



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

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From the State President

Greetings to all members,

I have made it through the 1st month as President without tripping at least as far as I know. I would like to report that my toenails are painted red. I will explain why later in this message.

Harry Smith and I, along with our wives, E. I. and Laquata, attended the Miss Indiana Pageant. There were 27 beautiful and talented girls in the competition. We attended the preliminary competition on Wednesday and Thursday and Friday thanks to a great job by the Lebanon lodge hosting a brunch for the contestants several Elks had the opportunity to meet the girls and get to talk to them. I was so impressed with the platforms the girls had. In every case it was to help others, which fits right in with the Elks motto **ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**. They, along with their future husbands and families, are the leaders of tomorrow. I hope they become Elks in the future.

On Saturday night we went to the finals and saw Miss Ball State crowned as Miss Indiana. She will be an outstanding representative for Indiana in the Miss America contest. Harry and I presented the top 10 ladies their scholarships during the reception that followed. We gave Miss Indiana \$1,000.00, the runner up \$500.00, and the other 8 \$250.00. The nice thing about what we gave is the matching donations that are given by other organizations. For example, the \$1000.00 we gave Miss Indiana could grow to several thousand dollars more with the matching donations.

After the finals and Miss Ball State had been crowned, one of the Directors of the pageant came up to Harry and I and told us how much the pageant appreciated the support from the Elks. She thanked us not only for scholarships we give to the contestants but praised the Elks for all of the other scholarships we award. She said that she knew for a fact that there were 6 contestants of the 27 that would not have been able to go to college if it wasn't for the other Elk scholarships they had received. WOW! were we proud to be Elks, and I hope you will be proud also.

REMEMBER - THESE SCHOLARSHIPS COME FROM THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION.

Laquata and I just returned from the National convention in Charlotte. It was a great convention. Once again we combined our dinner with the Kentucky Elks. As I said, when you blend the Hoosier hospitality with the Southern hospitality of Kentucky it makes lasting friendships and memories.

Now the red toenails. I had the honor of helping coach the Greenfield Elks Ritual team. What an outstanding group of dedicated Elks. The night the state awards were presented at French Lick all of the team painted their toenails red to show solidarity. Somehow I escaped the toenail painting then but after a fantastic performance of the ritual at National I gave in and had my toenails painted also. I am proud to say that the team finished 10th in the Nation and was just a few check marks out of the top 5. Indiana can be very proud of them. Larry Mitchell was the other coach and between us along with the dedication of the team we have a foundation to work on to do even better next year.

I might add that I have been a certified ritual judge for over 18 years and I love ritual. I will be happy to go to any lodge that would like my help regardless of the distance. I know that all of the Indiana judges feel the same way. We can show you that ritual is not as hard as some think it is. It can be fun, a challenge, and brings the lodge officers closer together. CALL US.

Laquata and I are going to Greencastle to attend their 100th anniversary celebration on July 20th and 21st, and to Jeffersonville for their annual cancer golf tournament July 28th and 29th. August 3rd and 4th we have been invited to attend the Kentucky Convention at Henderson Kentucky.

PLEASE KEEP WORKING ON NATIONAL FOUNDATION. The goal this year is \$4.25 per capita. I would love to see us beat that by at least a \$1.00 and have the State at \$5.25. To do this we must have everyone's help. I know we can do it.

I said before that I bring back something special from every convention. At the National the Exalted Ruler from Lebanon, retired Army Colonel John Essex, gave me a card that said, **ENJOY LIFE - THIS IS NOT A REHEARSAL. KEEP OUR TROOPS IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.**

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL OF YOU!

Fraternally,
Jim Warren - State President

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USS New York

It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back."

The ship's motto? "Never Forget"

News from the Southeast District

The Grand Lodge Convention was fantastic. Five out of the nine Lodges in the District were represented. Quite an experience for first time attendees. Interesting business sessions in the morning with work shops and ritual in the afternoon, or tour the city of Charlotte or enjoy the hospitality room. Indiana always has a fun hospitality room, and this year was not any different.

Charles Gray from Columbus 521 was sworn in as our new District Deputy. Neal Thorstenson supported Chuck and enjoyed the convention,

Connersville 379 invited ten seniors and their parents to the Lodge for dinner and gifts. Fantastic way to show appreciation to our young people for excelling in school. Also a great way to introduce them to the Elks.

Don Pfannenstiel from Jeffersonville 362 found the convention enlightening and a tremendous amount of fun. Jeffersonville held their Golf Cancer outing on the 29th. They always bring in a lot of money for Purdue and Indiana Cancer Centers.

Madison 524 continues to bring out the best in their members and fellow Elks. Al Mendel from Plainfield Elks built new Lodge stations for Madison, absolutely gorgeous and what a gift. Join them on Friday night for dinner brought in by various members. Great way to build unity.

