

ELKS TALES

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JUNE 2011



I would first like to say Thank You to everyone that helped out last month! It was a very BUSY month and without everyone's help, everything would not have been done! The membership is truly what makes a successful Lodge!! The month of June will not be as busy but there are a few things that will require a lot of support.

On Sunday, June 12th we will have our Flag Day Ceremony starting at 2:00. This is an amazing Ceremony that tells the growth of our Country through the American Flag. Please plan on attending and bringing a friend!

On Saturday, June 18th, we will have a Military Appreciation Day. This event will be open to any active or retired Military Personnel. It begins at 1:00 on the lawn for a picnic and Bar-Be-Que. We will be serving Hot Dogs with all the fixings. There is NO cost for this at all! We will have Corn Hole and Horse Shoes set up. Hopefully we will have a few jump houses for the children and around 3:30, the Greenville K-9 Unit will bring their dogs out for a show. After the picnic winds down, Willie will be playing a few tunes in the Ballroom for us to dance the night away to. OR IN MY CASE, listen to! There is a sign-up sheet in the bar for food for that day. Please look it over and try to bring something, and invite anyone that you know of that has served or is serving to protect our freedoms!

Father's Day is June 19th. Please remember to Honor your Father on this day. We will have our monthly Birthday Dinner on Friday, June 24th at 6:30. The cost is \$5.00.

The National Convention is right around the corner and I look forward to representing our Lodge there. The Grand Lodge Advisory Committee has composed a list of things, pertaining to the Future of Elkdom, which they would like, voted upon at this Convention. A copy of these recommended changes has been placed on the bar for you to read over. Please do so at your earliest convenience. We will go over them at the 1st meeting in June so I will know how our Lodge would like me to vote at Nationals.

As summer is just around the corner, we will forgo our business attire until after Labor Day. Exceptions will be Initiation, DD Visit, Flag Day, or any other meeting in which we have to represent our Lodge.

See you at the Lodge!

Fraternally,

Carroll Smith Exalted Ruler



Membership Statistics

March 31 st 2011.....	106
Gain:	
Initiated	1
Transferred.....	1
Reinstated.....	1
Subtotal:	2
Losses:	
Transfers	
Dimits	
Death	1
Dropped	
Subtotal	1
May 31 st 2011.....	107

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Carroll Smith
Leading Knight	Dave Loudin
Loyal Knight	Jim Laidley
Lecturing Knight	Mike Cary
Esquire	Kate Musacchia
Chaplain	Gary Pitman
Inner Guard	Cindy Roth
Candidate	Todd Varholly
Tiler	Gwen Keitt
Secretary	Sam Vasquez
Treasurer	Bob Cher
5 Year Trustee	Tommie Graves
4 Year Trustee	Bill Borchert
3 Year Trustee	Richard Vaught
2 Year Trustee	Howard Barker
1 Year Trustee	Fred McGregor

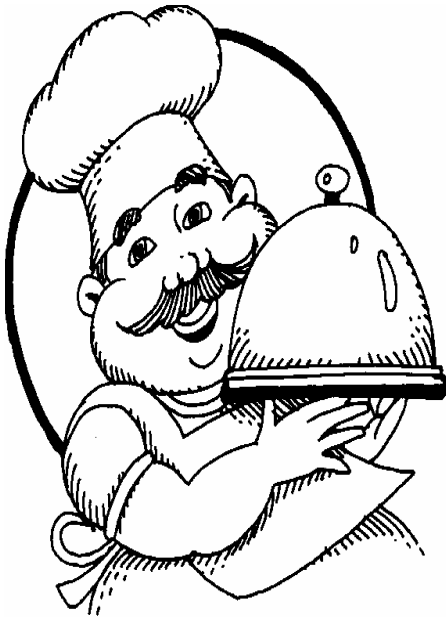
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Audit & Accounting	James Laidley
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Hoop Shoot	Cindy Roth
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Bulletin	Jolene Thomas
Elks Training	Tommie graves
Ritual	Bob Cher
Website	Dave Loudin



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

PORK MARSALA



- 8 oz mushrooms
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 lbs pork tenderloin
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup marsala wine
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper



In a 10 inch fry pan, over medium heat, sauté mushrooms 3-4 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from pan and set aside. Slice pork 1/4 inch thick. In same pan, over medium high heat, sauté garlic in 1/2 tsp oil until tender. Add pork medallions, a few at a time, cook about 2 minutes on each side. Remove from pan and repeat until all pork is browned, adding more oil if needed. Reduce heat to low, stir in chicken broth and deglaze pan. Return pork to pan, add wine, seasonings and mushrooms, cover and cook 20-25 minutes, until pork is tender.

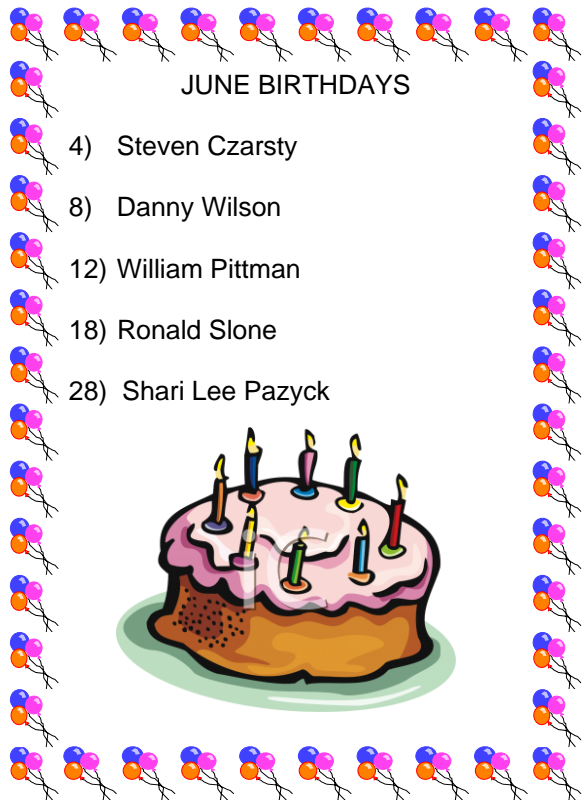
BIRTHDAY DINNER JUNE 24th at 6:30

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!!!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4) Steven Czarsty
- 8) Danny Wilson
- 12) William Pittman
- 18) Ronald Slone
- 28) Shari Lee Pazyck





To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

With many school years ending, perhaps we should check on our Lodge's progress. Examine your Lodge and committee objectives and determine if you are on track. With the first quarter of the Lodge year behind us, you need to have your delinquent Members contacted in person or by telephone to assure them the Lodge needs their support. Listing names in a bulletin will NOT remedy the issue. Your Members are the foundation of your Lodge; treat them as such.

We have many opportunities during the month of June to Promote Elks Passion.

Flag Day is a mandatory service that should provide your membership a purpose to participate. Put the necessary attention to this program and make your Lodge PROUD. Involve the membership and community. Flag Day could also provide your Lodge some VISIBILITY and offer an opportunity to attract new Members. After the program, provide some refreshments

and a short program explaining what Elks represent. Invite the media to your event as well as the gathering afterwards. *Be Proud...Be Loud... Be Visible.*

Father's Day allows us to show gratitude to fathers as well as to share some fellowship. Why not have your Members bring their friends to help celebrate and learn more about our Order while enjoying the evening? Make the event fun and fruitful. Please keep in mind as we sponsor programs that we are permitted to enjoy the moment and share the opportunities with others. Share the Fun and keep it positive! There is enough "Yuk" outside our Lodge for those in need. Enjoy your membership, our good works and allow others to be a part of our Great Order.

During our travels, we have witnessed some tremendous projects. I challenge you to allow others in your community to learn about your Lodge and our Order. We also seem to abandon our new Members. We indoctrinate and initiate and then assume the Member feels welcome. Why not sponsor a meet-and-greet function to recognize all Members initiated in the past 12 or 18 months? Many Members do not attend Lodge meetings and therefore would not know the new Members. Embrace these valuable assets and make them feel wanted. I suspect your lapsation would greatly improve.

Michael F. Smith
Grand Exalted Ruler

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

1972) An express train packed with more than 600 people rammed into a stalled train at full speed in the main station of Jessore, Bangladesh, Killing 76 and injuring over 500 persons

1978) By a vote of almost two to one, California voters approved Proposition 13, an amendment to the state constitution severely limiting property tax rates

1971) The New York Times began publishing the Pentagon Papers, a collection of top secret documents exposing U.S. strategy in the Vietnam War

1922) Warren G. Harding became the first U.S. President to broadcast a message over the radio. The event was the dedication of the Francis Scott Key Memorial in Baltimore

1983) Dr. Sally Ride, a 32 year old physicist and pilot, became the first American woman in space, beginning a six day mission aboard the space shuttle Challenger, launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida

1792) The U.S. Congress officially adopted the Great Seal of the United States of America

1945) The United Nations was signed in San Francisco by 50 nations. The charter was ratified on October 24, 1945

1997) In Hong Kong, the flag of the British Crown Colony was officially lowered at midnight and replaced by a new flag representing China's sovereignty and the official transfer of power





JOKE OF THE MONTH

DIVORCE VS MURDER

A nice, calm and respectable lady went into the pharmacy, walked up to the pharmacist, looked straight into his eyes, and said " I'd like to buy some cyanide."

