

PROCEEDINGS



THE WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

“A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION”

SPRING CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
LARAMIE, WYOMING
BRAD SMITH, 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
88. 2019-2020	Robert Tharp	Worland 1908	2020	Virtual
89. 2020-2021	Barbette Hernandez	Riverton 1693	2019	Cody

*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		*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		*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 Poepppe	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
Jerry Leslie

Lusk
Lander

Louis Mitchell

Riverton

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>
			2010	George Munn Walter R Wilson Michael M Murry	Torrington Sheridan Rawlins
			2011	George Ackerson Steve Baumgartner Shane Green	Cheyenne Sheridan Lander
			2012	*Roger Arndt *Thomas Imburgia Fernando Escobedo	Casper Cody Jackson
			2013	Pat Russell Fran Case John Wayne	Lusk Riverton Gillette
			2014	Larry Christy Mark Johnson Rusty Wells	Cody Lander Laramie
			2015	Wes Icenogle Darth Knuth Clayton Kilgore	Cody Riverton Torrington
			2016	Russell Hoff Chad Jones Jill Calloway	Casper Worland Jackson
			2017	Russell Hoff Brad Smith Kevin Green	Casper Cody Lander
			2018	Michael Stedillie Brad Smith Tom Hernandez	Casper Cody Riverton
			2019	Rex Tollman Laura Laughlin Valerie Pederson	Lusk Cody Jackson
			2020	Rex Tollman Laura Laughlin Ken King	Lusk Cody Riverton

*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	2020	6839
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		

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WORLAND LODGE #1908

MINUTES FOR FALL MEETING, LARAMIE LODGE #582, HOST – SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

Meeting of the Wyoming Elks Association was called to order by President, Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: District Deputy East District, Gary Hinesley, SDGER Pat Russell, Lusk Lodge #1797, PGER Michael Luhr, Petersburg Lodge No. 1615.

Opening Ceremony: Opening Prayer – Jim Tangney, Lusk Lodge #1797

- President Smith announced that PSP Michael Pettigrew, Torrington Lodge would be the Parliamentarian for this Annual Fall Meeting.
- Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge was installed as 1st Vice President
- A video tribute to 9/11 was played

ROLL CALL

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President, Brad Smith, Cody Lodge	Present
1 st Vice President, Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge	Present
2 nd Vice President, Patrick Hardage, Cody Lodge	Absent (PSP Shane Green filled in)
3 rd Vice President, Greg Flesvig, Casper Lodge	Present
Sgt. at Arms, Mikey Trujillo, Cheyenne Lodge	Present
Chaplain, Jim Tangney, Lusk Lodge	Present
Inner Guard, Matt Green, Cody Lodge	Present
Secretary, Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge	Present
Treasurer, Bob Senitte, Cody Lodge	Absent
5 Year, Trustee, Barbette Hernandez, Riverton Lodge	Present
4 Year, Robert Tharp, Worland Lodge	Present
3 Year Trustee, Darla Knuth, Riverton Lodge	Absent
2 Year Trustee, Pat Russell, Lusk Lodge	Present
1 Year Trustee, Marilyn Lane, Worland Lodge	Present

ROLL CALL WOMING ELK LODGES

West District	Exalted Ruler	Members Present
Cody Lodge #1611	No	10
Jackson Lodge #1713	Yes	5
Lander Lodge #2317	Yes	2
Greybull Lodge #1431	Yes	2
Powell Lodge #2303	Yes	1
Riverton Lodge #1693	No	2
Worland Lodge #1908	Yes	4

East District	Exalted Ruler	Members present
Casper Lodge #1353	Yes	4
Cheyenne Lodge #660	Yes	14
Laramie Lodge #582	Yes	8
Lusk Lodge #1797	Yes	2
Torrington Lodge #1726	Yes	4
Gillette Lodge #2825	Yes	1
Sheridan Lodge #520	No	0
Rawlins Lodge #609	No	2

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Present for this Annual Fall Meeting: 11 Past State Presidents and 14 Past District Deputies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annual Spring Convention, May 15, 2021 Meeting. Minutes were approved as printed and posted on the Wyoming Elks Association Web Page.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letters from 2nd Vice President Patrick Hardage resigning his position as 2nd Vice President was received. It was recommended that the resignation not be accepted at this time, in order to preserve the order elections.

Guest Introductions: SDGER Pat Russell

- Introduced our new State Sponsor PGER Michael Luhr

PGER Michael T. Luhr

Spoke at the end of the meeting

- Donations received during the meeting was heartwarming.
- Reiterated that membership was important, also Steve Miers from Idaho was the Area 8 Chairman.
- FRS was the financial structure and a tool to keep in good standing with the IRS.
- Follow Statues and the lodges will have a membership gain. Lodges need to follow programs and be observant.
- He announced the 11:00 O'clock State Winner goes to the Grand Lodge Convention to compete.
- He gave a shout out to Soccer Shoot Chairman for working on the Soccer program.

