



May 2009 (Corrected)

To: District Drug Awareness Chair-person(s),
Lodge Drug Awareness Chair-person(s)

I would like to start out by thanking each of you and you're Lodges for a great year of growth in the Drug Awareness Program.

Over the last year:

1. You have order over a half million pieces of Drug Awareness material.
2. We have updated, repaired and re-equipped all four Drug Awareness Trailers.
3. We have added a 5th Drug Awareness Trailer to the program. The new trailer is currently being outfitted and readied for use. I would like to thank Bob Swisher for taking on the task of getting this new trailer ready.
4. We have added a 4th Elroy costume to the program and we have applied for a grant from Grand Lodge to get a fifth Elroy costume.
5. We have added many new avenues to get the Drug Awareness materials in the hands of the kids and their parents:
 - A. Over 10,000 piece Of material was sent to The Chicago Public Schools
 - B. We sent over 10,000 piece of material to faith base organizations across Illinois.
 - C. We sent over 10,000 pieces of material to the Illinois Department of Human services location.
 - D. We donated golf tees to the Illinois Elks Junior Golf Legal. The golf tees had the Elks logo and anti-drug message on them.
6. For the 3rd year now we have had billboards across Illinois with the Elks Drug Awareness Logo, message and Web site on it. We are hoping to expand this project this coming year. The boards are schedule for display in October which is Drug Awareness Month.
7. Many schools in Illinois received the new Drug Awareness Comic Books. We will be working even harder this coming year to get more schools in Illinois involved in this program.

8. In the area of communications we:
 - A. Continued the monthly news Letter
 - B. Articles in the "NEWS of the IEA"
 - C. Set-up a booth at every State meeting with information and promotional items.
 - D. Shared DAP session agenda prior to each State meeting.
 - E. We have increased our use of the IEA's web site to get the Drug Awareness message out. We now have the monthly news letter, two video's, and links to the national Drug Awareness Web site.

9. We have increased our involvement with other organizations that have the same mission in mind for Drug Awareness. Like the Illinois Board of Education, PRIDE, and IDEA. This coming year we will be participating in the Northern Illinois Red Ribbon Program and the Illinois meth conference.

10. Officer Shawn Burnley of the Pawnee Police Department was selected as the Illinois Elks Association Enrique Camarena Award Winner for 2008. William Bryan (Assistant Director for the Elks Drug Awareness Program) advised me that although Officer Shawn Burnley was not selected as this year's winner in the Elks National Enrique Camarena Award Contest, he has been chosen as runner-up and will receive a very nice award from the National Directors.

11. I would like to thank all the Lodges that turned in their 2008-09 Drug Awareness Report. Only two Districts had 100 percent of their Lodges turn in their Drug Awareness report. These two Districts will receive a \$200 Grant at the September State meeting to be used in their Drug Awareness Program. The District's where:

East Central

West **(Not West Central)**

Please remember when sending an e-mail relating to the Elk's, please put ELKS – at the front of the subject line. This way everyone will know it is an Elk issue and not just another email.

The Senate did not vote on SB 1381 to legalize marijuana as medicine. Please continue to contact your State Senator in their District Office's or their Springfield Office and ask them to vote NO on SB 1381. As you already know, the Elks have by Grand Lodge resolution voted to oppose the legalization of any illegal drug including marijuana. By opposing this legalization (SB-1381) or any House or Senate bill that tries to legalize an illegal drug, you are not going against your obligation as an Elk. You are not using your membership in the Elks for political or personal gain you are using our strength in numbers to show our legislators that we are against this type of legislation. Marijuana is considered a "gateway drug" and has become even more addictive than it was in the past. We must, do everything in our power to inform your legislators that the Illinois Elks and Elks across the country are opposed to this type of legislation.

The following are other organizations that are opposed to the legalization of Marijuana as a medicine:

- ✦ Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems (ILCAAAP)
- ✦ Educating Voices, Inc.
- ✦ Illinois State Police
- ✦ Illinois Department of Public Health
- ✦ Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
- ✦ Illinois Sheriffs' Association
- ✦ Illinois Police Association Inc.
- ✦ Illinois Municipal League
- ✦ Prevention First
- ✦ Illinois Drug Education Alliance
- ✦ Drug Watch International
- ✦ Eagle Forum
- ✦ Concerned Women of America
- ✦ Illinois Family Institute

I have attached an article on Salvia Divinorum.

Always remember, what we are doing is not just for us, the Lodge, or even the Elks - it is for the Kids!!

If you have any questions or need any help with your Drug awareness Program, please call me at (630) 424-0280 or e-mail me at Frank.Burr@Illinois-Elks.org or Drug.Awareness@Illinois-Elks.org

Sincerely:

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Elks National Drug Awareness Directors



Salvia Divinorum

What are the street names/slang terms for Salvia divinorum?

Shepherdess's Herb, Ska Pastora.

What is Salvia Divinorum?

Salvia Divinorum is a psychoactive mint, used in traditional spiritual practices by the Mazatec people of Mexico and is legal in both Mexico and the United States. However, three states have banned the leafy green, making its possession -- like that of heroin or cocaine -- a felony.

Salvinorin-A, the active property of salvia divinorum, is considered to be the most potent, selective and naturally occurring hallucinogen when smoked -- rivaling the potency of the synthetic hallucinogens like LSD.

What does it look like?

It looks like green plant leaves or a liquid extract.

How is it used?

It can be ingested (liquid form) or smoked (powder form).

What are its short-term effects?

This drug is a psychoactive hallucinogen that can cause dramatic and sometimes frightening mind-states. Depending on dosage, a user's reaction can vary from a subtle, just-off-baseline state to a full blown psychedelic experience. It has been reported to induce an intense hallucinatory experience in humans (particularly when smoked) which typically persists from several minutes to an hour. It has been described as a "20-minute acid trip."

What are its long-term effects?

Since not much is known, it can only be said that harm from Salvia divinorum most likely occurs from inadequate preparation or from using the drug in a setting in which it is dangerous to be intoxicated from any drug at all (i.e. driving).

What is its federal classification?

None

Source

NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse)