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**“Talk Elks Everywhere”**

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| 1  One Hundred And Twenty-first ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION  THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO  Business Meeting  Friday, April 5, 2019  3:00 p.m. | 3  shortly.  With that, I'd like to welcome you to the 121st Session of the Ohio Elks Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Convention Session.  At this time I would ask for our State Chaplain to lead us in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance) PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I now declare this session  of the 121st Ohio Elks Convention to order.  At this time I would ask for a motion from the floor to allow the President, or any Chairman in front, to deviate from the regular order of business if an issue needs to occur prior to its event. Is there such a motion?  MR. FITZPATRICK: So moved. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So moved by  Mr. Fitzpatrick from the Findlay Lodge. A seconded by Alvie Pelfrey from Jackson 466. Is there any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor the voting signs of an Elk. Opposed. Approved, Madam Clerk. Ms. Delhees, thank you very much for being here today.  I would remind you also that if you have a "D" on your badge, that means you are the Delegate. We will be voting later possibly on some items on the floor, only the "D's" are allowed to vote during this Session. Are there any questions over that? If not, I would like to bring to the microphone down front Mr. Dave William, DAC from South Central, for a welcome from them.  MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Welcome, everyone, |
| 2  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time I'd like to call  the 121st Session to order. And we have 3:00 and we have a lot of business to take care of today, plus we have some nervous individuals over here awaiting a moving up to the chairs.  Sergeant-at-Arms, you will retire to the anteroom and escort our Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Jim Nichelson, and his guests into the room.  If you have not silenced your phones, please do at this time, or shut them off completely and take a break. I do not want to hear someone interrupt somebody upfront. Yes, Amy, that includes me and you. And mine is shut off.  MR. HONAKER: Mr. President, Members, it's my honor to introduce James A. Nichelson, Past Grand Exalted Ruler and State Sponsor, from the Ohio River Valley Lodge.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Jim. PGER NICHELSON: Good afternoon.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Members of the audience, how do Elks receive their Grand Lodge Officers?  (Applause)  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time, Grand Lodge Officers, would you please take a seek to my right. Sergeant-at-Arms, will you escort them. That's all right. Your right, my left. But I was wrong, but I was right. At this time  -- yes. I know we only introduced one, because we're going  to let Jim take care of all three of them. A little change. Sorry about that. For those of you who are nervous, we didn't forget there's two more Grand Lodge, Jim will take care of them | 4  to the 121st Elks Convention and you are seated in the heart  of the South Central District and which runs from north of Columbus to the Ohio River, and we're very proud of our District. If you noticed in the Elks National Magazine this month, the South Central District had our own little article in there about our generous giving for the veterans and all that.  At any rate, I'd like to welcome all the Past Presidents, the Past Grand Exalted Ruler, our future Past President, and our soon to be President, and I'm sure they'll all introduce themselves.  So have a great time while you're here, folks, and please take some of this home with you and pass it on throughout our Lodges. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, David. Mr. Second Vice President Goodballet, at this time could you call the roll call of officers.  MR. GOODBALLET: Ohio Elks Association  State President, Nevin Taylor.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: First Vice President, Mark  Ratliff.  MR. RATLIFF: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Chairman, Lugene  Ignaffo.  MR. IGNAFFO: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Approving  Member, Ed Connors.  MR. CONNORS: Present. |

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| 5  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Secretary, Tom  Pavlik.  MR. PAVLIK: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Second Vice President, Brad Goodballet. Here.  Interim Board Member, Roger Martin. MR. MARTIN: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Chaplain, Deb Bingham. MS. BINGHAM: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Tiler, Keith Denny. MR. DENNY: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard  Honaker.  MR. HONAKER: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Inner guard, Larry Ropp. MR. ROPP: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Secretary/Treasurer, Grand  Tiler Elect, Lee Young.  MR. YOUNG: Here.  MR. GOODBALLET: The role has been taken. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Officers.  Thank you, Brad. At this time I would ask that the official  roll call of Lodges be asserted and set by our roll call that will be given tomorrow night by our Credentials and Registration Chairman from the resident, which will be Mr. Honaker. He'll present that. Is there such a motion at this time? Paul.  MR. WALLENBERG: I make a motion. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much. A | 7  times is we recognize our Grand Lodge Officers and all we  recognize is their backside. I think it's important we know the front sides better. So if I offended someone or a PSP that's  in the crowd that wondered why did I that, sorry. I guess I  should ask. Roger, you didn't tell me soon enough.  At this time I'd like to introduce the Past State Presidents who have served our Order and our State for many years. Starting with, on the end, Mr. Rick Wolfe, Mr. Fran Mullen, Mr. Red Kehler, Mr. David Mix, Mr. Lance Knight, Mr. Roger Martin, Mr. Jack Minarchick, Mr. Nik Martens, Mr. Dane Dysert, the only two-timer in the crowd; Mr. Tim Churchill, Mr. Jim Baylor, Mr. Dan Beaston, Mr. Roger Crowe, Mr. Lee Young, Michael Stanley, Doug Schiefer, and James Nichelson. Ladies and Gentlemen, show them your appreciation.  At this time I'm supposed to recognize the DAC's. I hope you're all in the crowd. First off, from the North Central, Rob Nixon. Please stand up. Better known as Otis. Secondly,  Jeff Warner from New Philadelphia. Over at Ritual practice? Registration. Okay. Mr. Jim Vasey, Lakewood; Mr. Todd Cannode, Kenton. Registration. Okay, I know there's a change over there. Sorry about that. Mr. Dan Williams from Wilmington; Mr. Dave Williams from Athens. And by the way, no relation. I did ask.  MR. DAVE WILLIAMS: We call each other brothers anyways.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We won't go there. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show them our appreciation. The District  Deputies have already been done, so let's move right along. |
| 6  second?  MRS. CROWE: (Stands up to make the motion.) PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much,  Ms. Julie, from Kenton 157. Any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor say, "Aye."  AUDIENCE: Aye.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: The voting sign of an Elk. Excuse me. City council stepped in for a moment. All those opposed. Lori, make sure that the hands did show they win.  Man, I'm nervous. I didn't think it would be that tough up here, but it's getting there.  At this time I would like to introduce our Grand Lodge  Officers officially, and I would ask that when I introduce  my boss he takes care of the gentleman that work with him. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome to the podium,  our Past Grand Exalted Ruler and our Sponsor, and more importantly, a very good friend of Ohio, Mr. James Nichelson.  PGER NICHELSON: Good afternoon. Good to see smiling faces. This is not my speech opportunity. This is  my opportunity to introduce a couple of people. First, Doug Schiefer, Activities Committee Grand Lodge; and Michael Iddings, Grand Lodge Ritual Committee.  And while I'm up here, why don't we recognize our District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. Gentleman, if you would. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Some of you that might think that the State President screwed up there, I want you to know he didn't. The one thing that disturbs me a lot of | 8  At this time I will remind you that business that will occur  at this Session is to be handled by Exalted Rulers, Past Exalted Rulers, Past State Presidents, State Officers, Delegates, and Alternates as designated by their home Lodge. It will be signified with a "D." At this time, if there are any questions,  I'll answer them. If not, we'll move right onto the items of business. Very good.  I would ask that all proposals from the floor, we will take no permanent action on anything in the way of motions today. It will all be deferred to tomorrow morning's vote. However, we will present the topics to you today in case you have questions.  With that, Michael, anything for Conventions that we need to be aware of before we start into a business session?  MR. STANLEY: Yes. Normally I wouldn't speak today, but I want to let everybody know what's going to happen tonight at Fun Night. First of all, Ritual is over in Dublin 1 and 2. And we need this whole ballroom tonight; we've got 296 tickets sold for Fun Night. Yes. So with that, until they're done and we can get that room set up, nobody is going to get to come in. So we're not going to be opening the doors right at 7:00.  The second thing is, there are enough seats for everybody that has got a ticket. However, if you've got large groups you're going to -- you may have to split up and just find a seat. I'm sorry, but there are no more places to put seats in here. It's a good problem to have, I guess. So just bear with us and kind |

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| 9  of pass the word along that, you know, if you see groups, and  I'll try to announce it out in the hallway. Just a little heads up for you. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you very much, Mike. Let's show him our appreciation.  At this time normally we ask for a Convention roll call of how many is in attendance. And many of you already know that Bob Essig, our State Chairman, did pass away this year. We are operating a little bit different, in a pattern that's going to probably become a progressive event, in that the Districts will take responsibilities. But serving today as your reporter from the Registration room, it's my honor to announce to you, we are over 300 preregistered, which is amazing. For those  of you who were preregistered, you were very thankful when you came into the Registration room. For those of you that weren't, you were cussing at a computer. But I want you to know, you didn't use any language any different than Howie and Rich Threadgill used. But we promise to have that solved, I would strongly encourage you. So 300 is a plus. It's time to get back over 500, so please encourage your members.  Now, as far as encouragement to your members, I need your assistance. No place am I carrying a weapon today.  No place is Mike Stanley. But when you see your younger members coming from our hospitality rooms down here, remind them that magic barrier. Please leave the alcohol down there. I know there's going to be a tendency tonight, when  they come down and they go back and forth to carry it. Be positive, but yet be firm, because the hotel does do us a favor | 11  budget for 2019-2020.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Is there a second to the motion before us?  MR. YAW: (Stands up to make the motion.) PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very good. Ron Yaw from  Northwest.  Ladies and Gentlemen, are there any questions we can entertain at the time? If not, this motion will be voted on in the morning when the rest of our Delegates have arrived at the Convention. Hearing no opposition, this is tabled until tomorrow morning.  At this time, I welcome my mentor, the gentleman who is to keep me out of trouble all year long. And as far as I know, we did okay, well at least me. But he's going to give you a direction for where the State Association needs to look at some changes. All of your Lodges were sent this in writing ahead  of time. If you have questions, feel free to ask. Ladies and  Gentlemen, your Past State President, Mr. Roger Martin.  MR. MARTIN: Thank you, Mr. President.  As Nevin said, these bylaw changes were sent out to all the Lodges and was asked to be read on your Lodge floor. I'm going to try to summarize them the best I can without reading them word-for-word. They deal with Section 7 and Section 8 of the Bylaws, which is the Ohio Elks Major Projects Board  of Directors. And the Section 8 has got to do with Ohio Elks  Cerebral Palsy Major Projects Fund Board.  For starters, anywhere -- you know that we started this  Endowment about five years ago. In fact, it’s been almost |
| 10  nd allows us to bring alcohol in. We need to just make sure  we take care of it. So please, I'm not asking you to scold or holler at them, but a gentle reminder, our newbie’s and some of our older members who have been here have forgotten too.  Please, alcohol past the elevators, don't bring it down this way. Mike, is that as polite as I can be, but as firm as I can be?  MR. STANLEY: Very good.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Are there any questions on  Registration? Very good.  At the time I would like to bring to the podium our Chairman of Trustees, Mr. Lugene Ignaffo, to present to you a budget for 2019-20. Lugene.  MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Mr. President.  Before you, when you come into the door you received the proposed budget for 2019-2020. After working with my other fellow trustees we come up with a game plan. We took into consideration all the requests by the State Chairman for each of the chairmanship. There were some cuts made on some. There were some additions to others. But we feel that with after crunching all the numbers and everything, this is the best proposed budget for the upcoming year. So like I say, if there are any questions on what is on the proposed budget or  if you do not receive what you thought you should, please ask now.  If not, I would entertain a motion that we accept it. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That's mine. You say, "I  move to adopt."  MR. IGNAFFO: I move to adopt the proposed | 12  exactly five years. And at that time we put it under the  direction of the IGB in order to get it established and well on its way. We feel as though that's been accomplished and it's now time to turn it into a full working committee.  So, first of all, anywhere in Section 7 where you see the "Board of Directors," that will be changed to "Committee." The way that the Committee is appointed is going to change and I'll read that paragraph. "One member of the Committee shall be elected from each of the Ohio Elks Association Districts, with two members elected each year for a three  year term. The Chairman of the Committee will be a seventh member of the Committee and shall be appointed by the  Ohio Elks President annually. In the event of a vacancy, at the next regular meeting of that said District the vacancy for the unexpired term thereof will be filled in the same election manner as it was to begin with. Should it be the chairman who is vacant, that will be appointed by the President of the Association for the remainder of that year. The Secretary will be elected annually by the members of the Committee." And that is pretty much the way the other committees are set up.  As far as the Ohio Elks Cerebral Palsy Fundraising Committee, the only thing that was really changed there was anything that had to do with the Board of Directors have been removed. In other words, they are to adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as shall best tend to fulfill the purpose of Ohio Elks Major Projects Endowment. That's been scratched, because it's, the proposal is to be separated. And a couple other places in there likewise, okay? |

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| 13  These changes have been approved by our State Judiciary  person, Past State President Rick Wolfe. They've also been approved by the Grand Lodge Area Judiciary, and this afternoon they were approved by the Advisory Board made up of the Past State Presidents.  So with that, Mr. President, I move for the adoption of these changes.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Roger. Is there a second?  MR. PELFREY: (Stands up to make the motion.) PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Alvie Pelfrey, Jackson  466. At this time are there any questions of Roger or amendments of the action that's being taken place before us today? Larry Ropp.  MR. ROPP: Mr. Chairman, I move to amend the wording to be "Ohio Elks Endowment."  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That would be a change from the "Ohio Elks Major Projects Endowment Fund," correct?  MR. ROPP: Yes.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And after passing the amendment, if it passes tomorrow, it will automatically be called a committee, correct?  MR. ROPP: Yes.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It would make the nomenclature the same. Is there a second? A second please. Back row.  MR. TRUNKO: Carl Trunko, 509, New Lexington. | 15  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Keith, do you have yours?  MR. DENNY: Yes. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Larry? MR. ROPP: Yes.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: You may be seated. Those opposed to the amendment proposed to the floor.  Madam Secretary, please record a unanimous ballot. No one is standing at this time. With that, the amendment  is passed. It will be part of the original motion. Action will take place, unless there are questions, at tomorrow morning's Business Session.  Hearing none. Talk to your Delegates in the hospitality room, talk to them at supper, talk to them at Fun Night. Let's make sure we get this right in the way we want it. Thank you.  With that, we are in a section of the meeting that's something that I'm looking forward to, but yet I'm going to miss. But at this time it's my honor to call PSP Mr. Michael Stanley to present us with a Slate of Officers for 2019-20. Michael.  MR. STANLEY: Mr. President, members all. The Slate Committee is recommending the following candidates for the following elected positions: For President, Mark Ratliff, Upper Sandusky Lodge No. 83; for First Vice President, Lugene Ignaffo, Greenville Lodge No. 1139; for Trustee Secretary, Brad Goodballet, East Liverpool Lodge No. 258; for Second Vice President, Keith Denning, Jackson Lodge No. 466.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mike. At this |
| 14  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That's where I was having  the problem, Carl. I remembered who you were, but I drew a blank on New Lexington 509. Before you question, I want to bring two points, some points that must be tested with this. Is it germane to the original content of the amendment before us for our constitution -- or for our Bylaws? Yes. Does it change the operational procedures of this? No. Will it change any  action of the Governing Board or members therein? No. Does it make itself easier for people to try to remember when they're listing it in an obituary? "Ohio Elks Endowment," yes.  Are there questions on the amendment? With this being an amendment from the floor to an original proposal it must have a two-third’s majority of Delegates present. At this time, if there isn't any questions or discussion? Hearing  none, if you're in favor of the name changed to this particular committee in Section 7 I would ask that you rise. And our traveling officers will count. When they count please take a seat. If you're in favor please rise.  MS. HAWSE: Remember they have to be a  Delegate.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: They are a Delegate marked with a "D." That's why we repeated that twice. If you would, please count the floor. And I am standing.  Patrick, you got your number? MR. MCCAFFREY: Yes.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Howie, do you have yours?  MR. HONAKER: I'm fine. | 16  time there will not be a motion to close nominations and that's  an automatic. But it's my honor to turn over the microphone to a young lady that comes from Lodge No. 83, she's a PER, for the purpose of nominating someone that is a positive, although sometimes she flinches when I say that. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome Amy Ratliff.  MRS. RATLIFF: Okay. Sorry. I'm short.  It is an honor and privilege to be Mark Ratliff's better half and everybody knows that. Mark is a compassionate, caring, and thoughtful individual, always willing to listen and give guidance to others. Mark has a passion and desire to make Elkdom stronger. Mark has worn many hats since becoming a member. And Mark thought he was just going to be a bowler. Mark is a Past Exalted Ruler, he's a Past District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler, and ENF Chairman at the local Lodge, and a State Officer for the last six years. Mark has taught  me what an Elk should be. When I was ER Mark was my backbone (crying) --  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you need a pitch hitter?  MRS. RATLIFF: -- and the greatest supporter. I will definitely be his supporter in every possible way. He started the journey with the persistence. Thank you Mike Stanley  and Roger Crowe, I owe you. Just kidding. It is great pride and honor and love that I nominate my best friend and my husband, Mark Ratliff, from the Upper Sandusky Lodge No.  83 as your Ohio Elks Association President for the years  2019-2020. |

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| 17  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: As you can tell, Elks are  definitely a family affair, and it gives me no more pleasure and honor to bring forth the next one from the Ratliff family, Mr. Jordan Ratliff, to second the nomination of his father.  MR. JORDAN RATLIFF: I'm going to try not to cry. You know, growing up, when I would hear people call him Mark, that means nothing to me because he's my dad and that's what he is to me. He'll always be my dad whether he's State President of the Elks or not. But he taught me a lot of things, everything. How to ride a bike, how to work on a car, how to put air pressure in tires. But the one thing that my  dad has always been is determined and dedicated. And when he started with the State Elks organization, just like our local Lodge, I knew that at the end of the day he was going to give  110 percent, and that's exactly what he'd done. So before I  get emotional, like my mother, and cry in front of all of you, it brings me great honor and pleasure to second the nomination for Mark Ratliff for State President of the Ohio Elks 2019-20  Lodge year.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Mark, with those two in your dugout, I think you'll do okay. But to the Ratliff’s, I say, "Congratulations."  The nominations for President, obviously, are done. At this time, it's my honor to recognize a young man from Greenville who serves as s PER, Mr. Mark King, for the nomination of First Vice President. Mark, if you would, please.  MR. KING: Mr. President, Members, I have the distinct | 19  Activities Chairman of the South Central District, and Tiler  of the Ohio State Elks Association. It is with honor that I, the  Elks, Past Exalted Rulers and members of the Jackson Lodge  466 respectfully nominate Keith Denning as Second Vice  President of the Ohio Elks Association.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It gets a little tough, doesn't it, Alvie? I don't care what anybody says, it gets tough when you get there and it's blood.  Ladies and Gentlemen, that concludes our candidates  for the offices and I now declare those nominations closed. I  would ask for our State Executive Secretary/Treasurer, PSP  Mr. Lee Young, to cast a unanimous ballot for all of our offices for 2019-2020. Mr. Young.  MR. YOUNG: They're teasing me to see if I'm wearing socks.  By the authority in me vested, I do hereby cast the unanimous ballot for the 2019-2020 Officers of the Ohio Elks Association.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Lee. At this time, all in favor, the voting sign of an Elk. All opposed. Madam Secretary, let your record show they were unanimously selected. At this point in time, it's my pleasure -- by the way, folks, (one wrap with gavel), that section of the meeting -- to ask for our Grand Lodge Officers, are there  any of you that would like to speak to us today? And I'm extending this for one reason only. Jim or somebody might not be here tomorrow because of Ritual contest. Michael, you'll be in the Session. Do you want to speak today? No is |
| 18  honor to nominate Lugene Ignaffo as First Vice President.  Lugene and I went through the chairs back together back in the late '90's and we've been together since then, and I wrote this down and I want to get it right, because it's very important to me and he is. He has been an asset to the successful operation of our Lodge and I know he will carry this on the State level. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. King, for your nomination. At this time, before we open to a friend of mine that I've gotten to know real well, especially when I go to Wellsville, how appropriate, but ladies and gentlemen, Mr.  Michael Buchanan would like to present to us the presentation for Trustee of Ohio.  MR. BUCHANAN: Thanks. I am putting into nomination my friend Brad Goodballet, from East Liverpool Lodge 257. I wish him the best of luck and if you need anything I'm always here. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mike. At this time, the floor is now open for a nomination for the Second Vice President position. At this time I would call on Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. Alvie Pelfrey, from 466, better known as Jackson.  MR. PELFREY: It is my pleasure to nominate Keith Denny for the Second Vice President of the Ohio Elks Association. Keith has been a member of the Jackson Elks  466 for the past 17 years. He has served his Lodge as Exalted Ruler for the year 2013 through 2017. He is currently serving as a Trustee Chairman. He's currently serves as Vice District | 20  a good answer. I'm not trying to force him, I'm just asking  suggestively. Doug, would you like to speak to us today on  Grand Lodge Activities?  MR. SCHIEFER: No.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: A very nice answer. Jim? PGER NICHELSON: I'll wait until tomorrow. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Jim chooses to wait until  tomorrow, too. So with that, I would say to our new Officers, "Congratulations. You've been officially elected. Get ready to take over tomorrow night. Remember all speeches are timed, short." But more importantly, it's my honor to say, Thank  you" today to all of you for being here. Friday afternoon is busy, but it's important to these individuals over here that we take care of business.  And if there are other actions to come before this assembly body -- madam. Oh, I forgot. Besides Grand Lodge Officers, we have an F.O.G. that needs to speak who is a PSP and that makes him my boss. PSP, please.  MR. WOLFE: I just wanted to say, that if anyone wants to pick up their pins, we have them for distribution at this Convention. Come see me right after this meeting, I've got them right up here. I'd like to distribute them to as many lodges that I can now so the box can get lighter, because I'm carrying it around. So come up and see me right afterwards and take care of it. Thank you. Oh, and it's the F.O.G. pins.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That's all right. I was going to give you no extra plug.  MR. WOLFE: This is the second one. It's |

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| 21  numbered, it's the second pin. This is "For Our Grand" for  support of Doug Schiefer to be the next Grand Exalted Ruler from Ohio and so we appreciate it and we appreciate all the Lodges support. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very good. And, again, for those of you who didn't quite hear, "For Ohio's Next Grand." Jim, I'm saying that like you told me to say it. But more importantly, a friend of ours who needs our support. Who those of you who didn't purchase one of last year’s, 20 bucks is a good starting price, but we do have some leftover pins. I would part with mine for 30 bucks, or a bottle of Crown, because I've got two more of them.  More importantly, I want to say to you, thank you, thank you Officers, and I would ask you to welcome to the podium, for the closing prayer, our State Chaplain, Deb Bingham.  (Prayer)  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time I will call this Session to adjournment until tomorrow morning's Session, which will start promptly at 8:00. We will see you at Fun Night tonight. Thank you very much.  THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. |  |
| 22  CERTIFICATE  STATE OF OHIO )  ) ss. COUNTY OF OTTAWA )  I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of  30 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me  in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 5th day of April, 2019. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.  IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Sandusky, Ohio this 5th day of April,  2019.  Lori L. Delhees  Notary Public  404 West 6th Street  Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  My commission expires 11/24/2022 |  |

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| 1  One Hundred And Twenty-first ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION  THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO  Business Meeting  Saturday, April 6, 2019  8:00 a.m. | 3  pleasure to introduce to you. But the first, of course, is the one  you don't know perhaps, unless you met her last night. But to my immediate left is Ms. Debbie Doles, who is the Assistant Director of the Elks National Foundation in Chicago, and  we'll introduce her a little more later on, because she has a PowerPoint to stir us up for ENF. And that's always a good thing. To Debbie's left, of course, is Doug Schiefer, Activities Committee member at the Grand Lodge level. You're allowed to say, "Hi." And Michael Iddings, to Doug's left, who is on the -- I'll be okay. -- to Doug's right, Michael Iddings on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee. That's your Grand Lodge family. And in the audience you'll you know that there are any number of Past Grand Lodge workers. Please give all these folks all of the assistance you possibly can. They earn their pay. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Jim. And at this time a quick reminder, if you're voting this morning you will have it signified with a "D" when we come up for our two items of business and old business, and any new business.  At this time, I'd like to welcome up front real quick, for a welcome from the South Central, Mr. Dave Williams, DAC, South Central.  MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir. I thought I was going to get out of that.  Welcome to South Central District and to the 121st Convention of the Elks Association. Welcome, everyone. We'd like to welcome all of our guests up here, they'll all be introduced at some time. If you don't leave this Convention |
| 2  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time I'd  like to call the 121st Session of the Ohio Elks Convention to order. For those of you that were out late last night, you look pretty good. Obviously some of our members didn't make it this morning yet. And for those that worked Registration, I can tell you they had a hard time getting out of bed as well. But I welcome you and I want to say to you, for those of you that were out listening to Mark's band last night, what a nice group. Let's show that man some appreciation.  You might see this morning, as we call this Session to order, that I might need to change the agenda a little bit to allow for flexible schedules, and you'll see some substitute individuals present information this morning. Please  be patient and keep in mind that Elkdom has one slogan  "Everything will be all right."  At this time I would like to introduce our Chaplain for the opening prayer and then followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.  (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance) PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time it's my honor  to present to you our Grand Lodge Sponsor, also our Past  Grand Exalted Ruler, also a Past State President Honorary,  Mr. James Nichelson, for an introduction of a group of special individuals. Jim.  PGER NICHELSON: Good morning. AUDIENCE:Good morning.  PGER NICHELSON: Oh, that's great. Mr. President, Members, if you noticed we did not march in this morning,  we marched in yesterday. But we have some folks that it's my | 4  without a memoranda story it's your own fault, and I had one  last night. This will only take one minute.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Appropriate.  MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Last night, wasn't that a wonderful band and we had a great time last night. I mean, it was great. Thank you. But standing in line to get  refreshments, and I was talking Elks everywhere, I was talking about the F.O.G. at our table. And there's a fellow named Brad Goodballet that was getting refreshments, and I mistaked him for Doug Schiefer. I did. And I said, "Hey, Brad, can you come over here, we're talking about the "For Ohio Grand, and all that?"  And Brad said, "I'll be right back." And he went and got Doug. And Doug came over and then we continued to talk about "For Ohio's Grand." So that's a memory and a story for this weekend. Thank you, guys. They do look similar, don't they? Yes. Thank you. Welcome everyone. Yes. Yes, last night they looked similar.  Please enjoy your time here and talk Elks everywhere and share all of our Elks stories. Thank you very much.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, David. You will notice on your floor level we have several individuals which deserve some recognition. At this time I would like to bring them forth and ask that they rise as we call them out in order: From Ashland Lodge 1360, serving 1992-1993, Mr. Richard Wolfe; from Salem 305, and now East Liverpool -- oh, excuse me. Are you going to move or are you staying in Salem? |

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| 5  MR. MARTENS: I'm staying in Salem.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. -- 305, 93-95, Mr. Nik Martens; and 1994-95 from Wellsville 1040, and I believe his second time around was East Liverpool, Mr. Dane Dysert; 1995-1996, from Gallipolis 107, Mr. Fran Mullen;  2000-2001, from the Elyria Lodge No. 465, Lee Young;  from Swanton 2462, and I know Tim is in the house, he may not be here, he might be out working and helping, but Tim Churchill who served us from 2005-2006. Tim, are you in the house? Okay, I know he's here, because he talked to me yesterday; from Van Wert Lodge No. 1197, 2006-2007, Mr. Michael Stanley; 2007-2008, from Lakewood Lodge No.  1350, Jack Minarchick; Honorary, 2007-2008, our own, Ohio River Valley 231, Mr. James Nichelson; serving 2008-2009, Doug Schiefer from Bucyrus 156. From Ravenna 1076, serving 2009-2010, our own David Mix; 2010-2011, from  the Coshocton Lodge 376, James Baylor; 2012-2013, from the Fremont Lodge 169, Mr. Dan Beaston; from Kenton 157, serving from 2013-2014, Roger Crowe; from Hillsboro No.  361, 2014-15, Mr. Roger Martin; Willoughby-Cleveland  No. 18, brings us in 2015-16, Mr. Lance Knight; serving in  2016-2017, from Elyria 465, Mr. Red Kehler, and for those of you who don't know, Red really has a first name, it's Harold, but Red is what I've always known him by; 2017-2018, it will be his second time up, from the East Liverpool Lodge No.  258, Mr. Dane Dysert. Dane, stand up. You did it twice, you get credit twice.  Ladies and Gentlemen, until this morning, I didn't realize | 7  MR. MARTIN: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Chaplain, Deb Bingham. MS. BINGHAM: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Tiler, Keith Denny. MR. DENNY: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard  Honaker.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: He's present. Working the  Ritual.  MR. GOODBALLET: Inner Guard, Larry Ropp. MR. ROPP: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Secretary/Treasurer, Grand  Tiler Elect, Lee Young.  MR. YOUNG: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Roll call has been taken. All are present and accounted for.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Brad. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show these individuals some appreciation.  At this time I'd like to recognize our Grand Lodge workers in the crowd. If you're in here please stand when I call your name: From the North Central, Mr. Rex Coldwell, District Deputy; from the Southeast, Mike Buchanan, Wellsville; Barry Harper from Willoughy/Cleveland; Ron Yaw, Defiance, Northwest; Ron Buxton, Lebanon; and Gary Stevenson, South Central. Ladies and Gentlemen, these are our Grand Lodge leaders, let's show them some appreciation.  With that, I would like to move right along with our |
| 6  how many headaches these individuals go through in one year  as State President, but by God they all deserve Excedrin, and if you got extra bottles, I'll take a few myself.  Today, when we start, if you address the microphone, make sure you identify yourself with your name, your Lodge and the number, that will make that young lady's job over there in the corner, Ms. Lori Delhees, so much easier.  At this time I would call on the Second Vice President for the roll call of officers.  MR. GOODBALLET: My name is Brad Goodballet. Ohio Elks State President, Nevin "Talk Elks Everywhere" Taylor.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: First Vice President, Mark  Ratliff.  MR. RATLIFF: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Chairman, Lugene  Ignaffo.  MR. IGNAFFO: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Approving  Member, Ed Connors.  MR. CONNORS: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Trustee Secretary, Tom  Pavlik.  MR. PAVLIK: Present.  MR. GOODBALLET: Second Vice President, Brad Goodballet. Present.  Interim Board Member, Roger Martin. | 8  Convention order and I'm going to ask to the microphone,  Michael Stanley, for any Convention notes or information that we need to have. Thank you, Mike.  MR. STANLEY: Just a couple of quick things. My report is on page 10 in the Committee book. I hope everybody read that, it took hours putting that together, so time wasn't wasted. Everybody looking at me, it's like, "What's he talking about?"  I want to thank everybody. Last night at Fun Night, those that came, you know, we had to wait to get the room set up  and you guys were so patient and ordinarily and everything went just smoothly. Everybody come in and found seats and it just worked out great and thank you very much for that.  Grand Lodge Convention information is on the website. Information has been emailed out and I'm starting to get some reservations in, but if you're going to go, I don't think too many people are going to fly, maybe somebody is going to fly,  but most everybody is going to drive, so you don't have to wait to get your airline tickets. Go ahead and get your reservations in, because I got a block of rooms and when the block is gone you may be staying at Days Inn down the street. So make sure you get those sent in. Don't forget to send your check for the hospitality room.  The last thing I want to cover is Convention sites. We've been coming to Columbus for a long time and it's centrally located. And we want to kind of hear -- you people coming from all over the state, we want to find out what you like. Do you like coming to Columbus and staying in the Columbus |