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The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

Brad Smith, PDDGER
State President Report

Greeting's members all,

I hope everyone had a great summer even though it went far too quickly. This summer was quite busy for us as we spent a full week in Florida before attending the Grand Lodge Session in Tampa. We spent that week attending a baseball game, visiting Busch gardens, deep sea fishing, eating wonderful seafood and just chilling by the pool with family. I had the honor of walking the Wyoming flag to the stage at the grand lodge session, which was amazing! We spent the rest of the summer attending my son Kolby's baseball games, spending time with family and tending bar at the Cody Elks!

August will end with myself and several other elks attending the new lodge picnic in Douglas. Right after that weekend we will be attending the annual Elks Angles poker run hosted by Lander Lodge. That weekend is always a blast and I'm sure Lander will put on a great weekend!

I look forward to visiting more lodges during the summer and fall! Let us have a great convention!

Fraternally,
Brad Smith

The Wyoming Elks Association
Elks National Foundation

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"A Fraternal Organization"

Beth Luers, Wyoming Chairperson
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September 11, 2021

Good Morning Members All:

Thanks to the generosity of Wyoming Elks in 2020-2021, Wyoming received **\$2.37** in exchange for every dollar donated. Wyoming donated \$40,187 to the Elks National Foundation and received back \$95,400 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.

Our Grand Exalted Ruler Keith Mills Elks National Foundation **per member goal for 2021-2022 is again at \$4.80**. Wyoming is currently ranked 45th in the nation with \$1.80 per member in donations as of August 26, 2021. The two Lodges who have met the per member goal are; Gillette at \$9.25 and Torrington at \$8.38. 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 am very 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.

Community Investments Program: Every year on April 1, Elks National Foundation starts opening the Community Investment Program Grants. Instead of opening all five CIP grants on April 1, only the Gratitude Grant, was available for \$2,000. June 1, the Spotlight Grant opened for \$2,000 and the Beacon Grant launched \$3,500 to help meet pressing needs to our communities. This year, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Elks National Foundation is encouraging Lodges to think about donating to food pantries or other local organization that are better equipped to directly serve the populations in need affected by the pandemic.

For more details about these three grants and others, visit LodgeGrants@elks.org

Scholarships 2020-21: 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

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.

Thank you to Wyoming State President Brad Smith 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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"Needy Youth Program" Report Total by District "2021-2022"

EAST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Casper #1353	\$199.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$199.93	1
Cheyenne #660	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Laramie #582	\$1,658.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,658.65	8
Lusk #1797	\$1,576.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,576.85	14
Torrington #1726	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Rawlins #609	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Gillette #2825	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Sheridan #520	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$3,435.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,435.43	23

WEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Jackson #1713	\$2,044.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,044.99	2
Lander #2317	\$2,471.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,471.00	20
Cody #1611	\$3,516.58	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,516.58	26
Powell #2303	\$2,005.69	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,005.69	12
Worland #1908	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Greybull #1431	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Riverton #1693	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$10,038.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,038.26	60

Total Year to Date	\$13,473.69
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	0
Grand Total YTD	\$13,473.69

Carry over (Gertrude Kamps from 18-19 and 19-20)	\$6,892.58
West Budgeted	\$33,354.03
ENF Funds	\$20,000.00

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Total Funds	\$60,246.6
	1

Funds Remaining	\$46,772.9
	2

Children Served YTD	83
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Please review the guidelines and find the forms on wyoelks.org. We are starting quickly this year and We still have some previous funds from the Gertrude Kamps monies to supplement the funds budgeted by the WEA. As you know we voted to move to 2 districts in January and we have adjusted the District Chairs to serve the East and West going forward. Thank you and never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions to either the district chair or myself. Brad thank you for the honor of serving in this capacity for another year.

East: Sheridan, Gillette, Casper, Lusk, Torrington, Laramie, Cheyenne, Cheyenne, Rawlins
West: Lander, Riverton, Jackson, Cody, Powell, Greybull, Worland

District Needy Youth Chairs for 2021-2022:

East District: Cindy Marchitelli: cmarchitelli@msn.com
West District: Patrick Hardage: hardage6@gmail.com

Fraternally, Pat Russell, WEA Needy Youth Chair

Brad Smith,
Distinguished Elk

Greetings members all,

At this time, I have not received any applications for Distinguished Elk however; one lodge requesting an application has already contacted me. I know we have several worthy candidates so please get those applications in to me! You can email me at bsmith@avitusgroup.com.

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

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: ____ 1st Vice: ____ 2nd Vice: ____ 3rd Vice: ____

Sergeant of Arms: ____ Chaplain: ____ Inner Guard: ____ Trustee: ____

Secretary: ____

National

D.D.G.E.R.: ____

Please list other offices held:

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: _____

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Members All,

First, I want to thank President Brad Smith for allowing me to serve as the WEST Chairman. Also, I want to welcome our new Grand Lodge Sponsor the Honorable Michael T. Luhr and his wife Barb to our State Meeting.

