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Grand Lodge Convention News

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks... "A Fraternal Organization"

Eastern Division

All American Ritual Team

(Front) Leading Knight Heidi McDonnell, Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782; Coach Gregory Wilkes, Dover, DE #1903; Loyal Knight Merrilyn Ramsey, Dover, DE #1903 (William A. King Award winner); Inner Guard Nancy Wallace, Dover, DE #1903.

(Back) Candidate Ed Ganu, Lyons, NY #869; Exalted Ruler Michael



Dinius, Bradenton, FL #1511; Esquire Matthew Carter, Bradenton, FL #1511; Chaplain Jeremy Coiner, Tawas Area, MI #2525; Lecturing Knight John Hines, Kenton, OH #157



Western Division

All American Ritual Team

(Front) Chaplain Laurie Ayala, Chula Vista, CA #2011; Inner Guard Wendy Brown, Pawhuska, OK #2442; Exalted Ruler Wes Carter, Carlsbad, NM #1558; Esquire Robbie Christiansen, Carlsbad, NM #1558

(Back) Coach Ken Hitchens, Carlsbad, NM #1558; Lecturing Knight Don Sexton, Carlsbad, NM #1558, Loyal Knight

Glenn Frinez, Carlsbad, NM #1558 (William A. King Award winner); Candidate Jeff Gordon, Carlsbad, NM #1558; Leading Knight Michael Johnson, Carlsbad, NM #1558

William A. King Award winners announced

Presented to the individual with the highest score during the preliminary round of the Ritual Competition, the William A. King Awards go to Merrilyn Ramsey, Loyal Knight of Dover, DE #1903 (Eastern Division) with a score of 95.9200 and Glenn Frinez, Loyal Knight of Carlsbad, NM #1558 (Western Division) with a score of 95.1490. Congratulations on a job well done!



Past Trustee of Elkhart, IN #425 receives Legion of Merit

In recognition of 30 years of military service, Indiana Congresswoman Jackie Walorski presided over a Legion of Merit Ceremony honoring Colonel Ray A. Plagens, Jr. of Elkhart. The Legion of Merit is awarded for outstanding distinguished conduct for exceptional achievements and service.

Retired Army Col. Ray Plagens Jr. received the Legion of Merit Award on July 6, at his home in Elkhart. During the ceremony, Walorski talked about Plagens's military career. Plagens, an Elk from Elkhart, IN #425, served eight and half years on active duty, stationed in Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL; Longare and Vicenza in Italy; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Presidio of Monterey, CA; and Fort Benning, GA.

As he prepared himself to receive the award, Plagens said he had mixed feelings of nostalgia, pride and relief for having served in the military for three decades. "What makes me proudest is to be affiliated with those who continue to serve. I always hold a special prayer for those who are in harm's way, and I thank God right now that I'm not there."



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All-American Lodge Winners

First Row: Santa Monica, CA #906; Osage Community, MO #2705; Lake Havasu City, AZ #2399.

Second Row: Catalina Mountain, AZ #2815; Columbia, MO #594; Santa Barbara, CA #613.

Strongest Elks Final scores

The California-Hawaii Major Project booth announces the results of the Strongest Elk contest and thanks all participants for entering. Ladies' final winner Marlene Lein, Manchester, NH #146 at 180 pounds and men's final winner Joel Buoy, Roseburg, OR #326 at 200.



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Congratulations to Russ Shurtliff and Susan Somers-Shurtliff from Park City, UT #734 who were married on Sunday at the Reno Lodge. The bride had the honor of having Grand Exalter Ruler Thomas S. Brazier escort her down the aisle.



Cranberry, PA #2249 Officers

Cranberry, PA #2249 is home to State President Terry Liersaph, and Pat Liersaph, his wife, is District Deputy-Designate for Pennsylvania West District.



Elks Officers married Sunday

Congratulations to Kathleen Caffrey and Matt Winnans from Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782, who were married Sunday here at the National Convention. Kathleen currently serves as the Lodge Chaplain and Matt is the Lodge Esteemed Lecturing Knight.

Exalted Ruler Heidi McDonnell from Lake Hopatcong, NJ #782 is an Ordained Minister and officiated the ceremony.

