marijuana and Parenting pamphlets are new and revised. Please read.
- Now is the time to utilize the Drug Awareness trailer at local county fairs and other events. Please call 812-268-6022 to arrange a schedule.
- Fatal Vision goggles are available for loan or purchase and are good to help reach out to the youth.
- ElRoy the Elk Drug Awareness costume is available for your local events.
- Matching funds for qualified Drug Awareness projects (up to \$300.00) are available until I run out of funds. Please submit your plan now.
- Next month – I hope to have new information available for you after attending a (2) day training session at Grand Lodge convention. Look for the Drug Awareness booth at the convention.
- For more information call 812-268-6022, FAX 812-268-6550, E-mail dphillips@custom.net

HELLO FROM THE EAST DISTRICT

WE ARE ALL TRYING TO GET CAUGHT UP FROM THE STATE CONVENTION AT FRENCH LICK. I WAS VERY PROUD OF THE LODGE REPRESENTATION FROM OUR DISTRICT. 100% OF THE 11 LODGES ATTENDED AND ENJOYED THEMSELVES. THE SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE WAS GREAT AND WAS A GOOD ENDING TO THE WEEKEND.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO UNION CITY FOR THE OUTSTANDING PER CAPITA OF 55.55 FOR THE STATE MAJOR PROJECT CANCER RESEARCH AND THEY ONCE AGAIN TOOK HOME THE 1ST PLACE PLAQUE. WE HAD 4 LODGES IN THE TOP 20. IN ADDITION TO UNION CITY HARTFORD CITY WAS 12TH, RICHMOND WAS 13TH, AND ELWOOD WAS 20TH. UNION CITY ALSO DID A GREAT JOB IN NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONATIONS. FOR A LODGE WITH 294 MEMBERS THEY ARE AWESOME.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM FOR THE ELKS. DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN STEVE FENNIG PLANS TO HAVE SOME TRAINING SESSIONS TO HELP OUR DISTRICT DO A BETTER JOB IN GETTING NEW MEMBERS AND JUST AS IMPORTANT KEEPING THE EXISTING ONES. CURRENTLY MUNCIE, ELWOOD, AND ANDERSON RANK 2ND 3RD AND 4TH IN THE STATE IN MEMBERSHIP.

ELKDOM IS ALIVE AND WELL IN THE EAST.
FRATERNALLY JIM WARREN 2ND VP

INDIANA MEMBERSHIP

JUST A REMINDER THAT WE MUST STILL STRIVE TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP IN OUR LODGES. OUR STATE HAS 70 LODGES AND LAST YEAR ONLY 23 SHOWED AN INCREASE. LET US ALL BUILD ON THAT AND TURN OUR LOSING TREND AROUND. ALL IT TAKES IS TO “ASK SOMEONE.”

**DAN FLYNN PDD
STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

FLAGS FOR THE SCHOOL

Bloomington Indiana is opening a new school in the fall of 2005 and there was an article in the paper 2 weeks ago requesting local organizations to donate flags for the classrooms.

Dick Dunbar, ER, Gary Black, DDGER, and myself met with the school officials after getting approval from Bloomington Lodge #446 and advised the school that we will be donating 200 flags (1 for each classroom).

At this time in our country where the flag is so important to our children, we need to get all of our local lodges to contact their school boards to be sure there are classrooms with American Flags (100%).

We in Bloomington are getting involved, far behind Bluffton Lodge who has done a great job working with their local school boards insuring every classroom in their jurisdiction has an American Flag. Possibly there are other lodges in the state working on this same project.

As soon as we have the details worked out, we will get the article and pictures from the Bloomington newspaper sent to you.

John Ryan, PDDGER

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT UNDER THE SPREADING ANTLERS CHAIRMAN

S W District was well represented at the State Convention at French Lick. It also brought home lots of awards for its Lodges.

State Americanism chair John Ryan presided over an impressive Flag Day ceremony Thursday night.

The opening business session chaired by S P Larry Shaver introduced guests, the Honorable Grand Exalted Ruler James M. McQuillian, the Honorable Ray Arnold, PGER, and Father Cassidy, who gave the assembly a few enlightening words. A variety of Committee reports were presented and several awards were presented to different Lodges and individuals.

The Friday night banquet was highlighted by an address by GER McQuillian, and the \$5000. Raffle was won by a resident of Vincennes.

Saturday's meeting opened with S P Larry presiding and thanking all who have helped in any way with the success of his year as president. More awards were presented as well as State winners in Scholarships and Vocational grants. Our State project, Cancer Research, presented checks to Indiana and Purdue Universities for their research programs. Our GER McQuillian was quite impressed with our dedication to this project.

The Memorial service remembered the departed members of our Lodges.

The new State officers were sworn in, and Harry Smith of Shelbyville is our new State President and his wife, E I is our new first Lady. Representing the S W district as 7th Vice president is our own Ed Hagemeyer of Bicknell Lodge #1421, and his lovely wife Cheryl. Good Luck to Ed & Cheryl, we're behind you all the way.

