



# Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

## From the State President

Exalted Rulers  
Indiana Elks Association

As most of you should know by know that Madison Lodge #524 burned a few weeks ago. There have been many calls from lodges in Indiana and across the country on how to help them. Madison lost everything, but a few items in the basement.

An account has been set up by State Treasurer Roger Kraese to receive monetary donations. If your lodge has the desire to help, please make your checks out to "Indiana Elks Charities, Inc.", and at the bottom write Madison Elks.

Please mail the donation to the attention of:  
Roger Kraese, Treasurer  
Indiana Elks Association  
815 Eddington Ct.  
Bloomington, IN 47401-8625

This could happen to any of us at any time and I would hope that the Indiana Elks would stand up to help one of our own lodges.

Tommy McQueary  
State President

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## **A call to all Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries and State Membership Chairmen:**

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Lodge year, in membership terms, is 50% over. I ask you to be truthful. Can you answer each of these questions positively?

- 1. Has your Membership Control Committee taken an active role in your Lodge?*
- 2. Has the Lapsation sub-committee started making personal contact with the delinquent Members of your Lodge?*
- 3. Does the Membership, Lodge Activities, and Community Welfare Committees plan and work together to promote activities?*
- 4. Does the Lodge indoctrinate new Members thoroughly?*
- 5. Are the charitable works performed by the Lodge and promoted within the community?*
- 6. What is the perception of the Lodge in the community? Is it Positive or Negative?*

By answering yes to the above questions, the Lodge, quite possibly, could show a membership gain for the year. On the contrary, any negative response will have a detrimental effect on all aspects of the Lodge and should be dealt with immediately.

Membership is the most important facet of our organization. It is also the most neglected. Now is the time. **WE MUST STEP FORWARD AND BE LEADERS.**

I challenge each of you:

- To show a positive attitude; promote participation;
- Share a smile and take your Lodge programs to the next level.

Success will not be far behind. With a little work, each of you can make the difference in achieving our goal of showing a membership gain for the 2006-07 fraternal year.

I know that you are up to the challenge!

A membership gain is imminent.

Bryan Klatt  
Grand Lodge Membership Committee - Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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## **ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **VETERAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Our veterans who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms and allow us to live the American dream continue to need our help. Elks and spouses have volunteered many hours of service to help improve the daily lives of our veterans. They visit the VA medical centers and veterans' nursing homes, aid veterans within our communities, and unselfishly give freely of their time.



Combined Total	11,043
Hours Donated:	
Elks	72,906
Helpers	29,975
Total Combined Hours	102,881
Cash Value of Donated Hours*	\$ 1,855,973.00
Miles Traveled:	
Elks	249,422
Helpers	<u>85,054</u>
Total Combined Miles	334,476
Cash Value of Miles traveled**	\$150,514.00
Contributions:	
Cash	\$110,340.00
Non-Cash	332,734.00
Hours Worked	1,855,973.00
Miles Traveled	150,514.00
Total Contributions	\$ 2,449,561.00

\*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$18.04 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

\*\*Mileage computed at \$.45 per mile.

*"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"*

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To All State Committee Chairmen:

Please remember to have a typed copy of your report to give to the State Secretary or the reporter at the convention

It will be very helpful if you could provide me with an electronic file of your report in addition to the printed one. I would prefer your Microsoft WORD files or other files that are readable by MS

WORD to be e-mailed; but new 3-1/2" floppy disk or CDROM media should be OK. Thank you for your cooperative efforts. This will result in substantial savings for your association.

Richard Vereb, Secretary  
Indiana Elks Association

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#### Elks Soccer Shoot

The Elks soccer season is in full swing. Lodges in my district have held their contests, and our District contest was last weekend. The same thing should be happening throughout the state. Please, make sure that you forward your winners' information to your District Soccer Shoot Director. Also, don't forget to include your participation numbers broken down by age and gender. They, in turn, will forward these numbers to me. These figures determine our supplemental grant from the GL Youth Activities committee. The greater the number, the more monies we'll receive to continue the program. We just received our monies from last year, and they help to keep our state budget sufficient to run the contest.

The state contest is scheduled for Hobart on October 14, with registration starting at 10 a.m. Details will be sent to the District Directors shortly. Please, contact them for this information. As a last resort, you may contact me. But, if I don't know what's happening in your District, I can't guarantee your contestants a place in the State contest. So, make sure that I get the names and number of family members attending.