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Good Morning & Welcome to Reno from the Michigan Elks Assoc. Major Project. If you haven't stopped by to get your Gold Crutch sticker yet, please do so. Thank you delegates and guests for the support you have shown our Special Needs Children's Program. Children from birth to 18 years of age are assisted throughout the year from funds raised through all Michigan lodges and by people like you, The BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH. Last year we assisted over 400 children with therapy camps, specialized equipment and medical needs.

We work diligently to provide special needs children across Michigan with the services and the needs that they require. It really makes your heart swell with pride when you see one of these Special Children take those first unassisted steps, be able to comb their hair for the first time, or see a paralyzed child learn to use a computer with special software and touch screen capabilities to communicate with others for the first time.

Thank you all again and enjoy this great convention.

Attendance Report as of noon on Tuesday

		Spouse/ Guest
Grand Exalted Ruler	1	0
Past Grand Exalted Rulers	24	12
Grand Lodge Officers	9	5
Grand Trustees	8	7
Grand Forum	5	2
Grand Lodge Committeemen	47	32
District Deputies Designate	217	105
Special Deputies	23	16
Representatives to the Grand Lodge and Alternates	1605	618
State Presidents	48	28
State Secretaries	27	17
Grand Lodge Members	1431	617
Non-Voting Members	1316	175
Guests	0	394
Vendors	0	26
Total	4761	2054

Combined Total 6815

The Final Report of the Board of Grand Trustees will be presented Wednesday instead of Thursday as previously published in the Convention Program.

**Resolution Honoring Eric K. Mulholland,
Outgoing Member of the Board of Grand Trustees
Proposed by Ronald L. Hicks**

Whereas, Eric K. Mulholland of Bay City, Michigan, Lodge No. 88 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees upon the completion of four years of distinguished service, and upon his retirement, the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express sincere appreciation for his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Eric K. Mulholland was born and raised in Bay City, Michigan, graduated from Bay City Central High School, studied engineering at Delta College, in Saginaw, MI, and electrical engineering at DeVry Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois. He has been a licensed general contractor since 1976, and is currently the owner/operator of Meric Development Corporation, a kitchen and bathroom renovation business and statewide distributor of kitchen and bath cabinetry; and

Whereas, he has been faithful to his community and church as an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, where he has served four terms as a Junior and Senior Warden, and fourteen years on the Vestry, and as a member of numerous clubs, boards and associations. He is also a thirty-second degree member of the Free & Accepted Masons of Michigan; and

Whereas, he was initiated into the Bay City, MI, Lodge, in December 1972, where he quickly became active, served as Exalted Ruler in 1979-1980, as Lodge Trustee from 1980 to 1989, and currently, and where he was elected to Honorary Life Membership in 1980; and

Whereas, he has served the Michigan Elks Association with distinction in numerous capacities since 1984, including service as Chairman of the State Ritual Committee and the State Scholarship Committee, State Trustee, and State President, and where, since 2003, he has served as State Treasurer; and

Whereas, he has served the Grand Lodge as a Certified Ritual Judge since 1980, as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East Central District of Michigan, and as a Member of the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee, serving as its Chairman from 2006 to 2008; and, since 2001, he has served as a Special Representative to twenty-three different Lodges throughout Michigan; and

Whereas, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 2009, where he has served as Building Applications – East Member, Elks National Home Member, and, most recently, as Chairman of the Board; and

Whereas, throughout his accomplishments and endeavors in life, he has been encouraged and supported by his loving wife, Barb, who has been steadfast by his side during their 38 years of marriage. They have two children, Meredith and Eric, and three grandchildren; and

Whereas, his pride and passion for Elksdom, his love of Ritual, and his dedication to our Order have earned him the respect of all Elks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in grateful recognition of his valued service to Elksdom and in tribute to his character, leadership and dedication to our Order, the Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by

the Grand Lodge in Session to procure and present to Eric K. Mulholland, a suitable testimonial for his service, together with an engrossed copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the high esteem and respect in which he is held by his fellow Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the entire Membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

**Resolution honoring Anthony J. Mauro,
Board of Grand Trustees
Proposed by Michael F. Zellen**

Whereas, Anthony J. Mauro of Hollister, California, Lodge No. 1436 is retiring from the Board of Grand Trustees upon the completion of four years of distinguished service, and upon his retirement, the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America wish to acknowledge this achievement and express sincere appreciation and gratitude for his leadership and service to the Board of Grand Trustees; and

