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A Message From The Grand Exalted Ruler



Our visits have taken us to the great states of Colorado, Montana, West Virginia, Ohio and Alaska. We have been privileged to meet thousands of fine men and women and to become familiar with the various charitable programs which state associations and subordinate lodges have undertaken. I know that each of you would be proud to observe the wonderful work being accomplished by this Order across the country.

After 58 years of outstanding service to the communities of America, the Elks National Foundation continues to expand its programs and increase its contributions to the students of our country. It is expected that over 7 million dollars will once again be distributed in the year 1986-87.

Your pledge to the Foundation permits a continuation of our excellent Drug Awareness Program, the need for which cannot be overestimated. The expanded "Hoop Shoot" Program, which will touch the lives of three million youngsters, has brought pride to our Order and will again culminate in another spectacular awards ceremony in 1987. Our Veterans Service Commission is funded by the Foundation, and we continue to remember our veterans who gave so much to permit us to remain free people. The financial aid which your pledges provide to the physically handicapped and countless similar charities shall continue to make Elkdom a growing influence in your communities.

Take a moment, my Brothers, to review the history and generosity of the Elks National Foundation, and you will agree that Elkdom's Great Heart proves to America that ours is truly A BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION.

Fraternally,

Peter T. Affatato



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by Donald Pentz

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"The Landing" is an original work of art created under exclusive commission for Dominion China, Ltd. by Canadian wildlife artist Donald Pentz and issued under the sponsorship of the Canadian Wild-

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In "The Landing," Canadian artist Donald Pentz gives us this opportunity. This accomplished, award-winning artist is a member of both the Royal Canadian Acadamy and the Society of Canadian Artists. He is also a trained naturalist who spent years working with the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests and the Keji National Park. In Donald Pentz, Dominion China has been able to secure a rare and wonderful combination of both art and science, and those collectors who are fortunate enough to obtain "The Landing" will enjoy the best of both.

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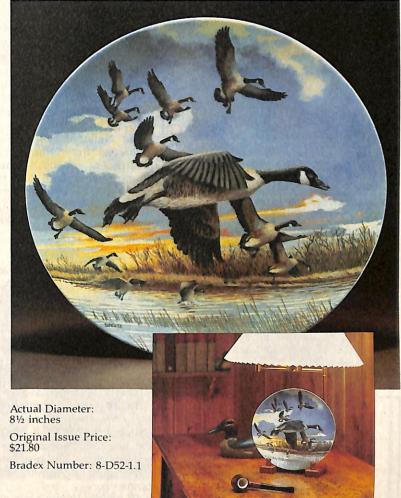
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 It was "Saga of the Forest Rangers," by Robert Duhse, that captured my attention in the July/Aug. '86 issue. The National Forest Service was brought into being in 1891 and is still going strong in 1986, 95 years later.

The National Forest Service might qualify as the "Greatest Achiever" in government service. I can think of no other governmental unit that can approach it in accomplishment.

> John Corcoran, Jr. Bakersfield, CA

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The mounting of tail lights and stop lights together can cause confusion if you fail to see the greater intensity of light when the brake pedal is pushed.

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Carl Vogel Cape Coral, FL  On behalf of the Elks and their ladies of Colorado, we wish to congratulate The Elks Magazine on the outstanding articles which appeared in the two issues prior to the most recent Grand Lodge Convention in Denver (May and June '86 issues).

The articles themselves were excellent, and the people who read them were most appreciative of the outstanding coverage.

Everyone in Colorado is most grateful to all of those who attended our Grand Lodge Session in Denver. We have heard nothing but the finest comments from the hotels, the taxi drivers and the stores about the gentle ladies and the gentlemen which our Elks were. We as Elks are extremely proud that in comparison with other conventions, ours was at the very top.

It would seem only fitting and proper that we extend our thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this recent convention.

Colorado Elkdom was proud to host it and we hope that all who attended truly enjoyed their stay in our fine city.

Eugene Costello Chief Justice, Grand Forum Denver, CO

 I really enjoyed reading W. C. Nelson's article, "Farewell to the Faithful Caboose" in the March '86 issue. It brought back memories of the many stories my father used to tell. He was a brakeman and conductor with 50 years of service.

The caboose was my father's home away from home. He railroaded back in the days when they had to find their own "hot boxes" and go overhead from caboose to engine to see the engineer while traveling at 80 miles per hour. And annual incomes were far from what they are now.

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How do you handle your referral business?

Examine your communications network first, and remember two important tenets of small business: Treat others as you would want to be treated, and never make promises to customers you aren't sure you can fulfill.

Your internal communications-incoming calls, messages, correspondence and responses-could, quite possibly, need improvement even to handle routine traffic, let alone new referrals.

Small service firms which are operated by an owner and his family, or a person who works out of his home, frequently aren't equipped to deal with an increase in calls and inquiries, as are their counterparts and competition in larger organizations. While a corporation message center can dispatch service people within minutes, the independent service person could lose such calls because nobody checks the answering service until later in the day, or the family member who is supposed to be home is away from the phone.

Consequently, the small business service person who hands out hundreds of business cards and promises potential clients prompt attention, and works long hours on tough tasks to add more referrals, may find it frustrating when he returns home and discovers no one took any calls or his answering machine had been disconnected by his teenage son or daughter for the afternoon.

It happens.

It can also happen at a place of business, too. A printer friend, for example. is convinced he lost accounts for a time because he didn't have a receptionist/ secretary. He didn't believe it was necessary, he said, because he "assumed" the 12 people at his plant realized the value of answering the phone during his absence and taking messages.

Each employee had several tasks and, my friend says, all were aware that to stay in business they had to produce quality work daily to keep the jobs they had. To meet his competition and increase the firm's share of the market.

the owner had become the sales manager as well as the operator. The new tasks took him away from the plant two to three days a week.

After a month of tracking down new business and leaving a prospective client with the reminder "call me and we'll work out the arrangements," he was surprised to note that he only had one message from the dozens of prospects he had contacted. He got his first hint of the problem when he promptly returned the one call. "I've been trying to reach you for several days," the exasperated prospective customer said. "I've left messages. I've been put on hold and no one returns, and I've talked to some of the rudest people just to do business with you," the caller growled.

An urgent staff meeting with his 12 employees quickly got at the root of the problem. As the employees saw it, their concern to meet daily tasks didn't include interruptions to answer the telephone. Handling messages or tracking down others in the plant, they told the frustrated owner, added too much to the variety of duties each faced daily. "He was asking more than we felt we could give to his business," one of the staff said.

To generate new business, my friend decided, he would have to risk adding a person to handle phone calls, correspondence and messages in a prompt and professional manner.

Treating others the way you want to be treated should be a priority consideration for small business repair people who want to build successful firms with satisfied regulars. And don't be surprised if you encounter skepticism along the way.

called an electrician three times in one month before he responded two months later. He would be free, he said. the next week and he would call before he came to my home. He never called. and he never showed up.

Like other homeowners and proprietors, I have growing difficulties getting repair people to service a variety of things. And promises to repair, I've found, have less value than they used to.

Independence, I've discovered, while a strong characteristic of the small business person, can be the small service repair person's Achilles' heel.

"Customers judge a service business by the promptness and quality of its service," say Drs. H. N. Broom and Justin G. Longenecker of Baylor University in their book, Small Business Management. "Nothing is more annoying to the customer than to wait for a promised repairman who fails to come at the appointed time...Given reasonably prompt service. it is the firm which renders the best service that prospers and grows. Service is all that a service firm has to sell. If its service is substandard, there is no real hope for enterprise survival and success."

Two-way communications, in other words, are absolutely essential if your business is destined to grow. And don't over-estimate the demand for your services whether you've been in business one year or ten. Such a view or "independent streak" may not consider the changing nature of the service you offer or the region in which you live. Business start-ups were up 16.5 percent the first quarter of this year-37.3 percent in the Middle Atlantic states where I live-and competition has begun to force those who have had service monopolies to adjust and provide more productivity

A manager of a discount center in the Northeast told me that he had relied on several independent service contractors to handle repairs on a major American brand of appliances sold by his company until recently.

"When the products had defective parts that the service people said they had to get from overseas and there were delays of up to two months, and no effort was made by the manufacturer or the service contractors to improve the situation...we decided to discontinue a longtime arrangement with the manufacturer and the service people. No company or person is indispensable," he said.

His comment is echoing around the country, while more and more technicians are receiving degrees and diplomas every year and entering the work force. Without question, America leads in preparing service personnel, in my opinion. American workers are better trained and the opportunities for many service fields are increasing. But conditions are changing.

Listen to what Ronald K. Shelp said after his book, Beyond Industrialization; Ascendancy of the Global Service Economy, was published in 1981. He told USA Today: "If I were guessing, I'd say the

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# DIN I RI DIVI DIVI

by Grace W. Weinstein

#### **VOLUNTEER TIME**

Do crisp fall days turn your thoughts to renewed activity? If so, whether you're still on the job or enjoying retirement, a volunteer commitment may be just right

for you.

Volunteer work in the 1980s is very different from the "good gray lady" image of decades ago. Today's volunteers are men and women, young and old, employed and not, performing a wide variety of community service. Volunteers tutor schoolchildren, counsel widows and widowers, raise funds for political candidates, perform administrative chores in hospitals, help the elderly prepare tax returns, serve meals to the homeless, give museum lectures, assist struggling entrepreneurs. Volunteers, in short, can do just about anything.

If you are interested in being a volunteer, heed these tips from Patricia McAuliffe, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for the Volunteer Bureau of the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agen-

cies in New York City:

· Examine your own motivation, and approach volunteer work as if you were evaluating career options. Volunteer work can serve many purposes. Do you want to further a cause, make social contacts, fill in otherwise boring time? Each is a valid reason, but you should think about why you are volunteering and pick an activity accordingly.

· Be flexible. Once you know your own motivation, be willing to look at alternatives. Here's where it pays to volunteer through a local Volunteer Bureau, rather than go to a specific agency or apply for a specific volunteer slot. A skilled interviewer at the bureau may be able to help you identify interests or motivations you weren't aware you

A skilled graphics designer volunteered to design brochures for an agency for the handicapped, for example, without realizing that he'd be better off doing something entirely different from what he had done for twenty-five years. He wound up happily running a community recreational program. (In a new twist on an old theme, the American Association of Retired Persons is testing a computerized Volunteer Talent Bank, matching volunteer interests, skills and experience with work assignments; for information, write, to AARP Volunteer Talent Bank, 1909 K St., NW, Washington, DC

 Think about whether you want to perform direct services, working with people, or would be more comfortable behind the scenes, doing administrative work. There's a big difference. And both are available.

Some people rule out volunteer work because they aren't outgoing, or have simply had enough of being with people after many years in a high-pressure job. But it isn't necessary to be sociable if you don't want to be.

It's possible to work in a computer room or laboratory, to do clerical work as well as people-to-people services. Conversely, it's possible to work directly with people, singly or in groups, if that's what pleases you. Some retirees conduct sing-alongs for hospital patients; others work directly with enterprising smallbusiness owners needing organizational help. Whatever your own interests and skills, you can find an appropriate slot.

