

Wyoming Elks Association

MEETING AGENDA FALL 2020

(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 Spring Convention, Virtual Hosting

Correspondence:

Eulogy for Past State President Jim Case

- Ken King – Riverton Lodge

Dignitary Introductions and Remarks:

Michael Pettigrew – G.L. Auditing

Pat Russell - SDGER

Dwayne E. Rumney – PGER

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 (PF - 5)
 - A. Secretaries Per-capita report (PF – 6)

1st Vice President: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 7)

1. Veterans Service:
 - Cheyenne VA Hospital: Jim Robinson, Cheyenne Lodge #660 (PF – 8)
 - Sheridan VA Hospital: Lenus A. Nielsen, Sheridan Lodge #520
2. Public Relations: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 9)
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 – 10)
6. Membership: Patrica Russell, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 11)
7. New Lodges: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 12)
8. Safety and Risk Management: Josh Soper, Casper Lodge #1353 (PF – 13)
9. Hides for Vets: Jeff Cotter, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 14)

2nd Vice President: Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 15)

1. By-Laws: Michael Pettigrew, Torrington Lodge #1726 (PF – 16)
(Vote needed to pass)
2. Resolutions: Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 (PF – 17)
3. Scholarships: Louise Wrage, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 18)
4. Youth Activities: Deb Meredith, Lander Lodge #2317
5. Historian: Kerri Kilgore, Torrington Lodge #1726
6. State Website: Brad Smith, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 19)
7. Site Selection: Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 20)
8. Elks Angels: Marilyn Lane, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 21)
9. Publications: Karen Gee, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 22)

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 – 23)
3. Elks Soccer Shoot: Justin Baily, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 24)
4. Americanism: Marilyn Lane, Worland Lodge #1908 (PF – 25)
5. Lodge Activities: Josh Soper, Casper Lodge #1353 (PF – 26)
6. Grand Lodge Convention: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 27)

7. Drug Awareness: Nathen Soper, Casper Lodge #1353
8. Disaster Relief: Drew Glanz, Riverton Lodge #1693
9. Elks Dictionary: Cynthia Marchitelli, Laramie Lodge #582 (PF – 28)

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 – 29)

Report from State Secretary: Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge #1611 (PF – 30)

Old Business:

New Business:

Good of the Order:

Any Other Committee Reports:

Announcements:

District Deputies Meeting:

- Laura Laughlin - N/W District
- Ken King - Southwest District
- Rex Tollman – East District

Closing Prayer: State Chaplain - Patrick Hardage

~Adjournment~

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President's Report
Fall Meeting
September 19, 2020

Hello Members!

This year is rather out there, but fun so far! I know we haven't been able to do as much as we had planned – Grand Lodge, Angel's Camping Poker Run, and in person Lusk Convention. Other things have taken place and have been fun – Montana Elks Summer Convention, Riverton Elks Picnic, and a membership/new lodge drive in Afton.

The Montana Elks Summer Convention was a great experience! We were treated wonderfully, ate some great food and saw how another state held their Convention. First of all, WYOMING won the ENF Challenge with Montana! They are donating \$100 to ENF in the Wyoming State Elks name! YAY! Now we need to help Wyoming/Brad Smith win next year. Also Montana holds their Convention split into 2 days, not a full morning like us. I won a great silent auction item for January's Exhausted Rooster silent auction. Montana also donated to us 6 bottles of Warrior Whiskey. It is made in Colorado by Veteran's and boy is it good, 100 proof! They asked that we sell/raffle the whiskey and donate all proceeds to the Wyoming Veterans. If a Lodge wants a bottle to sell/raffle/auction for the Veterans just let me know and I'll get it to you.

There is a great benefit of belonging to a Lodge - you get to go to all of their functions! Tom and I took our grandkids to the Riverton Annual Picnic. Again, more fun was had and boy was the food great!

