

PROCEEDINGS



THE WYOMING ELKS  
ASSOCIATION

“A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION”

FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2019  
JACKSON, WYOMING  
ROBERT THARP, PRESIDENT

PAST PRESIDENTS  
CONVENTION DATES AND MEETING PLACES  
WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

Organized on the afternoon of November 15, 1909, at Rawlins, Wyoming  
Brother J.H. Clause, Temporary Chairman

<u>SESSION YR.</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HOME LODGE</u>	<u>YR.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. 1909-10	*J.H. Clause	Rawlins 609	1910	Rock Springs
2. 1910-11	*J.H. Clause	Rawlins 609	1911	Cheyenne
3. 1911-12	A.D. Kelley	Cheyenne 660	1912	Cheyenne
4. 1912-13	*A.H.Cordiner	Laramie 582	1913	Laramie
NO RECORD OF MEETINGS FROM 1913 THROUGH 1933				
5. 1933-34	G.S. Pitchford	Rock Springs 624	1934	Casper
NO RECORD OF MEETINGS FROM 1934 THROUGH 1937				
6. 1937-38	*Rex Earlywine	Rock Springs 624	1938	Rock Springs
7. 1938-39	M.J. Knight	Laramie 582	1939	Laramie
8. 1939-40	*Hollis Brewer	Casper 1353	1940	Casper
9. 1940-41	*Al Leslie	Cheyenne 660	1941	Cheyenne
10. 1941-42	J.A.Sheahan	Rawlins 609	1942	Casper
11. 1942-43	J.A.Sheahan	Rawlins 609	1943	Casper
12. 1943-44	*J.F. Kalinav	Laramie 582	1944	Casper
13. 1944-45	*Bryant Cromar	Casper 1353	1945	Casper
14. 1945-46	*Bryant Cromar	Casper 1353	1946	Casper
15. 1946-47	*A.R. Fryer	Cody 1611	1947	Rock Springs
16. 1947-48	*T.J. Cahill	Cheyenne 660	1948	Cheyenne
17. 1948-49	*Elmer Polly	Sheridan 520	1949	Sheridan
18. 1949-50	*L.G. Mehse	Laramie 528	1950	Laramie
19. 1950-51	K.L. Sehnert	Riverton 1693	1951	Riverton
20. 1951-52	*Fred Houchens	Jackson 1713	1952	Jackson
21. 1952-53	*Henry H. Hecht	Cody 1611	1953	Cody
22. 1953-54	*Everett Cope	Torrington 1726	1954	Torrington
23. 1954-55	*J.O. Spangler	Greybull 1431	1955	Greybull
24. 1955-56	*Paul McKelvey	Rawlins 609	1956	Rawlins
25. 1956-57	*George K. Forster	Casper 1353	1957	Casper
26. 1957-58	*R.J. Bertagnolli	Rock Springs 624	1958	Rock Springs
27. 1958-59	*Rowland Jones	Thermopolis 1746	1959	Thermopolis
28. 1959-60	*James T. GrovesLusk	Lusk 1797	1960	
29. 1960-61	*Arnold Veile	Worland 1908	1961	Worland
30. 1961-62	*Milton Nichols	Cheyenne 660	1962	Cheyenne
31. 1962-63	*Robert Morrow	Sheridan 520	1963	Sheridan
32. 1963-64	* James H. Meyers	Laramie 582	1964	Laramie
33. 1964-65	*Paul Child	Riverton 1693	1965	Riverton
34. 1965-66	*Floyd Livingston	Jackson 1713	1966	Jackson
35. 1966-67	* Francis J. Smith	Cody 1611	1967	Cody
36. 1967-68	*A.J.Kelley	Greybull 1431	1968	Greybull
37. 1968-69	*F.R. Anderson	Rawlins 609	1969	Rawlins
38. 1969-70	*B. Paul Cody	Casper 1353	1970	Casper
39. 1970-71	*R. Bertagnolli	Rock Springs 624	1971	Rock Springs
40. 1971-72	* Oliver Foust	Thermopolis 1746	1972	Thermopolis
41. 1972-73	*Dr. R. W. Collins	Lusk 1797	1973	Lusk

Past Presidents Continued

SESSION YR.	PRESIDENT	HOME LODGE	YR.	LOCATION
42. 1973-74	* Elmer Nelson	Worland 1908	1974	Worland
43. 1974-75	*Dr. W. R. Lee	Powell 2303	1975	Powell
44. 1975-76	*Floyd Snyder	Lander 2317	1976	Lander
45. 1976-77	*Ed Young	Riverton 1693	1977	Riverton
46. 1977-78	*Gene Dunn	Laramie 582	1978	Laramie
47. 1978-79	*William Kupper	Sheridan 520	1979	Sheridan
48. 1979-80	*Lee Beezley	Cheyenne 660	1980	Cheyenne
49. 1980-81	Fred Houchens	Jackson 1713	1981	Jackson
50. 1981-82	* Robert Morgan	Cody	1611	1982 Cody
51. 1982-83	Ralph Freeman	Sheridan 520	1983	Sheridan
52. 1983-84	*Gene Werlinger	Greybull 1431	1984	Greybull
53. 1984-85	*Brad Bochmann	Casper 1353	1985	Casper
54. 1985-86	*Art Bevrige	Rock Springs 624	1986	Rock Springs
55. 1986-87	Richard Oberosler	Thermopolis 1746	1987	Thermopolis
56. 1987-88	*Richard Heston	Laramie 582	1988	Laramie
57. 1988-89	Warren Ransom	Jackson 1713	1989	Jackson
58. 1989-90	*Jerry Posey	Cody 1611	1990	Cody
59. 1990-91	*David Barker	Cheyenne 660	1991	Cheyenne
60. 1991-92	James L. Case	Riverton 1693	1992	Riverton
61. 1992-93	*Monte Rapstad	Thermopolis 1746	1993	Thermopolis
62. 1993-94	* Chuck Smith	Lusk 1797	1994	Lusk
63. 1994-95	*Ken Williams	Evanston 2588	1995	Evanston
64. 1995-96	*Charles Ed Worden	Sheridan 520	1996	Sheridan
65. 1996-97	Bill Arnold	Casper 1353	1997	Casper
66. 1997-98	Robert Hague	Riverton 1693	1998	Riverton
67. 1998-99	Robert Senitte	Cody 1611	1999	Cody
68. 1999-2000	Steve Kant	Lusk 1797	2000	Lusk
69. 2000-2001	*Bill Paddleford	Jackson 1713	2001	Jackson
70. 2001-2002	Sid McDonald	Cody 1611	2002	Laramie
71. 2002-2003	Larry Downing	Laramie 582	2003	Riverton
72. 2003-2004	*Ron Knuth	Riverton 1693	2004	Powell
73. 2004-2005	Wayne Fillinger	Powell 2303	2005	Torrington
74. 2005-2006	Michael Pettigrew	Torrington 1726	2006	Rawlins
75. 2006-2007	Kevin "Skinny" Ward	Rawlins 609	2007	Sheridan
76. 2007-2008	Stan M. Bohnsack	Sheridan 520	2008	Laramie
77. 2008-2009	Paul Botkin	Laramie 582	2009	Lander
78. 2009-2010	Kevin Green	Lander 2317	2010	Cody
79. 2010-2011	Jerry Fritz	Cody 1611	2011	Cheyenne
80.2011-2012	Jim Robinson	Cheyenne 660	2012	Riverton
81.2012-2013	Fran Case	Riverton 1693	2013	Cody
82.2013-2014	Larry Christy	Cody 1611	2014	Cheyenne
83.2014 -2015	Gary McKee	Cheyenne 660	2015	Lander
84.2015-2016	Shane Green	Lander 2317	2016	Worland
85.2016-2017	Marilyn Lane	Worland 1908	2017	Lusk
86.2017-2018	Patrica Russell	Lusk 1797	2018	Riverton
87.2018-2019	Darla Knuth	Riverton 1693	2019	Worland

\*Deceased \*\*Dropped

## WYOMING PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>
1900	*Chas. P. Story	Sheridan	1949	*C.E. Brown	Cody
1901	*Homer Merrel	Rawlins		N.E. Tuck	Cheyenne
1902	*A.D.Kelley	Cheyenne	1950	Gene Meranda	Riverton
1903	*M.A. Newell	Sheridan		*F.A.Houchens	Jackson
1904	*D.A. Preston	Rock Springs	1951	*J.O.Spangler	Greybull
1905	*D.N. Stickney	Laramie		* Harry Swanson	Rock Springs
1906	*N.R. Greenfield	Rawlins	1952	*R.A. Rowlands	Casper
1907	*W.A. Miller	Sheridan		*Everton Cope	Torrington
1908	*A.D. Kelly	Cheyenne	1953	A.R.Zimmerman	Thermopolis
1909	*A.H. Codiner	Laramie		D.D.Woodson	Cheyenne
1910	*R.A. Daley	Rawlins	1954	*Guy Sturgeon	Sheridan
1911	*T.E. Marshall	Sheridan		*J.P. Steele, Sr.	Laramie
1912	*John Park	Rock Springs	1955	*Henry H. Hecht	Cody
1913	*D.O. Herrick	Laramie		*P.H. McKelvey	Rawlins
1914	*Ed J. Kelley	Cheyenne	1956	*J.J. Carey	Greybull
1915	*John Gunning	Rawlins		*John Christian	Lusk
1916	*T.C. Diers	Sheridan 1957		*Max Mortimore	Thermopolis
1917	*Fred W. Johnson	Rock Springs		Paul Wonnacot	Rock Springs
1918	*F.J.Collican	Laramie	1958	* Paul Cody	Casper
1919	*A.E. Stirrett	Casper		H. Livingston	Jackson
1920	*H. Breitenstein	Rawlins	1959	Harold Fallbeck	Riverton
1921	*T.B. Kennedy	Cheyenne		Maurice Veta	Torrington
1922	*R.E. McNally	Cheyenne	1960	*Robert Morrow	Sheridan
1923	*E.P. Landers	Greybull		* Harley Burnett	Cheyenne
1924	*W. Champerlain	Casper	1961	*John T. Langdon	Worland
1925	*M.J. Dankoeski	Rock Springs		*James F. Meyers	Laramie
1926	*Grant Garruth	Laramie	1962	*Harold E. Stump	Cody
1927	*L.J. Nelson	Rawlins		D.M. Dinsmore	Rawlins
1928	*A.S.Leslie	Cheyenne	1963	*Thomas Hubbard	Greybull
1929	Willard Doane	Sheridan		*Dr. R. Collins	Lusk
1930	*N.E. Loveland	Greybull	1964	Richard Rollins	Thermopolis
1931	*J.D. Widerhold	Casper		Madesto Grasso	Rock Springs
1932	*J.D.Knight	Laramie	1965	*George Forster	Casper
1933	*G.S. Pitchford	Rock Springs		Burr Robins	Jackson
1934	C.W.Knedsen	Rawlins	1966	*Paul Child	Riverton
1935	T.J. McInemely	Rock Springs		*C.J. Leslie	Cheyenne
1936	*C.L. Carter	Sheridan 1967		*Walter Klahn, Jr.	Laramie
1937	*H.C. Theede	Greybull		*J.E. Ferren	Sheridan
1938	*Hollis Brewer	Casper	1968	*Arnold Veile	Worland
1939	*M.J. Knight	Laramie		*R. Bertagnolli	Rock Springs
1940	*M.M. O'Melia	Rawlins	1969	*Dr. W.R. Lee	Powell
1941	*R.C. Erlewin	Rock Springs		James Nolan	Rawlins
1942	Ed Warren	Cheyenne	1970	*Harold Lee	Cody
1943	Elmer H. Polly	Sheridan		* B. Lensmeyer	Casper
1944	*A.R. Fryer	Cody	1971	*Edward B. Young	Riverton
1945	*Lachlan Mclean	Greybull		* Lawrence Daly	Greybull
1946	*B.S. Cromer	Casper	1972	* Oliver Foust	Thermopolis
1947	*L.G. Mehse	Laramie		Roger Percival	Lusk
1948	*R. Diefenderter	Sheridan	1973	*Marion Davidson	Jackson
	*Harry Cashman	Rawlins		*Leslie Smith	Cheyenne