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| 9  area? Or should we go to Cleveland or Cincinnati or Toledo?  So a show of hands, how many people want to stay in the Columbus area? Raise your hands. Okay. Hands down. How many people would like to go to either Cleveland or someplace like that? Columbus. Okay, yes, people that live there. Okay. That's what I want to know. So you're the ones we have to please. You're the membership.  So with that, I'll leave you with a little thought about a little friend, Johnny, who was home and the doorbell rang and Johnny went up to the door a man was standing there, and  he said, "Can I speak to your father?" And he said, "Oh, I'm sorry, but he's in shower right now." "Oh, okay. Well, is your mother available?" "No, she's in the shower, too." Well, are they going to be out very soon?" "I really doubt. Dad asked for the Vaseline, but I give him the Super Glue."  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Michael. At this time we will move into our Committee Reports Session  of the Business Meeting. First off, from Registration, I would like to announce that we are over 400 and we will have a final count tonight that will be part of the record book, and Larry will be presenting that then.  With that, I'd like to welcome to the podium our Second Vice President, Mr. Brad Goodballet, for the Committees underneath his jurisdiction.  MR. GOODBALLET: Good morning. Again, I'm  Brad Goodballet.  MR. SCHIEFER: Are you sure?  MR. GOODBALLET: I'm not sure. Committees, | 11  and win the scramble format. Everybody has a chance to  win something this way. So I'm looking forward to the year. You'll hear a lot from between now and August. And the applications are online. If you want to host the golf outing this coming year, they are still accepting applications. You can get that on the golf site, the golf listing under the OhioElks.com website. With that, thank you very much.  MR. GOODBALLET: Thanks, Otis. Next up, Public Relations, Sammy Gonterman, Kenton 157. He asked me read this statement from the Grand Lodge statues. "The Lodge Secretary shall electronically file the local lodge volunteer, youth charitable and community service report on  or before May 1, 2019. Let's comply and make Sammy's job a lot easier.  Moving on to Web Operations, Richard Threadgill, Berea 1815. Online registration, if you use used it, it was great. Ohio Elks News, read it. There's a lot of information. OhioElks.com. Go search site, there's a lot of good information. Thank you for your time.  MR. GONTERMAN: Brad.  MR. GOODBALLET: You said you didn't want to say anything.  MR. GONTERMAN:Government Relations Chairman. MR. GOODBALLET: What did I say? Public  Relations. Sorry. Government Relations. Thank you for correcting me.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And for those of you who are curious, Sammy does not work for the government, but |
| 10  Grand Lodge Fraternal, Chaired by Robert Hinkle. I know  he's not here because he's in Virginia.  Next committee is Grand Lodge Activities, Chaired by my brother, Doug Schiefer. Anything to add, Brother?  MR. SCHIEFER: Later.  MR. GOODBALLET: Later. He's from Bucyrus  156.  Golf, our incoming State President has now established  a permanent full-time golf Chairman, that's Rob Nixon, more affectionally known as Otis, from Ashland 1360. Rob. Otis.  MR. NIXON: Yes, sir. Good morning everybody. How many golfers do we have out here? How many have leagues in their Lodges? District golf outings? I want all that information during the course of the year. Send that into. My name will be in the directory, StateOhioElks.com. Send that information to me, I'll get that in. We're going to show the things we do. When you have tournaments during the course of the year, get that into me. Charities that you're going to be donating to. And the biggest push is going to try to get these State Tournaments growing again. Bring the numbers up. I don't know if anybody knew, last year we had two formats.  We put a new format, that's a scramble format. So if you don't want to come and do the individual, get a team together and  do the scramble format. And we're going to try something new this year, I haven't really talked to the people behind me yet, but I'm sure they're going to be inclined to agree. The scramble, we're going to go and probably try to flight that also, so that way a Lodge can't bring in four professional golfers | 12  he is here to help us. At the time I'd like to bring Tom Pavlik  up for the Committees underneath his jurisdiction. Again, we remind you, if you've got anything to add, please stand up, like Sammy did, and make sure your officers are on track. We did have some of that little I would call it black bottle, this little bottle over here, so we need reminded a little, too.  MR. PAVLIK: Thank you. Mr. President. Good morning, everyone. The first Committee under my jurisdiction is Americanism, it's chaired by Deb Lazar, she's  a Past District Deputy from Bucyrus. She had to go away on a family emergency. Her report can be found on page 4. But I will announce that the Americanism Essay winners for this year were Bobby Donathan from Newcomerstown in 1st; Vanessa Busler from Berea was 2nd, and Chelsea Dees from Lexington/Shelby Lodge was 3rd.  The second Committee under my jurisdiction is Membership, that's Chaired by Chris Hatcher. His report can be found on page 17. He is currently over judging Ritual. And as you can see he hung the banner up with the membership with the plus one membership gain. Chris has  done a really, really good job this year keeping everybody on track and keeping everyone informed of where we are. Our membership, we're at a little bit of a loss, so try to get with your Membership Chairman within your Lodges and make a big push for going into this year.  The next Committee is Dean Streit, Lodge Operations; he's Past District Deputy from Wooster Lodge. I believe he's also probably over in Ritual, and his report can be found on |

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| 13  page 16.  And finally, I -- somebody shook their head. Finally Gary  Wadlow from Salem Lodge 305, Past District Deputy, he's  our Drug Awareness Chairman. Is Gary in the room? Do you have anything to add?  MR. WADLOW: Nothing to add.  MR. PAVLIK: All right. With that, Mr. President, those are my Committees.  MRS. STANLEY: Tom, where do we get the money for the winners of the District, Americanism?  MR. PAVLIK: I can actually --  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Linda, Deb dropped those off. See your District Deputies; he has all the placings and all the Lodge breakdowns. They're just like last year, they have the name on the front, Julie took care of that, and Debbie took care of making sure they're on the front and what divisions. But the DD's do have all those gift cards.  MRS. STANLEY: Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Any other questions for  Tom's Committees?  With that, we'll turn it over to our Approving Trustee, Mr. Ed Connors, for the Committees underneath his supervision.  MR. CONNORS: Good morning, all. I have several Committees I work along with. Actually I have a really easy schedule this past year. First off, Conventions and Reunions, Past State President Mike Stanley from Van Wert 1197. As he said his earlier, his report is on page 10. And I urge you also  to get your registrations in for St. Louis as quickly as you can, | 15  and we kind of are. But I think we made -- I've counted it,  like, three times and they were announcing Lodge numbers and they'd say 231 and I'd start 232. So I know that we made over $1,800. That is fantastic. Thank you, all. And I before I go on, I want to thank Rose Durant for donating the  memorabilia. If any of you saw the book last night, our Lodge is from the first, Lodge No. 5, in Ohio, up through 895, which was our original Martin Ferry number. And it's all about the institution of the Lodge and there was a big river flood and there were giant ice flows and they had to send a carriage to pick up. Wow, we have a big history. And that just goes up to  895.  So they sent a carriage and he had to drive through water and big ice chunks from the river flood. So it was pretty interesting. Okay. And they are all are. So thanks, Rose, for that, and for the coins, which are quite valuable.  The good news is, I left my folder with all my notes out there. The bad news is, I am only going to say a couple of things, not very long, or maybe that's the good news. We did well. The grant season was changed last year and you did amazing. $369,000 went to Ohio communities because of you. So let's give yourself a nice silent cheer. That's fantastic.  Giving, I think we can do way better. And, please, I can't reiterate, please don't wait until the last week to send in your money. It just drives me crazy. And when I did my report  only 52 Lodges, and that was about three weeks ago we had to submit them. So 62 out of 76 Lodges made the GER's goal of  $4.75. I thought that was pretty good. My other half thought |
| 14  as Mike did.  Secondly, is the Credentials and Registration. That was Chaired by my good friend, Past District Deputy Bob Essig, from Ashtabula, who passed not too long ago. And for today -- or this evening, I should say, Past District Deputy Larry Ropp, from Marysville, will give the report this evening.  The next one I have is, and really there's nothing for me to do, other than do what I'm told, is the Memorial Service, which will be held today at 11:00, and that is Chaired by Past State President, times-two, Dane Dysert from East Liverpool  258. Dane, would you like to say anything more about the  Memorial Service?  MR. DYSERT: Be here.  MR. CONNORS: Be here. Okay. Yes. We urge you all. It's a very impressive ceremony; we would like you all to be here, if at all possible.  Next is the Elks of Year and Elk Hall of Fame Awards, which we'll be presenting this evening, and that's Chaired by myself.  And last, and absolutely not least for sure, and whose report is on page 19 -- or excuse me, page 18, National Foundation, Chaired by Past District Deputy Mary Carolyn Nichelson from Ohio River Valley 231. And I know she has more to say.  MRS. NICHELSON: Thank you very much. Thank you, all. First, I can't say enough about your generosity. We have our little raffle, I know you feel like we're charging to get in, | 16  it wasn't. So we have our work cut out for us. I know I said  this last year, "It's better to give than to receive." But right now we're doing much better on the receiving end than on the giving end. We can do better. And I can get up here and tell you you're fantastic, you're generous, and that is all true. And the people in this room understand what ENF is about. But  it's your job to go back to your Lodges and promote it. It's  the heart of Elkdom. And whether you realized it or not, ENF has driven us into the 21st century. I remember Dane Dysert a few years ago said, "I can get online and find out every person that ever donated to ENF, but I can't find out who was a Lodge member a few ago."  So even ENF, with their forward thinking, they have just driven us in the age of computers and easy access. And their website is always influx because they're always updating  it. And if you haven't been on that, you need to get on the website, because it's amazing what you can find. You can find out all the money you ever gave, personal giving, all the programs.  We are honored today to have with us Debbie Doles and she will be doing a presentation this morning and then the workshop at 1:00. And she brought with her 75 of the grant booklets. Mine is out there. 75 of them to give out. And your secretary gets two and your Exalted Ruler gets one. So these are your workshop booklets and we have 75 to give out today is fantastic.  The Anniversary Grant is gone. There is a new Spotlight  Grant, it is very specific. I had an idea for literacy and I |

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| 17  emailed ENF a couple of weeks ago and they were like, "No.  Nice try." But you have to stick closer to our guidelines. It's for literacy and homeless veterans, period. They give you about six ideas and you can adjust them, but you can't adjust them too, too far. You can adjust them to fit the needs of your community, but they want you to stay within those parameters. I'm sure she has a lot more to say about that. We had 60  Anniversary Grants and only 12 Lodges didn't get any grant, so I think that's fantastic. You really have picked up on this. I remember standing up here saying, "These grants aren't going away so you better get on board, because it's money left on the table that can help our Ohio communities."  Okay. We're going to do our raffle. I thank you all very, very much. And we had so many raffle tickets we had to transfer them into another conveyance, called a trash can. And, Debbie, could you come down. We have two winners.  Winner’s choice, they can take the silver and the book, or they can take the Ohio State cooler and paraphernalia. So get out your blue tickets. 644056. Going once -- no, there's still -- no speed readers here. Well, I know some of you have tons of tickets. Yes. 056, anybody? Okay. Draw another.  MRS. STANLEY: Wait a minute. Wait.  MRS. NICHELSON: Wait. Anybody? Okay. 624582. We sold a lot of tickets last night and they're probably still  in bed, or at Ritual. Oh, we got a winner. Come up. Yeah. Okay, it's your choice.  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Billie Jo, Nevin told me you should win. | 19  "They said I had to live here." She finishes her 11:00 Toast  and proceeds to go out to the banquet room and get her blow up mattress. She spent her first night as an ER at the Lodge. Congratulations, Billie.  With that, I'd like to bring to the podium, the Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Lugene Ignaffo from the Greenville Lodge.  MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Mr. President. I get the distinct honor or working with some hardworking Elks this year that went above and beyond their call of duty to make  sure that everything runs and makes my job easy. So, first off, we'll start with bowling, Mr. Keven Knight, he's from Toledo No. 53. His report can be found on page 5. And Mr. Knight will have the posting finals numbers of the Bowling out in  the atrium after the meeting, trophies and stuff. So if you participated in the bowling tournament, go see Mr. Knight and what you may have got. Kevin, is there anything else you'd like to add.  MR. KNIGHT: Absolutely nothing. Thank you. MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you. The one is Ohio Elks  Charity. That's Chaired by Lloy Skillicorn from Galion, Ohio No. 1191. His report is on page 8. I know Lloy has been working very hard this morning and collecting the Charity Tickets that have come in to this point. Hopefully we see those numbers rise above and beyond what we had last year. One thing to remember, if we sell $30,000 in tickets, that means the Lodges out here have split $30,000. So it's just one thing to remember and it's always a good way for your Lodge to get a little bit of funds back, plus that's the money |
| 18  MRS. NICHELSON: 624503. Got it. I told you I sold  you a winner. You have a new Ohio State purse. Thank you, all. Continue to do the good work that you are doing. Please send in your donations a little earlier. And the numbers are not quite set yet. They're up until March 30th. They will be finalized, but they're pretty close, because they changed, like, twice this week. So we did well, but I think we can do way better. And, please, send that money in, which gives ENF more time to work with your money, to invest it. You don't  have the wait until March 15th to start sending the checks. So thank you. Keep up the good work.  MR. CONNORS: If there are any checks.  MRS. NICHELSON: Does anyone have any checks? This isn't CP. This is ENF. Thank you. Yes, I am slipping. Fremont Elks $600. Salem $1,500. Thank you. Okay. April  -- oh, yes. Bowling $300. Thank you. Upper Sandusky  $1,260. Berea $202.25. Ravenna $330. Wow. Thank you, guys. And Ashtabula $426.25. Thank you all. Keep up the good work.  MR. CONNORS: Thank you, Mary Carolyn. Mr. President that's all the Committees under my jurisdiction. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm not a person that likes to take pot shots, but I do want to make sure I tell you the whole story. Billy Joe, where are you at? Wave your hand again. Stand up. We kid everybody, those of you in room  that has the title of Exalted, we kid you that you're going to live at your Lodge. The night of installation Billy Jo said, | 20  we use to help fund the projects that we support as the Ohio  Elks Association. Lloy, are you in the room? He may still be sitting out there. Okay. Like I say, his report is on page 8.  Next up is another one that helps fund the Ohio Elks Association and the projects that we sort, and that's the Calendar Project. That is Chaired by Past District Deputy Duke Miller from Painesville No. 549. And he has a very painstaking job of putting that calendar all together and making sure everything is right. This year we did run into a few little glitches, but you know what, we will get through it. Duke, and I just got to commend you for your job of putting that calendar together and getting all of that information, because I know it takes a long time. Do you have anything to add?  MR. MILLER: Just if you're still sitting on a few that have been sold, send them in to Lee so we can get our sales finalized. And thanks for playing this year.  MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Duke. Next up is Major Projects and that is Chaired by PSP Lance Knight of Willoughby/Cleveland Lodge No. 18. Well, Lance, we can't give a report, because it's not official Committee yet. But do you have anything you'd like to say?  MR. KNIGHT: I do, but I'd like to defer until you've done that other business, if I can.  MR. IGNAFFO: We will defer until after the other business is complete.  MR. KNIGHT: Thank you.  MR. IGNAFFO: Last, but least, will all veterans |

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| 21  please rise. Please give these young or men and women a  round of applause. You know, the veterans are very dear to us. We don't realize or think about how much time, money, or all else is spent to go and help veterans. The Chairman, the State Chairman for this is Past District Deputy Mr. Brad Goodballet. Brad does a wonderful job in trying assist and donate the  funds out. Like I say, veterans, we remember one thing. There's a lot checks written in life. Veterans write a check that never has a dollar amount put to it. Think about it. You write checks every day, we always sign a dollar amount. There is  a blank check with a signature. So there are veterans we can never forget. Brad's report can be found on page 2. Brad, do you have anything to add at this time?  MR. GOODBALLET: Yes. The bags, again,  will be available in the atrium. My wife will be passing them out right after the meeting. Bring them back in August full. Thank you.  MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Brad. Mr. President, that concludes all the Committees under my jurisdiction.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Lugene, and thank you veterans. At this time we bring to the podium the First Vice President from the Upper Sandusky Lodge No. 83 and your next President, Mr. Mark Ratliff.  MR. RATLIFF: Good morning, everyone. Be on lookout, there's a gentleman that looks a lot like me that over served me last night, so be careful if he approaches you.  I have the pleasure of working with five Committees this year. The first one is Scholarships, that's Chaired by Past | 23  sponsored by the Lebanon Lodge, who is last year’s National  Winner and Getty Powell Winner who was with us last fall. Jamison Stenson from the New Lexington Lodge 509; and Cameron Elber, who was Sponsor by the Lima Lodge. So we're excited for those families and the opportunity for those kids to compete. So hopefully we'll hear more about their success in the fall.  Next up is Soccer Shoot, Chaired by Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Larry Clement from the Willoughby/ Cleveland Lodge. I'm sure Soccer Larry has something to say.  MR. CLEMENT: Come to my seminar, let's have a good day. The kids enjoyed it that were there last year. You seen a little five year Brynn Sellers win the National Regional and just that tall and that trophy was that tall. Come and see it. Have a Soccer Shoot.  MR. RATLIFF: His report can be found on page 19 if you'd like to learn more about that.  The fourth Committee, Youth Activities, that's Chaired by  Steve Cox from Marysville 1130. There's Steve.  MR. COX: Good morning. I'd like to say congratulation to six students that were awarded the Volunteerism Award.  All six of them got $1,000 each for the Volunteerism Award. The Ohio Elks Association awarded the Grant of $1,000 to  a boy and girl of a Scouts Merit Award, Holly Ketchum, and the Boy Scout Merit Award was Raymond Morris. Also the Scout Citizens Awards Grants from the trust funds that have been awarded to councils, applied for the assistance for the  2018-2019 year totaling $9,550. These moneys were awarded |
| 22  District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Chuck Flint from New  Philadelphia Lodge. His report is on page 20. Is Chuck in the room?  MR. FLINT: Here.  MR. RATLIFF: Do you have anything to add?  MR. FLINT: Yes, I do. We just got word Monday that we have two of the 20 top students for MVS Scholarship Awards. Tabitha Escalante and Matthew Humphreys are up -- are going to get $20,000 for sure. They're going to Chicago to interview April 11th and 14th, and if they're the Top Award Winners they get $30,000, $40,000, or $50,000 each. So this is a long time since we've had two in the top. But thanks to the National we have two in the top 20.  MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Chuck. I would like to add that Tabitha is being sponsored by the Maumee/Bowling Green Lodge and Matthew Humphreys is sponsored by the Jackson Lodge, so congratulations to those Lodges and those Communities.  The next is Hoop Shoot, that's Chaired by Past District  Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Dennis Sabo, from Bellevue  1013. Dennis couldn't be with us this weekend. He's handling a situation with his father, but he asked me to relay to all of  you that he continues to enjoy working with the youth of the State of Ohio. He's put together one of the best programs that's recognized all over. We were fortunate enough, in  mid-March, to go to Angola, Indiana, and we had three winners that will now advance to the National Hoop Shoot at the end of the month. They are Anthony Thompson, who is | 24  to various councils for funding for the Scout to attend summer  camp and community projects that they are involved in. Thank you.  MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Steve. The last Committee I Chair, it's State Activities. I oversee the District Activities Chairman around the State of Ohio. These were all hardworking, dedicated Elks. They've done an outstanding job and I would like to recognize them now. First, Mr. Jim  Vasey from the Lakewood Lodge; Mr. Todd Cannode from the Kenton Lodge; David Williams from the Athens Lodge. Yes, that's you, Dave; Dan Williams, his brother, from Wilmington; Rob Nixon from the Ashland Lodge; and Jeff Warner whose from New Philadelphia, and I think he's in Ritual right  now. But please show a round of applause for these fine hardworking young men. Mr. President, that concludes the Committees under my jurisdiction.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mark. At this time it's my honor to get out of the way of individuals that I might have been in their way all year and present to you the Committee Chairmen and the good work they've  done. But first off, before I do that, I saw several people in the crowd worried. Those were Steve's end of year report, Youth Activities ends and he's starting a new one. So, Rose, where are you at? Rose, that's Steve.  MS. DURANT: He's got it.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: He's got. Okay. If you've got a Boy Scout or you've got a Volunteerism Award for 2020, Steve is looking for applications as soon as you get them and |

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| 25  he'll get you results.  Secondly, Calendar Chairman. I had the honor of making  75 visits that put me in the whole. But on the 75 I made the second time around we have our profit. This $20 is yours, because my wife said I can't make money off the Elks. So take it for a calendar and get me some money back that we won't tell her about.  With that, I'd like to present to you a Past State President serving Grand Lodge, and hopefully, Ms. Deb, you get to see him as Ohio's next Grand real soon. Just you can pass his name along the way, every bit of publications we appreciate. But Ladies and Gentlemen, our Elks Leadership College, Dean, who did a dynamite job getting it out and I want to thank all the members that attend, Mr. Doug Schiefer.  MR. SCHIEFER: Good morning. As you can tell, my voice is not very good, so I'm going to be as brief as I can be. First off, those that did attend the Leadership Kollege the first Saturday in March. We very much appreciate the attendance and I hope that everyone had a good time and learned, and  that you went back to your Lodge and said, "Hey, maybe we should have had some more people from the Lodge come and participate." But the valuations that you did were very, very nice. And that part of the Leadership Kollege you can find, read it, it's in the booklet. It's on pages 11 and 12.  So having said that, can the District Deputies all please come up. In these packets are all of the actual certificates for those who did attend and you're going to have to sign these, too. So, but the good thing is you can give these out | 27  and have a good rest of the Convention. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Ladies and Gentlemen, we know that's not our normal wake up Doug. But I want to share with you, he'll be leaving this afternoon, correct, Doug? Julie and he have had a loss in the family, (crying) it's his family,  but --  At this time I'd like to call forth two individuals, who shine as District Deputies, and not I'm shunning the rest  of them, but when we decided to do the Elks Leadership Kollege we said, "District Deputies, you show us what you got." Someone brought us 12 out of 14 Lodges. There's a State Officer up here that has the bottle of Crown in front of him. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's recognize the North Central  12 out of 14 Lodges and 59 representatives learning how  to make their Lodges better. The other bottle of the Crown goes to the South Central District. Gary, this is to be shared in the hospitality room. When we looked at the percentage of the members in the Districts and how many showed up,  and they had 52 representatives from South Central, so, Gary, this is your bottle of Crown. Please take it back and have it ready when I get there right after we turn over the officers tonight. It's amazing how many people showed up to makes a difference.  And, again, Doug I want to say thank you. Our prayers with you and Julia. All the presenters that were here for Elks Leadership Kollege, let's step it up one notch and go one better next year.  The Advisory Council, Mr. Roger Crowe. Anything you'd |
| 26  to the members at your District at the next District meeting.  Also, in there are the Ohio All American Lodge Certificates that participate -- all those Lodges that participated, those certificates are in there as well, so you'll have those to hand out. Okay? Thank you gentlemen.  Yesterday I had the opportunity to be in the District Deputy and the District Deputy Designates meeting that our State Sponsor put on and I took a little bit of time just explaining what they'll probably explain to their Exalted  Rulers and Knights at their upcoming clinics that they'll have and also at their District meeting. And the one thing that I'd like the Exalted Rulers in here, and your Knights, the next time when, you have your next meeting, if you're having  your meeting with the officer corps beforehand, before your meetings, take some time and review the committees in your Lodges and see if they're functioning to the ability that your, your expectations that you've set for the coming year. And then work with them throughout the year and make them a better than you started with them at the beginning of the year.  And also let's have a little bit better, more participation in the All American Lodge Contest from all of our Districts. I think Jim would like that very much.  So one thing I just want to bring to your attention on  Grand Lodge Youth Activities, there's a new programs booklet, which was just put online on Grand Lodge, which you can pull up under the manuals section on Elks.org. So I would urge Exalted Rulers and your Committee Chair to pull that up and review it with your Lodge members. So with that, I thank you | 28  like to say to the audience today? And I know that I've been  award warned by a certain President Elect that you will say something. So, Roger.  ROGER CROWE: I have nothing to report today. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It must be in your honor,  Deb. That's all I can say.  Our next Chairman, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, from the Marysville Lodge No. 1130, dealing with Community Service and Public Relations, and you'll hear from the Webmaster later, but Kermit Morse. Kermit, come on down, I know you've got some information for us.  MR. MORSE: My report is in the booklet. We'll be having a seminar this afternoon just to meet with you and talk about your Community Service Grants. The Grant season opens May 1st, so make sure you send it to me May 1st or after. Don't send it early or there was a little penalty on that. So make sure it comes in May 1st. Put it in your out box and have it flagged to go out at 12:01 on May the 1st. That's it.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Kermit,  and thanks for Public Relations. Folks, it's Rich Threadgill and Kermit who have made the Ohio Elks Website work  this year, but it's only because you have worked. Please get involved and make sure your Lodge is on there. If you've got something than happens in a splash, like Jackson the other night when they had their youth banquet. Take that picture and send it to the website. We need to make sure everyone knows Ohio Elks are here and we're here to stay.  With that, I'd like to go to our State Major Project, the |

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| 29  young lady, Past District Grand Exalted Ruler, from Troy  Lodge, Ms. Sara Dunavent.  MS. DUNAVENT: Good morning. I would ask my reps to come up as well, please. I have from the Northeast, Jim Vasey; Northwest, Chuck Hilyard; North Central, Rex Coldwell; myself from Southwest; South Central, Nelson Dray, and Brad Goodballet standing in for Southeast, which I believe is now open.  First of all, all of you take your right hand and raise it up. Put it right here and Pat yourselves on the back. Because of you we are able to grant $229,800 for CP and Camperships. For the North Central, we have $49,000 going out, and the report is on page 7 in your booklet, so I'll just give you the totals for the Districts. Northeast got $40,100; Northwest,  $35,000; South Central, $58,400; Southeast, $26,500; and Southwest $20,800, and it's because all of you and your hard work, so thank you very much. We do have a couple of when  -- requests. Sorry, I get really nervous when I'm up here.  When you are passing out these, I'm going to tell the reps this, make sure you're taking pictures and get these on the Ohio Elks Website. Get us out in the community. That is the desire of me, but our incoming State President, as well. The more we can -- and our current one, "Talk Elks Everywhere." We got to get this out there.  I do have a couple of awards to give out for the top performers in each category according to, I think it's by Grand Lodge below 400 members, 401 to 750, and 751 and above. First off though, we have an Outstanding Merit Award to have | 31  seeing a few of you. So the Club 150 drawing, a lot of you got  into it at the last Convention. You are in for tonight's drawing;  it's already been paid for. What we're going around and asking our members now to do is renew your numbers. So  if you're interested in renewing your numbers for the August Convention and the following April Convention, its $25 and you keep your numbers, everything is all set. We did, at our last meeting, agree to open up another 25 numbers to those members that did not get an opportunity to join the Club. So without further ado, when we full out those other 25 numbers we will add an additional amount to be drawn out. So if you're the first number drawn out you would win $500. That's $500 for your $25 investment. The second number drawn out will  be $300, your third number will be $150, your fourth number will be $100, and your fifth number will be $50. That will be in effect at the August Convention once we sell the other 25 next. The numbers that are drawn tonight, it will just be your first number is $500; your second number is $250, your third number $125, and your fourth number $50. We appreciate  the enthusiasm and support for this 150 Club. We hope to continue the support of it moving forward. Remember, your  $25 investment gets $12.50 going back to your Lodge in your name towards their per capita. So it's a win/win for everyone, and I hope again you will support it by renewing your numbers. Thank you.  MS. DUNAVENT: Thanks, Chuck. And I will take any checks that you might have. Please and thank you. From Fremont, $600; from Salem $1,327; from Upper Sandusky |
| 30  Tiffin Lodge No. 94 for their per capita of $27.98. So if I can  have representatives come up, please. I'm going to keep going so we keep this moving.  In the Below 400 members, 1st was Willoughby/ Cleveland No. 18 with 299 members, $20.11; 2nd is Toledo No. 53, with 369 members, $17.59; and 3rd in that category, Berea 1815, with 105 members, $1454. In the 401 to 750 members: No. 1 is Parma with 403 members, they did  $15.54; 2nd is Elyria with 641 members, $11.66; and 3rd in that is Lakewood. I don't have -- oh, I don't -- 1350, thank you. -- 661 members, $8.58. Finally, in the 751 members and above: Gallipolis No. 107, with 797 members, they did  $13.77; Alliance No. 467, with 899 members, did $6.49; and, lastly, Upper Sandusky No. 83, with 803 members, $6.43. So congratulations to all of them. We do have -- will be having  a new grant application form online as soon as we get it updated. It is a mandatory new form. So make sure you tell your people that they have to turn in the new form and follow it. Please and thank you.  The display out in the lobby is for sale because we want  to downsize and make something a little more travelable, since we're not going to Grand Lodge and need a big exhibit. If  you or Lodge is interested in that see myself and Chuck. And I'll let Chuck talk real quick about 150 Club and then I'll take checks.  MR. HILYARD: Good morning, everybody. All right, if you haven't seen me in your hospitality rooms, I apologize. It was a late night last night, but I did get around | 32  -- right? Yep. -- $710; from Berea, $142.50; from Norwalk,  $1,500; badge fines from the State Officers, $100; woo hoo, we like that; and Ravenna, $1,125.28; this is from the Bowling, $1,019; and from Lodge 147, Defiance, $300. Do we have one more? Awesome. Yes. New Lex gave a check for $3,000; and Lodge 208, I think, is Ashtabula, $2,098.80. Thank you all so much. Thank you to my Committee, there's no I in Team.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Sara, and members of CP and Lodge members who have given. Again, there are items for sale out there. And if didn't catch her comment, a big display board is available for purchase. They'll take a highest bid, because the money will go right back into CP.  I would ask Mary Carolyn, if you can give me a total in  a little bit you received this morning, for the record, and, Sara Sally, when you get yours totaled, for the record, so we can record it.  With that, we have our final Committee, and that's our Judiciary, its Chaired by Past State President, Mr. Rick Wolfe. Rick anything are your station to report?  MR. WOLFE: There's a brief report on page 16. And it's brief, because I don't feel it's appropriate to discuss individual problems. But this past year has been very busy for Judiciary. So I just want to remind you that if your Lodge has a problem involving procedures or the laws of the Order or your bylaws, do not hesitate to contact your District Judiciary Chairperson. |

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| 33  Now, do you want me to go to the other?  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes. At this time I'd to like introduce a new Committee that will be part of the booklet, and for as long as we need it to be, and that would be for "Ohio Next Grand." Rick wears two hats, he also chairs this Committee. Mr. Wolfe.  MR. WOLFE: All right. Regarding the F.O.G., "For Ohio's Grand," I'll remind you that this is a campaign  to raise funds over the next several years in support of Doug Schiefer. It's going very well. Our second round of pins are being distributed this week, this weekend. I appreciate and thank all the Lodges who are supporting this. There are some that didn't get the money in from last year, we'll still be glad to accept it. And we want to distribute pins to all Lodges for this year. If there's enough time after this meeting, between the  end of this meeting and Memorial Service, I'll be available for a few minutes up here in the front, otherwise I'll be available out in the atrium in the afternoon from noon to 1:00.  MR. STANLEY: Rick, you're going to have to go outside. We're going to be tearing down.  MR. WOLFE: In the atrium.  MR. STANLEY: You'll have to be out in the atrium afterwards.  MR. WOLFE: Oh, right after the meeting? MR. STANLEY: Yes.  MR. WOLFE: Okay. I'll be out in the atrium right after the meeting then. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Rick. Are | 35  Chairman of Trustees, Lugene Ignaffo, is there anything you'd  to like present on your budget proposal or any questions you had to answer?  MR. IGNAFFO: Not at this time.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Are there any question of the floor on the budget as proposed? There were copies available in the back of the room. If you didn't pick one up and you'd like to have one, please grab it, they're back there. Again, the final call for discussion. Seeing none. All those in favor of the proposed budget as present, the voting sign of an Elk. Opposed.  Madam Clerk, please record a unanimous decision on the Trustees and Officer team ballot for the budget for '19 and '20. Congratulations and thank you, Lugene.  Our next item of pending business was the constitution -- or excuse me -- bylaws change and presentation dealing with the State, the Ohio Elks State Major Project Endowment Fund and CP Operations, to separate the two entities and to bring our Endowment Board into a Committee. It was amended yesterday by a two-thirds’’ majority on the floor to be known at this point forward "Ohio Elks Endowment." And if we  pass this motion it will have the word "Committee" attached to it. That proposal was to take the big long name and shrink it down to something that you could see in an obituary, Ohio Elks Endowment, or make it much easier to try to type it on a  check. Are there any quest -- or, first of, Roger, anything from you as Chairman on this Committee?  ROGER CROWE: No, sir. Other than amendment, |
| 34  there any Committees that we have missed this morning?  MRS. NICHELSON: I have an announcement. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am. Please.  MRS. NICHELSON: $1,785, and I'm sure our Past Grand  Exalted Ruler will donate that last $15. It will be $1,800.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: $1,800 for your generosity. And then the final, as soon as they're a committee then we will have a report from our Endowment, but that's pending action in old businesses.  With that, I want to say a special thank you to all those Chairman that served the State this year. Thank you for coordinating with your local District and Lodge individuals when they had questions and being available.  Folks, this is the fastest we've ever gotten through Committee Reports, and it's not because of this team, although Lance has yet to speak, it's because of the State Chairman.  So please recognize those State Chairman with a round of applause. Any of you that spoke up and added items, please make sure you get that copy to Lee so he can include it with the permanent records. Because Lee Young put together, with Mike Stanley, our Committee Report Booklet and we need to make sure that we say to those individuals "Thank you very much." So Lee, Mike, thank you coordinating this. Lee make sure that we keep it in line, it makes a difference.  With that, I would like to call on, unless -- there are no other Committee reports, we'll move out of that session and move into old business.  We have two items pending action this morning. Mr. | 36  nothing to add.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Are there any questions of the Committee Chairman or for the floor for open discussion? Seeing none. By the way, somebody I think might just  donated $5.00 to CP and thank you very much. Sara, up that by five bucks.  MR. KNIGHT: I think that was for the Endowment. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Well, she had first dibs.  The next phone that rings Endowment can have it.  At this time all those in favor, the voting sign of an Elks for changes. Opposed.  Madam Clerk, I see no "no" votes. Unanimously approve. At this time I would call to the microphone our newest Committee, the Ohio Elks Endowment Committee, Chairman currently Lance Knight PSP. Lance.  MR. KNIGHT: Good morning, everybody.  MR. MARTIN: Because he's bashful he wants me to hold his hand.  MR. KNIGHT: That's it and I got it. I got it. And our names aren't Louie or Gene. Here we go. Although we're acting like them sometimes.  First of all, this new Endowment is a long term thing. We're not handing out checks this morning, but we will some day. Maybe not in my lifetime. But it's your money and it  is going to go for our communities and our projects down the roads. So, first of all, we did meet with our investors yesterday, which are the Columbus Foundation and PNC Investments. In the last, since October 18 our investments |