FRATERNALY
SARA KIXMILLER, DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Greenfield Lodge 1720

May and June were busy months at the Greenfield Lodge. The Lodge officers participated in the ritual contest at the Elks Convention in French Lick. While the officers had hoped for a higher team finish, they were all excited that Jeff Willoughby was named the Elks State Champion for his performance as the Lodge Esquire. This was the first time the **Greenfield Lodge had participated in the ritual contest in over 40 years**. The Greenfield Officers want to thank Larry Mercer of the Alexandria Lodge and Larry Mitchell of the Indianapolis Lodge for all of the time they donated coaching the Greenfield team. Greenfield would also like to thank the officers of Franklin Lodge for providing the encouragement and inspiration that made the Greenfield Lodge officers feel they could compete. One year ago we watched Franklin compete at French Lick and were very impressed with their performance. It was then that some of the officers of the Franklin Lodge began telling the Greenfield Lodge that they should and could compete. So we owe a lot to Franklin for their encouragement. Hopefully, we can be an inspiration to some other Lodge who has not competed in several years.

In May, the Greenfield Lodge hosted its annual "Government Youth Day Program". This program matches high school seniors with local Hancock County and City of Greenfield government officials. About 20 government officials and 30 high school seniors from five local schools met at the Greenfield Lodge on the morning of May 4th. The students are paired with an official and "shadow" the local government official for part of the day. The program concluded with a meal for everyone at the Lodge. This year's key note speaker was Bob Cherry, a lobbyist with Farm Bureau and a member of the House of Representative in the Indiana State Legislature. Mr. Cherry is an Elk member and spoke to the participants about some of the recent legislation passed by the General Assembly.

The Elks Lodge hosted a Saturday morning breakfast in May as a way of raising funds. It was successful and may be continued in the future on a quarterly basis.

Dan Myers and his wife Linda helped the central district by managing one of the 500 Mile Race concessions booths for three days during the month of May.

Jordan Sirosky, the grand son of one of our members, was awarded a \$1,000 Elks Scholarship.

The Greenfield Elks Lodge will have a float in this year's Hancock County 4-H fair parade. The float will have children and/or grandchildren of local members and promote our many programs (Say no to drugs, scholarships, funds for cancer research, veterans, etc).

Dee Carmichael, PER

Lucky Bucks Calendars Winners for 2005

JANUARY

5300	Kathy Sadlowski	100.00
5721	Danny Lime,Jr	100.00
1925	Joni Walls	100.00
3930	G.H. Haseman	100.00
8031	Marcy Stewart	250.00
8495	Donna Padgett	100.00
2492	Mike Waiz	100.00
3007	Greg Sadler	100.00
5850	Diana Rowe	250.00
8050	David Williamson	100.00
8505	Scott Waltz	100.00
6680	Allen Bell	100.00
2198	Cheri Lapkiewtz	100.00
1949	Vicki DeVaux	250.00

FEBRUARY

4457	Jerry Ekamn	100.00
9334	Josephine Pahmeier	100.00
3059	Rosemarie Metheny	100.00
0175	Vanessa Deer	100.00
7168	Jerry Moore	100.00
9446	Jessica Robles	250.00
6135	Mary Karsteter	100.00
5274	Paulette Tlenhells	100.00
3884	James Zepeda	100.00
4858	Pehry Hamlund	100.00
8660	Pro-Pack Inc.	100.00

MARCH

3474	Chuck Ross	100.00
8293	Paul McCombs	100.00
2068	Ralph Schwarz	100.00
2431	Kim Debbie	100.00
5244	John McBride	100.00
1459	Susan Potter	100.00
3613	Karen Yantis	100.00
8438	Adolfo Sanchez	100.00
2194	W.G. Vance	100.00
8066	Brian Chester	250.00
7675	Carl Griffin	100.00
3623	Richard Dick	100.00
0592	Corwin Day	100.00
8384	Donnie Wooten	100.00

APRIL

2815	Roy Henderson	100.00
5197	Wayne Duke	250.00
7549	Jerry Efaw	100.00
3979	Ed Young	100.00
7539	Jeff Wilson	250.00
5673	Steve Sutton	100.00
4667	Paul Fatley	100.00
7678	Jack McCarty	100.00
4657	Ambrose BorgHetti	100.00
7670	Phil Hail	250.00
9534	Chad Wise	100.00
8822	Tom Terry	100.00

MAY

9388	Leslie Riccio	100.00
5685	Bob Flutka	100.00
8003	Donald Ryno	100.00
0445	Brandon Schultheis	250.00
0884	Sharon Castle	100.00
5635	Amy Garrison	100.00
3656	Mike Garcia	100.00
8612	Jerry Haeth	100.00
8226	Jack Uyvers	100.00
9922	Mary Barsic	250.00
2038	Wayne Venzile	100.00
4989	Gerald Wrigth	100.00
4994	William Parker	100.00
3587	Rick Bargerhuff	100.00
5613	Roger Doty	100.00

JUNE

0886	David Thompson	100.00
5980	John McAnich	100.00
2270	Sharon Dabney	250.00
8143	Maria Hylman	100.00
3767	Robert Thompson	100.00
2367	Rev. John Sciarra	100.00
2382	Phil Deardoff	100.00
3977	Marjorie Holloway	100.00
4988	K. & J. Warner	100.00
9155	Christine Lorrain	100.00
9424	Linda Chiddester	250.00
2595	David Brodkorb	100.00
7568	Lisa Musselman	100.00
5748	Louis Pruett	100.00

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

Larry Mercer

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Also any comments to my attention at: LEMerc2@aol.com