

Wyoming Elks Association

MEETING AGENDA MID-WINTER 2021

(Virtual)

President Call Meeting to Order:

- Introduce Dignitaries: Sergeant at Arms - Deb Meredith
- Pledge of Allegiance: Sergeant at Arms - Deb Meredith
- Opening Prayer: State Chaplain - Patrick Hardage

Parliamentarian:

Roll Call:

- Association Officers
- Lodges

Approval of Minutes: From Fall Meeting, Virtual Hosting

Correspondence:

Dignitary Introductions and Remarks:

Michael Pettigrew – G.L. Auditing

Pat Russell - SDGER

Dwayne E. Rumney – PGER

Paul Ryan - GER

Officer Reports and Committee Responsibilities

President: Barbette Hernandez, Riverton Lodge #1693 (PF – 1)

1. National Foundation: Beth Luers, Casper Lodge #1353 (PF – 2)
2. Ritual Development: David Whisenhunt, Torrington Lodge #1726
3. Lucky Knight Shootout: Cindy Whisenhunt, Torrington Lodge #1726
4. State Association Major Project: Patrica Russell, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 3)
5. Distinguished Elk: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 4)
6. Law Enforce Officer of the Year: Clayton Kilgore, Torrington Lodge #1726
7. WEST: Wendy DeGroot, Casper Lodge #1353
 - A. Secretaries Per-capita report (PF – 5)

1st Vice President: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 6)

1. Veterans Service:
 - Cheyenne VA Hospital: Jim Robinson, Cheyenne Lodge #660 (PF – 7)
 - Sheridan VA Hospital: Lenus A. Nielsen, Sheridan Lodge #520
2. Public Relations: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 8)
3. Frontier Days Committee: Gary McKee, Cheyenne Lodge #660
4. Government Relations: Kevin Green, Lander Lodge #2317
5. Auditing: Robert Tharp, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 9)
6. Membership: Patrica Russell, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 10)
7. New Lodges: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 11)
8. Safety and Risk Management: Josh Soper, Casper Lodge #1353
9. Hides for Vets: Jeff Cotter, Cody Lodge #1611

2nd Vice President: Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 12)

1. By-Laws: Michael Pettigrew, Torrington Lodge #1726 (PF – 13)
(Vote needed to pass)
2. Resolutions: Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 14)
3. Scholarships: Louise Wrage, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 15)
4. Youth Activities: Deb Meredith, Lander Lodge #2317 (PF – 16)
5. Historian: Kerri Kilgore, Torrington Lodge #1726
6. State Website: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 17)
7. Site Selection: Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 18)
8. Elks Angels: Marilyn Lane, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 19)
9. Publications: Karen Gee, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 20)

3rd Vice President: Drew Glanz, Riverton Lodge #1693

1. Credentials: Kevin Green, Lander Lodge #2317
2. Basketball Free Throw: Frank Luers, Casper Lodge #1353 (PF – 21)
3. Elks Soccer Shoot: Justin Baily, Cody Lodge #1611
4. Americanism: Vacant
5. Lodge Activities: Josh Soper, Casper Lodge #1353
6. Grand Lodge Convention: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 22)
7. Drug Awareness: Nathen Soper, Casper Lodge #1353
8. Disaster Relief: Drew Glanz, Riverton Lodge #1693
9. Elks Dictionary: Cynthia Marchitelli, Laramie Lodge #582

Report from the Advisory Committee: Past State Presidents

Report of the Secretary Committee: Lodge Secretaries

Report form the State Treasurer: Bob Senitte, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 23)

Report from State Secretary: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 24)

Old Business:

New Business:

Good of the Order:

Any Other Committee Reports:

Announcements:

Closing Prayer: State Chaplain - Patrick Hardage

~Adjournment~

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President's Report
Winter Meeting
January 9, 2021

Hello Members!

I'm proud to say I'm an Elk! After all the cancellations of the activities of the Lodges we still find ways to give back to our communities! For instance:
Worland is still giving diapers in their Community Diaper Bank and helping the Rotary in building beds.
Cody hosting a toy drive for Holiday Helpers.
Lander and Riverton giving hundreds of Christmas Baskets to people that needed help.
Cheyenne honoring the unknown fallen veteran and donating to the St. Joseph's food pantry.
Laramie helping with Shop with a Cop.
Rawlins with their Angel Tree Program and donation to St. Vincent de Paul - food bank.
Powell making and delivering food for families in need, back to school clothing and winter clothing for kids,
Gillette helping veterans with a new home and Christmas memories.
Greybull adopting Veterans for Christmas.
Casper giving out candy to trick or treaters in October and Christmas candy to kids in December.
I gathered this information from each of the Lodge's Facebook Pages. I could not find any giving information on Torrington, Sheridan, Lusk, and Jackson Facebook Pages. I know those 4 did do something but didn't put it out there. We need to be out there in the media. Toot your own horn!!!!!!

I've been able to make some "official visits" to some lodges even with the shut downs - Casper's ENF Rib Dinner, another wonderful prime rib dinner at Worland and Cody for this virtual Winter Convention. Oh Oh! I'm seeing a trend in these visits! They revolve around food! What can I say?! I love the great cooks around the state! So, I guess if you are having a wonderful dinner let me know and maybe I'll surprise you and show up! LOL!

If all goes right, in the Spring I will be visiting Colorado in April in Lone Tree. Allen Lenort, this year's Colorado President and last year's CEA President - Ron Carpenter will be possibly visiting us for our Spring Convention. Keep your finger's crossed!

Fraternally,

Barbette Hernandez
Wyoming Elks Association President

The Wyoming Elks Association
Elks National Foundation

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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"A Fraternal Organization"

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January 9, 2021

Good Morning Members All:

Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan's goal for the ENF this year is **\$4.80**. As of December 28, Wyoming is ranked **41** with **\$3.43** per member and **\$23,509** in Total Donations. That is **71.617% of our goal**. When you give to Elks National Foundation, you are providing funding for the Drug Awareness, Veterans, Scholarships, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot and our Needy Youth programs. In the short time left, I'm sure Wyoming's generosity and compassion will come through.

How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Wyoming?

In 2019-20, Elks National Foundation granted \$96,200 to the Wyoming Elks Association to help fund their programs and major project. For every dollar that Wyoming donated to ENF last year, we received back \$1.98. For the 2019-20 fiscal year, Elks National Foundation awarded a total of \$53,750 to 13 Wyoming Lodges from the Community Investment Program.

Do not forget your Local Lodge Chairman will need to mail in your donations on or before **March 15** in order for your donations to be credited to this Fraternal Year. If you miss getting your donation to your lodge in time or if it is more convenient for you to donate online, go to www.elks.org/enf any time before **March 31**.

Elks National Legacy Awards applications, for high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks, must be submitted online by February 5. For complete details and to access the application, visit www.elks.org/scholars.

Thank you again for donating to the Elks National Foundation.

Beth Luers

Beth Luers, Wyoming Elks National Foundation Chair

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"Needy Youth Program" Report Total by District "2020-2021"

EAST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Casper #1353	\$0.00	\$1,219.72	\$0.00	\$1,219.72	8
Cheyenne #660	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Laramie #582	\$1,595.62	\$8,179.55	\$0.00	\$9,775.17	106
Lusk #1797	\$3,363.00	\$314.61	\$0.00	\$3,677.61	7
Torrington #1726	\$0.00	\$52.60	\$0.00	\$52.60	1
Totals	\$4,958.62	\$9,766.48	\$0.00	\$14,725.10	122

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Jackson #1713	\$0.00	\$173.92	\$0.00	\$173.92	1
Lander #2317	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	1
Rawlins #609	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	\$0.00	\$2,350.00	2
Riverton #1693	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$75.00	\$2,523.92	\$0.00	\$2,598.92	4

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Cody #1611	\$306.40	\$1,073.32	\$0.00	\$1,379.72	12
Gillette #2825	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Greybull #1431	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Powell #2303	\$0.00	\$3,253.72	\$0.00	\$3,253.72	34
Sheridan #520	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Worland #1908	\$0.00	\$664.00	\$0.00	\$664.00	2
Totals	\$306.40	\$4,991.04	\$0.00	\$5,297.44	48

Total Year to Date	\$22,621.46
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	0
Grand Total YTD	\$22,621.46

Carry over (Gertrude Kamps from 18-19 and 19-20) **\$12,228.0**

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West Budgeted	\$30,000.0
	0
ENF Funds	\$10,000.0
	0
Gertrude Kamps Trust (2020) (\$3,000)	\$0.00
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Total Funds	\$52,228.0
	5
Funds Remaining	\$29,606.5
	9

Children Served YTD 174

Please review the guidelines and find the forms on wyoelks.org.

District Needy Youth Chairs for 2020-2021:

East District: Cindy Marchitelli: cmarchitelli@msn.com

Northwest District: Patrick Hardage: hardage6@gmail.com

Southwest District: Pete Kendzior: womingpete@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please reach out to your District Chair or myself.