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| 37  are now at $2,315,609. That's a growth in six months. This  is your moneys that you have donated, as well as growth from our investments $170,712 in six months. You should be very proud. This is -- if we can do that we'll get to our milestone. Before we can start giving out any moneys back to the communities and into our projects we like to see this grow to, figuratively we'd like to get it to $8 million dollars. So we're on our way, we've done this in five years. We want to keep it moving for as quick -- forever, yes. And only five percent of that interest will be given away once we get to that point. So  it will mimic ENF. We're in competition, Mary Carolyn.  MRS. NICHELSON: No.  MR. KNIGHT: No, we're not in competition. We're growing together to make everything in the State of Ohio better. So we're working together. With that being said, that's where we're going.  And now that we are a legitimate Committee we can have Lodge Chairman, District Chairman, so I will be looking for those folks in your Districts in this next year. I hope that we can have some of our Past State Presidents who really don't have jobs anymore that can fill some of these shoes and be  out there working for this Endowment as well. So I will be talking to them.  Some of the things that you can do to help build this are have some raffles, 50/50's at your diners, golf outings, and who knows, maybe a gun raffle. Those sorts of things happen to pop up every now and then.  And speaking of gun raffles, our incoming State President, | 39  Ohio for a long, long time. So please help us out with that.  The other thing that, at this point, quickly, I'd be more than willing to accept checks. It's something I've not gotten a chance to say, so...  Oh, somebody popped up.  MR. MARTIN: Willoughby/Cleveland No. 18,  $227. Upper Sandusky, $590. From the Kimmel Corporation, and these folks have really stepped up, thanks to our incoming State President, Mark Ratliff, for getting these people  involved. For every shirt that you buy, part of this goes to the Endowment. Kimmel Corporation, $1,760. Thanks to everyone.  MR. KNIGHT: Just in mentioning, last Fall we did  $25,000 -- $23,000 for the raffle last year. We hope everybody will come and bring your wallet, and lots of good prizes this year. It's not just a gun raffle. We've got all kinds of really, really good prizes. I don't know whether Bob Essig is in here. Bob, are you here? -- or Bill. Bill. Bob is here in spirit, I know. But Bill last night gave us a great big, beautiful Bowie knife. It was No. 8 -- No. 6 out of 300 that were made. It's a beautiful knife. It will be there for the auction as well. Lots  of really great prizes this year, so come, bring your wallets. We want to beat that goal this year. And anybody that would like to donate anything, please let us know. We would like to  -- anything else, Sue, that I've forgotten? I think Jack is -- oh, yes. Jack has got more tickets here. You've got your packets for your tickets. Everybody has got them, so sell them. If you need more call us. Call Jack, he's got tickets right here in his |
| 38  for those of you that didn't see us sitting in the room yesterday,  has graciously donated a Henry gun that is going to be a special gun that will have the Elks logo on it. And it will be a collector’s item, one of a kind. We will be raffling that off in the fall. It will only have tickets sold here this weekend and  in the Fall Convention. So we're not selling those tickets out in the Lodges. So it gives the people that actually come to the Convention a chance to win that particular gun. Even though we'll have more guns at the raffle in the fall, this is a very special gun that Mark has graciously donated to this cause. So feel free to buy a ticket or multiple tickets at multiple times.  Also, again, your Lodge can donate to do a gun sponsor for those guns in the fall, if you so desire to buy those tickets just from your Lodge. If you don't want to sell them in your Lodge, buy the tickets or by a gun raffle and sponsor a gun. You can take it back, if you should win it. Take it back to your Lodge. It's a win/win for your Lodge. Re-raffle it at your Lodge. We had Lodges last years that said, "No, we don't  want to do that. We don't want to sell the tickets." Well, buy  it for your Lodge. You can make money for your Lodge. It's a win/win for everybody, so please do that.  I would like to mention, if I could have this crew that has been working this last few years for the raffle, Teresa,  Sue, stand up, Red, Jack, Carolyn, I don't know where -- she's selling tickets, God Bless her. These folks have brought this from infancy -- and this guy -- infancy to start this project and we hope it's going to work for years and years and years. And this is something that has needed to be done for the State of | 40  hand. Thank you, all.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Again, that's Saturday night in August, the Endowment Fundraiser. Please come and be a part of it. And, Jim, you can quit wondering, I'm going  to put you at ease here. That logo that's on the gun is the Ohio Elks Association logo. Not the Grand Lodge's logo, so we're not in trouble. But it is the Ohio Elks. And, folks, it's neat to see, it's neat to be a part of. Please come and join us that night as we make money for us for the future.  Madam Clerk, that concludes the Committee Reports  as presented. It concludes old business. Are there any other items of old business? Hearing none, we'll move into new business. Any items for new business? Seeing none. I learn that at Grand Lodge, don't give them a chance.  It's my honor to bring to the podium, and I will allow him to introduce his Guest, our Past Grand Exalted Ruler, our State Sponsor, Mr. James Nichelson. And, again, folks I say thank you very much. Let's welcome him like we should.  PGER NICHELSON: Thank you very much. Mr. President and Members, it's my pleasure in a moment to introduce to you Debbie Doles. But I would be very remiss if did I not remark congratulations, congratulations, and congratulations. I know the numbers aren't all in because  this is so early in April. But you have donated over $200,000 to National Foundation. You have donated over $200,000  to CP. You donated thousands of dollars to the Endowment. You have brought Drug Awareness into schools. You have adopted vets. You have helped homeless vets. And in your |

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| 41  Communities you have made your community project the  focus of your Lodge. You did that, right? Most of you did. I have to say, "Congratulations." There are only a couple  of spots that I would even think about mentioning, but as Ohio Elks you have far out -- you have succeeded beyond all expectation. You did that last year. You did it the year before, and you know what, I know you're going to do it this year again. Give yourselves a hand.  A little story. Last August we had the pleasure of bringing our Grand Exalted Ruler, Mike Luhr and his wife, Barbara,  into Ohio. And as we traveled the state we were pleased to be invited to the Cerebral Palsy Center of the Greater Cleveland area. And Mike and Barbara have a special child with  Cerebral Palsy, so this visit was very special to them. And you may have seen the pictures of Mike and Barbara Luhr on the floor in the treatment room interacting with the kids. Those pictures are priceless. That's the kind of things that you do in Ohio as Ohio Elks. Give yourselves another hand.  A million bucks. We talked a couple of years back  about approaching a million bucks. It's National Foundation. Nation Foundation in Ohio, if you think about it, let's see. What was it? $369,000 in grants this year. In addition, the direct grants to the Association exceeded about $360,000, if I'm not mistaken. And you just heard that two of the 20 of the top kids in scholarships in the country get at least $20,000. Gee, that's $40,000. And other 15 get $1,000. Gee, that's  $15,000. And if you think about it, there are all kinds of moneys coming from ENF to you and through you. It's a | 43  hours on the premises, do it. Whatever it is, do it. As your  Major new community project make sure that there's someone standing there with that membership application in his or her hand. Do it. Because if somebody says, "I like this. This is  a nice thing you're doing." "Would you like to join us in this endeavor?" And "Here's a membership application, I'd be glad to sponsor you." Enough said.  62 of 76 Lodges met the goal and all but 12 got a grant. Great! Wonderful! How about those that didn't? Come on you guys. If your Lodge is not participating in grants you're leaving money on the table. ENF wants to give this money to you. They want this money to go to use in your community. That's why we have an ENF. So please, if you do not do the Grants Program, do this one thing for me. If you are thrown off or you think it's too tough or the grants confuse you, whatever your excuse is, whatever your excuse is there's a grants person in every District and the next door Lodge has someone who knows how to do it. Ask for help. They will be all over you. Ask Mary Carolyn, she'll be all over you to help you succeed in getting your grants and getting involved in ENF. It's not hard; it's just your excuse. Don't do it.  I could go on for awhile, but Nevin is over here tugging my sleeve. So let me do this. Ms. Debbie Doles is Assistant Director of the Elks National Foundation. She and her husband reside in Chicago. Right in the city?  MS. DOLES: A suburb.  PGER NICHELSON: In the suburbs, that's okay. As  Assistant Director to Jim O'Kelley. I got to give Jim O'Kelley |
| 42  million bucks. Just think about it. If the State of Ohio and  your communities, I mean, every organization is local and so is the Elks. We're local, every Lodge. You bring that money into your community you're having an effect. I'll tell you, what you do is worth it. So believe me, keep up the good work. I guarantee you that we're going past a million dollars and very quickly.  I can't wait to get to Debbie Doles, because I know she's going to fire us up with her PowerPoint, and you've got to go  to her seminar at 1:00. It's going to be right here in this area to my left, your right.  I want to talk to you real quick about Membership. Kind of a sore point. I don't want to be a downer, but we're losing about 500 members. Again, the numbers aren't all  in, but we're going to go down about another 500. And listen, we cannot continue to be a viable Lodge, a viable District, a viable State if we don't consider membership to  be important. So I'm going give you this challenge. Exalted Rulers, you, of course, are the Chairman Ex Officio of your Membership Committee. Exalted Rulers, every officer is on your Committee. Exalted Rulers, do one new thing in your Lodge for membership this year. Folks are willing, if they see what you do, to say, "Yes" to membership. But you got to do something beyond where you've been, because some  of our Lodges are not considering it a priority, and it is. We have to survive. So do one thing, I don't care whatever it is. If you decide to have an open house, great, do it. If you decide  to allow the Chamber of Commerce to have a business after | 44  kudos again as usual, that he has selected someone who is  extremely knowledgeable, experienced, and capable. As Mary Carolyn said, National Foundation is the driving force in our Order, and right there at the top is Deb Doles.  She will have the pleasure, and I do know it's a pleasure, because I've heard that more than once. Next weekend will entertain with others in the group the 20 top scholarship kids. This has been turned by ENF into something spectacular for the Order. These 20 kids come into Chicago and have a ball, oh, and they also interview and they also get picked. I'm not sure that that's really paramount in their minds. They just  get together with other kids. And, oh, by the way, we end  up making them members. I've been, for a number of years, saying that it's no problem if we have 18-year-old members. They don't need to drink, but if they can fight they ought to  be Elks if they'd like to be members. But our kids do become members. These kids and the Hoop Shoot kids are becoming members at a very high rate.  And so Debbie, next weekend, will help entertain them. And believe me, the group that does the entertaining has as much fun as the kids. And we've had the pleasure in Ohio  of introducing two top winners in recent years. So I'm not prejudice or biased or anything, Debbie, but I would be glad to do that at a third introduction. Ladies and Gentlemen, our Special Guest, Miss Debbie Doles.  MS. DOLES: Thank you. Thank you. You guys had this covered. You guys did not need me to come here at all. Thank you for that warm welcome and I wish you all a |

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| 45  good morning, my Ohio Elks family.  So -- and thank you to Nevin and your leadership and getting this PowerPoint presentation and the projector set  up. I have to say I usually have AV problems, so I don't think we're going to today. So thank you for your leadership and all that you've done here this morning. Thank you.  All right. The Elks National Foundation. You've heard a lot about us this morning and I know you all know a lot about us. And I'm going take a bird's eye picture view with this with the presentation today. So some of it is going stuff, obviously, you know and we just talked about.  But I have to say, I was super excited when I was doing the final details for the presentation and I got to look at who the top 20 were that were coming to Chicago next weekend and I saw that there was not only a top female, a finalist  female and a finalist male coming. 20 percent, that's awesome coming from Ohio. So I know Chuck mentioned it and we'll go through the details here.  All right. So, as I said -- so this is not a bad place to work. How many of you have been to the Memorial Building in Chicago before? Awesome! I love coming here. Every single morning I drive up and I'm in awe. But I also love getting out to the State Associations and meeting Elks from  all different states who actually take our fund -- that fund the programs and put your time into making them happen. It really means a lot. So I'm here, and I thought we would start  -- there we go.  I thought we'd start with a little bit of a history lesson. | 47  with a dome so vast that it would cover the entire nation. One  that would unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind. How bold is that in that time to state those words? And it came true and ENF was born. In  1928, with a $100,000 donation from the Grand Lodge the  Elk National Foundation stated. By 1932 we had awarded  our first grants totally $5,500 to four of the State Associations. By 1934 we had already started awarding our first two scholarships and that was the beginning of the Most Valuable Student Scholarship.  So as you talk about your Endowment and growing your Endowment, as you can see, it starts with a little and it just gross and gross and gross. So congratulations for doing that. Since then we have awarded more than 260 -- we've received, I'm sorry, $262 million in volunteer contributions. I believe Mary Carolyn mentioned that we have closed the fiscal year  2018-2019 yet. That's likely to happen on Monday so we'll have final numbers on Monday, and that number will climb close to probably 270 million dollars. It's remarkable and it's thanks to the good people like you.  We have spent more than 500 million dollars on our programs. And our Endowment Fund, as of March 31st, was valued at more than 670 million dollars, and that, again, has a lot to do with you and what you do to raise funds in your local communities and to support the Foundation. So thank you for that.  So as you can see here, we talk about how spending just took off in the last 10, 15 years, or it gives you a bit of a |
| 46  So having just celebrated the 150th Anniversary -- everybody  knows we're now in our 151st year, right? And I don't know how many of you know though, of course, it all started in  1968 with the Jolly Corks. But the Foundation has an Ohio connection. -- I'm sorry 1868. Within 58 years we went from the beginning of the Order, the founding of the Order, to this spectacular building that I just mentioned, the Elks Memorial Building.  So by 1926 we had the building and it was dedicated, of course, to Elks who lost their lives in World War II.  This here is a picture of the reception hall, and some of you if you visited, you know it's splendor. And you might also know, a fun fact, that it's also featured in the early '90's movie, the Richie Rich, with Macaulay Culkin. Who knew that? A fun fact, right?  All right. So I will get this right here. This is our founder, John F. Malley and here you go, you see the Ohio connection. During the 1927 Convention in Cincinnati John F. Malley, from Massachusetts, Springfield Lodge 61 was elected as the Grand Exalted. And what he said during that Convention was, "We have just built on the shores of Lake Michigan a monument of exquisite beauty." And it's true. "But as we all know beauty fades with time." Who knows who that is? Yes. Jim is young man and Jim last year at Convention. So there you go. "Beauty fades with time."  But John Malley had a bold vision and what he said was he wanted to build more than a stately mansion. He wanted to build something that would grow stronger with time and one | 48  snapshot. I started at the Foundation in 2004. At that time  funds we were granting back to the State Associations in our programs was less than 15 million dollars.  We are now this year, our total grants and appropriations,  36.9 million dollars. So you can just see it just skyrocketed up. I'm also proud to say that of that 36.9 million, only 2.3 million, or about seven percent of that money goes to fund administrative costs. Now, if you know anything about the Better Business Bureau, you might know that the Better Business Bureau says for charities that 35 percent or less should go to administrative costs. Should go to costs. We're at 7 percent. That means 93 percent of our funds go directly back to programming and that is something that we should all be very, very proud of.  So let's talk about the Mighty Army. The Mighty Army United in the service of mankind. That's what we do as Elks, right? So this year record distributions of 3.46 million. So that's the money going directly to support our programs. Going into the hands of people in Elks in the community to do great things. And this is how we do it, as most of you all know, our mission is to build stronger communities, and we  do that by working to end veteran homeless. We put resources in the hands of tireless volunteers, like each of you. We  help student realize their academic dreams and we develop gritty kids through the Hoop Shoot and the Drug Awareness Program.  So we're going to talk a little bit about each of those. And then when we meet at the 1:00 session I'll take much deeper |

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| 49  dive into the community investments program and grant  specifics. But here, this is just kind of a big picture stuff.  So it's Elks turn to serve. Who here has heard of the Welcome Home Program? Awesome! Awesome! We're doing amazing things. Because sadly every night more than  40,000 veterans experience homelessness, which is something that we have pledged to end, along with our support to the  Elks National Veterans Service Commission. And that is something that we have been doing since 2015. And here you go, you can see, the National Veterans Service Commission has helped more than 1,350 individuals end or exit homelessness through emergency existence. That is giving small dollar funds directly to a vet who is experiencing some needs. That might be covering one month's rent. That might be something as simple as covering an electric bill that helps  keep somebody in their home with a roof over their head. And as you can see, a recent report from the University of Notre Dame concluded that emergency assistance actually makes a difference in people staying in their home. It defends against homelessness, which is huge, because we all know, we've  all heard the stories, and it can just be a domino effect. You miss one month's rent, then it leads two and it's hard to play catch-up. And when we work with the Elks Service Veterans Commission to support the Welcome Home Committee, and they work with the VA across the country, as many of you know, some of you I'm sure are VAVS reps, you work with the HUD vet, social workers and the VA's. And they help us identify who it is that needs these funds. And it's really | 51  I mentioned the Spotlight Grant, and I think Mary  Carolyn mentioned it as well. The Spotlight Grant is new this year and we're really excited about it. I know that there was enthusiasm and the Anniversary Grant was really well received back in 1718, when we introduced it. It was so well received we brought it back it 1819, so that was also it was kind of a bonus year for the Anniversary Grant, and now the Anniversary Grant has merged into the Spotlight Grant.  The Spotlight Grant offers an opportunity for us to the shine a light on, as I mentioned, on Veteran homelessness  and family literacy. And those are two causes, two needs that really kind of affect almost all communities across the country. For this Grant it has to be Elks led, so you pick, we offer the seven different projects, the Lodge picks one of projects, and then focuses in on it and puts together a project plan and, you know, we give you the parameters and we allow you to a adapt it, modify a little bit, but not much, because the purpose is to really make sure that these seven projects are portable. We want you to use them for how we've structured them. So that's the deal there.  And then you can see what those seven projects are. It's the warm welcome to the library, so it's Books & Coats in partnership with "Operation Warm." It is "Suds & Stories." Most communities have a laundromat and if somebody is going to the laundromat and they have some significant needs. They're usually bringing their kids, because childcare is hard, so you partner, you reach out to the laundromat and you do a literacy event there monthly, whatever makes most sense for |
| 50  been a tremendous program. And for me to be able to stands  up here and stay that for the Elks National Veterans Service Commission that they've been able to help more than 1,300 people stay out of homeless is huge.  So we, as I said, our mission is helping Elks Build Stronger Communities. And nothing represents this more than the Community Investments Program, right? The Community Investments Program was started back in 2005.  Its humble beginnings, when we launched this program, it was as $350,000 program with $200 Reimbursement Grants. Who here remembers that? $200 Reimbursement Grants. And look at how that bar chart has gone up as well. It's also skyrockets.  So it was so well received from the very beginning that Elks across the country understood that the hallmark of this program was to meet needs right in your backyard. And so, you know, we have programs that we're going to you about  talk about, our Scholarship programs, or Hoop Shoot program. We kind of give you the format of what it supposed to be. But this is we give you the money and you tell us what it's going to be. So that's how much, more than 13 million dollars this year will go to fund the Community Investments Program. And we will talk a little bit about what this is, as I said, 13.4 million going into the hands of Elks to make a difference in their backyards.  And now this year, from the humble beginnings to this year, where a Lodge actually has the opportunity to receive  $21,500 to support their local and charitable projects, and that would represent a Lodge that would receive all of the grants. | 52  you at the laundromat. So while the parents are doing their  laundry you can work a literacy project with the kids. "Imagination Library," and that's an opportunity to partner  with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which offers monthly books to kids who are preschoolers through five years old, and they receive a hardcover book each month. The Elks role in that is to have sign up events and to host a kickoff party for that and to sponsor the actual funds for the books. But I think it's about $2.00 a kid per month, less than $25, about $25 a year for a kid to get those books.  A Community Baby Shower. Now I know a lot of Lodges already do something like this, but our research finds that if there is a high need in the community for diapers, there's also  a high need usually for books. And literacy is something to focus on.  "Welcome Home," we talked a little bit about that. But that's an opportunity to get supplies and bring them together and work with veterans who are experiencing homelessness or transitioning out of homelessness into a roof over their head. Sometimes it takes a lot more than a roof over their head. You need supplies, you need dishes, you need bedding, and you need all those things that maybe some of us probably take for granted.  "A Stand Down." Most of us are very familiar with the Stand Down, but it allows you to identify a centralized location and to bring together resources and supplies for vets in need.  And then the "Adopt-A-Haven" allows you to look into |

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| 53  your community to see what kind of emergency shelters or  transitional facilities are available that you can partner up with and help meet needs of those individuals who are coming in and using those services. So you're supporting that haven.  Now the "Toolkit," and saw a trap here, this is the Toolkit -- I'm field -- I'm sorry, the Field Guide. This is the Community Investments Program Field Guide for this year. And every Lodge has received two and the Exalted Ruler has received one actually recently. And this is your guide  to knowing all the things you need to about all the different grants, okay?  As Jim mentioned, if you're one of those Lodges that has been, you know, just reluctant to embrace it, you don't think you have the volunteers to do it or you don't think you have the wherewithal, you're dealing other things, take a look at this. Step back, sit down, and read through it. The Grants  really vary in their breath, in their scope, and their requirement and you can kind of find something that speaks to you. If  you have any questions of, of course, Mary Carolyn and any of the District Grants coordinators will help you. But our office is there to help answer those things, too. If you have a question, you have something you want to brainstorm, we are there for you. If you didn't get a hardcopy or you want more hard copies, there is a PDF version of this online. You can download it and you can copy it and you can spread the word.  Each of the Grants also has special Toolkits that will also take a deeper dive into the Grants. So I encourage you to go online and get that information. | 55  Emergency Educational Grant, and that is for the children of  diseased or totally disabled Elks. And so that is a very niche Scholarship Grant that we offer and it's not one that you want to qualify for, for sure, but if you should know somebody in your Lodge that meets those criteria, please send them our  way and we will work with our college-aged children to get up to $5,000 per year for their college education. Okay.  So Lead 6 is happening next weekend and here you can see the breakdown of those awards. We have 480 runners-up will receive $4,000. We just announced that -- we just notified them at the beginning of this week that they'll be receiving  the $4,000 as their, what we refer to as a runners-up or were notified 480 of those.  And then 20 coming to the Leadership Weekend. As Jim mentioned, everybody coming to Chicago will get $20,000. They interview on Saturday morning, they have 20 minute interviews with a panel of judges that comprises of two experts in the field and then one scholar alumni. And they interview and at the end of the weekend we will have our 1st,  2nd, and 3rd Place. Two will receive $50,000. You will meet them at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. Two will receive $40,000 and two will receive $30,000. And maybe one of those top winners will be Tabitha Escalante from  Maumee/Bowling Green Lodge 1850, or Matthew Humphreys from Jackson, Ohio 466. Fingers crossed.  A fun fact, our first Leadership Weekend in 2014, Ohio connection was the top female winner was Autumn Pack from Chillicothe, I believe. Right? Autumn Pack. All right. So |
| 54  So just to summarize. It's a $2,000 Grant, it has to  be used for one of those seven projects. Application, as everybody know, opened on April 1st. By the end of the day, April 1st, we had more than 500 applications submitted for both Promise Grants and Freedom Grants and Spotlight Grants and Gratitude Grants and Beacon Grants. So it was well received on April 1st and we're excited to kick off the year  that way. You have until December 31st to get those Grant applications in. And then, of course, Grant funds need to be used by the end of the fiscal year of March 31st.  I also have to say, a shout out -- I don't know if anybody has realized this, but the Beacon Grant increased to $2,500 this year. So that's kind of exciting this year, too.  All right. Jim mentioned the 6th Annual Leadership weekend is next weekend. So there are a lot of things happening. It's the whole combination of the last fiscal year happens for us in April, so we have the Leadership Weekend next weekend and then we have the Hoop Shoot National Finals at the end of the month. But what we do with our scholarships, and many of you are obviously familiar with that, is we help our students look forward by giving them scholarship funds to help offset the debt that they incur. And we do this through our Most Valuable Student Scholarship; we award 500 National Awards of $4,000 up to $50,000. We  do this through our Legacy Awards, which are for the children and grandchildren of dues paying Elks members. We have  300 Legacy Awards that will also wrap up. That contest will also wrap up at the end of this month. And then we have our | 56  that's the Leadership Weekend happening next weekend.  We also help develop Gritty Kids. And so for nearly 50 years, through the Hoop Shoot, we've been developing Gritty Kids by helping them set goals and to persevere despite defeat. And if you've ever watched any of our videos you know what these kids do, how determined they are, what they go through, how they set their goals, how they practice every day, and how they are determined to be successful in the contest. But when they are not, they put their heads down, they practice harder, they become more determined, and then they make it happen. And it's really something to behold.  So next we're going to try to show a video, and that video is of the -- I don't know why it's not moving here. The video is  -- if we get there -- see, I told you I always have AV problems. It will be, if we're able to show it, of Anthony Thompson, who is the Getty Powell Winner from last year and who many of you know -- I don't know if I can -- so Anthony Thompson, who you all know, and it sounds like you may be met him at the August meeting, he is a spectacular kid with a spectacular family. And he was just so fun to meet. And he will be coming back to Chicago at the end of the month, and he will  be joined by you've got two kids, 12, 13 years old Jamisyn Stinson from New Lexington and Cameron Elwer from Lima. And I know Mark already mentioned that. So we've got that. If I'm not able to skip ahead I will just continue to talk a little bit more about -- if we can't play video, we'll do that at the  1:00 session.  But I want to just mention, one of the other things that we |

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| 57  really focus on at the Foundation is developing relationships  with our Elks Scholars and our Elk programs recipients. And so our mantra for our Elks Scholars is "Share Give Join." We want our scholars to share their story so that we can share them with our donors. And we want them to give back to the Foundation and to the Elks by volunteering and, you know, donating and doing all those things. And then ultimately  we want them to join. And we're seeing this happen more and more. And it's not necessarily because we talk about it, when -- you know, from the very beginning. The email that I mentioned that went out to the 480 runners-up earlier this  week, the first thing we say is, "Welcome to the Elks family." That is a messaging from the very beginning. We want these scholars to know that they're joined -- they're not just the getting money for college. A lot of people give out money for college, right? That's not unique. What is unique is what we have to offer them in terms of our relationships that we can build at the Lodge level and with Elks members. And we've seen when those connections are made big things happen. Really big things happened. People are moved, our scholars are moved to join the Order. And that's where you all come in. We need to make those connections. We need for you to reach out if you have -- if your Lodge was lucky enough to sponsor one of the runners-up, and I know we do this, we do this  across the country, and we invite them to an awards banquet. But we need to think beyond that. We need to think about our service, our grant projects. We need to think about how we can involve them in that. So 27 percent of the high schoolers | 59  a year, up to 20 scholars are invited to participate and they  apply and they are accepted. And we've had 12 trips so far. If some of you, if you had the opportunity to -- we lost the mike. If you have the opportunity to be in San Antonio last year you may have participated in 150 for 150. Did anybody do that? Yes, it was incredible. We brought 150 past scholars to San Antonio to celebrate the 150th Anniversary and it was quite something.  We are going to continue to do what we can do to connect with our scholars to make a difference and to make sure we're connecting them back to you. And then we, of course, implore you go be beyond that. When you're thinking about the things that you do and the good things you do in your community  -- all right -- and the things that you do in your community to always be thinking about scholars and past Hoop Shoot participates as well. That he make for excellent volunteers for the contest and it's a way to engage them, it's a way to engage their parents, and we see every years that because of  the participation in the Hoop Shoot that parents are inspired to join, too. So that is in your hands.  I'm sorry we weren't able to show videos, because the videos are really excellent and they really encapsulate what we it is that we do at the Elks National Foundation. I encourage you to, if you haven't or if you're not familiar with, or you  don't go enough, go to Elks.org/ENF and visit frequently. We try to keep that information as current as possible. So it is a snapshot into what we are doing and what we are working on and it is stories and its stories that, you know, make you feel |
| 58  nationally volunteer, 100 percent of our MVS students  volunteer in high school. That is part of the rapport, that's what we're looking for when we're bringing, we were looking for those topnotch smart kids who also are dedicated to their communities, because we are dedicated to our communities.  And so I encourage you to think beyond, think beyond the awards banquet, and think beyond the contest. I know we all get really excited about the contest and the opportunity to get our name out there and the contest out there. But the harder part is that next step, and that is making sure we're connecting with our scholars. And that could be a, once the scholar comes back to your community engaging them and inviting them  and not giving up, because they're are really busy, and so you got to keep at it. You got keep inviting them back to dinner. Keep inviting them to help you with your service project. Or if there's a University by you we're happy to help connect you to any of the scholars that have received, you know, one of  our scholarships. But also thing about those kids who have applied who might not have reached that level of the National level, but that you can also engage and can encourage them  to become members eventually. If we don't engage them they will not become members, right? We like to say in the office, you know, "Today's Elks Scholars can be tomorrow's members, but we have to connect with them."  So I just, in closing, wanted to say, because of the service-mindedness’, and because of our continued efforts to connect whenever we can with our scholars. We started in  2015 the Elks Scholar Service Trips. Since then we offer three | 60  good to be an Elk. And so I encourage you to do that.  The website is a vast array of tools to make your newsletter content accurate in terms of what we're talking about in the Foundation. The films to show during initiation, indoctrination, and films to show to your community. I highly recommend it. It's a resource and you should check it out.  If you need our assistance on anything, as I already mentioned, we are there to answer your questions, we are there to help you trouble shoot. You just need to go to Elks. org/ENF and that's where our number will be. It's also on the  slides, but you cannot see it. So it's going to be just as easy for you to go to the website. Spend some time there. You will not be disappointed.  So thank you for your time. I know this has been a long meeting. If you have any questions, as I will talk a little  bit more in detail at the 1:00 session about the Community Investments Program. But I thank you for hosting me. It's been lovely to put some faces and names together. And together we build stronger communities and I'm looking forward to the next 150 years of service with you. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Deb, thank you very much. With some of the Ohio people, we might have killed the mic, but that was not on purpose for you.  Jim, you're right she's an amazing young lady. Let's show another round of applause and be here at 1:00.  With that, Ms. Sara, do I have a total back from CP  contributions this morning? Do I have a total yet?  MS. DUNAVENT: No. I'm working on it. |