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>
1974	Wm. T. Davey	Lander	1993		
	*Gene Netser	Cheyenne		Al Schmautz	
	Robert Costin	Laramie			
1975	* Stan Kuzara	Sheridan			
	Frank Keralis	Riverton			
	*Art Beverage	Rock Springs	1994	Jack Oppie	Laramie
1976	*Elmer Nelson	Worland		Robert Senitte	Cody
	George Aydelott	Rawlins		Lynn Nelson	Evanston
1977	*John Dixon	Powell	1995	Wayne Fillinger	Powell
	Brad Bochmann	Casper		*Ron Knuth	Riverton
1978	*Bryce Beemer	Cody		Stan Goodwin	Casper
	* Gerald Jensen	Riverton	1996	Sid McDonald	Thermopolis
1979	*Gene Werlinger	Greybull		*Bill Paddleford	Jackson
	*Robert Hodgkin	Cheyenne		*Quentin Hooley	Torrington
1980	Richard Oberosler	Thermopolis	1997	*Harold Ogg	Greybull
	Herman Gerres	Jackson		Jim Kremers	Lusk
	*Richard Heston	Laramie		Robert Pryor	Evanston
1981	Marshall Elliot	Casper	1998	*Frank Lobach	Sheridan
	*William J. Kupper	Sheridan		* Robert Thomas	Cheyenne
	Milton Hoesel	Evanston		Robert Willis	Riverton
1982	Lowell Bethke	Worland	1999	* Dan Sims	Cody
	*David Barker	Cheyenne		*Michael Knapp	Laramie
	John Frullo	Rock Springs		Gary Martin	Lander
1983	*Jerry Posey	Cody	2000	*Jacob Kurth	Sheridan
	* Gene Dunn	Laramie		Kevin Ward	Rawlins
	Don Larson	Riverton		Scott Michalov	Casper
1984	John Coyne, Jr	Greybull	2001	James Berry	Cody
	*Ray Bastow	Casper		Chuck Samples	Jackson
	Warren Ransom	Jackson		Mike Pettigrew	Torrington
1985	*Monte Rapstad	Thermopolis	2002	Dustin Brosious	Powell
	* Wayne Mahan	Cheyenne		Dave Nichol	Cheyenne
	Michael Carter	Riverton		Ray Wagstaff	Evanston
1986	*Curtis Deming	Sheridan	2003	Paul Botkin	Laramie
	*Doug Ankle	Laramie		Steve Alexander	Sheridan
	*Ken Williams	Evanston		Allen Lehto	Riverton
1987	Andy Smith	Greybull	2004	Ron Shogren	Casper
	*Larry Pate	Casper		Gary Young	Worland
	John Larabaster	Rock Springs		Kevin Green	Lander
1988	*Chuck Smith	Lusk	2005	Jerry Fritz	Cody
	*Charles Jones	Cody		Jim Case	Riverton
	Robert Hague	Riverton		Dean Poeppe	Torrington
1989	*Ray Bromagen	Cheyenne	2006	Jim Robinson	Cheyenne
	Dennis M. Conner	Thermopolis		Chad Jones	Worland
	*Donald G. Rogers	Rawlins		Frank Brown	Evanston
			2007	Walt Wasserburger	
1990	Robert Tharp	Worland		Earl Dooley	Greybull
	Rod Eicke	Riverton		Michael Logue	Lander
	Larry Downing	Laramie	2008	Stephen Graham	Laramie
1991	Stan Bohnsack	Sheridan		Larry Christie	Cody
	*Jess Whiteman	Evanston		Erin Martin	Lander
	Bill Arnold	Casper	2009	* Dennis Short	Casper
1992	Charles George	Cody		Marilyn Lane	Worland
	Steve Kant	Lusk		Louis Mitchell	Riverton
	Jerry Leslie	Lander			

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			2010	George Munn	Torrington
				Walter R Wilson	Sheridan
				Michael M Murry	Rawlins
			2011	George Ackerson	Cheyenne
				Steve Baumgartner	Sheridan
				Shane Green	Lander
			2012	*Roger Arndt	Casper
				Thomas Imburgia	Cody
				Fernando Escobedo	Jackson
			2013	Pat Russell	Lusk
				Fran Case	Riverton
				John Wayne	Gillette
			2014	Larry Christy	Cody
				Mark Johnson	Lander
				Rusty Wells	Laramie
			2015	Wes Icenogle	Cody
				Darth Knuth	Riverton
				Clayton Kilgore	Torrington
			2016	Russell Hoff	Casper
				Chad Jones	Worland
				Jill Calloway	Jackson
			2017	Russell Hoff	Casper
				Brad Smith	Cody
				Kevin Green	Lander
			2018	Michael Stedillie	Casper
				Brad Smith	Cody
				Tom Hernandez	Lander

\*Deceased

STATE MEMBERSHIP (BY YEARS) SINCE

ORGANIZATION OF FIRST LODGE IN WYOMING

NOVEMBER, 1899

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1900	no records	1949	7755	1998	9773
1901	445	1950	8535	1999	9140
1902	786	1951	9090	2000	8882
1903	900	1952	9482	2002	7917
1904	900	1953	9939	2003	7934
1905	1119	1954	10,374	2004	7934
1906	1139	1955	10,932	2005	7862
1907	1372	1956	11,251	2006	8473
1908	1577	1957	11,328	2007	8479
1909	1755	1958	11,810	2008	8491
1910	1837	1959	12,048	2009	8399
1911	1887	1960	12,117	2010	7734
1912	2257	1961	12,317	2011	7561
1913	2300	1962	12,364	2012	7558
1914	2316	1963	12,677	2013	7429

1915	2312	1964	13,097	2014	7330
1916	1183	1965	13,614	2015	7286
1917	1332	1966	13,517	2016	7147
1918	2458	1967	13,447	2017	7140
1919	2617	1968	13,505	2018	7063
1920	3084	1969	13,666	2019	7024
1921	3824	1970	13,979		
1922	4318	1971	14,283		
1923	4532	1972	14,557		
1924	4499	1973	15,063		
1925	4316	1974	15,855		
1926	3971	1975	17,157		
1927	3778	1976	17,622		
1928	3724	1977	17,689		
1929	3417	1978	18,441		
1930	3167	1979	18,289		
1931	2987	1980	17,582		
1932	2810	1981	17,758		
1933	2580	1982	17,021		
1934	2107	1983	15,996		
1935	1917	1984	15,063		
1936	2098	1985	14,152		
1937	2808	1986	13,367		
1938	3479	1987	12,712		
1939	3638	1988	12,382		
1940	3714	1989	12,070		
1941	3489	1990	11,921		
1942	3540	1991	11,760		
1943	3761	1992	11,609		
1944	4443	1993	11,553		
1945	5054	1994	11,343		
1946	5716	1995	10,941		
1947	6428	1996	10,548		
1948	7139	1997	10,207		

### **OFFICERS 2017-2018 WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION**

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WORLAND LODGE #1908

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**DISTRICT DEPUTIES 2017-2018**

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LUSK LODGE 1797

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**MINUTES FOR FALL MEETING, JACKSON, HOST LODGE- OCT. 12, 2019**

Meeting of the Wyoming Elks Association was called to order by President, Robert Tharp, Worland Lodge 1908.

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** District Deputy NW District, Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge #1611 and District Deputy Southwest District, Valerie Peterson, Jackson Lodge #1713, District Deputy East District, Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797. Grand Lodge Membership Rick Gathen, Special Deputy for our Grand Exalted Ruler/Grand Lodge Auditing, Michael Pettigrew, Torrington Lodge 1726.

**Opening Ceremony:** Opening Prayer – Dennis Craig, Laramie Lodge #582  
Altar: Heidi Rutledge, Worland Lodge #1908  
Pledge of Allegiance: Heidi Rutledge, Worland Lodge #1908

President Tharp announced that PSP Jim Robinson, Cheyenne Lodge would be the Parliamentarian for this Annual Fall Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

President, Robert Tharp, Worland Lodge	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Edward Tirado, Lusk Lodge	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Barbette Hernandez, Riverton Lodge	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Brad Smith, Cody Lodge	Present
Sgt. at Arms, Heide Rutledge, Worland Lodge	Present
Chaplain, Dennis Craig, Laramie Lodge	Present
Inner Guard, Sara Woodward, Riverton Lodge	Present
Secretary, Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge	Present
Treasurer, Bob Senitte, Cody Lodge	Absent
5 year Trustee, Darla Knuth, Riverton Lodge	Present
4 Year, Pat Russell, Lusk Lodge	Present
3 year Trustee, Marilyn Lane, Worland Lodge	Present
2 year Trustee, Shane Green, Lander Lodge	Present
1 year Trustee, Gary McKee, Cheyenne Lodge	Present

**ROLL CALL WOMING ELK LODGES**

**Northwest District**

Cody Lodge #1611

**Exalted Ruler**

Yes

**Members Present**

12

Gillette Lodge #2825	No	0
Greybull Lodge #1431	No	0
Powell Lodge #2303	Yes	0
Sheridan Lodge #520	No	0
Worland Lodge #1908	Yes	4

<b>Southwest District</b>	<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>Members present</b>
Jackson Lodge#1713	No	7
Lander Lodge #2317	No	3
Rawlins Lodge #609	Yes	0
Riverton Lodge #1693	Yes	6

<b>East District</b>	<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>Members present</b>
Casper Lodge #1353	Yes	3
Cheyenne Lodge #660	Yes	4
Laramie Lodge #582	Yes	4
Lusk Lodge #1797	No	4
Torrington Lodge #1726	Yes	4

**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

Present for this Annual Fall Meeting: 8 Past State Presidents and 13 Past District Deputies.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Annual Spring Convention, May 18, 2019 Worland Lodge, Hosting. Minutes were approved as printed and distributed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you letter from VA Hospital Medical Center Director Paul Roberts, Thanking the Elks for the new bingo machine.

**Guest Introductions: PSP Michael Pettigrew** spoke to the Association about:

**Membership** – 12% lapsation, need to work on delinquent members. Think about elderly members and their situations, before dropping them, might be in a nursing home or some other reason for not being able to pay their membership due.

**New Accounting System** – This system will allow monthly reports to be emailed to Grand Lodge. Pat Russell is manager of the new program. If lodges are not on board by April, then Lodges will have to do an audit or a review. The program will help District Deputies when reviewing the financial progress of the lodges.

**Statues** – If you follow them you will not have any problems. You cannot choose which one to follow. Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and head Trustees are required to attend the District Deputies clinic, not attending is a violation of the statues. There are only two per year.

**Guest Introductions: Grand Lodge Membership Rick Gathen** Presented a seminar on membership.

**Bricks & Clicks** – Need more information online, social media, cold fusion. Great way to let people know the Elks are a gift. Being a member of the Elks is a journey (check out new membership video online).

**Office and Committee Reports of the President and Vice presidents**

PRESIDENT REPORT

October 12, 2019

President Robert Tharp, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne Rumney,  
Distinguished Guests, Members All:

Pat and I attended The Grand Lodge Convention in St Louis. It was a great honor to present the Wyoming State Flag during opening ceremony. We attended all sessions as well as Casper Lodge's presentation of the Ritual. Casper finished sixth in the Western Division. Congratulations to Frank Luhrs for being the All-American Exalted Ruler in the Western Division. Kenton, Oh Lodge No 157 won the ritual contest.

After the Convention we made a short trip to Mexico, Mo, where I was born and had a mini family reunion. (About 60 in attendance, two 95 year old Aunts and many cousins.)

The week end following Grand Lodge, we attended the Montana State Elks Summer Convention in Livingston. Here we enjoyed Montana's hospitality and met Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman and First Lady Beth on their first Grand Lodge visitation.

The down side of their Convention was that I paid \$100.00 for Darla for losing the National Foundation per capita bet. I'm looking for these funds to flow back to Wyoming this year! It will take contributions from members and Lodges to get back on top.

Thank you Jackson Lodge for hosting the Fall Meeting!

Fraternally



Robert Tharp, President  
Wyoming Elks Association.

*The Wyoming Elks Association*  
**Elks National Foundation**

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

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Good Morning Members All:

October 12, 2019

Our Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman's Elks National Foundation **per member goal for 2019-2020 will continue at \$4.75**. Wyoming is currently ranked 46th in the nation with \$2.04 per member in donations as of September 23, 2019. **Congratulations to Lusk Lodge** who has met the per member goal and is now at **\$28.42**. Most Lodges have sent in donations to the Elks National Foundation and we thank you for donating. Other Lodges are on their way in donating, but some lodges have a significant job ahead of them in order to make the GER goal. I'm hopeful that each and every one of you will again join your Elks brothers and sisters in meeting our Wyoming Elks National Foundation per member goal.

The Elks National Foundation total programs budget this year is \$34.6 million. Thanks to the generosity of Wyoming Elks in 2018-2019, Wyoming received **\$2.04** in exchange for every dollar donated.

Wyoming donated \$45,641.96 to the Elks National Foundation and received back \$93,380 in disbursements to the Wyoming Elks Association to help fund our major project as well as Wyoming Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Soccer Shoot, Veterans and Grants.

**Gratitude Grants** in the amount of \$2,000 are eligibility based on whether the Lodge has reached the GER's Per Member-Giving Goal in the prior fiscal year. If your Lodge met the 2018-2019 goal, your lodge will be able to apply for a 2019-2020 Gratitude Grant.

**Spotlight Grants** are the newest grant offering. Every Lodge will have the opportunity to use this \$2,000 grant to shine a light on two important issues facing nearly every American community: family literacy and homelessness among our nation's veterans. Both grant applications open July 1, 2019, close December 31, 2019 and after being approved must be used by March 31, 2020.

**For more details about other grants, visit** [LodgeGrants@elks.org](mailto:LodgeGrants@elks.org)

**Scholarships 2019-20:** Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications opened August 5, Legacy Scholarship Awards started September 1. The most Valuable Student Scholarship is for any U.S. citizen high school senior. Legacy Awards are available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of active Elk members.

**For details and deadlines, visit** [elks.org/enf/scholars](http://elks.org/enf/scholars)

**October is ENF month**, a time to promote the Elks National Foundation in your Lodge! It's a chance to schedule a targeted fundraiser event planned in your lodge, publicizing it throughout your membership, an opportunity to visibly show its support of the programs of the Foundation, raise funds and get your lodge members excited about the ENF.

I am sorry that Frank and I won't be at the Fall Convention this year, but Casper Lodge's Elks National Foundation Fundraiser dinner (the Baby Back Rib Run) has been scheduled for this evening. This event was scheduled at our Casper Planning meeting in February and we have more than 20 out of town guests attending this event.

Thank you to Wyoming State President Robert Tharp for entrusting me with the Wyoming Elks National Foundation Committee for this year.

**Thanks again for donating to the Elks National Foundation.**

**Beth Luers,** Elks National Foundation Chairman

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## Lucky Knight Shoot Out Fall 2019

Members All,

Congratulations to the \$5000.00 2019 Lucky Knight Shoot Out winner, Gilbert Martinez, member of Cheyenne 660.

Thanks to all who bought and help sell the tickets this year. We were able to sell 176 of the 200 tickets available, raising \$8800.00, After paying the winner \$5000.00, the Wyoming State Ritual Team received the remaining \$3800.00 to help them in their trip to Grand Lodge for competition.

I have your Lodge tickets, please see me to pick them up. Our goal this year is to sell ALL the tickets.

Again, thanks to everyone for always making this a success.

Cynthia Whisenhunt, WEA Lucky Knight Chair

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**"Needy Youth Program" Report      Total by District      "2019-2020"**

**EAST DISTRICT**

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Casper #1353	\$1,088.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,088.01	6
Cheyenne #660	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Laramie #582	\$1,536.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,536.31	21
Lusk #1797	\$243.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$243.98	1
Torrington #1726	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,868.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,868.30</b>	<b>28</b>

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

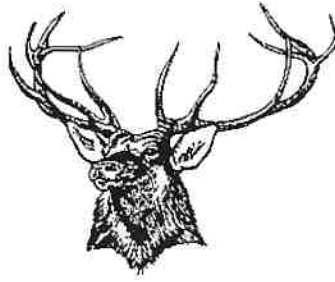
Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Jackson #1713	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Lander #2317	\$1,577.71	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,577.71	5
Rawlins #609	\$1,947.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,947.00	1
Riverton #1693	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,524.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,524.71</b>	<b>7</b>

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Cody #1611	\$3,593.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,593.46	33
Gillette #2825	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Greybull #1431	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Powell #2303	\$2,323.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,323.53	28
Sheridan #520	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Worland #1908	\$1,302.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,302.00	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,218.99</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,218.99</b>	<b>64</b>

<b>Total Year to Date</b>	<b>\$14,612.0</b>
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	0
<b>Grand Total YTD</b>	<b>\$14,612.0</b>
	0

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	<b>\$10,000.0</b>
Carry over (Gertrude Kamps from 18-19)	<b>0</b>
<b>West Budgeted</b>	<b>\$30,000.0</b>
	<b>0</b>
<b>ENF Funds</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Gertrude Kamps Trust (2019)</b>	<b>\$10,000.0</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<hr/>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$50,000.0</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>\$35,388.0</b>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Children Served YTD</b>	<b>99</b>



# WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

## DISTINGUISHED ELK APPLICATION

Date submitted: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Lodge name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of candidate: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B.: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Date of membership: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Total years of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**Place check mark next to all offices held** (If office was held for more than one year, write the number of years in that office instead of a check mark)

### Local

Exalted Ruler: \_\_\_ Leading Knight: \_\_\_ Loyal Knight: \_\_\_ Lecturing Knight: \_\_\_

Esquire: \_\_\_ Chaplain: \_\_\_ Inner Guard: \_\_\_ Tiler: \_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_ Treasurer: \_\_\_ Organist: \_\_\_ Trustee: \_\_\_

### State

President: \_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: \_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: \_\_\_

Sergeant of Arms: \_\_\_ Chaplain: \_\_\_ Inner Guard: \_\_\_ Trustee: \_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_

### National

D.D.G.E.R.: \_\_\_

Please list other offices held:

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The following is a list of documents that **must** accompany this form. (Please check mark documents enclosed)  
**Any applications without these documents may be rejected at the discretion of the committee.**

Autobiography: \_\_\_ Resume: \_\_\_ E.R. Recommendation: \_\_\_

Three Member References 1: \_\_\_ 2: \_\_\_ 3: \_\_\_ Community Service: \_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTINGUISHED ELKRECORD OF PRESENTATIONS – DISTINGUISHED ELK- WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