Fraternally, Pat Russell, WEA Needy Youth Chair

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Brad Smith,
Distinguished Elk

Greetings members all,

At this time, I have not received any applications for Distinguished Elk. 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

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 Poepppe, 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

2019-2020 – No award presented

*Deceased

** Awarded Posthumous

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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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Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2020 - 2021

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2020-2021</u>	<u>Per Capita 2020-2021</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<u>Lodges</u>				
Cody	947	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1.16	\$ 20,590.66
Gillette	181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,304.60
Greybull	280	\$ 504.00	\$ 1.80	\$ 1,145.10
Powell	192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Sheridan	714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,361.50
Worland	469	\$ 1,436.00	\$ -	\$ 5,619.00
N/W District	2783	\$ 3,040.00	\$ -	
Casper	794	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,049.80
Cheyenne	544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,860.00
Laramie	499	\$ 469.00	\$ 0.94	\$ 3,165.00
Lusk	198	\$ 855.00	\$ 4.32	\$ 4,326.60
Torrington	222	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200.10
East District	2257	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 0.38	
Jackson	547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,666.00
Lander	359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,624.25
Rawlins	486	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 10.58	\$ 26,270.20
Riverton	338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,531.40
Virtual	69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
S/W District	1799	\$ 5,140.00	\$ 1.28	
State		\$ 135.00		\$ 5,221.00
Total	6836	\$ 9,639.00	\$ 1.41	\$ 93,115.21



Brad Smith, PDDGER

1st Vice Report

Greetings members all,

Well, what can I say, 2020 was one strange year and I sure am glad to see it coming to an end! Since we last gathered, Windy and I have spent a good bit of time up at the cabin hiding from the COVID and spending time with family and friends. We also were able to draw late season cow elk tags up by the cabin along with Bob and Patty. We were able to fill three of the four tags so the freezers are full!

We also spent Christmas at the cabin and had a great time playing cards, eating great food and spending time with family. We capped the Christmas at the cabin trip off with a day of watching the kids sled while we kicked up a fire and enjoyed some of my Wild West Chili Cook off chili and hot dogs.

I am optimistic that we can get this COVID situation under control and I make some visitations around the state! If I could get a bulletin from each lodge or a list of activities I would love to schedule a visit to your lodge!

While I would rather see all of you in person, I do look forward to seeing everyone virtually at the Mid-Winter Convention. We should definitely have a virtual toast or two!

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

Cheyenne VA Hospital Report
Mid-Winter Convention
Cody Wyoming

9 January 2021

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne Rumney
Visiting Dignitaries
State President Barbette Hernandez

Members All:

I have nothing to report at this time. The Cheyenne is still under semi lockdown, the Community Living Center is under full lockdown the patients have just started be taken out side for fresh air. I have stay in contact with Volunteer Service down the lockdown. I was able to purchase 15 Pairs of cold weather Gloves and 6 hats for homeless Veterans.

Fraternally

Jim Robinson

Jim Robinson
State Chairperson
Cheyenne VA Medical Center

Brad Smith,
Public Relations

Greetings members all,

Thank goodness, 2020 is almost over. I hope that 2021 will be a better year for everyone and we can begin to meet in person again in May. If you have not already sent photos and stories of your Christmas lodge activities get them in! You can submit to either myself at bsmith@avitusgroup.com, or Karen Gee at karen@kgeedesigns.com. You can also 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



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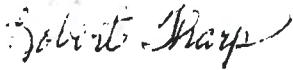
Audit Committee Report

January 9, 2021

President Barbette Hernandez, Grand Exalted Ruler Paul R Ryan, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dwayne Rumney, Distinguished Guests, Members All:

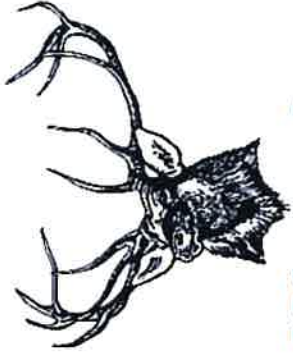
Cynthia M Rankin, Certified Public Accountant was unable to complete the Wyoming Elks Association audits for the year ended April 30, 2020 in time for our Mid-Winter Association meeting. She has filed extensions with the Internal Revenue Service for filing Forms 990 for our three entities. This protects the State Association from penalties for late filing. The extensions are good until March 15, 2021. The audit will be reported during the Spring Convention in Cody on May 8, 2021.

Fraternally,



Robert Tharp, Chairman
Audit Committee

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Members All,

I know and understand the challenges we have been facing through these unusual times. However, to continue our fraternal work, it is necessary to continue to address membership.

We all know without members we struggle to help our communities and raise the funds necessary to do this. Grand Lodge has implemented new programs that have been sent to the lodges. I encourage you to review and use these programs to assist you in retaining and gaining membership as will work within your lodge. We are all different and need to take the "gems" from these programs to use as appropriate.

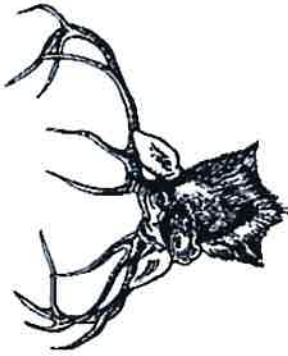
At this time the National average for delinquency is 12%. Wyoming lodges range from 4-23% as of December. Please begin working your non-pay members now. Indicate to them, even if the lodge/club is closed due to Covid, their dues help the lodge/club keep running and helping the community. It is important to start now, as we are in the last quarter of the fiscal year.

Lastly, we have 74 candidates awaiting initiation, please be creative to get them initiated as will work within your counties. I know we can do this as each of you are leaders with great skills and ideas.

We need District Chairs for this committee in the Southwest and Northwest districts. If this interests you, please let myself or Barbette know!

Let me know if you have any questions or needs to assist you.

Fraternally,
Pat Russell, WEA Membership Chair



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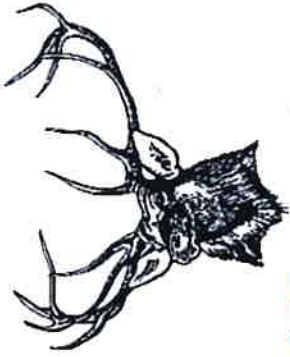
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Lodge Name & #	Begin	Gain New	Gain Affiliate	Gain Rein.	Gain Total	Loss Total	Current		Present Status	Cand Total
							Mbrs.	Dlqncy %		
Laramie 582	499	12	1	6	19	10	508	0.1242	-53	0
Cheyenne 660	544	23	1	1	25	16	553	0.1140	-53	10
Casper 1353	794	23	2	6	31	18	807	0.1209	-83	3
Torrington 1726	222	8	0	1	9	1	230	0.2297	-43	3
Lusk 1797	198	3	0	3	6	2	202	0.1162	-19	0
Totals	2257	69	4	17	90	47	2300	0.1303	-251	16

Lodge Name & #	Begin	Gain New	Gain Affiliate	Gain Rein.	Gain Total	Loss Total	Current		Present Status	Cand Total
							Mbrs.	Dlqncy %		
Sheridan 520	714	19	5	0	24	16	722	0.0378	-19	12
Greybull 1431	280	3	1	3	7	6	281	0.1714	-47	0
Cody 1611	947	35	0	5	40	16	971	0.1499	-118	6
Worland 1908	469	13	1	2	16	8	477	0.1173	-47	0
Totals	2257	69	4	17	90	47	2300	0.1303	-251	16



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		New	Affiliate	Gain												
Powell 2303	192	6	0	1	7	4	195	27	0.1406	-24	3					
Gillette 2825	181	4	0	0	4	1	184	48	0.2652	-45	0					
Totals	2783	80	7	11	98	51	2830	347	0.1247	-300	21					
9800 WY SOUTHWEST																
					0.0352											
						Total										
Rawlins 609	486	7	1	4	12	4	494	71	0.1461	-63	18					
Riverton 1693	338	8	3	5	16	2	352	52	0.1538	-38	4					
Jackson 1713	547	12	1	3	16	9	554	78	0.1426	-71	10					
Lander 2317	359	4	1	4	9	6	362	34	0.0947	-31	5					
Totals	1730	31	6	16	53	21	1762	235	0.1358	-203	37					
State Totals	6839	180	17	44	241	121	6959	943	0.1379	-823	74					

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Members All,

Thanks to the COVID pandemic we have been extremely limited to what we are able to accomplish. Coming out of this we are very hopeful that the Star Valley area will put together a group to start a push for a new lodge. The one bright spot is we have a young person who has just moved to Afton, who has served as a Trustee for the Cheyenne Lodge and was once their Club Manager, agree enthusiastically to help organize the group and guide them in their potential quest for a new lodge.

If the pandemic is under control this coming summer, we are hoping to host a BBQ in the Douglas area. We will keep the State Association informed.

