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Big time had by all at Elks Grand Lodge Convention

Hope you're summering well and staying cool! We had a large time at Grand Lodge in Orlando. Aside from the meetings, we had a fantastic hospitality room. I'm not sure which I saw the most of, the inside of the convention center or the inside of Wal-Mart!

I received numerous compliments from members from around the country that we had one of the best hospitality rooms they'd visited! Of course there were a couple of complaints too... but that's to be expected. I want to thank John and Lisa Bayler for handling most of the chores. They did a great job. Thanks to all who helped, especially Kristi Hornung and Sue Bradshaw. They were a tremendous help. (Thanks for letting us borrow them, George and Ralph!)

The IEA golf tournament at Pontiac was a great event. Putting on a four-day event is a large undertaking. Thanks to all the Pontiac members who made it run so smoothly, especially chairman Bob Eckhoff.

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IEA stands among rest of states at Grand Lodge

IEA President Kirk Wallace gets some moral support from Immediate PSP John Horkay before Wallace takes his place in the Parade of Flags at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, Fla. Meanwhile, Third Vice President Tony Dardano (left) has some fun with the favor he received hawking the naming of Mike Smith as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2010-11. Smith (right), of Plant City, Fla., Lodge 1727, is past state president of the Florida Elks Association and chairman of the Grand Lodge Board of Grand Trustees.



Redistricting brings balance to makeup of association

The redistricting of Illinois Elks lodges, which became effective May 15, has left the IEA with four districts with nine lodges, two districts with eight lodges, one district with 10 lodges and one with 11.

The redistricting was authorized by Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Nichelson under Executive Order No. 09-232.

Here is how the districts were affected and as they now stand for 2010-11:

West – Princeton and Oglesby were moved to Northwest District, and Lincoln, formerly of West Central, was added. Peoria, Bloomington, Canton, Kewanee, Galesburg, Macomb and Pekin remain in the district.

West Central – Decatur and Clinton,

formerly of West Central, were moved to East Central, and Lincoln, formerly of West Central, to West. Added were Belleville, Fairview Heights and Granite City, all formerly of South Central. Quincy, Springfield, Jacksonville, Jerseyville, Beardstown and Carlinville remain in the district.

South Central – Belleville, Fairview Heights and Granite City were moved to West Central. Centralia, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Vernon, Olney, Lawrenceville, Fairfield, Carmi, Flora, Salem and McLeansboro remain in the district.

East Central – Decatur and Clinton were added from West Central District. Danville, Charleston, Paris, Effingham, Robinson, Pana and Champaign-Urbana remain in the district.

Northwest – Princeton and Oglesby, formerly of West District, were added. Freeport, DeKalb, Dixon, Galena, Rock Island, Mendota and Sycamore remain in the district.

East District – Remains the same with Joliet, Ottawa, Streator, Kankakee, Pontiac, Chicago South, Watseka, Oak Lawn and Dolton.

North District – Remains the same with Waukegan, Elgin, Woodstock, Chicago Northshore, Cicero-Berwyn, Des Plaines, Elmhurst and Wheaton.

South District – Remains the same with Murphysboro, Cairo, Marion, DuQuoin, Harrisburg, Herrin, Benton, Carbondale, West Frankfort, Metropolis and Anna-Jonesboro.

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STATE

Illinois Elks take great hospitality to Grand Lodge

Let's start by saying what a great Grand Lodge Convention we just came home from! As always, the Illinois Elks had a great hospitality room. We had many guest Elks from all over the country come by and see us. We made all Elks feel right at home and gave them the open arms of Illinois Elks greetings. Thank you to all Elks who helped make the room happen. John and Lisa, great job!

There are just a few Elks lodges that have not paid their state dues for this year. Please send in your state dues to me if you have not done so already.

For the lodges that have not e-mailed as to what they want to spend the \$1,000 award on for the

IEA Secretary

Marvin Leathers PSP



Elks National Foundation, please let me know as soon as possible. I will be sending out the checks the last part of August.

You have two choices for how to use the money: as a scholarship or for community service. If for community service, the check will be made out to the project and sent to your lodge. By doing it this way, we hope you will get some PR out of giving!

Let's keep working on our State

Major Project, the Children's Care Program! The more we give, the more we can do for kids! And we know that the more we do for the ENF, the more we do get back! We received more for this year than we have in a number of years.

Why? Because we gave more! Keep up the great work that we do in Illinois!

I now have nicknames for our state vice-presidents. It took some time, but I have them.

I look forward to seeing all at the September Fall State Meeting and then seeing many Elks at DDGER visits. Never know where I might show up!