Whereas, Anthony J. Mauro, the son of immigrant Italian parents was born and raised in Hollister California, as a first generation American Citizen; and

Whereas, his career in Elksdom started in November 1964 with his initiation into the Hollister California, Lodge, where he immediately became active, served as Exalted Ruler in 1971; and

Whereas, he served his lodge in many capacities including (2) five year terms as Lodge Trustee and currently serves as Lodge Secretary; and

Whereas, he has served the California-Hawaii Elks Association with distinction in numerous capacities since 1982, including serving as State President in 1995, and where, since that time continues to serve his state association in various capacities; and

Whereas, he has served the Grand Lodge as, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West Central District of California, a Member of the Grand Lodge's Lodge Activities-State Association Committee for (3) years, and as a Ritual Coach and Ritual Judge for over 35 years; and

Whereas, he was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees in 2009, serving as Building Applications – West Member for 2 years, Approving Member, and, most recently, as Vice-Chairman of the Board; and

Whereas, throughout his accomplishments and endeavors in life, he has been encouraged and supported by his loving wife, Carol, who has been continuously by his side during their 48 years of marriage. They have two daughters, Karen and Joan, and one grandchild Camryn; and

Whereas, his dedication and passion for Elksdom, his love of Ritual, and his dedication to our Order have earned him the respect of all Elks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in grateful recognition of his valued service to Elksdom and in tribute to his character, leadership and dedication to our Order, the Board of Grand Trustees is hereby authorized and directed by the Grand Lodge in Session to procure and present to Anthony J. Mauro, a suitable testimonial for his service, together with an engrossed copy of this Resolution, thus expressing the gratitude and respect in which he is held by his fellow Members of the Board of Grand Trustees and the entire Membership of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Florida Elks Youth Camp

In 1933, the Florida Elks created a children's rehabilitation hospital in Marion County. In 1984, PGER Robert Grafton suggested buying property in Umattilla, FL, and creating a camp that any child in the state of Florida could enjoy. Grafton Hall stands at the front of the camp. The Florida Elks Youth Camp is in its 19th year.

The camp is on the 420 acre tract, featuring a lake, lodges with all the comforts of home. The camp has three NBA regulation courts with hydraulic flooring, Archery, tennis, football, soccer, softball, kickball, bonfires and field days are just part of the camping experience. The ropes course consists of various levels based on skill and age. The newest point of pride is the Bates Aquatic Center, two supervised 25-meter pools, wheelchair accessible and allows all the campers two hours of swim time per day.

Along with the state-of-the-art camping facilities, intricately scheduled activities and just plain fun, there are some other things that make the Elks Youth Camp special. "They are unplugged," Krys said, explaining that all upon registration, all cell phones, iPads and other devices are taken away for the entire week. "We show them how to have fun with each other and by being outside.

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Elks have the opportunity to make a huge impact on organ donations. With our impressive number of Members, we can make a difference. It is our responsibility to educate our Members and community on the importance of this worthy cause. It is simple to give the "Gift of Life" just by indicating on your driver's license that you wish to be an organ donor or advising your next of kin of your wishes. Let's live our motto: "Elks Care – Elks Share." Donate to life today.

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Elks Scholar receives Membership application

Following the speech by Sean Loosli, the Most Valuable Student Male Scholar in 2003, to the general session on Monday, Joanne Baldwin, PER, from Jackson, NJ #2744, talked to Sean in the hallway to congratulate him on his inspiring speech. Joanne asked Sean when he became an Elks Member, and he told her that he was not a Member. Ever ready to recruit new members, Joanne handed him an application to become a member of the BPOE. He took one for himself and one for his wife.

Sean was the top male scholar in 2003, earning him a total scholarship of \$60,000.00. He was from Provo, Utah at the time. Thanks to the MVS scholarship and others he earned, he was able to graduate Harvard University debt free. When he found out that the Elks were meeting this year in Reno, he contacted the ENF office to see if he could do anything to help. The ENF staff arranged for him speak to the members at the General Session. Sean currently lives in Mountain View, CA, with his wife and works for Intuit.



Joanne Baldwin, Jackson, NJ #2744 presents MVS Sean Loosli membership applications for him and his wife.