The pharmacist asked, "Why in the world do you need cyanide?" The lady replied, "I need it to poison my husband."

The pharmacist's eyes got big and he explained, "Lord have mercy! I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband, that's against the law!

I'll lose my license! They'll throw both of us in jail! All kinds of bad things will happen. Absolutely not! You CANNOT have any cyanide!"

The lady reached into her purse and pulled out a picture of her husband in bed with the pharmacist's wife.

The pharmacist looked at the picture and said, "You didn't tell me you had a prescription."

SUMMER CONVENTION NEWS

Our State Summer Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach on August 4th- 7th.

Each District is hosting its own Hospitality Room. This will not cost the Lodge anything, as it would be approximately \$200.00 per Lodge to do this. This cost would be covered by the fees each member pays for the Hospitality Room. As little as 8 couples at \$25.00 per couple would cover this. If we have more couples going down the cost would be less. I would suspect that to be the case with our Lodge.

Registration forms will be available on the bar within the coming weeks for the Convention. Please try to come! It is a GREAT weekend fellowshiping with fellow Elks from around the State!

HISTORY OF MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

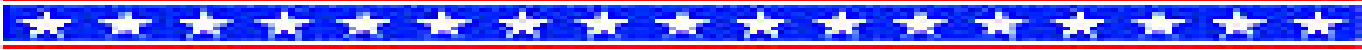
In February of 2006 a newspaper in Wilmington, NC published a story about restaurants that were refusing entry to a group of Marines who had just returned from Iraq and Afghanistan. Rodney Carroll, Dan Smith and John Polosky were outraged and decide to do something about it!

Within a few weeks they raised almost \$1000 and with the help a donated van and a few Marines they set forth on a mission to change this policy and pay tribute to those who have served America.

As they visited these restaurants and spent time with these young marines they were overwhelmed with the desire to show appreciation for our true American Heroes and thus the idea for Military Appreciation Day was born!

Within two short months, all of the planning for the event was completed and on May 20th 2006 men and women from all five branches of the Armed Services arrived for the First Annual Military Appreciation Day or MAD!

The 225 men and women who ventured out in volunteer and chartered vessels were greeted by pouring rain and howling winds, but the spirit of the day was not diminished as volunteers from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania were on hand for one reason.....



I invite you to take a few minutes to go over the newsletter his month. And if you've missed something , go right ahead and read it again. I like bringing you news of our Lodge, pictures etc. I have had a light volunteering of articles for the newsletters, so please take some time each month to jot down an article or two you'd like to share with your fellow Elks. I know they would be glad to here from you. Please provide the information to me by the 15th of the month. (Jolene) at bthomas9973@att.net

The house committee is asking your assistance in volunteering to bartend on occasion. Volunteers are needed on ELKS meeting nights and Saturdays. There is a sign—up sheet in the Club or contact Kate at 918-6367.



LODGE RENTAL

Have an upcoming event? Our Lodge should be your first choice for an event. Contact Dennis Kerwin at 864-567-0419 for availability.

TRIVIA

- The percentage of people dreaming in black and white started decreasing after the spread of color tv
- Approximately two thirds of people tip their head to the right when they kiss
- Just days before the World Cup of 1966 in England, the trophy was stolen and then later retrieved by a dog
- Pumice is the only rock that floats in water
- Reno, Nevada has the highest rate of alcoholism in the U.S., Provo, Utah, has the lowest
- George Washington didn't want his image on US coins. He didn't want to imitate European monarchs
- Your foot is the same length as you forearm
- In the US Americans eat bout 18 acres of pizza a day
- Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look alike contest
- On the average, a woman's heart beats faster than a mans
- Natural pearls melt in vinegar
- The tradition of brides carrying a bouquet of flowers started with the brides trying to hide their body odor
- A snail can slide over a razor blade without being hurt by producing slime that helps it slide harmlessly
- The total weight of skin for an average adult human is 6 pounds





RAISING AWARENESS

In the era where kids' attention spans don't last much longer than it takes to scroll through Facebook posts, Milton "Big Milt" Creagh continues to captivate students for hours, leaving them with an important message about the dangers of drug and alcohol use and abuse.

Through the Elks Drug Awareness Program, each year Creagh, an internationally renowned motivational speaker for teens, travels the country to speak to students and parents about drugs and alcohol.

Thanks to the Missouri State Elks Association and Frank Scarpino, its Drug Awareness Chair, Creagh recently returned to Missouri for the fourth time to give 12 presentations at local schools.