Sincerely
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The Wyoming Elks Association

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Good Morning Members All,

Was hoping to be back amongst the Multitudes by now but here we are ZOOMing again. When the Covid-19 finally got to our area it hit hard, I was tested positive the first part of November and spent 3 weeks in my easy chair (day & night) not a fun time but made it through and didn't pass it on to Julie or Aaron, the only two I even saw during that time.

I know most of if not all of our Lodges have suffered greatly from this whole unfortunate incident however life goes on and so do the less fortunate in our communities so we really need to be there for them as much as we can. As far as I have seen all of the lodges in WY have undertaken as many of their programs as possible and have continued in true ELK fashion. I want to thank you all for this.

As we move along through the next year I will just hope and Pray our times are productive and we live in good health and fortune.

Keep up the good work and keep looking and bringing in new members to this great organization.

Rex Tollman

2nd Vice President, WEA

January 1, 2021

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BY-LAWS OF THE WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The subordinatemember Lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, located within the State of Wyoming, affirming their allegiance to the Grand Lodge, in order to unite all Elks closer bonds of fraternity, promote the interests of the Order, exchange ideas beneficial to the membermember Lodges, foster the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity, and to further patriotic devotion to the fundamental principles of government upon which our nation is founded, do ordain and establish these By-Laws.

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the “Wyoming Elks Association.”

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1. Every subordinatemember lodge in Wyoming will be a member of this Association as per ARTICLE 3, Section 20 of the Grand Lodge Constitution.

Section 2. Each lodge shall pay dues to the Association based upon the number of members in good standing on April 1st of each year.

Section 3. On or before May 1st of each year the secretary of each lodge shall certify to the secretary of the Association the number of members in good standing in their respective lodges as of April 1st.

Section 4. Dues, in accordance with Section 1, ARTICLE 5 of these By-Laws will be determined by assessing each lodge a per member charge based on Section 3 (above).

Section 5. Unless arrangements are made under Section 2, ARTICLE V, dues of each lodge must be paid to the State Treasurer at the same time as the membership report in Section 3 (above).

ARTICLE III – Delegates

Section 1. The legislative powers at all meetings of the Association shall be vested in the certified delegates.

Section 2. Each Lodge of the Association having complied with ARTICLE II, shall be entitled to representation at all meetings of the Association, whether regular or special as follows:

A Past Exalted Ruler (as defined in Section 1, ARTICLE III, of the Grand Lodge Constitution) of any ~~member~~member lodge of the Association shall be considered a delegate at large.

Additionally, each ~~subordinate~~member lodge shall be allowed five (5) appointed “regular delegates.” The Exalted Ruler may also appoint five (5) alternate delegates who shall serve only in the absence of the five regular appointed delegates. If a regular delegate is absent, then the duly appointed alternate delegate will have all the privileges of the absent delegate. The lodge secretary must submit a list of the regular and alternate delegates, as well as a list of eligible at large delegates to the ~~Chairman~~Chairperson of the Committee on Credentials prior to the date of the annual Association Meeting. This list will remain in effect throughout the Association year.

Both delegates at large and regular (or their alternates) will have the right to vote on all matters of the Association requiring a delegate vote. In no case shall any delegate have more than one vote.

All delegates must be registered at the host lodge of the Association meeting to receive voting credentials. Non-registered delegates will be unable to vote on matters requiring a delegate vote.

Any lodge not in conformance of ARTICLE II of these By-Laws has no right of delegate vote.

ARTICLE IV - Meetings and Fiscal Year

Section 1. The Annual meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of May each year.

The Association shall also hold two regular meetings each year, known as the Fall Meeting and the Mid-Winter Meeting in the months of September and January respectively.

The Secretary of the Association shall notify the Lodges as to the time and place of said meetings not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting.

The President and Board of Trustees shall have the priority and authority to change the date and place of any meeting in case of an emergency.

Special meetings may be called by the President when deemed necessary by a majority of the Trustees upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Secretary of each Lodge.

Two-thirds (2/3) of the accredited delegates from two-thirds (2/3) of the lodges shall constitute a quorum at any Association meeting.

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on May 1st and end on April 30th of each year.

ARTICLE V – Revenue

Section 1. To obtain the revenue necessary to defray the expenses of the Association, as determined by the Board of Trustees, each Lodge shall pay annually, an amount equal to five dollars (\$6.00) per member; such sum having been determined by the vote at a previous Association meeting.

Section 2. The annual dues of a Lodge in good standing that is in financial distress may be remitted in full or in part by the Board of Trustees for good cause shown upon application made to it prior to May 1st of any year. The Trustees may also allow a lodge to pay their current dues in installments under the same criterion of application.

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. The state shall be divided into ~~three-two~~ (23) districts know as Wyoming East, and Wyoming ~~Northwest West and Wyoming Southwest.~~

- 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 ~~Northwest West~~ shall consist of Lander Lodge #2317, Riverton Lodge # 1693, Jackson Lodge #1713, Cody Lodge #1611, Gillette Lodge #2825, Greybull Lodge # 1431, Powell Lodge # 2303, ~~Sheridan Lodge # 520,~~ and Worland Lodge #1908.

- c. ~~Wyoming Southwest shall consist of Jackson Lodge # 1713, Lander Lodge #2317, Rawlins Lodge #609, and Riverton Lodge #1693.~~

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 be a member of the Board of Trustees at all times. ~~No person may be elected as a Trustee if a member of their home Lodge is then serving on the Board.~~

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.

Section 3. All elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and will serve a one (1) year term; except for the Trustees who will serve a five (5) year term.

The President, immediately after their installation shall appoint a Sargent at Arms, a Chaplain, an Inner Guard, and an Organist (if available) to a one (1) year term.

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ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. The state shall be divided into ~~three-two~~ (23) districts know as Wyoming ~~EastNorth, and~~ Wyoming ~~Northwest-South and Wyoming-Southwest.~~

- a. Wyoming ~~North~~ shall consist of ~~Cody Lodge #1611, Powell Lodge # 2302, Greybull Lodge #1431, Worland Lodge #1908, Sheridan Lodge # 520, Gillette Lodge #2825, Casper Lodge #1353, Cheyenne Lodge #660, Laramie Lodge #582, Lusk Lodge #1797, and Torrington-Jackson Lodge #171326.~~
- b. Wyoming ~~Northwest-South~~ shall consist of ~~Lander Lodge #2317, Riverton Lodge # 1693, Casper Lodge #1353, Lusk Lodge #1797, Torrington Lodge #1726, Laramie Lodge # 582, Cheyenne Lodge #660, and Rawlins Lodge #609. Cody Lodge #1611, Gillette Lodge #2825, Greybull Lodge # 1431, Powell Lodge # 2303, Sheridan Lodge # 520, and Worland Lodge #1908.~~
- c. Wyoming ~~Southwest~~ shall consist of ~~Jackson Lodge # 1713, Lander Lodge #2317, Rawlins Lodge #609, and Riverton Lodge #1693.~~

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

Section 3. All elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and will serve a one (1) year term; except for the Trustees who will serve a five (5) year term.

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Section 4. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, He/She shall preside at all meetings, decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the members of the Association, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, fill all vacancies unless otherwise provided for, and perform such other duties as may be required of him/her by action of the Association and such as are customarily performed by the chief executive officer of a corporation. It shall be mandatory that the President attend the Grand Lodge Convention held during the term of this office. In the event the President is unable to attend, it shall be the duty of the First Vice-President to attend such Grand Lodge Convention. The President shall make a report at the first session of the annual meeting of his/her activities and the work of the Association under his/her administration.

Section 5. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and in the absence of the President, or at his/her request, shall preside at the meetings of the Association, in accordance with their seniority.

It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to promote and carry the Association's programs to each of the lodges in his/his/her District and to hold such District meetings as they may deem advisable for the best interest of the district, The State Association and the Order. They will preside at any District meeting, have a record of the proceedings kept, and report thereon to the Association.

Each Vice-President shall report to the ~~President at least 30 days before the annual meeting of the~~ Association and to the members at the each Annual meeting upon the work they have done during the year/months since the last meeting.

It shall also be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to assume the responsibility of directing the activities of the committees assigned to them by the President.

Section 6. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Association, keep a record of the proceedings, preserve all books and documents, and perform such other duties as are properly required of him/her, and receive all monies from any source whatever, paying the same to the Treasurer at the earliest practicable moment, and providing his/his/her receipt therefore for the Treasurer's signature. The Secretary shall prepare a voucher for all bills/invoices/debts of the Association and upon his/her approval sign the voucher for payment, and forward said voucher to the Trustee ~~Chairman~~Chairperson. (See "Appendices" at the end of Article ~~IV should be VVI~~). The Secretary shall, before assuming the duties of the office, execute and deliver to the Board of Trustees, a faithful performance bond with corporate surety, in an amount fixed by the Trustees, the expense of such bond to be paid by the Association. The Secretary shall be paid a salary of his/her services as fixed by the Trustees.