Remember, the Illinois Elks do lead the way!

IEA treasurer

George Hornung



Time to process applications for scholarships

I hope that your summer has been enjoyable. If you had the opportunity to attend Grand Lodge, a good time was had by all!

I want to thank the lodges for their prompt payment of state dues. As I've pointed out – that the budgets for the programs we support begin in May – we can use the funds as soon as possible.

Marvin and I will process the scholarships as they come in this summer. If your lodge has a scholarship winner, make sure that the proper information is completed on the application.

As you may know, our ENF grants for this year are very generous! It's a great feeling to know that our contributions to the ENF come back to us with interest!

From a financial investment, there's nothing out there that can compare to the return that we achieve on our contributions. For every \$1 we sent in, we received back \$2.13! You do the math.

As a financial consultant, I wish I could invest in the ENF. When most agencies and not-for-profit organizations are struggling, we as Elks can be very proud of the great works that these monies can do for the less fortunate!

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September!

committees to investigate and report all delinquencies in lodge dues and employ the best means of preventing the nonpayment of member dues.

"The best time for the committee to start is right now, by personal contact, a phone call or mailing a questionnaire and cover letter with the lodge letterhead and signed by the exalted ruler asking why they want to leave the lodge and to offer help to prevent this," Hummel said.

Hummel added that the IEA membership has dropped by more than half since 1973, when state membership stood at 68,662.

Regarding the September convention, there is a change in the Saturday evening banquet dress code. State and District officers will not be requested to wear formal attire. If you so desire, feel free to be as formal as you'd like, but it's not a request. Business dress is what is requested.

Enjoy what's left of the summer, support your Lodge, and do your best to Broadcast Elkdom!

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North District honors its IEA winners



John Nowak of Des Plaines 1526, who was named 2009/10 IEA Elk of the Year earlier this year, was recognized for the honor by 2009/10 North District Vice President Don Bahr at a district meeting in June.

Vicki Rolewicz of Cicero-Berwyn Lodge 1510 is recognized at the North District meeting in June for being named IEA Lady Elk of the Year. Rolewicz, a tireless volunteer for veterans, youth, Easter Bunny program and more for Cicero-Berwyn Lodge for more than a quarter



century, received the state honor at the IEA Meeting in January. She received the district honor from District Deputy Don Bahr.

Kirk from Page 1

The September IEA convention will be here before you know it. I'll have letters heading to committee chairmen shortly. No major changes this year, but there will be a few. The trustee sessions seem to be growing each convention. We'll make sure there's a big enough room next time!

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From left, Dan Jurka of Chicago South Lodge 1596, who is spearheading IEA tab top collections on behalf of Ronald McDonald House, presents then-IEA President John Horkay with certificates of appreciation from the charity, acknowledging membership in the Thanks A Million Club for collecting 1 million tab tops.

Ronald to IEA: Thanks a million!

The IEA is well on its way toward collecting another million tab tops to support Ronald McDonald House, organizer Dan Jurka of Chicago South Lodge said.

"I dropped off 300 lbs. (in early July) for a total of 600 lbs. since February," he said. A million tabs weigh 790 lbs.

"If we could get our second million before or around New Year's, I think that would be great," he said.

That projected 11-month

collection effort is seven months shorter than the 18 months needed to collect the first million tab tops.

"The response from the IEA at the Springfield meetings has been fantastic," Jurka said.

Illinois Elks are encouraged to look for the collection boxes at all the district hospitality rooms to turn in their tab tops.

The tab tops are recycled, and proceeds go to assist the charity in providing lodging for families of hospitalized children.

IEA Directory update

Effective July 19, 2010, Decatur Lodge 401 has a new address – 2210 E Hickory St., Decatur, IL 62526. Please change your records.

Telephone numbers remain the same.

Gary Carter and Connie Carter of Robinson Lodge 1588

have new e-mail addresses. E-mail for the lodge is carter461@frontier.com. Their home email is cgcarter@frontier.com.

Harrisburg Elks: Strong presence in community service



Hayden Gaskins, daughter of ER Nathan and Brandi Gaskins, displays her trophy from winning her age group, along with Harrisburg Elk Dale Fowler, who helped organize the Clothes for Kids Junior Golf Benefit.

Lodge raises \$26,000 at Clothes for Kids Junior Golf Benefit

Numerous Harrisburg Elk members volunteered to assist with the 6th annual "Clothes for Kids" Junior Golf Outing recently held at Shawnee Hills Country Club in Harrisburg, and organized by Dale Fowler (member of Harrisburg Lodge 1058) and Bill Bonan II (member of Benton Lodge No. 1234).