One lucky Elk will win this quilt from the Colorado Major Project booth. Drawing is today.

Ten Years and Counting!

Congratulations to Tim Phillips of Gila Bend, AZ #2089, who is serving his 10th Fraternal year as Exalted Ruler of his Lodge.

Colorado Elks support Laradon

Laradon, the Major Project of the Colorado Elks Association, is a school in Denver, CO, for children and adults with developmental disabilities who want to accomplish their goals and overcome their disabilities. Laradon serves over 600 children and adults and has a staff of 183. Stop by the Colorado Elks Major Project Booth and help us raise funds to support Laradon.

We have three raffles, including a raffle for a beautiful quilt to be given away on July 17 at the convention. Our penny raffles are a fun and fast way to raise funds. So, stop by and enjoy.

Our 1st penny raffle winner on Sunday, July 14, was Barbara McCradie from Manasquan, NJ #2534. Barbara won \$100!

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Summary of Resolutions vote on Tuesday

2013-01 Permits social quarters to remain open during Lodge meetings on a limited basis and without bar service

YES 1398 NO 1447

2013-02 Requires advance publication of a preliminary Grand Lodge Budget and presentation of the final budget during the legislative session

YES 1179 NO 1658

2013-03 Amends the Constitution to allow Lodges to affiliate with an adjoining State Association subject to certain conditions

YES 1653 NO 1183

2013-04 Amends the Constitution to allow membership to citizens eighteen years of age or older, subject to State and local laws

YES 742 NO 2099

2013-05 Amends the Statutes to allow membership to citizens eighteen years of age or older, subject to State and local laws

YES 764 NO 2078

2013-06 Requires different color Membership cards for Members under twenty-one (21) years of age

YES 771 NO 2067

2013-07 Allows reduced dues for Members under twenty-one (21) years of age

YES 416 NO 2420

2013-08 Amends the Constitution to eliminate the positions of Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard

YES 1242 NO 1597

2013-09 Amends the Statutes to eliminate the positions of Grand Tiler and Grand Inner Guard

YES 1245 NO 1594

2013-10 Requires State Associations and related entities to submit organizational documents to the Committee on Judiciary for approval

YES 1508 NO 1322

2013-11 Increases the deposit on appeals of Executive Orders and allows for the refund of the remaining deposit upon the voluntary withdrawal of appeals

YES 1523 NO 1310

2013-12 Provides that suspensions do not run during the time in which a Member is delinquent in the payment of dues

YES 2542 NO 293

2013-13 Increases the time dropped Members may reinstate as a right

YES 2264 NO 572

2013-14 Allows a reduced Initiation fee for up to two months during a Lodge year

YES 1544 NO 1296

2013-15 Allows a Lodge to appeal an Executive Order appointing a Special Representative(s)

YES 1583 NO 1248

2013-16 Designates the Board of Directors or Trustees as the "Board" and identifies which Board members are required to attend District Deputy Clinics

YES 2493 NO 333

2013-17 Clarifies the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge

YES 2645 NO 189

2013-18 Requires the submission of a general revision of House Rules with any By-Laws general revision

YES 2128 NO 701

2013-19 Provides an expedited procedure for resolution of judicial controversies

YES 2555 NO 272

2013-20 Reduces the period for filing an appeal brief after a Local Forum decision

YES 2153 NO 673

Wyoming Past State Presidents

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Our start was modest, but look at us now!

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had a modest beginning in 1868 as a social club (then called the "Jolly Corks"). After the death of a member left his wife and children without income, the club took up additional service rolls, rituals, and a new name. Desiring to adopt "a readily identifiable creature of status, indigenous to America," 15 Members voted 8-7 to favor the Elk above the Buffalo. It has since evolved into a major American fraternal, charitable, and service order now with nearly 900,000 members, both men and women, throughout the United States.

Interestingly, our Order has attracted famous people who have joined and supported our Order, including Presidents Warren Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, John Kennedy and Gerald R. Ford, Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil and entertainers like Lawrence Welk, Jack Benny, and Andy Devine (a past Exalted Ruler). Who can forget Gene Autry and Clint "Make My Day" Eastwood. We even had famous sports figures such as Casey Stengel and Mickey Mantle to name only a few of the Elks who have given so much to our great Fraternal Order along with you and me.