Section 7. The Sargent at Arms shall attend all meetings of the Association and shall execute the orders of the President, assist in preserving order, act as Marshal on public occasions and in case of a closed session shall assist the Inner Guard in examining the qualifications of all persons presenting themselves for admission. They shall select deputies as may be needed to assist in the discharge of his/his/her duties.

Section 8. The Chaplain shall attend all meetings of the Association and perform such duties as are customary to be performed by such officer.

Section 9. The Inner Guard shall attend all meetings of the Association and shall be in charge of the doors of the hall in which the meetings are held, and perform such duties as are customary to be performed by such officer incidental to the office of Inner Guard.

Section 10. No individual may hold more than one (1) elective or appointive office in the Association at the same time. If an individual who holds an elective office of the Association accepts nomination for election to any other elective office of the Association such acceptance of nomination shall constitute a resignation from the office then held effective at the close of the meeting of the Association, at which the individual has accepted such nomination. The vacancy created by the resignation shall be filled as prescribed by ARTICLE VIII at the same meeting of the Association.

Section 11. A member in good standing in any lodge which is a member of this Association shall be eligible for any office of the Association subject to the following:

- a. All candidates for President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President must be a Past Exalted Ruler of a membermember lodge; and
- b. All candidates for Treasurer must be knowledgeable on accepted bookkeeping practices.
- c. All candidates for Third Vice-President must submit a resume' stating their qualifications for Third Vice-President and past accomplishments in the Association. Letters must be presented to the State Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting that precedes the Annual Spring Convention at which the election will be held.
- d. All candidates for an elective office of the Association must present a letter of support from their home Lodge signed by the current Exalted Ruler and Secretary of that Lodge and a personal letter of intent to be a candidate for that office. Letters must be presented to the State Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting that precedes the Annual Spring Convention at which the election will be held, in order that the State Secretary can read all letters of intent at that Mid-Winter Meeting business session.
- e. Any candidate for Secretary must interview with the President, Vice-Presidents and/or Trustees if deemed necessary by those Officers and/or Trustees after their letter of intent to run for Secretary is read at the Mid-Winter Meeting but prior to the election of Officers at the Annual Spring Convention.
- f. Any candidate for Secretary who has not served as Secretary of the Wyoming Elks Association must submit a resume' stating their qualifications for the office of Secretary and past accomplishments in the Association. Letters must be presented to the State Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting that precedes the Annual Spring Convention at which the election will be held.
- g. Any candidate for Treasurer must interview with the President, Vice-Presidents and/or Trustees if deemed necessary by those Officers and/or Trustees after their letter of intent to run for Treasurer is read at the Mid-Winter Meeting but prior to the election of Officers at the Annual Spring Convention.
- h. Any candidate for Treasurer who has not served as Treasurer of the Wyoming Elks Association must submit a resume' stating their qualifications for the office of Treasurer and past accomplishments in the Association. Letters must be presented to the State Secretary

no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting that precedes the Annual Spring Convention at which the election will be held.

Section 12. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to remove from office any officer, including a Trustee, either elective or appointive, of the Association for good cause shown after notice and hearing. Removal of an officer shall be commenced by the filing of a written complaint by any member in good standing of a membermember lodge with the ChairmanChairperson of the Board of Trustees setting forth the ground for removal. If the ChairmanChairperson of the Board of Trustees is the officer for which removal is sought, the complaint must be filed with the Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees who shall act in all matters relating to the complaint as presiding officer of the Board of Trustees. Within ten (10) days after receipt of such written complaint, the ChairmanChairperson of the Board of Trustees shall call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees to consider the complaint. If a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of the complaint, the ChairmanChairperson of the Board of Trustees may determine to consider the complaint at that meeting. Written notice of the date, time and place of the regular or special meeting at which the complaint will be considered shall be given to the officer for which the complaint is sought and to the Secretary or Exalted Ruler of each membermember lodge. The power of removal may only be exercised by a majority of the entire Board of Trustees exclusive of any Trustee for which removal is sought.

Section 13. The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the Association from the Secretary, and sign the receipt indicating he/she has received the funds. Upon receipt of all vouchers approved and signed by the Secretary and Trustee ChairmanChairperson, the Treasurer shall pay all approved bills/invoices/debts against the Association. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of the Association and shall submit a report of such at each Association Meeting, which states the financial condition of the Association. The Treasurer will provide the Secretary with a copy of all vouchers as they are paid indicating they have been paid (See "Appendices" at the end of Article ~~IV should be~~ VI). The Treasurer shall, before assuming the duties of the office, execute and deliver to the Board of Trustees, a faithful performance bond with corporate surety, in an amount fixed by the Trustees, the expense of such bond to be paid by the Association. The Treasurer shall be paid a salary of his/her services as fixed by the Trustees.

Appendices:

1. The Secretary shall prepare a receipt for all monies he/she receives to be turned over to the Treasurer. The receipt will indicate to which income line items the funds are to be credited. The Treasurer shall sign such receipt when the Secretary delivers the funds to him/her and retain a copy of such receipts that shows to which income line item the funds are to be credited.
2. The Secretary shall prepare a voucher(s) for all bills/invoices/debts incurred by the State Association and upon his/her approval sign said voucher. All vouchers prepared by the Secretary shall include the expense line item against which the funds are to be charged. Upon his/her approval, the Secretary will forward all signed vouchers to the Trustee ChairmanChairperson for his/her review, approval, and signature at the earliest practicable moment.

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3. Upon Trustee ~~Chairman~~Chairperson approval and signature of the vouchers submitted by the Secretary, those vouchers shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for payment at the earliest practicable moment.
4. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds received from the Secretary into the appropriate bank account(s) at the earliest practicable moment. All account deposits made by the Treasurer shall note to which income line item account the funds are to be credited. The Treasurer shall prepare a check and make payment to all creditors for all approved vouchers received from the Trustee ~~Chairman~~Chairperson at the earliest practicable moment. All payments made by the Treasurer shall note to which expense line item account the payments are to be charged. The Treasurer shall send a copy of all paid vouchers to the Secretary at the earliest practicable moment indicating the voucher has been paid and settled.
5. The Treasurer shall provide a Check Register and associated monthly bank statements, for each account, so the Trustee ~~Chairman~~Chairperson at the earliest practicable moment after they are received. The Check Register shall also be a part of the Treasurer's report, which is to be provided by the Treasurer at each State Meeting.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. Immediately following the annual election, the Trustees shall organize as a Board of Trustees by electing a ~~Chairman~~Chairperson, a Vice-~~Chairman~~Chairperson and Secretary. The Board of Trustees, during the interim between meetings of the Association shall take general charge of its property other than cash and securities herein committed to the custody of the Treasurer of this Association, and assume the direction of its affairs. During such interim, it shall be the governing body of the Association, and it shall take such action as may be necessary to protect its interests and promote its objectives. It shall have control of the finances of the Association, except as herein otherwise provided, and shall recommend ways and means of raising funds to defray the expenses of the Association. It shall prepare and submit at the Annual meeting a budget for the ensuing year. The ~~Chairman~~Chairperson of the Board of Trustees shall approve and sign all vouchers approved and submitted by the Association Secretary, and forward said vouchers to the Association Treasurer for payment. (See "Appendices" at the end of Article ~~IV should be VIV~~).

Section 2. The proposed budget for the ensuing year shall be approved by the Association's delegates, ~~in annual~~during the Annual session meeting, by a majority vote, before it becomes officially adopted. Amendments thereto may be made from the floor when under consideration. After final approval, no expenditure not therein authorized may be made during the current year, unless considered by the Board of Trustees to be of an emergency nature, and uncommitted funds of the Association, in excess of the budgeted requirements, shall be retained by the Association for the future use in funding its operation.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees will act as the Nomination Committee for the Wyoming Elks Association.

Section 4~~3~~. The Board of Trustees shall, from time to time, make such provisions for compensation and expenses of its officers and committee ~~persons~~men as it may determine to be in the best interests of this Associations provided, however, no compensation may be paid to the Trustees

unless prior approval thereof has been obtained by majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association.

Section 54. No person may be elected to succeed themselves as a Trustee if they have served a full term.

