



# Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

## Message from the State President

Hello to everyone. I hope those of you that attended the Fall State Convention had a good time and are rested and ready for the next time we can all get together for Elk fellowship.

I have been very busy since my last message. We attended the 50th wedding anniversary party for our good friends Jerry and Jean Abram. Linton lodge did a great job and help make it a night to remember for Jerry and Jean. Our Jeffersonville friends, Wayne and Barb Fessel, had a 70th birthday party for Wayne and his lodge also did a great job.

Kokomo had their annual picnic and put on a great party with outstanding food. I went back for seconds, as did many others. I even took home a doggy bag and I do not even have a dog. Guess who ate it? Bow Wow.

In September Lebanon hosted the annual judges recertification. There were judges and potential judges from Michigan, Kentucky, and Indiana. State Chairman Wilber England and Don Huguenard did a great job putting the meeting together. Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman Eric Mulholland explained the latest changes in the ritual, which are few and made the decision on who would get a judges card based on the test results. We are sorry to say that this is Ric's last year as Chairman. The rumor is that he may be appointed as a Grand Lodge Trustee. Our thanks go out to Ric for all of the years he has been a friend to Indiana. We will miss him.

On September 17th Bob Jansen, Don Fassnacht, and myself went to the Louisville Veterans Hospital and made a donation of \$1,000. Since Louisville is so close to Indiana many of the Veterans from Indiana go there for treatment. The \$1,000 from Indiana was in appreciation for the Louisville Hospital's service to Indiana Veterans. Jeffersonville's Exalted Ruler Don Pfannenstiel is one of the administrators of the Louisville hospital.

On September 29th Dunkirk Lodge invited me to play in a golf tournament to raise money for cancer research. What a great day! Everyone got a prize; the food was great (and again I went back for seconds). Now you know that my belly is not big from beer so you would have to call it a food belly, not a beer belly. This tournament raised \$6,800.

They already have a date set for next year.

On October 8th several Elks had the opportunity to tour the Indiana Cancer Research Center. They have a 100 Million dollar expansion under way that when completed will more than double their current facility. It was so rewarding to hear once again how our donated money is being used and how many Government Grants it is responsible for. We were told by one of the Cancer Center's PhDs that they just received a \$1 Million grant that the Elk seed money helped them receive. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Grillo, and his wife, Lucia, was also on the tour and both were very impressed with our State Major Project. I hope all of you are as proud of this as I am.

Back to the State Fall Convention. Our State Sponsor Ray Arnold announced that Grand Lodge has made a decision to realign Indiana back to 6 Districts instead of the current 8. Additional details will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

In closing I think we had a great convention. The hotel was very cooperative and helped us work around the construction that was taking place. I want to give Laquata hugs and kisses for her planning of the hospitality room. She has asked me once again to thank everyone that pitched in and help tend bar, ice down beer, go to the grocery, and keep the food platters filled. And with the clean up Saturday night, it was a team effort all the way. You know who you are, so from Laquata and I "THANK YOU - THANK YOU" from the bottom of our hearts. That kind of support makes being an Elk worthwhile.

Fraternally,

Jim Warren  
State President

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It is my sad duty to announce the passing of our beloved Brother Martin Tintari. Marty passed away at home with family by his side, on Friday, September 21st.

We will miss him.

John Barnes ER Bluffton 796



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### NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

#### Three Generations of Elks Lodge Officers

Kendallville Lodge #1194 announces 3 generations of lodge officers from the same family. Bill Forker was ER of the lodge in 1968-69 and has remained active as an officer. He is currently the Lodge Tiler and fills in as Esquire as needed. His son, William G. Forker was ER in 1983-84 and 1993-94 and has remained a top ritual officer for our lodge.



The youngest member, Dustin Forker was initiated on March 28, 2007 and installed as Chaplin on April 6, 2007 with the help of his father and grandfather.

Dustin attended his first Grand Lodge Convention along with Exalted Ruler James W Piepenbrok at Charlotte in July. Lodge #1194 is very proud of his heritage and progress as an officer.

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The city of Bluffton hold a street fair every year the Bluffton Elks 796 has participated in the Fair every year. This year the Bluffton Lodge had the Elks drug awareness trailer. The Trailer was pulled throu the opening day parade lead by the Bluffton Elks banner. The Trailer was then set up in front of the Bluffton library next to the kids' rides. The trailer was open there wend -Fri 5:00 pm till 10:30 pm and Sat 11:00 am till 10:30 pm. several 100 of "say no to drugs bags" were handed out filled with coloring books and info. We had many people and children stop and ask question and thank the Elks for the all work they do.





John Barnes E.R  
Bluffton Elks lodge 796

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#### News from the Southeast District

What a September, the temperature went from the upper 90's to the low 70's. Still the days are gorgeous and great for all activity, especially football, rooting for your favorite college team. Go Boilermakers!

