

PROCEEDINGS



THE WYOMING ELKS  
ASSOCIATION

“A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION”

FALL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2022  
WORLAND, WYOMING  
REX TOLLMAN, PRESIDENT

PAST PRESIDENTS  
CONVENTION DATES AND MEETING PLACES  
WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

Organized on the afternoon of November 15, 1909, at Rawlins, Wyoming

Brother J.H. Clause, Temporary Chairman

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

Past Presidents Continued

SESSION YR.	PRESIDENT	HOME LODGE	YR.	LOCATION
42. 1973-74	* Elmer Nelson	Worland 1908	1974	Worland
43. 1974-75	*Dr. W. R. Lee	Powell 2303	1975	Powell
44. 1975-76	*Floyd Snyder	Lander 2317	1976	Lander
45. 1976-77	*Ed Young	Riverton 1693	1977	Riverton
46. 1977-78	*Gene Dunn	Laramie 582	1978	Laramie
47. 1978-79	*William Kupper	Sheridan 520	1979	Sheridan
48. 1979-80	*Lee Beezley	Cheyenne 660	1980	Cheyenne
49. 1980-81	Fred Houchens	Jackson 1713	1981	Jackson
50. 1981-82	* Robert Morgan	Cody 1611	1982	Cody
51. 1982-83	*Ralph Freeman	Sheridan 520	1983	Sheridan
52. 1983-84	*Gene Werlinger	Greybull 1431	1984	Greybull
53. 1984-85	*Brad Bochmann	Casper 1353	1985	Casper
54. 1985-86	*Art Bevrige	Rock Springs 624	1986	Rock Springs
55. 1986-87	Richard Oberosler	Thermopolis 1746	1987	Thermopolis
56. 1987-88	*Richard Heston	Laramie 582	1988	Laramie
57. 1988-89	Warren Ransom	Jackson 1713	1989	Jackson
58. 1989-90	*Jerry Posey	Cody 1611	1990	Cody
59. 1990-91	*David Barker	Cheyenne 660	1991	Cheyenne
60. 1991-92	*James L. Case	Riverton 1693	1992	Riverton
61. 1992-93	*Monte Rapstad	Thermopolis 1746	1993	Thermopolis
62. 1993-94	* Chuck Smith	Lusk 1797	1994	Lusk
63. 1994-95	*Ken Williams	Evanston 2588	1995	Evanston
64. 1995-96	*Charles Ed Worden	Sheridan 520	1996	Sheridan
65. 1996-97	Bill Arnold	Casper 1353	1997	Casper
66. 1997-98	Robert Hague	Riverton 1693	1998	Riverton
67. 1998-99	Robert Senitte	Cody 1611	1999	Cody
68. 1999-2000	Steve Kant	Lusk 1797	2000	Lusk
69. 2000-2001	*Bill Paddleford	Jackson 1713	2001	Jackson
70. 2001-2002	Sid McDonald	Cody 1611	2002	Laramie
71. 2002-2003	Larry Downing	Laramie 582	2003	Riverton
72. 2003-2004	*Ron Knuth	Riverton 1693	2004	Powell
73. 2004-2005	Wayne Fillingner	Powell 2303	2005	Torrington
74. 2005-2006	Michael Pettigrew	Torrington 1726	2006	Rawlins
75. 2006-2007	Kevin "Skinny" Ward	Rawlins 609	2007	Sheridan
76. 2007-2008	Stan M. Bohnsack	Sheridan 520	2008	Laramie
77. 2008-2009	Paul Botkin	Laramie 582	2009	Lander
78. 2009-2010	Kevin Green	Lander 2317	2010	Cody
79. 2010-2011	Jerry Fritz	Cody 1611	2011	Cheyenne
80. 2011-2012	Jim Robinson	Cheyenne 660	2012	Riverton
81. 2012-2013	Fran Case	Riverton 1693	2013	Cody
82. 2013-2014	Larry Christy	Cody 1611	2014	Cheyenne
83. 2014-2015	Gary McKee	Cheyenne 660	2015	Lander
84. 2015-2016	Shane Green	Lander 2317	2016	Worland
85. 2016-2017	Marilyn Lane	Worland 1908	2017	Lusk
86. 2017-2018	Patrica Russell	Lusk 1797	2018	Riverton
87. 2018-2019	Darla Knuth	Riverton 1693	2019	Worland
88. 2019-2020	Robert Tharp	Worland 1908	2020	Virtual
89. 2020-2021	Barbette Hernandez	Riverton 1693	2019	Cody
90. 2021-2022	Brad Smith	Cody 1611	2020	Lusk