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| 61  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All right. They're working  on that.  With that, I would like to call to the podium another Grand Lodge representative, representing the Ritualistic, Mr. Michael Iddings. Michael, comments, please.  MR. IDDINGS: Good morning. I'm going to try and make it short here. First of all, it was a good year for Ritual. We had four teams performing this year. There's  -- let's hear it. (Applause.) We've got two going on this afternoon. The first two have already should have been completed, but that will be at 1:00 and 2:00. I believe it's Berea and Kenton. Also, the winners will be announced tonight at the banquet -- the installation. And so you know, the winner of Ohio will perform at Grand Lodge on Saturday  at 2:00 in the afternoon. So if you're there, we've always had a great group. We hope to have a bigger number again. Also, if you do perform in the Ritual Contest, if you're going for an All American Lodge, that's 20 points you get on that application form there. So if you are going for an All American Lodge, performing the Ritual get 20 easy points.  Also, we have two judges this year from Ohio who will judge at Grand Lodge. It will be Sue Buroker from Kenton and also Robert Williamson from Salem. So that's the first time in a long time we've had two Ohio judges at the same time.  Now, the most important thing, in my mind, and it's thanks to Jim here, on this, we will have at Baltimore Grand Lodge the first ever 11:00 Toast. So that will be open to ER's | 63  of August. And then after the end of August there are a couple  figures that aren't up there.  Big Red got washed 42 times this year at the car wash on the way back in town when it was open. Big Red is the truck that had 38,000, who now has closer to 100,000 miles. Not all from Elks, but all from friends. And I want to I say thank you to you. I know some of you will not be here this evening, but please take in mind that these officers over here, the traveling officers in the back want to show you a round of applause. Officers, let's thank these Lodges.  Last bit of information. No. One, the Charity Drawing will be tonight. It will take place at the installation at 7:30  in this room. There are lots of sessions this afternoon where you could learn more about what your local Lodge can do and what you can do. All you got to do give them some time, four letters T-I-M-E. Come to Ms. Deb's session. Come to the other sessions, because that's what will make Ohio Elks 2020 ready.  With that, I want to also make sure that I call attention to a special gentleman in the crowd, and I thought you might do it's since you have a special tie, lawyers like to stick together.  7:00 this morning the first man into the Registration room, and he came in and he said, "I need to register." I looked at him and I said, "You don't need to register, we know who you are."  He said, "No, I'm an Elk. I pay my dues like everybody else."  I said, "Okay, what title do you want on this?  He said, "PDDGER, because I'm real proud of it." He |
| 62  and PER's. The winners of the State Association, of their State  Association there, and that contest will be next year. And also in the Ohio I think that's going to be an open contest. In other words, we won't have District winners, we'll just bring it all to state the first year. So we'll have more information on that. So like I said, I'll keep it short and there you go.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Doug, anything you'd like to add from your earlier report?  MR. SCHIEFER: No.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Very good. At this time I have Ms. Sara with a total.  MS. DUNAVENT: $14,038.21.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: $14,038.21 to CP. Members, you deserve a round of applause. I have the fan waving. I'm really -- I like the way that --  MRS. NICHELSON: For Dan asked, it was $1,800 on the raffle, but the donations were $3,358.50.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: $3,358.50. Now, Lance, the Endowment.  MR. KNIGHT: Okay. This morning in checks,  $2,577. And so far, as of last night, on Mark's gun raffle, we had $1,030, so that will go up today as well. So it's comes to  $3,607.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very good. Congratulations. Some of you see this placard up here and you understand that it represented what we wanted to do all year long and "Talk Elks Everywhere." If you'd like to know what the numbers resemble, one of them were prior to the end | 64  also represents us at the Grand Lodge level, more than  once, and currently sits on the Grand Forum. Ladies and Gentlemen, we need to honor Mr. Charles Van Dyne of Kenton 157. Charlie, please rise so they can see you. (Applause.) And I do want to mention, that's the Past Chief Justice for the Forum. But Ladies and Gentlemen, when you want to put a face on Elks, that's the face we should have.  So, Charlie, again, thank you on behalf of the Ohio Elks Association for everything you've done, you continue to do, and we know where your heart is. It might be in your chest, but you wear it on your shoulders, as he wears the title "Elk."  With that -- yes, Lance.  Okay. We got another highlight. I wish you got to me earlier; I could have made it sound good. Ashtabula, you're in the house. Ashtabula, where are at?  MR. BILL DINGLEDINE: Right here.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very good. I understand we have some notary there. We have a 5th generation not Elk, 5th generation Exalted Ruler. Please stand and be recognized. That's a title I don't think many of us will ever see. Congratulation to you. Please come up at the close and make sure we have your name in the registry exactly. Ms. Lori Delhees will take care of that.  Ladies and Gentlemen, unless there are any other items of business that --  MR. STANLEY: Mr. President, can I ask everybody to please help out. When you leave take your cups, your glasses and so forth with you so we can have the place cleaned |

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| 65  up for the Memorial Service. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Michael, I'm going to add one more thing to that. Down here on the bottom of the line it says, "Get out of the room real quick because we need  to set up." And we do appreciate your cooperation.  I notice there was a hand in the crowd that had another comment. Sammy Gonterman, please.  MR. GONTERMAN: As Government Relations Chairman and Youth Activity and Youth Services, I've heard a lot of hours, a lot of the money. Get your form made out and send it to me. And, Lee, we needs our hours for the State of Ohio and everybody in here needs a report. All the officers, all the Grand’s -- I mean, all the Committee Chairman, I need your reports. I only have nine.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Very good. I know the officer team was told to turn theirs in at the end of the Convention.  Ladies and Gentlemen, this concludes the Business Session. However, we need to bring to the microphone, Deb, I'm going to ask you to come down this way for your closing prayer. Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise. We will  stand in recess, at the conclusion of the prayer, until tonight's  Installation of Officers. Ms. Deb. (Prayer)  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Ladies and Gentlemen, this Session is now in recess until tonight's installation.  THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. |  |
| 66  CERTIFICATE  STATE OF OHIO )  ) ss. COUNTY OF OTTAWA )  I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of  94 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me  in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 6th day of April, 2019. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.  IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Sandusky, Ohio this 6th day of April,  2019.  Lori L. Delhees  Notary Public  404 West 6th Street  Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  My commission expires 11/24/2022 |  |

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| 1  One Hundred And Twentieth ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION  THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO  Installation Of Officers  Saturday, April 6, 2019  7:30 p.m. | 3  I'll give you a chance to introduce the rest of your guests when  I introduce my officers.  Ladies and Gentlemen, it's an honor to be standing here to get to say, "Goodbye," but it was an honor to get say, "Hello." So please bear with me, if I make mistakes there's a song. And for those of you that read the newsletter, I didn't read his and  he didn't read mine, but it was amazing that we both picked songs to close out our year with and to begin our year with. Well, here's one for you, "Everything will be okay," I hope.  With that, for the final time I'd like to introduce to you your Officer Team for 2018-2019: Starting first, our First Vice President, Mr. Mark Ratliff, and his lovely lady, Amy. Obviously there are some Northwest people back there. Next up, your Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Lugene Ignaffo, and Jennifer. Our Approving Member of Trustees, Mr. Ed Connors, and Jan. Please welcome them. Ladies and Gentlemen, your Trustee Secretary, Mr. Thomas Pavlik. Following him, your Second Vice President, Mr. Brad Goodballet and Miss Kerry. With that, our Interim Board Member, Past State President and the lovely Ms. Carolyn,  Roger Martin from the Southwest. Ladies and Gentlemen, my Inner Guard, who also serves as a chauffeur and a run here and run there, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Employer Larry Ropp, and Krissy Ropp. And you saw a little bit by the way the travelers stay up, you notice the rest of them stayed  up. It's their last time, they're just taking a break. They're a little tired, I'm been working them hard, Little Sister, State Chaplain, Deb Bingham. Sergeant-at-Arms, Howard |
| 2  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: The assembly hall will  come to order for the final session of the 121st Convention Session. Ladies and Gentlemen, all I've got to say is amazing. What a great group of people. Elks, what a great group  of people. Tonight we are here to say goodbye to a set of Officers and bring on a new Corp of Officers and show them that we are behind them. And I just -- I'm utterly amazed. I'm amazed at how many people are here. So do me a favor, if you got that phone, shut it off. Take a break. You are in a  new ball game. So you shut that thing down. I don't want you interrupting anybody, more importantly, I don't want Mark to have to scold me for not doing it and reminding you.  So with that, I would ask our State Chaplain, Little Sister, Deb Bingham, to please come forward and give us God Blessing.  (Invocation)  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: At this time I would ask for all gentlemen to remove their hats and join with us as we Pledge Allegiance to our American Flag.  (Pledge Allegiance)  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: You may be seated. Little  Sister, nice prayer. Good luck to the Bengals.  Tonight it's my honor to bring forth two very special guests to us. One is an Honorary Past State President, just a title, but more importantly he's a Past Grand Exalted Ruler from Ohio River Valley and his first lady each and every day and his bride each and every day, Ladies and gentleman, please  welcome Mr. Jim Nichelson and Mary Carolyn. Later on, Jim, | 4  Honaker, and with him Miss Patrice. Ladies and Gentlemen,  the South Central rep, Tiler for State of Ohio, going to be my replacement, it's my honor Mr. Keith Denny and Ms. Lynn. The last two members are an officer team. Anytime I'm overlooked you'll see them stand up when we stand up and we need to give them a good round of applause. Ladies and Gentlemen, your Past State President, who serves as Ohio's Secretary/Treasurer, Lee Young, and Marybeth. You may be seated.  At this time, I would call on Larry Ropp, the State Inner Guard, for a report of the Credentials and Registration for this Convention Session. Larry.  MR. ROPP: Mr. President, for the 121st Convention we had 471 Elks, 116 spouse and Guests, 16 kids, for a total of  603.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Larry, for your report and congratulation Elks for making this a dynamite session.  At this time we're going to present a lot of awards tonight. I ask that you stay with us. We'll be honoring our Ritual teams, we'll be honoring the Flag Charge, we'll be honoring the 11 O'clock Toast. We'll also recognize the top three Lodges in the State for getting out and "Talking Elks Everywhere." But the most importing thing is the first set of awards, our Elk of the Year presented by our Approving Trustee, Mr. Ed Connors. Ed, the floor is yours.  MR. CONNORS: Thank you, Nevin. I have the honor and the privilege to award this year’s Elk of the Year to |

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| 5  an outstanding Elk who has served her Lodge well throughout  the years. Her efforts have been extensive and have branched out in multiple directions when her Lodge called for it. She has served as Trustee, Chairperson of the Trustees, spends countless hours maintaining the building and if you set foot  in the Lodge at Christmastime you'll know it was she that  did the decorating. She's also in the medical field as an x-ray technician for 20 years, before run returning to school to fulfill a lifetime dream of teaching music, which she also did for 20 years. She took over the restaurant at the Lodge when called for, having no experience whatsoever and made it go. She has served on the efforts for the Scholarship and Teen  of the Month and Year Programs, reaching out knowledge of the youth of her town, but all of Hardin County. Okay. She continues to work hard on the State level, is currently serving as President of the PER Association. It is with great pride I would like to award this year’s Elk of the Year to Ms. Sue Fox Buroker.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Get ready, you've got a speech. Congratulations to you.  MRS. BUROKER: I really don't know what to say. I'm just -- I'm usually not speechless, but I'm a little bit overwhelmed right at the moment. None of this would be possible without someone very important in my life, who was the person that said, you know, need to be an Elk when they finally let women be members of the Elks. I was directing the Kentones and they said, "We think that you should be an Elk and not just direct us," and that's my husband of almost 38 | 7  Fame to Past State President Secretary/Treasurer of the Ohio  Elks Association, Mr. Lee Young.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Lee, I know that I -- for those of you who don't know, Lee was not real happy with me about 20 minutes ago. You'd been more unhappy if I hadn't told you to get a coat. Talk to your members.  MR. YOUNG: Needless to say, I'm still not wearing any socks. But if I had known I was going to be presented with this award I would have come back in shorts. But thank you, it is an honor and I am humbled, of course, and it's probably because of where I came from. And who knows where I'm going. So anyway, thank you so much and just  hope that I can fulfill the rest of my contract. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Wow. I don't even know if I deserve to be standing up here with those two. But for those of you in the crowd that were sweating it. I have to present  the next three awards. I wanted a little time to together to get my composure, so I kind of elevate one person tonight and  I purposely left this individual when I introduced the State  Officers. Because to me she's above them. My bride, Deanna.  At this time I'd like to bring to the podium real quick for an introduction for our Grand Lodge Guests and Chairmen, Mr. Jim Nichelson to allow him to introduce his guests.  PGER NICHELSON: Mr. President, Mr. President Elect, Members, this is a wonderful time for Ohio Elkdom. This  is the time when all of us can celebrate something. We can look over here and we can celebrate a wonderful year full of achievements. We can look at these two, who have traveled |
| 6  years, D. Jack Buroker. Thank you so much and I'm so proud  to be an Elk. I really love it. I really do. I love traveling to other Lodges and helping them with Ritual or wherever I can help. So thank you again so much.  MR. CONNORS: Next, the Elks Hall of Fame. What is a Hall of Famer? Someone who gives to others before themselves. Someone who comes to the aide of members or officers who look lost and wonders how. The person who  does everything behind the scenes and works it out and takes no credit whatsoever. The person who runs everywhere for those who need their help without complaining. A community giver and not a taker of credit for volunteer activities or  the good deeds of others. This outstanding Elk has been a member of his Lodge for in access of 30 years. He retired from teaching in OWE Program and is recognized by his community for his works and achievements with students. A  32nd Degree Mason, an Air Force Veteran. Raised in West Virginia, in a coal mining family, he has firsthand knowledge of what it means to be paid in company script. His family  ties is a testament to the family values that he was raised with that enabled him to reach the position he holds today in life,  as well as his siblings who served our government in the F.B.I. and in government securities. Known for his priorities of family first and foremost, joy of life of traveling with his lovely bride of these many years. He has served the Ohio Elks Association in his present capacity for over 19 years and has been a mentor and a teacher to us all. It is with profound  honor and privilege that I would like to present the Elk Hall of | 8  everywhere and survived and are still talking to one another.  And we can look over here and say what a wonderful year these two have prepared for us and we know that they're going to be terrifically successful, and isn't that something to be happy about and to celebrate? Isn't it a great year for Elkdom?  Well, Nevin, thank you for the opportunity to introduce  a few folks who are in our Grand Lodge family. And I'd like to start with Doug Schiefer. Doug has moved over from the Fraternal Committee to the Activities Committee and he's taken it by storm. He's taken over projects and programs and I predict he's going to continue to be a vital cog. Well, Doug had a problem in the family and we wish them well. I'm not  sure that I know what all is going on, but we do wish him well.  I do want to then introduce our Ritual Committee member. And I got to say that he's kind of taken that committee by storm, too. The reason is, that he thinks, that as I think, that if it says, "Ritual," then it's worth talking about. So if we're going to have a contest and it's a Ritual contest,  then it's going to be at Grand Lodge, that's great. I think that's a terrific thing to talk about. And so I want to introduce to you Michael Iddings.  We also have our Hall of Famer, who is going to be  joining the Grand Lodge family after July. Lee Young is going to be a Grand Lodge Officer, Grand Tiler. Lee, if you would. And I am sure that Lee is going to keep us very well tiled.  I'd like to introduce to you now our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Nominees for 2019-20. They will be: From North Central, Robert Nixon from Ashland 1360; from the |

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| 9  Northeast, James Vasey, Lakewood 1350. James; from the  Northwest we will have Todd Cannode, Kenton 257; in the South Central it would be Crystal Ropp, Marysville 1130; in Southeast we will have Jeffrey Warner, New Philly 510; and in the Southwest it will be Danny Williams, Wilmington 797. I apologize; I doubt you're going to see us in the hospitality rooms tonight, because at 7:05 we fly off for Honolulu. See, you all.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That was about a half already clap and I was right there with you. You expect us to feel bad. It's not going to happen.  At this time, if he's still in the room, from Michigan, Ms. Debbie, would you please stand, Past State President from Michigan, Mr. Joe Antonishek, here to judge this weekend. And I want to tell you, as a former buckeye player I was never so doggone proud to be in Michigan, because those folks can almost party as good as we do. We can't touch them when it comes to eating though, because those folks like to eat and it shows right here. I know it. I took two weeks to get rid of three days up there. But Joe, Debbie, thank you very much for coming this evening. You put a great show on up there and we congratulate you.  All right. At this time I get the pleasure of presenting  to three Lodges some outstanding accomplishments. At the beginning of year I asked the Trustees for $750. I said I want to make sure we recognize three Lodges that step out and make a difference in their community. And they said, "Well, like what?" And I said, "I don't know, it's up to them. | 11  You tell they them.  MS. HATCHER: Thank you. Wow. I just got word from my husband, who's the current D-Digger, that we had a grant we needed to use and come up with a project. So I threw it out there, let's have an appreciation picnic for the veterans. And, boy, did it skyrocket. I have a friend at the Warren County Veterans Services Commissions who helped me and  we served well over 500 veterans that day, plus their families. This is an ongoing picnic that we have started and this year we're looking to double, if not triple those numbers. Thank you so much.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Date. What date for this year?  MS. HATCHER: This year's picnic is on Saturday, June 22, so if anybody in the Lebanon area and wants to help, please, we're always looking for volunteers. And the veterans really appreciate everything that we've done for them. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Now we're going to go to the small division. I forgot I put them up in my head upstairs that I was going to do them as I made the visits throughout  the year. I was asked in the fall to visit to a CP event and to maybe be prepared to make comments, but to say a thank you. Because they were going to try something new with their own Lodge money and some donations from the community to try to make a difference for the State Major Project, and next year they're talking about maybe branching out to some other areas. But Ladies and Gentlemen, when we get a Lodge under |
| 10  I just want them to get out, talk Elks, make non-Elks know  who Elks are. Makes those that are not members want to be members, and show them what we can do. So in the Divisions and I'll recognize them from there, I'm going to ask for their State Rep to go out front. And this is never been about Nevin and I want to clean this up real quick. This is about your team, and I would like the State Rep from the Southwest District to make your way to the front of the room.  Let me talk about Southwest. They have a day where they bring over a thousand individuals into less than a 50 acre area and they talk about veterans. They talk about making a difference. They recognize individual veterans who maybe don't have all the limbs they went to war with. They recognize the families that were left at home. They recognize the kids when mom and dad are not there. The neatest thing was, we went to a soccer shoot out on one side of the state and, man, was it a long ride to the other side of the state. But Lugene, you're going to get to present a check -- or excuse, that's --  you got the middle division. Sorry. I went the wrong way. You're going to get to present a check to a Lodge that brought in the rest of the Lodges in the County to help. What a novel idea. When I got there I saw somebody from Xenia helping to park. When I went up to the food line I saw people from the Cincinnati area. But the one thing I saw the most was what Lebanon No. 422 did and they made a difference in a lot of veteran’s lives. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give this tribute. I want the Exalted Ruler, the District Deputy, and I want a Chair Lady to come down front. You deserve some recognition. | 12  300 people to turn around and multiply that money to come  back to the community we're doing the right things. We're recognizing the right people. And at this time it gives me honor to recognize someone who currently serves her Lodge and serves her District well, Mark Ratliff, I'd like you to walk out front, because you're going to get to make a presentation here shortly. You can take this with you, too. I couldn't go. I sent her a note and said sorry, but I'll make a contribution and I'll be there to see you on Tuesday. It was amazing when I walked in there on Tuesday that a couple members said, "Well, why weren't you here last week?" And I looked at them and  I said, "Why? What did you do?" Three different people at the bar were so proud of what happened with a small group  of people to make a difference in their community for CP, for veterans, the work that they do for their community. Ladies and Gentlemen, Fremont 169, you do it well. Come on down front. Bring that Exalted Ruler. Mary, I want you up here as well. Fremont, congratulations.  MRS. BEASTON: Stay here, Mikey. I want to thank everyone for this. We had a polish dinner at our Lodge and I said, "Let's do stand up bingo." "Stand up for CP." We sold bingo tickets. Everybody that bought one stood. As we called the numbers they sat down. The last person standing won half of that pot. So within a half hour we raised the money for  CP. And I have the honor to be your rep at the Ohio Elks in Sandusky, Ohio. We have been working very hard for about two and a half years to upgrade our memory care unit patio. And by June of this summer they're going to complete it and at |

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| 13  that time we are going to have re-dedication of that patio and  have a small reception. But it's with all the donations that all of you've given, the State has given has made a difference for those veterans. And I want to thank you very much and God love all of you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Before I present the large Lodge award, I want to say a couple of quick things. We challenged you to your year and Doug was going to make  a presentation tonight. But District Deputies, you have the certificates, please at your next District meeting hand them out. 23 years Lodges acquired all Ohio status and they're in the All American Competition. You've heard from two  of them, I'm going to show you the third one. At this time I would ask -- I debated about which one of you guys got to draw the straw. But Mr. Denning, you're going to be the new South Central gentleman, so if you would come down here.  South Central has a Lodge that goes out and raises money all throughout the year, from little league football, to adult teen awareness and drug awareness, to youth that needs assistance, to veterans who need care, to the Elks National Foundation,  to CP. Let me put it in another word. One day they raised over $10,000. Are they done? No. If you look at the past 12 months, this Lodge in talking Elks Everywhere, raised over  $7.00 a member in each one of the categories I just talked about. It's not very often that you get to say you're pretty proud of a sister city that has to be on the other end of the District, so I don't get there as much. But at this time I would like the Exalted Ruler and your ENF Chairman, if they're in | 15  and I've got Devon Williamson and Chris Hatcher, he's going  to help bring the awards over.  Okay. We have four people for the Flag Charge and we are giving two places out. We have plaques for the 1st and  2nd Place. In second place, with a score of 98.7084, this is the Flag Charge, from Berea 1815, Richard Threadgill. Our 1st Place in the Flag Charge, with a score of 98.7444, from Elyria  465, Bob Keller.  Okay. Moving on to our 11 O'clock Toast. We were fortunate enough to have seven people this year to compete in the 11 O'clock Toast. Our top two spots are, in 2nd Place,  with a score of 98.992, from Lima 54, Jean Zink. In 1st Place, with a score of 99.328, from New Philadelphia Lodge 510,  Jeff Warner.  Okay. Let's move along to the individual awards. As I said, we had four teams this year, so we were really excited about that. So these are the individual awards. Starting with our Inner Guard, with a score of 93.873, Justin Draper from Kenton 157. Moving on to Chaplain, with a score of 95.714, Gina Hoelscher, Lodge No. 157. Lecturing Knight, with a score of 79.898, Nate Davis, Kenton Lodge No. 157. Our Loyal Knight, with a score of 95.850, Mike Sturgeon, Kenton  157. Leading Knight, with a score of 95.585, Derek Kaufman, Kenton 157. The Esquire, with a score of 89.808, from New Philadelphia Lodge 510, Fred Devore. Okay. Our Exalted Ruler, with a score of 95.63, Todd Daquino, from Kenton Lodge 157. And if you were listening closely and if you wrote down the scores, you probably can figure out who the high |
| 14  here, and your CP Chairman from Gallipolis No. 107. Make  your presentation. Get up here. Smile pretty for the picture. Congratulations. Bobby, who is going to speak?  UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, there's a group of guys that they started this about 11, 12 years ago, something like that, it's Italian Night. We have just a spaghetti dinner; we have an auction, a silent auction. Well, people donate stuff, they'll win an auction, they'll donate it back, we'll auction it off again, and it's just a good thing in the community. And you'd be amazed. You should come see it some time. I appreciate it. Thank you.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Before we move on to the Ritual, I want to make sure that the award winners for the Hall of Fame and the Elk of the Year and the "Talk Elks Everywhere," please stay after for a quick picture so we can  get it to the website. For those of you who have pictures for websites and local activities, please submit them. We need them.  At this time it's my honor to welcome to the podium  the current State President for the PER Association to make a presentations for the awards for the Ritual, the heart of Elkdom, Ms. Sue Buroker, if you'd come down and take over.  MRS. BUROKER: Thank you very much, Nevin. This year was pretty exciting, because we had a lot more people involved this year. We had four teams that were involved. We also had 11 people that were involved in the Flag Charge or  the 11 O'clock Toast. So I'd like to start with that first, and I  have some helpers over here. Nevin is going to help present | 16  point, we call the Ohio Elks High Point Officer, was Nate  Davis from Kenton Lodge, with score of 95.898.  And I really want to say something about all the teams. I know you hear it every year, there are no losers. But I'm telling you, there were no losers this year, because only Elkdom gained because we had four teams, and I'd like to see two more. We have two more Districts.  So I'd like to start with our team awards. And we did have a team that had several substitutions, we don't care, they did it and they did a great job. In 4th Place, with a score of  93.2301, from Berea 1815. That was with four subs. In 3rd Place, with a score of 94.7738, Elyria 465. In 2nd Place, with a score of 94.8496, New Philadelphia Lodge 510. And with a score of 98.4163, Kenton Lodge No. 157.  Devon, the trophy. Thank you. There's one final award, and every year we present to the coaches, so if I could have the coaches from Kenton Lodge No. 157, we have the Virgil Judy traveling trophy. Virgil Judy was a man from Greenville  Lodge and he came and helped Kenton. We tried for years and years and we couldn't win. We just kept always coming in that short. And he came up and he helped us. And when he passed away they started the Virgil Judy travel trophy that goes to  the coaches of the team. So I'd like to present the Virgil Judy trophy to the coaches of Kenton Lodge No. 157. Yes, there's two small trophies there as well.  Kenton will be representing the State of Ohio. And from what I -- at St. Louis this summer. And, folks, they surprised me. I haven't seen them. I haven't been coaching, because I |

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| 17  was president of the PER Association. I went around to other  Lodges to help them. And so I think they will represent you very well at Grand Lodge this year.  Thank you very much and I will turn this back over to  Nevin Taylor. Thank you, Nevin.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Well, it's kind of amazing and congratulations to all four teams. I never got to that distance, so I congratulate all four you and whether you were  1st or 4th, Elks only win from our participation. That is the groundwork of our Order and it should never be forgotten.  With that, normally this is where the President says to his First Lady, who I was told I am not a First Lady. Yes, that's right, she's not, she's my bride. Every day she's my bride, whether I get home late or early, usually late. Yes, morning  or night. She said to me, "There will be" -- and this is her vocabulary, you can edit this when you type this, "There will be no damn gift. Understood." Well, for those of you that were in East Liverpool, we went shopping. Deb and  Howie, it was a long ride home, wasn't it? Well, I learned my lesson from that. So I promised her I'll take her on a vacation and one four letter word that wouldn't be in there is "Elks."  So she's going to get a week’s vacation where she gets to chauffeur me, because we'll take her car, it's newer than mine, but more importantly, she's given so much. Help me to thank her.  A year ago we said it's not about the fact guys, it's not about him, it's not about president, it's all about us, and that's what it is. It's a team work affair. A four letter word, real | 19  great visitation and I would never trade those days. The most  important thing was my copilot. For the last 20 trips, she was there for 14. She made a total of 36 visits to Lodges. That's not bad for somebody that's not even an Elk. I was kind of proud of you Deanna. Kind of proud of you. It was neat to go to Salem late at night and see a PER, or soon to be President  of the State Association, making some coleslaw, and I checked it out for her to make sure it was good. Food is good.  I got to go across the state and see some amazing people, whether I was stopping and helping carrying in the grocery  in Middletown Lodge or whether I was in Cincinnati making me a ham and cheese sandwich in the basement getting a cold Bud Light. But they didn't get there, but I went ahead and ate without them.  It was nice to go to Kenton, to the ENF Burger. That burger is amazing. They give you 30 minutes to make it, they charge you a few bucks for it, but the most important part is you are contributing to ENF, not to mention your belly and upset stomach you have afterwards. It's a big old sandwich, but I it's a labor of love. It shows you where the farm food comes from and they're proud to put it out there. And buy God they're very proud of what they do. And Kenton 157, it's amazing; I know you know how to do something other than Ritual, because you can cook. You can cook.  Going up to the Northwest corner of the state, I stopped at one of our Lodges and they said, "We're closed for the season. We're golfing." I said, "Well, I'm here for the Elks part." And they said, "Well, that's not until next week." It's amazing, |
| 18  simple, it's your life. It's your love. It's your work. It's your  play. It's your road you travel each and every day that makes a difference in Elkdom. I set out with four goals and then  I added a fifth one. My first one was 19 new members in  '19. Why? Because as the President you should never ask your membership to do something that you won't do. And Chris Hatcher, where you at? Stand up. You made my day when you said, "Make everybody state president for a day and we'll get 19 new members from everybody." But Chris,  Membership, thank you for your work. Keep working. We're not done, we're on the bottom five and we want to get out  of that rotation when you look at the Midwest. But I think you for your work in Membership. For those of you haven't proposed a new member, get busy. Get busy today, don't wait until tomorrow. The second goal I put out there was I wanted to visit every Lodge in Ohio and I wanted to do it before -- and I didn't tell anybody that, I left it blank. My goal was to be there before we got here for our Fall Reunion. The luck of God we got her done. It was two days before Fall Reunion,  when I was in Willoughby/Cleveland to close out the first tour. A lot of great people. Al lot of good times. A lot of good  road. We got to hang some placards and I made a promise, if I come back to visit you I will buy you a cold one if I can see that. 74 Lodges later, when I got to the 75th one the second time around, I only had one Lodge that didn't see it. But there were only two members in there, so we had double Crown a piece just to make it right.  I got to see some great people around Ohio and it's was a | 20  folks, how some people think we are just one entity. We're  not just about that four letter word, "golf" for those of you that have golf lodges. We're about community. We have to make sure we step out and make a difference. And I'll tell you two Lodges that just amazed this year, one of them is going to be our next State Rep. We were there and Deanna couldn't use  the bathroom. Her buttons to that little get around to it and make a difference so everybody that's a member, whether they're in a wheelchair or whether you can get up and walk can you use that Lodge. Mr. Denny took it to hand. Jackson 466, you had the most amazing set of improved restrooms I've ever seen and you didn't do it for her. You did it for the member  that you're going to bring in your Lodge. That's "Cool," a four letter word. So thank you on behalf of all them.  The other Lodge that showed a difference takes me to the Southwest District, Springfield. The first time we went there you couldn't get in. You couldn't get into the actual dining room; you couldn't get into the other room. The next time we went back there were ramps everywhere. Ramps everywhere and members using that.  That's what Elks do. They see a need, they take care of it, because they "Care." A four letter word. When we get down to the rest of the Districts and the Lodges, it's not that they didn't have memorable moments; it's just sometimes you hit a nerve and you hit a spark.  My last visit this year and I say my, because my chauffeur was driving, I got to go up to Port Clinton. I walked in the door and I saw a gentleman named skip. I knew I knew him |

