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Lou presides over Grand Lodge

“Oh, what an awesome journey it turned out to be,” he said in his address to open the Grand Lodge Session on July 6
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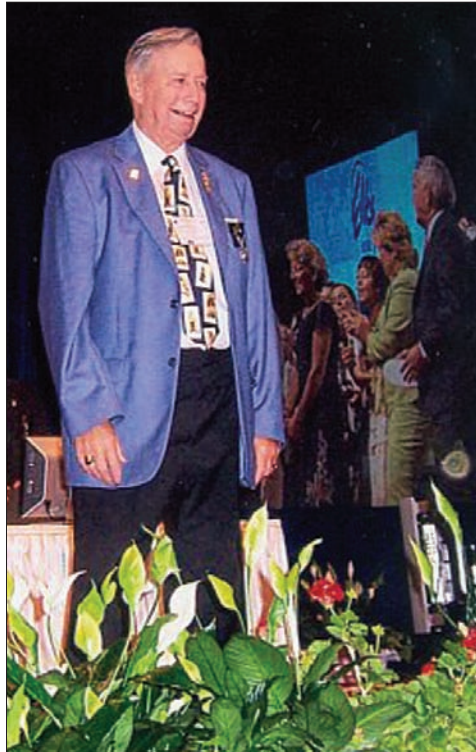
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Linda Culbertson/Newslette

IEA Sponsor Robert J. Sabin, at the Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte, N.C., in July 2007, with the family of F. Louis Sulsberger, then endorsed candidate for GER, in the background.

‘You showed what Elkdom truly is, a land where you care and share!’

■ Sabin retires after 20 years as IEA sponsor

I always wondered if I could have the chance to write my own obituary notice, and here I go!

Twenty years ago I entered the field of contest as a green-as-grass Past Grand Exalted Ruler. You were there; you made it happen. Where has the time gone?

I co-sponsored the Illinois Elks Association for three years with Foster Sears and then, you were mine and I was yours!

I have always done my best to be fair and just in dealing with the state matters, but tough calls make that difficult to trace. The buck stopped with me and I called it as I saw it!

Illinois has always been a leader in Elkdom. I have always been so proud to be able to say, “Illinois is my state,” when the Past Grands talk about charity, veterans service, National Foundation and all their giving programs. Illinois stands tall and in the front of the line! You have always been givers and always will be!

I have made many friends in these 20 years and I will take the memories of the friends and the years of service as my reward for services rendered. I could not leave you with just somebody, and my hopes were fulfilled with Lou being appointed as my successor. You know him and he knows you!

Thank you for your many kindnesses

and especially, thank you, for the last six years where Marge has made me a part of her life and you have accepted her for what she is, a lovely lady with no ax to grind and only love in her heart! Mike said it best, “She’s a keeper!”

You showed her and me what Elkdom truly is, a land where you care and share!

May the Good Lord bless and keep you forever!



Marge Ryan and Sabin, at a reception at the Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte.

IEA presidents pay tribute to Sabin’s service to Elkdom

■ 57 years as Elk and counting

Robert J. Sabin’s 20 years as IEA sponsor made up more than one-third of his 57 years and counting as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The plaque that IEA President Steve Harken presented to Sabin at the Annual IEA meeting on May 17, 2008 — inscribed “Thank you for a job well done” — traced the beginning of Sabin’s Elks career to 1951, when he was initiated into Chicago North Lodge No. 1666. He was exalted ruler in 1956.

Sabin transferred to Arlington Heights Lodge No. 2048 in 1957 and served as exalted ruler in 1961. During that time, Sabin honed his skills in ritual, serving as judge in the district, state and Grand Lodge. For his dedication to ritual, he was presented a Honorary Judge’s card.

For the Illinois Elks Association, he was part of many committees, including chairman of Judiciary for many years. He was elected state president for 1981-82.

For Grand Lodge, Sabin was appointed

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IEA Sponsor Sabin receives his “Thank you for a job well done” plaque from IEA President Steve Harken at the 2007-08 Annual IEA Annual meeting in May.

■ Marsh to Sabin: ‘Bob who?’

Anticipation was in the air on the Saturday night in 1993 when Quincy Elks prepared for the work ahead to fight the great Mississippi River flood that had inundated the area.

Bill Marsh was one of those members, just a few years an Elk and serving as ER at the time. The telephone rang, and Bill answered it. “Quincy Elks Lodge No. 100, this is Bill.” “Bill, this is Bob Sabin.”

Somewhat distracted by the work and in the spirits he admittedly had been imbibing, Bill asked: Bob who?”

“I must tell you, it was not a good way to start my journey in the Elks,” Bill recalled. All was not lost, though.

“I believe because of that phone call, the Quincy Lodge was overwhelmed with the good deeds from Bob Sabin, the State Association and all of the Elks in Illinois.”

The IEA gave a check for \$35,000, which Bill presented to the Salvation Army to fight the flood on behalf of Quincy Elks. The lodge

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STATE

Misfortune marks start of year as IEA president

What a tough way to start out the year as state president — the passing of my father-in-law and now my Mother.

I know my family realizes how lucky we were to have a Mother like her. She was a strong lady and had a heart of gold. She said what she needed to say and stood behind what she said.

As I said she was a strong woman who enjoyed life and her large family. But after seven different types of cancer and operations over the last 12 years, the good Lord took her home to stop her pain.

My brother Bob and I got the call Wednesday morning at Grand Lodge and was told we needed to come home as soon as we could. Bob flew home so he could get more frequent flyer miles, but Sandi and I drove. There was no way I could let her drive 2,000 miles by herself. We left at 12:30 p.m. Illinois time and was waking mother up at 7 p.m. the next night.

It was a tough ride but that all went away when Sandi woke

IEA president

Darrell Swisher



her up and she looked at me and said, "I have been waiting a long time for you." At that moment, the tiredness that we felt went away. She is gone but we have the memories of our life together.

On behalf of my family, I want to thank you all for the cards, flowers and calls we received. Those of you who showed up at the funeral home meant a lot to my family, and I will never forget it. Give your Mother a hug when you see her. It goes by so fast.

Congratulations to "Moe" of Flora Lodge for bringing home the All American Award for the top score in Ritual competition at Grand Lodge for Lecturing Knight. What an honor. Good job, Moe!

I want to thank Dave and Rae Marie for taking care of the hospitality room in Anaheim.

There were a lot of compliments on our hospitality room. They did have some great help from Sue Bradshaw, Sharon Watson, Janet Kennedy and the state officers' wives when we needed more help.

I would also like to thank the district deputy designates for arranging the help from their districts. They did a great job. I found running a hospitality room is not always easy. You don't please everyone. We tried, that's all I can say.

We are off to a good start this year in your membership drive to have a gain. Benton will be hard to catch. They have a new lodge and a group of energetic officers and members. They could double their membership if things go well. The challenge is on.

To steal an article from the last Newsette, "Our Youth: Main reason Elks exist." Of all the things Elks do, at the top of the list sits the organization's work with youth. What a good statement. We as Elks should be proud of all we do, and it's not because we have

Reminders

■ The deadline for submitting lodge nominations for IEA Lady of the Year to their districts is Dec. 1.

1. Districts must submit nominations to IEA President Darrell Swisher by Dec. 15.

■ The state Soccer Shoot will be held in Decatur on Oct. 11.

