



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

From the State President September 2005

With the end of summer and the coming of the fall season, your members should have their kids back in school and vacations basically over. Activities in your Lodges should see an upturn. Now is the time to be putting plans in place for a strong and activity filled fall.

Your Youth Committee should be well along with the Soccer Kick plans and starting to think about Hoop Shoot. With the kids back in school Scholarship and Essay contests are just around the corner.

Fall means District and State Conventions are quickly coming up. The State convention will be October 1 and 2. Saturday October 1 will be a day of break out training meeting for Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen with a banquet and entertainment in the evening. Sunday October 2 will be a regularly scheduled business meeting starting at 8:00 A.M. Your Lodge is strongly urged to send as many officers and committee people as possible as this will be an excellent time to learn more about the workings of Elkdom.

To continue to fulfill our pledge that Elks will not forget our Veterans, on Sunday September 11, the Lodges in the Northwest will be sponsoring a Cookout and Bingo for the veterans at the Lafayette Veterans Hospital. If you would like to join us, in showing our appreciation to our Veterans, please considering joining the Northwest that Sunday starting at 10:00 A.M. Call Robert Jansen or Don Fassnacht for details

E. I. and I had the opportunity to help Highland Lodge celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Congratulations to Highland for 100 years of dedication to Elkdom and continuing success in the years to come. Another highlight of August was the State Golf Outing at Richmond with the proceeds going to Scholarships. Later in August after writing this article, we are planning visits to Franklin, Martinsville, Elwood and Kokomo.

Princeton Lodge # 634 has been recognized for their project of shipping needed items to our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. The items are sorely needed. If your Lodge would like to help our troops please contact Princeton for details.

Lucky Bucks Calendars should have been distributed at your August DD meeting. They are a great way to make a few dollars for your Lodge. \$6.00 stays with your Lodge from each calendar sold.

Up coming visits by the State President in September will include:
Saturday Sept 10 Lafayette Lodge
Sunday September 11, Lafayette Veterans Hospital.

Friday September 16 Madison for the Marlinairs.
Saturday September 17 New Albany for the Classics.
September 30 State Convention at Lebanon.

If your Lodge has an activity you would like your State President to attend please contact me and if at all possible E. I. and I will schedule it in our travels.

Committee Chairman and Lodge remember to send Larry Mercer information for the State Newsletter by the 15/20 of each month. We continue to work on e-mail addresses. Those of you who are receiving please forward to other Elks.

Harry Smith – State President

**INDIANA ELKS FALL CONVENTION – 2005
QUALITY INN – LEBANON INDIANA**

***DINNER RESERVATIONS – SATURDAY OCTOBER 1st**

NAME (S)		
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
LODGE & NUMBER	DISTRICT	

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***DINNER TICKETS - \$20.00 PER PERSON**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS
SEPTEMBER 26th – NO EXCEPTIONS**

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for _____ *dinner tickets @ \$20.00 each

Complete line above for check or credit card use
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Make check payable to: INDIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION

MAIL TO: Marvin Buck, 908 Maple Drive, Rockville, IN 47872

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CREDIT CARD
VISA OR MASTER CARD ONLY

NAME ON CARD		
VISA CARD NUMBER		EXP /
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Purchase online: www.indianaelks.org

People wanting to sit together must send reservations in together. All seating will be assigned.

SOCIAL HOUR 6-7 P.M. DINNER 7:00 P.M.

**FALL CONVENTION
INDIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Time	Committee and Person(s) Presiding	Place
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Friday, September 30, 2005

8:30 p.m.	Past State President's Meeting, Mayo Sanders, Presiding	Lebanon Room
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Saturday, October 1, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Exalted Rulers, President Harry Smith, Presiding	Ballroom B
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Hoop Shoot, Tim Beissel, Presiding	Ballroom B
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Government Relations, Larry Litsey, Presiding	Indiana Room
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Business Practice, Ron Stier, Presiding	Ballroom A
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	State Officers and Directors, President Harry Smith, Presiding	Ballroom C
10:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	Ritual, Wayne Fessel & Jim Warren, Presiding	Ballroom B
10:00 a.m.– 11:00 am	National Foundation, Bob Tucker and Tony Fisher, Presiding	Ballroom A
10:00 a.m.– 11:00 am	Americanism, John Ryan, Presiding	Ballroom C
10:00 a.m.– 11:00 am	Membership/Lapsation, Dan Flynn Presiding	Indiana Room
10:00 a.m.– noon	Lodge Secretaries, John Ashburn, Presiding	Lebanon Room
11:00 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.	Drug Awareness, Dale Phillips, Presiding	Ballroom C