New Albany 270 continues to excel in Elkdom. Their golf tournament for Clothe-a-Child has brought in over \$20,000 again. Christmas for many needy children will be much brighter because of New Albany. Vicki took in the Grand Lodge experience and had a blast.

Dennis Brown, Carol and Tim Jones from Rushville 1307 found the Grand Lodge to be enlightening. They received two awards for being #2 in the nation in their Lodge size for donations to the National Foundation. Keep up the good work.

Harry and E.I. Smith, from Shelbyville #457, along with their daughter Trudy, made an appearance at the convention. A lot more fun as a Past State President, no responsibilities, just fun.

State President Jim Warren carried Indiana's flag during the opening ceremonies and was quite busy with various functions.

Fraternally,
John W. Sauer
State Vice President

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

I had the great honor of carrying and presenting the Coast Guard Flag in opening ceremony of the Elks Grand Lodge in Charlotte, NC.

Indiana Elks State President Jim Warren carried and presented the Indiana State Flag.



Here is a pic of the two of us.

The pride we both felt representing the Indiana Elks was beyond words. I thought it would be great to be an honor to the military by carrying a Flag, but not till it was over and I looked at the 6,000 plus attending the event that I realized how special it was. I thank all that has supported me in all the things I do. I did not serve in the military, but I serve as a good American, and showing my respect for the men and women that have served is a great way of showing I am a good American and Elk.

God Bless America and all my Friends,

John Barnes ER Bluffton Elks 796

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Hello, all Indiana Elks. What a wonderful time we had in Charlotte, NC. The National convention was a really fun time of getting reacquainted with old friends and making new ones. Our hotel was really far away from the convention center, so a lot of time was spent in the hospitality room getting to know our Indiana Elks and meeting those from Kentucky, Oregon, and Idaho. It's amazing how much we all have in common. Those from Bicknell attending were 5th VP Ed & Cheryl Hagemeyer, and ER Sara & Max Kixmiller. Bicknell Lodge was again presented a plaque for the Best Youth Activities program for the state of Indiana.



Pictured is ER Sara Kixmiller and Thomas Biggs presenting plaque.

Thank you members for all your help on these projects. Our lodge has been the location of several wedding receptions, and class reunions this month. We have the honor of having the father of Miss Knox County Fair Queen Kristin Singleton, as a member of our lodge, Jay Singleton. Is he ever proud? Good Luck Kristin at the State Fair queen contest.

Congratulations to our new DD Richard Dunbar, of Bloomington. Also, our New Grand Exalted Ruler Louis Sulsberger, of Flora, IL lodge #1659 is practically a neighbor of ours. Flora is only about 50 miles west of Vincennes.

Princeton has had a very busy month or two. They had a very successful golf scramble the first part of June and a car show with the proceeds going to the family of the Wright Quintuplets. They are planning another one in July for CJ'S Bus project. CJ was the son of Kathryn Martin of Evansville, and he was killed in the November tornado.

We also had a car wash on the parking lot on July 7th with proceeds going to Dollars for Collars. The Gibson County Sheriffs Department is in the process of getting a new drug dog as the old one is being retired because of health reasons.

ER Debbie Austill, and husband Jim, attended the National Convention in Charlotte.

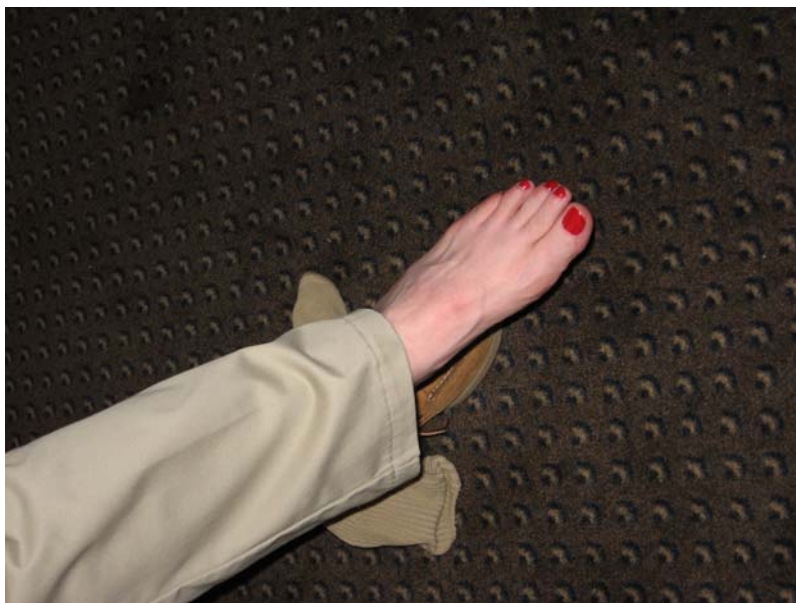
Bloomington lodge is in full support of Richard (Dick) Dunbar, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Southwest District.