\*Deceased \*\*Dropped

## WYOMING PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

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

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

Steve Kant  
Jerry Leslie

Lusk  
Lander

Louis Mitchell

Riverton

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>
			2010	George Munn Walter R Wilson Michael M Murry	Torrington Sheridan Rawlins
			2011	George Ackerson Steve Baumgertner Shane Green	Cheyenne Sheridan Lander
			2012	*Roger Arndt *Thomas Imburgia Fernando Escobedo	Casper Cody Jackson
			2013	Pat Russell Fran Case John Wayne	Lusk Riverton Gillette
			2014	Larry Christy Mark Johnson Rusty Wells	Cody Lander Laramie
			2015	Wes Icenogle Darth Knuth Clayton Kilgore	Cody Riverton Torrington
			2016	Russell Hoff Chad Jones Jill Calloway	Casper Worland Jackson
			2017	Russell Hoff Brad Smith Kevin Green	Casper Cody Lander
			2018	Michael Stedillie Brad Smith Tom Hernandez	Casper Cody Riverton
			2019	Rex Tollman Laura Laughlin Valerie Pederson	Lusk Cody Jackson
			2020	Rex Tollman Laura Laughlin Ken King	Lusk Cody Riverton
			2021	Tom Hernandez Gary Hinesley	Riverton Cheyenne

\*Deceased

STATE MEMBERSHIP (BY YEARS) SINCE

ORGANIZATION OF FIRST LODGE IN WYOMING

NOVEMBER, 1899

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>
1900	no records	1949	7755	1998	9773
1901	445	1950	8535	1999	9140
1902	786	1951	9090	2000	8882

1903	900	1952	9482	2002	7917
1904	900	1953	9939	2003	7934
1905	1119	1954	10,374	2004	7934
1906	1139	1955	10,932	2005	7862
1907	1372	1956	11,251	2006	8473
1908	1577	1957	11,328	2007	8479
1909	1755	1958	11,810	2008	8491
1910	1837	1959	12,048	2009	8399
1911	1887	1960	12,117	2010	7734
1912	2257	1961	12,317	2011	7561
1913	2300	1962	12,364	2012	7558
1914	2316	1963	12,677	2013	7429
1915	2312	1964	13,097	2014	7330
1916	1183	1965	13,614	2015	7286
1917	1332	1966	13,517	2016	7147
1918	2458	1967	13,447	2017	7140
1919	2617	1968	13,505	2018	7063
1920	3084	1969	13,666	2019	7024
1921	3824	1970	13,979	2020	6839
1922	4318	1971	14,283	2021	6716
1923	4532	1972	14,557	2022	6698
1924	4499	1973	15,063		
1925	4316	1974	15,855		
1926	3971	1975	17,157		
1927	3778	1976	17,622		
1928	3724	1977	17,689		
1929	3417	1978	18,441		
1930	3167	1979	18,289		
1931	2987	1980	17,582		
1932	2810	1981	17,758		
1933	2580	1982	17,021		
1934	2107	1983	15,996		
1935	1917	1984	15,063		
1936	2098	1985	14,152		
1937	2808	1986	13,367		
1938	3479	1987	12,712		
1939	3638	1988	12,382		
1940	3714	1989	12,070		
1941	3489	1990	11,921		
1942	3540	1991	11,760		
1943	3761	1992	11,609		
1944	4443	1993	11,553		
1945	5054	1994	11,343		
1946	5716	1995	10,941		
1947	6428	1996	10,548		
1948	7139	1997	10,207		

**OFFICERS 2021-2022 WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION**

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LUSK LODGE #1797

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**SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER**

N/A

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LUSK LODGE #1797

**MINUTES FOR FALL MEETING, WORLAND LODGE #1908, HOST – SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

Meeting of the Wyoming Elks Association was called to order by President, Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 at 8:25 am.