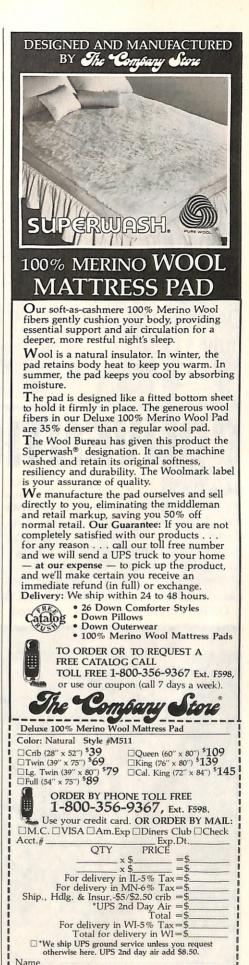
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- Treat your volunteer labor like a job. It is a job, in fact, in all but a paycheck. Your rewards are not monetary, but there should be rewards. Find out, before you make a commitment, just what those rewards will be. Find out how professional the volunteer agency will be toward you.

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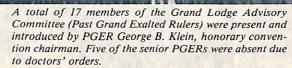
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and drive this enemy from our the 122nd Session of the Grand Lodge held in Denver in 1906, 1914 and shores," said GER John T. Traynor, of the Benevolent and Protective 1937. speaking on behalf of the Elks Drug Order of Elks. Awareness Program. He urged defeat nation.

"I call upon you to clench your fist speaker at the gala grand opening of City." Previous conventions were

PGER George B. Klein, honorary Events took place in the Audito- convention chairman, served as of the epidemic of drug abuse in the rium Arena in Denver, CO. This was master of ceremonies for the opening the fourth time in history that the meeting and introduced the other past GER Traynor was the featured Grand Lodge met in the "Mile-High grand exalted rulers and their wives.



The Denver West High School ROTC, under the direction of Maj. Paul Smith of Arvada, CO, Lodge, presented the

The unanimous election of Peter T. Affatato as Grand Exalted Ruler triggered a celebration by New York State Elks and their ladies. They paraded through the auditorium carrying signs and banners.



GER-Elect Peter T. Affatato is shown making his acceptance speech, which appeared in the September issue of The Elks Magazine.

GER John T. Traynor was the featured speaker at the opening







Over 9,700 Elks and their ladies registered for the 122nd Annual Session. The auditorium is shown here swarming with activity as Elks registered and viewed various displays.

The audience cheered as each state flag was presented at the Sunday night opening. Shown preparing to enter are (from left) State Presidents Richard Alves of California, Arthur Livingston of Arizona and Charles Snider of Alabama





Elkdom's new first family is shown above. Seated are GER Peter T. Affatato and his wife Irene. The new GER Peter T. Affatato receives his Standing from left are daughter Irene Burkhard and her husband Tom, and daughter Anne jewel of office from PGER Leonard Bristol. Affatato.

They were escorted by the Pottstown, ing over \$4 million for the second PA, Drill Team. year in a row.

The audience was welcomed by the Hon. Richard D. Lamm, governor of gentleman," GER Traynor conclud-Colorado, and Robert G. Ener, presi- ed, "one who loves his fellowman." dent of the Colorado Elks Associa-

Elks for their many contributions.

the Elks' programs reached new led the Pledge of Allegiance. heights this past year when donations to restore the Statue of Liberty went over the \$1 million mark, the "Hoop the Bismark, ND, Elks Chorus. The Shoot" program had 3.3 million par- musical prelude and recessional were ticipants and the Elks' pledge to vet- performed by Ed Putzier, organist erans remained unbroken.

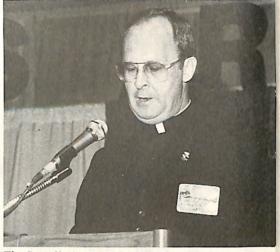
Calling the Elks National Foundathanked the delegates for contribut- Cassidy, Grand Chaplain.

"An Elk, indeed, is an American

The audience cheered as Dan Davis of Van Nuys, CA, Lodge No. 2028, "I've never seen such a crowd in chairman of the GL Americanism this arena and such spirit," the gover- Committee, introduced each state nor said of the packed auditorium as flag carried by its state president or he praised the Order and thanked the representative. The colors were presented by the Denver West High GER Traynor went on to say that School ROTC, and Chairman Davis

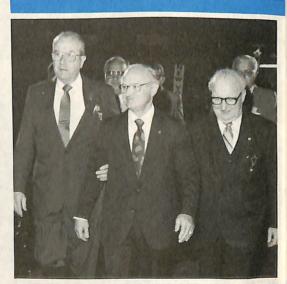
Musical presentations were made by Devils Lake, ND, Elks Band and for Boulder, CO, Lodge No. 566.

The Invocation and Benediction tion "Elkdom's crown jewel," he were given by the Rev. Kevin W.



The Rev. Kevin W. Cassidy of Baraboo, WI, Lodge, Grand Chaplain, gave the Invocation and Benediction at each meeting.





PGER Leonard J. Bristol (left) and PGER Edward W. McCabe (right) escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect to the stage for his acceptance speech. They were assisted by PGERs Marvin Lewis, Frank O. Garland and Kenneth V. Cantoli and Past Grand Tiler Harry Macv.



GER John T. Traynor holds up the hands of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect Peter T. Affatato and U.S. Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, who made the



An historical flag collection was presented to GER Traynor in connec tion with the Americanism Committee report by Committeeman Lloyd C. Bowles (right) of St. Albans, VT, Lodge. Standing next to GER Traynor is Chairman Dan Davis of Van Nuys, CA, Lodge.



An enthusiastic welcome to the delegates was given by the Hon. Richard D. Lamm, governor of Colorado (center), at the Sunday night opening session. Gov. Lamm is pictured with PGER George B. Klein (left) and GER John T. Traynor.



PGER Edward W. McCabe of Nashville, TN, Lodge, chairman, reported for the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.

## MONDAY

by Grand Esq. George L. Strain of La were the Devils Lake, ND, Elks Band for \$11,831,949. and the Pottstown, PA, Drill Team. participation.

points as the Philippine Islands, Guam, Panama and Puerto Rico were introduced and welcomed. Also welcomed were representatives of 17 new lodges.

associations Major Projects report was most impressive, with \$17.3 million and 1.3 million volunteer man-hours spent, and 62,145 persons helping with the various state Major Projects.

Ted Callicott of Paris, TN, Lodge No. 816, vice-chairman of the Board

posed budget in a preliminary report. Junta, CO, Lodge No. 701. Assisting The proposed balanced budget was

The nomination of Peter T. Affa-(R-NY), a member of Lynbrook, NY, Lodge No. 1515. Seconding speeches were made by past Grand Chaplain Rev. Fr. Francis A. White of Plattsburgh, NY, Lodge No. 621 and Past GER Traynor noted that the state District Deputy Monroe E. Lewis of Massapequa, NY, Lodge No. 2162.

The election of Brother Affatato triggered a celebration of jubilant New York State Elks and their ladies. They paraded through the convention hall carrying signs and banners.

Other new Grand Lodge officers elected were: Duncan McPherson of Lodge No. 1609 and Edward V. Cal-

The first business session was opened of Grand Trustees, presented the pro- Ballard, WA, Lodge No. 827, Grand Est. Lead. Kt.; Quenton P. Hawks of Plainfield, IN, Lodge No. 2186, Grand Est. Loyal Kt.; William J. Burns of Nashville, TN, Lodge No. It was the drill team's 41st year of tato of Hicksville, NY, Lodge No. 72, Grand Est. Lect. Kt.; and Stanley 1931 for Grand Exalted Ruler was F. Kocur of East Chicago, IN, Lodge Delegations from such distant made by Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato No. 981, Grand Secretary (his 10th term).

> Also named were Robert D. Moore of Fairfield, IA, Lodge No. 1192, Grand Treasurer; Carmine Pisapia of Dover, DE, Lodge No. 1903, Grand In. Gd.; A. Wayne Patterson of Grand Junction, CO, Lodge No. 575, Grand Tiler; Robert W. Carter of Valdosta, GA, Lodge No. 728, Grand Esq.; and the Rev. Kevin W. Cassidy of Baraboo, WI, Lodge No. 688, Grand Chaplain.

Robert C. Grant of Cullman, AL,



Vincent R. Collura (right), of Lincoln, NE, Lodge, Statue of Liberty Renovation coordinator, presented GER Traynor with a huge check representing the total amount of \$1,380,759.61 raised by the Order for the renovation of the statue.

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on the Board of Grand Trustees.

ment of Robert Bean of Coolidge- and a decrease in interest income. Florence, AZ, Lodge No. 2350 to a PGER McCabe also reported that five-year term as justice of the Grand approximately 10,000 people visited ship awards for the coming year will Forum.

#### TUESDAY

At the opening of the second business meeting, J. Paul Meyer of Puvallup, WA, Lodge No. 1450, chairman of the Committee on Distribution, made referrals on matters to be considered.

PGER Edward W. McCabe, chairman of the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission, announced that John R. Ryan, publisher/general manager of The Elks Magazine, was retiring October 1st. In the staff reorganization, Fred Oakes, Jr. is the new executive editor and Rudy R. Wicht becomes business manager.

PGER McCabe reported the magazine continued its emphasis on indepth coverage of Elkdom's charities with a number of feature stories. A major effort was made to assist the Grand Lodge Statue of Liberty Renovation Program in reaching and exceeding its goals. The magazine's staff assisted in the GER Statue of Liberty Certificate program.

It was noted that the number one editorial priority was given to the

Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Edu-

available at the convention.

lanan of Revere, MA, Lodge No. 31, 1986, the magazine suffered its is spent for charitable purposes. 1171 were elected to four-year terms first deficit since its founding 64 years ago, losing \$156,000. This deficit was \$2.52 per member, exceeding GER Delegates confirmed the appoint- attributed to a huge postage increase

> the Elks National Memorial Building total \$2.5 million. in Chicago during the past year.

Fred M. Sheehan of Chicago (South), IL, Lodge No. 1596, chairman of the GL Auditing and Accounting Committee, pointed out in his report that 48 percent of the lodges are not operating their club facilities at a profit and 45 percent are spending more on lodge costs and activities than they receive from their fund-raising activities. The result is that half of the lodges are in financial trouble. A revised Auditing and Accounting Manual is available.

PGER Homer Huhn, Jr., in a preliminary report for the Trustees of the Elks National Foundation, announced that PGER Kenneth V. Cantoli had been named to succeed the late PGER E. Gene Fournace as a member of the board. He also reported that PGER Horace Wisely, a longtime member of the board, had submitted his resignation.

This year contributions to the cation Program. In-depth feature ar- Foundation totaled \$4,021,359, ticles were published and were re- bringing the total since the establishprinted in a special 20-page edition ment of the Foundation 58 years ago to \$61,522,226. The principal of this During the fiscal year ending May fund is never spent; only the interest

Contributions this year reached Traynor's goal of \$2.50.

PGER Huhn announced that the "Most Valuable Student" scholar-

GER Traynor read a message from



I congratulate Peter Affatato and all the members and supporters of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks participating in your 1986 National Convention.

All Americans are aware of the outstanding services the Elks have provided to so many communities throughout our nation. Your generous scholarship programs have assisted many young students to fulfill their dreams of a college education. Caring for and helping the handicapped children of our country is another activity for which you are well known. Nor have you forgotten our Veterans who fought and suffered injuries in the line of duty. Nancy especially appreciates your work to alert our young people to the dangers of drugs.

We have come to expect much from the voluntary services of the Elks, and that's because you do such a good job. On behalf of the many Americans you've helped, I send you a special "thank you." Keep up the good work, and God bless you.



The new Grand Lodge officers are (seated from left) Grand Est. Lead. Kt. Duncan McPherson of Ballard, WA; Grand Est. Loyal Kt. Quenton P. Hawks of Plainfield, IN; GER Peter T. Affatato of Hicksville, NY; Grand Secy. Stanley F. Kocur of East Chicago, IN; and Grand Est. Lect. Kt. William J. Burns of Nashville, TN; (standing) Grand Treas. Robert D. Moore of Fairfield, IA; Grand Esq. Robert W. Carter of

Valdosta, GA; Grand Chap. Rev. Kevin W. Cassidy of Baraboo, WI; Grand In. Gd. Carmine Pisapia of Dover, DE; Grand Tiler A. Wayne Patterson of Grand Junction, CO; and four-year Grand Trustees Edward V. Callanan of Revere, MA, and Robert C. Grant of Cullman,



President Ronald Reagan congratu- the GL Lodge Activities Committee, dent's message appears elsewhere in year. this feature.

need to improve public relations pro- CA, Lodge No. 1538. grams to enhance the image of Elkdom.

James B. Roberson of Mt. Adams,

lating the delegates for their volun- reported on the various contests contary services. A copy of the Presi- ducted by the committee this past

The highlight of his report was the Edward V. Callanan, serving as announcement of the five 1985-86 chairman of the GL Public Relations All-American lodges. They are: 300 Committee, announced the death of or fewer members, Salisbury, NC, the previous chairman, Joseph M. Lodge No. 699; 301 to 500 members, Douglass, Jr. of Angola, IN, Lodge Mesquite, TX, Lodge No. 2404; 501 No. 2398. Brother Callanan reported to 700 members, Slidell, LA, Lodge on the public relations efforts on No. 2321; 701 to 1,100 members, behalf of the various national and Nutley, NJ, Lodge No. 1290; and state Elks programs. He cited the over 1,100 members, Santa Maria,

> Herbert M. Brautzsch of Fort the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Wayne, IN, Lodge No. 155, chairman

Participants in the Annual Elks Memorial Program were (from left) Ed Putzier, of Boulder, CO, Lodge, organist; Vincent R. Collura, of Lincoln, NE, Lodge, Statue of Liberty Renovation coordinator, who gave the Memorial Address; Robert J. Kennedy of Dover, OH. Lodge, Grand Est. Loyal Kt., who gave a eulogy to the late PGER E. Gene Fournace; PDD Cecil C. Shields of Colorado Springs, CO, Lodge, who gave the Eleven O'Clock Toast; the Rev. Kevin W. Cassidy of Baraboo, WI, Lodge, Grand Chaplain, who provided the Invocation and Benediction; Carlton Witter of Boulder, CO, Lodge, soloist, and PGER Frank O. Garland, Chairman.

pation in the lodge officers' training program was down and 14 states even failed to respond.

More lodges are now using computers, he said, and states holding seminars report large turnouts.

Major Projects display winners were, ranked in order, Nebraska, Florida and Illinois; Honorable Mention, Washington and New Jersey.

States with the highest per capita donations to the Elks National Foundation were, in order, Hawaii, Maine, and North Carolina. States with the highest percentage of new pledges signed were Hawaii, North Carolina and Oklahoma. Special awards went to the Elks National Home, the state of California, and

Winners in the state association of the GL State Associations Com- bulletin contest, in the various WA, Lodge No. 1868, chairman of mittee, told the delegates that partici- categories, were first place: Califor-

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nia-Hawaii; Colorado; Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia: Georgia: Missouri: Nebraska: and Pennsylvania.

Second place: Ohio, Alabama, Illinois, Idaho and Alaska.

PGER Robert A. Yothers, chairman of the Elks National Convention Commission, lauded the local Denver Elks Convention Committee for its activities and announced that next year's convention will be in Atlanta. GA. In 1988 the convention will be held in Las Vegas, NV.

Delegates approved a report by PGER H. Foster Sears concerning the establishment of an Elks Emblem Supply Department.

Ken Moore of Corona, CA, Lodge No. 2045 reported on plans for the Elks' float in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade. The 65-foot float will be entitled "Wonders of the World-The Children."

Robert C. Grant, chairman of the GL Lodge Development Committee, regrettably reported the largest loss of membership in many years, perhaps ever—34,129—with eight percent fewer members initiated and eight percent more dropped from the rolls. A total of 791 of the 2,299 lodges, however, had membership gains.

Of the new lodges instituted, Florida had five; California, four; and Missouri and Oklahoma, two each.

Robert D. Moore, chairman of the GL Government Relations Committee, stressed the need to file a government relations survey report each year on February 1st.

Reports from only 1,282 lodges, or 56 percent, showed that the Order touched the lives of 4.5 million people in youth, athletic, handicapped, patriotic, veterans or community service programs.

Brother Moore lamented the fact that the committee did not receive whole-hearted support when it called for help in stopping an increase in the cost of mailing The Elks Magazine as well as state and lodge bulletins.

In a preliminary report of the GL Americanism Committee, Dan Davis, chairman, announced the winning states in the Americanism contest.

They are New York, Arizona, and

Also in a preliminary report, and Western Division teams.

went to Bellaire, OH, Lodge No. 419 ond with a score of 93.6576.

first in the Western Division with a vice to Veterans," depicting the Elks' score of 96.0851, followed by Chick- work with veterans, in celebration of asha, OK, Lodge No. 2125 with a the 40th Anniversary of the Elks Nascore of 95.7424.

HIGHEST NET PERCENTAGE

OF MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Lodges with 300 or fewer members:

Marion County, AL

3. South Hillsborough, FL

Lodges with 301 to 500 members:

Lodges with 501 to 700 members:

Lodges with 701 to 1,100 members:

Lodges with 1,101 or more members

Lodges with 300 or fewer members:

Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:

Lodges with 2,001 or more members:

Lodges with 300 or fewer members:

Chisholm Trail, TX

Mountainside, NJ

Greenwood Lake, NY

AMERICANISM BROCHURE CONTEST

**BEST OVERALL YOUTH PROGRAMS** 

Biddeford-Saco, ME

Calabash, NC

Ashtabula, OH

Sherman, TX

3. Marblehead, MA

Towson, MD

3. Wilmington, NC

Phoenix, AZ

1. Kearny, AZ

Katy, TX

Olympia, WA

Punta Gorda, FL

3. Greenwood Lake, NY

Ainsworth, NE

Blackfoot, ID

Cordova, AK

Mainland, TX

Oswego, NY

Ogallala, NE

Auburn, WA

San Rafael, CA

Carmichael, CA

Charleston, SC

Ridgefield Park, NJ

Wallace ID

3. Pasadena, TX

1. Naples, FL

Knoxville, TN

#### WEDNESDAY

The Wednesday business meeting was open to the ladies. PGER Gerald Strohm, reporting for the Elks Na-Joseph M. DeLitta of Mamaroneck, tional Service Commission, an-NY, Lodge No. 1457, chairman of nounced that there has been an inthe GL Ritualistic Committee, an- crease in participation in the nounced the All-American Eastern Veterans' Remembrance Report Contest. He announced the winning First place in the Eastern Division lodges in the various categories: Bethesda-Chevy Chase, MD, Lodge with a score of 94.5830, while Fort No. 2357; Peabody, MA, Lodge No. Walton, FL, Lodge No. 1795 was sec- 1409; and Weymouth, MA, Lodge No. 2232. PGER Strohm also showed Ogallala, NE, Lodge No. 1760 was the premiere of a film entitled "Sertional Service Commission.

#### Lodges with 301 to 600 members: Poplar Bluff, MO Atlanta-Buckhead, GA

3. Hayward, CA Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

Hudson, NY Otsego, MI

Richmond, CA

Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:

Lincoln, NE

Green Valley, AZ Union, NJ

Lodges with 2,001 or more members:

Albuquerque, NM

Carmichael, CA

McCook, NE

#### LODGE BULLETIN CONTEST WINNERS

Lodges with 300 or fewer members

Diamond Bar-Walnut, CA Hutchinson, MN

Fort Smith, AR

Lodges with 301 to 500 members: Edmond, OK

Mesquite, TX

Simi Valley, CA Lodges with 501 to 700 members:

West Palm Beach, FL

Oklahoma City, OK

Janesville, WI

Lodges with 701 to 1,100 members:

Lynchburg, VA Greeley, CO

Gainesville, GA Lodges with 1,101 or more members:

El Cajon, CA

Palo Alto, CA

Garden Grove, CA

## NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK WINNERS

Lodges with 300 or fewer members:

Franklin Square, NY

Hutchinson, MN

3. Kearny, NJ Lodges with 301 to 600 members:

Fulton, NY

Bayonne, NJ

Sierra Vista, AZ Lodges with 601 to 1,000 members:

Van Wert, OH

Sonora, CA

Middletown, NJ Lodges with 1,001 to 2,000 members:

Falls City, ME

Vancouver, WA

Yankton, SD Lodges with 2,001 or more members:

Carmichael, CA

Gateway, OR

Charleston, SC



For the first time the All-American Lodge awards were made in categories. From left are Steven Arey, ER of Salisbury, NC, No. 699 (300 or fewer members); Don Martin, ER of Mesquite, TX, No. 2404 (301-500 members); immediate PER Herman Keen of Slidell, LA, No. 2321 (501-700 members); Jerry Carnevale, ER of Nutley, NJ, No. 1290 (701-1,100 members); Vern Clayclamp, ER of Santa Maria, CA, No. 1538 (over 1,100 members); and James Roberson of Mount Adams, WA, No. 1868, chairman of GL Lodge Activities Committee.



Ogallala, NE, Lodge No. 1760 won the National Ritualistic Championship for the second consecutive year. Congratulating the team were GER Traynor and PGER George B. Klein. The team members (from left) are PER Kevin O'Donnell, acting as ER; Est. Lead. Kt. William Harrington; Est. Loyal Kt. Dennis Eggleston; Est. Lect. Kt. Joel Engdahl; Esq. Gary Krajewski; Chap. Rex Santera; In. Gd. Ken Priesner; candidate Cliff Knispel; and PER Marty Mueller, coach.

W. Ernest Bell of Durham, NC, dren in the fourth through the ninth pended toward youth programs by cocaine and alcohol. Elks across America. This is at least a than 55,000 boys and girls. Three new foreign countries. programs were added: junior golf, kids' soccer and junior judo.

Hawaii.