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 ~~shall succeed to the office of the Second Vice-President and the office of Third Vice-President shall become 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 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 ~~First~~ 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 ~~Second~~ 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 6. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Third Vice-President for any other reason 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint the following standing Committees which may consist of not less than three (3) nor in the absence of approval of the Board of Trustees more than seven (7) members. One member shall be appointed ~~chairman~~Chairperson of each committee by the President. The ~~three~~(two (2)) districts within the Association will be represented on each committee by appointment of the President. The standing committees are listed as follows herein:

1. Americanism
2. Auditing
3. ~~Business Practice~~
4. By-Laws
5. Credentials
6. Distinguished Elk
7. Drug Awareness
8. Government Relations
9. Grand Lodge Convention and Housing
10. Historical
11. Hoop Shoot
12. ~~Lapsation~~
13. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
14. Lodge Activities
15. Major Project
 - a. Scholarship
 - b. Needy Youth
16. Membership
17. Elks National Foundation
18. New Lodges
19. Officer Training
20. Public Relations
21. Publications
22. Resolutions
23. Ritual Development
24. Veterans Service
25. Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund
26. Youth Activities
27. State Advisory
28. Site Selection
29. Soccer Shoot
30. Lucky Knight Shoot Out
31. Dictionary
32. Hides for Vets
33. Protocol
34. 50/50 Fundraiser
35. Friends of WEST

The President with the approval of the Board of Trustees, may name such other committees and sub-committees as they may deem proper, and they may name as many members to such committees and sub-committees as they shall desire subject to the restrictions in Paragraph 1 of this Section.

It shall be the duty of all committee chairmen to submit a written and oral progress report regarding their committee program at all Association meetings. Should for any reason the committee ~~chairman~~Chairperson be unable to attend a meeting they may request that one of their committeemen or a delegate from their lodge give the report. Also, if for a worthwhile reason a report is deemed unwarranted for a particular meeting, special dispensation may be granted by the President.

Section 21a. The Americanism Committee shall familiarize itself with all Grand Lodge Americanism programs. This committee shall make certain it receives all information and materials for such programs, and, in turn, distribute such to all ~~member~~member lodges. This committee shall expedite such programs within all lodges and lend all aid and assistance to the success of such.

Section 32. The Committee on Auditing shall examine and audit all books of the Secretary and the Treasurer, and shall submit annually to the Association its finding and any recommendations it deems for the good of the Association. It shall report specifically whether the Association Budget has been observed.

~~Section 3. The Business Practice Committee shall be made up of knowledgeable and successful businessmen and community leaders who will, upon request, lend their knowledge and advice to any member lodge of the Association who finds themselves in need of such assistance.~~

Section 4. The Committee on By-Laws shall have referred to it and shall report to this Association all proposed amendments to the By Laws. The ~~Chairman~~Chairperson of such Committee shall be the chief law officer of such Association, and shall assist the President in the interpretation of its Law. The Committee shall also perform a general review of these laws annually.

Section 5. The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of all delegates, alternate delegates and others with the privileges of delegates, and shall have power to pass upon the regularity of the same. It shall make a preliminary report immediately after the opening of the annual or any special meeting, and a final report immediately prior to the close of such meeting.

Section 6. The Committee for the distinguished Elks shall establish a program to search out members of the Order who have set themselves apart from others by their actions and deeds for Elkdom. When the committee has made their selection, it shall give recognition to the recipient in a manner worthy of ~~his~~his/her endeavors at the Annual meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The Drug awareness Committee shall be aware of all of the grand Lodge programs on drug abuse and shall establish a program within the Association following the Grand Lodge guidelines. The ~~chairman~~Chairperson of this Committee shall, from time to time, attend any Grand Lodge seminars on drug abuse and make a report thereof to the Association at any of the Association meetings.

Section 8. The Government Relations Committee shall consist of members familiar with not only the Legislature, but with all laws and regulations that have any effect on the Order or its ~~subordinatemember~~ lodges. It shall be the duty of this committee to maintain a current knowledge of such legislature and report to the Association and its ~~membermember~~ lodges any changes or proposals that might in anyway have a nay effect on them.

Section 9. The Grand Lodge Convention and Housing committee shall keep the members of the Association informed as to all meetings of the Grand Lodge and where the members of the this Association shall be house when attending such sessions.

Section 10. The Historical Committee shall be comprised of members of the Association who have knowledge of the past workings of this Association. They shall search out any of the historical happenings and events of the Association and report to the Association from time to time.

Section 11. The Committee for Hoop Shoot shall familiarize itself with all of the material sent forth by the Grand Lodge Elks National Foundation Hoop Shoot Committee to all of the ~~subordinatemember~~ lodges. It shall establish a program that correlates with the Grand Lodge guidelines and shall promote and perpetuate the program within the confines of the Association.

~~Section 12. The Lapsation Committee shall work closely with the secretaries of the subordinate lodges of the Association and the Secretary of the Association to assist in the efforts to eliminate the dropping of delinquent members from the rolls. The Chairman of this committee shall make a report to the Association at any of the meetings.~~

Section 123. The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Committees hall comprise of members of the Association that may or may not e members of the law enforcement community. They shall select the recipient of this award after they have been nominated from the ~~subordinatemember~~ lodges of this Association and shall present a proper award to the recipient at the Annual meeting of the Association.

Section 134. The Lodge Activities Committee shall familiarize itself with all of the programs of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge and shall disseminate that information to all of the ~~subordinatemember~~ lodges of the Association and report to the members at the meetings of the Association.

Section 145. The Major Project Committee shall be divided into two (2) categories. Number one (1) shall be the Association Scholarship Program. Number two (2) shall be the Needy Youth Program. The duties of each of these two (2) programs shall be set forth as follows:

1. Scholarships – State Association

- a. The scholarship committee shall be in charge of all of the scholarships awarded by the Association. It shall receive and select the winning recipients from the ~~brochures~~ applications submitted and make a report at the Annual meeting of the Association.

2. Needy Youth

- a. The Needy Youth Committee shall be comprised of ~~three (3)~~ two (2) members ~~District Chairs, one (1) from each district in the state and a Chairperson~~ They shall review all applications presented to them and shall approve or disapprove such

application(s). ~~Their guidelines for approval of the Needy Youth shall be established and followed by the District Chairman.~~

- b. The Committee Chairperson shall make a report to the members of the Association at each business meeting.

~~The Committee Chairman of the Major Project Committee shall be in charge of both categories and shall make a report to the members of the Association at their meetings and a final report of all scholarships of the Association and the expenditures for the Needy Youth Committee at the Annual meeting of the Association.~~

Section 156. The Membership Committee shall keep the members of the Association informed as to the status of all of the ~~subordinate member~~ lodges at each meeting of the Association and report the membership loss or gain therein at each business meeting.

Section 167. The New Lodge Committee shall search for any possible locations for the establishment of new lodges within the State. The committee shall be aware of the parameters of a new lodge as set forth by the Grand Lodge and shall submit a written report to the Association at the ~~Annual~~each business meeting or any special meetings.

Section 178. The Elks National Foundation Committee shall promote the Elks National Foundation within the Association and all ~~member-member~~ lodges. This committee shall familiarize itself with all Grand Lodge Programs concerning the Foundation and will, in turn, convey such information and material to all member Lodges. ~~member lodges.~~ It shall be the duty of this committee to assist all lodges in their programs and to promote the fullest intent of the Order.

Section 189. The Committee for Officer Training shall ~~utilize the Grand Lodge Training program and shall correlate it as such. It shall encourage all officers of subordinate lodges to participate in the program, schedule and conduct the Leading Knight/Secretary Training, scheduled for late February or early March each year. The Committee shall promote this event to all member Lodges to assist the Lodge leaders in the execution of their duties.~~

Section 1920. The Public Relations Committee shall promote and perpetuate to the print and electronic media anything worthy or merit that will enhance the image of the Association and of our Order.

Section 201. The Publications Committee shall be in charge of any publication that may be published via electronic means on behalf of the Association, ~~and They shall be able to negotiate with any reputable firm either in State or out of State, that meet the guidelines established by the Association, and~~ disseminate the news of the Association to all members.

Section 212. The Committee on Resolutions shall have referred to it all proposed resolutions. It shall make a written report to each session business meeting of the Association.

Section 223. The Ritual Development Committee shall promote and perpetuate the entire ritualistic program to all ~~member~~ lodges of the Association. At a convenient time during the course of the year, but not in conjunction with each other, it shall plan and hold a ritual clinic for all of the ~~subordinate member~~ lodges. The content shall be conducted in a fair and impartial

manner so as not to discourage the participants from competing. When called upon, the Ritual Development Committee shall render aid and advice to any subordinatemember lodge endeavoring to start or renew a ritual team.

Section 234. The Veterans Service Committee shall have a ChairmanChairperson appointed by the President with the approval of the Elks National Service Committee. This committee shall encourage visitations, provide entertainment, and promote beneficial activities for our hospitalized Veterans and shall generally promote and stimulate participation by member-member lodges in the programs of the Elk's National Service Commission.

Section 245. The Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund Trustees is established to promote and enhance the perpetual fund that has been established within the Association. The President shall appoint a ChairmanChairperson and ~~three-two~~ (23) other members, one (1) from each district, to promote and coordinate the efforts and donations from the members. The ChairmanChairperson shall report the progress at each business meeting of the Association.