All children received an award, a tee shirt and lunch. Over 120 youth participated, with hundreds of adults also on hand to observe and assist. The event raised an incredible \$26,500 to purchase tennis shoes and school clothes for needy children in the southern Illinois area.

To date the "Clothes for Kids" program has purchased new clothes for over 1,000 children.

Also assisting with the affair were Elks Danny Chambers, Kerry Camp, Bruce Boone, Gabe Angely, Nathan Gaskins, Roger Craig, Emil Peterson, Natalie Miller, Martin Rowe, Beth Barger, and Bethany Shaw. Many other Elks made financial donations or provided in-kind support.



Harrisburg Elks show the handicapped-accessible ramp they built for the Habitat family (seated on ramp) of Dina Ward and her children Derrick, Phillip (on lap) and Sheyloni. The Elks (from left) include Todd Kuczynski, Roger Craig, Danny Chambers, Craig Winters, Danny Winters, Terry Ferrell, Rick Ferrell, Emil Peterson and Carl LaCrosse. Not present at time of photo were ER Nathan Gaskins, Art Hatfield, Bruce Boone and Kerry Camp.

Members pitch in to build handicapped-accessible ramp

On June 12 more than a dozen Harrisburg Elks gathered to construct a handicapped-accessible ramp for a new Habitat for Humanity of Saline County home being built in Harrisburg. A grant received from the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation covered the cost of all lumber and supplies for the project.

"We are very grateful for the support received from the IECCC in order to fund this project", Harrisburg ER Nathan Gaskins said.

Local Habitat for Humanity Chapter President Bruce Boone also acknowledged the work of both the IECCC and the Harrisburg Lodge members.

"Phillip is confined to a wheelchair, and his mother literally has to carry her son into their present home," said Boone. "The help from the Elks to buy and build the ramp for their new Habitat home is truly a blessing to this family."

IEA expands drug awareness with fifth promotional trailer

The IEA's fifth trailer for promoting drug awareness is completed and available for use.

IEA Drug Awareness Chairman Frank Burr credited Bob Swisher of Pana Lodge for helping with the trailer. He also cited Bill Block for his help in pulling together the titles, registrations and insurance papers of the five trailers.

For Block and Williams' efforts, Burr, along with IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger, presented them with commendations at the Annual Meeting in May.

Sulsberger, also on Burr's behalf, presented President Volunteer Service Awards to six Illinois Elks for their involvement in Drug Awareness: David Ullman, Bob Swisher, Ed Lundmark, Matthew Stropes, Marvin Leathers and Bill Marsh.

Burr, in his 2009/10 annual report, said the IEA Drug Awareness Program has been undergoing some streamlining to better target funding.

"With our program budget, like many others, being reduced or restricted, we wanted to make sure we are reaching the largest number of kids and parents across the state as we can," he said.

Incentive offered to boost IEA soccer

There's money in it for Illinois Elks lodges and districts wanting to be host to Soccer Shoots.

Lodges holding Soccer Shoots for at least two boys and girls in each age group will be eligible for a \$100 check from the IEA. And any district having three or more lodges hosting a Soccer Shoot will receive \$300.

Eight lodges received money in 2009/10, IEA Soccer Chairman Art Jorganson said in his year-end report.

"Let's try to improve on that number this year," he said.

For information on forming a Soccer Shoot, contact Jorganson at (309) 854-3166 or art@bcarlsontruck.com.

"Maybe two or more lodges can get together and hold a Shoot in one location at the same time if you cannot get a field or insurance," Jorganson suggested. "Please step up to save this program before it is too late."



Benton Elks play golf for scholarship

Benton Elks Lodge 1234 held its 12th annual John McFarland Golf Outing in June at Benton Country Club. Fifteen golf teams competed representing Benton, Mt. Vernon, DuQuoin and Marion lodges. Members Coy D. Cockrum and Mark Drake organized the benefit. The golfers were treated to a dinner afterwards at the lodge. Prizes were awarded to both the teams and individuals. Hole sponsors and door prizes were donated by local businesses. Proceeds will fund a special scholarship to be awarded later to local students. A \$1,354 donation was also made to the Elks National Foundation. The winning team, from left, was made up of Bert Beatty, Darin Morton, Todd Thomas and Bryson Baker.

Pekin Elks honor students, emergency personnel

Pekin Lodge 1271 recognized top area students and emergency service personnel at its annual awards dinner in May.

"We have been doing these awards for many, many years as we believe people should be recognized for their accomplishments," Exalted Ruler

Jerry Stoneburner said.