The Afton area membership/lodge drive was a success! We had a great turnout and lots of interest. You all know me, I don't talk much so it was a quiet afternoon. Ha HA! My jaw hurt so much from telling people about the Elks that Tom enjoyed the quiet when I got home. I found out that I knew more about the Elks than I thought and what I didn't know Jerry Fritz, Greg Beerline, and Justin Bailey took up the slack for me. We need to do another drive in the area so they know we are serious about helping them start a lodge in their area. While we were up there we found a couple of families that can benefit from our Needy Youth Program. Georgia Ligori will be following up to help those children. We can spread our help all over the State!

I know that during the summer we don't do many initiations and the District Report shows we don't. We have 65 people that are waiting to be initiated. Let's get an initiation planned so we can show those 65 candidates how much the Elks mean to us and the State. We also need to get busy on the unpaid members so we can bring our delinquency rate down.

If you would like me to attend a function you are holding in your Lodge, please let me know. I will do my best to attend to help. I can't guarantee I will be quiet or have my shoes on but I will be there!

Fraternally,

Barbette Hernandez
Wyoming Elks Association President

The Wyoming Elks Association
Elks National Foundation

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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Elks
National
Foundation

September 19, 2020

Good Morning Members All:

Our Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan's Elks National Foundation **per member goal for 2020-2021 is at \$4.80**. Wyoming is currently ranked 44th in the nation with \$1.20 per member in donations as of September 7, 2020. **Congratulations to Lusk Lodge** who has met the per member goal and is now at **\$4.97**. Most Lodges have sent in donations to the Elks National Foundation and we thank you for donating. Other Lodges are on their way in donating, but some lodges have a significant job ahead of them in order to make the GER goal. I am very hopeful that each and every one of you will again join your Elks brothers and sisters in meeting our Wyoming Elks National Foundation per member goal.

The Elks National Foundation total programs budget this year is \$34.1 million. Thanks to the generosity of Wyoming Elks in 2019-2020, Wyoming received **\$1.98** in exchange for every dollar donated. Wyoming donated \$48,465.84 to the Elks National Foundation and received back \$96,200 in disbursements to the Wyoming Elks Association to help fund our major project as well as Wyoming Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness, Soccer Shoot, Veterans and Grants.

Community Investments Program: Every year on April 1, Elks National Foundation opens the Community Investment Program Grants. This year, the pandemic was unfolding across the country, making grant projects and planning virtually impossible. Instead of opening all five CIP grants on April 1, only the Gratitude Grant, was available for \$2,000. Most Elk Lodges stepped up across the country by donating their Gratitude Grant funds to organizations working on the front line of the pandemic. June 1, the Spotlight Grant opened and Elk Lodges were able to donate the fund directly to an organization equipped to serve populations in need that is affected by the pandemic. Beacon Grant launched August 1, \$3,500 which is an increase of 40 percent over last year.

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

Scholarships 2020-21: Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications opened August 5, Legacy Scholarship Awards started September 1. The most Valuable Student Scholarship is for any U.S. citizen high school senior. Legacy Awards are available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of active Elk members.

For details and deadlines, visit elks.org/enf/scholars

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

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

Thanks again for donating to the Elks National Foundation.

Beth Luers, Elks National Foundation Chairman

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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	\$46,547.4
	2
Children Served YTD	55

Please review the guidelines on wyoelks.org as there have been updates over the summer, approved by the Advisory Committee.