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:** District Deputy “West District” Barbette Hernandez, Riverton Lodge #1693, District Deputy “East District”, Gary McKee, Cheyenne Lodge #660, PGER Michael Luhr Petersburg Lodge #1615.

**Opening Ceremony:** Opening Prayer – Annette Gonzales, Powell Lodge #2303

- President Smith announced that PSP Bob Senitte, Cody Lodge would be the Parliamentarian for this Annual Fall Meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

**ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

President, Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Greg Flesvig, Casper Lodge	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Heidi Rutledge, Worland Lodge	Present
Sgt. at Arms, Eric Sharp, Torrington Lodge	Present
Chaplain, Annette Gonzales, Powell Lodge	Present
Inner Guard, Josh Soper, Casper Lodge	Present
Secretary, Jerry Fritz, Cody Lodge	Present
Treasurer, Bob Senitte, Cody Lodge	Present
5 Year, Trustee, Brad Smith, Cody Lodge	Present
4 Year, Barbette Hernandez, Riverton Lodge	Present
3 Year Trustee, Robert Tharp, Worland Lodge	Absent
2 Year Trustee, Darla Knuth, Riverton Lodge	Present
1 Year Trustee, Pat Russell, Lusk Lodge	Present

**ROLL CALL WOMING ELK LODGES**

**West District**  
Cody Lodge #1611

**Exalted Ruler**  
Yes

**Members Present**  
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Jackson Lodge#1713	Yes	4
Lander Lodge #2317	Yes	4
Greybull Lodge #1431	Yes	2
Powell Lodge #2303	Yes	4
Riverton Lodge #1693	Yes	3
Worland Lodge #1908	Yes	4

<b>East District</b>	<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>Members present</b>
Casper Lodge #1353	Yes	9
Cheyenne Lodge #660	Yes	11
Laramie Lodge #582	Yes	2
Lusk Lodge #1797	Yes	5
Torrington Lodge #1726	Yes	2
Gillette Lodge #2825	Yes	1
Sheridan Lodge #520	No	1
Rawlins Lodge #609	Yes	1

**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

Present for this Annual Fall Meeting: 10 Past State Presidents and 19 Past District Deputies.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Annual Mid-Winter Meeting, May 21, 2022 Meeting. Minutes were approved as printed and posted on the Wyoming Elks Association Web Page.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letters of thanks from Scholarship recipients.

**Guest Introductions: PGER Michael Luhr**

- Michael thanked Justin Baily and Jessica Cogdill for picking him up at the Cody Airport
- He said Barb wished she could have made the Meeting but was home taking care of grandchildren.
- He said that he would be looking for potential Grand Lodge committee members from Wyoming.
- He thanked Wyoming for the invitation.

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

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# The Wyoming Elks Association

## A Fraternal Organization

Members All,

And here we go first meeting as WEA President. The summer has kept Julie and I very busy. After the Spring meeting in May came DOE's National Convention in Phoenix AZ, where I am Sargent of Arms for the Bullshippers. Then a week later we are off to Atlanta Georgia for Elks Convention. What an honor to carry the Wyoming flag at Grand Lodge in Atlanta. We had a great group of people from Wyoming this year as always and our hospitality room went very well even a special visit from our Grand Exalted Ruler. And the birthplace of Captain Wyoming (If anyone is interested, I do have pictures). And the misadventures of the Jackalope milkmaids.

The next week following Atlanta we were off with the dogs and toy hauler for 10 days first to Rapid City for Dr appointments and then on to Sidney Montana for MEA State meeting and then back to RC for follow up Dr appointments.

Then to end July we again with toy hauler to Cheyenne to join fellow Elks at Cheyenne Frontier Days and the WEA water booth again an enjoyable time with friends and Elk family. A very special Thanks to Cheyenne ER Steve Palso for giving us a spot to park the toy hauler and to the Elks Lodge for their gracious hospitality. August was fairly uneventful other than the regular trips to Drs. and working around the ranch trying to finish up last winter's work.

First of September brings Elks Angels run at Fox Park we were there (I hope) as am writing this before it happens. We will be taking our dogs and our toy hauler and at least one of our toys and as always we will have a great time with our Elk family. The following week is the DOE's State meeting hosted by Lusk Drove so will be cooking meals for that event. I guess that is why you retire so you can be busy and work doesn't get in the way.