Contact information and how the Wyoming Elks State Trust operates was sent out to each lodge in the state. I hope that everyone has taken the time to read it. Here is the copy sent.

I am reaching out to you because either you have listed as your WEST Chair for your Elks Lodge, or you are a contact for your lodge if you do not have a WEST Chair. Below is how the Wyoming Elks State Trust (WEST) works.

*All donations are held in an investment account (Never Spent)
Only investment dividends are used toward the Needy Youth Program
Approximately \$400,000 given out in 10 years
Current WEST Value \$1,200,000.00
Each Lodge and individuals are credited with their donations
Records have been kept since 2017 (Prior Chair lost early records)
A copy of the Lodge donations is available upon request
Individual plaques and Lodge plaques are awarded as follows*

*Individual (\$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000) Pin at \$100
Lodges 0-250 Membership (\$2,500)
Lodges 250-500 Membership (\$5,000)
Lodges 500-1,000 Membership (\$10,000)*

I am asking each of you to come up with a plan to meet the State Presidents goal of \$4.00 per member donation. Please consider hosting some kind of fundraising event within your Lodge. Then forward me the information and we can share it to other Lodges.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz
WEA WEST Chair

Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2021 - 2022

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2021-2022</u>	<u>Per Capita 2020-2021</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<u>West District Lodges</u>				
Cody	939	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,290.66
Jackson	498	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,475.00
Lander	360	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,774.25
Greybull	282	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,175.10
Powell	193	\$ 170.00	\$ 0.88	\$ 290.00
Riverton	333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,196.40
Worland	470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,619.00
Virtual	6	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
WEST District	3081	\$ 170.00	\$ 0.06	\$ 47,880.41
<u>East District Lodges</u>				
Casper	757	\$ 2,076.00	\$ 2.74	\$ 4,125.80
Cheyenne	550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,360.00
Laramie	459	\$ 350.00	\$ 0.76	\$ 3,515.00
Sheridan	696			\$ 6,046.50
Gillette	175	\$ 265.00	\$ 1.51	\$ 1,560.60
Lusk	181	\$ 300.00	\$ 1.66	\$ 4,626.60
Torrington	204	\$ 1,020.39	\$ 5.00	\$ 3,736.72
Rawlins	453	\$ 2,205.00	\$ 4.86	\$ 28,475.20
EAST District	3475	\$ 6,216.39	\$ 1.79	\$ 57,446.42
State		\$ 1,170.00		\$ 6,852.00
Total	6556	\$ 7,556.39	\$ 1.15	\$ 112,178.83



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Members All,

What a whirlwind this has been 1st Vice already. The pandemic certainly didn't help our organization but from what I see things are getting back to being almost normal.

Julie and I enjoyed Grand Lodge at Tampa, bucket list Hurricane?? Check that one off. Hurricane Elsa on Wednesday flew home on Thurs and Friday had a far worse storm at the ranch then we had in Florida, wiped out almost all my hay crop and a good share of my pastures with hail and wind oh well I am still going to tell everyone we went through a hurricane in Florida. Was good seeing the Wyoming Elk friends that were in Florida we had a great time and a great convention And oh WOW their fireworks display right out our window on the 18th floor.

Julie and I sold the Lusk Liquor Store on Feb.4th and started drawing Railroad Retirement, I worked for Burlington Northern RR for 20 years before moving back to the ranch. We owned the LLS for 23 years!! We are hoping to be able to put more time into Lodge activities now that we are FREE??

Anyway, it is good to be back into the swing of things looking forward to getting to know and working with our new Grand Advisor Michael Luhr and Barb.

Great to see everyone this weekend and hope things are well in your households and good luck in your future endeavors.

Rex F Tollman

1st Vice President WEA
PDDGER WY East #9740
PER Lusk #1797

Member All

September 10, 2021

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

I have had request for clothing and food items for the pantry for both the VAMC. The Chief of Volunteer Service at the Quarterly Meeting that the VA was back in lockdown, which means a veteran may have one guest or caregiver accompany them to their appointment. The Community Living Center (CLC) is back in total lockdown no VISITOR at all. VA is hopping to have the CLC back open in 9 – 12 months.

Expenditures since last report

VAMC- \$1765.76, Food items for their Pantry, Baby Clothing, Coffee, water, snacks

Veterans Rock- \$1601.13, can food, clothing, coffee, snack items

, Food items for their Pantry and clothing

Total=\$3366.89

Fraternally

Jim Robinson

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Veterans Services State Chairperson

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Happy September everyone. I would like to reach out to each and every club and see if anyone needs any help or tips and trick for working with social media or promoting any activity you might have. Or even a few fundraising ideas. If you are interested, I can also help you set up a plan to email your newsletters to your membership.