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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"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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Cheyenne #660	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Laramie #582	\$1,936.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,936.23	46
Lusk #1797	\$3,363.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,363.00	5
Torrington #1726	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$5,299.23	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,299.23	51

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

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

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Cody #1611	\$306.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.40	3
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	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Sheridan #520	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Worland #1908	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$306.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306.40	3

Total Year to Date	\$5,680.63
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	0
Grand Total YTD	\$5,680.63
	\$12,228.0
Carry over (Gertrude Kamps from 18-19 and 19-20)	5
West Budgeted	\$30,000.0

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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: _____

DISTINGUISHED ELKRECORD OF PRESENTATIONS – DISTINGUISHED ELK- WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

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

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2003-2004 – Bill Arnold, Casper Lodge #1353

2004-2005 – Dean Poeppe, Torrington Lodge #1726

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

2006-2007 – Ron Shogren, Casper Lodge #1353

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

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

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

2010-2011 – Steve Kant, Lusk Lodge #1797

2011-2012 - Robert Hague, Riverton Lodge #1693

2012-2013 – Larry Downing, Laramie Lodge #582

2013-2014 – Tim Smith, Casper Lodge #1353

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

2015-2016 - James Kremers, Lusk Lodge #1797

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

2017-2018 – Stan Goodwin, Casper Lodge #1353

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

2019-2020 – No award presented

*Deceased

** Awarded Posthumous

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Friday, September 11, 2020

W.E.S.T.

Hello all! I miss seeing everyone. I hope we shall all be together again soon.

There is not much to report ATM as we all have been shut away with the Covid Blues. If you all have an event for W.E.S.T coming up just let me know and it can be added to our FB page.

If you need any help or have questions, I will do whatever I can. You can reach me at 307-670-1078.

Stay strong and I hope to see you all at Winter Convention live in person!

Wendy DeGroot

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Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2020 - 2021

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2019-2020</u>	<u>Per Capita 2019-2020</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<u>Lodges</u>				
Cody	947	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,490.66
Gillette	181	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,304.60
Greybull	280	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 641.10
Powell	192	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120.00
Sheridan	714	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,361.50
Worland	469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,993.00
N/W District	2783	\$ -	\$ -	
Casper	794	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,049.80
Cheyenne	544	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,860.00
Laramie	499	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,696.00
Lusk	198	\$ 855.00	\$ 4.32	\$ 4,326.60
Torrington	222	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,200.10
East District	2257	\$ 855.00	\$ 0.38	
Jackson	547	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,666.00
Lander	359	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,624.25
Rawlins	486	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4.73	\$ 23,430.20
Riverton	338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,531.40
Virtual	69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
S/W District	1799	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1.28	
State		\$ 2,081.00		\$ 4,781.00
Total	6836	\$ 3,155.00	\$ 0.46	\$ 86,136.21



Brad Smith, PDDGER

1st Vice Report

Greetings members all,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. Our summer has been busy with trips to the cabin, some fishing and four wheeling but I'd have to say the best part was assisting the Cody Elks lodge every Wednesday for the "night on the lawn". This was an amazing experience and I fully enjoyed helping my lodge increase their finances during these strange times we find ourselves in.

Now that lodges are hopefully opening back up I am hoping to 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 Fall Convention. We should definitely have a virtual toast or two!

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

Cheyenne VA Hospital Report
Fall Convention
Lusk Wyoming

19 September 2020

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.

Fraternally

Jim Robinson

Jim Robinson

State Chairperson

Cheyenne VA Medical Center



Brad Smith,
Public Relations

Greetings members all,

I hope everyone has had a great summer! Hard to believe it's almost over. Please remember to send us photos and stories of anything you have done to have a little (or a lot) fun this summer. 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

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION
AUDIT REPORT

September 19, 2020

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

Cynthia Rankin has not finished the Audit of the Wyoming Elks Association's
three entities. Covid 19 has created additional work for Accountants.
Extensions for filing Form's 990 have been submitted to Internal Revenue.
The Audit Report will be presented to the Association at the Mid-Winter
Meeting in January of 2021 at Casper Lodge 1353.

Fraternally,

Robert Tharp

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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.

There is also a new billing system you can opt into that was sent out to the lodges. I am not a secretary, however in reviewing this new option, it appears that it can assist your secretaries in many ways and help the lodge get those dues in. These new options are meant to assist you, and the Elks not only through these unusual times but also into the future. Take advantage of them to help your lodge and continue to promote Elkdom.