Columbus #521 held their Third Annual Golf Tournament to raise money for the Children's Fund. Weather was great and so was the enthusiasm of all the golfers.

Connersville #379 continues to keep their members involved with the Saturday Night Pitch-in. Buy food, make it, and then just bring it to the Lodge for a good time with your friends.

Jeffersonville #362 golf season is winding down. The Club Championship was held for three days over the Labor Day Weekend. Congratulations to all who participated.

Madison #524 kicks off a huge membership drive in September with a golf outing and family picnic. It's a family event for members, prospective members and former members. Friday night meals are very popular. Stop by for a great meal.

New Albany #270 has great events planned for the entire month for their members, including a Karaoke Contest (money for Veterans), and a member trip to Belterra and the Derby Dinner Playhouse. They found a beautiful set of oak Lodge Chairs at a local antique store. What a magnificent addition to the Lodge.

Rushville #1307 held their 1st Golf Outing for Cancer. Good luck in making this a major force in raising money for cancer research. Sports Saturday's begin in September. Members bring food and enjoy camaraderie of your fellow members.

Seymour#462 continues to reorganize. A new set of officers has been installed. Making plans to bring the lodge back. We wish them luck.

Shelbyville #457 members have voted to merge with the Rushville Lodge. The building may be gone, but the fire of Elkdom continues to burn in Shelbyville. A few good members will keep it alive albeit in Rushville.

Fraternally,

John W. Sauer  
State Vice President

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### NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Bicknell #1421 started off September cooking and walking. Cooking for the Labor Day weekend class reunions and our guest nights with a beer garden, and the Ladies of the Elks represented our lodge in the parade.

Our lodge's traveling bowling league teams started here at home as we hosted the dinner after bowling.

The Red Hat Ladies enjoyed our dining room for a meal and meeting and Bicknell' newest organization, the Lions Club used our lodge for a fundraiser.

On Sept 8<sup>th</sup> Bicknell held our local soccer shoot and on the 29<sup>th</sup> the district shoot was held at our shelter house. As Bedford was the only other lodge to hold a shoot, it was over very quickly.

Winners were:

U-8 boys 1st Ian Kixmiller, Bicknell  
Martel Flores, Bedford  
U-8 girls 1<sup>st</sup> Kaitlyn Kixmiller, Bicknell  
Kacy Zollar, Bedford  
U10 boys 1<sup>st</sup> Esteban Flores, Bedford  
U10 girls 1<sup>st</sup> Katherina Emery, Bedford  
U12 boys 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Emery, Bedford  
Aaron Catt, Bicknell  
U10 girls 1<sup>st</sup> Whitley Brock, Bedford  
U14 boys 1<sup>st</sup> Nathan Herr, Bedford  
U14 girls 1<sup>st</sup> Colby Johnson, Bedford

These youth qualified for the State Shoot at Lebanon on Oct 13, 2007

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ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 2007 GRAND LODGE NEWSLETTER MESSAGE

**VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH**

In November, we honor our nation's veterans for their sacrifices that resulted in the freedoms we enjoy today. Grand Exalted Ruler F. Louis Sulsberger has underscored the Elks' recognition of those sacrifices by proclaiming November as Veterans Remembrance Month.

Subordinate lodges are encouraged to host a function in honor of their area veterans. If the veterans can get out, bring them to the lodge for recognition and possibly a meal. They always enjoy excursions away from their residence. Should the veterans be unable to leave home, bring the function to them.

Our month-long observance, augmented by our celebration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving on the third Thursday of the month, should serve as a springboard into our host of other veterans programs throughout the year. These programs, beyond mere observances, can provide real help for our veterans. Those programs with which the Elks are becoming increasingly identified include Adopt-A-Vet, Army of Hope, Student/Veteran Volunteer Program and Comfort Care Kits. We should strive to redouble our efforts in support of all these fine programs.

In addition, lodges should be encouraged to honor veterans throughout the rest of the year. Try to plan a function every month. No function is too small or insignificant. Anything you do will help relieve the boredom that many of our hospitalized veterans face.

The help we provide to veterans throughout the year demonstrates how much we really mean it when we say thank you to them in November.