Dick Herndobler of Ashland, OR, Lodge No. 944, GL Drug Awareness chairman, reported that Elks have initiated and financially supported 1.862 different Drug Awareness Pro-

Lodge No. 568, chairman of the GL grades. The programs place special Youth Activities Committee, told the emphasis on three drugs considered audience that over \$6 million was ex- to be "gateway" drugs: marijuana,

Brother Herndobler enumerated 15 percent increase over last year's the various methods that Elks are usfigures and does not include expendiing in preventing drug use and noted tures by the Elks National Founda- that for the second year in a row, the the basketball "Hoop Shoot" pro- national conference in Atlanta, GA, back." gram. Elks also sponsor more than which attracted over 5,300 adult and

resolution that the Elks' message to Best overall state association youth our children must be "No illicit drugs Education section of this issue.

ing America for Elks and Elks for funds for the restoration. America; when we stand up and





Top "Hoop Shoot" winners, Benjamin Bryant and Jennifer Howard, dribbled their basketballs down the aisle to the podium, much to the delight of the au-

tion for the scholarship program and Order co-sponsored the PRIDE Inter- 'Lord, help us to give something

Vincent R. Collura of Lincoln, NE, 1,900 scouting units involving more student leaders from 40 states and 60 Lodge No. 80, Statue of Liberty Renovation coordinator, in a final Delegates unanimously approved a report, presented a check in the amount of \$380,759.61. In turn, PGER Edward W. McCabe, chairbrochures winners were Nebraska, ever" and "No alcohol under the man of the Elks Memorial and North Carolina and California- legal age." The resolution in its en- Publication Commission, presented tirety appears in the Drug Awareness Brother Collura with the "Flag of Liberty" which flew over the Elks Dan Davis, in a stirring final National Memorial Building in Americanism report, stressed "Keep- Chicago during the campaign to raise

Emile Brady, national director of grams in communities across the na- speak for America, then shall we put the "Hoop Shoot" Contest, antion, primarily directed to young chil- meaning into that simple prayer, nounced that this year 12 states had



100 percent participation, with an overall increase in the number of youngsters taking part up to 3.3 million.

The audience chuckled as officials had to stand the top "Hoop Shoot" boy winner on a chair in order for him to be tall enough to receive his Getty Powell Award. Eight-year-old Benjamin Bryant, sponsored by Sikeston, MO, Lodge No. 2319, shot 24 for 25 and then 10 for 10 to break a tie.

The top "Hoop Shoot" girl winner was Jennifer Howard of Vale, NC, sponsored by Hickory, NC, Lodge No. 1654. In the age 10-11 class she shot a perfect 25 for 25. Both winners will have their names inscribed in the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA.

The audience was in an uproar as the Hoop Shooters fired miniature basketballs into the crowd as they left the stage.

PGER Homer Huhn, Jr., chairman of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, in a final report, announced that over \$7.8 million will be disbursed for charitable purposes in the coming year.

Six Eagle Scout scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to Jonathon Trumbull of Woods Hole, MA; George Williams, Jr. of Greenwood, MS; Amjad Safvi of Springfield, IL; Stuart Shanks of Prairie Village, KS; Knoi Nguyen of Whittier, CA; and Andrew Bentley of Nacogdoches, TX.

The two first-place national winners in the Elks National Foundation Reynolds). "Most Valuable Student" contest received a standing ovation. PGER Frank Hise introduced Ramona Lee of New Plymouth, ID. She was sponsored by Ontario, OR, Lodge No. 1690, and escorted to the stage by State Presidents Marshall R. Harwick of Idaho and Charles Snyder of Oregon.

Miss Lee, farm girl who plans to become a teacher, thanked the Elks and then brought down the house when she confessed she had seen the sign BPOE 1690 many times but thought it was a radio station. She



The new District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers are sworn in by the new GER.



The newest PGER, John T. Traynor, was installed into the "Usterwazers Club" and given a seat of honor as low man on the totem pole.

received a bouquet of roses from 1690's head "disc jockey" (ER David

## ATTENDANCE As Reported by the

Committee on Oreachtais
Grand Exalted Ruler
Grand Exaited Ruler-Elect
Past Grand Exalted Rulers
Grand Lodge Forum
Grand Lodge Officers
Grand Lodge Committeemen 89
District Deputy Designates
Special Deputies
Representatives and alternates2,110
Past Exalted Rulers
Other Elks, ladies and guests 5,664
Grand Total

PGER Francis M. Smith introduced the top boy winner, Paul J. Isakson of Aberdeen, SD. He was escorted to the stage by South Dakota State President Barclay J. Allibone and former State Scholarship Chairman Richard C. Bortnem. Paul, who plans to become an aeronautical engineer, spoke of his dreams for the future.

#### THURSDAY

Melvin B. Starkel of Fresno, CA. Lodge No. 439, chairman of the GI. Credentials Committee, gave his final report; and retiring Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, William Keylor Smith of Walla Walla, WA, Lodge No. 287, explained the functions of the Grand Forum and the Order's judicial system.

Justice Eugene F. Costello of Denver, CO, Lodge No. 17 presented a resolution honoring Chief Justice Smith which was unanimously adopted.

Peter T. Affatato, chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, presented the final report of the board. Delegates approved renovation of Cottage B at the Elks National Home and approved an increase in the Grand Lodge per capita dues to \$3.50. They also approved the budget, new lodges, mergers and name changes.

Grand Trustee Bob J. Bybee of Idaho Falls, ID, Lodge No. 1087 presented a resolution honoring Brother Affatato; and Grand Trustee Al F. Humphrey of Fort Madison, IA, Lodge No. 374 presented a resolution honoring Vice-Chairman Ted Callicott, who is retiring from the board. Both resolutions were approved.

Robert Bean, chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, presented a number of amendments to the constitution to streamline it, along with a number of resolutions. A digest of these amendments and resolutions appears elsewhere in this issue.

George J. Balbach of Queens Borough, NY, Lodge No. 878, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, presented a resolution lauding the Denver Convention Committee, which was enthusiastically approved.

For the second year in a row, Ogallala, NE, Lodge No. 1760 claimed the national ritualistic championship with a score of 95.0443. Second was Chickasha, OK, Lodge No. 2125, scoring 94.7365; third, Bellaire, OH, Lodge No. 419, scoring 93.1151; and fourth, Fort Walton, FL, Lodge No. 1795 with a score of 92.8823.

PGER Glenn L. Miller was presented a plaque of recognition for having been sponsor of Iowa from 1971 to 1986.

PGER Kenneth V. Cantoli installed the new Grand Lodge Officers. The jewel of office of the new Grand Exalted Ruler was presented by PGER Leonard J. Bristol.

PGER Francis M. Smith presented a resolution honoring the new PGER John T. Traynor, which was approved by a standing vote and applause. PGER Smith also presented Brother Traynor with a Past Grand Exalted Ruler's pin.

Gifts were presented to both PGER Traynor and GER Affatato, who installed the new district deputies.

The following appointments were made and approved by the delegates: • PGER Gerald Strohm re-appointed to a five-year term on the Elks National Service Commission.

- PGER Frank O. Garland appointed to a five-year term on the Elks National Convention Commis-
- PGER George B. Klein re-appointed to a five-year term on the Elks National Memorial and Publication Commission.
- PGER Marvin Lewis appointed to the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees, to complete the term of office of PGER Horace Wisely.
- PGER Kenneth V. Cantoli appointed to a seven-year term on the Elks National Foundation Board of Trustees.
- · PGER John T. Traynor appointed to the National Service Commission, to complete the term of office of PGER Robert Grafton.

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# "Golden Jubilee" Convention in Denver, 1914

his year's Grand Lodge Session in Denver brought to mind memories of three previous national conventions held in the "Mile-High City." Reproduced on this page are postcards from the collection of R. Max Pennington, PER of Lincoln, NE, Lodge No. 80, which depict the Order's "Golden Jubilee" Convention in Denver in 1914.





Clockwise from left: A giant statue of an Elk was erected for the 1914 Convention. The Brown Palace Hotel was the Headquarters hotel; Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Leach (inset) presided. 17th Street was festively decorated with both Elk and American flags.



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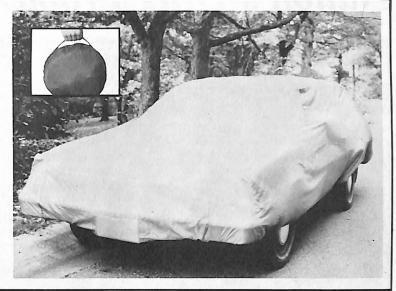
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# Senator D'Amato Addresses the Nation's Drug Problem



Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, a member of Lynbrook, NY, Lodge, stressed the importance of educating our youth to the evils and dangers of drug abuse.



Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato (R-NY) addressed the 1986 National Convention in Denver to nominate Peter T. Affatato as Grand Exalted Ruler. During his powerful speech, Sen. D'Amato praised the Elks for their efforts in the war against drugs. Following is the partial text of Sen. D'Amato's nominating speech.

Grand Exalted Ruler Traynor, Father Cassidy, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Brother Elks, ladies and guests: To the Affatato family, look at your daddy now, girls; it may be the last time you see mom and dad for a year. This is one exhaustive job. I think it even rivals that of the Presidency of the United States in terms of the travel and the commitment.

I am truly honored to have the opportunity to be here with you today and to share in this most special occasion.

You know, many factors contribute to the success of any organization. Most importantly, however, an organization must have effective leadership, which the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has had in the past from its officers at every level.

We have with us today the honored gentlemen on the dais to witness this election of a very special man for Grand Exalted Ruler. A lifelong commitment to Elkdom. And this commitment is exemplified by the conclusion of another successful year under the leadership of Grand Exalted Ruler John Traynor and his support from our Past Grand Exalted Rulers.

And let me take this opportunity now to say that I read -because I was not here yesterday-the address of our Grand Exalted Ruler, John T. Traynor, and I am proud to be an Elk. I am proud because there is the one organization in America that has stood up and said "Wake up America, we have an epidemic. We are at war."

The only problem is we are not fighting that war; and our communities are being invaded. We have terror in the streets. Our youngsters are being entrapped, and it's

about time that we declared a war on the drug pushers of this country and the international drug traffickers. And, John Traynor, I salute you. It's about time that we clenched our fists and raised our voices and said to the leaders of this nation: Use the military to interdict the drug runners, shoot down their planes, capture their vessels, make our country safe once again.

I am tired of hearing the Secretary of Defense say that we are using the military properly when they are doing literally almost nothing in the war against the drug pushers who come across the borders. They don't grow poppy here in the United States of America. Heroin and cocaine come from abroad, my friends, and it's about time that we told those nations who are making billions and billions of dollars that we will cut off economic aid; that we will fight to protect the interests of the American people that are being savaged by the drug epidemic today.

The Elks can be proud, proud of the fact that you have started an education program, because it becomes paramount that we educate our youngsters to the evils, to the danger, of drug abuse; and it's too late if you start those programs in high school.

I was shocked when I read the Rocky Mountain News editorial this past Friday that said, "Why are you hysterical? There's hysteria today about the drug situation. Why, it's no worse now than it was five years ago. And just because Len Bias, a great sports star, and Don Rogers, a football player, died, that's no reason to blow this out of proportion."

Let me suggest that maybe that's the reason we have

in, because they aggrandized the Timothy Learys and the drug pushers and the use of marijuana and cocaine and said to those who raise their voice, why, "You are interfering in the personal liberties of people."

Let me suggest to you that the personal liberties and rights of the citizens of the United States who have to live in fear because they are afraid of the pushers and the addicts, and particularly the senior citizens who are afraid to venture out at night—and what about the families who live in fear for their young people? Who is going to speak up and fight for the right of society to live with domestic tranquility? And haven't we lost domestic tranquility in this nation today?

And so, my friends, in your education program, starting in the fourth grade and working on up, you do an important job. You set an example for others to become involved. Because it's only when we curb the demand that we will begin to deal with John Traynor's remark, when he talked about the vultures who seek to make the billions of dollars in profits on the bodies and the heartaches of our youngsters and their families.

And so let me say that education and prevention are the cornerstone, and we have not seen it undertaken in our schools the way it should be.

And to those who say, "Well, how bad is the problem?" My friends, don't you believe that the situation hasn't deteriorated. It's gotten much worse. There are cities in America, including the great city of New York, where you can go out on the streets at almost any time —and I did it the other day—and you can buy drugs by merely the flick of a hand and a signal, and the dealers don't even know you and they will show up and will sell you any type of any kind at any price.