At this time the National average for delinquency is 17%. Wyoming lodges range from 12-30% as of August. 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, so we do not have to race in the last quarter of the year.

Lastly, we have 69 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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9740 WY EAST		Begin	Gain	Loss	Curren	Total	Dlqncy	Present Status	Cand
Lodge Name & #		Total	Total	Total	Mbrs.	Unpaid	%	gain/-loss	Total
Laramie 582	499	9	3	505	96	0.1924	-90	3	
Cheyenne 660	544	12	12	544	93	0.1710	-93	4	
Casper 1353	794	15	6	803	123	0.1549	-114	5	
Torrington 1726	222	5	1	226	61	0.2748	-57	2	
Lusk 1797	198	3	2	199	27	0.1364	-26	0	
Totals	2257	44	24	2277	400	0.1772	-380	14	

0.0195

9760 WY NW		Begin	Gain	Loss	Curren	Total	Dlqncy	Present Status	Cand
Lodge Name & #		Total	Total	Total	Mbrs.	Unpaid	%	gain/-loss	Total
Sheridan 520	714	14	8	720	91	0.1275	-85	9	
Greybull 1431	280	5	1	284	62	0.2214	-58	0	
Cody 1611	947	17	9	955	173	0.1827	-165	5	
Worland 1908	469	0	2	467	76	0.1620	-78	1	
Powell 2303	192	4	1	195	37	0.1927	-34	2	
Gillette 2825	181	3	1	183	56	0.3094	-54	0	
Totals	2783	43	22	2804	495	0.1779	-474	17	

0.0155

9800 WY SW		Begin	Gain	Loss	Curren	Total	Dlqncy	Present Status	Cand
Lodge Name & #		Total	Total	Total	Mbrs.	Unpaid	%	gain/-loss	Total
Rawlins 609	486			487					23

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Riverton 1693	338	7	2	343	76	0.2249	-71	4
Jackson 1713	547	9	3	553	111	0.2029	-105	9
Lander 2317	359	2	3	358	42	0.1170	-43	2
Totals	1730	20	9	1741	328	0.1896	-317	38
		0.0116						
State	Begin	Gain	Loss	Current	Total	Dlqncy	Present Status	Cand
District		Total	Total	Mbrs.	Unpaid	%	gain/-loss	Total
9740 WY EAST	2257	44	24	2277	400	0.1772	-380	14
9760 WY NW	2783	43	22	2804	495	0.1779	-474	17
9800 WY SW	1730	20	9	1741	328	0.1896	-317	38
3948 VIRTUAL	69	0	1	68	68	0.9855	-69	0
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Members All,

We were able to hold a community BBQs in Afton On August 22, 2020. A big thanks goes out to Jackson Lodge for all their help. Also thank to the Cody Lodge for the use of their BBQ trailer and the help from Justin Baily and Greg Beerline. It was great to have State President Barbette Hernandez at the event. She personally able to work with a family who were struggling after a horrible accident.

We made some incredibly good contacts at the BBQ and the people in attendance seemed very enthusiastic about the formation of a Lodge in the Star Valley area. In the next few months, I will be working with them to sign up new members and to create a leadership group for the area. For now, we are encouraging these potential new members to join the Jackson Lodge. Once we have enough area members and a feasible plan for a new lodge, we will ask for dispensation from PGER Rumney and Grand Lodge. We are making progress.

If everything works out as planned, we will look at doing something similar in Douglas next year.

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz

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Members All,

As we continue to move forward through this pandemic, I hope everyone is doing all they can to remain as safe as possible. I just have a couple reminders this time around.

First, I would like to mention winter. Be prepared for snow removal and getting ice melt on stairs and walkways. Have a contractor lined up or volunteers ready when snow does come to stay. Slips and trips are one area we can all have a positive impact by being prepared.

Next thing is projects and maintenance. Its that time of year to rap up any large projects/maintenance. You don't want caught causing more damage from ice and snow, because you didn't finish doors/windows/roof.