Top students from Broadmoor, Edison, Georgetown, Good Shepherd, Rankin, South Pekin and St. Joseph schools were recognized, along with police officer, firefighter and deputy of the year.

'Make a difference in someone's life'

The 2010 IEA Hoop Shoot was as much of a kick to one of the competitor's grandmothers as it was to her daughter and the rest of the competitors.

"I haven't seen my mom so happy in a long time," the mother of one of this year's competitors said in a letter to IEA Hoop Shoot Chairman Bob Swisher. Her mother was still recovering from a year-long illness. "I will cherish it as much as my daughter."

The competitor's mother wrote the letter to thank Swisher for the outstanding weekend.

"My daughter had the time of her life and I know she will talk about this event for a long time and remember this as a highlight of her youth. Thank you all so much for that!" the mother said.

"I thank you even more for making my mom smile as well as helping me heal my sorrow," the mother said, alluding her mother's recent illness and father's untimely death. "Goodness comes from kind and generous people, and the Elks are kind and generous people. You all made a difference with our family and we will try to pass on the kindness we received."

Swisher included the letter in his annual report at the Annual Meeting in May, calling on all Illinois lodges to participate in Hoop Shoot. He said 44,951 kids participated in Illinois Hoop Shoot in 2009/10 despite 13 lodges failing to sponsor events.

"All I can ask is for the exalted rulers and district vice presidents to think about this letter," Swisher said. "If your Hoop Shoot Chairman is not enthusiastic about the Hoop Shoot Program, replace them. And for the lodges that never seem to have time to have a contest, it is time to get moving."

"Make a difference in someone's life."



Illinois Elks Association

FALL CONVENTION

Honoring Children's Care Program's Scholarship winners

**Sept. 23 to 26, 2010 ■ Crowne Plaza & Holiday Inn Express
Springfield, Illinois**

Thursday, September 23

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

Friday, September 24

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 25

7:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting & Training Session (Executive Committee & District Officers) Continental Breakfast – Plaza D
7:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Main Lobby
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – District Deputies & Esquires Meeting (Continental Breakfast) – Plaza C
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Leading Knights Training – Plaza H
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 – Plaza I
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 (Business Practice, Accident Prevention, Auditing, Insurance, Government Relations & Judiciary) – Plaza F
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – New Lodge – Plaza A
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – National Foundation – 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)
12:00 PM to ? – Ladies Luncheon in the President's Hospitality Room. Lunch menu is Club Wrap, ham, turkey, bacon, lettuce, and pesto mayo wrapped in a sun dried tomato tortilla, potato salad, double chocolate cake, coffee, iced tea and water. Pre-Registration \$15.00/ On Site \$17.00

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 P.M – 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 Association – Plaza C

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Americanism – Plaza D
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Drug Awareness – Plaza F
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Soccer Shootout

– Winter Garden Room (14th Floor)
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Website Monitoring Committee (All Members Welcome) – Capital II
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Catholic Mass – Church of the Little Flower

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Cash Bar – Diamond and Sapphire Banquet Rooms
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Reception for Children's Care Scholarship Recipients – Topaz Room
7:00 PM to Completion – Banquet (Honoring our 2010 Children's Care Scholarship Recipients – Diamond and Sapphire Banquet Rooms

Menu: House Tossed Salad, Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Apples and Onions in a Pork Jus, Red Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Rolls and Butter. Freshly Brewed Colombian Roasted Coffee, or Selection of Herbal Teas, and Ice Tea, and White Chocolate Cheesecake swirled with red Raspberries in a Gram Cracker Crust.
Pre-Registration \$25.00/ On Site \$27.00

Dress: Business Formal (Dark Jacket and tie) (No more tuxedos)

Sunday, September 26

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM – Room Reservations for Mid-Winter Meeting to (IEA 3rd Vice-President Larry Smith) (\$105.00/Room) – Plaza F & G
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 \$20.00

ROOM CANCELLATION cut-off will be August 23, 2010

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 10, 2010. 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 2010

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

ALL HOSPITALITY ROOMS SHALL BE CLOSED from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM Saturday, September, 25, 2010

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND the Banquet to honor the Scholarship Winners

**HOST LODGE:
SPRINGFIELD
#158**

Registration Badges Necessary to Attend all Functions

STATE/LODGE

Please preregister by Sept. 10 for convention

Illinois Elks and guests attending the Illinois Elks Association Fall Meeting, scheduled Sept. 23-26, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 10.

“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,” Credentials Chairman Tom J. Deien said.