So there you go my summer in a nutshell why is it the summer months fly by and the winter months drag on I guess it's just Wonderful Wyoming and I wouldn't live anywhere else.

Good to see everyone and enjoy Fall meeting!!

I have on my calendar the Rib Run in Casper Oct 8<sup>th</sup> so we plan to be there and are looking forward to other visits around the state, so let me know when your lodge plans an event and I will try to attend.

# Rex F Tollman

President WEA  
PDDGER WY East #9740  
PER Lusk #1797

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

*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"A Fraternal Organization"

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Good Morning Members All:

September 17, 2022

Thanks to the generosity of Wyoming Elks in 2021-2022, Wyoming received **\$2.11** in exchange for every dollar donated. Wyoming donated \$43,220 to the Elks National Foundation and received back \$91,350 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. Through our Community Investments Program for 2021-22 fiscal year Elks National Foundation awarded a total of \$105,500 to 14 Wyoming Lodges.

Our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley's Elks National Foundation **per member goal for 2022-2023 is again at \$4.80**. Wyoming is currently ranked **44th** in the nation with **\$2.18** per member in donations as of **August 27, 2022**. The four Lodges who have met the per member goal are; Jackson, Lusk, Casper and Gillette. Most Lodges have sent in donations to the Elks National Foundation and we thank you for donating. Other Lodges are on their way in donating, but some lodges have a significant job ahead of them in order to make the GER goal. I am very hopeful that each and every one of you will again join your Elks brothers and sisters in meeting our Wyoming Elks National Foundation per member goal.

**Community Investments Program:** Every year on April 1, the Elks National Foundation starts opening the Community Investment Program Grants: Spotlight Grant for \$2,000, Gratitude Grant for \$2,000 and the Beacon Grant for \$3,500. These three grants all opened April 1 with the deadline closing January 17, 2023. The Elks National Foundation is encouraging Lodges to think about donating to food pantries or other local organizations that are better equipped to directly serve the populations in need affected by the pandemic when applying for these three grants. The last two grants have already closed 2022-2023; the Impact Grant and the Freedom Grant. **For more details about grants, visit [LodgeGrants@elks.org](mailto:LodgeGrants@elks.org)**

**Scholarships 2022-2023:** Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications opened August 1, 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.

**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 ENF.

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

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

**Beth Luers,** Elks National Foundation Chairman

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"Needy Youth Program" Report      Total by District      "2022-2023"

### EAST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Casper #1353	\$996.81			\$996.81	6
Cheyenne #660	\$601.86			\$601.86	2
Laramie #582	\$2,303.22			\$2,303.22	19
Lusk #1797				\$0.00	
Torrington #1726				\$0.00	
Rawlins #609				\$0.00	
Gillette #2825				\$0.00	
Sheridan #520				\$0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,901.89</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,901.89</b>	<b>27</b>

### WEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Jackson #1713	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	1
Lander #2317				\$0.00	
Cody #1611	\$3,890.38			\$3,890.38	25
Powell #2303	\$1,631.13			\$1,631.13	13
Worland #1908				\$0.00	
Greybull #1431				\$0.00	
Riverton #1693				\$0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,521.51</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,521.51</b>	<b>39</b>

<b>Total Year to Date</b>	<b>\$11,423.4</b>
	<b>0</b>
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	0
<b>Grand Total YTD</b>	<b>\$11,423.4</b>
	<b>0</b>

2022 Gertrude Kamps Donation	\$3,000
<b>West Budgeted</b>	<b>\$48,000.0</b>
	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$51,000.0</b>
	<b>0</b>

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Brad Smith,  
Distinguished Elk

Greetings members all,

We do not have any applications for Distinguished Elk yet but the year is still early. Last year we had two very qualified applications and I would like to see two or more this year as well. Have a great year everyone!

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 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

2020-2021 – Justin Baily, Cody Lodge #1611

2021-2022 – Michael Pettigrew

\*Deceased

\*\* Awarded Posthumous

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**Wyoming State Elks Association Spring Meeting, Sept 17th, 2022  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

President Tollman and Members All;

I received a letter from Wyoming Peace Officers Association President Gabe Testerman and it states, "Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest among our membership and some unforeseen circumstances beyond our control involving one of our former executive board members, we have reluctantly decided to cancel this year's membership and training conference. While we're frustrated and embarrassed by this situation, remaining members of the current executive board feel that this decision is in the best interest of the association for this year."