"We need to get planning for our lodge and district Shoots," IEA President Darrell Swisher said. District Shoots need to be completed two weeks prior to the state Shoot.

Contact Art Jorganson at (309) 342-2950 for information

an Elk gives so much to these boys and girls. You are laying the foundation for a bright future, building the morale and physical character needed for tomorrow's leaders.

At Grand Lodge, I saw many booths with scrapbooks that had been entered by the respective lodges or state associations to be graded for awards. I do not recall seeing any from Illinois. If there were I just did not see them so I apologize. What I am asking this year is that all district and state committee chairmen compile a scrapbook for their respective committees and submit them to Grand Lodge for scoring. Besides that, it shows everyone what you have done for the Elks organization. Have fun with it and be proud of your accomplishments.

I have rededicated my year as state president to my Mother, Mary Swisher-Gregg. She believed there was good in everyone, and she believed in working hard for what you wanted.

In closing, have some fun!

Elks National Home gets historical designations

The Elks National Home has announced that it has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register as a historic district.

"We are indebted to Betty Gereau and the Bedford Historical Society for their efforts in bringing about this distinction for the home," said Dr. Ronald L. Plamondon, executive director of the home.

The Historical Society also made the Elks National Home the theme of its annual meeting in February. Dan Pezzoni, who prepared the nomination for the State and National Registers, gave a presentation for the

meeting, and later those in attendance toured the home.

Grand Lodge purchased the Hotel Bedford in a bankruptcy sale in 1902 and dedicated it as the Elks National Home on May 21, 1903. When the hotel no longer met the standards of the Order, a new facility was built on the same site. The cornerstone was laid in September 1915 and the home was dedicated July 8, 1916. Those buildings, with later additions, are still in use today.

For information, visit www.elkshome.org or call 1-800-552-4140.



Lodges turn out big for Easter visits

Ninety-seven percent of lodges in Illinois visited 303 places, driving 6,367 miles and spending \$25,423.67 in the 2007-08 Elks Easter Bunny program. Additionally, 709 Elks and a few Antlers in at least one lodge in Northwest District logged 3,075.5 hours visiting 26,913 children, adults and veterans.

Through the Bunny program, gifts such as flowers, stuffed animals, games, food and furniture were distributed at nursing homes, hospitals, mental health clinics, and domestic violence shelters, among many other places.

East Central District had 100 percent participation, with 68 Elks spending 376.5 hours visiting 41

places, driving 690 miles, spending \$3,134.85 making 4,707 visits.

West Central District had 100 percent participation, with 54 Elks spending 357 hours visiting 58 places, driving 858 miles, spending \$2,296.14 making 4,496 visits.

North District had 100 percent participation, with 118 Elks spending 345 hours visiting 27 places, driving 1,054 miles, spending \$3,082.24 making 2,948 visits.

Northwest District had 100 percent participation, with more than 85 Elks spending 370 hours visiting 52 places, driving 901 miles, spending \$2,158.89 making 4,068 visits.

South Central District had 84 percent participation, with 112

Elks spending 661 hours visiting 33 places, driving 421 miles, spending \$4,014.93 making 2,943 visits.

South District had 100 percent participation, with 84 Elks spending 436.5 hours visiting 30 places, driving 511 miles, spending \$2,869.67 making 3,008 visits.

East District had 100 percent participation, with 57 Elks spending 177.5 hours visiting 19 places, driving 706 miles, spending \$2,309.72 making 1,806 visits.

West District had 100 percent participation, with 131 Elks spending 352 hours visiting 43 places, driving 1,226 miles, spending \$5,557.23 making 2,937 visits.

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STATE

CLMS becomes mandatory for all Elks lodges on Oct. 31

As announced at Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim, use of the Chicago Lodge Membership System will become mandatory on Oct. 31, 2008. Download information can be found on the Grand Lodge Web site at "http://ChicagoLMS.NET". You will also find helpdesk contact information and a listing of state and district coordinators to assist you at elks.org.

More than 700 lodges from 49 states are now using CLMS and the list is growing.

Please be advised that CLMS will be the only membership tracking device authorized by Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge IT staff

has been working on programs that will assist the subordinate lodges, which are using ELMS, to convert to CLMS. We also will look later into the feasibility of using other brands for conversion. All of this is free of charge.

In addition, some important changes are coming to the CLMS program. One that has had much discussion is the meeting minute's option within the CLMS program. This was reviewed at the IT Subcommittee meeting in Anaheim and it is the consensus of the committee that other programs are available that would fulfill this need better than

CLMS. MS Word and others include forms and spell check. Removing the minutes and other non-membership tracking information from CLMS will free up server space. This change will take effect on Oct. 1, 2008. We will place sample MS Word meeting minutes forms under the secretary tab for those interested in using an electronic format.

The consolidated data base should be completed by mid-August. Once this occurs, the lodge secretary will not have to send the monthly membership reports or annual and semiannual reports as long as the lodge is using the current version of CLMS

and the lodge secretary is completing the offsite backup at least once a month. This CLMS membership information will be available to state membership chairmen, state secretaries, DD's and Per's through the CLMS data base. The only exception will be if one of the above does not have web-access to Chicago and requires it sent by mail.

Thanks to the lodges and individuals who have accepted the challenges with making this program a reality.

As a reminder, the CLMS program is free and so is the use of the helpdesk.

Fashion statement



Four IEA past state presidents made a fashion statement at the IEA Annual Meeting in Springfield. But who were they? If you think you know, email newsette-editor@Illinois-Elks.Org. You'll at least get your name in the Newsette, if you guess who they are and in the order they are seated. Hint: they all have their names in this issue of the Newsette. The first person to email the right answers will get special consideration.

Kudos to Darrell for hospitality room

What a great Grand Lodge Session!

Darrell, Sandy and his committee did a great great job in the Illinois Elks hospitality room. I know it was a lot of work for all, but we appreciated the effort.

All the scholarship forms have been mailed to the students, and I have received many of the forms back thus far. At the same time I have received many many thank you cards and letters from the students. They are really thankful for all the Elks do for them. Thank you for this, Illinois Elks!

Remember lodges, if you made the ENF goal for last year and you have a \$1,000 scholarship or a community service award, please e-mail me with the information. The checks will go out to all in September.

To exalted rulers, I know your year is going just fine and you

IEA Secretary
Marvin Leathers PSP



and your officers and lodges are working the Elks programs. Remember the CCC and ENF. We always come through with a lot of donations for them. And it all comes back to us.

During your year as exalted ruler, always remember that if you have a question you have places to go for the answer. You have your district sponsor (a PSP) and you have your DDGER. Go to them with your question and I am sure you will get the correct answer.

In closing, Illinois Elks always lead the way!

Grand Lodge dues increasing by \$3

Elks members will begin paying \$3 more in per capita dues to Grand Lodge beginning April 1, 2009, for the 2009-10 lodge year under the budget approved at the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim in July.

Grand Lodge dues had been \$4.50 per capita, but will rise to \$7.50 with the approved increase. The Elks Magazine subscription is to remain at \$3.50, and if the current insurance assessment remains at \$3.50, total dues, now at \$11.50, will increase to \$14.50.

The insurance assessment will be set in January 2009.