And one of the problems is the fact that when the police officers arrest these drug dealers, the courts of America all too often are putting them right back out on the street instead of holding them and convicting them and seeing to it that they are really punished and that society is protected. We have a revolving-door system.

And I could quote you cases where one man was arrested 78 times in a period of nine years. Last July, he was convicted for the sale of drugs once again, about his 60th arrest. They sentenced him to 90 days. Two months later, he was convicted again for the sale of drugs. This time, he was sentenced to 30 days. Four months after his third conviction, he was convicted once again. This time I guess the judge figured he learned his lesson: He put him out on probation.

That's the kind of tragedy that we have taking place, and the peril to which the American family is involved.

And the only thing going down in terms of drug use is the age of the users. The average age of the person who becomes involved in drug use today is 12 years of age.

And so I implore you, and I congratulate you on your past efforts, to say clench that fist, raise those efforts. You shake the halls of the Congress, of the State Capitols; you say to the government, "you protect our borders, have good law enforcement, have education and prevention," and, yes, make this a war that we are going to win on behalf of society and on behalf of the people of

Because, let me tell you, the drug epidemic today poses a greater threat to this nation than all the forces of the Khomeinis and the Gadhafis and the terrorists and the

the problem today, because the media has failed to focus communists. And you go back to ancient Roman times and Laberius said it well when he said a great nation is not destroyed from without until it is destroyed from within. And the enemy is here.

And I salute the Elks and particularly our Grand Exalted Ruler, John Traynor, for your leadership in this

My friends, the man whom I propose as the successor to John Traynor, is a man who, in my judgment, is eminently qualified to carry on this great tradition of dynamic and responsible leadership; a man of impeccable character, a learned and sucessful lawyer, a tried and true leader, a religious man, a devoted husband and father. And he is from the great Empire State of New York, which, in our lifetime has given us so many fine Grand Exalted Rulers-Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Leonard J. Bristol, who is here with us today, and three other fine leaders of the past, Judge James T. Hallinan and George I. Hall, and Judge Ronald J. Dunn. All New Yorkers.

Our most distinguished nominee, a member of Hicksville Lodge No. 1931, was born in New York City in 1924 and presently resides on Long Island. He has served his country well twice in the United States Air Force, first in World War II and then in the Korean Conflict.

Let me tell you, he has done it the hard way. He worked himself through college and law school, where he met his college sweetheart, Irene. In 1949, he was admitted to practice law in New York State and in the Federal District Courts. He is a member of the Bar Association of the New York State Bar and a member of the American College of Trial Lawyers. And just two weeks ago, he completed a term as President of the Nassau County Bar Association. It is no small task to lead 4,600 lawyers in one of the nation's leading county bar associations.

In terms of a trial lawyer, he is without peer. He is tenacious. But more importantly, Peter T. Affatato represents that which you hold so dear, and as I look to the wall and I see ELKS ARE AMERICAN GENTLEMEN. Brother Elks, ladies and guests, Peter T. Affatato is an American gentleman, second to none.

He is the kind of person who inspires in his quiet, dignified pursuit of truth, of justice, of those causes that he has been involved in, in the educational systems that he has worked to improve. And he has done it. He has led one of the largest school districts in the suburban communities of the United States, unpaid, as president of that school board, large and massive, taking in and educating thousands and thousands of young people.

He has demonstrated his leadership in the positions in which he has served Elkdom from the very first day he became an Elk, 36 years ago, to this day, where he serves as chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

And so, my friends, it is with a particular sense of enthusiasm and really almost reverence, because I have come to know and to appreciate Peter T. Affatato as a fine American gentleman, one that every one of us can be proud of, one who will lead the Elks into further battles on behalf of this great nation, on behalf of the causes which we have espoused and which are so important to each and every one of us, that it is my great privilege to nominate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for the ensuing year, my good friend, the distinguished Elk from the Empire State of New York, Peter T. Affatato.



# **Convention Approves** "No-Use" Resolution

The following resolution was presented and unanimously approved at the Grand Lodge Session in Denver:

Since there are so many mixed messages reaching our children through the media and on the street which indicate that some believe that drugs can be used responsibly or recreationally; and, since there are magazines and books available to our children that endorse the use of drugs, and many movies and television programs show the use of drugs and alcohol by young people, it is appropriate that the Order of Elks take a stand and resolve to oppose the mixed messages to our

Be it resolved, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its state associations and local lodges, affirm and support the concept of "no-use" messages on drugs and alcohol to the nation's youth, and our opposition to the concept of "responsible use" of illicit substances. The message to our children must be "no illicit drugs ever" and "no alcohol under the legal age."

Be it further resolved, that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, its state associations and local lodges, oppose the legalization or decriminalization of the use, possession, sale, or production of psychoactive substances, including cannabis, cocaine, and heroin, for anything other than authorized research or scientific purposes.



ness chm. Also pictured is Odell Whittington, Holly Farms vice-president in charge of transportation and an Elk member.



# **Special Booklet Now Available**

Copies of the 20-page booklet, "Awareness: The Key To Drug Free Children," which was distributed at the Grand Lodge Convention, are now available, at no charge, from your local lodge

The booklet contains reprints of the first three articles in The Elks Magazine Drug Awareness series, as well as the follow-up article, "Elks Widen War Against Drug Use," which appeared in the June, 1986, issue.

This booklet should be most helpful to anyone conducting a Drug Awareness program. It is also an excellent means of informing your community about the Elks' program.



During the PRIDE International Conference on Drugs, held in Atlanta, GA, and co-sponsored by the Elks, the Order received a proclamation from Georgia Gov. Joe Frank Harris in appreciation of its continued support of the fight against drug abuse. The proclamation was presented by Dr. Thomas J. Gleaton, Jr. (left), president of PRIDE, to GL Drug Awareness Chairman Dick Herndobler. (Photo courtesy of Reis Birdwhistell.)

## Holly Farms, a national distributor of chicken based in Wilksboro, NC, has placed extralarge "Hugs Are Better Than Drugs" bumper stickers on all of its 1,000 motorized vehicles. In photo, Leann Ashley, Holly Farms Drug Abuse director, receives an award from James Green, North Carolina Drug Aware-

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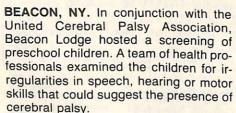
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# NEWS & LODGES





HOMESTEAD, FL, Lodge entered a beautifully decorated float in the local 4th of July Parade, held in conjunction with the Statue of Liberty Centennial Celebration.

The lodge's entry won first prize, and ER Bryant Royster received a Statue of Liberty clock plaque.

MIAMI, AZ, Lodge held a surprise dinner tribute for then-Grand In. Gd. Bob Belsher, the first member of the lodge to hold a Grand Lodge office.

Guests of honor included PGER R. Leonard Bush and his wife Dodie. Hundreds of Elks and their ladies from almost every lodge in Arizona turned out to honor Brother Belsher.

Contributions received for the Bob Belsher Tribute will be used to refurbish a unit at the Arizona Elks Long Term Care Hospital in Belsher's name.

The Miami Elks Annual Hospital Dance followed the dinner, and pro- Elk, Corp. William Magamoll, assigned ceeds will enable another hospital unit to to the Old Guard of the U.S. Infantry, be refurbished by Miami Lodge.

KODIAK, AK. When the Tiger Cub program was initiated by Boy Scouts of America in 1982 as a means of extending the benefits of Scouting to boys six and seven, Kodiak Lodge added a Tiger Cub Group to its list of successful youth activities

Nine boys enrolled in the original pro-



gram. This year, six of those first nine Tigers moved up into Boy Scouting. The two-thirds retention rate is considered extraordinary in this remote community, which has a generally mobile and transient population.

FREDERICK, MD. During the Statue of Liberty Rededication Ceremonies, the honor of carrying the American Flag on stage prior to the appearance of President Ronald Reagan and French President Francois Mitterand belonged to an and a member of Frederick, MD, Lodge. As a member of the Color Guard, Brother Magamoll appeared again on the evening of July 6 in the Sports Salute to

BREWSTER, NY, Lodge held its Second Annual Senior Citizens Picnic, with

230 seniors attending. The day began with a continental

breakfast, followed by hamburgers, hot dogs and salads for lunch. A barbecued chicken dinner was also served.

Live music was provided all day long for the guests' dancing pleasure, and they also enjoyed the use of the lodge's swimming pool.

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP, NJ. James Cunningham, chm. of the Crippled Children's Committee of Millstone Township Lodge, presented a check for \$470 to representatives of POSE (Parents of Special Education children). The money paid for a bus trip for the children to the Museum of Natural History in New York

GARDEN GROVE, CA, Lodge presented Certificates of Merit and books at an assembly at the Mitchell School in Garden Grove. A contest was held for all students to find those who read the most, and these prizes were awarded to the winners.





Session in Denver, PSP Paul Techel (right) of Ottumwa, IA, Lodge presented PGER Glenn Miller with a plaque of apfor the state of lowa from 1971 to 1986.

CLAWSON-TROY, MI, Lodge paid the expenses of four members of the Troy High School Fillies Drill Team who were chosen to participate in the 100th Birthday Celebration of the Statue of Liberty. The lodge paid the airfare and housing 1,200-member team that performed in mine fur. the closing ceremony July 6.

Pictured are ER Doug Elliott and drill GUILDERLAND, NY. ER Stephen

preciation for having served as sponsor Activities chm. of Haines Lodge, presented the Eagle Scout Recognition Award and an American flag to Douglas Honor Ceremony.

Douglas was wearing an authentic sored the girls program. Chilkat blanket with the design of a bear (Kootz), a subclan of the Eagle Clan of the Tlingit Indians. His headdress was a for the girls, who were part of a hand-carved Eagle design trimmed in er-

DENVER, CO. During the Grand Lodge team members Suzy Pierchala, Tamara Villano and PER and Youth Activities Rasico, Kelly Cullen and Lisa Whitman. Chm. Desmond McNamara of Guilderland Lodge presented trophies to the HAINES, AK. Bruce Smith (left), Youth first and second-place teams in the Guilderland High School Boys and Girls Intramural Floor Hockey Tournament.

> The lodge has sponsored the boys Olerud during an Eagle Scout Court of program for the last five years, and this is the second year the lodge has spon-

> > DOLTON, IL, Lodge's float in the Dolton-Riverdale 4th of July Parade won first place. The float's theme was "Elks Support the Lady."

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# NEWS OF THE LODGES

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HARRISON-EAST NEWARK, NJ, Lodge presented a check for \$1,500 to Boy Scout Troop 304 to help pay the expenses of the troop's two-week trip to Scout Ranch in Philmont, NM. Pictured are (front row, from left) Chap. and National Foundation Chm. John Luciano; Secy. Larry Kelly, Scoutmaster Mike Fearns, Esq. and Youth Activities Chm. Lloyd Spillane, and Valerie Abramowicz; (second row) ER Dan McFadden and Louis McFadden.

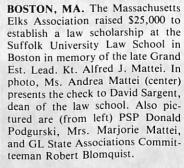
LYNBROOK, NY. At its Eighth Annual Police Awards Night, Lynbrook Lodge presented plaques to ten outstanding police officers from six surrounding departments and precincts. In photo, ER Lawrence Contratti (left) presents a plaque to Officer Richard Neidecker, who was the honoree of the Lynbrook Police Department. Also pictured are Officer Neidecker's wife Florence and Lynbrook Chief of Police Frank Kehr.