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

Deien may also be emailed for a pre-registration form at tomdeien1@hotmail.com. The form also is available online at illinois-elks.org.

To assist in record-keeping, lodge secretaries are asked to copy the form for each registration instead of putting them all on a single sheet.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$20 after Sept. 10 or registering on-site. Checks should

be made payable to the Illinois Elks Association.

The charge for the Saturday evening banquet is \$25 with registration and \$27 on-site. Deien may be emailed for special banquet seating requests.

Cost of the ladies luncheon is \$15 with pre-registration and \$17 on-site.

Room cancellation cut-off will be Aug. 23, 2010.

All mailings must be postmarked prior to that date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after the date will forfeit their deposit.

At the May meeting, 441 Elks pre-registered, up 55 from last year; along with 157 spouses (down 11). In addition, on-site registration was 64 Elks for a total of 505 and 23 spouses for a total of 180, bringing total May attendance to 685.

Also 67 lunches (up 24) and 249 banquet tickets (up 7) were pre-sold, along with 13 lunches and 32 banquet tickets on-site, for a total of 80 lunches and 281 banquet tickets.

Newslette makes austerity moves

Despite ending the 2009/10 fiscal year under budget by \$2,960, the Illinois Elks Publication Corporation is planning further cutbacks for 2010/11.

Board Chairman Vicki Williams attributed the savings last year to a one-time discount from the Newslette’s printer, P&P Press of Peoria, on one issue during the year; publication of fewer pages than in the previous year; and improved performance of lodge secretaries to keep their membership lists up to date, resulting in a reduction in costs to the corporation to pay for address

corrections.

For 2010/11, the corporation decided to limit the number of pages per issue to 12 in three of the four issues for the year and eight pages for the remaining issue. Historically, the corporation had been averaging about 16 pages per issue.

In addition, the corporation directed Editor Joe Baker to begin soliciting advertising. An ad appearing on Page ??? invites lodges to advertise their special events in a business card-size space for \$75 per issue or \$65 per issue for a four-issue commitment.

Contest Sept. 24

A Ritual contest of individual chair officers is planned for Saturday, Sept. 24 at the IEA Fall Meeting.

In his 2009/10 annual report, IEA Ritual Chairman John Heltzel also said a ritual clinic will be held in Illinois sometime in the fall, details of which will be finalized with the district ritual chairmen.

Meanwhile, Robinson Lodge was to compete in the ritual competition at the Grand Lodge Session at 2 p.m. July 4.

Robinson emerged to compete nationally after winning the state contest at the IEA Mid-Winter Meeting in January. Robinson competed along with Champaign-Urbana.

IEA ritual leader of ‘60-’70, Cairo Elk Jim Reed, dies



JAMES J. REED

The gaggle of plaques on display at Cairo Lodge 651 provides a glimpse of the huge impact that Cairo Elk James J. Reed had on the Illinois Elks’ devotion to Ritual in the 1960s and 1970s and until he died in June.

Reed was cited for outstanding service as the lodge ritual judge for five years during which the lodge was state ritual champion in 1966-67, 1971-72 and 1973-76.

Four other plaques recognized Reed for outstanding service as a district ritual judge 1995-1999.

Reed’s devotion to ritual was reflected in his commitment to the Cairo community, friend and fellow lodge member Karl Klein said.

“Jim served his community his entire adult life,” Klein said. “He served in leadership positions in multiple civic clubs, but his first love was the Cairo Elks Lodge No. 651.”

He became an Elk in December 1975 and served as trustee and exalted ruler. Besides his involvement in ritual at the lodge,

district and state levels, he was also involved with the nationals as a ritual judge and coach.

“Because of declining health, Jim became unable to participate in Elks activities in his last years as he had in the past,” Klein said. “However, he was still civic-minded, serving on the board of Cairo Public Utility Company from 1991 until he died” on June 22 at age 84 at Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon, Ind. He had been a manager with the AT&T Telephone Company before his retirement.

Pre-registration deadline
Sept. 10, 2010

Tom J. Deien, Chairman
Credentials Committee
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Pre-registration deadline
Sept. 10, 2010

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(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 \$15.00/\$17.00 * \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$25.00/\$27.00* \$ _____

Honoring our Children’s Care Scholarship Recipients \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after Sept. 10, 2010
or purchased on-site

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

(Pre-registration cancellation cut off is Sept. 17,2010)

LODGE

Cicero-Berwyn Elks team with police, Kiwanis for bike safety



Cicero-Berwyn Elks helped sponsor a Bike Rodeo in May to promote bicycle safety to area youths. Free helmets, provided by the Elks and Kiwanis, were passed out displaying the Elks logo. Local police assisted with the Bike Rodeo, including Brookfield Police Lt. Ed Petrak, who coordinated the project, along with Joy Klang, president of Brookfield Kiwanis and Cicero-Berwyn Lodge PER Bob Rolewicz, lodge chairman of the Bicycle Helmet Project. Bethany Davis is fitted for her helmet with little sister Kayla waiting her turn under the approving eye of their mom Annisa.