From the first words he spoke with his booming voice, Creagh's audiences were hooked. His presentations begin with personal, often funny stories about his life growing up in a tough Chicago neighborhood. The mood quickly turns somber as he brings up tough issues like alcohol, drugs and violent crimes.

Throughout his presentations, he connects with the students by asking them to share their own experiences. Students raise their hands if they or someone they know has used drugs or alcohol, has been involved in a crime, or has been incarcerated. He explains that the number one cause of death for boys between the ages of 12 and 18 is drug- or alcohol-related accidents. The number two cause is murder, which often involves drugs or alcohol.



"This is not a game," Creagh emphasizes. "This is real life."

After his presentations, dozens of students wait to speak with Creagh privately.

Students just line up wanting to tell their stories," Scarpino explains. "Creagh never leaves until they've all had their chance to speak."

Long after the presentation ends, students are able to stay in contact with Creagh and the Elks Drug Awareness Program through email, Facebook and Twitter. The lessons they learn from Creagh's presentations truly change the course of many of their lives.

"Our students and teachers haven't stopped talking about how 'Big Milt' touched their lives," says Corey Willich, the Principal of Bingham Middle School in Missouri. "Without the Elks, none of this would have been possible."

In 2011-12, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$715,350 to fund the Elks National Drug Awareness Program. For more information on the Drug Awareness Program, visit www.elks.org/dap



ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM



“Organization’s Future, and Our Lodge Homes.”

The Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has encouraged subordinate lodges to promote the lodge as a “Family Friendly” environment. They have encouraged us to bring in the latest visual entertainment technology products, such as the Will, into our lodge facilities. This is all well-and-good, however, it brings potential need for adjustments.

Many lodge buildings were built during the era when the Elks were a “Male Only Organization”. This meant that the “social parlor” was the club room for libations, the dining room for “before meetings” meals, the pool table and a back room for cards. They were never meant for spouses and children to be entertained there. If spouses and children were allowed on the premises, their actions were strictly supervised.

Many of our members are donating/lending “our Lodge Homes” electronic entertainment items for the Elk Members and family to use. While at home, many families have a recreation room/family room for activities to be as enthusiastically engaged in as the participant’s desire, and the parents allow. This may be acceptable behavior in our own homes, but we must remember that “it may not be acceptable” in our Lodge Homes. While we are encouraged to open the doors to family activities, this doesn’t mean that parental responsibility can be left at the outer door.

While many of our lodges have a majority of members who are in the 50+ age group, we all know that we cannot survive as an organization if we do not get more “young” members. As we all know, the younger generation still have children at home. They want to take their children with them when they go out socializing. Personally, I think this is great. The “family unit” is a great environment for raising children.

Today’s lodges may consider modifying the facilities to provide “child friendly” areas, properly supervised, to preclude injury to the children or damage to the facility. Dart and dart boards are fine for the adults, but dangerous for children; pool balls can be injurious to humans and facilities.

While I am not “Officially” speaking for the Grand Lodge, the State Association, or even my own Lodge, some adjustments may be necessary for our membership to grow in numbers, and coexist with all age groups. I encourage all Elk members to think about your lodge environment, and see what adjustments may be warranted.

Robert J. Cher, PER

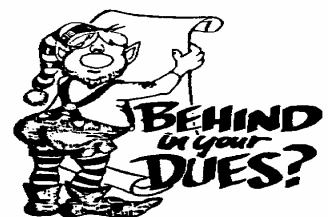
ELK OFFICERS OF THE YEAR

Howard Barker—Special Citation, Rome Maynard—Elk of the Year



Dave Loudin—Elk Officer , Cindy Roth—Elk Lady



Getting a little behind in your dues? Check your card and ensure you are current. Card should read “April 2012”. We don’t want to and cannot afford to lose you. If there is any doubt, contact the lodge secretary.



JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ELKS MEETING	2 LODGE CLOSED	3 LODGE OPEN	4 LODGE OPEN
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 RITUAL PRACTICE	7 LODGE CLOSED	8	9 LODGE CLOSED	10 LODGE OPEN	11 LODGE OPEN
12 FLAG DAY CEREMONY	13 RITUAL PRACTICE	14 FLAG DAY 	15 ELKS MEETING	16 LODGE CLOSED	17 LODGE OPEN	18 MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY
	20 RITUAL PRACTICE	21 LODGE CLOSED	22	23 LODGE CLOSED	24 BIRTHDAY DINNER	25 LODGE OPEN
26 LODGE CLOSED	27 RITUAL PRACTICE	28 LODGE CLOSED	29	30 LODGE CLOSED		

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