Today the Elks, like other fraternal organizations, are struggling with massive declines in membership losing more than 600,000 since 1980, almost 19,000 a year as membership declines. We must turn this around. We need younger members, and we need to adapt to younger ideas to increase our membership. There are more than 2,000 Elks Lodges in the United States.

We must let our communities know that we gave \$19.8 million to communities and scholarships just this past year alone - more than any organization in the world.

Elks Drug Awareness Program objectives

Many Members have asked, which Grand Lodge committee does the Elks Drug Awareness Program belong to? The answer is none. The name, Drug Awareness Program (DAP), tells the story. It is a stand-alone program. However, at the Local Lodge level, Drug Awareness falls under the Activities Committee.

So each Lodge can become familiar with the DAP objectives, our mission beliefs and principles include;

- Elks believe that a civilized society will organize to protect its children.
- Elks support, facilitate, train, and empower individuals and communities to be drug free.
- Elks are committed to prevent the damaging effects of drug abuse.
- Elks are opposed to legalizing any illegal drugs.
- Elks believe that well-educated parents and children will strive for a society free from illegal drug use.
- Elks believe the first defense against drug abuse is stronger values for families and communities.
- Elks make a difference through innovative partnerships.
- Elks are dedicated to establishing environments conducive to personal growth within our communities.
- Elks believe that if not for the Elks Drug Awareness Program, "who" will carry the drug awareness message to our communities? We are a "grass roots" connection!

How does the DAP accomplish this? Through the Elks Drug Awareness Program, helping to get the youth, parents, and our communities involved through our Essay and Poster contests, Red Ribbon Week, Hands Across the Border, Enrique Camerena Award Program, Elks/Marvel comic books, Milton Creagh school visits, and the Presidents Volunteer Service Award Program. The Elks also sponsor seminars, workshops, and drug-free functions.

Stay tuned! There is still more news to come from your Elks DAP.

For any assistance or questions, you can contact your Local State Drug Awareness Chairman, whose names and contact information can be found at www.elks.org/dap/contact.cfm.

How the decision was made to bring the Elks National Headquarters to Chicago

Safety concerns and a lack of space at the offices of the Grand Secretary in Dubuque, Iowa, prompted GER Frank L. Rains, in his report to Grand Lodge in 1920, to recommend a permanent place for the office and National Headquarters. That recommendation led to the decision to establish the headquarters in Chicago.

"There are no fireproof vaults in the building and there are not sufficient rooms in the office of the Grand Secretary to conduct the affairs of his office," Rains said.

With Elks membership topping 700,000 for the first time in 1920, he said, "The Order has reached a stage in its history when it should have a permanent place for the offices of the Grand Secretary and National Headquarters.

"A centrally located city should be selected and suitable headquarters leased, or better still, a building should be built by the Order," Rains added.

Acting on Rains' suggestion, his successor, GER William M. Abbott, directed the War Relief Commission to investigate a suitable site. That commission had spearheaded the Elks' relief efforts years earlier on behalf of the U.S. troops serving in France during World War I. (The commission also was instrumental in the Elks' founding the nation's first Veterans Hospital.)

The commission, in its report to Grand Lodge in Los Angeles in 1921, and mindful of the 70,000 Elks who had fought in World War I, recommended a "building be made definitely monumental and me-

morial in character; that...the heart of every Elk who contemplates it will be thrilled with pride, and that it will, for generations to come, prove an inspiration to that loyalty and patriotism which the Order so earnestly teaches and has so worthily exemplified."

Also at that 1921 Grand Lodge Session, the Elks National Headquarters Committee pressed for a building to include a memorial, saying "it would seem that an opportunity is presented for a combination of the memorial feature with that project."

A nine-member National Memorial Headquarters Commission was formed to oversee the project. At the Oct. 14 and 15, 1921, commission meetings at the Congress Hotel, the special site committee reported on the properties they examined.

"The commission, after a thorough study, by unanimous vote, selected and purchased for the location of the National Memorial Headquarters Building, property at the intersection of Lake View Avenue and Diversey Parkway, in Chicago, fronting Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan, and having a frontage on Lake View Avenue of 393 feet and on Diversey Parkway of 250 feet, at a cost of \$375,012," the commission said in a report at the Grand Lodge Session in 1922.