**POMPANO BEACH, FL,** Lodge presented a total of \$19,500 to charitable organizations at a recent meeting. Recipients were (from left) Marjorie Steffan, Broward Childrens Center, \$2,500; Jean Harvell, The Chord, Inc. \$2,500; Marsha Trivigno, Woodhouse Home, \$5,000; ER Roy Kronenberg for the Florida Elks Children's Hospital, \$7,000; and Richard Dodge, Turning Point Drug Rehabilitation, \$2,500.









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LANCASTER, PA. PER Raymond Sweigart (second from left), Youth Activities chm. of Lancaster Lodge, presented a check to Wendy Mathis to help pay her tuition to the Junior Statesmen Summer School at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Also pictured are (from left) PSP Paul Brubaker; ER James Thorbahn; and David Wachter, headmaster of Linden Hall, a boarding school which Wendy attends.

# **News of the State Associations**



A total of 2,232 Elks and their ladies attended the 74th Annual Convention of the New York State Elks Association, held May 14-18 in Kiamesha.

SP Robert Sprague The association's new president, Robert Sprague of Utica, and the other new officers were installed by State Sponsor PGER Leonard Bristol.

PSP Dominick Napolitano, Jr. of Middletown was elected chairman of the association's advisory board.

A fall conference was scheduled for September 11-13 in Buffalo.

A record 16 teams competed for top honors in the State Ritualistic Contest. Huntington Lodge won first place, with Lynbrook finishing second.

The state Major Project is its support of the Home Service Program of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State. State Chairman Daniel Capello introduced the association's poster child, Jimmy Ciurca, and his mother. They expressed their thanks for the assistance given to them and all other persons handicapped by cerebral

During the past year, a record amount of \$478,714 was collected for this Major Project. The Southeast District contributed the largest amount, \$54,455. The lodge contributing the largest amount was Brooklyn, with \$27,550.

Vice-President Page Sencindiver, Harrisonburg; Fourth Vice-President G. Carlton Leonard, Suffolk; Secretary K. B. Herndon, Fredericksburg; and Treasurer Robert Waggoner, Roanoke.

In the Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest, ERs Donald Kidd of Harrisonburg and Frank Opdyke of Norfolk tied for first place. Eighty-eight players participated in the golf tournament.

It was reported that during the last lodge year, Virginia placed fifth in per capita contributions to the Elks National Foundation, with a figure of \$4.212. The state also had a total of 625 new pledge points.

The state Major Project is the Virginia Elks Boys Camp near Clifton Forge. The association sends more than 400 boys to the camp each year for a period of two weeks.

Scenic Jekyll Island was once again the site of the Annual Convention of the Georgia Elks Association, held June 11-14. Total attendance was 678.

Elk dignitaries attending the convention included State Sponsor PGER Robert Pruitt, GL Public Relations Committeeman G. Doug Whitaker, and SDGER Edward Hixon.

The convention heard excellent speeches by two distinguished guests: Georgia Secretary of State Max Cleland and Harmon Wages, a former Atlanta Falcons football player and now a television personality.

Secretary Cleland gave a very patriotic address. Wages, who has been helping Dalton Lodge with its Drug Awareness Program, pledged to help the Georgia Elks statewide in their war against drugs.

Other highlights of the convention included the Memorial Service, directed by PSP Bill King with E.T. Hendon as eulogist, and the presentation of four of the state's "Most Valuable Student" scholarship winners to the membership.

A motion was made to reinstate the midwinter meeting; the motion will be voted on at the October session.

Dalton Lodge won the State Ritualistic

Newly elected officers of the association are President James Nalley, Columbus-Fort Benning; President-Elect Philip Bailey, Dalton; District Vice-Presidents Northeast Ernest Wiggins, Augusta; Northwest William Russell, Cascade-East Point: Southeast Mike Martin. Dublin; Southwest James Edenfield, Tifton; and Secretary-Treasurer Edwin Samuelson, Atlanta-Buckhead.

Social events at the convention included a country/western dance and barbecue and the Annual Banquet with entertainment.

Future meetings of the association will be held October 17-18 in Savannah and March 6-8, 1987, in Atlanta. The next annual convention will be held on Jekyll Island June 11-13, 1987.

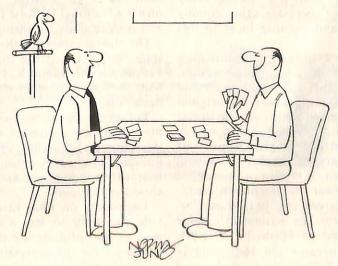


The Virginia Elks Association held its 77th Annual Convention in Charlottesville June 27-29. Registration totaled 559 Elks and their ladies.

SP William Coutts, Jr. Distinguished guests included then-GER John Traynor, State Sponsor PGER Edward McCabe, and North Carolina SP Robert Bellomy.

The association will hold its fall meeting in Richmond October 17-19. The next annual convention will be held in Williamsburg June 26-28, 1987.

New officers of the association are President William Coutts, Jr., Newport News; First Vice-President Stephen Culbert, Winchester; Second Vice-President John Laslo, Clifton Forge; Third



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along the bluff of the Cumberland River overlooking where the original pioneers stepped ashore on Christmas Eve in 1779. They named their hastily erected settlement in honor of Revolutionary War hero General Francis Nash. A replica of the rugged log fort is near the downtown area.

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On the grounds of the nine-acre Nashville's historical significance state capitol site is the tomb of our was forged at Fort Nashborough, 11th President, James K. Polk, along with the tombs of other famous Tennesseeans.

Following the downtown walking map, there are a number of interesting museums, churches, and restored buildings, mixed in among new hotels, office buildings, and glass-enclosed skyscrapers.

Depending on what face of Nashsurance and printing are the top two industries for the economy of the city, and banking is a predominant factor in what happens with Nashville's

Two years later the cornerstone of development. Some call her the "Wall

Nashville also earned the added ti-

sities were established. Vanderbilt and Fisk among them. However, the title was further enhanced with the construction of the Parthenon.

The focal point of Centennial Park, the Parthenon is an exact-size reproduction of the original ancient Greek temple erected to Athena Parthenos, the goddess of wisdom. Dedicated in 1897. Nashville's edifice didn't have such lofty ideals. The massive replica was the central attraction for the Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

Today the Parthenon contains an excellent art gallery and a statuary exhibit, and is home to arts and crafts shows throughout the year.

Some visitors might be satisfied with visiting the Tennessee State Museum in the middle of town, depicting life in early Tennessee, but away from the downtown area are some outstanding sight-seeing rewards open to visitors.

The Cumberland Museum and Science Center has a variety of historical exhibits, and features a full-size planetarium. There is a laser light show set to music, live animals, science and health programs, a Curiosity Corner for children, and more.

Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center is a 55-acre estate southwest of town that was once the 50-room Georgian mansion home of the Maxwell House Coffee family. The former residence is the setting for the city's finest art collection and for major exhibitions. On the grounds are magnificent botanical gardens and plant displays.

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The Parthenon in Nashville's Centennial Park

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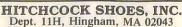
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The first-place boy and girl winners in the Elks National Foundation "Most Valuable Student" Contest are shown as they thanked the Elks during the Grand Lodge Session in Denver. Paul J. Isakson, sponsored by Aberdeen, SD, Lodge, was the top boy winner. Ramona Lee of New Plymouth, ID, sponsored by Ontario, OR, Lodge, was first in the girls division. Each received a four-year \$24,000 grant to the college of their choice.



The "Most Valuable Student" winners are shown with their parents, their state sponsors, and Elks National Foundation trustees. Seated from left are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Ramona Lee, Paul Isakson, and his mother Margaret Isakson. Standing are James Varenhorst, executive director of the Foundation; PGERS Willis McDonald and Homer Huhn, Jr., trustees; PGER Frank Hise, sponsor for Idaho and Oregon; PGER Francis Smith, sponsor for South Dakota and also a trustee; and PGERs Kenneth Cantoli, Robert Grafton and Glenn Miller, all trustees.

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# Nashville . . .

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Belle Meade Mansion near Cheekwood was the queen of the antebellum Southern plantation homes in Nashville, and was famed as America's first thoroughbred horse breeding farm.

Traveller's Rest was the 1799 estate of Judge John Overton, well-known pioneer, farmer, politician, educator, and jurist. He was also Andrew Jackson's closest friend, and the founder of Memphis.

These attractions have regular hours, and admissions are charged.

Twelve miles from the city is the estate of seventh President Jackson, one of America's most visited historic sites. Known simply as The Hermitage, the mansion and outbuilding built by Andrew Jackson in the rolling Tennessee hills 12 miles east of Nashville remain basically unchanged since Jackson's death in 1845.

A pleasant southern plantation, the home is graced with two-story white pillars across the front, and wide verandas. Just inside the main door is a spacious front hall, and a lovely spiral staircase.

Life wasn't always this grand at The Hermitage for Jackson and his wife, Rachel. Several hundred yards behind the mansion are the two remaining log cabins that came with the farm when Jackson purchased it in 1804. The cabins were "home" for 16 years prior to the completion of the mansion. They were generally home for the little woman and the family while Old Hickory was out making a name for himself fighting Indians and battling the British.

Visitors can stroll the grounds and leisurely examine all the buildings on the property. Only the mansion has a structured tour, with groups taken in turn as they line up at the front door.

In addition to the "original" Hermitage cabins, other interesting buildings on the grounds include the kitchen and smokehouse behind the mansion, a small museum, the carriage house, and the Jacksons' tombs in the gardens next to the mansion.

The furnishings at The Hermitage are much like they were when Jackson lived there. The huge banquet table, his bed, paintings, crystal, mirrors, and other items are all original, and were passed down through the three generations of the family that lived in the mansion.

The original mansion was built in 1819, and Jackson retired there in 1821 after securing his place in American history with his famous military victory over the British forces in the Battle of New Orleans.

A restless man who had a burning desire to serve his country, Jackson was a lawyer, a judge, U.S. Congressman, and was territorial governor of Florida. At his retirement he was also an admired Indian fighter and war hero. After a short-lived retirement, Jackson served in the U.S. Senate, and was then elected the nation's seventh President in 1828.

The Hermitage was extensively remodeled in 1831 during Jackson's first term in office, only to be heavily damaged by fire in 1834. The mansion was totally rebuilt in 1836, and he retired here a second time in 1837 after completing his second term as President.

He enjoyed his remaining days at The Hermitage, and died there in 1845 at the age of 78. The former President is buried in a picturesque

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Issaquah, WA, Lodge held its Annual Veterans Fish & Fry. Twenty-seven veterans from the VA Medical Center in Seattle were treated to a fishing excursion at a local fish pond and then brought back to the lodge to have their catches prepared for dinner. Prizes were awarded for the largest fish caught. This outing is a favorite of the veterans, as many do not often have the opportunity to get out in the country air.





The National Service Committee of San Bernardino, CA, Lodge presented a new wide-screen TV set to the Nursing Home Care Unit of the Loma Linda VA Medical Center. John Hickman (center), administrator of the center, accepted the gift from ER Dale Gorman (left) and Chm. Al Crosby.

John Smith (right), commander of the Thomas B. Anderson American Legion Post, presented the Civic Award to ER Edward Jenkins of Latrobe, PA, Lodge, in recognition of the lodge's veterans programs and Flag Day observances.