I would like to close by saying, keep up the good work on keeping insurance claims at a minimum.

Fraternally,

Joshau Soper, P.E.R.

Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Chairman

Wyoming Elks Veterans leather program

We as Wyoming elks have a great oppertunity to help our veterans by saving up deer and elk hides that are havested by hunters around our state. These hides would be collected and shipped to a tannery to be turned into Leather gloves for wheelchair bound vets, and leather working kits for our veterans that are in hospitals. It really takes very little effort and can have a great impact on the life of those who have put their lives on the line protecting us.

If you would like to learn more about how your lodge can become a part in this please let me know.

Jeff Cotter

Cody #1611

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Good Morning Members All,

And welcome to Lusk All-be-it through ZOOM

Summer is about to its end and I don't remember spring, did we have one? With Covid-19 taking over since March and countless trips to Dr's and hospitals Julie and I have lost the entire summer. Lodge events were pretty much put on hold all of our dinner events were cancelled. Things are starting to get back to more normal now with the hope that soon things will be normal once again soon.

Sad to have had National Convention in Baltimore cancelled, but Congratulations to GER Ryan and other officers and welcome Pat Russell SDGER and Ken King DDGER Southwest.

The new Financial Reporting System (FRS) has been a struggle for some of our lodges, meeting deadlines and submitting info, hopefully we can all get that ironed out and eventually will make things easier for us all.

Looking forward to better times and getting together as a group again. Miss you'alls smiling faces and warm hugs.

Rex Tollman

2nd Vice President, WEA

Report of the By-laws Committee

Fall Meeting September 2020

President Hernandez and Members all,

The following amendment to the Association by-laws needs to be balloted upon to remove Rock Springs Lodge #624 from our by-laws.

Currently reads:

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. The state shall be divided into three (3) districts know as Wyoming East, Wyoming Northwest and Wyoming Southwest.

- a. Wyoming East shall consist of Casper Lodge #1353, Cheyenne Lodge #660, Laramie Lodge #582, Lusk Lodge #1797 and Torrington Lodge #1726.
- b. Wyoming Northwest shall consist of 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, Riverton Lodge #1693 and Rock Springs Lodge #624.

Proposed to read

ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS

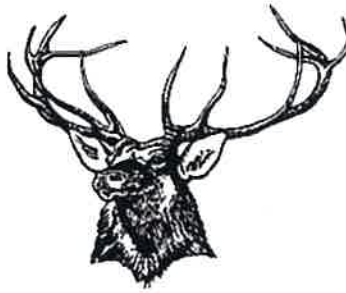
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Submitted

Michael Pettigrew, Chairman WEA By-laws Committee

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Fall Convention and Meetings

Lusk, Wyoming
Sept 19, 2020

- 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 Lusk 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 Lusk Elks Lodge #1797 had diligently prepared for this event to take place.
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, does hereby wish to thank
The Lusk 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

August 25, 2020

Wyoming ELKs Association
2020 Fall Convention

Scholarship Report from:
Louise Wrage, State Scholarship Chair

Greetings Members:

The Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship opened on August 5 and will close on November 15, 2020 and the Legacy Scholarship opened September 1, 2020 and will close February 1, 2021. These scholarships are all online.

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

The committee will continue to work on updating the Wyoming Elks Association Scholarship page to ensure accuracy. Speaking of the committee it currently consists of myself, Kim Hardage and Patrick Hardage from the Cody Lodge. I am seeking at least three (3) more members. I would like to see two from the EAST and at least one more from the SW.

Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone that would be a great fit.

State President Hernandez and members, thank you for allowing me to serve as your scholarship chairperson this year.

Fraternally yours,

M. Louise Wrage
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Brad Smith,
Website Committee

Greetings members all,

I need help from the lodge secretaries to get me their current list of committees so I can make sure our directory is fully updated. An outdated directory is a worthless directory. You can email me your committee list to bsmith@avitusgroup.com. 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. Any and all feedback would be appreciated.