Lunch In Atrium

12:30 p.m.– 2:00 p.m	Directors Meeting, Larry Litsey, Presiding	Indiana Room
1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m	National Service, Robert Jansen, Presiding	Ballroom C
1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m	Scholarship, Louis Rowland, Presiding	Ballroom B
1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m	Indoctrination & Officer Training Wilber England, Presiding	Indiana Room
1:30 p.m.– 2:30 p.m	Inter Lodge/Lodge Act., Jim Coughlin & Vickie Champ, Presiding	Ballroom A
2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m	Laws & Judiciary, Robert Bishop, Presiding	Ballroom A
2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m	Youth Activities/Soccer, Gary Jenkins & Ed Sulicz, Presiding	Ballroom C
2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m	Under Spreading Antlers, Larry Mercer, Presiding	Boone Room
2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m	Major Project, Joe Erp, PSP, Presiding	Ballroom B
2:30 p.m.– 3:30 p.m	Public Relations, Jeff Mullendore, Presiding	Indiana Room

Cash bar 6:00 p.m. (Atrium) – Dinner 7:00 p.m. (Ballroom A-B-C)

Elks Soccer Shoot

There seem to be two items that are requested from me over and over.

Number 1 is ‘Where do I get information of the Soccer Shoot?’ This puzzles me greatly. That’s because every Lodge should have a copy of the program manual for the Soccer Shoot. Revised versions were sent to every Lodge in the State within the last two years. If your Lodge doesn’t have a copy, where did it go? Does a past Lodge Soccer Shoot Director have it in his possession? If so, reclaim it. If it’s still missing, order another from Grand Lodge. They are available on request. New copies should have any rules revisions. It also has diagrams for constructing goals, contest rules and procedures, and

registration and scoring forms. It should answer the bulk of your questions. Please, use it.

Number two is “What happens if my champion can’t attend the next level of the competition?” The answer is to send an alternate. Just go down the list by scores until you can get a commitment. I already know the follow-up question is “What happens if I run out of contestants, and still don’t have a commitment? At that point, unfortunately you’re out of options for that age/gender group. I’m sure that we all realize that there will be schedule conflicts. In these busy times, all we can do is pick a time and location and hope for the best. In my five years as State Director, I have never had a full complement of contestants at the State Contest. I presume that will continue to be the case. But, please, make every effort to make **reasonable** allowances at your contests to maximize participation.

Again, don’t forget to plan on attending the clinic at the Lebanon if you are involved in the program at the Lodge or District level. I hope to see a large group at the State Contest in Columbus on October 22.

Keep supporting the Soccer Shoot.

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

FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Here's the latest. This has been a busy summer for Southwest District. Starting with Washington #933 having an open house week the last of July, with Bloomington and Bicknell groups joining them.

DDGER Lorrie Strait, of Mt Vernon #277, is getting everything ready to start her first clinic and visitations.

Bicknell #1421 has been busy also, by hosting a Drug Awareness Swim Party. There were about 70 kids, parents, grandparents a splishin' and a splashin', eating hot dogs & coneys, chips and cooling off with donate soda. Fatal Vision goggle activities were tried by all ages of guests and each received new drug awareness literature packs.

Bicknell also hosted a luau on Aug 13th, with the revenues going to support the district hospitality room. Very delicious roast hog menu with all the fixins' were served to guests from Bedford, Mt Vernon, Princeton, Vincennes, and Bicknell members in a very beautiful Hawaiian setting. Games and Karaoke was enjoyed by all.

Sara Kixmiller

KATRINA ELKS DISASTER RELIEF

Per a GER Jim Grillo letter sent 9/1/5, because the devastation covers 4 states, relief will be handled through the Chicago headquarters. Send donations (checks made out to: Hurricane Katrina Elks Disaster Relief Fund) to BPOE Emergency Charity Fund, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-1889. Pass it on.

Michael J. Kelly, Dir. of Publications & Asst. to Grand Secy., BPOE HQ, Chicago

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago IL 60614

Contact: Elks Media Relations
pr@elks.org

September 1, 2005

BPO Elks Pledges Aid to Victims of Hurricane Katrina

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS-With numerous counties in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina, which slammed the state on August 29th, taking thousands of lives and making hundreds of thousands homeless, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A. has pledged its assistance to hard-hit hurricane victims.

The hurricane, which pounded the city of New Orleans with particular ferocity and 145-mph winds, was the worst storm to hit the continental United States since Hurricane Andrew devastated Florida in 1992. It was the most powerful storm ever to slam New Orleans and the first direct hit on the city in 40 years. A massive evacuation of the city has begun in the wake of what may prove to be the deadliest natural disaster in the United States in at least a century.

Louis James Grillo, the national president of the BPO Elks, has asked the more than 1 million members of the Elks nationwide to lead the way in offering disaster relief.