BAY PINES, FL. On behalf of Elks lodges in the West Central, Southwest Central and Southwest Districts of Florida, the Elks National Service Commission for Bay Pines VA Medical Center presented a check in the amount of \$3,940 to Hospice volunteers. This amount will cover rent and all maintenance expenses for the Hospice trailer for one complete year.

The trailer is used to house spouses or next of kin of veterans with terminal cancer at Bay Pines.

ALBERT LEA, MN, Lodge presented a check to the Freeborn County Veterans Van Fund. In April the goal was set at over \$16,000, and donations now total over \$9,000. The van is

needed to transport veterans to VA medical centers in Minneapolis and St. Cloud.

POMONA, CA. John Porto, chm. of the Veterans Service Committee of Pomona Lodge, and Committeeman Gail Goodmansen journeyed to Luke Air Force Base in Arizona to participate in an awards ceremony for John Gibbs, a former resident of Pomona.

Through the assistance of Brother Porto, Gibbs received numerous awards which he had earned during his service in the army in World War II but had not received until this time.

TUCSON EAST, AZ, Lodge sponsored a puppet and marionette show at the Tucson VA Medical Center. The program was well-received by the patients, and the recreation

department videotaped the show for an evening showing to bed-ridden patients.

The lodge also engaged magician Joe Duperre to perform at the center.

LYNDHURST, NJ. The Veterans Committee of Lyndhurst, NJ, Lodge sponsored the monthly birthday party in a ward at the East Orange VA Medical Center. Eight veterans ranging in age from 65 to 93 were honored. Sixty veterans were served birthday cake and were given script to be spent at the canteen at the center.

LAMAR, CO. A fund-raiser held at Lamar Lodge, with the joint sponsorship of La Junta and Rocky Ford Lodges, resulted in a \$2,104 gift for the veterans at the Fort Lyons VA Medical Center.

# Retirement...

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quate training and orientation and to have options for growth and development. You should expect to have assignments ready when you arrive for work, to be treated courteously by full-time staff, to have good working conditions. You can request reimbursement for transportation and out-of-pocket expenses; some agencies (although not all) have funds for this purpose.

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# Amendments to the Grand Lodge Statutes Adopted at Denver, Colorado, July 17, 1986

The following is a digest of the Statutory Amendments adopted on July 17, 1986, by the Grand Lodge in Denver, Colorado, which went into effect on the 30th day after final adjournment of the Grand Lodge Session.

## SECTIONS 1.030 and 1.100

The definitions of "Felony" and "Misdemeanor" are changed to make clear that where a State or Federal Law specifies that the crime is either a Felony or a Misdemeanor, that designation prevails, regardless of what sentence may be imposed.

#### **SECTION 4.231**

A lodge may adopt a By-Law which charges the members the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, in addition to the Lodge dues and fees; such a By-Law, if adopted, would impose this fee on all members, including Life Members.

#### **SECTION 9.190**

This amendment is to clarify that a charge brought in the Courts of the Order based upon a criminal conviction is not outlawed until four years after the date of the conviction and not the date of the commission of the crime.

#### SECTIONS 13.020 and 13.091

The Exalted Ruler, at the first meeting after his installation, must appoint a Lodge Activities Committee to implement the Lodge Activities Program of the Lodge, State Association and Grand Lodge.

#### **SECTION 14.150**

The maximum administrative fee which can be charged to Life Members is increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00.

#### **SECTION 16.030**

This amendment makes it clear that the Grand Lodge does not exercise any more control over the daily operations of a club operated by a separate corporation, than a lodge that operates its club under one of the other approved methods.

#### **SECTION 16.050**

It is now required that when an application is to be made to the Board of Grand Trustees that a copy of the notice which is sent to the members also be sent to the Building Applications member of the Board of Grand Trustees.

Amendments to the Constitution which were passed at the Grand Lodge Convention were mailed to each Lodge on or before August 15. Each Lodge, at its first meeting in September, was to vote upon the amendments and shall certify the results on or before the first Monday in October to the Grand Secretary.

Robert E. Bean, Chairman Committee on Judiciary, 1985-86

# **Memorial Day Brochure Contest**

This is a brochure contest covering activities related to your lodge's Memorial Day program. By mandate of the Grand Lodge Statutes, the first Sunday of December is a day for all Elks to pause in remembrance of those who no longer answer when their names are called.

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- 5. Pictures
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- 7. Printed programs

- 8. Lodge room layout
- 9. Speakers and other special guests
- 10. Escorts for widows
- 11. Post-event publicity
- 12. Letters of thanks
- Overall presentation and layout of brochure

Brochures are judged by membership categories, so your secretary must certify your lodge membership status when your brochure is submitted. All brochures must be mailed no later than February 15, 1987, to:

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# Nashville...

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corner of the garden beside the house, next to his beloved wife Rachel, who died in 1828.

Said to be the second most visited Presidential home, The Hermitage is usually high on the priority list of most tourists who come to the Nashville area. A National Registered Historic Landmark, The Hermitage is open every day of the year except Christmas.

Down the road is Tulip Grove, a gracious southern mansion built in 1836, and the home of Andrew Jackson Donelson, Rachel's nephew and President Jackson's secretary. Emily Donelson was the White House hostess during most of President Jackson's administration.

Near Tulip Grove is the Hermitage Church where the Jacksons attended services, and on the grounds is an old Confederate cemetery.

The Ladies Hermitage Association owns and maintains The Hermitage, Tulip Grove, and the old church. The admission ticket to The Hermitage also includes an interpretative tour of Tulip Grove.

A brochure and more information on The Hermitage is available by contacting the Ladies Hermitage Association, Route 4, Hermitage, TN 37076. The telephone is (615) 889-2941.

In today's Nashville, Printer's Alley draws daytime sightseers and nighttime entertainment seekers alike. Horse-drawn wagons once delivered ink and paper supplies along the narrow, brick-lined alley to the city's three newspaper printing firms back in the 1870s. The saloons in the alley were a gathering place for the people who set type and ran the printing presses. This little stretch is now filled with clubs, restaurants, and some slightly seedy spots.

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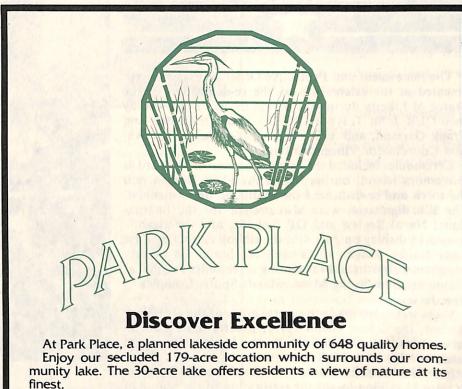
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Membership in the Opry is by invitation only. Today about 65 artists are members, and as such they must appear on the show a minimum of 20 times a year. All other artists who appear are guests.

No one ever knows ahead of time who will appear at any performance. It might be Dolly Parton, Larry Gatlin, or Barbara Mandrell. Some of the early stars like Minnie Pearl, Porter Wagoner, or Hank Snow might come on stage. One of the popular hosts of the broadcast shows is Roy Acuff, a Grand Ole Opry fixture who has his home a few feet away from the Opry House, just inside the Opryland main entrance.

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# Statue Of Liberty Restoration Final Report





The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was represented at the celebration of the re-dedication of the Statue of Liberty during the period of July 3-6, 1986, by then-GER John Traynor, PGERs Kenneth Cantoli and Frank Garland, and Elks Statue of Liberty Renovation Coordinator Vincent Collura.

Ceremonies included the opening session on July 3rd at Governors Island, during which President Reagan relit the torch and re-dedicated the Statue on her centennial. The Elk dignitaries were also present for the International Naval Review and OP Sail '86, and the gigantic fireworks display on July 4th; the ribbon cutting by First Lady Nancy Reagan to re-open the Statue on Liberty Island on July 5th; and the closing ceremonies July 6th at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands Sports Complex in New Jersey.

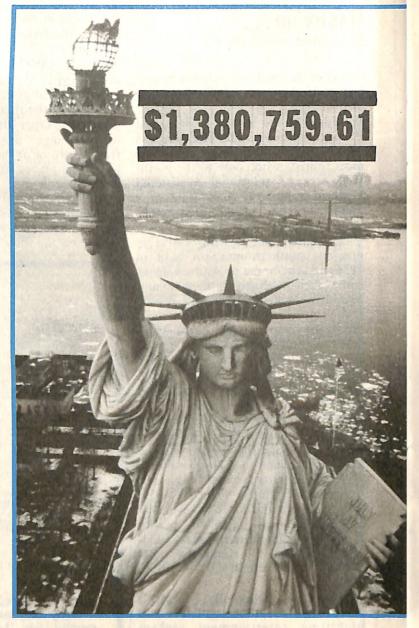
Visits were also made to several areas of the New York Harbor, the Staten Island Ferry, Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ, Weehawken on the Hudson River and areas of New York City.

In 1983, then-GER Cantoli instituted the Elks program to raise \$1 million to aid the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, and the effort was adopted at the 1983 Grand Lodge Session in Honolulu. The drive continued through the years of 1983 and 1984, and the goal was met in 1985 during the term of then-GER Garland. The announcement of the goal being met was made at the Grand Lodge Session in Seattle in 1985.

Vincent Collura was GL Americanism Chairman during these years and has served as the Order's coordinator of the Statue of Liberty renovation during the 1985-86 year.

Last December, Brothers Cantoli, Garland and Collura attended a ceremony in California during which then-GER Traynor presented a check which completed the original pledge of \$1 million to former President Gerald Ford, who accepted it on behalf of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.

Elks and their ladies have shown the spirit of Elkdom and have given of their efforts and funds in activities all across the nation in support of the Lady in the harbor. As a result, more than \$1.3 million was raised by the Elks. A check for \$380,759.61 was presented by Brother Collura to then-GER Traynor at the Grand Lodge Session in Denver.



### STATUE OF LIBERTY DONATIONS BY STATE AS OF 6/30/86

*AK	15,337.38	MA	37,571.50	PI	100.00
*AL	8,901.73	MD	16,883.29	*PR	1,339.00
AR	3,597.00	ME	9,071.26	RI	2,454.00
AZ	20,098.88	MI	31,331.19	SC	3,007.00
CA	137,539.09	MN	14,044.25	SD	6,282.50
CO	43,342.65	*MO	26,803.75	TN	12,506.56
CT	24,969.36	*MS	4,220.80	TX	17,076.72
DC	375.00	MT	5,107.00	US	83,614.35
DE	637.00	NC	12,724.25	UT	3,678.00
FL	64,181.48	ND	5,881.00	*VA	20,477.68
*GA	12,134.18	NE	23,732.55	*VT	10,912.00
GU	50.00	*NH	12,242.94	WA	48,982.60
*HI	4,055.00	*NJ	213,673.56	*WI	31,802.00
IA	4,096.00	*NM	23,771.51	WV	5,339.48
ID	5,418.01	*NV	9,474.13	*WY	22,706.15
IL	31,309.32	*NY	123,583.00		
IN	10,923.54	OH	29,590.55	GRAN	ND TOTAL
KS	6,610.13	OK	18,361.07	1,	380,759.61
KY	2,976.76	OR	48,759.57		
LA	3,490.25	PA	50,250.88		

\*Denotes: Made or exceeded per capita goal.