Virtually,

Brad Smith

Site selection

January 7-10, 2021-Casper
May 6-9, 2021-Cody

I know this year has been weird but we still need lodges to step up and volunteer to host a state meeting. It would be great to hear from some of you who haven't hosted before. I will be happy to assist anyway I can. Please consider hosting. I know I do not want to ZOOM forever.

Thank you,
Laura Laughlin, site selection
Lvwlaughlin@gmail.com
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August 17, 2020

Members All,

Here we go, we should be preparing for the Elks Angels Weekend. Lander was planning this event but due to the Covid , especially in their area they opted to cancel the event till next year.

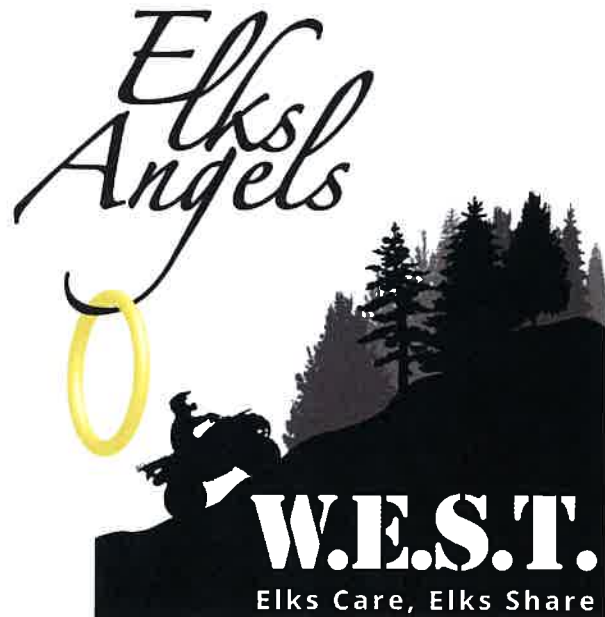
They are planned up for next year so you all please put this event on your calendars for next Labor Day Weekend.

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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It is now Fall, there isn't much to report. I have gotten a couple of emails and will try to put together a newsletter and send out via email. Let me know if your lodge has anything going on. Please send your information to karen@kgeedesigns.com or you can text me info at 307-272-9301

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

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

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September 19, 2020
Meeting on "ZOOM" online for
Wyoming Elks Fall Convention - Lusk

Good morning all:

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

I am hoping that everyone is doing well during this COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, the Elks National Foundation has decided to shorten the 2020-2021 Hoop Shoot season.

There will be only Local and District Contests (prior to March 31, 2021) – there will not be State, Regional, or National Contests. Contests should not be held if they cannot be done safely; Directors are empowered to make decisions that work for them and their communities.

While striving for 100% Lodge participation, we need to ensure contests are done using CDC guidelines. Social distancing guidelines will 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 will need to use sanitizer/sterilizer between shooters to maintain sanitary measures.

ENF will enter all the District Hoop Shoot Champions into a random raffle at the end of the year to award prizes ranging from I pads, Basketball Hall of Fame items, autographed basketballs and other similar items.

Your Lodge will receive a Hoop Shoot PACKET this year only after your Lodge Secretary has designated a "Hoop Shoot Coordinator" and entered this information into CLMS.

Your Lodge "Hoop Shoot Coordinator" (may or may not be your Lodge Hoop Shoot Director) will report pertinent information: Local Hoop Shoot contest information, winner's information, Contest Report, etc.

The ENF office will not accept any information from anyone other than the designated Coordinator.

Please contact your Lodge Secretary for the name of your Lodge Hoop Shoot Coordinator.

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in any way to the success of the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program and for all of your efforts in encouraging the leaders of tomorrow.

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 you contributions.

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Members All,

We have made the tough decision to cancel the State Soccer Shoot. While many things are starting to return to normal in our State, we feel at this time it would not be in the best interest of the Association to conduct this contest.