Again, plan on attending the clinic at the Lebanon if you are involved in the program at the Lodge or District level. That's the place to get advice and assistance and compare ideas. I hope to see a large group there on Saturday afternoon October 7.

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

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#### NEWS FROM THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Madison #524

Summers go by so quickly. Now is the time to prepare for the Fall State convention in Lebanon. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Most of you probably know by now that the Madison Lodge had a fire, the pictures looked devastating. The good news is that no one was injured and that the building can be salvaged. There has been numerous committees' set up to explore every possibility of putting their Lodge back together. When they begin rebuilding, there is much that we might be able to do for the Madison Lodge.

Please keep that in mind when you clean or organize your Lodge. The Elks organization is like an extended family. There is something each one of us can do to help. You may contact the ER Trevor Lytle or me.

Fraternally John W. Sauer  
State Vice President

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## NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

### Bloomington #446

As the nation prepares for the 5th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, certain memories come into our minds ... the steel remnants of the World Trade Center towers that bent but did not fall, the tears of the families of the missing, and the photograph of three firefighters raising the American flag in the midst of chaos.



When we look at this photograph, we feel the pain of that day all over again.

We, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bloomington Elks Lodge #446, would like to present to the Bloomington Fire Department this framed picture of your Firefighters depicting the raising of the American flag at the World Trade Center Site.

Thank you to all the Bloomington firefighters for your dedicated duty to protecting us all from harm.



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Princeton #634

Collecting for Veterans

PER Don Parker is heading up collections to take to the VA Clinic in Evansville. Items will be distributed to veterans in VA hospitals. We will collect the following items – and any others you can think of -- through December: Canned foods, toiletries, socks, gloves and hats. Just drop off your items at the Elks. We will have a box out. Or drop off a check with “Veterans” on the memo line and we will buy the supplies, causing less stress on you!

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Bicknell #1421

Starting with the Labor Day weekend, Bicknell has been very busy. We had great dinner crowds and class reunions over the weekend as well as our Flag Ladies representing our Lodge, and men banner carriers, for Labor Day.

We held our local Soccer shoot and hosted the District shoot at our shelter house. Our district needs to work hard on getting youth to participate in the local shoot as there was only one lodge in the district to hold a contest. We have four youth representing Bicknell at the State Shoot. Colton Reed of Washington, Ryan Reedy of Freelandville, Abby Yochum of Bicknell, and Katie Kixmiller of Bruceville were winners.

The State Shoot will be held on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at Hobart, IN.

Bedford brought the Traveling Gavel to Bicknell on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Bicknell took it to Princeton on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We had five members travel to Princeton.

We are looking forward to hosting the State President Tom McQueary and First Lady Francis on the 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be having a Chinese Auction of theme baskets with the proceeds going to the State Project Cancer Research.



### ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 22-28

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

- For more information call 812-268-6022, FAX 812-268-6550,
- E-mail [dphillips@custom.net](mailto:dphillips@custom.net)

## Lucky Bucks Calendars Winners for 2006

**August 2006**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b>	<b>LODGE</b>	<b>CALENDAR NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
George Satterfield	Bluffton, IN	Bluffton #796	0069	100.00
Jerry Phillips	Chandler, IN	Boonville #1180	0335	100.00
Quinton Hunter	Fort Wayne, IN	Decatur #993	7552	100.00
Pat McGrady	New Castle, IN	New Castle #484	8711	100.00
Paul Breeze	New Harmony, IN	Mt. Vernon #277	7930	100.00
Lori Urton	Terre Haute, IN	Terre Haute #86	2162	100.00
Mary Strickland	Clinton, IN	Rockville #2471	7105	100.00

Keith Ford	Lawrenceville, IL	Vincennes #291	2956	100.00
Dick Davis	Noblesville, IN	Noblesville #576	2255	250.00
Crystal Couch	Lafayette, IN	Lafayette #143	9523	100.00
Shanon E. Lusher	Kokomo, IN	Kokomo #190	3350	100.00
Beth Wolford	Plainville, IN	Washington #933	3041	100.00
Jodi Kramer	Marion, IN	Marion #195	8734	100.00
John F. Hammel	Angola, IN	Angola #2398	2709	100.00
Cheryl Burton	Bloomington, IN	Bloomington #446	5345	100.00

Thanks,  
 Bill Schaab, PSP  
 State Calendar Chairman

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

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 206 Henry Street  
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 Freelandville, IN 47535

Under the Spreading Antlers, State Chairman  
 Also any comments to my attention at <mailto:mkixmiller@charter.net>