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- Summer Newsette, June 15
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- Spring Newsette, March 22

More than 200 children participate

Cicero-Berwyn Elks partnered with the local Kiwanis Club in May to stage a Bicycle Rodeo for more than 200 children to learn about bicycle safety and receive a bike helmet.

The lodge helped fund the project using money awarded from the Elks National Foundation for meeting the State President's \$5.25 per capita goal. Exalted Ruler Mike Lafferty and Secretary Robert Suchy spearheaded the lodge's involvement in the Bike Helmet Project.

Instruction on bike safety was coupled with a message of some of the good that the Elks do in the area.

The Bicycle Rodeo was a resounding success and enjoyed by all who attended, Cicero-Berwyn PER Bob Rolewicz said. Local businesses and civic clubs donated prizes for free raffles and other giveaways. Local police inspected

bicycles for safety and invited children to ride the "ability course" to test their riding skills and knowledge.

McGruff, the Good Neighbor Bear, Bee, the Police Bike Patrol Team and DARE officers were in attendance to set a good example for the children. Firefighters were on hand to show their equipment and explain their function. The Elks Drug Awareness literature also was passed out.

"These are just the highlights of what may become a grand annual event that could be an excellent spring board to advance the Elks agenda," Rolewicz said. "Hopefully, we as a lodge could consider becoming involved with this great program again next year. It's really something to behold, and I'm certain that 'Elroy the Elk' would be a welcome addition to the festivities. Thank you for your support."

Kewanee Elks are host to Public Safety Night

Kewanee Elks Lodge 724 was host in June to a Public Safety Night, during which it honored local police and firefighters with plaques and a dinner. Esteemed Lecturing Knight Jennifer Woods presents a plaque to Police Chief Jim Dison.



Peoria Elks come bearing treats at nursing home

Peoria Lodge 20 made more than 200 sandwiches and passed out more than 200 ice cream cups to area Nursing Home patients at a party that was held for them at the American Legion in Bartonville in June.

There were music and dance studios in the Peoria area. Peoria Lodge makes the visit twice a year, once in June and in December for a Christmas party, said PER Gale Randall.

LODGE/CHILDREN'S CARE PROGRAM/STATE



Freeport Elks bring Drug Awareness trailer to Pretzel Festival

On June 25-26, Freeport Lodge 617 was host to the Elks Drug Awareness Program trailer at the community's annual Pretzel Festival in Krape Park. Several hundred children visited the trailer to attempt to "walk the chalk line" wearing distortion goggles to simulate impairment. Other

Elk volunteers helped supervise a bounce ride for smaller children. A highlight of the Pretzel Festival is the cardboard boat race along the park's Yellow Creek. Vessels designed of corrugated cardboard, duct tape and paint compete for glory. This is the second time the Freeport Elks Lodge

has entered a boat in the race, coming in second place both years! It's great fun and great community press for the lodge. Lodge member Wendy Domino kept all the little ones safe. The fearless Williams brothers, Kyle and Danny. Both are third generation Freeport Elks.

Freeport youth Garrett Buske, aboard his special exercise bike funded by the Children's Care Program.

Freeport youth receives assist with CCC-funded exercise bike

After Freeport 617 Exalted Ruler Paul Domino and Jill Domino returned from the May IEA meeting, Jill had a conversation with a friend whose son, Garrett Buske, suffers from Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease of the hip, which afflicts approximately 1 in 1,200 children. Of those children, only about one in four is a girl. About 5 percent of all diagnosed develop the disease in both hips. Most of these children are very active and often very athletic. The age of diagnosis is usually between 2 and 12 years old, with the average age of 6. Legg-Calve'-Perthes children tend to be of shorter stature due to delayed bone age.

Garrett's mom shared Garrett's desire for a special exercise bike so he could get around with his brothers and friends.

Jill remembered the IECCC booth from the conference and mentioned it to Paul who then obtained an IECCC assistance application for Garrett's mom.

About a week later, Jill received an excited call from her friend that the request had been approved, and the bike shown here was delivered the very next day!

120 attend Oak Lawn Flay Day celebration

The history of the U.S. flag is recounted at the Oak Lawn Lodge Flag Day ceremony in June. Sp4 Brian Allen was guest speaker.