We are moving forward with plans for next year. I have soccer balls and manuals for anyone needing them.

Fraternally
Justin Baily



September 1, 2020

Members All,

It is almost winter. New and exciting things will happen in the world of Elkdom.

Thank you to all who entertained an Americanism contest last year. A very simple project this one is so we should have 100% participation.

This is the time to start and take your information to the school so the teachers can make plans.

I will be sending out a reminder to all the committee heads. Please use these chairman's.

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East District Chairman : Cindy Whisenhut

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□ Southwest District Tom Hernandez

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Thank you. Marilyn Lane Americanism Chair

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Members All,

The pandemic has slowed business around the lodge, however we should still be holding meetings and required rituals. These can easily be done with social distancing. We can still use this slow time to give recognition and awards to deserving people in our communities. Don't get lost in the back round because of covid 19. Let your community know you are still there and still working for the betterment of the community.

Fraternally,

Joshua Soper, P.E.R.

Lodge Activities Chairman

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Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Fall Meeting 2020, 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. 3 District Deputies, 3 for Association Officers, 15 for Exalted Ruler or their alternates, 8 for the Wyoming Ritual Team and one for Past State President Larry Christy.

More information will be available in the near future.

Usually I would be reporting on the financial outcome of the last Grand Lodge Hospitality room. But with it being cancelled there is nothing to report.

Fraternally
Jerry Fritz



Tampa downtown Skyline

Dictionaries

Members All;

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

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

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

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

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

**Cindy Marchitelli
State Dictionary Chairman**

Sep 19, 2020

FALL MEETING – Treasurers Report

Here we are again gathered for our Wyoming Elks Association Meeting and still scattered across the state. Can't even buy a beverage for some of my friends. I for one certainly hope we get a handle on this pretty soon so we can all enjoy a typical State Meeting. Until then I hope everyone stays safe.

The following pages show the financial status of our Association and a comparison to our Last Meeting and to the Fall Meeting last year. All the Elks Angels funds have been transferred to the proper account and the figures shown are now up to date for that account.

Our investments have rebounded very well since my last report and most all of them are up – some pretty significantly. We did get our State Association Investment of the Restricted Evanston funds transferred to a different firm and it has been doing very well. The total funds were divided into two accounts (an investment account and a MM account) so the total of those two are the value of those funds at this time. Quite a difference from the firm we had originally had these funds in as the value is already over the original amount invested and growing now. Something that has not happened in many many months previously.

If anyone has any questions on our finances and/or investments, please let me know and I will do my best in answering your concerns. Hope we will be able to get together (in person) in January for our Mid-Winter Meeting. Until then, thank you everyone for all your help and dedication, and please stay safe. That's all I have for now and have a great Fall season. 😊

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Senitte, WEA Treasurer

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION FUNDS

REPORT DATE: SEP 19, 2020

Fund Balances as of SEP 1, 2020

Change since 5-1-20	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 08-30-19
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Investments

\$ 51,985.63 \$ 6,998.75 \$ 41,088.81

Money Market Fund Investment Shares

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 10,020.29		As of 09-01-20	\$ 192.29		As of 08-30-19	\$ 8,213.19
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Total Investments & Money Market

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 62,005.92		As of 09-01-20	\$ 7,191.04		As of 08-30-19	\$ 49,302.00
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Checking Account

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 106,860.90		As of 09-01-20	\$ 123,596.56		As of 08-30-19	\$ 172,898.56
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TOTAL

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 168,866.82		As of 09-01-20	\$ 172,898.56		As of 08-30-19	\$ 172,898.56
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Restricted Funds (Evanston)

Investment

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 161,860.67		As of 09-01-20	\$ (16,403.61)		As of 08-30-19	\$ 199,098.59
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MIM Account

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 40,002.03		As of 09-01-20	\$ 40,002.03		As of 08-30-19	\$ 40,002.03
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GRAND TOTAL