To aid in this effort, a fund has been established by the BPO Elks Grand Lodge to assist those individuals and families who have experienced the devastating effects of the hurricane. Checks made payable to the Hurricane Katrina Elks Disaster Relief Fund should be sent to:

Hurricane Katrina Elks Disaster Relief Fund
2750 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614-1889

Though best known for its many patriotic and philanthropic programs, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has helped the victims of major disasters

since 1871. In times of greatest need--from the Great Chicago Fire to the recent Florida hurricanes--the BPO Elks of the U.S.A. has been there to lend a helping hand to ease the burden for disaster victims. In this way the Elks live up to their motto, Elks Care-Elks Share.

Indiana Elks Association Drug Awareness Program --

- 1.) The Grand Lodge web site at www.elks.org has lots of material on drug awareness.
- 2.) The National Drug Awareness program has created "Playing Card Decks" with a question related to drug awareness on each card in the deck and the answer printed on the card. It is a real way to get the message out to the youth or adults about the ill effects of drugs. I will have these decks of cards available at the fall meeting.
- 3.) As a lodge chairman, you can request drug awareness material to be sent to you so that you can fill requests for materials in your community. Please respond to me if you wish material to be sent to you for this purpose.
- 4.) I will be doing a training program at the fall meeting. Please look at the schedule that will be sent out to each lodge by the State Association for the times. Please try to attend this Saturday morning session at the fall meeting.
- 5.) October is Red Ribbon month. Please encourage local schools in your district and do a program the 3rd week of October. I will have ribbons, drug awareness tapes, and other materials related to Red Ribbon Week available. Ribbons cost about \$65.00 per 1000 but I will match lodge funds spent on the project up to \$300.00 as long as my funds last. (The lodge will need to send a letter to me stating how funds will be spent for approval.)
- 6.) Don't forget the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer is a great way to market the Drug Awareness Program.
- 7.) Please E-mail, Fax or phone your District Drug Awareness Chairman or me if you have questions or need help. E-mail and phone numbers are in the State Directory which you should have available in your lodge.
- 8.) School is starting, so now is the time for your lodge chairmen to make contacts with the schools with a packet of our material.
- 9.) All ER's and Leading Knights were given packets at the State Meeting and your Lodge Secretary has the DAP 125 manual in his office or it can be down loaded from the Grand Lodge web site.
- 10.) Please E-mail me back a note as to any activity that you have been involved in this summer. dphillips@custom.net

Thanks, --Dale S. Phillips-- State Drug Awareness Chairman

THANK YOU

To all the wonderful Elks of Indiana for your prayers, donations, flowers and many kind words, from Mike and the whole Kelly Family.

MIKEY & KARYN- A FANTASY

Once upon a time in a land faraway (which we'll call "Chicago" for want of a better name), a young turtle (named "Mikey" for want of a better name) dwelt among the concrete towers and teeming streets while his eager mind was being tutored in grandiose thoughts, in ancient languages, in philosophy and complex equations, and felt reasonably content (although occasionally he might hear faint whispers coming from somewhere deep inside his shell, about the absence of friendship, beauty, joy and purpose). But for the most part his durable shell protected him from such idle intrusions, and his life plodded on, safely, smoothly and with well-planned and boring regularity, unaware that the powers above had chosen him as their plaything in cosmic jest.

One otherwise insignificant evening at social gathering, his gaze distractedly swept the crowd- WAIT! He caught sight across the room of a glittering and graceful creature- and this vision immediately enraptured and unraveled his sensible, analytical heart. Unable to intrude into the circle of admirers around her (who were understandably VERY unwilling to share), she evaded him that night. Later, feverish inquiry brought forth that he had beheld no less than the Queen of the Fireflies (or the lovely "Karyn" for want of a- oh, never mind), who for a short interlude had whimsically ventured into his cold city, far from her customary green fields, azure skies and glittering lakes. Playfully, the heavens teased him with several chance encounters of brief duration, but only tolerant amusement rippled in her smile as he bumblingly attempted to boast of his magnificent concepts, his intricate theories, and inevitably would she mysteriously flutter away, cloaked in rainbow beams and silvery laughter. After the latest in a series of such failures, he had withdrawn into his shell, in despair of making her see the depth of his love and from the depths of his being echoed bitter sobs, flowing out onto the night's breezes. The carapace which had been his protector had become his green prison.

I need not have to tell you that, on all the planet there is no more active and efficient gossip network than that of the Fireflies (you'll see them even tonight- be careful what you say), and his sad plight was soon carried to the ear of one of the Queen's attendants who took pity. The next morning as he peered out of his shell, he beheld a dew-bejeweled spider's web among whose intricate strands were woven the directions on where and when he might chance upon Queen Karyn in her daily travels, and he dashed out on his new mission. We won't belabor you with details of the days and weeks of sometimes spirited courtship that had to occur before these two opposites began to look upon each other with favor, but ultimately love sprang into being and they were wed. The succeeding years brought them joy, children, travel and grandchildren in a tumbling madcap romp through city and countryside.