Companion resolutions, which also were adopted, appropriated \$2.5 million to buy the site and build the memorial and headquarters, and raise funds by assessing the existing Local Lodges. The building was dedicated on July 14, 1926.

Owning building requires Property Plus plan

Many of you may not realize that all Lodges that own buildings must participate in the Property Plus Program. You also may not realize that the crime coverage included under the Property Plus policy provides fidelity coverage in the amount of \$50,000, which covers officers, trustees, volunteers, employees or anyone acting on behalf of the Lodge. This means Lodges do not need to purchase a separate bond to cover Lodge officers.

Lodges that do not own buildings simply pay a minimal premium to have the crime coverage portion of the policy in place. (Call Aon Affinity Services at 1-800-421-3557 for more information.)

In accordance with the Statutes, all Lodges must appoint an Accident Prevention Manager – a trustee or someone appointed by the trustees. (Please see Page 48 of the Accident/Claim Prevention Manual for more information regarding this appointment.)

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Local Lodge Activity during Term of Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas S. Brazier

CHARTERS GRANTED

Lodge Name and Number	Institution Date
Mount Pleasant, SC #2867 (By-Laws approved 5/30/12)	09-26-10
Laughlin, NV #2872	01-19-13
Thermopolis, WY #1746	03-16-13

Charter Suspended

Lodge Name and Number	Institution Date
Chisholm Trail, TX #2659	10-05-12
Calexico, CA #1382	11-07-12

Charter Surrendered

Lodge Name and Number	Institution Date
Dublin, GA #1646	12-06-12
Benson, AZ #2853	12-21-12
Storm Lake, IA #1636	01-29-13
Muscataine, IA #304	03-13-13
Bellefontaine, OH #132	03-19-13
Connersville, IN #379	05-09-13
Cottonwood-Murray, UT # 2344	06-26-13

Charters Revoked

Lodge Name and Number	Institution Date
Warrenton-Culpepper, VA #2737	11-19-12
Los Gatos, CA #1857	03-20-13
Ellwood City, PA #1356	04-03-13
Seward, AK #1773	04-04-13
Sweetwater, TX # 1257	04-05-13
Bristow, OK #1614	04-30-13

MERGERS

Lebanon, IN #635 and Frankfort, IN #560. Effective 07/26/12. To be known as Lebanon, IN #635. (Executive Order No. 12-013 and No. 12-013A)

Waynesburg, PA #757 and Canonsburg, PA #846. Effective 08/01/12. To be known as Canonsburg, PA #846. (Executive Order No. 12-015)

Westfield, MA #1481 and West-Springfield-Agawam, MA #2174, Effective 10/15/12. To be known as Westfield-West Springfield, MA #1481 (Executive Order No. 12-070)

Bessemer, AL #721 and Fairfield, AL # 1821. Effective 11/20/12. To be known as Bessemer, AL #721 (Executive Order No. 12-097)

Braddock, PA #883 and Homestead, PA #650. Effective 1/8/13. To be known as Braddock, PA #883 (Executive Order No. 12-138)

Jackson, MI #113 and Lansing, MI #196 Effective 1/28/13. To be known as Capital Area, MI #196 (Executive Order No. 12-151)

Raleigh, NC #735 and Cary-Apex, NC #2798. Effective 2/25/13. To be known as Raleigh, NC #735 (Executive Order No. 12-174)

Silver Springs Shores, FL #2730 and Lady Lake, FL # 2793 Effective 3/5/13. To be known as South Marion-Villages, FL #2730 (Executive Order No. 12-185)

Atchison, KS #647 and Hiawatha, KS #2107. Effective 3/11/13. To be known as Atchison, KS #647 (Executive Order No. 12-189)

North Shore, NY #1458 and New Hyde Park, NY #2107. Effective 3/13/13. To be known as New Hyde Park-North Shore, NY #2107 (Executive Order No. 191)

Hudson, MA #959 and Concord, MA #1479. Effective 3/20/13. To be known as Hudson-Concord, MA #959 (Executive Order No. 12-205)

Duncan, OK #1446 and Lindsay, OK #2351. Effective 3/31/13. To be known as Lindsay, OK #2351 (Executive Order No. 12-221)