Section 256. The Youth Activities Committee shall familiarize itself with all Grand Lodge Youth Activity programs available to subordinatemember lodges. It shall, in turn make certain it receives all information and materials for such programs from the Grand Lodge and distribute-disseminate the same to the member member lodges. ~~It shall coordinate all of the brochures presented to the committee for the scholarship awards and submit winning brochures after they have been judged to the Grand Lodge for consideration.~~ It shall be the duty of this committee to expedite these programs within all participating lodges and to lend assistance and aid necessary to their success and make a written report there of ~~to the Annual~~ at each business meeting of the Association.

Section 276. The Advisory Committee shall consist of all Past State Presidents. The Advisory Committee shall advise with and extend its counsel to all State Officers and Committees, and shall have the following duties and authority

- a. To Elect its Officers
- c. To adapt rules for the conduct of its business
- d. To appoint Sub-Committees from its membership
- e. To hold meetings and to specify the dates and places for such meetings
- f. Recommend to the State President areas for State Committee assignments
- g. To recommend candidates for State Officers
- h. To recommend State Committee assignments
- i. To recommend constitutional and statutory amendments
- j. To assist the State President
- k. To recommend the removal of State Officers and State Committee Chairpersons
- l. To engage in other activities which will promote the Good of the Order.

Section 278. The Committee on Site Selection shall consist of five (5) Past State Presidents who shall be responsible for seeking convention locations for State Association meetings. To review bids for compliance to Association specifications and submit their recommendations to the Advisory Committee for their approval. The Site Selection Committee shall have responsibility of assuring all provisions of the accepted bid are adhered to by the responsible party at the Lodge hosting the meeting.

Section 289. The Committee for Soccer Shoot shall familiarize itself with all of the material sent forth by the Grand Lodge Soccer Shoot Committee to all of the subordinate member lodges. It shall establish a program that correlates with the Grand Lodge guidelines and shall promote and perpetuate the program within the confines of the Association.

Section 2930. The 50 / 50 Fundraiser Lucky Knight Shoot Out Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the operation of the 50 / 50 this -Fundraiser. Duties shall be as follows:

- a. Coordinate the fund raising effort with ~~the Chairperson of the Wyoming Elks State Trust, Chairperson of the Elks National Foundation, and~~ the Secretary of the Wyoming Elks Association.
- b. Shall be responsible for receiving money from the 50/50 Lucky Knight Shoot Out fundraiser, ~~and see that all Lodges receive credit for money donated by its members.~~
- c. Shall be responsible for the printing, ~~stuffing, and mailing~~ of all fundraising material.
- d. Shall be responsible for correlating and allocating all funds and prizes and submit to the State Secretary and Treasurer and accounting of all funds and expenses.
- e. Shall be responsible for maintaining a record of each individual entry submitted.
- f. Shall be responsible for the accounting of the names and addresses of the winners, the amounts of winnings and the amount donated to the Lodge competing in the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest. ~~of all direct donations to the Wyoming Elks State Trust received during the fundraising, and submit the record to the State Secretary-Treasurer along with the donations keeping them separate from the funds of the fundraiser.~~

Section 30. The Committee for Dictionaries shall familiarize itself with all of the material sent forth by the Grand Lodge Dictionary Committee to all of the member lodges. It shall establish a program that correlates with the Grand Lodge guidelines and shall promote and perpetuate the program within the confines of the Association.

Section 31. The Committee for Hides for Vets shall familiarize itself with all of the material sent forth by the Grand Lodge Hides for Vets Committee to all of the member lodges. It shall establish a program that correlates with the Grand Lodge guidelines and shall promote and perpetuate the program within the confines of the Association.

Section 32. The Committee for Protocol shall familiarize itself with all of the material required to provide assistance to the Lodge hosting a Wyoming Elks Association meeting. It shall establish a program that provides all necessary materials to the Wyoming State President and the Hosting Lodge to promote a successful meeting with appropriate protocols.

Section 31. The Friends of WEST Committee shall assist the Lodges of the Wyoming Elks Association in their fundraising efforts in behalf of the Wyoming Elks State Trust by acquiring promotional incentives to be used as a prize at the annual Friends of WEST drawing.

ARTICLE X –RELATIONS WITH GRAND LODGE

Section 1. The Secretary of the Association shall furnish from time to time to the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, and the ChairmanChairperson of the Committee on State Association of the Grand Lodge, the following:

- a. Copies of its Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and amendments thereto.
- b. A report on the proceedings of each Annual meeting, including the report of its Treasurer.
- c. All official circulars issued by it or under its authority.
- d. A list of the Lodges who are members of the Association.
- e. A list of its Officers immediately following each Annual meeting, with the correct post office address of each Officer.

Section 2. The Association shall observe strictly the provision of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge relating to State Associations. No questions of political or sectarian character shall be introduced at a meeting of the Association, and no person shall be directly or indirectly endorsed for any public or Grand Lodge Office. A resolution recommending action by the Grand Lodge shall be filed with the Grand Exalted Ruler and the Grand Secretary and shall not be given publicity until it has been submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge, and then only in accordance with the Laws of the Order.

ARTICLE XI –ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll call of Officers
4. Roll call of Lodges
5. Report of Credentials Committee
6. Reading of minutesReview of the minutes of the last meeting that were distributed via email
7. Reports of Officers
8. Reports of standing committees
9. Unfinished business
10. New business
11. Good of the Order
12. Report of Nominations Committee
13. Selection and Place of next meeting
14. Election of Officers
15. Installation of Officers
16. Closing and Adjournment

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws must be presented in writing at a meeting and then shall be referred to the Committee on Laws. The written report of the Committee on Laws thereon shall deliver to the Secretary as soon as possible.

~~The Secretary shall immediately send to each member Lodge, a copy of the proposal along with the report of the Laws Committee thereon.~~

~~Thereafter at any meeting, it may be considered under the head of "New Business." Amendment thereto, may be made from the floor and acted upon before action on the original Amendment, this requires a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present and entitled to vote to amend the Amendment.~~

~~A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to adopt any amendment. Amendments shall be effective as of the date to adoption unless some other effective date is set forth in the amendment.~~

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A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of those present and entitled to vote shall be required to adopt any amendment. Amendments shall be effective as of the date to adoption unless some other effective date is set forth in the amendment.

ARTICLE XIII –CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT FUND

Section 1. A permanent and irrevocable Fund is hereby created and established to be known as the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund, the corpus of which shall be invested in income producing securities and property; the income shall be applied in such manner as the Trustees thereof may determine for the furtherance of charitable, educational and benevolent purposes in Wyoming provided, however, that money or property may be received by the Trustees for purposes other than accumulation in the corpus of the Trust if the donors thereof so direct.

Section 2. The Fund shall be administered as a single fund by a Board to be known as the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund Trustees. This board shall consist of a ~~Chairman~~Chairperson, and three members of the Association to represent the ~~three~~two Districts of the State, ~~NW, E, SW~~East, West. Immediately upon the taking effect of these By-Laws, the President shall appoint a ~~Chairman~~Chairperson to serve for a period of one year and/or until ~~his~~his/her successors are duly appointed and qualifies, and the first three Trustees, as outlined above, to serve for periods of one, two and three years respectfully. Thereafter, and at each Spring Meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint a ~~Chairman~~Chairperson to serve for one year, and one Trustee to serve for a period of three years and/or until the successors are duly appointed and qualify. All appointments shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the Association in meeting assembled, prior to their taking office. Vacancies may be filled

temporarily by Presidential appointment to serve until the next regular meeting of the Association at which time a nomination and appointment to fill the remaining term of the vacancy shall be made in the same manner as regular appointments. The Association President, Five Year Trustee and Secretary shall serve as ex-officio Trustees during their terms of office having a full voice in Board deliberations and decisions. The Exalted Ruler of each Lodge shall appoint a Charitable and Benevolent Committee, the ChairmanChairperson of which shall work with the Trustees in his area to further the purposes of the Fund.

Section 3. The Trustees are hereby given and granted plenary powers to promote, develop and administer the Fund to accomplish its charitable, educational and benevolent purpose; are hereby authorized and empowered to receive from all sources any monies, securities or other property transferred to them in trust for the purposes for which the Fund is established; to invest same in income producing securities or other property, and to sell, transfer and reinvest same in such a manner as shall best safe guard the Fund and assure the continuity of its income; to accumulate monies, securities or other property therefore for the purposes of any gift, devise or bequest made to this Fund inconsistent with any of the terms hereof shall be observed in respect to the funds or property so given, devised or bequeathed.

Section 4. Trustees shall serve without salaries or emoluments. The necessary expenses of all administration of the Fund shall be paid from the general funds of the Wyoming Elks Association and budgeted thereof.