- 1980 -1981 - \* Hollis Brewer, Casper Lodge #1353
- 1981-1982- \*Francis J. Smith, Cody Lodge #1611
- 1982-1983 – \*Edward Young, Riverton Lodge #1693
- 1983-1984 – \*Oliver Foust, Thermopolis Lodge #1746
- 1984-1985 – \*Vic Heckman. Lusk Lodge #1797
- 1985-1986 – \*Jack Ferren, Sheridan Lodge #520
- 1986-1987 – \*Stan Kuzara, Sheridan Lodge #520
- 1987-1988 – \*William J. Kupper, Sheridan Lodge #520
- 1988-1989 \*Gene Werlinger, Greybull Lodge #1431
- 1989-1990 – Jack H. Cash, Cody Lodge #1611
- 1990-1991 – \*Brad Bochmann, Casper Lodge #1353
- 1991-1992 – Richard Oberolser, Thermopolis Lodge #1746
- 1992-1993 – \*Richard Heston, Laramie Lodge #582
- 1993-1994 –\* Bob Cates, Casper Lodge #1353
- 1994-1995 – \*Elmer Nelson, Worland Lodge #1908
- 1995-1996 – \*Richard Rollins, Thermopolis Lodge #1746
- 1996-1997 – \*David Barker, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- 1997-1998 – \*Jerry Posey, Cody Lodge #1611
- 1998-1999 – No Presentation
- 1999-2000 – \*Chuck Smith, Lusk Lodge #1797
- 2000-2001 – Wayne Fillinger, Powell Lodge #2303
- 2001-2002 – \*\*Woody Whitworth, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- 2002-2003 – Paul Botkin, Laramie Lodge #582

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2003-2004 – Bill Arnold, Casper Lodge #1353

2004-2005 – Dean Poeppe, Torrington Lodge #1726

2005-2006 – \*\*Mike Knapp, Laramie Lodge #582

2006-2007 – Ron Shogren, Casper Lodge #1353

2007-2008 – \*Frank Lobach, Sheridan Lodge #520

2008-2009 – James L. Case, Riverton Lodge #1693

2009-2010 - Robert L. Senitte, Cody Lodge #1611

2010-2011 – Steve Kant, Lusk Lodge #1797

2011-2012 - Robert Hague, Riverton Lodge #1693

2012-2013 – Larry Downing, Laramie Lodge #582

2013-2014 – Tim Smith, Casper Lodge #1353

2014-2015– \*Roger Arndt, Casper Lodge #1353

2015-2016 - James Kremers, Lusk Lodge #1797

2016-2017 \*\* Robert L. Thomas – Cheyenne Lodge

2017-2018 – Stan Goodwin, Casper Lodge #1353

2018-2019 \*\*Ron “Roscoe” Knuth, Riverton Lodge #1693

\*Deceased

\*\* Awarded Posthumous

Wyo Elks State Trust  
Nathan Soper  
Oct. 2019 – Jackson, WY

Hello Friends!

Thank you to the people that attended the WEST/ENF/Needy Youth meeting on Friday afternoon; some great discussions were had about the events Lodges hold to grow the WEST funds.

Remember that the WEST monies are the main benefactor of the Needy Youth program... lets grow that number of kids we are able to help! The WEST money also affords us the ability to offer some scholarships at the state level.

If you have an recurring event or activity that is successful, share that info with your cohorts!

Find the WEST Facebook page- a great place to advertise your events, and fundraisers for WEST activities.

*Fraternally,*  
**Nathan Soper**  
*Nathan K. Soper*  
*WEST Chairman*

# Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2018 - 2019

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2019-20209</u>	<u>Per Capita 2019-2020</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<b><u>Lodges</u></b>				
Cody	919	\$ 4,557.00	\$ 4.96	\$ 17,596.66
Gillette	194	\$ 265.00	\$ 1.37	\$ 1,304.60
Greybull	281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.10
Powell	188	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.32	\$ 120.00
Sheridan	750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Worland	488	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 2,608.50
<b>N/W District</b>	<b>2820</b>	<b>\$ 6,494.00</b>	<b>\$ 2.30</b>	
Casper	829	\$ -	\$ 0.13	\$ 986.80
Cheyenne	535	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.47	\$ 3,360.00
Laramie	542	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.18	\$ 1,290.00
Lusk	216	\$ 869.00	\$ 4.02	\$ 3,471.60
Torrington	234	\$ 915.00	\$ 3.91	\$ 1,970.10
<b>East District</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>\$ 2,134.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.91</b>	
Jackson	538	\$ 1,472.00	\$ 2.74	\$ 5,666.00
Lander	354	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,853.50
Rawlins	509	\$ 7,642.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$ 20,510.95
Riverton	351	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 519.40
Virtual	96	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
<b>S/W District</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>\$ 9,114.00</b>	<b>\$ 4.93</b>	
<b>State</b>		<b>\$ 1,776.00</b>		<b>\$ 4,781.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7024</b>	<b>\$ 17,742.00</b>	<b>\$ 2.53</b>	<b>\$ 69,449.21</b>



Member All

OCT 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

I would like to thank all of the Lodges for their support of our VETERANS.

The Chief of Volunteer Service's and all the other organization's supporting our veterans, have asked me to tell you how greatly they appreciate the Elks of Wyoming donation of a new BINGO machine to the Community Living Center (CLC). The veterans that attend our BINGO express their appreciations also.

The Cheyenne Lodge has done BINGO each month, entertaining on the average of 15 veterans on each visit, providing treats, and prizes.

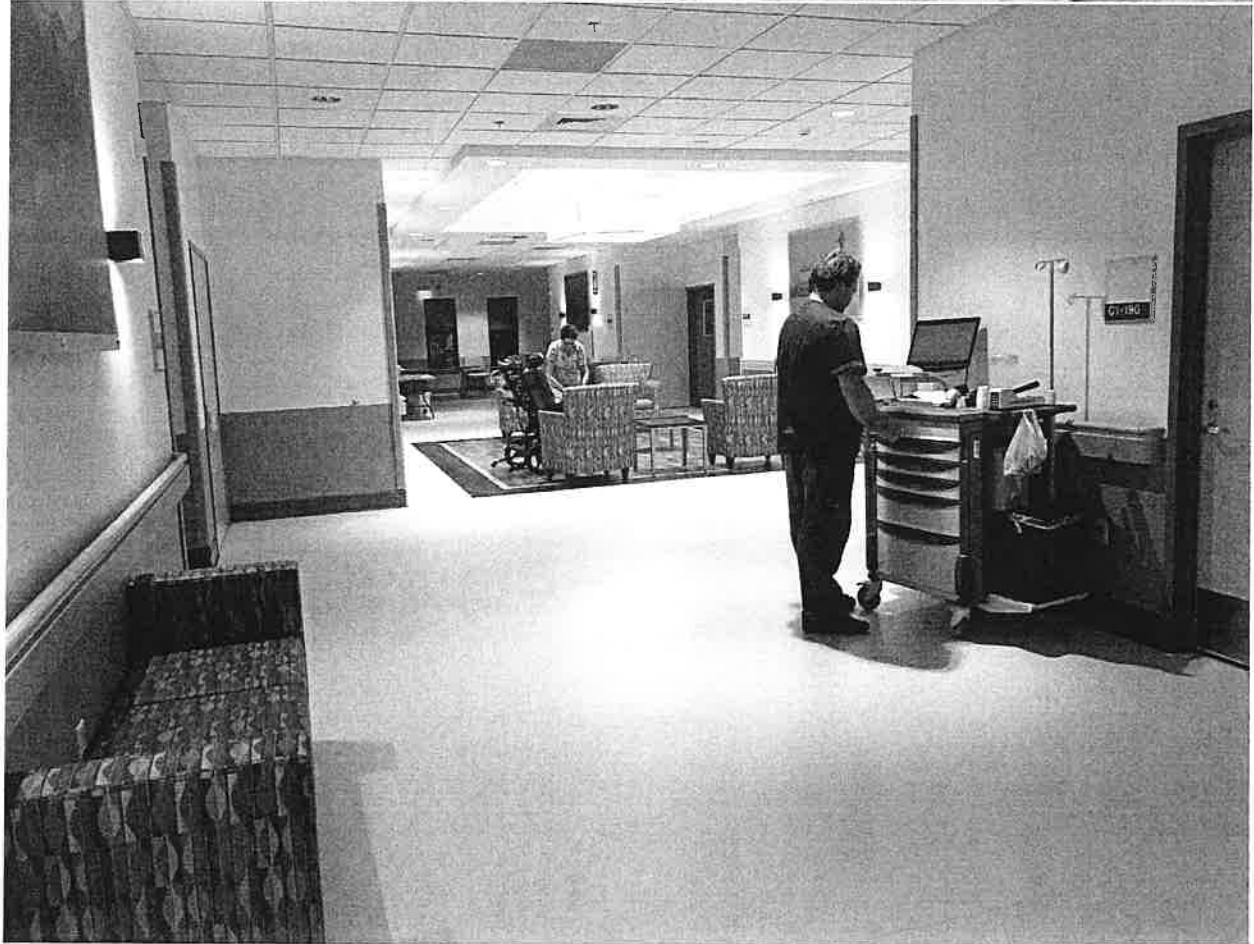
A new addition to the Community Living Center is completed, which is giving each veteran his or her own a private room, which help improve the quality of for the veterans in the CLC. The new addition is and outstanding state of art area.