Also at the Grand Lodge Session, nine resolutions were approved and took effect on Aug. 8. Those measures, followed by their vote totals, would:

■ Allow subordinate lodges additional time to review

resolutions proposed by state associations prior to Grand Lodge sessions. (1,965-634)

(A related resolution was withdrawn. It would have allowed subordinate lodges additional time to review resolutions proposed by lodges, state associations and judiciary prior to Grand Lodge sessions.)

■ Distribute a portion of the net earnings of a defunct lodge's trust to a state association for new lodge development. (2,152-447)

■ Increase from \$10 to \$20 the minimum fee paid to a lodge for a certificate of release. (2,043-556)

■ Authorize the Board of Grand Trustees to designate and direct all benefit programs for Grand Lodge employees. (2,054-545)

■ Permit the same trustees for two or more defunct lodges to manage the assets of those lodges

in one trust. (2,051-548)

■ Require Article III, Section 18 non-profit corporations and charitable trust to be approved by the Committee of Judiciary. (2,180-419)

■ Grant jurisdiction to the Grand Forum to review decisions made pursuant to Section 12.130. (2,314-285)

■ Require lodge secretaries to send their annual reports to the grand secretary in the format and manner prescribed by the grand secretary. (2,089-510)

■ Require all lodges to meet at least twice a month except in July, August and December. (1,861-738)

Another resolution and its companion — to permit members to obtain membership in a second lodge — both failed, 1,226-1,373 and 1,234-1,365.

Ramblings from your 1st VP

BY JOHN HORKAY
IEA first vice president

Just a few ramblings from your first vice president:

I hope all of you who attended the Grand Lodge Session enjoyed the experience. Wasn't it great to see one of our own conducting the meeting? I hope you got a chance to see more of the area than Louise and I did.

By the time you get this Newsette, the year will be almost half over. You will be done with the August district deputy clinics

and district meetings. The lodges will be getting ready for their visits from the DD's and the fall meeting in Springfield. Amazing how quickly it goes.

Now is the time to evaluate the progress your lodge is making. Are the goals set in April being met? Make adjustments now to see that what you wanted to accomplish will happen. Now is the time to "Step Up and Make a difference."

We are looking forward to seeing you in Springfield.

Liability assessment to remain at \$3.50

Grand Lodge trustees approved a per capita assessment of \$3.50 for the 2008-09 liability program.

According to Larry Smith, chairman of the IEA Accident Prevention Committee, this is the same assessment as last year.

"This was due to the low claims that were filed and the

effectiveness of the Accident Prevention program," Smith said. "I congratulate the trustees on a job well done."

Smith pointed out that the prime objective of Grand Lodge and each individual lodge is to minimize the risk of accidents and claims by avoiding injuries.



Illinois Elks Association

Fall Convention

*Honoring our 2008 Children's Care Program's
scholarship recipients*

**Sept. 25-28, 2008 ■ Crowne Plaza & Holiday Inn Express
Springfield, Illinois**

Thursday, September 25

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Executive Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom

Friday, September 26

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Executive Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM – Convention Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom
12:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Main Lobby
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Advisory Committee – Lincoln
Boardroom

Saturday, September 27

7:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting &
Training Session – Plaza D (Executive Committee &
District Officers) Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – District Deputies & Esquires
Meeting – Plaza C Continental Breakfast
7:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Main Lobby
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Leading Knights Training
– Plaza H
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Drug Awareness – Plaza A
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – National Home – Plaza B
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Exalted Rulers Meet With
Executive Committee – Plaza E
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM – Ritual Committee & Ritual
Competition for Individual Chairs
– Diamond Banquet Room
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Illinois Elks Children's Care
Corporation – Plaza D
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Lodge Trustee Training
– Plaza F (Business Practice, Accident Prevention,
Auditing, Insurance, Government Relations &
Judiciary)
9:30 AM – Ladies car pool tour to Dana Thomas
House. Return to Capital View 12th floor Room for
light lunch of stuffed peas, fresh fruit platters and
dessert. Pre-Registration \$12/ On Site \$14
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – New Lodge – Plaza A
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – ENF – Plaza B

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Athletic Commission – Plaza C
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Secretaries Association and
Treasurers – Plaza E
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Veteran's Service
Commission – Plaza A
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Scholarship – Plaza B
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – Lunch Break (On Your Own)
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Publication Corporation
– Plaza A
1:00 PM to Completion – Lodges/Individuals Meet
with PGER F. Louis Sulsberger – Plaza B
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Ritual Judges Clinic – Plaza I
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Youth Activities & Antlers
– Plaza D
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Hoop Shoot – Plaza F
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM – Membership, Lapsation,
Lodge Activities & Indoctrination – Plaza E
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Public Relations – Plaza A
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – IEA Bowling Assn – Plaza C
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Americanism – Plaza D
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Soccer Shootout – Plaza F
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Website Monitoring Committee
– Capital III (All Members Welcome)
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Catholic Mass – Church of the
Little Flower
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Cash Bar – Emerald and Ruby
Banquet Rooms
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Reception for Children's Care
Scholarship Recipients – Topaz Room
7:00 PM to Completion – Banquet – Emerald and
Ruby Banquet Rooms

Honoring our 2008

Children's Care Scholarship Recipients

Menu: House Tossed Salad, Chef's Selection of
Seasonal Vegetable, Almond Chicken, Topped with
Apple Almond Sauce, Assorted Rolls And Butter,
Freshly Brewed Colombian Roasted Coffee, or
Selection of Herbal Teas, and Ice Tea. and Pumpkin
Pie with Cinnamon Whipped Cream
Pre-Registration \$27/ On Site \$29
Dress: Winter Formal, State and Grand Lodge
Officers – (Black Tuxedo)

Sunday, September 28

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM – Room Reservations for Mid-
Winter Meeting to IEA 3rd Vice-President Kevin
Kennedy – Plaza F & G (\$105.00/Room)
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM – General Business Session
– Plaza F & G
Attendance Required for District Deputies &
Esquires; District Officers: Exalted Rulers & Leading
Knights. (All Elks Urged to Attend)

All Elks, Male & Female, Must Register
for Convention Functions:

FEES: Pre-Registration \$10.00/ On Site \$20

Room Cancellation cut-off will be August 29, 2008
All mailings must be postmarked prior to the above
date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms
cancelled after the above date will forfeit their
deposit. Cancellation policy changed to 30 days out.

Pre-registration cut-off will be September 12, 2008
By pre-registering for the convention, ladies luncheon
and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee
time to make sure your credentials will be waiting
for you at the check-in desk and will also assist the
Convention Committee in working with the Crowne
Plaza Hotel in planning the workshops, breakfast and
banquet.

District Hospitality Rooms – Fall 2008

Capital I – East
Capital II – Northwest
Capital VI – East Central
Capital V – West
Governor Room – South Central
Illinois Room – South
Sangamon - North
Springfield Room – West Central

All Hospitality Rooms shall be CLOSED from 6:00
PM until 9:00 PM Saturday, September, 27, 2008

*Members are encouraged to attend the Banquet
to honor the Scholarship Winners*

**HOST LODGE:
SPRINGFIELD
#158**

Registration Badges Necessary to Attend all Functions

STATE

**Pre-registration
deadline
Sept. 11, 2008**

**Tom J. Deien, Chairman
Credentials Committee
P.O. Box 44
Salem, IL 62881
Phone: (618) 548-6086**

**Pre-registration
deadline
Sept 11, 2008**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION

**Registration Form
Illinois Elks Fall Meeting
Fall Meeting Dates Sept. 25-28 2008
Springfield – Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Remember to sign up early for convention

Elks attending the Illinois Elks Association Fall Convention, scheduled Sept. 25-28, 2008, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, are encourage to pre-register. Deadline is Sept. 11.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$20 after Sept. 11 or registering on-site. Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Elks Association.