Oak Lawn Lodge 2254 celebrated Flag Day with more than 120 in attendance, including 14 Color Guard units from the VFW, American Legion, Military Associations, posts and Boy Scouts.

Guest speaker was Army SP4 Brian Allen, who served in Afghanistan. The ceremony paid tribute to the U.S. flag and its history.

Elks, family members and guests also honored all the former servicemen and women with military songs.

Exalted Ruler Kellie Hummel said, "All Americans should take a moment to remember that our flag serves as a symbol of our great nation. Our flag represents in a way that nothing else can, the common bond shared by an otherwise diverse people."



Illinois Elks generate 'generous amount' of news

Illinois Elks lodges received what IEA Public Relations Chairman Michael Slape called "a generous amount of news coverage" in 2009/10.

Slape based his assessment on a news clippings service, to which the IEA subscribes. He described 85 percent of the coverage as positive in dealing with specific events sponsored or held at lodges. The remaining coverage was either neutral or negative, Slape said.

One drawback to the coverage is that seldom is an Elk mentioned.

"There is no news on what part the lodge had in the event," he said. "The exalted ruler, the event chairman or someone should be available to explain if the lodge is sponsoring the event. Or perhaps the Elks are just donating the lodge, volunteers, food or providing some other service to the event."

"I far too many articles, it just appears as though we have a rental hall and are not involved in the event."

All Illinois Elks lodges have Easter programs

Illinois Elks Lodges were 100 percent in their participation in the 2009/10 Easter Bunny Program.

The lodges visited 301 places, drove 6,592 miles and spent \$26,846. A total of 823 elks and helpers put in 2,682 hours to visit 28,294 children, adults, seniors and veterans.

Easter Bunny State Chairman Dave Culbertson, in his year-end report, gave an example of how

to have a quality Easter Bunny program for little cost. Harrisburg Lodge 1058 visited more than 20 locations and saw 3,200 youths and adults, all for \$612.30. The lodge received \$3,169 in in-kind donations from a variety of fast-food restaurants, convenience stores and Wal-mart.

"Congratulations on a super job," Culbertson said of Harrisburg.

Woodstock youth's essay places at Grand Lodge

Ethan Lockwood, representing Woodstock Lodge, placed second in the 2009/10 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest in which he was awarded a \$500 savings bond.

In statewide judging in the fifth- and sixth-grade division, Johnathan Mehan of Des Plaines

Lodge placed first, Lexi Meurer of Dixon Lodge, second; and, Josie Hasselbring of Watseka Lodge, third.

In the seventh- and eighth-grade division, Lockwood placed first, Kelsey O'Brien of Des Plaines Lodge, second; and Samantha Hopp of Des Plaines Lodge, third.

Blue brochure key to helping Elks reach children, families

Each Illinois Elks Lodge is asked to have a holder and supply of the Blue Public Information Brochure prominently available in the Lodge for any member or visitor to obtain. This brochure should also be used at fundraisers and events to show the great work of Illinois Elks.

Recently, the Children's Care Program received several requests for assistance directly related to a person obtaining information about the program from the brochure. These requests are being processed and hopefully will lead to providing assistance where needed. A new supply of holders and brochures will be available at the fall IEA meeting for all lodges to obtain.

CCC provides service dog

Almost everyone has been aware of a service dog helping a blind person to safely travel. However, service dogs are now available for many other medical problems.

Recently, the Children's Care Program provided a new service dog for a young lady from the Joliet area who has multiple medical challenges including Down syndrome, seizures, asthma and other respiratory problems. The new dog has been trained to be a companion to Joy and also to stay with her at night and alert her parents to various medical problems.

This is the fourth such dog provided over the past several years by the Children's Care Program.

CCC per capita contributions increase 14 cents to \$9.39 in 2009/10

Illinois Elks lodges contributed \$9.39 per capita to the Children's Care Corporation in 2009/10, 14 cents more than in the previous year, CCC Chairman Tawn Williams said.

Total contributions, including Ho-Do pins, calendars, coin boxes and the annual appeal, were \$302,958.

Contributions by district and their corresponding per capita

donations were:

- South Central, \$69,468 (\$10.21)
 - South, \$63,343 (\$15.86)
 - West Central, \$42,125 (\$6.49)
 - East, \$33,492 (\$9.43)
 - North, \$33,484 (\$12.11)
 - Northwest, \$30,765 (\$7.14)
 - West, \$25,987 (\$8.25)
 - East Central, \$22,294 (\$9.39)
- Also in her year-end report

at the IEA Annual Meeting in May, Williams said an estimated \$249,000 will be spent for both the Physical/Occupational and Lydia Miller Special Education scholarships. A total of 193 PT/OT Scholarship applications were received and judging was recently completed.