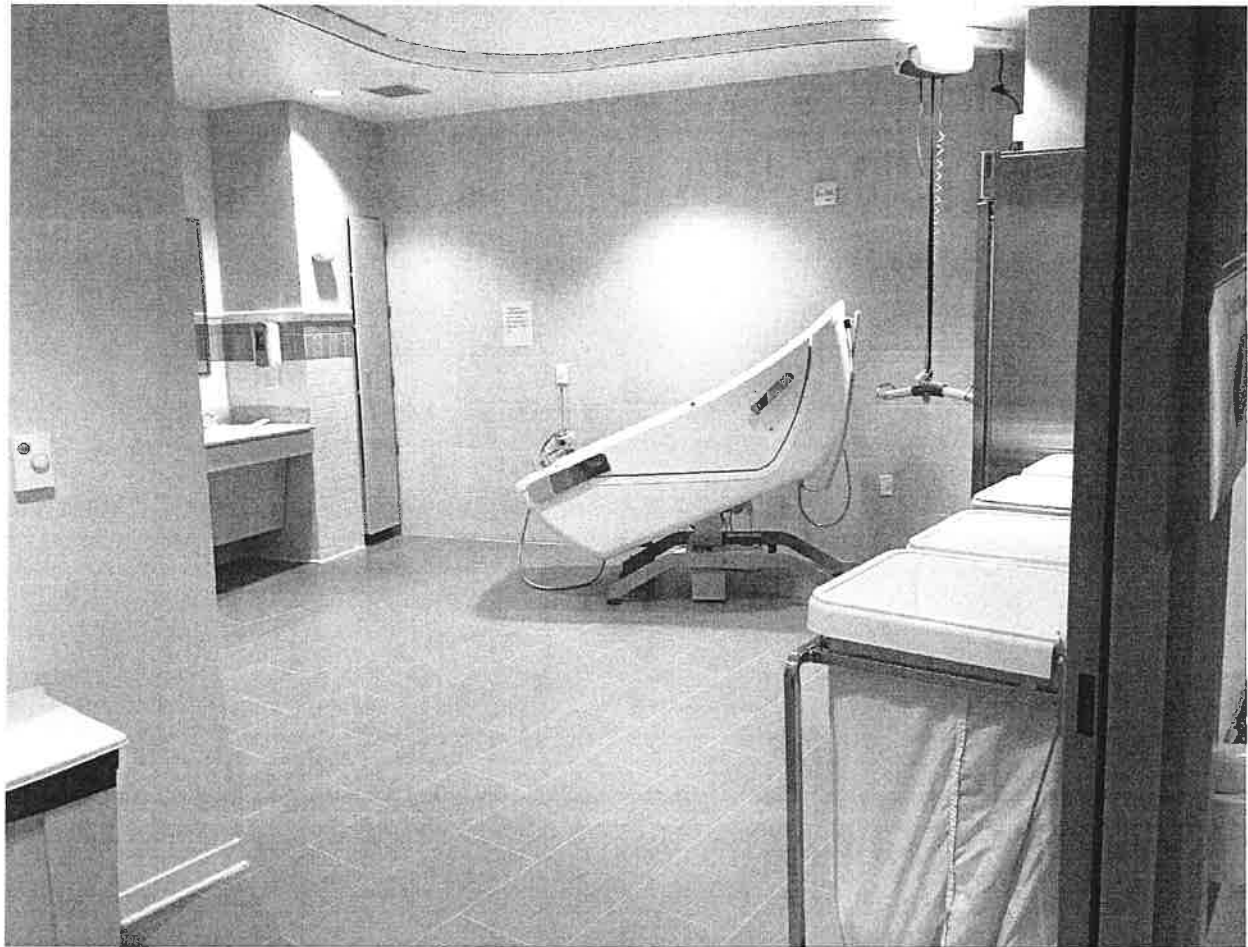
Thanks to the support of several Lodges and the State Association, I have been able to purchase over \$2500 in item's, in support of our veterans, i.e. clothing, coffee, snacks, and bottled water for the chemo patients.

Fraternally

**Jim Robinson**

Jim Robinson  
Veterans Services State Chairperson







Brad Smith, PDDGER

Public Relations

Greetings members all,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer! I hope everyone let their respective news outlets know what events they held for their communities over the summer. Do not forget to send Jerry photos and stories for the newsletter when you hold events or if you are making donations to other organizations. You can submit photos to the national magazine with a caption and they will be published. If you need any assistance in doing so, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

Gary L. McKee "McGoo"  
PO Box 2895  
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**Frontier Days Water-Booth report**  
**Wyoming Elks Association Fall Meeting**  
**October 11-12 Jackson, WY.**

Association President Tharpe. Members all,

This year established a new high mark for the Water-booth. We used slightly more than 29,000 cups, plus refilling countless personal water bottles. We reported 278 Elk volunteer hours 16.5 Non-Elk volunteer hours and 2,155 Elk miles. It would be nice if we could actually keep count of the persons served, but from opening to closing, it is simply too busy to take time to count.

Many of the patrons served offered a gratuity which was rejected, but I am thinking that as Water-booth expenses rise, maybe we should accept tips to help defray the expense. Along these lines, I'm considering, if the Association approves, placing a tip container bearing a sign reading, "Gratuities accepted. Proceeds will be used to fund Community Activities like this Water-booth."

Ice is another item of significant expense. This year \$460.00 went to Check's Ice Company. Since we have a freezer in the booth, I am going to try freezing our own ice blocks. The Dollar Tree store has plastic containers w/lids that would make a suitable size block of ice for one cooler refill. By starting several days early, we could have many blocks frozen by start-up and by continuously refilling the containers we might eliminate this expense entirely.

This endeavor has proven to be a significant Public Affairs activity and has boosted the Elks image among a large segment of the Frontier Days population. We offer a much needed service and our efforts are greatly appreciated by all but those vendors charging \$4.50 per bottle of water.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. McKee".

Gary L. McKee "McGoo" PSP

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

October 12, 2019

President Robert Tharp, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne Rumney,  
Distinguished Guests, Members All:

Cynthia M. Rankin, Certified Public Accountant was unable to complete the State Association audit in time for our Association meeting. She has filed extensions with the Internal Revenue Service for filing Forms 990 for our three entities. This protects the State Association from penalties for late filing. The extensions are good until December 15, 2019. The audit will be reported during the Mid-Winter meeting in Cody on January 11, 2020.

Fraternally,



Robert Tharp, Chairman  
Audit Committee

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Members All,

We have made very little progress in our attempt to recruit new lodges. I was unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce's for the potential cities of Star Valley, Newcastle and Douglas. The Chambers are interested in meeting with us but scheduling with the Chambers and the Past State Presidents has not worked out yet.

I also think if we are to succeed in recruiting new lodges, we the help of surrounding lodges. I will be in contact with those lodges.

As I have said in the past, this is a slow process, so please be patient and hopefully we might see a new lodge emerge in Wyoming.

Sincerely  
Jerry Fritz

Members All,

We currently have no open insurance claims in the state of Wyoming. Way to go Lodges. Your commitment to safe and lawful practices is to credit for this achievement. Keep up you good work.

With that said here are a few help full reminders this fall:

- Have all major projects finished before. winter i.e. roof, windows, doors
- Be familiar with and know how to obtain a "Certificate of Liability Insurance"
- Service smoke detectors and exit lights
- Have a snow removal system in place

Stay safe this winter. If you ever have any questions in regards to the insurance programs please feel free to contact me.

Fraternal

Joshua Soper, Accident Prevention Chairman

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## Wyoming Elks Veterans leather program

We as Wyoming elks have a great opportunity to help our veterans by saving up deer and elk hides that are harvested by hunters around our state. These hides would be collected and shipped to a tannery to be turned into Leather gloves for wheelchair bound vets, and leather working kits for our veterans that are in hospitals. It really takes very little effort and can have a great impact on the life of those who have put their lives on the line protecting us. If you would like to learn more about how your lodge can become a part in this please let me know.

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**Barbette L. Hernandez**

*Wyoming ELKS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Wyoming State ELKS Convention, Jackson, Wyoming*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report**

*A Fraternal Organization*

Greetings Members All:

Fall is in the air! It is wonderful to celebrate the Fall Convention in Jackson!

I've done my duty over the summer in helping Riverton and Lander's Queen of Hearts grow. Maybe one of these days I'll reap the rewards! LOL! Each Lodge has had it's share of fund raisers for our charities and for local people just as every other Lodge has done over the summer. Just a possible teaser for next summer from the Riverton Lodge will be a new type of rodeo. Things are in the works, we'll just see how it pans out. I'm very excited for this new venture!

I am revamping the duties and responsibilities handbook of the State Officers. I have copies with me this meeting and if you have any suggestions for it, please let me know. I am also putting together a packet for all Lodges for the conventions. Some are fantastic at putting them on and then others are unsure what to do. Hopefully, this packet will help. Again, this is a living document and can be revised or added to as we go on.

I am learning so much more about the wonderfulness of Elkdom! Life is wonderful when you are helping and learning!

Fraternally,

Barbette

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### Fall Convention and Meetings

Jackson, Wyoming  
October 11-13, 2019

WHERE AS: The City of Jackson has offered their City for the Fall Convention and Meetings of the Wyoming Elks Association and has proved to be a most accommodating host to the Members of this Association.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, does hereby wish to express their Sincere thanks and appreciation to the City of Jackson, its officials and its citizens for the warm Welcome which has been extended to the Members of this Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution is sent to Mayor Pete Muldoon, Mayor of the City of **Jackson, Wyoming.**

WHERE AS: The Jackson Chamber of Commerce has helped make the Members and guests of this Association Welcome.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, does hereby wish to thank The Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The copy of this resolution is sent to the Jackson Chamber of Commerce.

IN CONSIDERATION OF: The countless hours of preparation by the Officers and Members of the Jackson Elks Lodge-BPOE #1713, to ensure the success of this Association gathering.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, does hereby wish to extend their Sincere thanks and appreciation to Exalted Ruler Pete Kendzior as well as the officers, their spouses and all the many Members of Jackson Lodge-BPOE #1713 for the excellent job they have done in hosting this Association gathering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution is sent to Jackson Lodge BPOE #1713.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association would like to welcome our Grand Lodge Advisor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne E. Rumney, Willmar, MN – Lodge #952 and wife, Sandy.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, sincerely hope that our Grand Lodge Advisor and his Lady greatly enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie at this event as we enjoy their visit with us.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association would like to welcome Special Guests; Montana State President John Morford and DeeDee, Livingston #0246; Colorado State President, Kathy Larsen and Jim, Cripple Creek Lodge #0316; PSP Montana Dennis Cooper and Karen, Deer Lodge #1737; PSP Colorado, Tom McKibbin and Debbie, Lamar Lodge #1319; Tom Fraker and Debra, La Junta Lodge #0701.



## Wyoming Elks Association Fall 2019 Resolutions (Cont.)

WHERE AS: The Elks of Wyoming have the pleasure of welcoming our own Grand Lodge Dignitaries as follows... Michael Pettigrew, Torrington Lodge- BPOE #1726, Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee, Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler; and Lady, Pat Russell.

Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge – BPOE #1793, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Wyoming East #9740 and Lady, Julie.

Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge - BPOE #1611, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Wyoming North-West #9760 and Michael.

Valeria Peterson, Jackson Lodge – BPOE #1713 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Wyoming South-West #9800.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks are delighted to enjoy the company of these dignitaries and appreciate their participation at this gathering.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association and all Wyoming Elks take great pleasure in welcoming all of our visitors and Members to our gatherings and enjoy the opportunity to catch up with each other on news and events since our last encounter.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, sincerely wish all of The attendees of this event a delightful and memorable experience, as well as, safe and expeditious traveling as they return to their homes.

Fraternally submitted,

# Rex F. Tollman

Rex F Tollman, DDGER WY East #9740  
PER/Trustee Lusk BPOE #1797  
Resolutions Committee

October 3, 2019

Wyoming ELKs Association  
2019 Fall Convention  
Jackson, Wyoming

Scholarship Report from:  
Louise Wrage, State Scholarship Chair

Greetings Members:

The Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship opened on August 5 and will close on November 5, 2019 and the Legacy Scholarship opened Sept 1 and will close Jan 31, 2020. These scholarships are all online.

I encourage all Lodges to reach out to their school counselors, letting them know about these scholarships and encourage all seniors to apply. Personally, I have been calling and visiting the schools in SW Wyoming, ensuring they are aware of these resources.