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| 21  from the first time place was packed, it was in the middle of  the summer, and he took the time to walk over the say, "Can  I help you?" And I said, "Well, I get the honor of being your  State President." And he said, "Well, then okay, you can  buy me a drink." I kind of like that attitude. When we went back Ms. Lori Delhees, our Recorder, was in there that night stopping in to relax after work, and she called her husband and we had supper together. Folks, the only Lodge this year that fed us without a request, without a special event, without anything. And Skip came up to me and he said, "That's what Elks do for Elks." I said, "Well, how much do we owe you?" Lori looked and she's goes, "Well, you're not paying ours." And Skip said, "None of you are paying." That's what Elks do. They "Talked Elks Everywhere."  And I can only say thank you so much very much. I enjoyed the travel. To you State Officers, if you try and do it twice you're stupid, dumb, D-U-M-B, a four letter word.  Don't do it. I've been blessed, because I'm retired and I have a great lady that allows me to travel and it's been fun, but don't do it.  My next goal was to get everybody to "Talk Elks," and you saw some award winners tonight, and I know I've heard stories. I had one gentleman say out there, "You know what, until you told me to talk my neighbor, I didn't know we could have a person that could be a good Elks." Don't miss those Elk opportunities.  When I returned to the bar and get back home to that farm, it's okay. It's a four letter word and I'm comfortable | 23  long, but there's one last set of four letter words I need to  get through. I have all the faith in the world that this young to my right, his name is Mark, is going to make a Mark of a difference. Your one job is to make them forget who Taylor was. Because I have all the faith in these Officers. They have served you well. They have made me feel very proud to be a part of the Ohio Elks.  With this though, there's one thing that needs to be done, and I'm going to ask you all to rise, because we're going to pay tribute to someone who takes care of us each and every day.  Heavenly Father, I want to thank you. I want to thank  you for the love, the care, and the protection when we jump in those vehicles, when we travel. You get us there, you bring us back home. You make us remember why we're Elks. There are four corners of Elkdom and there are four corners in your love. There's a very important word, Lord, we need to say to  you, and it's every good person would say, Lord, please protect us and guide us and in your name we pray. Amen.  AUDIENCE:Amen.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Now we're down to the last part of this expression. Very quickly, we are going to turn this over to Tim Churchill to install the Officers Team so that  I get the important word that I've been looking for since the day I took this office, it begins with P and ends with a T. You know the two letters in between, the A-S. But later Ladies and gentlemen, it's time to give the ball up. Mark Ratliff, I give you all the faith in the world, because I believe in you. "Game over." Tim Churchill, come get these Officers installed. |
| 22  there. But the one thing you've done this year has made me  very proud to carry the title "President." It has never been about me. It's about what we have done.  Elks Leadership Kollege, we knew we needed it. 255 of you came to Columbus on Saturday morning and made a difference. I want to thank, again, Doug for doing a great job as the dean, all the teachers that day. It was nice to hear, "Hey, we have a deficit field." It's important, Pat. Don't forget, stop me at five minutes. Stand up if you need to.  MR. PAVLIK: You're over five minutes. PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm sorry, I'll get there  quickly. It was so neat to see that happen, but I need to say a thank you to Doug.  Now, there's someone else in this room that made me look like an All American President, made me shine, and he had partners. But at this time it gives me honor to recognize the gentleman you saw get an award earlier tonight. He's a Five Star Website host. He's also a designer and creator, and as far as I'm concerned he's the father of our website. He saw what we needed done and he took care of it. And, man, did you look good because he made me feel good and you made me look good with one of your State Chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, our Public Relations Chairman is Kermit Morse.  I'm going to ask Kermit to stand and then I'm going to ask you to give a round of applause to Rich Threadgill, because you're amazing.  The end is in sight for those of you that are worried, and I promised I wouldn't be long and I apologize for going | 24  MR. CHURCHILL: Before anybody out there says it,  I am standing up. First, I want to say, Mark, thank you for asking me to do this. When he first asked me several months ago I really wasn't sure if I'd be able to, but sometimes doctors get smarter than they used to be and one of them changed one of my regiments and I feel better than I've felt for five years, and it's just great. So anyway.  We are about perform the ceremony of Installation, and I appoint Past State President Roger Crowe to serve  as secretary, Past State President Mike Stanley to serve as Chaplain, and Past State President Lance Knight to serve as Marshall. My brothers, you may assume your positions. We invoke the blessing and the attention and the assistance in  all of our work here. The Secretary will call the role of the Officers Elect and the Marshal will assemble those named for Installation.  MR. CROWE: The following officers have been elected to serve the Ohio Elks Association for the ensuing  year: For President, Mark Ratliff, Upper Sandusky Lodge No.  83.  MR. KNIGHT: No, we're not going to skip. MR. RATLIFF: We're not going to skip.  MR. CROWE: For First Vice President, Lugene  Ignaffo, Greenville Lodge No. 1139.  MR. KNIGHT: Okay, you want to skip, we can skip.  MR. CROWE: For Trustee Secretary, Brad  Goodballet, East Liverpool Lodge No. 258; for Second Vice |

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| 25  President, Keith Denny, Jackson Lodge No. 466; Interim  Board Member, Past State President Dan Beaston, Fremont Lodge No. 169. The following have been selected as the Appointed Officers for the ensuing year: For Chaplain, Julie Crowe, Kenton Lodge No. 157; Tiler, Ron Yaw, Defiance Lodge No. 147; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Hines, Kenton Lodge No. 157; and Inner Guard, Pat McCaffrey, Findlay Lodge No.  75.  MR. CHURCHILL: My Brothers and Sister, you have been duly selected to serve the Ohio Elks Association as it Officers for the ensuing term. Do you each accept the office to which you are been selected?  ALL OFFICERS: I do.  MR. CHURCHILL: Would everyone please rise and give our attention to our Chaplain.  (Prayer)  MR. CHURCHILL: Please remain standing, if you would. Officers, you will each raise your right hand and say I, pronounce your own name in full and repeat after me.  I, --(repeat)-- in the presence of God and the members of the Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- do solemnly promise and swear --(repeat) -- that I will uphold the Constitution and Statutes --(repeat)-- of the Benevolent and Protective Order of  Elks --(repeat)-- and the rules and regulations of the Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- that having been selected as an officer in the Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- I will perform the duties incumbent thereto --(repeat)-- with diligence and good faith --(repeat)-- and that I will use every effort | 27  and Amy have prepared for this year. It is a pleasure to be  here with all of you and learn more about the Elks. You do so much work and we were aware of that, but after seeing this crowd tonight and those are that are here, we certainly have learned more about what the best people on earth. We know you're going to have a wonderful year. We hope you will enjoy this and wish you the best. Thanks.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Thank you very much. Don't move.  MR. CHURCHILL: Don't move. And, finally, bring turn the meeting over to our new president, I would ask that Scott come forward. Have a seat gentlemen and lady. I thought I told them that. This getting old is not fun sometimes.  MAYOR WASHBURN: Now Mark is wondering what I'm doing up here.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: I'm a little nervous. MAYOR WASHBURN: I'm going to take my  friend hat off for a second and put my mayor hat on. We for years have wanted to recognize Mark Ratliff for everything that he does in our community. We couldn't think of a better  place than here, with his Upper Sandusky and Wyandot County family, and all his Elks family.  Mark has done so much and is always so humble, doesn't want credit. The grant moneys, the helping out on everything, the list could go on and on. But he never asks for anything  and never wants any recognition. But we felt it really important to come here tonight on behalf of the City. |
| 26  during my term of office --(repeat)-- to promote the welfare,  progress, and success of this Association --(repeat)-- and the advancement of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  --(repeat)-- may God help me and keep me stedfast --(repeat)-- as an Officer of Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- Amen  --(repeat)--  Audience, you may be seated. At this time I ask the Marshal to conduct our new President to the roster. And now, Mr. President -- nice to say that, isn't it?  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Yes.  MR. CHURCHILL: -- by virtue of the authority of the Ohio Elks Association, I present you with your gavel of authority. We ask that you use it wisely, judiciously, and fairly.  Now, if you can just have a seat for just one second -- PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Thank you.  MR. CHURCHILL: -- because we're deviating from the actual script.  At this time, I would ask that representatives who have something to present from the Ohio State Association of Emblem Clubs to please come forward.  MS. FLO OLDAKER: Mark, on behalf of the Ohio State Of Emblem Club, I present you with this gift and hope you have good year of service.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Well, thank you very much. I appreciate that. Thank you.  MS. SUE SHERMAN: Mark, on behalf of  Willoughby Emblem Club No. 508, we know how hard you | 28  Our community, we're going to tell you Upper Sandusky is  best community in the country. That might sound cocky and arrogant, but we believe it because we know it. One of things that make our community so great are the stake holders. We have people that step up and have forever. In the last few years we've unfortunately lost a lot of the stake holders in Upper Sandusky. We lost a lot of great people, Hank Latham, Andy Koehler, and most recently Robby Lee. And as Mayor, not only did I -- those guys were friends and people that I  truly loved, there is concern, because whose going to step up? Whose going to do it next? It's no secret that those people thought, all three of those guys thought the world of Mark Ratliff. Those guys will never be replaced, but he's carrying on their tradition. So in saying that, on behalf of the City of Upper Sandusky, we'd like to present Mark Ratliff a Key to  the City for his outstanding service to the Upper Sandusky community.  MR. CHURCHILL: With that, the Installation of  Officers is concluded and Mr. President, have at it.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Thank you, Tim. How about that? Wow. Just overwhelming. First of all, to the award winners recognized tonight, that's what Elkdom is all about and what we stand for and what we do. Sue, I was going to give you a hard time and say that there's no crying  in baseball, but then I realized I hadn't got through my speech yet, so I better not say that.  First of all, you know, Amy and I would like to thank  all of you for being with us on this special evening. We also |

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| 29  would not be here if not for some special people who are a big  part of our lives that are unfortunately no longer with us. I'm sure all of us in this room have had those people who either encourage, help, or guide your lives as Elks. And as Elks  we are taught to always remember our absent members. So tonight when we do the Toast at 11:00 we finally remember Dan Debolt, Larry and Jackie Lehman, Richard Treacle, Patty Baylor, Rose Mary Marten, and Bob Essig. "Living or dead an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by. The light of day sink heedlessly in the west. But ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes  of memory will be peeling forth that friendly message. To our absent members."  AUDIENCE:To our absent members.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: In looking back at kind of the irony of my Elks service over the past 25 years, it can kind of be summed up in seven words "You know what you need to do."  It started when I first thought about doing more at my own Lodge. I approached our incoming Exalted Ruler, Dan Debolt, I said "I'd be interested in helping out a little more serving on a committee. He said "You know what you need to do," you need to become my Esquire. Oh, okay. It's easy it's not that bad, it's you a couple meetings a month. Here, have a drink."  Then I made it to PER. Here comes my District Deputy, Ernie Klinglehofer. "Wow, you're one of the best ERs we've ever seen. You know what you need to do? You need to get | 31  membership in the area we do not promote enough. Because  without our membership in the Elks many of our paths would have never crossed in our lives.  There are some special groups that I would like to recognize tonight. I would ask them to stand. The first would be the Ohio Association of Emblem Clubs. Please stand,  all members. Thank you. Amy and I thank you for your friendship and support over these past 25 years. Members, you'll be learning more about their outstanding organization that promotes many of the same things that we do and I'm going to invite them back to our Fall Convention and have them set up in the atrium so Lodges have the ability to learn more.  How about the members and guests of Upper Sandusky Lodge No. 83. Please stand up. Thank you. I truly cannot express my sincere thanks for what you have done for Amy and I. You are the true definition of friends and the best people on earth. We will forever be grateful for everything you've done for us as you continue to show every day why you're the best Lodge in the State. Thank you.  My fellow great Northwest District, would you please stand up. Come on, let's hear you. This year is not about us, it's about continuing to showcase what a terrific District that we have and a celebration of our opportunity to have a  State President and a First Lady. We thank all of you for your support and friendship that we have made during this journey.  And the last people I would like to recognize are the  Kimmel family. They have supported us unconditionally |
| 30  involved in the District and become District Deputy. You'll be  great, just a few meetings a year. It's pretty easy. Here, have a drink." I was just about to District Deputy, here they come, Roger Crowe and Mike Stanley. "You know what you need to do? You need to become a State Representative and one day serve as State President. You'll be great. It's not that much, a few meetings a year." I said, "Wait. Wait. Wait. I know, here have a drink." They said, "No, you better have two."  But the irony of those seven words and the four gentlemen saying them to me, they were absolutely right. It's never  easy, but it's exactly what I needed to do. And even though I didn't see it, they certainly did, I'll forever be grateful for their support and confidence and is the reason I'm standing before you today. There have been so many people who have helped Amy and I to get to this point and it would be impossible to recognize everyone. Just know you're all in or hearts and we'll make sure to share our joy and things when we're together again.  I would personally like to thank the Installing Officers for this evening, Past State Presidents Tim Churchill, Roger Crowe, Mike Stanley, and Lance Knight.  To Past Grand Exalted Ruler Jim, and Mary Carolyn  Nichelson, to our Grand Lodge Committeemen, to all of  the Past State President, and most important, all of you, the Members of the Ohio Elks Association, thank you for your confidence and support. I would like to also thank all of those who are traveled with us through the years. All the friends we've made along the way, it truly is the best part of our | 32  through this journey. They've even made concessions in their  business to allow me the opportunity to serve this Association. To Kurt and Mark Kimmel and their families, we thank you  for everything you've done for us. It's an honor and privilege every day to represent your company. Thank you.  I couldn't be a State President without a lot of help. I have a number of people I need to recognize. I'd first like to start with our State Chairman for the upcoming year  for 2019-2020. I would ask them to please stand and be recognized, and please hold your applause until the end. For the Advisory Council, Past State President Roger Martin from Hillsboro 361; Americanism, Debbie Lazar, Bucyrus 156; Bowling Keven Knight, Toledo/Sylvania No. 53; Calendars, Duke Miller, Painesville 549; CP Fundraising Sara Dunavent, Troy 833; Community Service/Public Relations, Kermit Morse, Marysville 1130; Conventions and Reunions, Past State President Mike Stanley, Van Wert 1197; Credentials  and Registration, Keith Denny, Jackson No. 466; Drug Awareness, Gary Wadlow, Salem 305; Elk of the Year/Hall of fame, Tom Pavlik, Ashland 1360; Golf, Rob Nixon, Ashland  1360; Government Relations, Sammy Gonterman. Kenton  157; Hoop Shoot is Dennis Sabo, Bellevue 1013. Dennis was unable to be here this weekend; Judiciary, Rick Wolfe, President State President, Ashland 1360; Membership, Chris Hatcher, Lebanon 422; Lodge Operations, Dean Streit, Wooster, 1346; Memorial Service, Nevin Taylor, Past State President, Marysville 1130. Is it? Okay; National Foundation, Mary Carolyn Nichelson, Ohio River Valley 231; Ohio |

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| 33  Elks Charity, Jeff Warner, New Philadelphia 510; Ohio Elks  Endowment, Lance Knight, Past State President, Willoughby/ Cleveland 18; PER Association, Devon Williamson, Salem No. 305; Scholarships, Mr. Chuck Flint, New Philadelphia  510; Soccer, Larry Clement, Willoughby/Cleveland 18; State Activities, Lugene Ignaffo, Greenville 1139; State Recorder, and Lori, you don't have to stand, Lori Delhees, Port Clinton  1718; Veterans, Mr. Brad Goodballet, East Liverpool 258; Web Operations, Rich Threadgill, Berea 1815; and Youth Activities, Steve Cox, Marysville 1130. Please recognize these outstanding Elks.  We will also have a number of great leaders at our Districts. I would like to now introduce some DAC's and District Deputies for the upcoming year. In the North Central District: DAC Lloy Skillicorn from Galion 1191 and District Deputy Rob Nixon from Ashland 1360; the Northeast District: DAC Jeff Dillon from Alliance 467 and District Deputy Jim Vasey from Lakewood 1350; the Great Northwest District: DAC Linda Stanley from Van Wert 1197 and District Deputy Todd Cannode from Kenton 157; South Central District:  DAC Keith Denny from Jackson 466 and District Deputy Crystal Ropp from Marysville 1130; Southeast District: DAC Steve Hall from East Liverpool 258 and District Deputy Jeff Warner from New Philadelphia 510; Southwest District: DAC Rhonda Minton from Greenville 1139 and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Danny Williams from Wilmington 797. Please show your appreciation as well.  I am now honored to introduce our State Officers for | 35  he was giving me the platform to serve as your State President.  As a young man growing up in St. Louis, Missouri, ironically the site of this year's Grand Lodge Convention, my first passion was baseball, and to a certain point, still is. Riding a bus ten blocks to the stadium, buying a $2.00  bleacher seat, so that's how old I am, and spending the day watching the game. My passion grew as I learned the game inside the game. All the components that successful managers would use on their team on the field to make their team succeed, and I would like to apply that same strategy to the Ohio Elks Association. That's why we have chosen our slogan to be "GAME," "Guiding the Association Motivating Elks."  As the manager of this team it's my responsibility to make sure we show up every day and that our players are in the proper positions and ready to lead us onto the field. But also make sure, as a manager, I'm listening and learning every day.  This year I will serve as the manager of the greatest fraternal organization in the United States. We have assembled a terrific coaching staff. All of these coaches will oversee our programs and work side by side with our State Chairperson so that they all have the understanding and knowledge to succeed.  Now on occasion I may get called into the general manager’s office, "Hi, Jim." But always feel the need to feel confident to approach any of our Association coaches  at any time. But the most important part of the team is you, the members who are on the field every day, working in our Lodges, in our communities, helping our youth, raising money |
| 34  the upcoming year: First Vice President, Lugene Ignaffo,  and Jennifer; Chairman of the Trustees, Ed Connors, and his wife Jan; Approving Trustee, Tom Pavlik; Trustee Secretary, Brad Goodballet, and his wife Kerry; Second Vice President Keith Denny, and his wife Lynn; Interim Board Member, Dan Beaston, and his wife Mary; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Hines; Tiler, Ron Yaw, and his wife Lori; Inner Guard, Pat  McCaffrey and his wife Jean; Chaplain, Julie Crowe, and her husband Roger; Secretary/Treasurer, Lee Young, and his wife Marybeth.  And now there's an old saying that goes "Behind every successful man stands a great women." Well, I'm here to tell you, that statement isn't true, because I don't want her behind me; I want her right next here to me. Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome your First Lady, Amy Ratliff. Thank you. You may be seated.  I stand before you both humbled and honored to serve as the 121st State President of the Ohio Elks Association, becoming the third member of the Upper Sandusky Lodge to hold that position. I drew it from John Neate, who served in  1946, and Louis Kuenzil who served in 1955. To honor those gentlemen I will be carrying John Neate 1946 Ritual book this year and I will be using Louie's gavel from 1955.  A good friend of mine gave me some advice as I began my first year as a State Officer. And he said I should always remember one thing, the title as State President should mean more to all of you than it should mean to me. I didn't realize it at the time, but he was absolutely correct. I also realized that | 36  for our causes, and making a difference every day. All of our  success will depend on your performance and we are confident that you will continue to strive and work hard, as you've done in the past.  As our team, you know your Lodges and communities letter than anyone and I am confident that you will continue to work so that we can succeed every day in the game.  Our State Pin combines the mission to have year. It features a baseball field, which represents the communities we serve and where a team must succeed every day. Surrounded by the basis, which represents our four Lodge chairs standing for our principles, Brotherly Love, Justice, Charity, and Fidelity. The motto is stretched across the field to remind us that we must accept a challenge every day. The A and M in Game are highlighted. This represent that in the middle of entire year will be Amy and Mark serving this Association.  83 in the baseball represent my Lodge that has supported me beyond belief and the two flags are crossed to form a "V" for our veterans that well never forget. The ace of our staff is our veterans.  Would all veterans in attendance please stand and be recognized. Thank you for your service. Without the daily sacrifices that these fine men and women made for us, we would not be able to enjoy all that we have or the great work that this organization does.  Thank you is never said enough and as Elks we will never forget you. Always remember that our catcher covers our plate, but our veterans cover our home. |

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| 37  Our closer is membership. Over the years I've heard  a lot of -- or most of us say, "Go back to your Lodge, find that person that have will serve, run a program, help with a fundraiser." And a lot of the times that's a great way to look  at it. But let's say 25 years ago you'd ask the Upper Sandusky Lodge to go back and find the person that would become an officer one day, become Exalted Ruler, serve as a District Deputy, and assume a State Office and one day become a  State President. They may have returned and said, Sorry, we couldn't find anyone." And they may have been correct, because I wasn't a member yet. I was working four blocks away from the Lodge. But a Past Exalted Ruler came in one day to get his oil changed and asked me, he said, "Hey, Mark, how would you like to bowl on Monday night?" I'm like, "Sure. What do I have to do?" He's like, "Well, you got to become an Elk." I told him, I said, "I had thought about it a couple of different times." So I got ahold of my Uncle Fred, who is with us tonight, he proposed me into membership,  and the rest is history, so to speak. But because the Upper Sandusky Elks needed a bowler on Monday night they got all the rest.  So please don't overlook the people in your community who are not Elks. Make sure we're asking our friends, family, and even the guy changing your oil to come join our Elks  team. Who knows where our future ER's, District, Officers, or State President are, or even if they're members yet. Let's make sure we continue to "Talk Elks Everywhere."  So the question you may have is, "That's a great theme, | 39  are to us and how blessed this Association has been to have  them serve. I would also ask Mike and Linda Stanley and Lee and Marybeth Young to stand. This Association benefits from all of these outstanding people and all that they do for us. Please stand with me and recognize them for all that they do.  We have always been known as the best people on earth. The next step to begin promoting Ohio Elks.  The final people I would like to thank are the most important, Amy, Jordan, Ashley and Makenna. They have been with me every step of this journey and I could not have done it without them. We truly are a team and I would like them to know no matter what title I may hold or what I may achieve in this lifetime, they are the best thing that I have ever done.  In closing, we thank all of us. We're overwhelmed by your support. We can't wait for the year to begin. And as I stand before you with friends, family and Elks by my side,  I would like to close in borrowing the immortal words of legendary Lou Garrett. As we have traveled Ohio and served this organization, we have been greeted with nothing but kindness and generosity. And as I stand before you today,  I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. Thank you.  I do have one or presentation. Since I did call him Past, we might as well make it completely official. You know, the gentleman that you replace, we spend more time with them and they do become family and, you know, we joke about him being my brother, but he really is. Because if I called Nevin |
| 38  but how do we motivate Elks?" That answer has been given to  us already. Roger and Julie Crowe asked us to foster the ideas that revive Elkdom. Lodges need to look at new ideas and programs for their members. Roger and Carolyn Martin asked to "Share the opportunity." Extend the hand of friendship  to new members, as well our current members. Lance and Sue Knight "United Us In Elkdom." Make sure we work for a common goal and that the name on the front of our jersey  is more important than the name on our back. Red and Jane asked us to "Renew, Energize, and Deliver." To look over our programs, add life to them, make sure we follow through we're going to change them. Richard and Virginia wanted us to "Connect Contribute, Collaborate, and Communicate." Make sure our network was successful and working properly for all our Lodges. Nevin and Deanna spread the word to "Talk Elks Everywhere." Be loud and proud about our membership and everything that we do.  So there's the formula to guide all Lodges. That's how well be guiding the Association and motivating Elks. I believe that if any Lodge institutes all these ideas and follows through with the commitment, they will be successful and they will be motivated.  Would Roger and Julie Crowe, Roger and Carolyn Martin, Lance and Sue Knight, Red and Jane Kehler, Nevin and  Deanna Taylor please stand. The reason we're able to stand before you today as the State President and the First Lady are because of these individuals. Unless you're fortunate enough to be in our position, you cannot understand how special they | 40  and I said, "Nevin, I need something," he'd be on my doorstep.  So on behalf of myself, Mr. Nevin Taylor, Marysville 1130, your Past State President Gavel and congratulations on an outstanding year.  PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Now, for those of you in the audience, I know there's at least three people out there that went "Ut, ut, ut." I couldn't have the word "Past," without Marysville 1130, South Central, Nik Martens, Lee and Marybeth. Those Officers, no, there is no crying in Elks. I gave that speech. But more importantly, I couldn't have the term "Past" without you. God Bless.  Now, Mark keeps telling me, No. No. No. I don't take that. Get it out of there." Well, Mark, on the back there's a good luck challenge, more importantly; all night long I've been beating your gavel.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: All right.  MR. TAYLOR: It's a tradition I do. I go to the shop and I play, it gives me a piece of mind. It helps me remember why I'm an Elk. Mark, your gavel from your Officers.  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Thank you. Just real quickly, as soon as we're done here they will do the Charity Raffle Drawing, so if you want to stick around and see if you won a little money. Otherwise, the hospitality area will be open tonight, we'll be down there visiting. I'll try to remember to bring some more pins, so please come see us.  And with that, I will now call on Ohio Elks Chaplain, Ms. Julie Crowe, to dismiss us with prayer.  (Prayer) |

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| 41  PRESIDENT RATLIFF: Class dismissed.  THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned. |  |
| 42  CERTIFICATE  STATE OF OHIO )  ) ss. COUNTY OF OTTAWA )  I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of  58 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me  in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 6th day of April, 2019. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.  IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Sandusky, Ohio this 6th day of April,  2019.  Lori L. Delhees  Notary Public  404 West 6th Street  Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  My commission expires 11/24/2022 |  |

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| 1  One Hundred And Twenty-first ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE  OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION  THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO  Past Exalted Rulers Meeting  Sunday, April 7, 2019  9:00 a.m. | 3  recognized. Please welcome our Past State Presidents.  Would any Past Presidents of the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association please rise and be recognized. Thank you. Let's recognize our Past State Presidents. (Applause.) I'll have the reading of the minutes of the previous session.  MR. DOTY: Well, you don't read them. PRESIDENT BUROKER: We don't read them.  They're printed. Are there any additions or corrections to the minutes as they have been printed? Hearing none, they will stand approved as read and printed. We'll have the financial report by our secretary on the financial.  MR. DOTY: The financial report, the total balances as of April the 7th. We have a checking account balance of $4,659.16, a saving account balance of $11,331.21, for total balances on hand of $15,990.37. Now on the budget, this is pretty much a standard budget. The only thing we have added to it this year -- and this is the budget for 20-21. But the only thing I've added to it this year was Ohio Elks Endowment Fund donation of $100. That was approved at August '18 meeting. So that's the only difference on the budget.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Is there a motion to accept the proposed budget for the year 2020-2021? Are there any questions?  MS. HAWSE: We have to transfer from savings  to be able to meet that budget for $2,000. My question is, is it time to raise the dues if we're having to transfer $2,000, which is basically a third of the budget? Should we be upping the |
| 2  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I am about to  open the Spring Convention meeting of the Past Exalted Ruler Association. Please rise for the Invocation by the Chaplain, after which we will have the Pledge of Allegiance.  (Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance) PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: We will now  have the roll call of Officers and the Executive Board.  MR. DOTY: President, Sue Buroker. PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Present. MR. DOTY: Devon Williamson.  MRS. WILLIAMSON: Present. MR. DOTY: Chris Hatcher. MR. HATCHER: Present.  MR. DOTY: Jeff Warner. MR. WARNER: Present.  MR. DOTY: Dean Robinson. MR. ROBINSON: Present. MR. DOTY: Howard Honaker. MR. HONAKER: Present.  MR. DOTY: Executive Board Members: Matt  Fox. (Not present.) Dean Streit.  MR. STREIT: Present. MR. DOTY: Jill Hawse. MS. HAWSE: Present.  MR. DOTY: Edward Murphy. (Not present.) PRESIDENT Sue BUROKER: Will any Past Presidents of the Ohio Elks Association please rise and be | 4  dues if that's the case?  MR. DOTY: No. I understand what you're saying. But the basic thing is most of the budget isn't used, so we really don't end up transferring that. And actually if I had the minutes from a year ago, it would show a $600 profit for the Elks for the PER Association. So with the same amount, and I balance it at 1,650 members, which is basically about what we have. I will get an actual count before long when I  do some other stuff. But like I say, a lot of it not being used and we've never gone into a deficit on our budget. So I think the dues at $2.50 is very sufficient.  MS. HAWSE: Thank you.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I would entertain a motion.  MS. HAWSE: And I have another question. I'm sorry.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: That's okay. MS. HAWSE: If that's the case, I would propose  we add in $100 to go to the F.O.G.  MR. DOTY: All right. Well, we can do that. Can we do that under new business, that's where you should vote on it.  MS. HAWSE: I don't want to vote on the budget then if that's where that goes.  MR. DOTY: Well, that wouldn't come in on this budget. That would come in on next year’s -- or the 2021-22 budget.  MS. HAWSE: No. I would like to make an |

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| 5  amendment to this budget and include the $100 for the F.O.G.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I have a motion  to include another $100 for the F.O.G., correct? A donation of  $100 to F.O.G. Do I have a second?  MR. STREIT: Madam President, I'll second the motion.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor of adding $100 to the proposed budget for  F.O.G. signify by using the usual voting sign of an Elk. Keep your hands up, please. Hands down. All opposed the same sign. Motion carried. We will now see an additional $100  to the proposed budget. Which would make our expenses of  $6,300.25, correct?  MR. DOTY: I will adjust the budget and notify the F.O.G. Committee we'll be making a donation to them and it will be done in August at our August meeting.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you. Can  I have a motion, please, to accept the budget as amended?  MR. CROWE: So moved. Roger Crowe. PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Is there a second? MS. HAWSE: A second by Jill Hawse. PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you. Any  discussion? All those in favor of the new proposed budget signify the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. All  those opposed the same sign. Motion carried. Any unfinished business? None.  New business. I will now begin with nominations of | 7  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Can I have a  nomination for secretary?  MR. YOUNG: Madam President, it is an honor and a great privilege to nominate Ken Doty --  MR. DOTY: My feet are up. Thank you very much.  MR. YOUNG: -- as Secretary.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, Lee. Are there any or nominations? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed.  Good of the Association.  MR. IDDINGS: I'd like to address, I addressed it last time under the Good of Association. This coming year at Baltimore Grand Lodge well have an 11 O'clock Toast on the Grand Lodge scale with the winner from Ohio going to that contest. But so we can get our things together, what I would propose is our contest on our level. First of all, it's  open to ER's and PER's on the contest. Normally, the last few years we've been doing the contest with the as far as going by Districts. What I would propose, especially for the first year, is to open it up to all ER's and PER's in the state. However, they must have their name in by a certain deadline as far as that goes. Not just showing up and saying, "Oh, I want to get in the contest." So if you gave them a deadline next year for  the later part of April, maybe April 1st or April 2nd, something like that. I would like to see a discussion on that or see a decision made on that so when we go back to our Districts we can talk this up and hopefully we'll have a winner for the |
| 6  officers for the 2019-2020 Lodge year. Do I have a motion for  President.  MR. WILLIAMSON: Mrs. President, at this time  I would like to nominate Devon Williamson for President of the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you. First  Vice President.  MS. IDDINGS: Madam President, it gives me pleasure to finally remember to nominate Chris Hatcher for First Vice President.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, Mike. Second Vice President.  MR. HATCHER: It's a great honor, Jeff Warner, New  Philadelphia 510, for Second Vice President.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you. Third Vice President.  MR. STREIT: Madam President, I would like to nominate Dean Robinson for Third Vice President.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Fourth Vice  President.  MS. HAWSE: Madam President, it is my honor to nominate Howard Honaker, Marysville No. 1130, for Fourth Vice President.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, Jill. Fifth Vice President.  MR. BUROKER: Madam President, it gives me great pleasure to place the name of David Beazley from Kenton Loge 157, from the Great Northwest District. | 8  Grand Lodge for the first one ever from Ohio. Thank you.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, Mike. Anything else under good of --  MS. HAWSE: The only thing I would add to that is, we currently have a rule that if you won in the past year or two you can't compete again. I would say that we should ditch that for next year.  MR. IDDINGS: We would -- and I should have and I thought about that I forgot about that. But anyway, you're right, Jill. We're starting from scratch --  MS. HAWSE: Right.  MR. IDDINGS: -- as far that is goes. So the ones that won, like John, well, I think you're beyond your two years now, and, Julie. No, you're starting from scratch as far as that goes.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: In other words, anyone who won this year in their District or at the State level may participate again as long as they fit the qualifications of a Past Exalted Ruler or Exalted Ruler, correct?  MR. IDDINGS: Correct.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Okay. Thank you.  ROGER CROWE: Madam President, I would move that we adopt that plan for next year.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I'll take that in a motion?  MR. CROWE: Yes.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: We have a motion |