Section 5. The Trustees shall have power to adopt rules for their meetings and the conduct of their business; to enter into contracts for any and all necessary purposes in connection with the duties of said board; to have custody of the funds committed to such Board by authority of the Association; to require bond in such penal sum as may be determined, from such Officers or members as may have actual custody of funds or securities; report at each meeting of the Association on its activities, income and expenditures, as well a prospective work and activities for the future; and to do and preform such other at and duties as may be properly incident to those specifically mentioned herein. Disbursement of all monies from the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund shall be upon order of the Trustees thereof, such order, setting forth the purpose therefore, to be signed by the ChairmanChairperson and forwarded to the Association Secretary, who shall draw and sign a voucher on the Fund, returning same to the ChairmanChairperson for his/his/her countersignature and distribution.

Section 6. All mater not herein covered Shall be governed by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, which will likewise prevail in all matters herein expressed that conflict herewith.

Section 7. The Rules of Order prescribed by the Grand Lodge for the subordinate member Lodges shall govern all parliamentary procedure, and in any situation arising and not covered thereby, Roberts Rules of Order, as last, revised, shall be followed.

Section 8. Should the Wyoming Elks Association be disbanded, the substance of income producing securities and property, accumulated for its Charitable Educational and Benevolent purposed shall be delivered in its entirety to the governing body of the organization known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. The contents shall then be placed in the Elks National Foundation fund which in itself is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt under Section 501 (c) (3).

Section 9. Elks Angles Fund.

1. A permanent trust is hereby created and established to be known as the Elks Angles Trust. The Trust shall be administered as an entity of the Wyoming Elks State Trust. Fund received, for this Trust, shall be held separate from the corpus of the Wyoming Elks State Trust. The corpus of the Elks Angles Trust shall be invested in income producing securities and property; the income of which shall be applied in such manner as the Trustees thereof may determine for the furtherance of educational purposes for the families (see appendices 1) of members of the Armed Forces from Wyoming who have served or are currently serving in the military forces of the United States of America on the war on terror since 9/11/2001. Money or property may be received by the Trustees for purposes other than accumulation in the corpus of the Trust if the donors thereof so direct.

Bequests shall be made to educational institutions of learning as directed by the successful applicant. The bequest shall be made in the name of the Service member for the education of their family member.

2. The Trustees of the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund shall meet annually and determine the number of bequests, and the amount of the bequests. They are directed to use their collective sound judgement to both preserve the corpus for future bequests and provide as much assistance as possible to the family members of Service members. Nether directive shall be considered to take precedence over the other. Bequests will be given until all bequests allocated for that year have been assigned. Any further requests will be denied, but the family members shall be advised that they are welcome to re-apply the following year. Nothing will preclude family members, as defined, from submitting a separate request for funds. A qualified family member may apply for a bequest in multiple years by submitting a current application to the Elks Angles Fund Committee each year.
3. The Trustees of the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund are hereby given and granted plenary powers to promote, develop and administer the Fund to accomplish its educational and purposes; are hereby authorized and empowered to receive from all sources any monies, securities or other property transferred to them in trust for the purposes for which the Fund is established; to invest same in income producing securities or other property, and to sell, transfer and reinvest same in such a manner as shall best safeguard the Fund and assure the continuity of its income; to accumulate monies, securities or other property as a part of the corpus, for purposes of distribution within the scope the Fund; provided, however, that the terms of any gift, devise, or bequest made o this Fund inconsistent with any of the terms hereof shall be observed in respect to the funds or property so given, or bequeathed.
4. The Trustees shall have power to adopt rules for their meetings and the conduct of their business; to enter into contracts for any and all necessary purposes in connection with the duties of said board; to have custody of the funds committed to such Board by authority of the Association; to require bond in such penal sum as may be determined, from such Officers or members as may have actual custody of funds or securities; report at each meeting of the Association on its activities, income and expenditures, as well a prospective work and activities for the future; and to do and preform such other at and duties as may be properly incident to those specifically mentioned herein. Disbursement of all monies from the Elks Angles Trust Fund

shall be upon order of the Trustees thereof, such order, setting forth the purpose therefore, to be signed by the ~~Chairman~~Chairperson, counter signed by one of the Trustees and distributed.

5. At any time, the Elks Angles Fund, upon a majority vote of the ~~Chairman~~Chairperson and Trustees, the substance of income producing securities and property, accumulated for its educational purpose shall be delivered in its entirety to the corpus of the Wyoming Elks Association WEST Fund.
6. Trustees shall serve without salaries or emoluments. The necessary expenses of all administration of the Trust shall be paid from the general funds of the Wyoming Elks Association and budgeted thereof.

Appendices: Family, for the purpose of this Trust, shall be defined as follows:

1. The Family of the Service member is defined as the children of the service member, adopted or natural.
2. No other person, no matter how related or unrelated, shall be considered as family for the purpose of the West Fund.
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The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

Mid-Winter Convention and Meetings

Casper, Wyoming

January 9, 2021

WHERE AS: The Covid-19 Pandemic still has us and changed all the plans in the world and having cancelled
The Wyoming State Elks Association Convention and Meeting which was to be held in Casper, Wyoming

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, will conduct their meeting via ZOOM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Every Elks Lodge in the state of Wyoming will have invitation to said ZOOM meeting,
and the members of those lodges will be welcomed to the 'meeting'.

WHERE AS: The Casper Elks Lodge #1353 had diligently prepared for this event to take place.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, does hereby wish to thank
Casper's Elks Lodge, ER and members of the Lodge for their endeavors.

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 welcome Him to our ZOOM meeting.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association sincerely hope that our Grand
Lodge Advisor and his Lady are safe and well at home and we will be looking forward to a visit and big hug
In a near future visit with us.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association would like to welcome our own Grand Lodge Dignitaries as follows and
hope they will be attending our ZOOM meeting—

Michael Pettigrew- GL Auditing Torrington Lodge #1726

Pat Russell-Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Lusk lodge #1797

Rex Tollman & Julie, Lusk Lodge #1797 – District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, WY East #9740

Laura Laughlin & Michael, Cody Lodge #1611 – District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, WY North-West
#9760

Ken King & Virginia, Riverton Lodge #1713 – District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, WY South-West #980

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association are truly blessed to have these very special people
and hope that they and there families are safe and well at home and we will be looking for their
company in the near future.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association and all Wyoming Elks take great pleasure in welcoming all our members
to our ZOOM meeting as I am sure this will be a memorable experience.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That with our sincere Hopes and Prayers that our Great Nation and World will
Soon recover from this very hurtful Pandemic and return in it's full Glory.

Fraternally Submitted,

Rex F Tollman

Resolutions Committee

DDGER WY East #9740

January 2, 2021

Wyoming ELKs Association
2021 Mid-Winter Convention

Scholarship Report from:
Louise Wrage, State Scholarship Chair

Greetings Members:

The Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship closed on November 15, 2020. Lodges have completed their judging and the committee will begin scoring on February 5, 2021. Winners will be announced in early April 2021.

Legacy Scholarship - value \$4000, will close on February 5, 2021. This scholarship is available to any high school senior who is a child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2018. This member must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2021.

Applications are available online at

<https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>

Our Wyoming Elks Scholarship deadline is March 1, 2021. The applications can be found at <https://wyoelks.org/scholarships>

Again, I encourage all members to spread the word about these scholarships.

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. My email address is mlwrage@gmail.com or you can send me a text 308-289-3181.

State President Hernandez and members, thank you for allowing me to serve as your scholarship chairperson 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 to fill me in on what amazing activities lodges around the state are doing. Please send this information onto your Youth Activities Chairs. 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.

This is a very trying time for all Lodges. An idea that we started in our Lodge was to get a grant and provide books to all k-3 students in our school district. Every student goes home for the summer with 3-4 books. I have partnered with Scholastic Books and am able to provide kids with books and the love of reading. We print off stickers and apply them to the front cover of each book with our a donated by and Lodge #.

I know other 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

Brad Smith,
Website Committee

Greetings members all,

I would like input from all lodges as to if you would rather see the committees in the current list format or in a downloadable PDF format as well as any suggestions for usability and functionality. All feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Virtually,

Brad Smith

Site Selection for the upcoming year:

May ⁷⁻⁹~~6-8~~, 2021- Cody

No one has volunteered to host any other conventions for the rest of the year. Cody will be live and if need be it can be Zoomed as well but I sincerely hope we are over that. We absolutely need Lodges to step up for the rest of the year and into 2022. 2020 was weird in many ways but lets get past it. Please, please please consider hosting. Even if you think COVID is forever and we will never have another live meeting, other than May 2021, volunteer and lets actually get together, in person, live. If interested, please contact me as indicated below.

Thank you,

Laura Laughlin, Site Selection Chair, co-chair and committee
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December 20, 2020

Members All,

Not a lot to report for the Elks Angels at this time. Lander will be hosting next years event, so lets ask for Covid to be lifted from the World.

They are planned up for next year so you all please put this event on your calendars for next Labor Day Weekend.

Not much to report here so till next meeting this will be it.

Remember when making donations that the Elks Angels can always use money for their Scholarships.

Hoping Healthyness for all Members.