The committee will continue to work on updating the Wyoming Elks Association Scholarship page to ensure accuracy. Speaking of the committee, it currently consists of myself and Kim Hardage from the Cody Lodge. We are seeking at least three (3) more members. Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone that would be a great fit.

State President Tharp and members, thank you for allowing me to serve as your scholarship chair person this year.

Fraternally yours,

M. Louise Wrage

Dear Members All,

My name is Deborah Meredith. I am from Lander Lodge #2317 and the State Youth Activities Chairman. I am asking that all Youth Activities Chairs contact me [dmeredith@landerschools.org](mailto:dmeredith@landerschools.org) to fill me in on what amazing activities lodges around the state are doing. Please send this information onto your Youth Activities Chairs as it is the start of a new year and there are many new members in this position. Youth Activities are a strong part of our organization as these are the young men and women that will one day be a part of elkdom.

I know lodges around the state are doing amazing activities for the youth in your communities. I would like to hear about all the great things your lodges are doing so I can spread the word.

Sincerely,

Deborah Meredith  
State Youth Activities Chairman  
[dmeredith@landerschools.org](mailto:dmeredith@landerschools.org)

Brad Smith, PDDGER

Website Committee

Greetings members all,

I need help from the state as well as lodge secretaries to get me their current list of committees so I can make sure our directory is fully updated. An outdated directory is a worthless directory. You can email me your committee list to [bsmith@avitusgroup.com](mailto:bsmith@avitusgroup.com). Have a great Fall Convention everyone!

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

**To:** Wyoming Elks Lodges  
**From:** Site Selection Committee  
**Re:** Convention Bid Request

Wyoming Lodges,

The Wyoming Elks Association are requesting bids for the following conventions during the Fall Meeting taking place in Jackson

- 2020 Spring Convention
- 2020 Fall Meeting
- 2021 Mid – Winter Meeting

Enclosed is the convention bid form used by the Site Selection Committee. We encourage all lodges to consider placing a bid for the available conventions. Below are some specific details to consider when placing a bid.

**Fall Convention:** This convention requires available room for the ritual clinic and ritual judging tests. Be prepared to work with the State Ritual Chair to accommodate their needs and the needs of the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee member. Secure a restaurant or plan on serving breakfast prior to the start of the business session for dignitaries and members on Saturday morning. The attendance at this convention ranges from around 100 to 150.

**Mid – Winter Convention:** This is the hardest convention to host but also the most rewarding convention to host. This convention will have the Grand Exalted Ruler in attendance. At this convention a lodge will need to host the Ritual Contest and Flag/11 o'clock toast (arraignments need to be set up with the Ritual Chair prior to event). The local lodge is responsible for rooms costs for traveling out of state ritual judges. On Friday night the lodge will host the annual PER banquet and action, this requires the local lodge to secure an auctioneer to conduct the auction (paid or volunteer). Secure a restaurant or plan on serving breakfast prior to the start of the business session for dignitaries and members on Saturday morning. The attendance at this convention ranges from 100 to 150.

**All Conventions:** A gift basket should be placed in the rooms of visiting dignitaries (i.e. State Sponsor, Grand ER). The hosting Lodge needs to work with the State President to ensure all dignitaries have an escort for the convention. The attached form needs completed and turned into the Site Selection Committee on May 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm, a representative from the lodge placing a bid should be present.

**Note:** Please realize that hosting any convention requires a solid commitment from the lodge and a committee should be formed a minimum of 4 months prior to hosting the convention. Selling ads for the convention booklet is your key to making a profit for the convention. If any questions arise in your consideration in placing a bid, please feel free to contact me at 307-587-3318 or email at [jfritz2@bresnan.net](mailto:jfritz2@bresnan.net)

Jerry Fritz  
Site Selection Committee

# Site Selection for Future Meetings

Meeting your lodge is wanting to host

Spring

Fall

Winter

Lodge Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street (PO Box) City Zip Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all meals that will be included with the proposal

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast
	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast
	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch	Lunch **	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner *	Banquet ***	

\* All Lodges hosting the Winter Meeting are required to serve a meal for the PER Banquet (included)

\*\* All hosting Lodges need to include this meal and the Ladies Luncheon.

\*\*\* All hosting Lodges will be requires to serve a high quality meal for the banquet.

**Include a list other meals available that are no host**

Proposal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 per person

*By signing this proposal you have acknowledged that you have the support of your lodge to host this meeting, including Lodge Officers and membership. You have read and understood the requirements put forth in the Wyoming Elks Association's Procedure Guide for Lodge responsibilities. That you have the backing of your Chamber of Commerce and that adequate motel rooms will be available during the meeting. In addition to your signature the Secretary must sign below indicating that the lodge minutes reflect your lodge's support .*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Contact

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Contact

Elks Angels event was held above Cody about 7 miles from Cooke City. Cody Lodge was the host. It was a fun filled weekend with a short ride on Thursday for those who came early. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's rides began each day after breakfast around 10:00 and returning to



Camp about 4:00 in the afternoon. Cocktail hour was already in tact, and the evening meal was beginning. Stories and friendships were renewed and made new around the campfires.

The object of the Elks Angels is to have a family fun weekend camping and 4 wheeling while raising money to aid children who have lost parents in War on Terror or who are children of First Responders. Last year our first Scholarships applied for was \$14,000.

The Sunday of the Labor Day Weekend event the Lodge hosting has a poker run with cards being drawn at each stop. The money is usually all donated back to our cause. The Lodge brought the evening meal a delicious B B Cue with Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Beans, Potato's and Desserts. After the meal an Auction was run by the Cody Lodge with Tom Imberga as the Auctioneer.

This year we had new Sweatshirts, hats, and bandannas with the Elks Angels Logo on it. We have some left so be sure to get yours this weekend here in Jackson. See Marilyn Lane, I have the apparel.

The monies are still being tallied at the writing of this report so check the treasures report. Altho we should have been around \$10,000 raised this year.

Our next years event will be hosted by Lander, Wyoming. This is a first for them to join in the Event. We need more Lodges to participate. Put his event on your calendar for Labor Day 2020.

Marilyn Lane, Elks Angels Committee Chair

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# The Wyoming Elks Association

## A Fraternal Organization

Members All,

I have been trying to create an issue of Wyoming Elks Association Newsletter. Unfortunately, I am getting little to no response from State Committees and the Lodges in the State. I am left to scan each lodge's Facebook or webpage for information about events. Basically, only including pictures from those websites.

With that said, each Lodge should be proud of what they are accomplishing. I have seen that the lodges are all getting involved in their communities.

If anyone is interested in taking over this committee, please visit with me and State President Bob Tharp.

Fraternally  
Jerry Fritz



Brad Smith, PDDGER

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Report

Disaster Relief Report

Greetings members all,

Where has the summer gone? For us it was a quick one. We had baseball, tennis and many more activities that kept us busy all summer long. We did manage to get to the cabin a few times and get some fishing in. Over Labor Day Weekend we attended the Elks Angels Poker Run and together with the many people that were there we helped raise just under 12k for our scholarship program! While at State Tennis in Gillette I got to stop into the Gillette lodge and enjoy their always consistent hospitality.

By the time you are reading this you should now be fully aware that the canteen is BACK! I will be selling shots from the canteen this year in order to raise additional funds for the Elks Angels Scholarship Program so come find me and help keep our scholarship program funded!

I hope everyone has a great Fall Convention in Jackson and safe travels to all!

Disaster Relief is also part of my area of responsibility. I am currently not aware of any Wyoming wide disaster relief needs.

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

The Wyoming Elks Association  
Elks National "HOOP SHOOT" Free Throw  
Program  
Benevolent and Protective order of Elks

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
"A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION"

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October 12, 2019

**Good morning all:**

Wyoming Elks Convention - Jackson

The Hoop Shoot Local Director's packet has been sent directly to each Lodge by the Elks National Foundation - Please be sure that your **Lodge Hoop Shoot Director** receives this **packet** as soon as possible.

Thank you to Wyoming Elks Association President Robert Tharp for granting me the privilege of Directing the Wyoming "Hoop Shoot" program again this year. I will do my best to continue to provide this highly visible and rewarding program to Wyoming's young athletes and future leaders and to also spread the visibility of Elkdom.

Each Lodge Secretary must designate a "Hoop Shoot Coordinator" to enter pertinent information: Local Hoop Shoot contest information, winner's information, Contest Report, etc. The ENF office will not accept any information from anyone other than the designated Coordinator. Please contact your Lodge Secretary for the name of your Lodge's Hoop Shoot Coordinator. (may or may not be your Lodge Hoop Shoot Director)

**2020 Contest Dates:**

Wyoming **State** Championships - **Casper** - February 8, 2020

West Central **Region 8** Championships - **Colorado Springs, CO** - March 16, 2020

Elks Hoop Shoot **National** Finals - **Chicago, IL** - April 18, 2020

The **Wyoming Northwest District Hoop Shoot** Contest will be conducted at the **Worland Middle School** on **January 4, 2020 at 10am.** ( Director Aaron Abel 307-899-2093 or [aabel@wsh1.k12.wy.us](mailto:aabel@wsh1.k12.wy.us) )

Also on **January 4 at 10am**, the **Wyoming Southwest District** Contest will be held at **Riverton High School.** ( Director Barbetta Hernandez 307-851-9646 or [wyoinglady@bresnan.net](mailto:wyoinglady@bresnan.net) )

On **January 18, 2020 at 11am**, the local winners in the **Wyoming Southeast District** will be competing at **Laramie County Community College in Cheyenne.** ( Director Steve Soltesz 307-220-9803 or [stephensoltesz@bresnan.net](mailto:stephensoltesz@bresnan.net) )

Rounding out the Schedule, the **Wyoming Northeast District** contestants will meet at **Casper College T-Bird Gym on January 25 at 10am.** (Director Beth Luers 307-262-9077 or [wyo\\_enf@yahoo.com](mailto:wyo_enf@yahoo.com) )

**Local Contests** must be scheduled **at least two weeks (try for three) before your District Contest** to allow time for the District Director to plan their contest and also to allow parents to make plans. Please note the date creep toward earlier contests by the Elks National Foundation office.

**Please enjoy any and all of these contests. Please volunteer to assist in any way you can to promote and contribute to their success, even if only to sit and watch. Thank you for all of your efforts in encouraging the leaders of tomorrow for their skill and determination.**

Thank you for your continued donations to **The Elks National Foundation.**  
The Hoop Shoot Program could not exist without the funding provided by **The Great Heart of Elkdom.**

I'm sorry that Beth and I are not able to be with all of you this weekend: The Casper Elks Lodge major ENF fundraising event (**Baby Back Rib Run**) has been scheduled since our February planning meeting. Elks from across the nation have committed to today's date and it was obvious the date could not be changed.