It is at this conference that they vote on Peace Officer of the Year, Corrections Officer of the Year, Communications Officer of the Year and Outstanding Contributor to Wyoming Law Enforcement. Since the conference has been canceled, they have yet to take a vote on anything. They are going to try again later in the year but the expectation is that it will not happen until 2023. They have my contact information and I advise them that the Wyoming Elks Association still wants to honor their award recipients. They appreciate our support and look forward to working with us in the future.

This goes without saying, but if any of our membership would like to nominate an officer for this honor, please reach out to me.

eric.sharp1818@gmail.com

Fraternally submitted,



Eric Sharp  
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Committee Chair

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Members All,

First, I want to thank President Rex Tollman for allowing me to serve as the WEST Chairman.

This years goal is once again \$4.00 per member. I am positive that each Lodge will strive to hit that mark. With your generous donations are investments have climbed to \$1,808,660.45. We have once again made \$30,000.00 available for the Needy Youth Program.

The total investments include the Elks Angels Fund of \$83,963.18 and the Thermopolis Funds of \$40,748.41.

I am asking that if any Lodge has a special; fundraiser to please send me an invitation and I will attempt to make that event.

Sincerely  
Jerry Fritz  
WEA WEST Chair

# Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2021 - 2022

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2021-2022</u>	<u>Per Capita 2020-2021</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<u>West District Lodges</u>				
Cody	975	\$ 3,550.00	\$ 3.64	\$ 35,068.66
Jackson	537	\$ 1,782.67	\$ 3.32	\$ 14,057.67
Lander	358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,774.25
Greybull	287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,661.10
Powell	209	\$ 65.00	\$ 0.31	\$ 575.00
Riverton	333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,777.40
Worland	494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,876.68
Virtual	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
<b>WEST District</b>	<b>3198</b>	<b>\$ 5,397.67</b>	<b>\$ 1.69</b>	<b>\$ 66,850.76</b>
<u>East District Lodges</u>				
Casper	772	\$ 1,419.00	\$ 1.84	\$ 5,644.80
Cheyenne	607	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,010.00
Laramie	420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,708.00
Sheridan	682	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,046.50
Gillette	207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,004.30
Lusk	160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,365.60
Torrington	210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900.52
Rawlins	442	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,555.20
<b>EAST District</b>	<b>3500</b>	<b>\$ 1,419.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.41</b>	<b>\$ 62,234.92</b>
<b>State</b>		<b>\$ 100.00</b>		<b>\$ 7,692.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6698</b>	<b>\$ 6,916.67</b>	<b>\$ 1.03</b>	<b>\$ 136,777.68</b>



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Members All,

Michael and I have had a busy year so far. The big excitement is that I have retired from full time work and will only be working 1 weekend a month until 10/2023. Please let me know if your lodge is hosting a special function and we would love to attend. We may drag our 3 soon to be 4 fur babies with us but what the heck. Isn't that what old retired people do? Thanks for all you do for Elkdom, It keeps us strong.

Fraternally  
Laura Laughlin  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Member All

Sept 19. 2022

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

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

Expenditures since last report

VAMC- \$2824.48, Food items for their Pantry, Coffee, water, snacks,

Veterans Rock- \$2323.62, can food, clothing, coffee, snack items

, Food items for their Pantry and clothing

**Total=\$5148.10**

Fraternally

**Jim Robinson**

Jim Robinson  
Veterans Services State Chairperson  
Cheyenne VAVS-Rep

**Gary L. McKee "McGoo"**  
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## Fall 2022 Frontier Days Water Booth

We set a new record this year. We used over 35,000 cups, in spite of the fact that more and more of the crowd is having us refill their containers. Robert Logrhy, the Cheyenne 660 Club Manager, let us abuse their ice machine which saved us about \$500.00 in ice expense. Volunteers came from far and wide to help accumulate 408 Man-hours, 11,646 miles driven and \$400 in-kind donations. Thanks to John and Carol Vermilye for providing Camper space for volunteers to utilize.