Also, if anyone has a activity that was really successful and would like to share with others please let me know and I can spread the word. Let do what we can to fill our Clubs and get our members involved.

Looking forward to visiting with everyone at State Convention.

Sincerely,
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"A well behaved woman doesn't make history."

Gary L. McKee " McGoo"
PO Box 2895
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Wyoming Elks Association

Cheyenne Frontier Days Water Booth

Laramie, WY. Fall, 2021 Meeting Report

Having missed last year's activity due to Covid, I was worried that attendance for Frontier Days might drop off this year, but it turned out there was record crowds at almost every event. The weather was mostly HOT and dry and the crowd around the water booth was very thirsty. We set a new record for cups used with a whopping 44,200 cups used, in spite of filling water bottles for countless citizens.

We had planned to make our own ice, which we did, but we could not keep up with the heavy traffic and ice use far exceeded ice production. Lesson learned, we will make and store as much ice as we can find room for next year.

When we arrived at the booth to set up for the activity we found the back door had been kicked in so much of the time planned for set-up went to purchase and install the new door. The previous door was a hollow core door and the new one is solid so they will have to kick a whole lot harder to trash this one.

All told, volunteers donated their time, 397 volunteer hours, and mileage, 3,385 miles driven. Not to mention sore fingers and thumbs from such continuous water pumping. The visitors and other activities volunteers were all extremely grateful to have a cold drink of water available and FREE.

All in all, I would say the Water Booth was a rousing success and all concerned were happy we were there. Many thanks to the volunteers that worked so tirelessly.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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

Gary L. McKee, Water Booth Chair

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

AUDIT REPORT

YEAR ENDED 4/30/21

September 11, 2021

President Brad Smith, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T Luhr,
Distinguished Guests, Members All:

Cynthia M Rankin, Certified Public Accountant with Whittle, Hamilton
and Associates of Powell and Cody, Wyoming has been unable to complete
the Audit of the Wyoming Elks Association's three entities for the year
ended 4/30/21.

Cynthia's Mother passed away recently, so she is running behind in her
work. Cynthia has filed extensions for filing Forms 990 with the Internal
Revenue. These extensions are good for a period of six months.

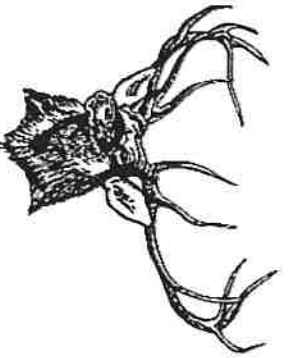
It is anticipated that the Audit and Forms 990 will be completed and
reported at the Mid-Winter meeting in January of 2022 hosted by Casper
Lodge 1353.

Fraternally



Robert Tharp, Chairman
Audit Committee

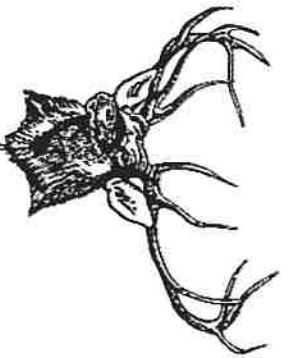
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Greybull 1431	282	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	280
Cody 1611	939	32	3	2	0	0	0	4	4	972
Riverton 1693	333	10	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	342
Jackson 1713	498	26	0	6	0	0	1	1	2	528
Worland 1908	470	14	4	2	0	0	0	3	3	487
Powell 2303	193	7	1	2	0	0	2	3	5	198
Lander 2317	360	5	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	369

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3948 VIRTUAL																
LODGE WY	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	7	0	0
Totals	6556	214	13	44	271	0	1	6	0	45	52	6775	793	0	-574	96

All lodges are doing well. Here are a few highlights:

1. 96 candidates in 13 lodges have candidates awaiting initiation. Let's get them initiated and on the roles.
2. Gillette has added 51 and Cody has added 32 new members since April 1. Wow! Keep up this effort and spread the word about how you are accomplishing this to the other lodges.
3. The state has an average delinquency rate of 12.1%. This is good, but let's work to get all those members paid and kept on our roles. Sheridan and Cheyenne at 6% and 5%, have the lowest delinquency rate. Share with the other lodges the plan you use to accomplish this!

Please contact Justin or myself if you need any assistance with your membership program.

Let's get that gain that I know we can. People are ready to volunteer in our communities.

Pat Russell, PDDGER, PSP, PER, WEA Membership Chair

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Members All,

Well, COVID is back!! However, we held a BBQ in Douglas and it was a total flop. Other than the great food cooked by Wes Stull and crew. Thank you, Casper Lodge, for the support and State President Brad Smith for attending.

Moving forward we will take a different approach. I will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and leaders in the communities to see if we can get support from the business sector.

We have not given up on Douglas, but it does not look good at this time. Star Valley has some interest and is likely our best chance to obtain a new lodge. I will be looking into Buffalo and the southwest corner of the state. We have over 60,000 people living in that corner of the state without Elks representation. With the failure of the Evanston and Rock Springs Lodges, we need to start looking at Green River and possible the Bridger Valley area.