“By pre-registering for the convention, ladies luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials will be waiting for you at the check-in desk and will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Crowne Plaza in planning the workshops, luncheon and banquet.” Credentials Chairman Tom J. Deien said.

The charge for the Saturday evening banquet is \$27 with registration and \$29 on-site.

Cost of the ladies luncheon is \$12 with pre-registration and \$14 on-site.

Room Cancellation cut-off will be Aug. 29, 2008.

All mailings must be postmarked prior to the above date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after the above date will forfeit their deposit. Cancellation policy changed to 30 days out.

Attendees should fill out the form at left and mail it with a check or money order to Tom J. Deien, chairman, Credentials, P.O. Box 44, Salem, IL 62881.

Hotel assignments—The districts tentatively assigned to stay in the Crowne Plaza during the fall IEA meeting are North, South, South Central and West. The districts staying at the Holiday Inn Express are East, East Central, Northwest and West Central, according to Kevin Kennedy, third vice president.

Lodge secretaries are asked to please copy the form for each registration instead of putting them on a single sheet. This will help with the committee’s record-keeping.

Brian Moore wins IEA bowling title

Brian Moore, Streator, was singles champion, with 804 pins at the 58th IEA Elks Bowling Tournament hosted by Champaign-Urbana 2497 earlier this year.

3,530 pins.

Jennifer Betts and Sheryll Imes, Fairview Heights, were doubles champions with 1,437 pins.

Jennifer Betts also took all events-handicap champion, with 2,360 pins. Gregg Freeman, Dekalb, was champion of all events-actual, with 2,171 pins. And James Hammer, Sterling, was champion for all events-senior, with 2,004 pins.

Members of Richardson Construction, Paris, took the team championship. Those members were Randy Swinford, Gregh Humpfrey, Steve Coombs, R.J. Newlin and Chad Stevens, with

Also, 300 games shot by Steve Barker, Paris, and Phil Johnson, DeKalb. Ralph Butler, Paris, celebrated his 92nd birthday by throwing all nine games.

Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre – registration - \$10.00 After Sept 11, 2008 \$20

ELK#1 _____ Non-Elk Spouse _____

ELK#2 (Only if spouse of Elk #1) _____

Lodge _____ No. _____ Dist. _____

Title ELK#1 _____
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Title ELK#2 _____
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$ _____
If both male and female are members
Both pay fee (no exceptions)

Ladies luncheon \$12.00/\$14.00 * \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$27.00/\$29.00* \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after Sept 11, 2008 or purchased on-site

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

IEA considering instituting indoctrination clinic

When Doug Repking joined the Elks almost six years ago, he did so because he wanted to help make a

difference in the lives of disabled children and veterans. He learned in his Indoctrination, not Ritual, the various ways Elks contribute to these causes.

have conducted Indoctrination on separate nights from Initiation, but emphasized that the primary concern is not to rush Indoctrination. However the committee will continue to urge lodges to set aside separate nights for these events that are both important in building and sustaining Elks.

“The Ritual explains who we are and how we should conduct ourselves as an Elk, but it does not explain or show what we do for the communities we live in,” said Repking, IEA Indoctrination chairman.

While Ritual is important, Repking said Indoctrination is equally important. He reported mixed results from lodges that

Repking is exploring the possibility of IEA instituting an Indoctrination clinic to help local and district chairmen perform effective indoctrinations.

Correction

Dolton-Lynwood Lodge’s efforts on behalf of veterans should have been attributed to lodge member Larry O’Bryan. The lodge participant had been misidentified in the East District report on Page 6 of the Summer 2008 Newsette.

POST-CONVENTION ALASKA CRUISE On the beautiful Norwegian Star JULY 11th - 18th, 2009



Port of Call	Itinerary	Arrive	Depart
Seattle	11th		4 p.m.
Cruise Inside Passage	12th		
Ketchikan	13th	7 a.m.	3 p.m.
Juneau	14th	7 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Cruise Sawyer Glacier	14th		
Skagway	15th	7 a.m.	5 p.m.
Prince Rupert	16th	4 p.m.	10 p.m.
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GER Lou presides over Grand Lodge Session



GER Lou Sulsberger opens the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim on July 6, 2008.

Grand Exalted Ruler Lou and First Lady Beth Sulsberger were a little wary as they embarked on their nationwide tour of Elkdome soon after the 2007 Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte, N.C.

"But, oh, what an awesome journey it turned out to be," Sulsberger said in opening the 140th Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim, Calif., on July 6. "From our first trip to Kalispell, Mont., to our last trip in Rochester, Minn., and all the points in between, we had an opportunity to see Elkdome at its greatest."

The tour belied the suspicion of some who think that Elkdome's time has come and gone, he said.

"To those folks, we say, You should've been with Beth and me this year and witnessed...first-hand the tremendous generosity, kindness and dedication we saw as we traveled to every corner of this magnificent country," Sulsberger said.

"And though we still have a problem with getting that plus-one in membership, we as Elks should be very proud of all the positive achievements we've made this year."

He pointed to the record-setting year of the Elks National Foundation to reach \$6.22 in

donations, far surpassing the GER's goal of \$4.25 per member.

"Even with fewer members, we set a new record with donations of over \$6.45 million," Sulsberger said.

He lauded the dedication of Elks to youth activities, particularly Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness and the scholarship and dictionary programs.

"We Elks should be proud of our commitment to our youth," Sulsberger said. "I congratulate all those who served our youth this year. They are our future."

The saddest part of Sulsberger's year as GER came at the beginning on news that PSP Michael Manning had died.

"The Elks of Illinois always thought Mike belonged to them, but what we found out this year was that Mike belonged to everyone in this Order," he said. "Everywhere we went Mike's name would come up. I would hear someone say, 'He's a good friend of mine.'"

One of the more memorable trips of the Sulsbergers was to Washington, D.C., over the 2007 Veterans Day weekend.

"The Elks have had an opportunity to team up with the

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gave \$5,000 to the family of a child who suffered a medical emergency when trapped in the flood.

Marsh's tribute is one of 10 received from President Darrell Swisher and past state presidents Louis Sulsberger, Richard J. Stropes, Andrew Marvin G. Leathers, Bryan R. Klatt, Bob Harzani and Steve Harken.

(Editor's note: PSP's who had not been contacted for their comments on Sabin's retirement are invited to submit them for the Mid-Winter Newsette.)

For Bill Marsh, after that initial telephone call, nowhere to go but up in his relationship with Bob. "That was the beginning of what I would call respect I developed for Bob Sabin — always guiding and directing those who needed it, sometimes with a stern word, but most of the time with a smile.

"Bob had helped me several times as I moved through the office of district deputy and through the steps to become state president. Sometimes the steps were needed, but most of the time it was a gentle hand on the back to guide me in the right direction.

"Bob Sabin has not only guided me through my journey, but he has guided many in the state, through the association itself, through the journey that has led to this time of the changing of the guard.

"We will look back at some wonderful times that included Bob, maybe smile a little, maybe laugh a little. But Bob will surely be missed as our state president. And as a friend!