Marilyn Lane, Committee Chairman





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Happy Holidays,

I know with COVID and all that has been going on that the lodges haven't had very many activities lately. I am trying to put together something for a newsletter for the Winter meeting. If you have anything, you could send in that would be wonderful. I already have some great Grant information from the Cheyenne Lodge.

Thank you
Karen Gee
Wyoming State Elks, Publications Chairman'

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

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January 9, 2021

Good morning all:

Wyoming Elks ZOOM Convention - Cody

Since this year's Hoop Shoot season will NOT happen at the State, Regional, or National levels, there is not much to report on Wyoming Hoop Shoot at this time. I have not received any information from the Elks National Foundation as to what information they have sent your Lodge Director. I do not know when the ENF appointed District Directors might be trying to schedule their contests.

If your Lodge is going to try to have a Local Contest, please adhere to the rules as outlined in the "Official Contest Manual".

The manual is included in the Hoop Shoot Packet sent to your Lodge (after your Hoop Shoot Coordinator has notified the Foundation of your contest date).

A brief summary of the rules: "**Health and safety are the only priorities** – Masks MUST be worn by all attendees at all times.

Social distancing guidelines must be enforced for all contests.

Each shooter will be asked to bring **their own basketball** that only **they will use** during the shoot.

Line judges and rebounders must use sanitizer/sterilizer between shooters to maintain sanitary measures.

All State and Local Mandates must be followed and the "coronavirus acknowledgement" must be signed by all contestants, guests (if allowed), and volunteers upon arrival at the contest venue."

ENF will enter the names of any District Hoop Shoot Champions into a random raffle at the end of the year to award prizes.

Fraternally, **Frank**

Frank Luers, Wyoming "Hoop Shoot" Director

"Hoop Shoot" and other Elks programs are funded by the **Elks National Foundation**. Your continued donations to the **GREAT HEART OF ELKDOM** enables Elks to support and encourage the leaders of tomorrow in striving for and achieving their goals.
Thank you for your contributions.

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Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Mid-Winter Meeting 2021, Virtual Meeting

President Barbette Hernandez, Association Officers and Members,

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Tampa, FL, July 4 – July 7, 2021. We have not been assigned a hotel at this time.

The Association plans to block 30 rooms for our Wyoming Delegation. 2 District Deputies, 3 for Association Officers, 15 for Exalted Ruler or their alternates, 1 for Past State President Larry Christy. We are waiting to see if we need 8 for the Wyoming Ritual Team. With 1 room left over.

More information will be available in the near future.

Fraternally
Jerry Fritz

Future Convention Sites

Year	Dates	Location
2021	July 4 - 7	Tampa, FL
2022	July 3 - July 6	Atlanta, GA
2023	July 2 – 5	Minneapolis, MN
2024	June 30 - July 3	Austin, TX
2025	June 29 - July 2	Kansas City, MO

Jan 9, 2021

MID-WINTER MEETING – Treasurers Report

Hello All. Again, we meet by way of the cyberspace virtual meeting, and I still can't buy a friend from out-of-town a beverage. Maybe this Spring will be the magic meeting when we can all get together. Cody is planning an "in-person" Spring Convention at this point, so everyone keep your fingers crossed. Until then please stay safe.

The following pages show the financial status of our Association and a comparison to our Last Meeting and to the Mid-Winter Meeting a year ago.

The WEST funds sheet indicates a negative checking account balance, but there is still plenty of funds in there for the Elks Angels portion of that account. We will be getting some investment funds transferred into the checking account as we did budget \$30K to be put in there for our needy youth project, which has not been done yet. There is also a question on putting some ENF Funds into the WEST account for needy youth, but I am not for sure on that. There is a \$10K line item in the ENF budget for the Major Project-Youth account, but I was under the impression that was for "special requests" on an "as-needed" basis and was not to be transferred into the WEST account. This issue will be discussed at the State Officers Meeting scheduled for Friday, 1-8-21.

Our investments continue to do pretty well and are still growing as we meet today. We still have not been able to get one of our investments under the WEST Investment umbrella. There is some outstanding paperwork that we need to get in line and sent to the investment firm so that can be completed. Hopefully, we will get that done before the Spring Convention.

If anyone has any questions on our finances and/or investments, please let me know and I will try to answer them – or direct you to talk to Jerry. 😊 Hope to see many of you very soon (maybe in May here in Cody). Until then, thanks to all for your support and help, and please stay safe. That's all I have for now and have a great Winter. 😊

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Senitte, WEA Treasurer

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION FUNDS		
REPORT DATE: JAN 9, 2021	Change since 9-1-20	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 11-27-19
Fund Balances as of NOV 27, 2020		
Investments	\$ 57,432.70	\$ 51,236.01
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Money Market Fund Investment Shares	\$ 10,212.46	\$ 19,600.45
Total Investments & Money Market	\$ 67,645.16	\$ 70,836.46
Checking Account	\$ 104,364.93	\$ 112,807.61
TOTAL	\$ 172,010.09	\$ 183,644.07
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Restricted Funds (Evanston)		
Investment	\$ 174,717.14	\$ 208,037.69
MM Account	\$ 40,003.70	1.67
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 386,730.93	\$ 391,681.76

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WYOMING ELKS - ENF FUNDS			
REPORT DATE: JAN 9, 2021		VALUE	
Fund Balances as of DEC 28, 2020		Change Since	1 YEAR AGO
		9-1-20	11-30-19
ENF Checking	\$ 99,652.63	\$ 51,313.00	\$ 24,969.34
ENF Savngs	\$ 89,453.79	\$ 23.90	\$ 89,411.27
TOTAL	\$ 189,106.42		\$ 114,380.61

It looks like we are again accumulating ENF Funds in excess of where we were in September and also as of one year ago. I would encourage all State Committees that are eligible to utilize ENF Funds to take advantage of that and update your equipment or step up the committee activity so we can use the funds that are available. If any Lodge has not taken advantage of the Community Grants we have available to them, I would also encourage those Lodges to come up with a good community event to sponsor in order to use some of these funds. With Spring on the way maybe your Lodge can get your image out into your community with a good "PR" event. Thank you to all that have done everything possible to promote our Elks Image and keep up the great work of Elkdom.

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Wyoming Elks Charitable Benevolent Trust

"WEST"

REPORT DATE: JAN 9, 2021

Fund Balances as of DEC 28, 2020

	Change Since 9-1-20	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 12-31-19
WEST Checking	\$ (22,810.54)	\$ 39,914.16
WEST Savings	\$ 1.03	\$ 68,661.30
WEST MM (Donations via web site)	\$ 5.07	\$ 2,280.14
WEST Investments	\$ 128,143.90	\$ 1,104,913.33
TOTAL		\$ 1,215,768.93

Other Investments covered by WEST

Elks Angels Investment	\$ 29,078.90	\$ 2,602.42	\$ 29,486.54
Elks Angels Checkbook	\$ 50,159.07	\$ -	\$ 35,798.47
TOTAL ELKS ANGELS	\$ 79,237.97		\$ 65,285.01
GRAND TOTAL "WEST"	\$ 1,272,379.30		\$ 1,281,053.94

The WEST Checking account shows a negative balance, but that is due to the expenses we have had for WEST so far this year and we have not transferred any additional funds into the checking account. We will address that in the next week or so, if it has not been done already as this report is being prepared on 12-28-20. Our account is not overdrawn because we still have over \$50K of Elks Angels funds in there. Our investments continue to do very well, however we will be transferring some of those funds to the WEST Checking for this fiscal year, which will decrease that value a bit. Also keep in mind that there is still another investment that has not been put under the WEST Investment umbrella yet. That investment is probably just short of \$300K, but we don't have an exact amount because we don't get the statements on a very regular basis. We are still working on getting that investment incorporated into the main WEST investment. If anyone has any questions on any of these funds, please get with me and the Trustees so your concerns can be addressed. Thanks everyone for the great work you have all done making our WEST programs the huge successes they are.

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The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

January 9, 2021
Mid-Winter Meeting
Virtual

Report of the State Secretary

1. The Home Town Grant are still available, below are the status of each Lodges request. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2021. I can send applications and guidelines if you need them.
 - Cheyenne Lodge – Approved
 - **Jackson Lodge – No application received**
 - **Lander Lodge – No application received**
 - **Torrington Lodge – No application received**
 - Cody Lodge – Approved
 - **Lusk Lodge – No application received**
 - Laramie Lodge – Approved
 - Sheridan Lodge – Approved
 - Worland Lodge – Approved
 - **Rawlins Lodge – No application received**
 - **Casper Lodge – No application received**
 - **Riverton Lodge – No application received**
 - **Greybull Lodge – No application received**
 - **Gillette Lodge – No application received**
 - **Powell Lodge – No application received**
2. A reminder that once local lodge elections are over you need to fill out officer and committee forms and get them back to Brad Smith. We want to include them on the State Webpage. Please verify their accuracy.

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz, WEA Secretary