If anyone has any recommendations or a great idea, please see me or any of the Past State Presidents.

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz

The following was presented and approved at the Spring meeting in Cody by the Association.

ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES

Section 1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the President, the vacancy shall be filled by the Nominating and Advisory Committee by the appointment of a Past State President.

Section 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the First Vice-President, the Third Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the Second Vice-President and the office of the Third Vice-President shall become vacant.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Second Vice-President for any reason other than the office of the First Vice-President becoming vacant, the Third Vice-President shall succeed to the office of the Second Vice-President and the office of the Third Vice-President shall become vacant.

Section 4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Third Vice-President on account of the office of First Vice-President becoming vacant, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the Third Vice-President whose office has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Third Vice-President on account of the office of Second Vice-President becoming vacant, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the Third Vice-President whose office has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 5 should have read Second Vice President not Third Vice President.

We need to amend the bylaws the following options are presented for review of the membership and a vote will be taken in Casper during the Annually Meeting of the Association.

Option 1

Section 5 Proposed to read

Section 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Third Vice-President on account of the office (s) of First Vice President or Second Vice-President becoming vacant, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the ~~Third~~ Vice-President (s) whose office (s) has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Option 2

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Section 4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Third Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the Third Vice-President whose office has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary or the Treasurer, the President shall, with the advice and consent of the Nominating and Advisory Committee, appoint a successor or successors to fill the unexpired term or terms of either or both of the vacant office(s).

Section 6. If a vacancy occurs in any other office in any other office, the President shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpected term of the vacant office.

Section 7. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Trustees, the vacancy shall be filled by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose. If the vacancy results from the death, resignation or removal of a Trustee who was elected by the District, the successor Trustee must be elected from that same District.

Article VI will also need to be amended

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. The state shall be divided into two (2) districts know as Wyoming East, and Wyoming West .

- a. Wyoming East shall consist of Sheridan Lodge # 520, Gillette Lodge #2825, Rawlins Lodge # 609, Casper Lodge #1353, Cheyenne Lodge #660, Laramie Lodge #582, Lusk Lodge #1797, and Torrington Lodge #1726.
- b. Wyoming West shall consist of Lander Lodge #2317, Riverton Lodge # 1693, Jackson Lodge #1713, Cody Lodge #1611, Greybull Lodge # 1431, Powell Lodge # 2303, and Worland Lodge #1908.

Section 2. The officers of the Association shall be a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; a Third Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Sargent at Arms; a Chaplain; an Inner Guard; and a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) elected members, one (1) Trustee to be elected

from each District, and two (2) to be elected at large. At least one (1) Past State President of the Association, must always be a member of the Board of Trustees.

Each District shall have an elected Vice-President except for cases where a vacancy is filled as provided in ARTICLE 8 of these Laws.

The Third Vice-President shall be elected from ~~the District of the incoming First Vice-President.~~

To: The Third Vice-President shall be elected alternating between each District annually.

We are compliant with the rest of the by laws, but the following should be reviewed and possibly revised as it was written when there were three Districts in the Association:

and a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) elected members, one (1) Trustee to be elected from each District, and two (2) to be elected at large. At least one (1) Past State President of the Association, must always be a member of the Board of Trustees.

We now elect a 5 year Trustee annually and the 4 year Trustee through 2 year Trustee advance through the Board of Trustees without being "elected". Something to consider.

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Fall Convention and Meetings

Laramie Elks Lodge #582

September 10-12, 2021

WHERE AS: The City of Laramie 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 Laramie, its officials and its citizens for the warm Welcome which has been extended to the Members of this Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an acknowledgement of this appreciation be given to the Mayor of Laramie, Mayor Paul Weaver and to the Chamber of Commerce of Laramie.

IN CONSIDERATION OF: The countless hours of preparation by the officers and members of the Laramie Elks Lodge #582, 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 Thyra Page as well as the Officers, their spouses and all the many Members of Laramie Lodge #582 for the excellent job they have done in hosting this Association gathering.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That an acknowledgement of this appreciation be given to Laramie Lodge – BPOE #582.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association would like to welKome Our Grand Lodge Advisor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr, Petersburg, Alaska Lodge #1615 and wife, Barb.

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

WHERE AS: The Elks of Wyoming have the pleasure of welcoming our own Grand Lodge Dignitaries As follow:

Pat Russell SDDGER, Lusk Lodge – BPOE #1797 and Michael

Gary Hinesley, DDGER East, Cheyenne Lodge – BPOE #660

Patrick Hardage, DDGER West, Cody Lodge – BPOE #1611 and Kim

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

Wyoming Elks Association
Fall 2021 Resolutions (cont.)