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| 9  on the floor by Roger Crowe to adopt what Mike said about --  what Mike said about the Toast. And it's just the Toast; it's not the Flag Charge, correct?  MS. HAWSE: Right.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: At the Grand  Lodge level. Is there a second to the motion?  MS. HAWSE: I second.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: A second by Jill  Hawse. Is there any discussion? Yes, Red.  MR. KEHLER: Madam President, I understand  the intent, but if you get 100 people that want to do this Toast that's going to take up a lot of time and scoring and blah, blah, blah. If you left it at the District level and brought in your six best, it would be more prudent.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Well, at this time we allow two places. We allow 12 total, 1st and 2nd place from each District at the particular point.  MR. KEHLER: It's more logical than 100. PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: True. True. Any  response, Mike, to that?  MR. IDDINGS: No. I mean, it's up to the body which way they go, but I didn't want to limit to especially like just six people. I agree with you to 12, and I understand Red's point. But I think we -- I really look for a number of 20 at  -- and I mean, we had -- but I understand where he's coming from, as far as --  MR. KEHLER: You know, I'm not going to score them so I don't care. | 11  held by the Advisory Board and the Officers to plan for the  upcoming Ritual, that they're in by the 1st of March, with that meeting.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Okay.  MR. STREIT: Madam President, just another question that popped in my mind as I was thinking. Like the North Central District, we do have the 11 O'clock Toast competition, we send two people then. What I do tell those  two people that competed in the District level and then won, and then maybe because they made a deadline there's a couple of other people that get to come to State and then possibly enter that?  One of the ideas of being the top two in the District is the right to go to state and compete. Again, I'm just thinking  to myself, there's a couple more from the North Central District, because they met the deadline. I guess that's the question I had, is that something that's going to be possible under this proposal?  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: In my book it would be no, because those people that you would be bringing to the -- they would not be not able to perform, is what I'm saying.  MR. STREIT: You send two from your District then and no one else from your District is going to be eligible to call in and say, "Hey, I want to compete at the state level." That's what I want to make sure.  MR. IDDINGS: To respond to you, first of all, you as the Vice Presidents, are basically in charge of your Districts |
| 10  MR. IDDINGS: I see your point. But, I mean, if we  want to do 12 or we want to do, I mean, 18, to me it doesn't matter. It's up to the body here. If we want to decide now, since we have more people, or we want to discuss it and bring it back. But the main thing is let's start pushing forward and promote from this, as far as that goes, so...  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I think one way around this problem would be that each District would have to send two people for that contest, whether they hold the -- they should be holding a contest anyway, but some Districts don't do any Ritual at all. So I'm just saying that I think that we  should at least have two people represented from each District. How they want to choose those people, you know, could be up to that District, whether they do it at their District meeting or  if they have a, you know, a signup sheet and have, you know, at some point in time decide who they're going to send. But we would be into a modification of the original motion.  ROGER CROWE: And I recognize that the issue that would come up with 100 people, but by having the signup deadline ahead of time you're going to know how many people you're going to have and make adjustments, if need be.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Yes. I think if you have a deadline on it, you're probably -- human nature is they're late about signing up for things so, you know, if they didn't get it in time, but -- my more questions about that? We still have a motion on floor.  MS. HAWSE: I would say I would suggest they have that in by the 1st of March so that when the meeting is | 12  on that, so -- but and who. They should either have via contest  or what I would say putting your name in, you are the ones that are going to say, "Okay, here's the ones going," coming from Southwest District or North Central, whatever it may be on there.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: David.  MR. BEAZLEY: Madam President, I believe we've got a little convoluted, and I understand Dean's question here. I would propose we would amend the original proposal to say that we would allow a maximum of three from each District  to be determined by the District Chairman as to how, whether it be a method of sign up, or a contest, with a date certain for entry into the State level contest.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Okay. We have an amendment to the original motion. I guess I need to ask if there's a second to that amended motion?  MS. HAWSE: So moved.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: I have a second. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All those in favor signify by using the usual voting sign of an Elk. Hands down. All those opposed the same sign. The amended motion is carried.  Now I need -- can I have the secretary please read for me the new motion. I thought that was your job. We have a motion on the floor.  MR. DOTY: Basically the amendment said that three people will be allowed to compete at the State level from each District. That's basically what's said. |

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| 13  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Okay. And that  motion was made by David Beazley. Can I have a second to that motion? Oh, we already vote -- did we actually vote on that? No, we did. We had a motion and we had it amended before we even got vote on it, correct?  MS. HAWSE: We voted on the amendment. We haven't actually voted on the original motion.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: That's what I'm doing now, folks. Okay. We have a new motion on the floor to have three contestants from each District however each District decides to send those and sign those people up. Is there a second to that motion?  MR. CONNORS: Ed Connors, Salem --  MR. TAYLOR: Madam Chairman, it's a point of parliamentary procedure, you already have a motion on the floor and you have an amendment. What you want to do is if there is any further discussion on the motion as amended?  And if not. At this time I'll vote a yes and I'll call the question. Let's go right to a vote.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Okay. All those in favor signify by the usual voting sign of an Elk. Thank you for your help. Hands down. Those opposed. Motion carried. Whoa. I didn't think I would get through that one.  Okay. Is there anything else under the good of the order?  At the time I would like to call upon our President Elect, Devon Williamson. We are going into Installation of Officers, right? Doesn't she -- that's what you told me. That's | 15  which you have been chosen?  ALL: I do.  MR. MARTENS: Brother Chaplain, we ask you to lead us in player.  (Prayer)  MR. MARTENS: You will each place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, and repeat after me.  "With allegiance to God and my country --(repeat)-- and the Ohio Past Exalted Rulers Association --(repeat)-- I solemnly promise and swear --( repeat)-- to uphold and maintain --(repeat)-- the constitution, statutes, rules, and regulations --(repeat)-- of the Grand Lodge of this Order  --(repeat)-- and the Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- I also promise and swear --(repeat)-- to promote the Elks Ritual  --(repeat)-- without the influence of partiality --(repeat)-- from any State, District, or Lodge --(repeat)-- in the performance  of my duties --(repeat)-- as an Officer in the Ohio Elks Past  Exalted Rulers Association --(repeat)-- that I am an Elk in  the good standing in the Order --(repeat)-- that I will conduct myself --(repeat)-- as an American citizen --(repeat)-- and will not bring disgrace --(repeat)-- on our order or the Ohio Elks Association --(repeat)-- so help me God --(repeat)-- Amen  --(repeat.) At ease.  The Marshal will conduct the new President to the roster.  The Marshal will now conduct the new president to the roster. Devon, we're not done yet.  Madam President, I now present you with this gavel, |
| 14  what written right here.  MR. DOTY: Excuse me.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: That's all right. We're going into Installation of Officers for the 2019-2020  Lodge year. Devon.  MRS. WILLIAMS: Okay. I would like to introduce my installing officers for this evening. The Installing Officer, Nik Martens, Past State President, Salem  305; for Secretary, Lance Knight, Past State President, from Willoughby/Cleveland 18; Chaplain Robert Williamson, Past PER Association President, from Salem 305, and Marshal, Jack Minarchick, Past State President, from Lakewood 1350. And then what do I say? Would the Installing Officers please take their places.  MR. MARTENS: Brother Secretary, you will call  the names of the Officers Elect and the Marshal will assemble them, when their name is called, in position for Installation.  MR. KNIGHT: It is an honor to present to you the following for Installation in the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association: For President, Devon Williamson; for Secretary/ Treasurer, Kenneth Doty; for First Vice President, Chris Hatcher; for Second Vice President, Jeff Warner; for Third Vice President, Dean Robinson; for Fourth Vice President, Howard Honaker; for Fifth Vice President, David Beazley. And the Appointed Officers by the President are: Chaplain, Maria Gregg; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeff Chapman; Judge Coordinator, Mike Iddings. Those are your Officers Elect.  MR. MARTENS: Do you each accept the office to | 16  the emblem of your office. And by virtue of the authority in  me vested, I do proclaim and declare the Officers of the Ohio Past Exalted Rulers Association duly installed. You may be seated.  MRS. WILLIAMSON: Okay. I just want to make a brief comment and then I will turn it back over to Sue so she can finish our business for the day. I would like to thank my Installing Officers, and I have to say that I feel honored and  not only are they our officers from our Districts, but they are my friends and I thank you very much for standing up for me.  I also want to thank my appointed officers, Maria Gregg, who has stepped up and will be following me up after my year, as Chaplain, and Jeff Chapman who I served under him in our Lodge and he is going to serve as our  Sergeant-at-Arms and I thank him for doing that duty for me.  And right now I will turn this back over to Sue so she can conduct the rest of the business.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, and congratulations to Devon. I have three more things that I have to do.  At this time I would like to call on our Secretary to call the role of our Departed Members.  MR. DOTY: This list is combined 67 Lodges out of 78 reporting: From Alliance 467: Donald W. Flitcraft, Charles W. Sandahl; Ashland No. 1360: William R. Miller; Bucyrus No. 156: Douglas A. Watts; Chillicothe No. 52: Robert L. Bost; Columbus Grove City No. 37: Thomas  R. Furrow, David Graf; East Liverpool No. 258: James E. |

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| 17  Raffle; Findlay No. 75: Duane D. Duffield; Fremont No.  169: Dick L. Chestnutwood; Gallipolis No. 107: Timothy E. Hardyman; Lakewood No. 1350: James Von Alt; Lebanon No. 422: Robert C. Steinbuch; Mansfield No. 56: Michael  E. Phalor, Charles A. Webster; Marietta No. 477: Donald L. Jones, Arthur E. Reiser Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; Marysville No. 1130: Thomas Padovano, Kadace A. Taylor; Maumee/Bowling Green No. 1850: Charles Wolford; Middletown No. 257: Larry E. Bernard; Mount Vernon No.  140: Willis R. Slusher; New Lexington No. 509: James M. Cobb; Ohio River Valley No. 231: Glenn E. Devaul; Painesville No. 549: William B. Sanderson, Robert Essig Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; Port Clinton No. 1718: Elmer D. Bradshaw Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Earl McDavitt; Portsmouth No. 154: Albert Mann; Ravenna No. 1076: Norman R. Kittle, George D. Ogden; Sidney  No. 786: William J. Rouse; Springfield No. 51: Herbert A. Tomlinson. Tiffin No. 94: Glenn Ritzenthaler; Toledo No.  53: Lawrence J. Wnorowski; Upper Sandusky No. 83, Jack R. Houser; Van Wert No. 1197: Robert L Exline; Wooster No.  1346: Jack L. Hurt, Jerry H. Reeves; Xenia No. 668: Charles  Van Dine.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: In vain we call.  In token of the respect and affection in which the memories of our departed members will forever will held among us, let us in silent meditation typify what mere words cannot express.  (Chimes Ringing.)  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: We shall meet, | 19  here today. I look forward to the upcoming year. Thank you,  all.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you,  Mark. At this time -- I can't see. These are the wrong glasses. I can't see what my order says here. I need to call upon Nevin Taylor, and this is a fun part, to present him with his Past State Presidents pin.  Nevin, it gives me great pleasure to pin this Past State  President on you. I think you have done an amazing job and I appreciate all of the help you've given me and coming and visiting us at our Lodge this year. You had a wonderful year. Let's see if I can get this. Oh, you can't see.  MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Sweetie. It's with honor and I pride that I get to wear this. And it's not because of me. Gentlemen, in the back, if you would stand up, that served this year as our Officer Team. Lee. More importantly, Red. Over here, gentleman, I had the pleasure of standing under. Lance, you were one of my Past Presidents, get up here. Roger, get up. And am I missing? Lee. Red, you should be up. Folks, this is why I got the word past. Ed, you should be standing, too. Would you join me in thanking them.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: Thank you, Nevin.  My time is just about over here and I just have a few comments. I want to thank all of my Officers and my Lodge Kenton 157. My husband Jack, he is why I am an Elk. And  I can tell you, back in the early '80's when I first started, late  70's, early '80's started going to conventions with him. This |
| 18  but we shall miss them. There will be the vacant chair.  But though we no more possess them, still our hearts their memories bear. But awhile ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye. Now the golden cord is severed, they have passed to realms on high. To our absent members.  AUDIENCE: To our absent members. PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: At this time  I would like the call upon our new State President for his remarks.  PRESIDENT MARK RATLIFF: Thank you. It's a pleasure to be here this morning. Congratulation not only for your year, but also being recognized as Elk of the Year, too, Sue. Outstanding and well deserved.  To Devon, I look forward to the year. We'll be serving together. We've discussed some other areas that we would like to State Association and the Past Exalted Rulers Association to work on. We're going to go in that direction and hopefully have some things that jointly we can work together on.  My theme last night was guiding the Association and Motivating Elks. I believe this, part of our organization understands that completely and has done that for a number of years. We all understand the value of Ritual and what it means to be an Elk. And if there's probably not a more motivated group of people, it would be you. So congratulations on what you've accomplished, you're doing, promoting Lodges to participate in Ritual, the 11 O'clock Toast, the Flag Charge, all outstanding programs. And I thank you for opportunity to be | 20  was kind of a dream for me. I know that that might seem  strange, but I remember going to one of these, standing outside one of these meetings and I thought, "Man that is something that I would love to be able to do some day." So this has been  a dream come true. They say that the Past Exalted -- or the President is supposed to try to add at least one Ritual team every year. We did add two this year. I can't really take credit for that. I think the only thing I can take credit for is maybe my enthusiasm for Ritual maybe has helped a little bit and  I hope that that continues. I have enjoyed going around to three different Lodges this year to help them with Ritual. I was early on in Elyria and then a couple of times to New Philadelphia and a couple of times to Berea to help them prepare for the State Competition. And I hope to continue doing that. I hope to be able to travel a little bit more this year since I'm in a little better health than I was last year. I  didn't get to travel as much as I wanted to. So with that being said, I hope I haven't forgotten. I want to thank my appointed officers and the entire -- Julie from Kenton and thank David Beazley for starting through the chairs. And thanks to all  of you and to our new State President. A wonderful year I know is in store for all of us. Thank you, again. At this time I would like to turn it back over to our new President, Devon Williamson.  MRS. WILLIAMSON: Don't go too far, because we have something for you, too, for your service. I hope this isn't hard to do. What are you laughing for? Thank goodness it was unlatched. I'd like to present you with your Past PER |

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| 21  State President's pin. Congratulations and thank you for your  service.  PRESIDENT SUE BUROKER: And congratulation to you.  MRS. WILLIAMSON: I want to thank Sue for all of her guidance and leadership and help, and I know she's as -- many of you do know or don't know, after we're done being president we serve on the Executive Board for three years, so I know she'll be around to help me. And she has already said whatever I need to call her. So I appreciate her very much. We have a lot of new challenges this year, a lot of new decisions, and a lot of plans to be made. We've had, you know, Mark has mentioned it. And we also have the  big 11 O'clock Toast in Baltimore. It's going to be a very exciting year for PER Association. We've had an excellent  year for Ritual. It was a very exciting year for Ritual this year, because we had more teams this year and I feel like that we  can continue that. I think the two new teams that came into play this year have full intensions to go on and with our core of officers and Vice Presidents coaches well encourage them to go further. It would be nice to add another team. So these Districts that didn't have a team; let's start doing it, because we made it happen. We're all willing to help. Like Sue said, she's traveled to help these teams. Robert and I traveled to help these teams. Anything we can do to get them going and started is a step forward.  I would like to say it takes a team of Officers, it takes a team of Chairman, it takes a Ritual team of dedication, and it | 23  CERTIFICATE  STATE OF OHIO )  ) ss. COUNTY OF OTTAWA )  I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of 31 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 7th day of April, 2019. I do  further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.  IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Sandusky, Ohio this 7th day of April,  2019.  Lori L. Delhees  Notary Public  404 West 6th Street  Port Clinton, Ohio 43452  My commission expires 11/24/2022 |
| 22  takes a team of judges, and we have nowhere to go but up. So  I say to Mark, "Game on." Okay. Now, where am I?  So at this time, having concluded our business, I  would like to ask our Chaplain to dismiss us with prayer. (Prayer)  MRS. WILLIAMSON; I now declare this meeting closed.  THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned. |  |

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121st Annual Convention

Registration

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| Lodge Name and Number | Elks | Spouse/  Guests | Youth | Total |
| **North Central District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Ashland #1360 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Bellevue #1013 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Bucyrus #156 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Elyria #465 | 25 | 3 | 0 | 28 |
| Galion #1191 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| Lexington/Shelby #2554 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lorain #1301 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Mansfield #56 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Marion #32 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Mt. Vernon #140 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Norwalk #730 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Sandusky #285 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Willard #1370 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wooster #1346 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total – North Central** | 97 | 12 | 1 | 110 |
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| **Northeast District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Alliance #467 | 13 | 7 | 0 | 20 |
| Ashtabula #208 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Berea #1815 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Conneaut #256 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Cuyahoga Falls/Akron/Barberton #1923 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kent #1377 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Lakewood #1350 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Massillon/North Canton #2029 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Painesville #549 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Parma #1938 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Ravenna #1076 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Salem #305 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Willoughby/Cleveland #18 | 22 | 11 | 0 | 33 |
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| **Total – Northeast** | 95 | 25 | 0 | 120 |

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| Lodge Name and Number | Elks | Spouse/  Guests | Youth | Total |
| **Northwest District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Defiance #147 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 16 |
| Findlay #75 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 8 |
| Fremont #169 | 10 | 3 | 0 | 13 |
| Kenton #157 | 38 | 4 | 0 | 42 |
| Lima #54 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 14 |
| Maumee-BG #1850 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Mercer County #2170 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| Napoleon #929 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Port Clinton #1718 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |
| Tiffin #94 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Toledo/Sylvania #53 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 13 |
| Upper Sandusky #83 | 51 | 33 | 1 | 85 |
| Van Wert #1197 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
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| **Total – Northwest** | 162 | 59 | 4 | 225 |
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| **South Central District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Athens #973 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| Chillicothe #52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Circleville #77 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Columbus/Grove City #37 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Columbus North #2700 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gallipolis #107 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 16 |
| Ironton #177 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson #466 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 12 |
| Marysville #1130 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Nelsonville #543 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| New Lexington #509 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Newark #391 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| Portsmouth #154 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
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| **Total – South Central** | 60 | 13 | 0 | 73 |

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| Lodge Name and Number | Elks | Spouse/  Guests | Youth | Total |
| **Southeast District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Barnesville #1699 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cambridge #448 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Coshocton #376 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| East Liverpool #258 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 10 |
| Marietta #447 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| New Philadelphia #510 | 26 | 2 | 0 | 28 |
| Newcomerstown #1555 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Ohio River Valley #231 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Uhrichsville #424 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Wellsville #1040 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
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| **Total – Southeast** | 58 | 9 | 2 | 69 |
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| **Southwest District** |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati #5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dayton #58 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Greenville #1139 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Hamilton #93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hillsboro #361 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Lebanon #422 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Middletown #257 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Sidney #786 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Springfield #51 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Troy #833 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Washington CH #129 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wilmington #797 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Xenia #668 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
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| **Total – Southwest** | 24 | 5 | 1 | 30 |

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| **RECAP BY DISTRICT** |  |  |  |  |
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| **NORTH CENTRAL** | 97 | 12 | 1 | 110 |
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| **NORTHEAST** | 95 | 25 | 0 | 120 |
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| **NORTHWEST** | 162 | 59 | 4 | 225 |
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| **SOUTH CENTRAL** | 60 | 13 | 0 | 73 |
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| **SOUTHEAST** | 58 | 9 | 2 | 69 |
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| **SOUTHWEST** | 24 | 5 | 1 | 30 |
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| **DISTRICT TOTALS** | 496 | 123 | 8 | 627 |
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| **SPECIAL GUESTS** | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
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| **TOTAL REGISTRATION** | 499 | 125 | 8 | 632 |

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**ELK OF THE YEAR and ELK HALL OF FAME**

Program Started in 1960

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| **YEAR**  1960 | **ELK OF THE YEAR**  William Routsong – Cleveland | **ELK HALL OF FAME**  Dr. E. J. McCormick – Toledo |  |
| 1961 | Fred Lees – Toledo | James A. Rhodes – Columbus |  |
| 1962 | Roy Terrell – Piqua | W. W. “Woody” Hayes – Columbus |  |
| 1963 | Tom Price – Zanesville | Billy Southworth – Kenton |  |
| 1964 | Eldon Brown – Columbus | Ted Lewis – Circleville |  |
| 1965 | Norman K. Funni – Lima | Robert “Lefty” Grove – Norwalk |  |
| 1966 | Nick Kovic – Warren | Jack Cannon – Columbus |  |
| 1967 | Lloyd “Cy” Varner – Alliance | Ray H. Perry – Martins Ferry |  |
| 1968 | Ivan R. Hesson – Tiffin | John Laslo – Martins Ferry |  |
| 1969 | Carl S. Jackson – Van Wert | M. E. “Jack” Sensenbrenner – Columbus |  |
| 1970 | Ed Turner – Dayton | Judge James A. Ravella – Warren |  |
| 1971 | Leslie A. Douglas – Martins Ferry | John D. Quinn – Sidney |  |
| 1972 | Edward Patris – Barberton | William H. Harsha, Jr. – Portsmouth |  |
| 1973 | Ralph Curfman – Galion | Wayne T. “Curley” Smart – Delaware |  |
| 1974 | Marshal N. Shere – Bowling Green | Richard Gallagher – Ironton |  |
| 1975 | Francis Cupp – Chillicothe | Harry C. Bauhan – Dayton |  |
| 1976 | John F. Harmon – Columbus | H. H. “Mike” Stoops – Portsmouth |  |
| 1977 | Donald N. Wilkin – Newark | Not Awarded |  |
| 1978 | William E. Platten – Parma | Frank W. Wiley – Toledo |  |
| 1979 | Rev. Charles D. Hering, Sr. – Tiffin | Robert J. Secrest – Cambridge |  |
| 1980 | Harry E. Schultz – Alliance | Earl L. Schreiber – North Canton |  |
| 1981 | Irwin “Irv” Cohen – Toledo | Jackson E. Betts – Findlay |  |
| 1982 | Leo J. Reuss - Marysville | Donald R. Ford – Warren |  |
| 1983 | John M. Eccleston - East Liverpool | Robert “Joe” Hibbard – Massillon |  |
| 1984 | Louis Crow – Van Wert | Keith Boals - Ashland |  |
| 1985 | Charles Newell – Ashland | Jerry Dunlap – Ashland |  |
| 1986 | Michael Gerig – Wooster | Richard P. “Rick” Wolfe – Ashland |  |
| 1987 | J. Kenneth Klinck – Marietta | Russell K. Doan – Elyria |  |
| 1988 | John W. Bosart, Jr. – Marysville | William H. Shank – Warren |  |
| 1989 | Carl R. Dobbins – Jackson | Edward C. Arn – Wooster |  |
| 1990 | E. L. “Gene” Koerber – Parma | Lloyd “Toby” Tobias – Lancaster |  |
| 1991 | Jack F. Stabner – Springfield | John L. Johnson – Napoleon |  |
| 1992 | Peter Zeidner – Barnesville | Dr. David S. Goldschmidt – Circleville |  |
| 1993 | Edward H. Murphy – Elyria | David A. Laslow – Marysville |  |
| 1994 | Robert E. Powell – Springfield | Loreto George – Barberton |  |
| 1995 | Clyde Bray – Ashland | Frank C. Dawson – East Liverpool |  |
| 1996 | Basil P. Wallace – Delaware | J. Warren Battis – Salem |  |
| 1997 | Jacob H. Frowine – Portsmouth | Thomas D. Lambros – Ashtabula |  |
| 1998 | Donald W. Peters – Dover | Philip E. Hahn, Sr. – Elyria |  |
| 1999 | Donald Flitcraft – Alliance | Paul G. Basner – North Canton |  |
| 2000 | Dane Dysert – Wellsville | Bill Derry – Van Wert |  |
| 2001 | James E. Ekelberry – Delaware | Michael J. Grigsby – Marysville |  |
| 2002 | Edward Kalmers – Conneaut | Richard Hougland – Chillicothe |  |
| 2003 | William J. Ashton – Martins Ferry | Susan M. Scott – Port Clinton |  |
| 2004 | Edward J. Kentner – Ravenna | Frederic C. LaFrance – Marysville |  |
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**ELK OF THE YEAR and ELK HALL OF FAME**

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| **YEAR**  2005 | **ELK OF THE YEAR**  Allen D. Zimmerman – Van Wert | **ELK HALL OF FAME**  Ralph R. Jones – Wooster |
| 2006 | Donald L. Garling, Sr. – Dayton | Edward J. Helt, Jr. – Washington C. H. |
| 2007 | Scott Procopio – Washington Court House | David W. Straight – Parma |
| 2008 | Garrison “Muggs” McGinnis – Marion | Pamela Shaw – Dayton |
| 2009 | George “Sonny” King – Chillicothe | Hon. Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. – Ohio River Valley |
| 2010 | William Willis – Alliance | James A. Sommer -- Greenville |
| 2011 | Donald Winter – Willoughby/Cleveland | No Awardee |
| 2012 | Deb Bingham – Marysville | No Awardee |
| 2013 | Charles VanDyne – Kenton | Tim M. Churchill − Swanton |
| 2014 | Kevin Richardson − Findlay | Carl R. Dobbins − Jackson |
| 2015 | Jerry Michael – Lebanon | W. Eric McCracken – Van Wert |
| 2016 | David Noren – Elyria | Debra Bingham – Marysville |
| 2017 | Mike Mason – Springfield | Larry Clement – Willoughby/Cleveland |
| 2018 | Larry D. Wise – Newark | Michael C. Stanley – Van Wert |
| 2019 | Sue Fox Buroker − Kenton | Lee Young – Elyria |

Appendix II

1898 - 1899 \* Samuel H. Needs............................................................................................... Cleveland #18

1899 - 1902 \* C. T. Wight ........................................................................................ Sandusky #285 (3 years)

1902 - 1904 \* Ed. A. Archer...................................................................................... Columbus #37 (2 years)

1904 - 1905 \* George N. Henry ..........................................................................................Steubenville #231

1905 - 1907 \* Wm. Horace Reinhart ....................................................................... Sandusky #285 (2 years)

1907 - 1908 \* Roscoe T. Sharer ................................................................................................ Alliance #467

1908 - 1909 \* Albert W. Dawson ............................................................................................. Columbus #37

1909 - 1910 \* Harry O. Bently......................................................................................................... Lima #54

1910 - 1911 \* H. N. Schleisinger .................................................................................................. Xenia #668

1911 - 1912 \* George E. Myers ............................................................................................... Cleveland #18

1912 - 1913 \* E. T. Allen ........................................................................................................... Cincinnati #5

1913 - 1914 \* Harry B. Black ..........................................................................................................Tiffin #94

1914 - 1915 \* A. Clyde Reasoner .......................................................................................... Zanesville #114

1915 - 1916 \* Edwin G. Slough ................................................................................................Mansfield #56

1916 - 1917 \* LeRoy G. Silbaugh........................................................................................... Lancaster #570

1917 - 1918 \* Jess W. Smith ...................................................................................... Washington C. H. #129

1918 - 1919 \* Charles W. Fairbanks .............................................................................................Marion #32

1916 - 1920 \* James E. Breen................................................................................................ Ashtabula #208

1920 - 1921 \* George J. Doerzbach ........................................................................................ Sandusky #285

1921 - 1922 \* John F. Sherry ..................................................................................................... Bellaire #419

1922 - 1923 \* A. Bart Horton .................................................................................................... Cincinnati #5

1923 - 1924 \* George C. Canalos .............................................................................................. Lorain #1301

1924 - 1925 \* George A. Snyder ............................................................................................... Fostoria #935

1925 - 1926 \* Blake C. Cook ........................................................................................................Kent #1377

1926 - 1927 \* Charles L. Justice ...................................................................................................Marion #32

1927 - 1928 \* Fred W. Markle .............................................................................................Lakewood #1350

1928 - 1929 \* James R. Cooper ................................................................................................. Newark #391

1929 - 1930 \* William G. Lambert .......................................................................................... Cleveland #18

1930 - 1931 \* John C. A. Leppleman............................................................................................ Toledo #53

1931 - 1932 \* Ernst VonBargen ................................................................................................. Cincinnati #5

1932 - 1933 \* Norman C. Parr ................................................................................... New Philadelphia #510

1933 - 1934 \* William R. Bruning ........................................................................................... Cleveland #18

1934 - 1935 \* William G. Campbell .......................................................................................... Lorain #1301

1935 - 1936 \* Charles W. Casselman........................................................................................ Alliance #467

1936 - 1937 \* Fred L. Bohn (PGER 1956-57) ....................................................................... Zanesville #114

1937 - 1938 \* John F. Fussinger................................................................................................. Cincinnati #5

1938 - 1939 \* Charles L. Haslop................................................................................................ Newark #391

1939 - 1940 \* C. A. Lais ...........................................................................................................Norwalk #730

1940 - 1941 \* E. B. LeSueur ......................................................................................................... Toledo #53

1941 - 1942 \* Charles J. Schmidt ....................................................................................................Tiffin #94

1942 - 1943 \* Walter G. Penry.................................................................................................. Delaware #76

1943 - 1944 \* Robert W. Dunkle.............................................................................................Chillicothe #52

1944 - 1945 \* Joseph W. Fitzgerald .............................................................................................. Canton #68

1945 - 1946 \* Leslie G. Scrimger ............................................................................................ Columbus #37

1946 - 1947 \* John H. Neate.......................................................................................... Upper Sandusky #83

1947 - 1948 \* Dr. V. E. Berg ...................................................................................... New Philadelphia #510

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**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS** *(continued)*

1948 - 1949 \* John K. Maurer ............................................................................................ Middletown #257

1949 - 1950 \* E. Gene Fournace (PGER 1971-72).................................................................... Newark #391

1950 - 1951 \* Nelson E. W. Stuart ........................................................................................... Cleveland #18

1951 - 1952 \* Gerald C. Nau ........................................................................................................Elyria #465

1952 - 1953 \* Joe E. Hurst ......................................................................................... New Philadelphia #510

1953 - 1954 \* Walter J. Beer ............................................................................................................ Lima #54

1954 - 1955 \* Willard J. Schwartz ..........................................................................................Springfield #51

1955 - 1956 \* L. A. Kuenzli........................................................................................... Upper Sandusky #83

1956 - 1957 \* Herschel J. Deal ..................................................................................................... Canton #68

1957 - 1958 \* James W. Plummer.......................................................................................... Zanesville #114

1958 - 1959 \* Arthur E. Socin .................................................................................................. Bucyrus #156

1959 - 1960 \* Dr. David S. Goldschmidt .................................................................................Circleville #77

1960 - 1961 \* John D. Quinn ...................................................................................................... Sidney #786

1961 - 1962 \* Martin W. Feigert ............................................................................................ Van Wert #1197

1962 - 1963 \* N. A. Bartram ................................................................................................ Youngstown #55

1963 - 1964 \* Lawrence R. Derry...................................................................................... Barnesville #1699

1964 - 1965 \* Carleton L. Riddle............................................................................................. Willard #1370

1965 - 1966 \* C. Ross Cline ...................................................................................................Chillicothe #52

1966 - 1967 \* Walter G. Springmyer ......................................................................................... Cincinnati #5

1967 - 1968 \* Elwood W. Reed...................................................................................... Bowling Green #818

1968 - 1969 \* George B. Walker ........................................................................................Willoughby #1924

1969 - 1970 \* E. Paul Howard .................................................................................................. Alliance #467

1970 - 1971 \* M. B. Letzelter .............................................................................................Steubenville #231

1971 - 1972 \* Earl E. Sloan ..........................................................................................................Elyria #465

1972 - 1973 \* L. L. McBee ............................................................................................New Lexington #509

1973 - 1974 \* F. H. Niswonger .....................................................................................................Dayton #58

1974 - 1975 \* Sam Fitzsimmons............................................................................................ Van Wert #1197

1975 - 1976 \* Irving W. Davies ...........................................................................................Lakewood #1850

1976 - 1977 \* Floyd Shambaugh ....................................................................................North Canton #2029

1977 - 1978 \* Robert J. Kennedy..................................................................................................Dover #975

1978 - 1979 \* James E. Ekelberry............................................................................................. Delaware #76

1979 - 1980 \* L. Bill Nethers..................................................................................................... Newark #391

1980 - 1981 \* Gene Buchy................................................................................................... Greenville #1139

1981 - 1982 \* Eugene W. France ................................................................................... Bowling Green #818

1982 - 1983 \* Richard J. Baker.................................................................................................... Findlay #75

1983 - 1984 \* David W. Straight................................................................................................ Parma #1938

1984 - 1985 \* Thurman L. Allen...........................................................................................Cambridge #448

1985 - 1986 \* Gerald C. Werner ................................................................................................ Lorain #1301

1986 - 1987 \* Edward U. Thatcher, Jr ...................................................................................... Alliance #467

1987 - 1988 \* James E. Payne............................................................................................. Marysville #1130

1988 - 1989 \* Dale E. Baldock ................................................................................................. Hamilton #93

1989 - 1990 \* Rollen G. Morgan .................................................................................................. Toledo #53

1990 - 1991 James H. Scheer ......................................................................................... Wapakoneta #1170

1991 - 1992 \* Robert M. Bojalad................................................................................................ Berea #1815

1992 - 1993 Richard P. Wolfe .............................................................................................. Ashland #1360

1993 - 1994 Nikolaus Martens ...................................................................................................Salem #305

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1994 - 1995 Dane A. Dysert.............................................................................................. Wellsville #1040

1995 - 1996 Fran Mullen......................................................................................................Gallipolis #107

1996 - 1997 \* Michael D. Streib ................................................................................................... Piqua #523

1997 - 1998 \* Thomas A. Biggs..............................................................................................Maumee #1850

1998 - 1999 \* Don Prochnow .......................................................................................................... Lima #54

1999 - 2000 E. D. “Pete” Hewins........................................................................................ Ashtabula #208

2000 - 2001 Lee Young ..............................................................................................................Elyria #465

2001 - 2002 Stuart L. Bedell ........................................................................................North Canton #2029

2002 - 2003 \* Jeff Durant........................................................................................................... Bellaire #419

2003 - 2004 \* John M. King ....................................................................................................... Sidney #786

2004 - 2005 Jess C. McKee.................................................................................................. Lancaster #570

2005 - 2006 Tim M. Churchill .............................................................................................Swanton #2462

2006 - 2007 Michael C. Stanley.......................................................................................... Van Wert #1197

2007 - 2008 Jack Minarchick ............................................................................................Lakewood #1350

2007 - 2008 James L. Nichelson (Honorary) (PGER 2009-10) ..............................Ohio River Valley #231

2007 - 2008 Marion F. Owens, Jr. (Honorary) ...........................................................................Marion #32

2008 - 2009 Doug Schiefer .................................................................................................... Bucyrus #156

2009 - 2010 David A. Mix ...................................................................................................Ravenna #1076

2010 - 2011 James M. Baylor ............................................................................................ Coshocton #376

2011 - 2012 Gregory L. McGlone........................................................................................... Newark #391

2012 - 2013 Dan Beaston ....................................................................................................... Fremont #169

2013 - 2014 Roger E. Crowe....................................................................................................Kenton #157

2014 - 2015 Roger L. Martin ............................................................................................... Hillsboro #361

2015 - 2016 Lance C. Knight ............................................................................ Willoughby/Cleveland #18

2016 - 2017 Harold “Red” Kehler..............................................................................................Elyria #465

2017 - 2018 \* Richard J. Treacle.........................................................................................Uhrichsville #424

2017 - 2018 Dane A. Dysert......................................................................................... East Liverpool #258

2018 - 2019 Nevin Taylor ................................................................................................ Marysville #1130

\* Deceased

Appendix III

**OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION**

*A Fraternal Organization*



121st Annual Convention

April 5 - 7, 2019

2018-2019

Committee Reports

Nevin Taylor

**State President**

Marysville Elks Lodge No. 1130

***Talk Elks Everywhere***

**OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Hard to believe but the year is over for us! It has been a great ride on the Ohio Elks Road to serving the membership. April 28, 2018 - April 6, 2019 two dates separated by the dash full of ELK works and memories! Thirty thousand miles later on my truck, 166 visits to lodges and ELK activities, where I got to see people **Talking Elks Everywhere**. On behalf of Deana and myself, “thank you all for the love and friendships we have made during our year.” I remember traveling from Toledo to Ohio River Valley and the waters of Ashtabula to the waters of Ironton, the many lodges who opened their arms and doors to bring our team into their families, special nights and community events. Seeing the seniors at fun night in Port Clinton, walking the streets of East Liverpool to see the local HEROS listed on their street poles, the Veterans in the Chillicothe Home who were served by the Elks during the holiday season with food and gifts, seeing our Endowment committee achieve a record fund raising night of $24,000 dollars, attending a community with cross lodge celebration in Lebanon honoring those who served to fight for freedom, watching local youth in Athens for an Elks sponsored swim day at the pool promoting drug awareness, enjoying a brat during the Bucyrus Festival and talking with their City Council members who aren’t Elks (YET) and being involved at the Greenville lodge for a flag day service involving the Scouts. Attending the conventions to reunite the triangle of power with Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Associations as we work towards our next Grand from Ohio as a team.