Have a great weekend, Frank

GRAND LODGE  
FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

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July 2019

## 2019-2020 GRAND LODGE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

# *“What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?”*

I am pleased to announce that Members of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee have selected the theme, **“What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me”** for the 2019-2020 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore, Maryland in July 2020. This very important Patriotic Contest gives school children in grades 5-8 the opportunity to express views on their pride in America.

Nationally, first-place, second-place and third-place winners in each division will receive bronze plaques. Many Lodges, Districts and State Associations also may offer different types of awards to their winners.

Now is the time for all Lodges to contact their local school districts and provide them with the new topic. Ask them to add the essay contest to their fall curriculum. The same material accompanying this letter, and also a fillable Certificate of Participation for schools that participated in the contest, may be found at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>.

This contest is most important because it involves school children in your area, showing them Americanism at its best. The contest also demonstrates that Members of your Lodge are proud to be Americans, proud to be Elks and proud to participate in the Americanism programs of Grand Lodge. Your Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is committed to serving and assisting you as we all show pride in America.

May God continue to bless America. God bless the Elks and may God bless each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Ramsey".

Dennis A. Ramsey, *Chairman*  
Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee



# 2019-2020 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST COVER SHEET

(MUST be attached to each Essay)



## “What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me”

### Section 1 — to be filled out by student

Division I: 5th or 6th Grade

(Circle One)

Division II: 7th or 8th Grade

School \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male  Female

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
*(used only to contact the winners)*

Send to Local Lodge no later than December 15, 2019.

### Section 2 — to be filled out by Lodge Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the District Americanism Chairman by January 31, 2020 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)*

### Section 3 — to be filled out by District Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the top three essays from each division and send them to the State Americanism Chairman by February 28, 2020 or the date established by the State Chairman. (Top three only, do not separate as 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.)*

### Section 4 — to be filled out by State Chairman

Chairman's Name \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

*Select the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners for your State and send the 1st place winner from each division to the Contest Administrator, David P. Cioe, by March 31, 2020.*



# “What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me”

## Essay Contest

Sponsored by Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of The United States of America

### RULES:

1. Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
5. Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

### AWARDS:

Plaques will be awarded by the Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Division I and Division II. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore, Maryland, July 5-8, 2020.

### ENTRY DATE:

Essay should be submitted to local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2019.

*The Essay Contest Cover Sheet must be completed for each level of competition and remain attached to the Essay.*



Sponsoring Elks Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_





2019-2020

## AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

### Essay Theme: *“What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me”*

1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2019-20 school year, preceding June 30, 2020. **Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 15, 2019.**
2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to Lodge nearest to home address of entrant.
5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay.)
6. Judging criteria:
  - Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases – 30 points
  - Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble – 40 points
  - Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation – 30 points

There are two divisions for judging essays:  
 Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)  
 Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

#### **PROCEDURES FOR LODGE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**

Select from submitted entries the top three essays from each division and send the six essays to the District Americanism Chairman by Jan. 31, 2020, or the date established by the State Association.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**

Select the top three essays in each division from entries submitted by Local Lodges and send the six essays to the State Americanism Chairman by Feb. 28, 2020, or the date established by the State Association.

#### **PROCEDURES FOR STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN**

Select the first-, second- and third-place winners for the state from entries submitted by the District Chairman. In addition, State Chairman forwards the first-place winners from each division to the Grand Lodge Essay Contest Administrator. (Must be postmarked by March 31, 2020.)

**SEND TO: Essay Contest Administrator David P. Cioe, Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, 6 Francis Street, Barrington, RI 02806-2709.**

Plaques for first-, second-, and third-place winning essays in Divisions I and II will be available for pickup at the Fraternal Committee's Booth at the end of the Grand Lodge Session on July 7, 2020.

Members All,

Just a couple things to touch on today. First take some time to check out some of the current programs featured on the Elks.org website. Here you can find all current information and forms for all the Elks awards programs and contests.

The second thing, make sure you are using your manuals to guide you through having a successful youth program or special event. Visit Elks.org for printable versions of all current manuals. If you have any questions about lodge activities please don't hesitate to contact me.

Fraternally,

Joshua Soper, Lodge Activities Chairman

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# The Wyoming Elks Association

## A Fraternal Organization

### Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Fall Meeting 2019, Jackson Lodge, Hosting

President Robert Tharp, Association Officers and Members

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Baltimore, MD, July 5 – July 8, 2020. We have not been assigned a hotel at this time.

The Association blocked 30 rooms for our Wyoming Delegation. 3 District Deputies, 3 for Association Officers, 16 for Exalted Ruler or their alternates and 8 for the Wyoming Ritual Team.

More information will be available in the near future.

Below is a breakdown of hospitality income and expenditures.

Alcohol & Sprints - \$730.61

Food - \$597.05

President Cups - \$308.38

Beer - \$300.39 (Tanager Beverages has agreed to reimburse the Association for the beer)

Jackalope - \$141.70

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**Total Expenses- \$2,078.13**

**Fee Income - \$175 per Lodge 15 paid = \$2,625.00**

As you can see the income exceeded the expenses by \$546.97, plus the \$300.38 for beer costs that Tanager Beverages has agreed to refund. However, the owner of Tanager Beverages has been ill and the refund has not yet been received. Any G.L. Hospitality room reserves will be used to help with next year's expenses. However, we will monitor next year's income vs expenses and hopefully be able to lower the shared cost to each Lodge.

Jackalope Sales - \$218.00

President Cups donations - \$367.00

Other Donations - \$73.00

All Jackalope sales, Cup sales and donations has been sent to the Elks National Foundation in the Wyoming Elks Association name.

Fraternally  
Jerry Fritz





**Elks Drug Awareness Material Order Form**

**Lodge Info:**

Lodge Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping:**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (2): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business? \_\_\_\_\_ Residence? \_\_\_\_\_

**Usage:**

(Check One)

Trailer \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Special Event \_\_\_\_\_  
 Law Enforcement \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials Purpose:**

(Check One)

Lodge? \_\_\_\_\_ District? \_\_\_\_\_ State Chair? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Max: 500 each) (Max: 1000 each) (Max: 2,000 each)

**Confirmation email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<u>QTY</u>	<u>Qty per Pack</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Name</u>
_____	250	DAP110	Underage Drinking - Myths & Facts
_____	250	DAP165	Coloring Books
_____	250	DAP170	How Can I Tell If My Child is Using Drugs?
_____	250	DAP200	Tips for Teens - Tobacco
_____	250	DAP230	Bookmarks
_____	250	DAP265	Kids, Cars, Marijuana
_____	250	DAP270	Binge Drinking
_____	250	DAP275	Legalizing Marijuana
_____	50	DAP280	Elks National Drug Awareness Program
_____	1	DAP310	Parenting is Preventing (Flashdrive)
_____	1	DAP330	UR Choice, UR Voice (Video)
_____	250	DAP350	Prescription Drugs
_____	250	DAP360	Marijuana Facts
_____	250	DAP370	Heroin
_____	250	DAP380	Impaired Driving
_____	250	DAP385	Ecstasy & Moly
_____	250	DAP390	K2/Spice
_____	250	DAP395	DXM
_____	250	DAP400	Methamphetamine
_____	50	DAP405	Elks Drug Quiz Show
_____	250	DAP410	Heroin/Fentanyl
_____	250	DAP420	Vaping
_____	250	DAP430	Red Ribbon History
_____	250	DAP435	Bullying & Drug Abuse: The Connection

**Specials Instruction or Exceptions:**

Drug Awareness  
Nathan Soper  
Oct. 2019 – Jackson, WY

Hello Friends!

As usual, my report is NOT pre-filed.

To start, I would like to commend the following Lodges: Casper, Cody, Lander, Laramie, Rawlins, and Worland; we are roughly half way through our year, and these 6 Lodges have already used DAP money for project, handouts, and/or events. As of today, we have spent roughly \$3,800 of our \$7,500 budget. Thank you to these Lodges and their people that have been pushing the DAP program and materials.

I had a great time in St. Louis at the National convention and DAP seminar. Unfortunately, I was only able to make it out for the weekend, for my DAP training. However, it gave me a renewed sense of vigor for the program. A few house-keeping items, ideas, and news:

- 1.) Please make sure you are submitting your DAP reports anytime you hold a DAP event so we can record volunteer miles, hours, and materials distributed.
- 2.) 2019-2020 DAP Theme for the Poster/Video/Essay contest is "Life does not rewind." Anyone interested in participating, please see me and we can work on a submission schedule. I have to have our state winners submitted to Grand Lodge by May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 3.) The national program will be moving away from DAP trailers, and will be moving towards canopy tents; this just means that GL will no longer be offering grants for trailers.
- 4.) National DAP is going DIGITAL! In addition to the DAP page on elk.org, DAP is developing an online toolchest and database that all DAP chairs will have access to.
- 5.) I have developed a DAP Literature order form that I can mail, in PDF form. (attached)

I would love to hold a Drug Awareness seminar in January, if the interest is out there. I quit offering a DAP seminars at state meetings, because I just wasn't able to compete with the UW Cowboy games on Saturdays.

*Fun Fact: The original Elroy T. Elks mascot was recently found, and in decent condition. Grand Lodge is working on getting him into the National Mascot Museum.*

Fraternally,  
**Nathan Soper**  
Nathan K. Soper  
DAP Chairman

School has started and if you haven't visited your local schools and shown them what we have in dictionary selections you have another chance.

Show them the list of dictionaries we have available Rhyming, Thesaurus, Synonyms and Antonyms, Vocabulary Builder, Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Large Print and many others.

Third grade aren't the only ones who could use a dictionary of their own. Older grades can use them for English classes, language classes.