Fraternally,  
C. Valentine Bates, PGER

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**Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2007**  
**August 2007**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b>	<b>LODGE</b>	<b>CALENDAR NUMBER</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Brian York	Indianapolis, IN	Seymour #462	9021	100.00
Jodie Demoff	Munster, IN	Hobart #1152	2330	100.00

Ann Dunfee	Albion, IN	Ligonier #451	5286	100.00
Cathy Parrish	Edgewater, FL	Martinsville #1349	5345	250.00
Bob Quillen	Galveston, IN	Logansport #66	7761	100.00
Pat Letzler	Rushville, IN	Greenfield #1720	7467	100.00
Amanda Berryhill	Jasper, TN	Greenfield #1720	8992	100.00
Corky Seitz	Lindenhurst, IL	Lawrenceburg1836	6348	100.00
Robert P. Murphy	Larwill, IN	Columbia City1417	9645	100.00
Mariea R. LaSure	Terre Haute, IN	Terre Haute #86	7931	100.00
Steve Jackson	Seymour, IN	Seymour #462	8310	100.00
David G. York	New Castle, IN	Greenfield #1720	1526	100.00
David Lorey	Lawrenceburg, IN	Lawrenceburg1836	5511	100.00

Thanks,  
 Bill Schaab, PSP  
 State Calendar Chairman

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Elks Soccer Shoot

The Elks soccer season is in full swing. Lodges should have held their contests, and District contests should be coming up. 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.

The state contest is scheduled for Lebanon on October 13, 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 to plan for the luncheon afterwards.

Please, think about attending the Soccer Shoot program clinic at the fall meeting in Merrillville 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, October 6.

Edward F. Sulicz  
 State Soccer Shoot Director

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## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Larry Litsey

An annual raffle license allows you to:

- Conduct raffles
- Drawings (daily, weekly, etc)
- Sell pull-tabs, punch boards, and tip boards
- Conduct door prize drawings

IMPORTANT: you can only do these things on your legal days (the three days per week you selected in advance)

You can have daily sign ups but must hold drawings on a legal day

SIDE NOTE: you can do raffles (including drawings) as part of your bingo license; there are many scenarios here, contact me if you have questions

A legal day includes all 24 hours

You cannot do poker (card, wheel, and dice games technically) under the annual raffle license, you need an annual charity game night license is required to do card, wheel, and dice games

An annual charity game night license covers anything an annual raffle license does. Therefore, if you get the annual charity game night license, you do not need an annual raffle license.

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## ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

For more information call 812-268-6022, FAX 812-268-6550, E-mail  
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District Realignment of the Indiana Elks Association, Inc.

At the recent State Fall Convention held in Merrillville our State Sponsor, PGER Ray Arnold, announced that effective in 2009 Grand Lodge has mandated that Indiana realign its' Districts from the current 8 Districts to 6 Districts. The North-Central and Central Districts will be dissolved and those Lodges relocated to other Districts. The new Districts, to be effective in 2009, are listed below.

**Northwest (11)**

Elkhart	766
Goshen	175
Hammond	114
Highland	428
Hobart	438
Michigan City	429
Plymouth	138
Logansport	511
South Bend	551
Valparaiso	350
Whiting	129

**4029**

**Northeast (12)**

Angola	361
Auburn	333
Bluffton	413
Columbia City	257
Decatur	220
Fort Wayne	526
Kendallville	339
Ligonier	138
Rochester	604
Peru	227
Wabash	229
Warsaw	280

**3927**

**West (12)**

Brazil	309
Crawfordsville	258
Frankfort	78
Greencastle	288
Kokomo	257
Lafayette	383
Lebanon	525
Martinsville	368
Noblesville	473
Plainfield	228
Rockville	327
Terre Haute	329

**3823**

**East (11)**

Alexandria	188
Anderson	509
Dunkirk	255
Elwood	728
Hartford City	162
Marion	374
Muncie	625
New Castle	438
Portland	361
Tipton	340
Union City	256

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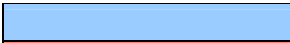



**Southwest (10)**

Bedford	271
Bicknell	403
Bloomington	380
Boonville	252
Linton	631
Mt Vernon	451
Princeton	225
Sullivan	551
Vincennes	557
Washington	236
	<b>3957</b>

**GRAND TOTAL 23,753**

**Southeast (13\*\*)**

Columbus	477
Connersville	203
Franklin	572
Greenfield	218
Indianapolis	99
Jeffersonville	575
Lawrenceburg	49
Madison	294
New Albany	294
Richmond	297
Rushville (**)	322
Seymour	333
Shelbyville(**)	48
	<b>3781</b>

	= transfer from NC Dist.
	= transfer from C Dist.
	= transfer from West Dist.
	= transfer from East Dist.

(\*\*) = Lodge merger pending

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Our State Sponsor advised that the realignment listed above will be effective for a minimum of two years, after which, if a Lodge can show that this alignment has created a hardship, our Sponsor will be willing to review their district placement and consider relocating that Lodge.

This District realignment will require that several of our State Association Bylaws be revised, and also that the composition of our State Officer Corps be restructured. These matters will be voted on at the June 2008 State Convention in French Lick.

If any member, or Lodge, has any questions regarding this matter, you are requested to contact any of the undersigned:

Jim Warren, State President  
 Marvin Buck – PSP, Special Deputy  
 Larry Shaver - PSP

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

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

Till next month .....