This past year we saw a new website and online registration become a reality to better serve our lodges and membership. I would like to thank Rich Threadgill for saying yes and for helping the officers accomplish our site rebuild into a user-friendly and interactive tool to **“Talk Elks Everywhere”.** I want to give special appreciation to PSP Doug Schiefer for organizing and chairing the return of the Elk Leadership Kollege with assistance from outstanding Elks from around Ohio to prepare our 2019-2020 officers. Congratulations to the Ohio Emblem Club for donations and partnerships with their lodges, attending events for lodges who celebrated 100/125 years of Elkdom in their communities, showing the GER/First Lady what Ohio Elks are doing for our communities.

Speaking for the officer team, we need to say “thank-you” to Lee and Marybeth Young for the guidance during our year. There are many other people who helped the Ohio Elk Officers in 2018-2019 to make it a memorable year and I just want to say “thank you to all” from the local members, lodge chairs and officers who helped the state chairs who made **”Elkdom”** more than just a word!

**Deana and I need to say God Bless you all** before its time to opening day to our Elk DIAMOND with our new General Manger Mark Ratliff and his first lady (Coach) Amy to the Ohio Elks. I ask that everyone provide them the love and understanding you gave Deana and myself this year! I am honored to have served with a group of Elks who never put themselves in front of the Ohio Elks Association; you made me very proud to say “I served with you in 2019.” So from this dumb old farmboy, **thank you, Good Luck and God Bless us all as we continue to TALK ELKS EVERYWHERE!**

**Nevin Taylor**

Nevin Taylor

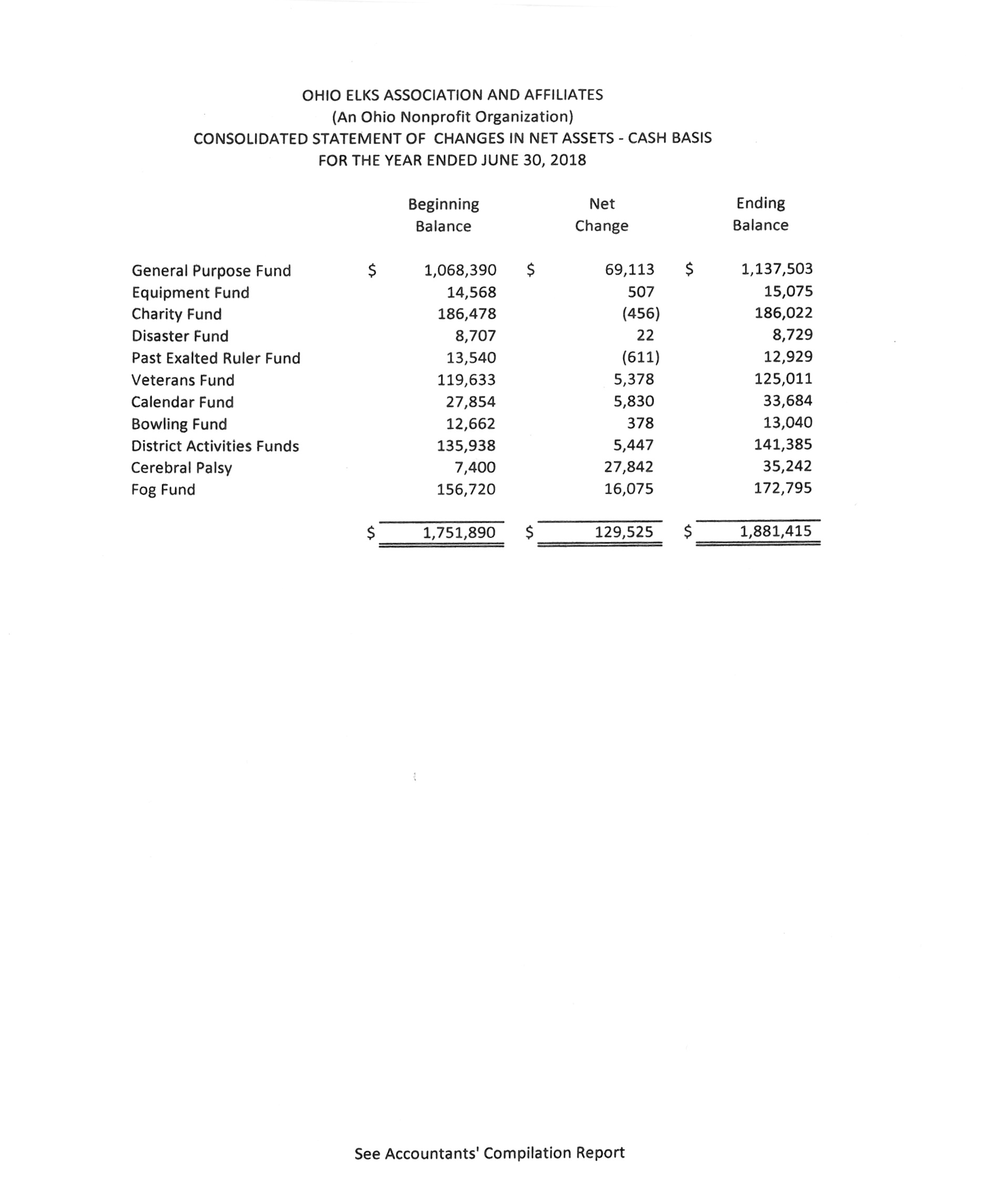
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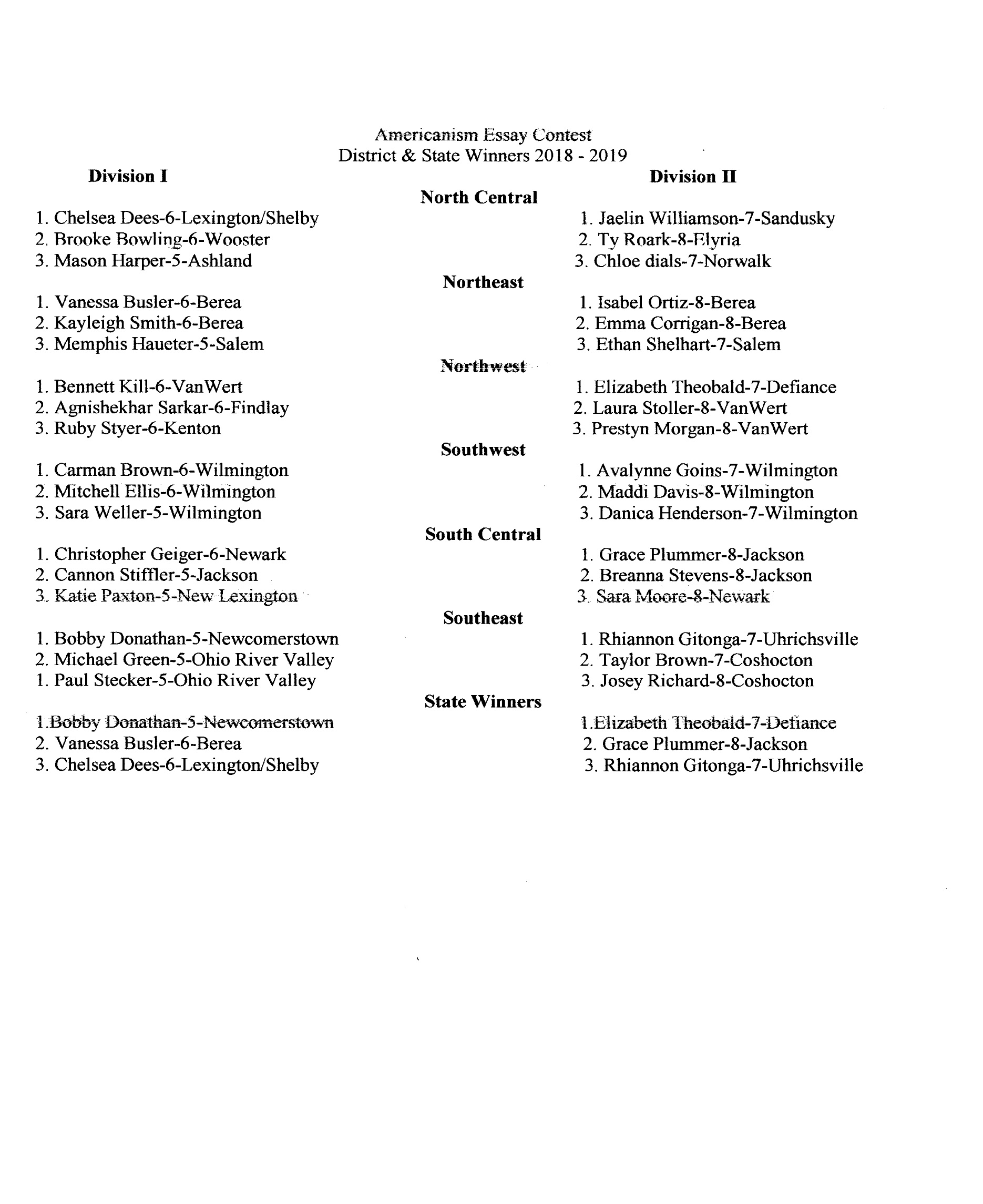
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**Board of Trustees**

*Lugene Ignaffo, Chairman*

As the Lodge year for 2018-19 comes to an end I would like to thank Ed Connors and Tom Pavlik for all there help this year. As you know a budget of this size takes more than one meeting to compile. With some assistance form PSP Lee Young of the OEA we were able to get a budget prepared for the upcoming year. As we look at the different programs we fund in the state, we watch to see that each State Chairman uses the funds to the fullest ability to support each program. I would also like to thank the OEA Advisory Board for their review and recommendations for us to consider this year. In April at the Spring Convention we, the Trustees will present the 2019-20 Budget for the membership for approval. If you have a question, please ask. We are pleased with the results and look forward to your approval. It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman of the trustees for the past year. Best wishes to ED Connors and his board of Trustees next year, I am sure they will do a great job. Just remember one thing **Talk Elks Everywhere** this will only make our order stronger.

**Bowling**

*Keven Knight, Chairman*

At the time of this report we are in the midst of this years tournament hosted by the Kent Elks Lodge with a record number of teams participating. Thanks to the help of my NE District Bowling Chairman Gary Wadlow and his wife Lisa C/W. the C.P. Strike Game is well on it's way to raising over $1000 for the endowment. I am hoping to have a final report with results along with the location for the 2020 State Tournament by this meeting.

I am also working on a new one weekend B.A.G. Doubles tournament with the sole benefit of C.P. & ENF., this will be held in the fall and can be hosted by lodges with smaller bowling centers or fewer members. Please contact me if your lodge may be interested in details or hosting the event.

**CALENDAR PROJECT**

*George “Duke” Miller, Chairman*

We were all happy last year when our calendar sales increased. This year we are not happy sales as of February show a decrease of 733 calendars. Only the South Central District has shown an increase so far this year. This year we had nine Lodges who have not sold any. Each lodge should sell a minimum of at least one calendar to each officer. Each District Officer should also purchase one.

As of February, the Northwest District had sold the most with the Southeast in second Our top selling Lodge at this time is Mercer County #2170 with Ohio River Valley #231close behind. Sales can be improved as these lodges show. All the district and lodge chairmen deserve a big thank you for the work that they did to make this project a success.

All of you new Exalted Rulers need to find someone who will is dedicated to help make this a successful project for your lodge. District Calendar Chairman need promote calendar sales. Remember your lodge gets $5.00 for each calendar. This can be a good fund raiser for your lodge. Don’t let this source of income slip through your fingers.

This year we will again have forms for you to pick your personal numbers. The forms will be on the Ohio Elks website. They should be returned to me by July 1 so that the numbers can be set aside before we distribute the calendars. The calendars will be separated and placed in your lodge box at the Fall Reunion.

I would like to remind the Lodge Chairman and Lodge Secretaries if you have some money that hasn’t been submitted please send it to Lee Young at the Ohio Elks Office.

Next year’s calendars will be in the registration room at the Fall Reunion. Please have someone from your lodge pick them up and return them to your lodge. I would like to thank those lodges who sold calendars this year. If your lodge didn’t sell any this year make a resolution to sell them in the new Lodge year.

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**501(c) (3) CHARITABLE TRUST**

*Receipts and Disbursements*

**Receipts during the period 3/1/18 – 2/28/19**

Elks National Foundation State Charities Grant $165,380

(Check normally received in August)

Elks National Foundation State Charities Grant (Bonus) 33,680

(Special grant bonus when income higher than anticipated

by the Foundation) – Received in August

Elks National Foundation Special Projects Grant 127,110

(State allocated awards and vocational awards formerly

administered by Grand Lodge) – Received in August

Interest/Income/Loss from OEA, Inc. Major Projects Fund $166,581.38

**Budgeted Expenditure of ENF Funds as of 4/30/19**

Americanism $ 3,100

Cerebral Palsy 65,000

Community Service 18,000

Drug Awareness 5,400

MVS Scholarships 60,000

Soccer 12,000

Hoop Shoot 15,000

Veterans – Hospitalized 12,000

Youth Activities 16,000

**Charitable Trust Expenses during the period 3/1/18 – 2/28/19**

Bank Fees – Cost of administering Col Foundation Account $6,760.38

Cost of administering Trust Grants Fund Account 3,462.81

Fees to Others – Annual Audit & preparation of IRS Form 990 $1,750.00

State of Ohio – Annual registration of Trust 200.00

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**Cerebral Palsy**

*Sara Dunavent, Chair*

Happy Spring Everyone! As we move into the new Lodge year, I am happy to report on what has been going on with the CP Fund Raising Committee. On February 23rd, the Committee met at the Marysville Lodge to discuss the Grants and Camperships that had been submitted for consideration. The Committee is happy to have awarded the following Grants and Camperships:

North Central: Mercy Health Children’s Development Center $ 10,000

Wayne Co. Committee for Crippled Children $ 14,000

Fisher Titus Medical Center $ 25,000

North East: UCP of Greater Cleveland $ 25,000

Children’s Rehab Center of Warren $ 5,000

Hattie Larlham Foundation of Portage Co. $ 6,800

Robert Bycroft School $ 3,300

North West: Sunshine Foundation, Inc $ 10,000

Sara’s Garden Hyperbaric Center $ 15,000

Children’s Development Center of Lima $ 10,000

South Central: Easter Seals Rehabilitation $ 10,000

Gallia BD of DD-Guiding Hands School $ 2,800

Jackson Co. BD of DD-Hope Haven $ 5,000

Vinton Co BD of DD $ 6,200

Meigs Co. BD of DD $ 5,700

Perry Co BD of DD $ 3,800

Union Co BD of DD $ 5,000

Beacon School $ 8,700

Center for Disability Services $ 10,000

3 Camperships $ 1,200

South East: Echoing Hills Village $ 10,000

Ewing School $ 6,500

Belmont Co BD of DD $ 5,700

Jefferson Co BD of DD $ 3,500

2 Camperships $ 800

South West: United Rehabilitation Services $ 10,000

2 Camperships $ 800

**Total Amount of Grants/Camperships $229,800**

We, as Elks, are able to help out a LOT of individuals with these Grants and Camperships, so THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO YOUR PER CAPITA. That is what allows us to keep doing what we are doing.

At the Fall Convention, we introduced a fundraiser for the CP Trust named the 150 Club. This went over very well, and we were able to hold our first drawings at the August Convention. The 2nd set of drawings for those numbers will be held tonight after the installations of Officers. (Right before the Charity Ticket Raffle). Now is the time to renew those numbers to be in the August-19/April-20 drawings. This event was so successful that we have added some more numbers to allow more people to join. Remember, you must be an Elk to participate. Please see Chuck Hilyard, CP Treasurer, to renew your numbers.

The Angel Pin Project is still going strong. This Project helped in getting the State Endowment started, and we continue to support that. If you are interested in the Angel Pin Project, please see us at the Booth. At our meeting in February, we discussed adding another level to this, so watch for more information to be coming your way.

We are always looking for ideas of what items you would like to see us have on hand at the Booth. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to let us know. The OSU Football tickets will be disbursed to your District Reps this weekend. The drawing for this will be held at the August Convention. Tickets for that are due back to me at the booth by noon on Saturday. Thank you for your continued support of this.

Thank you all for your continued support of our State Major Project. Thank you to the Committee for all of their hard work, as well. Have a great Spring!**Ohio Elks Charity**

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*Lloy D. Skillicorn, Chairman*

In 2018 the Ohio Elks Charity Committee received $36,445 from the sale of charity tickets. That means that Ohio Elks Lodges also received $36,445 from the sale of charity tickets. It seems to me that is a large amount of revenue for the lodges without having to put forth a lot of effort. WE NEED TO DO MORE !!!!!

Due to the decline in tickets sales it has been decided that there will be fifteen (15) $500 winners for this year due to the decline. If we receive $40,000 in ticket sales we will raise the amount of $500 winners to twenty (20).

We need to sell more tickets. That means do more than just send them out in dues notices. I have asked before and now I am asking again, PLEASE share your success stories with me in selling tickets so I can share them with the rest of the Ohio Lodges.

**Community Service/Public Relations**

*Kermit Morse III, Chairman*

We had a very good year providing funds to organizations in our community by way of the Community Service Grants. We were able to help 25 organizations and awarded a total of $18,000.

This year we will be handling the process the same as last year. You can start applying for grants on May 01, 2019. The form is on the community service web site and I am asking that you fill it in and email it to me at [kmorse3@msn.com](mailto:kmorse3@msn.com). If you hand it to me or snail mail it to me, there is a possibility that it could get misplaced or overlooked. I try not to let this happen, but it is a lot easier to keep track of emails. Also, please do not submit the grant request until May 1st. If you email it or it arrives in my mail before that date, it will be held until May 07 and processed after the grants that are submitted that week.

I will be holding a session Saturday afternoon of the Spring Convention. Please plan on attending if you have questions about this program or would like to talk about a particular grant request.

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**CONVENTIONS AND REUNIONS**

*Michael C. Stanley, Chairman*

The 2019 Grand Lodge Convention will be held in St. Louis, MO June 30 - July 3. Opening ceremonies will be held at the America’s Center Convention Center on Sunday, June 30, from 4:00 pm till 6:00 pm. Registration and exhibits will be set up at the Convention Center. Everyone, Elks and non-elks must register, however only Elks are required to pay. The Ohio Elks are assigned to the Hyatt Regency St. Louis At The Arch, 315 Chestnut St, St. Louis, MO. Ohio will have a hospitality room in the hotel. We will be providing cold beverages and snacks for your enjoyment. Sunday Evening immediately following the opening ceremonies there will be a Celebration with free entertainment plus food and beverages for purchase at the convention center.

Since we will have a lot of visitors coming to our hospitality room, we are asking that you please wear your registration badges when attending the hospitality room. Those attending the convention are urged to read the information provided on the OEA website in regards to the convention. Also, you can go to <https://explorestlouis.com/> for a wealth of information and maps. Closer to the convention you will also find the schedule of events, the bussing schedule as well as other information listed on the Grand Lodge website.

Everyone who is planning on attending the convention is urged to get their reservation form sent in as quickly as possible to ensure they will be housed with the Ohio delegation. All reservations must be received by me no later than May 10, 2019. Information is available on the Ohio Elks Web Page **http:ohioelks.org** or via email at [**mikelinda@twc.com**](mailto:mikelinda@twc.com)**.** Next year’s convention will be held in Baltimore, MD on July 5 - July 8, 2020.

The 2019 Fall Reunion will be held August 16-18 at the Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman and his wife Beth from Culver City, CA Lodge No. 1917 will be our guests for the weekend. All districts will be housed in this hotel. Information will be e-mailed out to all lodges, district chairmen as well as located on the Ohio Elks website. Reservations again will only be made by computer or by telephone. All attendees are required to be registered as registration badges are required to attend the business meeting sessions and enter the hospitality rooms.

**Drug Awareness**

*Gary Wadlow, Chairman*

Many lodges are taking advantage of the Elroy costume that is available to their district. If everything goes as planned, we will have an Elroy costume in each District by late fall.

I am in the process of obtaining some different items to be used at the lodge’s drug awareness events along with the Elroy costume. These items will help increase awareness about what to look for and also the effects of these drugs. I will be asking the district chairs to be responsible for these items and also for the scheduling of their availability with the lodges in each district. They will be notifying the lodges what they are as they become available to them.

I am working to improve the lodge’s position of educating the children of our communities to the dangers of drugs. If you have any questions, problems or suggestions that you feel could help, please feel free to contact me. My phone number is 330-651-2826 or my email address is [gwadlptr@yahoo.com](mailto:gwadlptr@yahoo.com).

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**Elks Leadership Kollege**

*Doug Schiefer, PSP*

What a great day we had on **Saturday, March 2, 2019,** attending the OEA **E**lks **L**eadership **K**ollege. President “T” and the State Officers registered 220 Ohio Elks who attended and participated in our first **E**lks **L**eadership **K**ollege in over 10 years.

The Kollege General Session opened at 10am with PSP Doug Schiefer giving the Invocation, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks. SP Nevin Taylor welcomed everyone and remarked how great it was to see so many Elks give up a Saturday to travel and be here to learn about Elkdom. PSP Roger Martin presented information on the Ohio Elks Endowment.

Presentations began at 10:15am to 12:15pm: PER Richard Threadgill, State Webmaster, provided a very useful PP presentation on the OEA website as a tool for all Elks to utilize and benefit from and using Social Media. PDDGER Kermit Morse, State Public Relations Chair, presented an informative PP on how to use good PR to benefit your Lodge and community image. PER Chris Hatcher, State Membership Chair, gave an informative PP presentation on Ohio’s membership standing, the need to develop a plan that utilizes the GL Membership Toolkit to improve membership numbers at the Lodge level. PER Scott Peters, NCD ENF Chair, gave an informative PP presentation on ENF and Lodge Grants; Beginner’s Guide to Lodge Grants, CIP Deadlines and ENF Mission: Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities. PSP Richard Wolfe, State Parliamentarian, presented How to conduct a Meeting; GL Statutes, Section 1.130; the current version of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings. OEA 1stVP Mark Ratliff spoke on the upcoming 121st Annual Convention, April 5 – 7, 2019 and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the new process to Pre-Register for the Convention by March 15th at ohioelks.com.

Breakout Sessions began at 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Lodge Secretaries – Dublin I PSP Michael Stanley, Secretary, presented the Lodge Secretary’s -- Duties and Responsibilities as detailed in Section 12.050 and in Secretary’s Manual, Monthly Checklist – Reporting and Activities Calendar, Lodge Membership tracking and reporting records, Charity Workbook, CLMS reporting and backup, Budget. DDGER Rex Coldwell, Secretary, presented Secretary’s preparation for DD Inspection and attending DD Clinics.

Lodge Treasurers – Dublin II PER Jason Watts, Treasurer, presented the Lodge Treasurer’s -- Duties and Responsibilities as detailed in Section 12.060, General Accounting, Chart of Accounts, Annual Audit, Reporting, Budget. Anne Barr, Treasurer, presented the Lodge Treasurer’s – QuickBooks Reporting.

Lodge Trustees/Board of Directors – Dublin III PDD Dean Streit, State Lodge Operations Chair, presented Lodge Operations information with handouts to include: Copy of Statutes pertaining to the Board – 12.070; Copy of Statutes pertaining to the Governing Body of the Social Quarters – 16.040; The Board of Directors Guide; A list of the Manuals each Board Member and Trustee should be familiar knowing. PER Jason Watts, presented on Accident Prevention and Alcohol Server Training. DDGER Rex Coldwell, presented on Lodge Rentals. DDGER Barry Harper presented on Budget preparation and Finances for the Lodge and Club Facility. PER Richard Threadgill, Club Manager, presented on Club Operations and Management.

Exalted Rulers & Knights – Dublin IV PER Linda Stanley, VDAC, presented information with handouts on: What Leading Knights need to Know and Implement to have a Successful Exalted Ruler’s Year; and the 2019 – 2020 Officer’s Monthly Calendar at a Glance. PDDGER Jill Hawse, and PER Rob Nixon, DAC, presented on the Exalted Rulers & Officers Duties and Responsibilities as detailed in Section12.020; and in the Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers and Committee Members Manual. Past Exalted Rulers Association: Sue Fox Buroker, President; Devon Williamson, 1stVP; Jeff Warner, 3rdVP; Dean Robinson, 4thVP; presented on Exalted Ruler and Knights Duties and Responsibilities pertaining to Lodge Meeting procedures: Roberts Rules of Order, Decorum, Review the Rituals – Initiation, Mother’s Day, Death of a Member, Lodge of Sorrow and Memorial Service.

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At the conclusion of the 4 Breakout Sessions, all Elks were requested to complete an Evaluation form provided to them. Of the 220 attending, 176 Evaluations were handed-in. The overwhelming majority of Evaluations were very favorable and supportive of the Kollege, of the Presenters and the presentations they delivered.  Comments expressed were mostly constructive and thoughtful in what they experienced. They provided ideas to add or improve some of the content topics. Overall, they expressed that the Leadership Kollege was time well spent, it met or exceeded their expectations, and they also think the Kollege should return as a scheduled yearly event.

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2019 Elks Leadership Kollege – Registration Total – 220

North Central District Elks Northwest District Elks Northeast District Elks

Ashland #1360 16 Defiance #147 2 Berea #1815 8

Bellevue #1013 1 Findlay #75 1 Lakewood #1350 6

Bucyrus #156 3 Fremont #169 4 Parma #1938 9

Elyria #465 8 Kenton #157 6 Ravenna #1076 4

Galion #1191 1 Lima #54 4 Salem #305 7

Lexington-Shelby #2554 3 Tiffin #94 1 Willoughby/Cleveland #18 2

Mansfield #56 2 Toledo/Sylvania #53 4 Total – Northeast 36

Marion #32 1 Upper Sandusky #83 10

Mt. Vernon #140 6 Van Wert #1197 4 South Central District

Norwalk #730 7 Total – Northwest 36 Athens #973 4

Sandusky #285 3 Chillicothe #52 3

Wooster #1346 8 Southwest District Circleville #77 1

Total – North Central 59 Dayton #58 1 Columbus-Grove City #37 7

Greenville #1139 3 Gallipolis #107 6

Southeast District Hamilton #93 4 Jackson #466 6

Cambridge #448 3 Hillsboro #361 1 Marysville #1130 12

East Liverpool #258 2 Lebanon #422 6 New Lexington #509 9

New Philadelphia #510 2 Springfield #51 5 Newark #391 4

Ohio River Valley #231 4 Troy #833 1 Total – South Central 52

Total – Southeast 11 Wilmington #797 3

Xenia #668 2

Total – Southwest 26

I want to thank each and every Elk who attended. You thought it was important to attend the Kollege; to learn more about Elkdom, to be a better leader and to make a difference in your Lodge. I also need to give a huge THANK YOU … to all of our Seminar Presenters for your work and dedication to make the 2019 Elks Leadership Kollege successful and enjoyable!

**F. O. G. Committee**

*Richard P. Wolfe, Chairman*

F. O. G. is a committee to conduct strategic planning, organizing and implementation of activities for a future Grand Exalted Ruler from Ohio and to promote and engage in a fund-raising program for said purpose. The steering committee views the entire membership of the Ohio Elks Association as members of this committee and encourages and welcomes the participation in and support of this effort by all.

In 2018, F. O. G. embarked upon its major fund-raising effort of pin sales. This fund-raising campaign will consist of the sale of four annual pins, for which a $10.00 donation per pin for ten pins is being requested from each lodge in Ohio, culminating in the sale of a $100.00 pin. To date, in the first stage of pin sales, F. O. G. has received $5,655.11 over the cost of the pin order, with 32 lodges not yet having participated. The F. O. G. Committee looks forward to your continued enthusiasm and support.

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**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

*Sammy K. Gonterman, Chairman*

A major goal of the Government Relations Committee is to insure that all of the tremendous charitable work of our Members, Local Lodges is to be reported to Lodge Secretary. State Officer and State Committee Chairpersons should be reported to State Secretary Administrator Lee Young or to me. This report at year end is part of the Grand Lodge Annual Report. That report requires you to account for all Charitable Activities for

April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

Charitable reporting is one of the keys to the survival of our great Order. The job of this committee is to assist you with knowing what you can report, where to report it, and how to report it. Please regularly review your Government Relations Manual and your Charity Records Workbook. They are both filled with good ideas and are very informative. We have a lot of people who depend on what we do, and we do a good job helping those less fortunate. Let’s keep up the good work and let’s remember to report it.