"Elkdome has enjoyed one of the most loyal presidents, the Hon. Robert J. Sabin!"

Marsh was IEA president in 2004-05

Lou Sulsberger (1998-99)

As an Elks member for the past 35 years, I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with hundreds and hundreds of Elks and their spouses over this great land. But the one I am most proud of is the Honorable Robert J. Sabin. I first met Mr. Sabin in 1990 when I served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District and I can honestly say that I never felt comfortable calling Bob "Bob" until I was the 2nd vice president of the Illinois Elks Association!

For more than 50 years, Bob has set an example for all of us to follow. His decades of dedication to our Order are well documented and all of us are the beneficiaries of his leadership and example. I remember in the early years hearing fellow members referring to this guy in Chicago called "God" and I never realized that his "Holiness" would someday be my mentor, my teacher and, most importantly, my friend.

As I begin my tenure as the sponsor of the Illinois and Wisconsin, I realize that I have shoes to fill. But I also know that Bob's counsel will be a phone call away. My only hope is that I can have the confidence he has entrusted in me and I pledge to do my best not to disappoint.

Bob, to you and Marge, may you have many more years of fun, games, scrabble and rounds of golf, and I will keep you in his gentle care for years and years and God Bless.

Richard J. Stropes (1975-76)

Robert J. Sabin has been the State Sponsor of the Illinois Elks for 20 years. He has meant a lot to me and the Elks of Illinois, helping every lodge with their projects and accomplishments. He has attended many fun celebrations of which he was asked to attend. He has been most fair in his appointments of District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and to Grand Lodge committees. He is the only PGER who, as he has held confessions for all lodges at every state meeting. I know this has been greatly appreciated by the members in Illinois. He will be missed by all.

He has been a close friend since we first met.

Gibson highest scorer in winning in ritual



LEFT PHOTO: Keith Gibson of Flora 1659 was the highest scorer in the Western Division of the Grand Lodge Ritual competition at the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim. He displays the William A. King Award, recognizing that singular achievement, along with his plaque for winning as lecturing knight. IEA President Darrell Swisher is at right. RIGHT PHOTO: In his capacity as IEA president, Swisher represents the association by carrying the Illinois flag as part of the opening of the session.



Frank Burr wins national accolades as IEA Drug Awareness chairman



At the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim in July, Frank Burr received the Drug Awareness Chairman of the Year Award, for his work as the Illinois Elks Drug Awareness chairman. From left are GER F. Louis Sulsberger (seated), William J Bryan, special assistant director of the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program, Kent Gade, national director (speaking), Doug Mattenlee, assistant director, and Burr.



At the Drug Awareness training in Anaheim, Burr also was presented with the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for his dedication to volunteer service. From left are Kent Gade, national director of the Grand Lodge Elks Drug Awareness Program, IEA Sponsor Robert J. Sabin, Burr, and Henry Lozano, deputy assistant to the president and director of the USA Freedom Corps, which administers the award.



PSP Jim Hess, Endosed Candidate for GER Lou Sulsberger and IEA Sponsor Robert J. Sabin, in the hospitality room of the Illinois delegation at the Grand Lodge Session in Charlotte, N.C., in July 2007.

Waukegan Lodge, State Meeting for State Ritual contest, and we are still very close. He's like my brother. I have served with and for him as co-chairman to elect him as GER in 1988, as his Grand Lodge Activities chairman for three years, as speaker for the Grand Lodge Memorial Service when he was chairman, as member and chairman for two years of the Grand Lodge Membership Committee, and as a member and vice chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees for four years. So you can understand why I have appreciated his friendship for over 20 years.

Andrew B. Wood (1985-86)

Robert J. Sabin has been an outstanding Elk member and a personal friend for over 30 yrs. He has walked the pathways of Elkdom through lodge, district, state and Grand Lodge offices. He was elected GER for the 1988-89 fraternal year during which I was honored to serve as his secretary.

Bob has left an indelible mark on the records of Elkdom and has earned well the emeritus position he takes now.

Marvin G. Leathers (1990-91)

To me, Bob Sabin is what the Elks are about — one who believes in what the Elks stand for and is always there for you. Bob has always been there to help out each and every lodge in Illinois. Any

time I might have a question about the Elks, all I had to do was call Bob, and he would give me the answer.

For many years, I have been a special representative for Bob to go to Illinois lodges to help them out. During all those years, Bob has always been there for me and the lodges. Bob, I will miss you and your support. Thank you for being there always for me. (I know now you will have more time for Marge.)

Bryan R. Klatt (1997-98)

Many members involved in Elkdom can barely make it through their year as Exalted Ruler, let alone going into the District and State positions, but forty years dedicated to this Order . . . many say that would be insane. The Honorable Robert J. Sabin, Past Grand Exalted Ruler did it and kept his sanity (well . . . don't ask him). As with everything, there are the high and low times, the good and the bad, the stern and the calm force of understanding, Bob has navigated his way through it all.

I first met Bob in 1988, yet twenty years later, I see his picture on the State Convention poster and he looks great every time. I could have sworn that I added a gray hair or two on him. In our early years working together, we corresponded on a regular basis; he would send me a

protocol manual and I would ask why. I still ask. Through it all, Mr. Sabin has been an excellent leader, teacher, role model and especially, a friend.

In closing, I must issue a warning to Marge, this retirement will free up more time for Bob to find a doctor who is not a "quack." God bless each of you.

— Grand Secretary

PSP Bob Hardwick (2000-01)

As a new Exalted Ruler, like most I felt quite intimidated by Bob. However, as I became more involved as a District Officer, District Deputy and State officer, I found a totally different person. As State Sponsor, Bob has always been genuinely concerned with helping the Lodges of our state flourish. Bob Sabin is as fair an individual as any we could have ever hoped for. Perhaps the best comment I could make is that Bob Sabin has truly earned my respect and I consider him a good friend to not only me, but to all the Elks of Illinois. Lou, you have some big shoes to fill!

SP Paul Ronzani (2005-06)

Bob and I have known each other for a very long time. We have grown to be good friends over the years. He has taught me much about Elkdom He has more knowledge about Elkdom than any other Elk I have met. But more importantly, he has taught me a lot about life. I value his friendship. I know that for him to step back now will be very difficult. I hope he can enjoy his retirement. I pray for Bob and Marge and wish all of God's blessings upon them.

Steve Harken (2007-08)

When asked to write a few words about Bob Sabin's pending retirement, I got to thinking. Of my predecessors, I probably know and have worked with Bob the least. Even though I've been a member for 33 years, I really didn't get to know Bob until after he was Grand Exalted Ruler.

When asked a question, Bob will give you the answer you need to know, not necessarily the one you want

to hear. Bob's management style is not to dictate or mandate, unless absolutely necessary. Bob usually got the results needed by guiding one in the direction they needed to go. The exception would be if you were "INVITED" to attend one of his confession sessions. I've been there—done that more than once. However, I was usually on the good side of the discussion.

Bob often goes out of his way to make the members feel wanted. I can remember one Grand Lodge session where the Illinois delegation was seated, upstairs, at the back of the assembly hall. Before the session started one particular day, Bob took the time to walk to where we were and talk with everyone he could. The new Exalted Rulers were talking about that the rest of the convention.

I would like to think that Bob is going to start a VACATION, the duration has yet to be determined, rather than retiring. Retirement brings to mind one packing his bags and going to Florida to live. However, in light of what transpired at this year's convention, he would probably be welcomed.