I had the honor to be sworn into office at Charlotte. I am from Bloomington Lodge #446 and my lovely wife is Karra. I am starting my term with the first clinic to be held at Bicknell Lodge on Aug 25th. I have sent out my visitation schedule to each of the lodges. I want to assure you that I am at your disposal to assist you and your lodge in any way and at any time. Please put me on your mailing list for lodge bulletins.

Vincennes lodge is giving full support to "Think Pink- A Day On the Links". This event is being held as part of the Susan G Komen Foundation benefit to fight against breast cancer. It will be held on Saturday Aug 4th at the Elks Country Club in Vincennes. ER Mike Hills and Lea Ann attended the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte.

Just a few highlights about things going on around in the state:

It was a rumor, something about if the state president really wanted to support Indiana's ritual team at the National, he should paint his toenails red! Greenfield's team did a real good job in the contest, could it be because the past State President Tommy McCreary and current State President Jim Warren both had red toenails? Take a look at Tommy's toes.



Congratulations to SP Jim Warren for presenting Indiana's flag with such grace. It was a very impressive opening night ceremony. Adding to that fact was the inclusion of the MIA Flag and all the service flags with Indiana's John Barnes carrying the Coast Guard flag.

As always, Indiana's hospitality room was the place to be. We had overflowing crowds all the time we were open. Thanks to our lovely First Lady Laquata Warren, Chuck & Elaine Curtis and Mike & Sandy Chester and Don & Ruth Schoeff for a job well done.

NEWS FROM THE WEST DISTRICT



Congratulations to Greencastle Lodge# 1077 on their 100th Anniversary, which was July 21st. Shown are State President Jim Warren presenting ER Matt Helm and 2nd Vice-President Scott Lewis with a Special Citation plaque.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



Pictured (Left to Right):

Carrie Gates, Camp Whitley Board President, Phyllis Gates, Exalted Ruler; Columbia City Elks Lodge #1417, and Tara Brandon, Camp Director.

Camp Whitley receives Grant from Columbia City Elks Lodge #1417

The Columbia City Indiana Elk Lodge #1417, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, awarded a "Gratitude Grant" to Camp Whitley. This Grant allowed a local child to attend camp that, do to reasons beyond their control, could not have. The "Gratitude Grant" is available to the Local Elks Lodges through the Elks National Foundation. The Elks National Foundation is a permanent fund that annually gives over 3 million dollars in college scholarships, and donates to many other youth programs. The Columbia City Lodge secured this Grant by reaching their Elks National Foundation goal for the year as set by the Grand Exalted Ruler. This Grant is to be used by the local lodges to "Make a Difference" in their community. The Columbia City Elks Lodge #1417 has supported Camp Whitley over the years, as well as many other youth activities.

For more information regarding the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, please visit our web page at: <http://www.elks.org>

Business Practices

I have been asked by some PSP's that I provide a copy of my Business Practices report that I presented at French Lick to all the lodges in the state. Email your request to receive your copy.

Thanks, Bill Zywicki, P.D.D.

State Chairman - Business Practices bz@magpro.net

Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2007

June - 2007

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Jeff Bolinger	Greentown, IN	Kokomo #190	0886	100.00
Steve Forbes	Frankfort, KY	Jeffersonville #362	8295	100.00
Linda Killian	West Lafayette, IN	Lafayette #143	9869	100.00
Robert P. Murphy	Larwill, IN	Columbia City 1417	9645	100.00
Jessica Biggs	Chandler, IN	Boonville #1180	0462	100.00
Louisa Hamilton	Alexandria, IN	Alexandria #478	0135	100.00
John Gee	Kokomo, IN	Kokomo #190	9330	250.00
Bernie Kincaid	Conyers, GA	Marion #195	3853	100.00
Jerry Stevenson	Crawfordsville, IN	Crawfordsville#483	8867	100.00
Mark Maupin	Walton, IN	Logansport #66	5384	100.00
John Frazier	Rockville, IN	Rockville #2471	7075	100.00
William Ratliff	Greenfield, IN	Greenfield #1720	9246	250.00

Thanks, Bill Schaab, PSP State Calendar Chairman

It is my sad duty to inform you Mike Manning passed away last night after being in hospice for a week. He never fully recovered from his coronary by-pass surgery of February 2006.

As most of you know, Mike was an avid Elk who lived and loved the Elks principals of Charity, Justice, Fidelity and Brotherly Love. He will long be remembered for his untiring devotion to both the Elks and to veterans all across the country.

Mike formed many friendships over the years and his passing will no doubt leave an ache in our hearts that will take some time to heal.

Condolences can be sent to his family in care of Loretta Martinez in this office. Memorial donations may be made to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission or the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation.

Jack M. Jensen, Grand Secretary

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

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