After documenting time spent, miles traveled funds expended and donations made attending meetings of Charitable Committees or to prepare for, run or attend Charitable events, to help a special-needs child, to run a youth activity, to support our troops and veterans, to obtain scholarships for deserving students, to assist those less fortunate or to help your community? It’s important work, so all District Deputies, State Officer, State Chairpersons and District Government Relations Chairpersons to ensure your lodges have fully reported their charitable time and efforts. So with the year-end near, I need your help.

As of this writing, out of 76 Lodges, one Lodge has not reported.

It is very hard for me to do my job, when I do not receive any feedback on the information that I e-mail out. Please help me do my job.

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**GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

*Doug Schiefer, Member - Area 4*

Congratulations to all newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! Be proud that the Members of your Lodge selected you to serve in a leadership role for the coming Lodge year. The talents that each of you possess is magnified by coming together as a team; to work with your Committees and Members to make a difference in your Lodge and your Community. Commit yourselves to GER Michael Luhr’s theme **“*Working Together To Make A Difference*”**.

This Elks year marks the sixth year that your Grand Lodge Activities Committee has been relying solely on the Elks.org website as the source of all the material needed to implement a successful Youth Recognition Program. All the certificates, guidelines, nomination forms, posters and news releases are available to all Local Lodges, Districts and State Youth Activities Chairs to download at <http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/downloads.cfm>. The certificates are made “fillable” for you to type in the recipients’ names to create a more professional looking product.

Also at our webpage is the *“Recognize America’s Outstanding Youth”* pamphlet, which contains an important message from our Grand Exalted Ruler on the value and direction of our youth programs. It includes the contact information for all Grand Lodge Activities Committee Members and their areas of responsibility, plus those states they are assisting during the fraternal year.

With the school year beginning to wind down, now is an excellent opportunity to contact your local schools to start a youth recognition program such as the Student of the Month/Year and/or Teenager of the Month/Year. The Lodge Activities Committee would be responsible to plan and work with your local school officials to administer the youth recognition program to kick-off with the new school year. The point of this program is to seek out students and teenagers whose accomplishments deserve public recognition and praise!

The GL Activities Committee was proud to bring you the new JROTC Awards Program at the 2018 GL Convention in San Antonio. Go to our Elks.org webpage for suggested procedure on setting up a JROTC Awards Program for your Lodge. You may also reference the online December 2018 GL Newsletter (pg.3) article – “JROTC Awards Program recognizes future leaders”.

Your GL Activities Committee encourages each Lodge to step up and develop a stellar Youth Activities Program and become a valued community partner. Promoting numerous youth programs, including: Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Junior Golf, Antlers, Boys and Girls Scouting, Dictionary Project, National Youth Week, Scholarships, Community Projects, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, Public Safety Medal of Valor/Service and the new JROTC Awards Program.

I look forward to assisting you and your Lodge to promote and work the GL Activities Committee Programs. Remember to always be positive and enthusiastic as you share your time and talents promoting and living our motto of **“*Elks Care – Elks Share*”**.

**Hoop Shoot**

*Dennis Sabo, Chairman*

The State Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest was held on Feb. 16, 2019 at Gahanna Middle School West in Gahanna, OH. A total of 36 children, representing Ohio’s six districts, competed in the event.

Results were:

8-9 girls: Paityn McCully, Alliance #467, 17/25; Kensey Homan, Greenville #1139, 15/25; Thea Wybensinger, Port Clinton #1718, 14/25; Abriel Barnett, Jackson #466, 12/25; Amelia Meyer, Ashland #1360, 12/25; Addison Witham, New Philadelphia #510, 11/25.

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8-9 boys: Tripp Miller, Newark #391, 22/25; Elijah Conway, Sandusky #285, 20/25, 8/10; Hudson Kreke, Lebanon #422, 20/25, 7/10; Tyson Rieman, Lima #54, 18/25; Chase Newsome, Ashtabula #208, 18/25; Landon Bowers, Ohio River Valley #231, 17/25.

10-11 girls: Addison Martin, Wilmington #797, 22/25; Payton Powell, New Lexington #509, 18/25; Giana Chirpas, Ohio River Valley #231, 17/25; Ava Kouri, Kent #1377, 16/25; Sophia Surmay, Wooster #1346, 14/25; Mya Eckstein, Mercer County #2170, 10/25.

10-11 boys: Anthony Thompson, Lebanon #422, 25/25; Brayden Holt, Wooster #1346, 24/25, 5/5; Andrew Elwer, Lima #54, 24/25, 4/5; Colton Conkle, Coshocton #376, 21/25; Ryan Turk, Lakewood #1350, 19/25; Cooper Stoneking, Chillicothe #52, 18/25.

12-13 girls: Jamisyn Stinson, New Lexington #509, 19/25; Reese Rable, Mercer County #2170, 17/25; Hailey Rees, Bellevue #1013, 16/25, 6/10; Tarryn Morris, Newcomerstown #1555, 16/25, 5/10; Ava Loudy, Greenville #1139, 10/25; Brooke Richmond, Ashtabula #208, 9/25.

12-13 boys: Cameron Elwer, Lima #54, 21/25, 4/5; Blake Young, Newcomerstown #1555, 21/25, 11/15; Caden Sheridan, New Lexington #509, 21/25, 10/15; Jaden Keenan, Kent #1377, 21/25, 8/15; Brady Zehe, Mansfield #56, 15/25; Samuel Massie, Wilmington #797, 11/25.

All contestants and families were given Friday night lodging, dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday, and all contestants received Elks basketballs, Drug Awareness backpacks/goodies, water bottles and t-shirts, compliments of the Ohio Elks Association and The Bellevue Hospital.

The six age group winners now advance to the United States Great Lakes Region 4 Hoop Shoot the weekend of March 15-17, 2019, in Angola, IN, and will take on competitors from Indiana and Michigan. Winners at that event will advance to the National Competition in Chicago, IL the weekend of April 25-28, 2019.

The 2020 Ohio Elks Hoop Shoot Finals will be held on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 at Gahanna Middle School South beginning at 9:15 a.m. Contestants and families will be housed at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Columbus-Worthington on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020.

GREAT LAKES REGION 4 RESULTS

The United States Great Lakes Region 4 Hoop Shoot contest was held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, in Angola, IN. Team Ohio had three Regional champions, while Michigan added three and Indiana zero.

Ohio’s champions included:

BOYS 10-11: Anthony Thompson, Lebanon #422, 24-of-25.

Thompson also received a plaque for best boys score of the day.

GIRLS 12-13: Jamisyn Stinson, New Lexington #509, 21-of-25.

BOYS 12-13: Cameron Elwer, Lima #54, 23-of-25 and 10-of-10 on tiebreakers.

Also competing for Team Ohio were Paityn McCully, Alliance #487 in the Girls 8-9 age group, where she finished second at 21-of-25; Tripp Miller, Newark #391, Boys 8-9, second at 21-of-25; and Addison Martin, Wilmington #797, Girls 10-11, third place at 15-of-25.

All six shooters representing Ohio were presented Ohio warm-up outfits, Region 4 shirts, and basketball souvenirs. All travel and hotel expenses were paid for by Grand Lodge.

The Regional Champions now advance to the National Finals in Chicago, IL on Saturday, April 27. There will be 12 competitors in each age group, representing the 12 U.S. Regions. All expenses for each Regional Champions will be picked up by Grand Lodge.

The National Finals will be in Chicago. Headquarters hotel will be the Holiday Inn Chicago-Mart Plaza.

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**Judiciary**

*Richard P. Wolfe, Chairman*

The Judiciary Committee serves the state in providing guidance regarding the procedures and laws of the Order and Constitution and By-Laws of the Ohio Elks Association, through judiciary chairpersons in each district, who then report their activities to the state chairperson. This committee serves on an as-needed basis and has been called upon numerous times throughout the past year. Any member or lodge seeking assistance which is appropriate for the Judiciary Committee to address should first contact the lodge judiciary chairperson. If none or if the matter cannot be resolved, then contact with the District Judiciary chairperson should be made. I extend my thanks and appreciation to all the District Judiciary Chairpersons for the 2018-19 year for their excellent service.

**LODGE OPERATIONS**

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*Dean Streit, Chairman*

During the Elks Leadership Kollege, held on March 2, we had a break-out session for Lodge Operations attended by around sixty local Lodge Trustees, Board Members, and Club Managers. I want to thank PER Jason Watts of Norwalk $730, PDDGER Rex Coldwell of Marion #32, DDGER Barry Harper of Willoughby/Cleveland #18, and PER Rich Threadgill of Berea #1815 for their preparation and assistance during this meeting. Items discussed during the meetings were:

* The advantages of being incorporated
* The purpose of the Board of Directors
* Differences in the responsibilities of the Board and of the Trustees (or governing body of the Club Room
* Proper preparation of a budget
* List of manual and documents each should have on hand and be familiar with
* Things to be completed at the first Board meeting and the first Trustee meeting of the new Lodge year
* Guidelines for room rentals to members and/or non-members
* Guidelines for accident prevention
* Proper Club Room management and fixing of prices
* Harassment and discrimination guidelines

All Lodges should have received their Property Plus Certificates of Coverage during this past month. The Certificate of Coverage renews the existing coverage for Lodge buildings and contents effective April 1, 2019. Please review this and make sure you have adequate coverage? Contact AON at 800-421-3557 if you have questions, see discrepancies or need to make any additions or corrections.

Your Lodge’s budget committee and auditing committee should be active at this time. There are deadlines for each. A budget for the Lodge and a budget for the Club Room is to be presented to the members for approval no later than the last meeting in April. The audit is to be submitted to the members no later than June 15 and to Grand Lodge by June 30. Fees can be imposed if late.

I have received accident reports from our Grand Lodge Insurance department. During this past Lodge year there have been four insurance claims totally $50,050. These claims consisted of one fall, flooding, roof damage, and a frozen water line. It is important to make sure you have an active Accident Prevention committee. A claim form should be completed for any accident that may happen in your building and this form is to be presented to your Accident Prevention Chair so it can be documented. All Accident Prevention Chairs should have in their possession, and be familiar with, a current copy of the *Accident/Claim Prevention Manual* and the *Liability Insurance Program* booklet.

Our Elks.org website is a valuable tool with many resources. Please take a look at all of the manuals available and make use of them.

**Membership**

*Chris Hatcher, Chairman*

Ohio is on pace to be the second worst State in the Nation for the past year as far as membership decline. Only New York saves us from being on the bottom of the list. Ohio Elks are better than this! Currently, we are projected to have a membership loss of approximately 812 for the year. We are in the process of attempting to initiate the 374 candidates waiting to be initiated across the State. As I write this, I believe that we will initiate at least half of the 374 outstanding candidates before the end of our Fraternal year, which should help lessen the 812 figure.

Currently, we stand at 36,378 total members in the State of Ohio as of 3/16/19. So far this past year we initiated, demits, and reinstated 2,692 members. Sadly, we have had 644 members pass away this year as well. There are 1,783 delinquent members which we need to pursue vigorously in the next few months.

This coming year, we will make good strides as far as membership. A state wide competition will be designed and implemented by end of April to help lower our delinquency rate. District visits will continue to occur throughout the year to being attention to our membership crisis and to offer ideas, support and coaching to our Lodges. Smaller Lodges with very little social media outreach will be assisted in gaining or improving their community/membership online presence. District Deputies as well as District Membership Chairs will inspect and hold accountable all Lodges within their Districts as far as “active” Membership Committees. Lodge Secretaries cannot be expected to do it all folks! We also plan to research best practices, design and attempt to better standardize our orientation programs. In many cases, a small amount of improvement with orientation will make a definitive, positive impact in our Lodges.

Our primary goal is to have a positive membership gain this coming year. Secondary goals are to make sure an infrastructure is established to support and facilitate membership and retention for years to come. As Ohio Elks we are better than our past record reflects. We can and will do better. If just 15% of our members brought in just one new member this coming year or help retain one delinquent member, we would easily hit our goal of a +1 gain in membership. That seems to me a very doable task. What if half of our members proposed a new member? It is certainly not impossible but it takes some effort. Ask yourselves, how many members did I propose this year? We have made it very easy to email prospective members and ask them to join. You do not know anyone that would make a good Elk to ask or invite via email? I find that hard to believe. Every event you hold open to the public is an opportunity to have them sign in and provide an email address and to get to know potential new members. We have to ASK. Nevin Taylor is correct- Talk Elks Everywhere.

Lastly, I want to thank the District Deputies and District Membership Chairpersons for all their assistance, support and hard work. I appreciate your efforts more than you know.

Growth happens by change, not by chance.

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**National Foundation**

*Mary Carolyn Nichelson, Chair*

As of March 11, 2019, Ohio was in 39th place of the 48 state associations in Elks National Foundation donations. At 115% of the GER’s $4.75 goal, Ohio had a per capita of $5.48. District totals are as follows:

**District Per-Capita Total**

South Central $8.35 $48,247

North Central $6.45 $33,558

Northeast $6.33 $35,949

Northwest $4.16 $33,509

Southeast $3.65 $18,730

Southwest $3.37 $18,871

Other $ 5137

Total $5.48 $194,001

**As of March 11, 2019 the five top Lodges in the state by per-capita are:**

**Lodge Per-Capita**

1. Gallipolis No. 107 $25.87

2. Berea No. 1815 $18.76

3. Elyria No.465 $17.15

4. Willoughby-Cleveland No.18 $16.35

5. Ohio River Valley No.231 $15.27

Forty-eight Lodges achieved the GER’s goal of $4.75 as of March 11, 2019.

**Leading in the Chairman’s Challenge are: Points**

1. Gallipolis No. 107 735.00

2. Ashland No. 1360 604.50

3. Toledo-Sylvania No. 53 453.00

4. Ohio River Valley No. 231 428.00

5. Wellsville No. 1040 416.50

In the ’18-’19 Lodge year Ohio received $356,682 in ENF grants including 48 Gratitude Grants, 46 Beacon Grants, 18 Promise Grants, 14 Freedom Grants and 60 Anniversary Grants. Of the 77 Ohio lodges, 65 of them received at least one ENF grant. Congratulations on applying for and using grant monies to improve your local communities. Several Lodges are still out of compliance and are ineligible for any grants.

The $1,500 Anniversary Grant is gone but a new $2,000 Spotlight Grant is available. **All grant applications now begin on April 1, 2019. There are only 300 Promise Grants available, so don’t wait and be disappointed.**

**Keep up the great work for the Elks National Foundation – the Heart of our Order!**

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**PER Association**

*Sue Fox Buroker, Chairman*

The PER Association held the Judges Clinic at the Fall Reunion on the 18th and 19th of August. Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman, Mike Iddings, held both the computer and word judge tests on Saturday. Sunday, Kenton Lodge #157 presented the Ritual for the floor judge testing.

We also are presenting a portion of the Kollege of Knowledge in Columbus on March 2nd. After the session we will be having our organizational meeting for the Spring Convention. We should have four teams competing at State this year. The Vice Presidents have been encouraging participation in the Ritual competitions with good results. We have doubled our entries at State. I have traveled to two other districts this year to judge, encourage and/or help teams to prepare for State.

Incoming President, Mark Ratliff, has given the PER Association information on The Elks Hall Of Fame and Elk of the Year Awards. He will be discussing with us a possible future roll for the association concerning these awards.

The PER Association has purchased a laptop and printer to use for Ritual Competition. The secretary can also use it for records of the Association.

The President of the Association will read the names of the departed PERs at the Memorial Service again this year.

**Soccer Shoot**

*Larry Clement, Chairman*

Well! Here we go again. We had a good year of soccer in 2018-19 and hope to do even better next year. We took our State Champions to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot to defend our championship from last year. However, as I always do, I tell our shooters that the main objective is to have fun over the weekend, and their parents tell me they did.

We had two shooters finish first, four finishes in third and one finish fifth. This gave us enough points for a second place team finish, just short of first place. Below are the names and how they placed:

Girls Boys

U-8 Brynn Sellers, 4th Benny Sellers, 1st

U-10 Becca Flannery, 3rd Chance Apathy, 5th

U-12 Gabby Garcia, 3rd Teagen Shortt-Wilkie, 3rd

U-14 Bridgette Bible, 1st Caden Tull, 3rd

Story time, but true. Thanks to Jeff Weaver for stepping up for the South East District Chairman. Bridgette Bible had the chance to go back to the Regional and win 1st Place, scoring the most points as she did two years ago. She told me that this is her last year and she goes out as #1.

Also, thanks to Kevin Garrison for stepping up for the North Central District which gave Benny Sellers the chance to go back for the second year in a row and he went from 5th place last year to 1st Place and received a trophy for most points.

Another true story, this one about Chance Apathy from Parma, his Mom called me asked if we had room at the shoot and banquet for four extra people as his Aunt and cousin from PA wanted to come and watch him as Mike, his cousin was going into the ARMY that week. Not only did we have room, but I asked Peggy if his cousin could present him with his Trophy. Which he did!

So, the reason I tell you this is to inspire you to have a soccer shoot and, perhaps, you can give a kid a memory that lasts a lifetime. PLEASE HOLD A SOCCER SHOOT. District Chairmen are eager and willing to help.

PS Both Jeff and Kevin are staying on as District Chairmen, tell them Thanks.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Chuck Flint, Chairman*

Number of applications received in the state 1082 - Number of applications judged at state level 133

**SELECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL MVS AWARDS (to be announced in April)**

BOYS GIRLS

Nathan Bennett – Marietta Aisho Ali – Columbus Grove City

Jackson Corbisello – Salem Alena Arnold – Ashland

Matthew Humphreys – Jackson Tabitha Escalante – Maumee-Bowling Green

Niraj Komatineni – Lebanon Audrey Miles – Berea

Carson McCarthy – Bucyrus Felicia Pasadyn – Berea

Anthony Moussa – Columbus North Emily Polcyn – Jackson

Christian Nartker – Lima Elizabeth Schafer – Troy

Ryland Thomas – Galion Lillian Tate – Galion

Earl White - Jackson

**RECEIVING STATE $1000.00 AWARDS – 2019**

Christopher Bood – Galion Maislin Bogart – Lakewood

Atlee Carr – Hillsboro Alyson Carpenter – Findlay

Taylor Colaizzi – Sandusky Marie Cook – Troy

Tyler Collins – Coshocton Madison Finley – Maumee-Bowling Green

Dominic DeRamo – Salem Josephina Fornara – Coshocton

Jeffrey Doeringer – Parma Kaitlyn Gluntz – Lebanon

Tanner Durst – Gallipolis Maggie Gottschall – Dayton

Ronald Eytchison – Sandusky Allison Gresh – Sandusky

Gabriel Ferraiuolo – Wooster Neha Gupta – Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Barberton

Zachary Grieser – Mount Vernon Ashley Jolley – Greenville

David Hirsch – Chillicothe Abigail Kneuss – New Philadelphia

Zilong Huang – Parma Lexi Knight – Toledo

Zachary Kallmeyer – Willoughby/Cleveland Casey Knuth – Columbus North

Derek Luersman – Lima Lily Kwiatkowski – Willoughby/Cleveland

Evan Mahler – Newark Kate Lochridge – Massilon-North Canton

Michael Massey –Willoughby/Cleveland Kathryn Meier – Kenton

Samuel Moeller – Cincinnati Emma Miller – Kenton

Clay Montgomery – Gallipolis Isabella Natole – Bellevue

Jason Moore – Cincinnati Alexandra Nolletti – Wooster

Dray Remy – Jackson Megan Pierce – Marion

Charles Ross – Dayton Cassandra Poeppelman – Mercer County

Nicholas Saunders – Xenia Rachel Sebastian – Troy

Eric Widenhofer – Parma Caroline Stollar – Marietta

Joseph Workman – Columbus North Haley Webb – Jackson

Lance Yoder – New Philadelphia Emily Wirtz - Lakewood

**EDUCTIONAL FUND GRANT $ 1000.00 AWARDS – 2019 (Final Year for this State Grant)**

Hunter Cox – Marysville Hailey Dempsey – Van Wert

Thor Duffy – Ohio River Valley Kameron Faye – Alliance

Beau Gill – Toledo Kelly Ginnetti – Alliance

Chad Mayberry – Marysville Derrek Miller – New Philadelphia

Mackenzie Sentz – New Philadelphia Austin Short - Marysville

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**State Activities**

*Mark Ratliff – Chairman*

As the 2018-19 Lodge year winds down the Ohio Elks Association continues to change the communities we live in. Our lodges are making a difference in so many lives across the State of Ohio

with all our youth activities, veterans programs, and scholarship programs we offer, that truly set us apart from all other organizations.

With that being said we all must do a much better job of attracting new members as well as retaining our current members. With all the great facilities, programs, and events we support we should see society actively searching out our lodges and asking to join! We must continue to share President Taylor’s motto and “Talk Elks Everywhere” if we are to strive to change our membership numbers!

At the time of this report we currently have 2,482 delinquent members, based on us beginning the year with 35,435 members, if we continued that trend the Ohio Elks would last just another 14 years. That is truly something to think about and it’s so important that we change how we approach membership and the importance of having a strong membership committee!

The State Officers concluded all the District visits and were greeted with nothing but kindness and generosity. Nevin and Deana always represent us so well and the entire State Officer group would like to Thank them for their guidance, support, and friendship for not only this year but through all the years. We started a new digital footprint under their leadership and I believe it has begun the changes needed to bring a new awareness to the organization that will continue for years.

Our State Endowment continues to grow in the positive direction that we all anticipated it would at the beginning, so that one day we can provide so much more from our organization. The fundraising group has done a tremendous job in the past 2 years by creating a fun Saturday night event at our Fall Reunion as well as raising a large amount of funds to help grow the Endowment. It gets better and better with each event and I look forward to another tremendous event coming this fall.

The State IGB continues to look at every aspect of what we do and how we do it to make sure we are meeting the needs of our membership. In a current climate of decreasing membership as well as declining revenue from certain fundraisers it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the level that we currently enjoy. We are always looking for input from our members, if there are changes or things you would like to see, Please do not ever hesitate to approach any of us with a new idea!

I would also like to Thank the DAC’s that I was so fortunate to work with this year! They are tremendous Elks and lead our Districts admirably. I couldn’t ask for a better or harder working group and because of them it was a truly successful year. Thanks Todd, Jeff, Jim, Otis, Dan, and Dave!!!!!

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**Veterans Service**

*Brad Goodballet, Chairman*

Currently the Ohio Elks Association National Veterans Service Commission (NVSC), together with their appointed Veterans Affairs Veterans Service (VAVS) Representatives fund, visit, and organize monthly activities at six (6) Veterans facilities across the State. Having recognized the great work that the Ohio Elks do with Veterans, we were approached by a seventh Veterans facility, and asked to include them in our program. Before adding a new facility we must forward an application to the NVSC in Chicago for approval. This application requires the appointment of an Elk volunteer to fulfill and oversee monthly activities. I am pleased to announce that The Ohio Elks NVSC has received approval to add the Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center in Columbus to the list of facilities we now serve. That being said it is my pleasure to welcome our newest VAVS Representative (for this facility) Mrs. Becky Underhill (Newark #391). Mrs. Underhill joins an already elite group of passionate Elk VAVS Representatives: Mary Beaston (Fremont #169), Ohio Veterans Home (Sandusky); Dick Courts (Ironton #177), Ohio Veterans Home (Georgetown); Denny Gorman (Dayton #58), Dayton VA Medical Center; Debbie Hatcher (Lebanon #422), Cincinnati VA Medical Center; Tim Hamilton (Newark #391), Chillicothe VA Medical Center; Gary Farkas (Berea #1815), Wade Park Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center – it is a pleasure to work with such dedicated Elks.

As usual, please take an NVSC logo bag and return it during the Fall Convention in August, filled with new, unopened packages of undershirts, underwear, and socks. Remember, if everyone gives a little together we can give a lot.

Volunteer, donate and remember our pledge: **“So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”**

Thank you VETERANS for your service, thank you Members for your participation.

**Web Operations**

*Richard Threadgill, Chairman*

The Ohio Elks Association (OEA) website ([www.ohioelks.com](http://www.ohioelks.com)) was launched in May of 2018 and is now moving into its second phase of development.

As of this writing, “landing pages” on the website have been created for all but two lodges in the state. For those lodges than have not yet had a landing page created, please submit your lodge information on the website. It is simple, required, and only takes about 10 minutes.

Just go to: <https://ohioelks.com/lodge-info-submission> and complete the form.

Several lodges have yet to send a high-resolution photo of their lodge to be included on the landing page. Please visit the site and see your lodge’s page. If there is not photo of your lodge, please take one and e-mail it to [webmaster@ohioelks.com](mailto:webmaster@ohioelks.com). A picture from a newer smartphone would suffice.

As we are in a new lodge year, please be sure to re-visit the Lodge Info Submission Form page mentioned above and submit any changes to your lodge’s information that relate to the new lodge year. This includes any operational hours, officer changes, contact information, etc.

Since the site was launched, and as of this writing, here are some interesting statistics:

* 9,560 – Unique Visitors
* 37,300 – Page Visits
* 52% Visited From a Desktop PC, 48% From a SmartPhone
* The most popular web pages:
  + Home Page – 9,080 visits
  + Find a Lodge Near You – 2,084 visits
  + OEA News – 2,079 visits
  + Upcoming Events – 1,272 visits
  + Spring Convention – 1,047 visits
  + North Central District – 993 visits

This convention marks the first time members could pre-register for convention and for Fun Night online. As of this writing, over 100 registrations have been collected online. An updated report will be given during the business meeting.

Finally, there will be a “Web Operations & Social Media” workshop on Saturday. Please refer to the schedule of events for the time and location.

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**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019 - 2020**

**Code No. GENERAL FUND INCOME Budget**

11040 Calendar Project $3,500

11095 Convention Fun Nite 4,500

11105 Convention Other -0-

11110 Convention Registration 6,000

11150 Dues, Association 87,000

11215 Grand Lodge Headquarters 8,000

11240 Interest Income 9,000

11350 Pins, Emblems, etc 1,200

11375 Reunion Fun Nite 3,300

11390 Reunion Registration 4,000

11980 Miscellaneous 28,500

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**Total General Fund Income $155,000**

**Code No. GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

21005 Activities Committee 4,000

21010 Administration 500

21020 Advisory Council 9,000

21025 Americanism Committee 540

21030 Audit Expense 3,000

21085 Convention Director 5,500

21090 Convention Expense 8,860

21095 Convention Fun Nite 10,000

21120 DDGER Lodging 2,900

21165 Elks of the Year/Fame 400

21170 Equipment Fund 450

21200 Golf Tournament 540

21205 Government Relations 750

21210 Grand Lodge Entertainment 8,000

21215 Grand Lodge Headquarters 9,000

21235 Insurance and Safety 2,100

21245 Judiciary 540

21250 Leadership Training -0-

21260 Lodge Operations 1,000

21265 Membership & Lapsation 540

21270 Memorial Service 500

21275 Memorials 300

21320 Office Expense 12,000

21325 OEA Webmaster 1,500

21340 Payroll Taxes 2,750

21350 Pins, Emblems, etc 1,000

21360 President’s Expense 7,500

21365 Photographer 700

21370 Reunion Expense 6,000

21375 Reunion Fun Nite 6,500

21415 Salaries 12,000

21455 Secretary/Treasurer (Expenses) 600

21460 Travel, Officers 10,000

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21480 Vice President, Grand Lodge Expense 2,000

21485 Visitations, District 9,000

21490 Visitations, Lodge 3,000

21495 Yearbooks 1,800

21970 Contingency -0-

21980 Miscellaneous 230

21985 GER Candidacy Fund 10,000

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**Total General Fund Expenditures $155,000**

**Code No. CHARITY FUND INCOME Budget**

12070 Charity Committee $45,400

12130 Disaster Fund -0-

12140 Drug Awareness Education -0-

12240 Interest Income 1,200

12445 Soccer Shoot Resale 500

12980 Miscellaneous -0-

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**Total Charity Fund Income $47,100**

**Code No. CHARITY FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

22010 Administration $-0-

22045 Cerebral Palsy Fund Board 540

22070 Charity Committee 12,000

22080 Community Service 540

22140 Drug Awareness 540

22160 Educational Fund Board 540

22170 Hoop Shoot Contest 540

22175 Hoop Shoot Resale -0-

22290 National Foundation Committee 700

22295 National Foundation Pledge 1,000

22320 Office Expense 12,000

22350 Pins, Emblems, etc -0-

22415 Salaries 16,000

22440 Soccer Shootout Contest 600

22445 Soccer Shoot Resale 500

22455 Secretary/Treasurer (Expense) 900

22500 Youth Activities 700

22970 Contingency -0-

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**Total Charity Fund Expenditures $47,100**

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**Code No. VETERANS FUND INCOME Budget**

13225 Hospital Entertainment $19,780

13240 Interest Income 860

13465 Veterans Program Donations from Lodges, Individuals, etc 2,500

13980 Miscellaneous -0-

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**Total Veterans Fund Income $23,140**

**Code No. VETERANS FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

23065 Committee Chairman Expense $540

23225 Hospital Entertainment 22,600

23970 Contingency -0-

23980 Miscellaneous -0-

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**Total Veterans Fund Expenditures $23,140**

**Code No. CALENDAR PROJECT FUND INCOME Budget**

14240 Interest Income $-0-

14420 Sales, Calendar 57,000

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**Total Calendar Project Income $57,000**

**Code No. CALENDAR PROJECT FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

24065 Chairman’s Expense $700

24075 Commissions on Sales 3,800

24190 Four Digit Winners 26,000

24195 General Fund 3,500

24320 Office Expense 7,000

24400 Ritual Award 16,000

24970 Contingency -0-

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**Total Calendar Project Expenditures $57,000**

**Code No. PAST EXALTED RULERS FUND INCOME Budget**

15150 Dues $4,120

15240 Interest Income 50

15980 Miscellaneous -0-

25990 Transfer In/Out 1,900

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**Total Past Exalted Rulers Income $6,070**

**Code No. PAST EXALTED RULERS FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

25295 National Foundation Donation $100

25300 National Service Veterans Donation 100

25310 Cerebral Palsy Donation 100

25320 Office Expense 300

25325 Officer’s Expense 1,750

25405 Ritual Clinic 500

25410 Ritual Contest 3,120

25970 Contingency 100

25980 Miscellaneous (PER & PSP Pins) -0-

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**Total Past Exalted Rulers Expenditures $6,070**

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**Code No. BOWLING FUND INCOME Budget**

16240 Interest Income $-0-

16280 Elk’s Tournament 540

16285 Mixed Doubles Tournament -0-

16980 Miscellaneous -0-

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**Total Bowling Fund Income $540**

**Code No. BOWLING FUND EXPENDITURES Budget**

26065 Chairman Expense $540

26285 Mixed Doubles Tournament -0-

26320 Office Expense 60

26450 Tournament Manager Expense -0-

26970 Contingency -0-

26980 Miscellaneous -0-

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**Total Bowling Fund Expenditures $540**

**CHARITABLE TRUST INCOME Budget**

Elks National Foundation - State Charities Grant $125,000

Elks National Foundation - State Charities Grant - Bonus 32,000

Elks National Foundation - Special Projects Grant 83,000

Contribution from CP Fund Board 175,000

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**Total Charitable Trust Income $415,000**

**Code No. CHARITABLE TRUST EXPENDITURES Budget**

20-01 Cerebral Palsy Grants (ENF) $65,000

CP Fund Board Contribution 175,000

20-02 Drug Awareness 5,400

20-03 Educational Fund Board Awards 24,000

20-04 “Hoop Shoot” Contest 15,000

20-05 Most Valuable Student Scholarships 36,000

20-06 Soccer Shootout 12,000

20-07 Youth Activities 16,000

20-08 Veterans - Hospitalized 12,000

20-09 Contingency -0-

20-10 Community Service 18,000

20-13 Trust Expense 5,000

20-16 Americanism 3,100

Trans to General Fund 28,500

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**Total Charitable Trust Expenditures $415,000**

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