There really isn't a reason for him to go to Florida anyway. Because, unlike Ponce de Leone, Bob has found his Fountain Of Youth, MARGE. Knowing Bob both before and after Marge came back into his life, it's like the difference between night and day. She is definitely the light of his life. I just hope, when the time comes, Sherry and I will be invited when she finally makes an HONEST man of him.

In closing, the friendship Bob and I have developed over the years is indeed priceless. I know that it will continue for years to come. Bob, while I'll value your help and guidance, it's your friendship that I'll cherish the most.

Darrell Swisher (2008-09)

I first met Mr. Sabin when he came to Pana Lodge 1261 to watch my brother Terry installed as one of 100 new members, but with the weather I believe 79 showed. It was such a large crowd we ended up at the Masonic Lodge for the Installation and dinner.

There have been two men in my life of whom I have been in awe, one being my wife's uncle. He was a bank president, always dressed top notch with pipe in hand. When he would come into the room I wanted to say and do the right thing, not because of being a big wheel at a bank, but because he had that aura about him that impressed me.

The other person with who I had been awe-struck was Bob Sabin. I was nervous when I met him in winter 1987. My job was to pick him up at the motel. I was nervous, not because of the office he held as Grand Exalted Ruler, but because of the way he presented himself. Yes, he is just another man, but in my eyes, he was the other man in my life whom I idolized and respected immediately after meeting him.

Yes, Mr. Sabin is that other man.

Although I have not sat down to talk with Mr. Sabin about any one thing, the man will be missed. I guess some would say you're lucky if he has not called you to the side to say, "We need to talk." That sometimes may not be a good thing. His knowledge will be sorely missed as will his presence.

I want to thank you for what you have done for the Illinois Elks Association and its members.

Thank you, sir.

Now, *Marge*. Would you please marry Bob — at the September meeting? What a reception it would be! No pressure, Marge.

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district deputy in 1963-64, appointed to the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, as Grand Esquire, Judiciary Committee with his final year as chairman, continued onto the Grand Forum and then became chief justice for 1987-88, followed by Grand Exalted Ruler for 1988-1989.

"Robert J. Sabin has proven, over and over, through his work as adviser to many lodges, districts, the Illinois Elks State Association and Grand Lodge, especially as state sponsor of Illinois, how much

this Order means to him," the plaque stated. "To that extent, on behalf of all past, present and future members of the Illinois Elks Association, may we say: Thank you for a job well done!"

Sabin was born on Jan. 31, 1924, in Chicago, attended St. Sylvester Parochial School and Quigley Preparatory Seminary. He attended Mary of the Lake Seminary, then DePaul University College of Law, from which he graduated 1949 with a law degree.

He and wife Gertrude raised two children, Mary Loretta and Robert Jr. After Gertrude died, Sabin married Jean "Carol" in 1977. She died in 2000.

DISTRICT/LODGE

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

DeKalb Elks' response to fatal shooting among year's highlights



2007-08 Northwest District Vice President Dave Culbertson displays the District of the Year Award he won on behalf of the district, along with IEA Vice President Kevin Kennedy. (Editor's note: This photo was inadvertently omitted from the Summer Newsette and is published here along with the district report highlighting the district's accomplishments to win the award.)

"Elks Care — Elks Share."
That was apparent in the Northwest District following the Feb. 14 tragedy at Northern Illinois University in which a former student opened fire and killed five students wounded 16 others before committing suicide on Feb. 14. DeKalb Lodge 765 opened its doors to serve free meals to almost 100 students who couldn't make it home when the university closed for a few days.
In that same sense of community, in other parts of the district, at least six lodges recognized youth in the community by hosting dinners and awards presentations.
Northwest District also participated strongly in the SOS project, donating and packaging many items to send to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. And for the National Veterans Service program, Northwest District raised more

than \$1,000, allowing the district to receive a \$1,000 matching grant from the state association. Plans for using the money include possibly supplying the LaSalle Veterans Home with needed equipment. This year, the district already donated two pulse oximeters, which measure oxygen in the blood, and a 32-inch flat screen TV with a built in DVD player, as well as several recliners.
Eighteen students in the district's Most Valuable Student Scholarship program advanced to state judging. Ten of those were awarded scholarships totaling \$28,000, with four advancing to national competition.
In the Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest, a contestant in the seventh- and eighth-grade division from Sterling-Rock Falls Lodge placed as a state winner and advanced to national judging.
In per capita donations to Elks

National Foundation, Northwest District surpassed the Grand Exalted Ruler's and State President's goals, reaching a per capita of \$5.16, with six of the eight district lodges achieving a per capita of well over \$5.
Northwest District saw a 100 percent increase in participation in the Soccer Shoot. Two lodges participated in the District Shoot.
With its active Antlers program, Northwest District included Antlers in its Easter Bunny program, which had 100 percent participation. The district also had 100 percent participation in Drug Awareness programs and Hoop Shoot.
One district lodge hosted a successful inter-state activity. Rock Island Lodge and Davenport, Iowa, Lodge put on a Flag Day program that filled a local baseball field with more than 8,000 spectators.

Oak Lawn Elks aid needy families, spread drug awareness at July 4 parade



Oak Lawn 2254 Elks delivered 111 packages to needy families in Oak Lawn, Burbank, Hometown and Worth Township during the 2007 holidays, the 30th year of this labor of love. The year-long project depends on cash donations, which have increased the quality of the toys and food that are delivered. The week preceding the delivery is dedicated to sorting, packing and wrapping gifts. The lodge gets referrals from the Stickney and Worth Township offices, members and local agencies. "Elks always share and care for the less fortunate," lodge project Chairman Ron Green said.



More than 60 Elks of Oak Lawn 2254 and family members marched in the July 4 parade. They passed out more than 500 Drug Awareness bags with pamphlets, coloring books and information pertaining to Drug Awareness.

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Vietnam Veterans of America and introduce the coin can project in memory of Mike Manning," Sulsberger said. "I encourage all the Elks to support this undertaking and help those who are serving our nation today."
Also in Washington, Sulsberger spoke on behalf of the Order at the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Wall.
"I was able to share with thousands present the commitment that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has to our veterans

and to spread the message of what our Order does for them in addition to the communities and our youth," he said. "It was a proud moment for me and one I'll never forget."
As thankful as Sulsberger was for the support he's had during the year — from the LouGER Fund chairmen, Bryan Klatt and Charlie Campbell and their wives, Sue and Jan, to his administrative assistant, PSP Bob Hardwick, and executive secretary Peggy Hord — his most effusive thanks, first, was to the Illinois state sponsor and finally, and most of all, to wife and First Lady Beth.
"A special thank you to my

sponsor, the Hon. Robert J. Sabin, for his continued support and advice over these past years," he said. "Throughout my progress through the levels of this Order, I have always looked up to his excellent example that he has exemplified. His friendship and guidance have been invaluable to me."
About Beth, though, "I think this Order was blessed with the best First Lady we've ever had. I can't begin to thank the woman who has been beside me the entire year. She is the love of my life and my best friend. Beth has traveled with me from one end of

the country to the other. I've been so proud of you as you've spread your message of hope and touched so many lives...."
"She has endeared herself in all our hearts. Now you know why I've known for the last 25 years what a special person she is."
Urging everyone to enjoy the convention, Sulsberger said, "Let's relish the accomplishments of this past year to celebrate all that Elkdom is and what this great Order does. God bless you all and all the Elks of this great country. God bless the men and women serving our country and God bless the United States of America."