About 3 years ago the motion was made, seconded and voted upon to allow a donation box at the booth. I hadn't acted upon that motion until this year when our Grand-daughter's husband welded up a real nice donation box for us. The proceeds from that box amounted to \$1,143.22 of which I withheld \$807.26 reimbursement and the remaining \$335.96 has been submitted to the State Association.

Next year's operation should go a little smoother as we now have an ice machine for the booth. It won't produce all our ice, but it certainly should significantly reduce the amount of ice we have to haul in.

Very special thanks again to all the volunteers for all the supurb effort to make a more comfortable public at this great event.

Sincerely and fraternally.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary L. McKee'.

Gary L. McKee, Water Booth Chair

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WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION  
AUDIT REPORT  
Year Ended 4/30/22

September 17, 2022

President Rex Tollman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T Luhr, Distinguished Guests, Members All:

The compilation reports for the year ended April 30, 2022 for the Wyoming Elks Association, The Wyoming Elks Charitable and Benevolent Fund (WEST), and The Wyoming Elks Charitable Trust were completed by Cynthia M Rankin, Certified Public Accountant with Whittle, Hamilton & Associates of Powell and Cody Wyoming on August 25, 2022.

Cynthia reports that she performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the income tax basis.

The State Association net assets decreased by \$11,383.00 from the prior year. Per capita income decreased by \$412.00 from the previous year. Total revenues for the year were \$99,561.00 and expenditures were \$67,954.00.

WEST shows a decrease in assets of \$60,602.00 from the prior year. The market value of WEST investments on April 30, 2022 was \$1,671,047.00. WEST income amounted to \$208,145.00. Expenses amounted to \$49,255.00. The Elks Angels investments are included in the WEST investment totals, amounting to \$31,773.

The Wyoming Elks Charitable Trust shows assets of \$162,476.00 of which all is temporarily restricted, to be expended in the ensuing years. Income from the Elks National Foundation was \$65,760.00, a decrease of \$800.00 from the prior year. Expenses amounted to \$63,430.00.

It should be noted that the decrease in assets for the Wyoming Elks Association and WEST were from reporting the unrealized losses on investments.

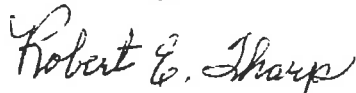
All Form's 990 have been filed electronically.

Secretary Jerry Fritz, as well as I have copies of the compilation available for any member wishing to review.

A motion to accept the compilation reports is needed.

I recommend Cynthia Rankin to complete the compilation reports for the three entities of the Wyoming Elks Association for the year ending 4/30/2023.