Lee Iacocca (left), chm. of the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., congratulated the B.P.O. Elks for the outstanding donations made to restore Lady Liberty. He is shown here with Vincent Collura, Elks Statue of Liberty Renovation coordinator, on Liberty Island, New York Harbor, just prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony that re-opened the Statue to the public.



The Denmark, a full-rigged sailing vessel from Denmark, passed the Statue of Liberty during OP Sail '86, celebrating the centennial and rededication of the Statue of Liberty. Shown left to right are PGER Frank Garland. Elks Statue Coordinator Vincent Collura, and PGER Kenneth Cantoli.



During the 122nd Annual Convention in Denver, PGER Edward McCabe (left) presented Vincent Collura with the "Flag of Liberty" which flew over the Elks National Memorial Building in Chicago during the campaign to raise funds for the Statue of Liberty renovation.



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# Nashville . . .

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pack the Opry House every weekend to see and hear their favorites on stage. There's a large area in front of the stage for taking photographs during the performances, there's no "on the air" sign, and absolutely no need for an "applause" sign—the fans do that long, loud, and often.

There are two Saturday night shows and one Friday night show on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry yearround that are broadcast. An extra Friday night show, with matinees on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (not broadcast) are scheduled during peak tourist periods.

All tickets to the Grand Ole Opry are for specific seats, with reserved seats at \$10.78 evenings and \$8.62 matinees, and upper balcony seats \$9.70 evenings and \$7.54 matinees.

The 4,400 seat Opry House is also home to "The Nashville Network," a national cable television network focusing on Nashville-type entertainment. The network also broadcasts from three other areas within the park.

Radio WSM 650 still broadcasts the Grand Ole Opry, but today is also the flagship radio station for the Music Country Network which each night beams out to 85 stations across the United States and Canada.

The name of the game at Opryland is music, entertainment, and people.

The Opryland Musical Theme Park is a celebration of all three.

It is a 120-acre fantasy land with more than a dozen musical shows. The shows range from country to rock, from gospel to Gay Nineties. "I Hear America Singing" is a flagwaving musical extravaganza with lively songs from the 20s to the present and is the park's longest-running production. Others include "For Me and My Gal," a light-hearted revue of American music at the turn of the century, and "Country Music U.S.A.," a musical sampler of the sounds that put Nashville on the musical map.

The newest entertainment feature at Opryland U.S.A. is "Music, Music, Music!" a separate attraction in the Acuff Theater (admission \$5.33) next to the Opryland showpark. It is a high-stepping revue combining the polish of Broadway, the glitter of Hollywood, and the energy of Music City.

Each show is of top quality, showcasing upwards of 350 of the nation's best young singers, dancers and musicians. More than one day would be needed just to cover the theater productions, not to mention the 20 amusement park rides, the wildest of which is the "Grizzly River Rampage," a re-creation of a whitewater rafting trip.

A new attraction at the park is the General Jackson paddlewheeler, combining the sights and sounds of an excursion on the Cumberland

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# Community Image Contest

By this point in the 1986-87 Elk year, your lodge should be making real progress in its ongoing program of working with the community. Look back on what has been accomplished thus far, and forward to what remains to be done in the time remaining. Review your committees to see if the activities which had been planned in the begin-

ning of the year are taking place.

We should impress upon both our membership and the news media that the reason our Order was formed was to render assistance to our fellowman. Let others know that we care for the veterans in hospitals as well as provide activities for the youth who will someday be the leaders in our community, state and nation. Point out the achievements of our Drug Awareness Program; our assistance to handicapped persons; our observance of Flag Day; our support of law enforcement programs; and our work with the needy. In doing so, we will favorably project the image of Elkdom throughout our

All brochures must be received by the undersigned by April 1, 1987. Have your secretary certify your lodge membership figure with a cover letter, which must accompany your brochure. All entries will be judged by an impartial panel, which will then send them to Atlanta to be displayed during the National Convention at the Lodge Activities booth. Awards will be given by membership categories as outlined in the Grand Lodge Program booklet for 1986-87.

You have to enter to win, so start now to compile the articles to show the work in your community.

> Bernard E. Giehl, Sr. **GL Lodge Activities Committee** 37 Noreen Drive Morrisville, PA 19067

# did you know..

It's getting to be a habit with Glendive, MT, Lodge No. 1324. When then-GER John Traynor made his first visit to Montana, the "Big Sky" country, he was presented a brand new gavel with instructions to use it to open the 122nd Annual Grand Lodge Session. He did just that.

That melodious voice that led the singing at the opening meeting of the convention in Denver belonged to none other than Judge George J. Balbach of Queens Borough (Elmhurst), NY Lodge No. 878, former chief justice of the Grand Forum. Hizzoner also served as chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

The audience got quite a kick out of the two national "Hoop Shoot" winners, Benjamin Bryant, 8, of Sikeston, MO, and Jennifer Howard, 11, of Vale, NC. Ben was so short that they had to stand him on a chair in order for him to reach the microphone so that he could thank the Elks.

Then when they left the stage, the two hoop-shooters started firing mini-basket-balls into the audience.

We don't know which one it was, Ben or Jennifer, but one of them shot one at GER Traynor. You know what? You're right, he missed catching it, much to the delight of the huge crowd.

Incidentally, the "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest drew the highest number of participants ever this past year, 3.3 million youngsters, another one of the records racked up during John Traynor's year as GER.

Here's an oddity that proves that an Elk is never a "stranger in a strange land." Secy. W.W. Hubbell of Marinette, WI, Lodge No. 1313 was snowbirding in Myrtle Beach, SC, and stopped to visit at Elks Lodge No. 1771.

When he signed the visitor's register, he was surprised to find that guests who signed in just ahead of him were from Oneonta, NY, Lodge No. 1312 and from Willimantic, CT, Lodge No. 1311. Lodges No. 1311, 1312 and 1313 all date back to 1914. Says Brother Hubbell, "That just proves that when you are an Elk, you have potential friends and good times wherever you may be in the nation."

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# Nashville...

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River. Four outings range from a morning breakfast, a midday luncheon, a lazy afternoon, to a formal dinner cruise with musical productions. Dixieland entertainment is provided on the earlier cruises.

The Opryland Park blossoms with flower gardens, grassy green areas. fountains and gazebos, restaurants, shops, and crafts displays. It is generally open Saturday and Sunday during April; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during May; daily Memorial Day to Labor Day: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during September; and Saturday and Sunday during October.

Admission to the park is \$16.11 for a one-day ticket, but you can get two more consecutive days free if you have your ticket validated before you leave the grounds the first day. Children three and under are admitted free. Although Opryland closes at the end of October and doesn't open again until late March, the Grand Ole Opry continues, and the hotel remains open.

To accommodate the ever-growing number of visitors to Opryland U.S.A. (last year there were over 2 million), the Opryland Hotel was

# Departed Brothers

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE George O'Brien (R-IL), a member of Joliet, IL, Lodge, died July 17, 1986. Brother O'Brien was a seven-term member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Charles H. Kirsh of Richmond, VA, Lodge died May 30, 1986. Brother Kirsh served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the North Central District of Virginia in 1954-55. He was also a past president of the Virginia Elks Association.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Henry W. Little of Tuscola, IL, Lodge died June 9, 1986. Brother Little served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District of Illinois in 1971-72.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY Karl D. Welling of Port Jervis, NY, Lodge died July 25, 1986. Brother Welling served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the East Central District of New York in 1963-64.

born in 1977. Shuttle buses operate between the park area and the hotel.

The decor is a pleasing combination of Southern Plantation and Colonial Williamsburg, and boasts 1,068 guest rooms, and a European-style conservatory with two acres of gardens, pools, tropical plants and birds under glass.

A new restaurant with an 1860s decor is called Rhett's (what else!), and the bar simply the Jack Daniel's Saloon. The hotel site also houses a convention center, and a huge exhibit hall for the more commercial side of its promotional efforts.

In the hotel's Stagedoor Lounge. the weekday morning radio show "The Waking Crew" is broadcast live over WSM, and guests are welcome to sit in free. The only radio show to be on the air longer than this one is The Grand Ole Opry itself.

The Stagedoor Lounge is also the frequent set for "Nashville Alive," a country music cable television series that reaches 23 million homes in all 50 states. "Nashville Now," a live 90-minute country music and interview program, is also televised live Monday through Friday at the Gaslight Studio inside Opryland.

Admission to taping is almost always free, and is part of the entertainment that park guests can enjoy. When ticketing is required, tickets usually are distributed free at Opryland's Special Tickets Booth or at the Hospitality Center inside the park.

The production facilities are also used for taping concerts, game shows, dance shows, and other types of programs, many of which are syndicated.

On the fringe of downtown Nashville, an area now known as Music Square (formerly Music Row) is the place where recorded country music got its start. Today the several hallowed blocks of 16th Avenue South are a nest of businesses and museums that are all a part of the country scene.

The Country Music Hall of Fame is a shrine to past and present country greats. It has displays of musical instruments (Chet Atkins' first guitar). costumes worn by the stars (Minnie Pearl's flower-laden straw hat), and other memorabilia (letters from Hank Williams).

One of the most popular attractions is Elvis Presley's customized. white 1960 Cadillac. Complete with gold-plated this and gold-plated that, it occupies a place of special recognition in the museum. More than merely a tourist attraction, the museum also emphasizes the historical aspects of country music, and the lower level of the building houses an in-depth library of sheet music, records, tapes, and a clipping reference file.

Music Square is actually two avenues with several connecting streets. It comprises a total area of only a few blocks. However, Nashville is home for more than 30 talent agencies, over 225 music publishers, and at least 50 recording studios, which are also the major centers for producing jingles and commercials heard all over the country.

Specialty clothing stores are also hot items, and some of them produce elaborate outfits for the stars, with some of the handmade clothing costing well over \$10,000, and weighing as much as 50 pounds.

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Stars not only record, but live here. The community of Hendersonville is near Nashville, and is home for many well-known country music giants. Johnny Cash has built a museum of his memorabilia, and has put his family to work running it. More than a half-million fans every year find their way to the nearby road on which Johnny Cash lives, and drive by his lakefront home.

Conway Twitty (real name Harold Jenkins) opened his Twitty City in 1982 and lives on the grounds. It was phase one of a long-range development of Music Village U.S.A., and more than 300,000 visitors toured the attraction the first six months it was open.

The most recent addition to the village has been a gaily striped tent covering a stage, where visitors see a

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"Osteoporosis - a condition of weak. brittle bones-isn't something sudden. When you realize you have it, it's too late," said Sandra Jones, a pharmacist in Memphis, Tenn., with Walgreens, the nationwide drug chain.

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- · Factors that can interfere with calcium absorption: too much fiber or alcohol; smoking; stress; medications such as cortisone, laxatives, and antacids that contain aluminum instead of calcium
- · Groups who should be most concerned with obtaining adequate calcium: young women, post-menopausal women and the elderly in general.

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Learning how to file a claim now, says Barbara Taylor, director of consumer affairs and education for the Insurance Information Institute, can eliminate many worries in case you or your family members are involved in an auto accident or your home is damaged or burglarized.

To provide the information you'll need, the I.I.I. is offering a free leaflet, "How to File an Insurance Claim." which spells out the steps to follow if you're faced with such a situation.

Taylor suggests two important things to do now:

- Look through your policies to see what is-and isn't covered. Remember: The coverages and exclusions in your insurance policies can differ significantly from those in the policies of your friends.
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