Birmingham, LA #79 and Roebuck, AL #2123. Effective 5/6/13. To be known as Roebuck, AL #79. (Executive Order No. 12-244)

Hinton, WV #821 and Beckley, WV #1452. Effective 5/30/13. To be known as Hinton, WV #821

LODGE NAME/NUMBER CHANGES

Calumet, MI #404. To be known as Copper Country, MI #404. Effective 07/05/2012 - Convention in Austin, TX. Per letter from PGER Varenhorst dated 6/14/12. (E.O. #12-003, dated 07/11/12)

North Tonawanda, NY #860, to be known as Twin Cities #860. Effective 07/18/2013 - Convention in Reno, Nevada. Per letter from PGER Carr dated 10/1/2012. (E.O. #xx-xxx).

DISTRICT CHANGES

PENNSYLVANIA

North Central District #7640 (12 Lodges)

Lock Haven #182, Tyrone #212, Sunbury #267, Renovo #334, Clearfield #540, Lewistown #663, Huntingdon #976, Jersey Shore #1057, Bellefonte #1094, Philipsburg #1173, State College #1600, Bedford #1707

Northeast District No. 7680 (14 Lodges)

Northeast and Northeast Central Combined

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton #109, Hazleton #200, East Stroudsburg #319, Mount Carmel #356, Ashland #384, Bloomsburg #436, Tamaqua #592, Mahanoy City #695, Danville #754, Bangor #1106, Berwick #1138, Sayre #1148, Frackville #1533, Towanda #2191

Northwest District No. 7760 (11 Lodges)

Erie #67, Franklin #110, Meadville #219, Warren #223, Titusville #264, Kane #329, Oil City #344, St. Mary's #437, Johnsonburg #612, Corry #769, Ridgway Lodg# 872

South Central District No. 7800 (9 Lodges)

Harrisburg #12, York #213, Carlisle #578, Chambersburg #600, Hanover #763, Waynesboro #731, Columbia/Middletown #1074, Red Lion #1592, West Shore #2257

Southeast District No. 7840 (11 Lodges)

Reading #115, Lancaster #134, Bethlehem #191, Lebanon #631, Norristown #714, Pottstown #814, West Chester #853, Bristol #970, Ephrata #1933, North Penn #1979, Fairless Hills #2023

Southwest District No. 7880 (13 Lodges)

Pittsburgh #11, Uniontown #370, Monongahela #455, Charleroi #494, Connellsville #503, Monessen #773, Washington #776, Scottsdale #777, Canonsburg #846, Donora #1265, Meyersdale #1951, Pittsburgh South Hills #2213, Norwin #2313

West District No. 7920 (13 Lodges)

New Castle #69, Sharon #103, Greenville #145, Butler #170, Rochester #283, Allegheny #339, Beaver Falls #348, Carnegie #831, Coraopolis #1090, Aliquippa #1221, Ellwood City #1356, Oakmont #1668, Cranberry #2249

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PENNSYLVANIA

West Central District No. 7960 (13 Lodges)

Johnstown #175, Kittanning #203, Punxsutawney #301, Leechburg #377, Apollo #386, Blairsville #406, Reynolds-ville #519, Wilkins #577, Tarentum #644, Braddock #883, Latrobe #907, Indiana #931

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Vicksburg, Mississippi #95 moved to North District No. 4680
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Elks History, Vol. 2, now available

The History of the Order of Elks, Volume 2, 1988-2008, is now on sale at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago. The book is written by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ted Callicott.

In addition, the History of the Order of Elks, Volume 1, 1968-1988, is back in stock and available at the National Headquarters.

Local Lodges may place orders for either book through their Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary or Chairperson of the Lodge Trustees. Orders for State Associations must be approved by and billed to the State Secretary.

Local Lodge Members may order through any of the Lodge Officials listed above to obtain a copy.

Order the books by the assigned code number - 511300 for History of the Order, Volume 1, \$25 each; or 511301 for History of the Order, Volume 2, also \$25.

Place orders at <http://www.elks.org/shopping/GrandLodge/AllProducts.cfm> (Secretaries only) or by calling 773-755-4710, emailing shipping@elks.org, faxing at 773-755-4711 or mailing Attn: Shipping Department, BPOE, 2750 N. Lakeview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614-1889.