And where, you well may ask, is this "cosmic jest" of which we previously spoke? Jest indeed.

Among the creatures of Earth, those having almost legendary longevity are the slow-moving and serene turtles and tortoises who often live beyond a century. And at the tiniest end of the biological time clock we find the butterflies, fireflies, dragonflies and other beings cloaked in gossamer and magic, whose flamboyant life spans under the transit of the sun and stars are the

briefest in duration. That two souls of such diversity should have dared to share the gift of love foredoomed them to inevitable and imminent separation.

And so it came to pass that all too soon Karyn's light dimmed and winked out, and she was no more. Mikey our turtle was left to walk on alone, before him the unrolling decades and endless horizons. True, those around him might savor their joys over a greater span and look at him with pity, but even in this had the "jest" had been bested. The pages of history swim with the names of millions who lived in the ordinary, but only Mikey's heart had been enchanted by Karyn, the Queen of the Fireflies. Who could ask for more? Not Mikey.

The Troop Box Program

The Princeton Elks Lodge started the troop box program in November of 2004. Then ER Jon Fowler saw an article in the Evansville paper about a family in Newburgh, Indiana who were sending boxes to our troops. The family said they would pay the shipping for anything that was given them for sending to the troops. ER Fowler contacted them and was directed to the website, <http://www.anysoldier.com/>, as a means to get names and mailing information for troops overseas.

By December 6th, the Princeton Lodge had sent over 1750 pounds of troop specific materials as well as 51 large Tyvek mailers of cards and letters of support. Many of the cards were made by children in the Gibson County school system as well as from Elks and their families and friends. The program stepped up a notch when they learned of an Air Force group taking care of an orphanage, a school and an OB hospital. Inner Guard Kathi Fowler (now ER), made an appeal to members for items requested from them and the project kept rolling.

To date the Lodge has sent over one ton of items and has been recognized three times by Mission Afghanistan for their work. Item sent have varied from soap to shampoo, toilet paper to tampons, batteries to flashlights, safety glasses to gloves. Hand held electronic games, cards, writing materials, microwave popcorn, candy, chips, crackers, eye wash, baby wipes, the list goes on and on.

The Lodge has spent nearly \$3,000.00 on postage with not one penny coming from their treasury. The donations have been tremendous from both Elks and the citizens of Gibson County. They have received cards, letters and emails from the recipients of the boxes and have no intention of stopping. The program has been renamed the 634th EMSL (Elks Military Supply Lodge), with the motto, "We send a bit of home to our military. What they want, what they need.....it's what we do!"

The Princeton Lodge is gearing up for another major collection for the holiday boxes at this time. They have also posted the information on their VHP in hopes that other Lodges will become involved in this worthwhile and very easy project.

They recently stepped up and helped Beanies for Baghdad, a nationwide service program, who was in need of help getting boxes sent to Iraq. That program could not get any help in a community of over 100,000 people. The Princeton Lodge moved in and paid the shipping for the boxes they had waiting.

If you want any further information, you can contact us at kjfowler@direcway.com or by phone at 812-385-5308.

In Elkdom,
Jon Fowler, Lodge Secretary, Project Chair, 634th EMSL
Kathi Fowler, Exalted Ruler

MUNCIE ELKS # 245

Charles McNaughton turned 100 years old on September 15th; He is the oldest living Muncie Elk's member. He played a couple of holes of golf on his birthday and when he was 80 he shot a round of a par 72. He is well respected in the community, Retired as Director of placement at Ball State University. He was given a party at the Elks and was awarded a free Life membership. Showing "Elks Care Elks Share". A framed special certificate was sent from Grand Lodge, recognizing his 100th birthday. The certificate was signed by Grand Exalted Ruler Louis J. Grillo and Grand Secretary Jack Jensen

ALEXANDRIA ELKS 478

September 17th we are having a hog roast proceeds will go to charity. Tim Kettery is putting this on for the lodge. Tickets are \$ 10.00 per person their will be a DJ to listen to, and dance. The dinner will start at 5:30 if you would like to attend please call the lodge to make revelations before that date. Lodge number 765-724-7441 or Larry Mercer 765-425-3486

MARK YOUR STATE DIRECTORY

The home phone number for PSP, Gene Milliron on page # 62 is wrong the correct number is 317-786-0872 his fax # 317-786-3672 was correct. His email gmilliron@sbcglobal.net

Thank You.

That's all for this month!