Endless possibilities for all ages of child

Just a matter of persistence. LOL

Call or email me for questions or help

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Dictionary Report OCT 2019

**Wyoming State Elks Association**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 May 1 through October 10, 2019

	May 1 - Oct 10, 19
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
43400 · Direct Public Support	
43450 · Individ, Business Contributions	
43455 · ENF Contributions	2,299.00
<b>Total 43450 · Individ, Business Contributions</b>	2,299.00
43457 · Michael Knapp Scholarship Fund	1,020.00
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	3,319.00
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46402 · National Service Commission	2,820.00
46405 · Shoot Out	8,820.00
46407 · Emblem sales and Wyoming pins	138.00
46412 · Leading Knight Seminar	350.00
46415 · 50/50 Envelopes	240.00
46416 · Heads & Tails	165.00
46422 · Hides for Veterans	1,146.00
46425 · Frontier Days	600.00
46516 · GL Hosp. Room-Assessment	2,450.00
46517 · GL Hosp. Room-Activities	658.00
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	17,387.00
47200 · Program Income	
47230 · Membership Dues	41,469.50
<b>Total 47200 · Program Income</b>	41,469.50
<b>Total Income</b>	62,175.50
<b>Expense</b>	
60900 · President's Expense	
60920 · National Convention	2,100.00
60922 · State Meets & Travel	886.84
<b>Total 60900 · President's Expense</b>	2,986.84
62100 · Trustees & Officers Expense	
62110 · State Meets & Travel	10,308.15
<b>Total 62100 · Trustees &amp; Officers Expense</b>	10,308.15
62600 · Treasurers Expense	
62605 · Rent / Bond (Salary)	700.00
62610 · State Meets & Travel	140.00
62615 · Telephone / Internet / FAX	320.00
62692 · Office Equip. Purchases	341.11
<b>Total 62600 · Treasurers Expense</b>	1,501.11
62800 · Secretary's Expense	
62870 · National convention	1,500.00
62895 · Office supplies & stationary	214.13
62900 · Other printing and postage	165.00
62905 · Rent/Bond (Salary)	1,000.00
62910 · State meets and travel	494.44
62915 · Telephone, internet and fax	320.00
<b>Total 62800 · Secretary's Expense</b>	3,693.57

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Accrual Basis

# Wyoming State Elks Association

## Profit & Loss

May 1 through October 10, 2019

	<u>May 1 - Oct 10, 19</u>
65000 · Committees	
65010 · Grand Lodge Convention	2,174.36
65015 · Grand Lodge Visitations	1,038.18
65016 · GER-First Lady Gifts	141.70
65020 · National Foundation Expense	3,035.75
65030 · Ritual Development	848.88
65035 · State Awards & Trophies	212.00
65065 · Frontier Days	1,789.75
65070 · Distinguished Elk	107.45
<b>Total 65000 · Committees</b>	<u>9,348.07</u>
65100 · Programs of Service	
65130 · Michael Knapp Scholarship	2,000.00
65135 · Elks Angels Scholarships	14,000.00
65160 · National Service Commission	2,820.00
<b>Total 65100 · Programs of Service</b>	<u>18,820.00</u>
66000 · Other Expense	
66020 · Lucky Knight	8,820.00
66047 · Visiting Dignitaries Exp.-Other	1,027.50
66055 · Bank & Legal Fees	175.38
<b>Total 66000 · Other Expense</b>	<u>10,022.88</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>56,680.62</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>5,494.88</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>5,494.88</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Wyoming Elks Association Charitable Trust - ENF  
**Profit & Loss**  
May 1 through October 10, 2019

	<u>May 1 - Oct 10, 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
50100 · ENF Direct Support	
50120 · Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	29.33
Total 50100 · ENF Direct Support	<u>29.33</u>
Total Income	29.33
Expense	
50500 · Program Contributions	
50521 · Allocated Scholarship-Maj.Proj.	11,000.00
50531 · Drug Awareness	3,349.92
50532 · Soccer Shoot	3,580.00
50535 · Youth Programs - Other	5,500.00
50544 · VA Hospital Assistance	9,552.00
50551 · Community Programs	4,000.00
Total 50500 · Program Contributions	<u>36,981.92</u>
Total Expense	<u>36,981.92</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-36,952.59</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-36,952.59</u></u>

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**Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 May 1 through October 10, 2019

	May 1 - Oct 10, 19
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
70100 · WEST INCOME - For Investment	
70110 · Contributions-Donations	10,539.70
70117 · Other Income for Investment	2.18
Total 70100 · WEST INCOME - For Investment	10,541.88
70200 · WEST INCOME - Direct Funding	
70212 · Int. & Div. from Investments	30,000.00
Total 70200 · WEST INCOME - Direct Funding	30,000.00
70300 · ELKS ANGELS INCOME-INVEST	
70310 · Sponsors Banners/Contributions	6,285.00
70311 · Poker Run Income	425.00
70313 · Auction / Raffle Income	3,145.00
70314 · Merchandise Sales,Jello Shots	2,443.00
Total 70300 · ELKS ANGELS INCOME-INVEST	12,298.00
70350 · ELKS ANGELS INCOME - DIRECT USE	
70356 · Scholarship Awards-Transfer in	14,000.00
Total 70350 · ELKS ANGELS INCOME - DIRECT USE	14,000.00
Total Income	66,839.88
Expense	
70600 · WEST EXPENSES	
70610 · Needy Youth	12,371.71
70614 · Scholarship - Geo.B.Klein	2,000.00
70616 · Other Expenses - Define	2,727.40
Total 70600 · WEST EXPENSES	17,099.11
70700 · ELKS ANGELS EXPENSES	
70710 · Elks Angels Scholarship Awards	12,000.00
Total 70700 · ELKS ANGELS EXPENSES	12,000.00
Total Expense	29,099.11
Net Ordinary Income	37,740.77
Net Income	37,740.77

WEST

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# The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

October 12, 2019

Fall Meeting

JACKSON LODGE - HOSTING

## Report of the State Secretary

1. Online directories are on the State Elks Webpage. Remember there will be no printed directories produced this year.
2. If you need the new Association stationary or envelopes, please pick some up. With the use of electronic messaging, we have only produced a limited number of stationary. However, for your convenience I can send a copy of the current letterhead via email.
3. State Treasurer Bob Senitte and I have turned in the information for the State audit and taxes to State Accountant Cynthia Rankin. An extension has been filed.
4. The Website online donations to WEST is up and running, however we are charged a 3% fee for all donations sent in online. Those donations are very appreciated, but more charity funds will be available if they are sent directly to my office.
5. We are struggling to get lodges to bid for conventions. We may need to start thinking of different ways to host State Meeting. Possible hosting at a hotel or other facilities. That creates many problems and will be costly. We need input for the Association on how you would like to proceed.
6. The Hometown Grant is available for all lodges, so far only two lodges have taken advantage of it. Cheyenne and Cody Lodges.



Secretary Meeting

10-11-19

Randy Moss	Cheyenne	660	
Perry Hedgeson	Cheyenne	660	
Suzie Gallup	Cheyenne	640	
Brian Peach	Laramie	582	
KAREN GEE	Cody	1611	
Debby hymn	Powell	2303	
Nathan Soper	Casper	1353	Truste
Cynthia Whisenant	Torrington	1726	Esquire
Pete Soper	CASPER	1353	
Rob Neibauer	Casper	1353	Treasurer
ERIN MARTIN	Lander	2317	SECRETAR
UC SKIP BARNES	FORKS	2524	SEC.
Feenick	<del>CASP</del> JACKSON		

13 in Attendance -

Laramie  
ASKED - Are quarterly reports due to Grand Lodge - Yes

How Grand Lodge would like a volunteer report weekly - of your activities

They ~~are~~ helped answer a lot of questions for the new CASPER Secretary -

If you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve #Clems please petition the Clems committee so they can help you.

# Club Managers Mtg

Randy MOSS ER.	Cheyenne	660
Nico Homberg LL	Riverton	1693
Debby Lynn	Powell	2303
Sandra Dean	Riverton	1693
Perry Hedgeson	Cheyenne	660
Susie Gallup	Weyernce	# 660
Lana Craig	Laramie	582
Jene Peach	Laramie	582
Brian Peach	Laramie	582
Brett Salisbury Club Mgr	Lander	2317
Erin Martin	Lander	2317
Phyl C DRW	RIU	1693
Austin FRANKSON	COOY	1611
[Signature]	Lander	2317

## Bar Manager

- Talking points: <sup>Wiskey</sup> stalking different beers + ~~stalking~~
- are you doing monthly inventory
- What Tax Forms do you have to have signed For TAXIS
- is the Lodge responsible For the TAXIS
- Q or ♡ use a progressive scale
- Pull Tabs tracking pay outs & prosted
- Shortage on tickets on pull tabs in Jers.
- over pools how do you Control it,
- member's expect a stress Drink.
- Insurance on use of the lodge

Meeting Conducted by Brian Peach  
Laramie Lodge

**Ritual:** Oral report, Clinic had 14 in attendance, 5 people took the floor judging test.

**Government Relations:** No Report

**Membership:** Oral Report

**By-Laws:** Oral Report

**Site selection:** It was announced that Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge would be taking over the Committee.

**Publications:** It was announced that Karen Gee, Cody Lodge would be taking over the Committee.

**Veterans Service (Sheridan):** No report

**Historian:** Kerri Kilgore – No report

**Unfinished business:**

- None

**Lodge Secretaries:** Clayton Kilgore - Oral report

**New Business:**

- **Frontier Water Booth** – A motion was made to allow the Frontier Water Booth to place a tip jar on the table for donations, followed by a second. That motion passed.
- **Restricted Funds** – A motion was made to allow the State Secretary and State Treasurer to move funds currently held at O'Donnell Investments to a more appropriate fund that has a better potential to create income, followed by a second. That motion passed.

**Resolutions:** A motion was made to approve the resolutions, followed by a second. That motion passed.

**Elks Angels:** Elks Angels will be hosted by the Lander Lodge.

**Soccer Shoot:** Oral report

**Credentials:** 70 – Members  
12 – Officers  
9 – Spouses  
Total - 91

**Good of the Order:**

- Fines were assessed, and it generated \$518.00. The fines were split between to ENF and WEST.
- Jackson Lodge reported that free bowling would be would take place that afternoon.
- Casper Lodge announced that they were hosting a Korean Dinner for Veterans and their guests.
- Laramie Lodge invited Association Members to enjoy their lodge during Cowboy football games.
- Cody Lodge invited everyone to attend the Mid-Winter Meeting in Cody.

Those in attendance for the first time at the Mid-Winter Meeting of our Association were welcomed.

- Perry Helgeson – Cheyenne Lodge #660
- WC Skip Barnes – Forks Lodge #2524

- Heather Kilmer – Torrington Lodge #1762
- Ciara Thomas – Jackson Lodge #1713
- Marc Malone – Jackson Lodge #1713

**Other Committee Reports:**

**Heads & Tails #1:** Greg Flesvig Casper Lodge. \$61.00 for him and \$61.00 for the Association, Greg donated \$61.00 to WEST

**Heads & Tails #2:** Shane Green \$62.00 and \$62.00 to the Association. Shane donated his half to WEST.

**Closing Pray:** State Chaplain Dennis Craig

**Meeting closed at 11:30 AM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Fritz, Secretary