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association and all Wyoming Elks take great pleasure in welcoming all 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-WEA 1st Vice
PER/Trustee- Lusk-BPOE #1797
Resolutions Committee

15-A

Brad Smith,
Website Committee

Greetings members all,

I am pleased to announce that we have info for ALL LODGES entered and current on the website. We pulled the data from CLEMS and I did notice that there are some partial addresses and broken info. If everyone could please review their info in the directories and email me with any revisions or corrections I would greatly appreciate it.

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for the website again, feel free to let me know and I will do my best to accommodate.

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

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The lodges who have stepped up to host upcoming state conventions are:

CASPER- Mid-winter January 2022

LUSK-May 2022

Please consider hosting a state meeting. It is a lot of work but it is rewarding and fun. Jerry or myself can get you the application form. We do not want to Zoom meet ever again.

Thanks, Laura Laughlin,
Site Selection Committee
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lvwlaughlin@gmail.com

September, 2021

To All,

This year has been a rough year for me. I have had neck surgery, back surgery and now will be getting a total new right Knee. Feeling a bit bionic.

Lander is hosting the Poker Run this year at South Pass City. I am in hopes that by time the meeting comes they will have a report for me to give at the meeting.

As of now I hope to see you all in Lander, but I will not be at the Poker Run. Please do not lose sight Of why we as Elks raise money to help others. It is important for us to remember all of the works we all do, because we as ELKS CARE—ELKS SHARE.

See you in Laramie. Marilyn Lane, Elks Angels Chairman



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Happy September. If anyone has anything they would like to submit for the upcoming Fall Convention newsletter please send it my way. I would be more than happy to sent any past copies of the last newsletter to anyone that might be interested. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention.

Elk care and Elks Share
Sincerely,

Karen Gee
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"A well behaved woman doesn't make history."

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

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September 11, 2021

Good morning all:

Wyoming Elks Convention - Laramie

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 Brad Smith 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 (this may or may not be your Lodge Hoop Shoot Director)

2022 Contest Dates:

Wyoming **State** Championships - **Casper** - February 19, 2022

West Central **Region 8** Championships - **Colorado Springs, CO** - March 19, 2022

Elks Hoop Shoot **National** Finals (**50th YEAR**) - **Chicago, IL** - April 30, 2022

This year's **Hoop Shoot Southeast District Director** is **Paul Martinez** in Torrington (303-941-4405 pm8970@yahoo.com). Southeast District Lodges are Torrington, Laramie, Cheyenne, and Rawlins.

Hoop Shoot Northwest District Director is **Sherri Wilkinson** in Greybull (899-4358 swilkinson@ramsheadfinancial.com).

Hoop Shoot Northwest District Lodges are Greybull, Cody, Powell, and Worland.

Hoop Shoot Southwest District Director is **Jessica Schiers** in Jackson (406-546-6565 jlschiers@gmail.com). Hoop Shoot Southwest District Lodges are Jackson, Lander, and Riverton.

Hoop Shoot Northeast District Director is **Beth Luers** in Casper (262-9077 wyo_enf@yahoo.com). Hoop Shoot Northeast District Lodges are Casper, Lusk, Gillette, and Sheridan.

Local Hoop Shoot Directors are required to get their proposed contest date approved by their District Director.

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 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**.

Fraternally, Frank

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Morning All,

The theme for this year's Americanism Essay Contest is "What does it mean to love your Country". This contest is open to 5-8th graders. The essays must be submitted to local lodges by December 15th, 2021. I encourage all lodges to participate.

Go to <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm> for the contest rules, forms and instructions. This is another easy program that gets our names out in the community.

Lets have some good participation this year and thank you to those of you who already participate.

Laura Laughlin

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Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Fall Meeting 2021, Laramie Lodge.

President Brad Smith, Association Officers and Members,

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Atlanta GA, July 3 – July 6, 2022. We have not been assigned a hotel at this time.

The Association plans to block 30 rooms for our Wyoming Delegation. 3 District Deputies, 3 for Association Officers, 15 for Exalted Ruler or their alternates, 8 for the Wyoming Ritual Team and one for Past State President Larry Christy.

More information will be available in the near future.

Below is the income and expense for the hospitality room.

Hospitality Room Fee (\$175 per Lodge) - \$2445.00 (one lodge still needs to pay)

Alcohol, food, snacks - \$2,106.36

Ice and services from hotel – \$672.00

Total is a loss of \$333.36 (with all lodges paid still a loss of \$158.36)

Jackalope Sales - \$410 minus cost and shipping (265.36) profit for WEST \$144.64

President Cups - \$421 minus cost and shipping (\$323.70) profit for WEST \$97.30

Fraternally
Jerry Fritz

Dictionaries

Members All;

As we all know dictionaries have been and will continue to be an important part of are lives.

They have helped us spell, find more descriptive words for all those papers we had to write, pronunciation and meanings for words we couldn't pronounce.

With the computer age the actual hold in your hand dictionaries have been put aside, but there are still many children and adults that don't have a computer, laptop, tablet or other device that can look up information.