Also at the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim, PSP Bryan Klatt takes the oath of office to affirm his appointment as Grand Secretary of the BPOE.

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Danville Elks honor CCC scholarship winners

Danville Elks were host to Hamburger Night on June 27 to honor the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation's 2008-2009 physical/occupational therapy scholarship winners. From left are: Danville Lodge 332 Scholarship Chairman Craig Chambers, scholarship winner Elizabeth Waterstradt, Exalted Ruler Don Mowers and scholarship winner Ashley Houmes. The CCC received 171 applications from 56 Elk lodges and awarded 168 scholarships totaling \$235,175. Winners must be a legal resident of Illinois, enrolled full time in a recognized physical or occupational therapy program, maintain a "B" or higher cumulative grade point average and plan to be a full time practicing physical or occupational therapist or assistant therapy upon graduation.



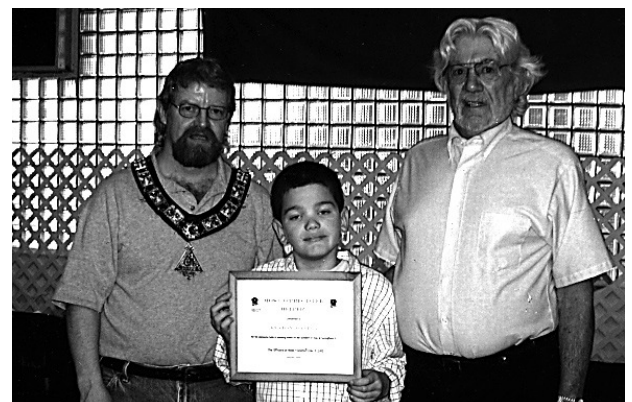
Cicero-Berwyn Elks hold annual Flag Day

Every June, Cicero-Berwyn Lodge 1510 holds its annual Flag Day/History of the Flag Ceremony. This year, the ceremony (open to the public) was preceded by an all-you-can eat and drink pizza and soft drink party. Co-chairmen, PER's Bob Rolewicz and Ras Berrios, conducted the ceremony with flag-bearers of Scout Troop 111, sponsored by Saint Louise de Marillac Church of LaGrange Park. The ceremony was well-received, and the Scouts demonstrated their reverence for our flag. It proved to be an entertaining and informative evening for all. From left are Scouts Benny Roussin, Liam Burke, Paul Devereux, David Zintak and Chris Szymczak, and committee Chairman Paul Szymczak and Scoutmaster Patrick Zintak.



DuQuoin Elks supporting local sports for 61 years

DuQuoin Elks 884 held its 61st annual All-Sports Banquet in April to honor DuQuoin High School athletes of the past school year. From left are DuQuoin 884 Exalted Ruler Ross Bedar, IEA Past President Elmer Schafer who won the Joe E. Webber "Fan of the Year" Award as a lifetime fan of DuQuoin Indians sports, and state pole vault champion Cody Doerflein who was named 2007-08 Outstanding Senior Athlete. The event is steeped in history with such guest speakers as Stan Musial. This year's guest speaker was DuQuoin football standout Nick Hill who recently signed with the Chicago Bears. Many awards were given for excellence both on and off the field. More than 400 citizens enjoyed the banquet and awards ceremony, which was carried live on WDQN radio.



KEATON WALLEY DISPLAYS HIS CERTIFICATE FOR MOST APPRECIATED HELPER, which he received from West Frankfort Lodge ER Ed Wall, left, for the assistance he gave to the Illinois Elks' Support Our Soldiers project at the Mid Winter IEA meeting in January. Keaton helped with assembling nearly 1,400 packages for Illinois guard and reserve units serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. South District Vice President John Walley, who is also Keaton's grandfather, is at right.

Benton Elks hold benefit golf outing

Benton Elks Lodge 1234 held its 10th annual John McFarland Golf Outing on June 29 at Benton Country Club. Fourteen teams from Benton, Mt. Vernon, DuQuoin and Marion lodges participated in this year's event.

Members Coy D. Cockrum and Mark Drake organized the benefit outing. All participating golfers were treated to dinner at the new

Elks Lodge after the outing. Prizes were awarded to both teams and individuals. Hole sponsors and door prizes were donated by local businesses.

Proceeds from the outing will be given in a "Special Scholarship" to be awarded to a local student at a later date. A \$1,000 donation was also made to the Elks National Foundation.

LODGE

Joliet Elks support cancer Relay for Life



Joliet Elks carried the banner for this year's Joliet Relay for Life. From left are: Mary Elson, Julie Sterr, wife of PER Jeff Sterr, Trustee Ron Plonis, Pam Eckman and Carol Voigts, wife of past state president and lodge trustee chairman, Bill Voigts. All are cancer survivors and led the first lap of the relay. ER John Pearson, Inner Guard and team captain Patrick Elens and lodge Loyal Knight Steve Rande participate in the ceremony preceding the relay.

Their \$10,058 raised leads all teams entered

Joliet 296 Elks raised more than \$10,000 on June 21 in this year's Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society.

They were among 76 participating teams, which raised a total of \$182,000 for cancer research and a variety of patient support programs such as providing rides to and from treatments, wigs, lodging for out-of-town treatments and help with medical costs for those who need it.

Joliet Elks, the number one fundraising team, raised \$10,058.10 through donations and fund raisers, 35 percent more than they raised last year. The lodge also presented the colors at the opening ceremonies, as it has for the past four years.

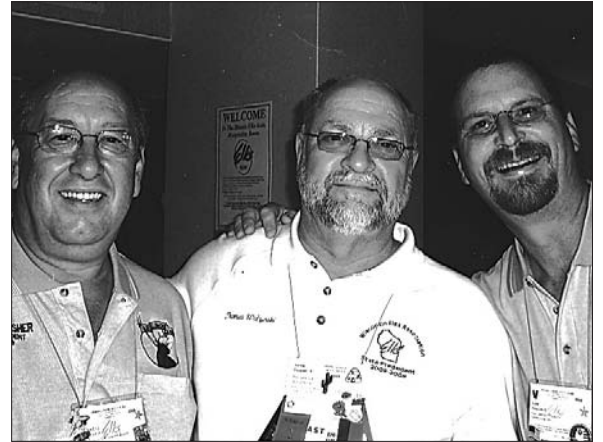
The Relay For Life presenters have a tradition of giving a traveling trophy to the top fund raising team.

"This year, it is on our trophy table at the lodge,"

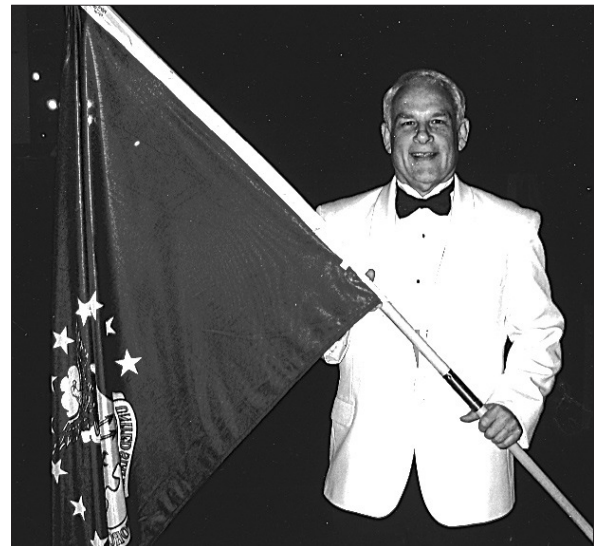


lodge spokesman Patrick Elens said. "While it is nice to win a trophy for our hard work it is most definitely not why any of us support this great cause. It is to help to try and find a cure for this terrible and devastating disease. It is also about exemplifying the cardinal principle of our Order, charity."