Leadership: Points for all Officers to practice

Stop for just a minute and think about your Lodge. Can you remember some Exalted Rulers or Officers who performed their office really well? What about the ones who struggled and did not complete everything as they should have. Do you remember why they were ineffective? Chances are they did not embrace one or more of the following points of leadership that many Elks wish their Lodge Officers knew:

- Recognize others: We all enjoy being recognized. Make it simple. Print a Member's name in the Lodge Bulletin for all to see. Give him or her a certificate for helping with a project. The appreciation shown to the ones you've recognized will make them want to be the first to volunteer on the next project and possibly to work even harder.

- Plan, plan, plan: The more planning done before becoming an Officer means more success during your term. The confidence gained going through the various Lodge offices, climbing the ranks of leadership and learning from your predecessor, will show as you lead the Lodge through your year. No one else can claim the victory or the agony of defeat. The buck stops with you. It is also a year of tremendous personal growth. Enjoy the ride.

- Never take sides: Listen to all sides of a controversy. Remain open-minded on all subjects, even if you do not agree. One of your biggest assets should be your ability to work with people.

- Find passion points: An Officer who takes the time to find out an individual's hobbies and passions often has a much better chance of success. Every person has a hot spot that he or she desires to express or work toward. If you can determine what that is then you can channel that into your committees, and that Member is more likely to follow your lead and make sure that his or her projects and goals are successful. Be supportive and compassionate to the Members in their personal endeavors, and they will support you and the Lodge. Always remember that they are volunteers, too.

- Lead by example: It's easy to get someone to follow you to a restaurant if you buy dinner. It's not easy to get someone to give up a weekend to work at an Elks project. To inspire others to serve, Officers must lead by example. Members are watching how you conduct yourself and taking cues from you.

The word leadership means to make a commitment, take responsibility, and then do the job.

GRAND LODGE SESSION – Reno, NV

WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2013

8:00	Call to Order.....	Thomas S. Brazier, GER
8:05	Invocation	Rev. Father Stephen McNally
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	All
	Report of Committees	
8:10	Registration (Final Report)	Phil Claiborne, Coordinator of Registration
8:15	Grand Forum / Pardon Commission	Mark E. Huegel, Chief Justice
8:25	Grand Forum Resolution.....	Robert M. Goolrick, Sr. Justice
8:30	Board of Grand Trustees – Final Report.....	Eric Mulholland, Chairman
8:50	Board of Grand Trustees - Resolutions	Ronald Hicks, BOGT
8:55	Board of Grand Trustees - Resolutions	Michael F. Zellen, BOGT
9:00	Disaster Relief Fund	Andrew Milwid, Director
9:05	Chicago Headquarters 2013-2014 Program.....	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
9:30	Non Members Admitted	
9:35	Ritual (Final Report).....	Roy R. DeRitter, Chairman
10:05	GL Activities Committee–Public Relations	Ron Olson, Committeeman
10:20	Fraternal Committee – Membership	Ira Earp, Chairman
10:40	Announcements	Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Secretary
10:45	Announcements	Larry O’Laughlin, Grand Esquire
10:55	Benediction.....	Rev. Father Stephen McNally
11:00	Grand Lodge Session Recessed	

Additional Events on Wednesday, July 17

12:30	Grand Lodge Activities Committee Seminar. Room D3
12:30	Auditing & Accounting Committee available for questions, Room F9
1:30	Committee on Judiciary available for questions, Grand Sierra Resort , Boardroom
2:30	ENF Salute to Excellence Reception, Atlantis Resort, Grand Ballrooms 6 & 7
3:00	State Housing Chairman meeting, Grand Sierra Resort, Crystal Rooms 3, 4, 5
8:00	Exalted Rulers Ball, Grand Sierra Resort, Grand Ballroom. Admission by badge.

The Grand Lodge Ritual Committee has been conducting the National Ritualistic Contest over these past few days. Congratulations to the following top two teams in the Eastern and Western Divisions who competed in the Final Four Competition on Tuesday afternoon:
Eastern Division: 1st Place - Dover, DE Lodge #1903 - score 96.6979;
2nd Place - Kenton, OH Lodge #157 - score 96.4281
Western Division: 1st Place - Carlsbad, NM Lodge #1558 - score 97.2867;
2nd Place - Littleton, CO Lodge #1650 - score 95.9973