So it is still important to give children dictionaries and our program helps this happen. I recently gave dictionaries to the Montessori school here in Laramie, I couldn't believe how excited they were. The older children talked about reports and using new words, the younger ones liked the idea of their very own book(we put stickers with their names and donated by Elks Lodge 582 in the dictionary.

Hope all is well with everyone and we all will survive the virus AND the

**Cindy Marchitelli
State Dictionary Chairman**

SEP 11, 2021

FALL MEETING – Treasurers Report

Hello all of you wonderful ELKS!!! It great to be here in Laramie (home of our WYOMING COWBOYS) for our Fall Meeting. This makes two in a row for us since the Covid thing started. I hope all had a good time yesterday on the golf course, and I'm sure the best cheater won. 😊 I would like to thank the members of the State Association for allowing me to serve as the Treasurer again this year. I really enjoy it and appreciate the opportunity.

The following pages show how our funds are doing and the balances in all of our accounts. Our investments have been doing very well over the past 12+ months and I think Jerry had some detail information he shared with the Trustees yesterday.

The WEST funds sheet indicates a substantial increase in our investments and savings again. The defunct Thermopolis Lodge funds have been earmarked for use in our Needy Youth program with some various/specific guidelines, which will be a bit different from our standard Needy Youth criteria. We hope to have some printed guidelines for Lodges to refer to if/when they will be applying for those funds.

Again it appears our ENF Funds have increased since a year ago in spite of everyone's effort to utilize the Community Grants and other ENF qualified programs we administer and fund. We did however just receive the Annual Grant from ENF so that is oe reason for the substantial increase. We really need to muster all the effort we can to get these funds channeled to the various programs our Lodges administer.

Our State Association funds are also up quite a bit, probably due in part that many expenses were not paid due to the virtual meetings we had been having prior to our Spring Convention. Hopefully we will be able to continue meeting in person from this time forward and our expenses will probably reach the normal for what we usually spend

If anyone has any questions on our finances and/or investments, please let me know and I will try to answer them – if I cannot, I will do my best to find the answer or better yet, perhaps I can make up a really good story.????🤔 It is great seeing everyone this weekend, enjoy our stay here in Laramie, safe travels tomorrow and stay well. That's my two cents for now and have a great Fall Season.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Senitte, WEA Treasurer

WYOMING ELKS - ENF FUNDS

REPORT DATE: SEP 11, 2021

Fund Balances as of AUG 31, 2021

Change Since
5-15-21

VALUE
1 YEAR AGO
09-01-20

ENF Checking	\$ 121,704.19	\$ 45,703.02	\$ 48,339.63
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ENF Savngs	\$ 89,457.49	\$ 21.67	\$ 89,429.89
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TOTAL	\$ 211,161.68		\$ 137,769.52
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We just received our annual ENF Grant from the national organization, so that is the reason for the large checking account balance. The amount of the grant was \$65,760.00. We need all Lodges to get on board in getting all the programs the ENF helps fund into gear and get requests for those expenditures in to the State Association for reimbursement. The funding is there, all we need to do is become active with those programs and help the kids, seniors, veterans and others in each of our communities. I cannot encourage all of you enough to get things going in your Lodge and help those less fortunate with the opportunities the ENF has to offer. The end result will be a much brighter and more favorable image the ELKS will have in each of your communities. Thanks to all that are putting in the effort and keep up the good work.

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WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION FUNDS

REPORT DATE: SEP 11, 2021

Fund Balances as of AUG 30, 2021

Change since
5-15-21

1 YEAR AGO
09-01-20

Investments \$ 76,956.27 \$ 2,937.99 \$ 62,005.92

	As of 08-30-21		As of 08-30-21	
Total Investments & Money Market	\$ 76,956.27	\$ 2,937.99	\$ 62,005.92	

Checking Account	\$ 120,338.17	\$ 17,402.49	\$ 106,860.90	
TOTAL	\$ 197,294.44		\$ 168,866.82	

Restricted Funds (Evanston)

	As of 08-30-21		As of 08-30-21	
Investment	\$ 207,460.58	\$ 9,319.63	\$ 161,860.67	
MM Account	\$ 40,011.12	\$ 98.00	\$ 40,002.03	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 444,766.14		\$ 370,729.52	

23-B

Wyoming Elks Charitable Benevolent Trust

"WEST"

REPORT DATE: SEP 11, 2021

Fund Balances as of JUL 30, 2021

		Change Since 5-15-21	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 09-01-20
WEST Checking - As of 8-30-21	\$	49,840.17	\$ 29,324.29
WEST Savings - As of 8-30-21	\$	86,971.48	\$ 10,866.89
WEST MM (Donations via web site) - As of 8-30-21	\$	2,736.20	\$ 0.02
WEST Investments	\$	1,210,273.21	\$ 34,689.23
TOTAL	\$	1,349,821.06	\$ 1,191,065.45