	As of 09-01-20	\$ 370,729.52		As of 09-01-20	\$ 40,002.03		As of 08-30-19	\$ 371,997.15
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WYOMING ELKS - ENF FUNDS

REPORT DATE: SEP 19, 2020

Fund Balances as of SEP 1, 2020

Change Since
5-1-20

VALUE
1 YEAR AGO
08-30-19

ENF Checking	\$ 48,339.63	\$ (10,319.34)	\$ 8,391.73
ENF Savngs	\$ 89,429.89	\$ (16.19)	\$ 119,416.21
TOTAL	\$ 137,769.52		\$ 127,807.94

It appears we need to step up our efforts in getting some of our ENF Reserves working in our communities. Last year at our Fall Meeting we were about \$20k less than the year before, but this year we are up about \$10k. One positive note is that we did budget \$10k for our WEST program, which has not yet been transferred. So we are really about at the same amount as we were a year ago. Also we are really anticipating the Community Grants will keep coming in. This is the time of year that the Lodges should start getting very active with helping each of their communities. Again I ask that all committees stay very active and apply for all the ENF funds you need that are eligible. Thanks to all for your efforts and keep up the GREAT WORK we do. Thanks again.

Wyoming Elks Charitable Benevolent Trust

"WEST"

REPORT DATE: SEP 19, 2020

Fund Balances as of SEP 1, 2020

		Change Since 5-1-20	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 08-31-19
WEST Checking	\$ 72,605.51	\$ 45,553.99	\$ 18,971.76
WEST Savings	\$ 61,594.89	\$ 3,156.48	\$ 46,471.76
WEST MM (Donations via web site)	\$ 2,724.59	\$ 444.28	\$ 2,255.88
WEST Investments	\$ 1,054,140.46	\$ 128,143.90	\$ 974,090.03
TOTAL	\$ 1,191,065.45		\$ 1,041,789.43

Other Investments covered by WEST

Elks Angels Investment	\$ 26,476.48	\$ 2,681.95	\$ 27,727.18
Elks Angels Checkbook	\$ 50,159.07	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ 42,862.57
TOTAL ELKS ANGELS	\$ 76,635.55		\$ 70,589.75
GRAND TOTAL "WEST"	\$ 1,267,701.00		\$ 1,112,379.18

HOLY-MOLY!!!! Our WEST investments are really growing since our last meeting and over the past year. WEST is doing very well. Recently we have been dispersing a large amount of funds to various Lodges for the Needy Youth Program, and I am sure there will be much more we will be sending in the near future. We did have three Elks Angels Scholarships that have been awarded so far this year. I believe there are two more that will be coming in soon for payment. Also keep in mind that there is an American Funds investment that is still in a stand alone account and is not reflected in the summary above. Earlier this year it was estimated to be worth around \$250k so it is probably up by a pretty significant amount now. We are still working on getting it incorporated into the WEST Investment listed above. Thanks everyone for the great work you have all done making our WEST programs the huge successes they are.

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Sept. 19, 2020
FALL MEETING
VIRTUAL - HOSTING

Report of the State Secretary

1. Online directories are on the State Elks Webpage. If Lodges have not updated your information, please do so.
2. Myself and State Treasurer Bob Senitte are working to get the information for the State audit and taxes to State Accountant Cynthia Rankin. She is behind this year and will file an extension.
3. Pre-filed reports, they are not getting turned in. I certainly hope the work is getting done. I am asking that the President and Vice Presidents please check on your committees to ensure they are properly completing their duties as committee members.
4. The WEST donations are way down. I am sure the Covid Virus has led to less donation. I hope lodges will work to bring those numbers up.
5. If anyone needs State Association letterhead, I can email you a copy, in Word format.
6. The Hometown Grant is available for all lodges, I sent the information to all lodges. If for some reason your lodge did not get a copy, please let me know and I will email a copy to you.