Fraternally,



Robert Tharp, Chairman  
Auditing Committee

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Lodge (Click to view report)	Status	Start	Unit	Dmpt	Reln	Tot	Marry	Exp	Trans	Abs	Died	Tot	Change		Final	Delinquents				Life		Cand				
													Net	%		6	12	18	Tot	%	Life		Hon	Tot	Life%	Tot
Lodge (Click to view report)	Reported	696	39	0	8	47	27	0	3	4	27	61	-14	-2.0	682	0	169	0	169	24.3	194	0	194	28.4	11	
Sherridan, WY No. 520	Reported	459	17	2	3	22	45	0	2	0	14	61	-39	-8.5	420	0	160	0	160	34.9	101	2	103	24.5	0	
Laramie, WY No. 582	Reported	453	22	0	13	35	41	0	1	0	4	46	-11	-2.4	442	0	216	0	216	47.7	73	0	73	16.5	13	
Rawlins, WY No. 609	Reported	550	65	11	14	90	12	1	1	1	18	33	57	10.4	607	0	201	0	201	36.5	162	9	171	28.2	18	
Cheyenne, WY No. 650	Reported	757	65	7	14	86	53	0	4	0	14	71	15	2.0	772	324	0	0	324	42.8	184	0	184	23.8	10	
Casper, WY No. 1353	Reported	282	18	0	1	19	5	1	0	0	8	14	5	1.8	287	0	113	0	113	40.1	107	0	107	37.3	0	
Greybull, WY No. 1431	Reported	939	81	11	9	101	38	0	2	1	24	65	36	3.8	975	393	0	0	393	41.9	242	4	246	25.2	1	
Cody, WY No. 1611	Reported	333	23	0	9	32	19	0	2	0	11	32	0	0.0	333	125	0	0	125	37.5	94	0	94	28.2	7	
Riverton, WY No. 1693	Reported	498	75	2	10	87	40	0	2	1	5	48	39	7.8	537	234	0	0	234	47.0	42	1	43	8.0	27	
Jackson, WY No. 1713	Reported	204	11	5	2	18	9	0	0	0	3	12	6	2.9	210	104	0	2	106	52.0	17	2	19	9.0	3	
Torrington, WY No. 1726	Reported	181	4	0	4	8	24	0	0	1	4	29	-21	-11.6	160	0	56	0	56	30.9	10	3	13	8.1	2	
Lusk, WY No. 1797	Reported	470	28	6	4	38	5	0	0	0	9	14	24	5.1	494	0	215	12	227	48.3	32	4	36	7.3	0	
Worland, WY No. 1908	Reported	193	28	1	7	36	9	0	3	0	8	20	16	8.3	209	0	101	0	101	52.3	27	0	27	12.9	3	
Powell, WY No. 2303	Reported	360	19	0	6	25	22	0	0	0	5	27	-2	-0.6	358	116	0	22	138	38.3	41	2	43	12.0	8	
Lander, WY No. 2317	Reported	175	61	0	2	63	25	0	1	0	5	31	32	18.3	207	0	90	0	90	51.4	0	2	2	1.0	0	
Gillette, WY No. 2825	Reported	6	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	-1	-16.7	5	0	1	0	1	16.7	1	0	1	20.0	0	
Virtual Lodge, WY No. 3245	Reported	6,556	556	45	107	708	375	2	22	8	158	566	142	2.2	6,698	1,296	1,322	36	2,654	40.5	1,327	29	1,356	20.2	103	
Not Reported:		0	0												0											
All Lodges:		16	6,556										142	2.2	6,698											

\* Denotes system-generated CLMS Membership Status Report. (0 total.)

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# Delinquent Ratios for Wyoming

Delinquent Ratio is the number of delinquent members per 100 active members. The lower the better!

Lodge	Active Members	Delinquent Members	Delinquent Ratio	
Virtual Lodge, WY No. 3948	5	0	0.00	
Sheridan, WY No. 520	682	42	6.16	
Greybull, WY No. 1431	287	32	11.15	
Cheyenne, WY No. 660	607	68	11.20	
Cody, WY No. 1611	975	116	11.90	
Casper, WY No. 1353	772	104	13.47	
Laramie, WY No. 582	420	58	13.81	
Riverton, WY No. 1693	333	47	14.11	
Rawlins, WY No. 609	442	67	15.16	
Lusk, WY No. 1797	160	25	15.63	
Worland, WY No. 1908	494	78	15.78	
Jackson, WY No. 1713	537	89	16.57	
Powell, WY No. 2303	209	37	17.70	
Torrington, WY No. 1726	210	42	20.00	
Gillette, WY No. 2825	207	43	20.77	
Lander, WY No. 2317	358	119	33.24	

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# Lodge Membership Retention Index - Wyoming

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Lodge	11 Number Initiated (Year 2019)	11 Number Currently Active	11 3 Year Retention Rate	11
Shendan, WY No. 0520	16	15	93.75%	⊕
Greybull, WY No. 1431	12	10	83.33%	⊕
Worland, WY No. 1908	18	15	83.33%	⊕
Lance, WY No. 2317	26	20	76.92%	⊕
Jackson, WY No. 1713	53	39	73.58%	⊕
Powell, WY No. 2303	15	11	73.33%	⊕
Cheyenne, WY No. 0660	41	30	73.17%	⊕
Cody, WY No. 1611	70	47	67.14%	⊕
Casper, WY No. 1353	68	44	64.71%	⊕
Torrington, WY No. 1726	17	10	58.82%	⊕
Laramie, WY No. 0582	16	9	56.25%	⊕
Lusk, WY No. 1797	11	6	54.55%	⊕
Rawlins, WY No. 0609	16	8	50.00%	⊕
Riverton, WY No. 1693	18	9	50.00%	⊕
Gillette, WY No. 2825	7	3	42.86%	⊕
<b>TOTAL S</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>68.32%</b>	⊕

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# Lost 'n' Found Ratios for Wyoming

The Elks Lost 'n' Found Ratio (LFR) reflects the number of members lost for nonpayment per 100 new members initiated. An LFR of less than 80 is considered conducive to growth; 80 to 85 is suspect at best; anything higher a definite loss.