Other Investments covered by WEST

Elks Angels Investment	\$	32,246.11	\$ 90.38	\$ 27,727.18
Elks Angels Checkbook	\$	51,717.07	\$ (200.00)	\$ 42,862.57
TOTAL ELKS ANGELS	\$	83,963.18		\$ 70,589.75
Other Needy Youth Investment - Thermop Funds	\$	39,909.37	\$ 662.73	
Other Needy Youth Investment - Thermop Funds	\$	839.04	\$ -	
TOTAL NEEDY YOUTH - THERMOP FUNDS	\$	40,748.41		
GRAND TOTAL "WEST"	\$	1,474,532.65		\$ 1,261,655.20

Our investment accounts have been doing very well the past year+, which is one of the reasons for the increase in value for the entirety of our WEST funds. That and the addition of the defunct Thermopolis Lodge funds, which is just over \$40K makes this account look very very good. We continue to work on getting the "American Funds" investment under the umbrella of the company we use for our other WEST investments, and Kassie tells me we are getting closer - just need to make sure all our "T's" are crossed and the "I's" are dotted. It is a tedious process and between the investment company we use and the American Funds policy makers, it seems to be taking a very long time to get this accomplished. If anyone has any questions on any of the funds listed above, please let me know and I will try to find an answer for you - and if I can't see Jerry.....or I can just make something up. (Ha Ha) Thank you all for the work everyone is putting forth and stay safe.

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Sept. 11, 2021
FALL MEETING
LARAMIE LODGE HOSTING

Report of the State Secretary

1. Online directories are on the State Elks Webpage. If Lodges have not updated your information, please do so.
2. State Treasurer Bob Senitte and I are working to get the information for the State audit and taxes to State Accountant Cynthia Rankin. She is behind this year, due to the passing of her mother and will file an extension.
3. Pre-filed reports, they are not getting turned in (we are down 6 from last meeting). I certainly hope the work is getting done. I am asking that the President and Vice Presidents please check on your committees to ensure they are properly completing their duties as committee members.
4. If anyone needs State Association letterhead, I can email you a copy, in Word format.
5. The Hometown Grant is available for all lodges, I sent the information to all lodges. If for some reason your lodge did not get a copy, please let me know and I will email a copy to you.
6. Due to the resignation of our 2nd Vice President, we have an opening for that position. According to our State By-laws the 3rd Vice President (Greg Flesvig) will move up to 2nd Vice President and the position of 3rd Vice President must be elected from the same District as the 1st Vice President (Rex Tollman). Which means our State President will be from the West District and the 3 Vice Presidents will be from the East District. To further complicate the issue, every year after would have to be from the East District because the 1st Vice President would be from the East District. Anyway this issue should get resolved at the business meeting Saturday.

Ritual: Cindy Whisenhunt reported clinic would be in Casper on October 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, it would be an all day clinic.

Lucky Knight: Tickets were handed out, deadline for the tickets were at the May Convention.

Hides for Vets: November 1, 2021 would be the first date of hide collections.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: No Report

Veterans Service (Sheridan): No report

Government Relations: No report

Safety and Risk Management: No report

Hides for Vets: No report

By-Laws: PSP Michael listed three options to consider. The State Secretary will send out options to the Lodges.

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

Historian: No report

3rd Vice President Report – No Report

Hoop Shoot: Past Hoop Shoot National winner Tommy Olson is set to address the Association at the banquet that evening.

Soccer Shoot: Oral report, State Contest is set for October 23, 2021.

Lodge Activities: No Report

Credentials: Michael Pettigrew, 107 in attendance.

Drug Awareness: No report

Advisory Board: Oral Report

Lodge Secretaries/Club Managers: Oral, no written report turned in.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: Nothing to report

Good of the Order:

- Announced fines would go to Thyra Page (Laramie ER), amount raised \$1,100.
- Catch-a-Calf Program had hats left for purchase.
- It was announced that the District Deputy Clinic would be at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Room.

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

- Rooster Harris, Laramie Lodge #582
- Brant Ogg, Greybull Lodge #1431
- Robert Martinez, Laramie Lodge #582
- Jessica Cogdill, Cody Lodge #1611
- Brian Foss, Cody Lodge #1611
- Richard Fitzgerald, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Oma Gilbreath, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- John Verarilge, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Carol Verarilge, Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Trip Barden, Jackson Lodge #1713
- David Gorka, Jackson Lodge #1713
- Emily Easling, Laramie Lodge #582
- Leah Elliott, Laramie Lodge #582
- Mike Luhr, Petersburg Lodge #1615

Other Committee Reports:

Heads & Tails #1: Pat Russell, \$132.00 and \$66.00 for the Association, donation from Pat to WEST \$66.00.

Heads & Tails #2: Cindy Whisenhunt \$132.00 and \$66.00 to the Association.

Meeting closed at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fritz, Secretary