For the Lydia Miller Special Education Scholarships, applications were recently received

and set to undergo judging.

"With the increasing numbers of applications, there may be future discussions on either increasing the amounts allocated for scholarships or awarding fewer scholarship applicants," Williams said.

The 2010/11 adopted budget calls for spending \$956,350, compared to \$923,550 in 2009/10.

The Children's Care Program

supports 53 clinics in 18 locations statewide.

"We are always looking for more doctors and locations to expand the clinic schedule," Williams said. "Last year, the administrative manager, assistant administrative manager and CCC board of directors approved \$233,000 in assistance for children with medical needs."



Joe Imparato of West Dundee, along with his sister and mother, Dawn, is all smiles after receiving his new wheelchair, compliments of Illinois Elks.

Elks and Shrine work together to provide special wheelchair

After several months of research on requirements for various chair modifications, Joe, a young man from West Dundee, received his new custom wheelchair from the Elks.

Shrine Hospital in Chicago has been providing Joe's care for many years but could not provide the special wheelchair. Joe's chair was delivered to the Shrine Hospital for final adjustment.

Administrative Manager Pete Matson said the CCC received the following note from Joe and his family when the chair was delivered:

"We picked up the wheelchair from Shriners Hospital on Wednesday. Joe was so happy," his mother said. "He was counting the days until we went to pick it up. It was perfect timing because his old chair's back broke a few days before his new chair came.

"Thank you and the Elks for all you have done. We will always remember the Elks, and if we are

ever in the position to give back to the Elks we will give gladly."


The note was accompanied with a picture of the day the family picked up the wheelchair.

"Joe, his sister and I were so happy. You can tell by our big smiles!

"Joe has Fredriecks Ataxia and is trying to stay in a manual chair as long as he can. He still has enough strength to use a manual chair. His first chair was not the proper size chair for him. It was too big.

"The company tried to make the chair smaller but when they did there was not enough room for his feet, so my husband and son removed the foot plate and tied a strap to the bottom of the chair and Joe would rest his feet on the foot plate. The wheel chair is so light it is easy for him to propel himself with no fatigue.

"He is so happy with his chair, it is nice to see a smile on his face. Thank you again!"



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CCC spreads its word with 5 Star display

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Program display received the top 5 Star rating at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando this year.

But the quality of the display was not enough to offset the attendance decline at the convention, which contributed to a significant drop in tie sales.

"We did sell all our lanyards and all but 20 of our convention pins, but our overall income was down close to \$3,000 from past years," CCC Administrative Manager Pete Matson said.

Several State Major Projects were not represented

this year at the convention. Several other Major Project booths reported significant reductions in income and at least two commercial vendors left the convention before it concluded.

"Thanks to those who stopped by the booth and to Mark Bump, Todd Lindsay and Tom Funk for covering the booth on Monday afternoon so the staff could attend a meeting," Matson said.

Twenty convention pins will be available at the fall IEA meeting for those who want to buy one.



Tom Day of Bugles Across America plays taps at the conclusion of a day at the Grand Lodge Session in Orlando while Administrative Assistant Bill Block lowers the flag that flies over the Children's Care Program's display at Grand Lodge. The booth occupied by Bugles Across America was situated back to back with the IECCC booth. Since the display flies a 4-by 6-foot flag on a 25 foot flag pole each day, it was easy to coordinate Tom's rendition of Taps with the lowering of the flag. This effort received a rousing

Bloomington Lodge, CCC combine to help child



Bloomington Exalted Ruler Jim Williams presents a check to help Grace and her family with the expenses related to Grace's physical setbacks. Accompanying Grace and her mother is CCC Administrative Manager Pete Matson.

May 23 was a big day for a little girl in Bloomington.

Grace has severe multiple problems primarily related to lack of a complete backbone. The Bloomington Knights of Columbus Hall, the Bloomington Elks Lodge, a Peoria Motorcycle Club and the IECCC along with other supporters gathered to sponsor a benefit for Grace.

Events included a wine-and-cheese party, spaghetti dinner, silent auction and special presentations. Bloomington Lodge 281 ER James Williams presented a check for \$5,000 and promised additional funds in the future.

Williams had contacted the IECCC, resulting in an additional \$5,000 of assistance being presented to the family by the program board.

The family acknowledged the support, saying, "Thanks to your generosity we will be able to provide Grace with the things she needs to live."