More photographs from the Grand Lodge Session



IEA President Darrell Swisher (left) and Second Vice President Kirk Wallace (right) visit with Wisconsin Elks Association President Tom Widcinski at the Wisconsin hospitality room during Wisconsin Night at the Grand Lodge Session in Anaheim.



Chicago Northshore 1316 Exalted Ruler Joe Baker displays the Air Force flag, which he carried as part of the parade of flags that opened the convention on Sunday, July 6 in the Anaheim Convention Center.



Wheaton Elks lend a hand to the 2008 Special Olympics Illinois Area Bowling Tournament

Wheaton Lodge 2258 assisted with the 2008 Special Olympics Illinois Area Bowling Tournament held on July 26, 2008 in Addison. The excitement and exuberance during the competition was incredibly inspiring, said lodge volunteer and PER Jack Williams. Pictured with the contestants are other volunteers with Williams, Tawn Williams PER, chairman of the board of directors for the IEA Children's Care Corporation and Dee Williams, lodge loyal knight.



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5	Tuesday	Oak Lawn/Chicago South	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
7	Thursday	Des Plaines	By Appointment	3:30 - 5:30 PM
8	Friday	Joliet	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
8	Friday	Mt. Vernon	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
13	Wednesday	Effingham	By Appointment	8:30 - 9:30 AM
14	Thursday	Rock Island	By Appointment	2:30 - 4:30 PM
18	Monday	Lincoln	(Make own Appointments)	1:00 - 3:00 PM
18	Monday	Kewanee	By Appointment	8:00 - 10:00 AM
21	Thursday	Galesburg	(309-342-5543 - Mary Lawson/App)	8:00 - 10:00 AM
22	Friday	South District	By Appointment	2:00 - 4:00 PM

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4	Thursday	Robinson	By Appointment	9:00 - 11:00 AM
5	Friday	Mt. Carmel	By Appointment	8:30 - 10:30 AM
9	Tuesday	Charleston	By Appointment	1:00 - 4:00 PM
10	Wednesday	Streator	By Appointment	1:30 - 4:00 PM
15	Monday	Carlinville	By Appointment	1:00 - 3:00 PM
18	Thursday	Princeton	Roy Pierson 815-872-8731 for Appt.	8:30 - 10:30 AM
18	Thursday	Mendota/Oglesby	By Appointment	12:30 - 2:30 PM

OCTOBER

20	Monday	Lincoln	(Make own Appointments)	1:00 - 3:00 PM
30	Thursday	Dixon	By Appointment	8:30 - 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER

3	Monday	Elgin	By Appointment	2:00 - 5:00 PM
3	Monday	Kewanee	By Appointment	8:30 - 10:00 AM
4	Tuesday	Oak Lawn/Chicago South	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
6	Thursday	Des Plaines	By Appointment	3:30 - 5:30 PM
7	Friday	Joliet	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
7	Friday	Mt. Vernon	By Appointment	3:00 - 5:00 PM
12	Wednesday	Effingham	By Appointment	8:30 - 9:30 AM
12	Wednesday	Streator	By Appointment	1:30 - 4:00 PM
13	Thursday	Galesburg	(309-342-5543 - Mary Lawson/App)	8:00 - 10:00 AM
13	Thursday	Rock Island	By Appointment	2:30 - 4:30 PM
17	Monday	Carlinville	By Appointment	1:00 - 3:00 PM
21	Friday	South District	By Appointment	2:00 - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER

4	Thursday	Robinson	By Appointment	9:00 - 11:00 AM
5	Friday	Mt. Carmel	By Appointment	8:30 - 10:30 AM
12	Friday	Charleston	By Appointment	1:00 - 4:00 PM
15	Monday	Lincoln	(Make own Appointments)	1:00 - 3:00 PM
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Please contact the Chatham Office at 1-800-272-0074 for further information on any clinic.

The fall season brings a renewed round of our free children's orthopedic assessment clinics. After our July hiatus for the Grand Lodge, clinics are scheduled through the end of December. Please note the date changes for the Kewanee and Galesburg clinics due to changes in our physician's schedule.

Ask Chatham for items approved for payment

Recently two requests for assistance arrived in the Chatham office with incomplete information. Upon inquiring to the proposed suppliers about the cost of the equipment involved, we became aware of a serious problem in both cases. The supplier had been told all they had to do was complete the form after the family had completed their portion and then submit their final bill when the equipment was delivered. This information had come to them from a member of the sponsoring lodge.

Unfortunately, in both instances the rules of the Children's Care Program required the entire board to review and approve the request for assistance. While the program

tries to be as generous as possible in providing assistance, there are times a request is denied, or only partially funded. The Chatham staff is allowed to approve assistance up to a designated dollar amount provided it is for items we have previously funded. The board chairperson can go to a higher level for items previously approved in other cases.

It is very important not to promise a family seeking assistance that it will automatically be approved. When there is a question of any type, call the 1-800-272-0074 toll free number to discuss a request with the Chatham office staff. We are here to serve and help you in any way we can.

Stickers available to update current supply of brochures

For the last several years the Children's Care Program has distributed a blue public information brochure to all lodges for use in indoctrination, and with the general public when needed. Since a large supply of these brochures were printed, it is not economical to throw them away. If you have a supply of them, please

contact the Chatham office for a supply of stickers to be placed on the folders with the new name. We are using these stickers when appropriate on forms. We are not discarding the current patient referral form and will use up current supplies before reprinting. If your lodge needs forms or holders, please contact us.

Mike Manning recalled in tribute on display at Grand Lodge Session

This was the first Grand Lodge since the passing of PSP and Past IECC Board Chairman Mike Manning. Most Elks across the nation knew Mike as assistant to the grand secretary or director of the National Veterans Service Program.

We knew him as both of these but also as a major influence in the Children's Program. This year

we featured a tribute to Mike on the Grand Lodge display. We are pleased to report the tribute was well received by members of the Manning family who visited the booth along with many Grand Lodge staff members who visited the booth.

Many thoughts were of Mike during the convention.

CCC commemorates 80th year

This is the 80th anniversary of the Illinois Elks' work with physically challenged children. To the best of our knowledge and research, we have the honor of being the oldest continuous State Major Project in Elkdom. To commemorate this event, we

designed a brass colored pin with an elk head and large number 80. The pin is the first to feature the new Children's Care name. Only 325 pins were made and most were sold in Anaheim. A small supply of pins will be available at the Fall Meeting for \$5 each.

Scholars to be honored guests of IEA

Once again the top physical/occupational therapy scholarship winners have been invited to the fall meeting. These students are all fifth- or sixth-year winners who are

in the top eight recipients this year. They will be present at the evening banquet at the fall convention. We hope you can be present to honor these wonderful students.