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Lodge Number	Lodge Name (click for graph)	Number Initiated	Number Non Paid	Non Paid Per 100 Initiated	LFR
0660	Cheyenne, WY No. 660	65	12	18	11
1908	Worland, WY No. 1908	28	5	18	18
1431	Greybull, WY No. 1431	18	5	28	20
2303	Edwell, WY No. 2303	28	9	32	32
2825	Gillello, WY No. 2825	61	25	41	41
1611	Cody, WY No. 1611	81	38	47	47
1713	Walsworth, WY No. 1713	75	40	53	53
0520	Starbuck, WY No. 520	39	27	69	69
1726	Teton, WY No. 1726	11	9	82	82
1353	Chasestown, WY No. 1353	65	53	81	81
1693	Riverton, WY No. 1693	23	19	82	82
2317	Lander, WY No. 2317	19	22	116	116
0609	Rawlins, WY No. 609	22	41	186	186
0582	Laramie, WY No. 582	17	45	265	265
1797	Lusk, WY No. 1797	4	24	600	600
3948	Wilder Lodge, WY No. 4948	0	1	9990	9990

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# Candidate Ratios for Wyoming

The Candidate Ratio is the number of membership candidates per 100 active members. The higher the better!

	Active Members	Candidates	Candidate Ratio	
Lodge				
Jackson, WY No. 1713	537	29	5.40	5.40
Torrington, WY No. 1726	210	9	4.29	4.29
Riverton, WY No. 1693	333	12	3.60	3.60
Casper, WY No. 1353	772	18	2.33	2.33
Cheyenne, WY No. 660	607	14	2.31	2.31
Rawlins, WY No. 609	442	7	1.58	1.58
Lander, WY No. 2317	358	4	1.12	1.12
Gillette, WY No. 2825	207	2	0.97	0.97
Powell, WY No. 2303	209	2	0.96	0.96
Sheridan, WY No. 520	682	6	0.88	0.88
Lusk, WY No. 1797	160	1	0.63	0.63
Laramie, WY No. 582	420	2	0.48	0.48
Greybull, WY No. 1431	287	0	0.00	0.00
Cody, WY No. 1611	975	0	0.00	0.00
Worland, WY No. 1908	494	0	0.00	0.00

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# Lapsed Membership Totals

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Start Date: 04/01/2022 End Date: 03/31/2023 Order by: activeMembers DESC State: WY District:

Rank	Lodge	District	Active Lodge Members <small>(from all of current lodge year)</small>	Dropped Members	Active/Dropped Member Ratio <small>(Active Members Per Dropped Member)</small>	Avg. Membership Years <small>(Average years of membership when dropped)</small>	
1	COOK WY No. 1511	9800	9740	975	0	975.0	0.00
2	LAFAYETTE WY No. 1353	9740	772	772	0	772.0	0.00
3	SHOSHONE WY No. 520	9740	692	692	3	227.3	4.67
4	CLEVELAND WY No. 690	9740	607	607	0	607.0	0.00
5	JACKSON WY No. 712	9800	537	537	0	537.0	0.00
6	WILSON WY No. 1903	9800	494	494	0	494.0	0.00
7	RAWLINS WY No. 502	9740	442	442	0	442.0	0.00
8	LARAMIE WY No. 582	9740	420	420	0	420.0	0.00
9	LINDSEY WY No. 3417	9800	358	358	0	358.0	0.00
10	STANTON WY No. 793	9800	333	333	3	111.0	13.33
11	GRAND WY No. 1434	9800	287	287	0	287.0	0.00
12	TERRACE WY No. 1236	9740	210	210	0	210.0	0.00
13	POWER WY No. 2303	9800	209	209	0	209.0	0.00
14	GILLESPIE WY No. 3325	9740	207	207	0	207.0	0.00
15	LURE WY No. 1797	9740	160	160	0	160.0	0.00
16	YOUNG WY No. 3042	0048	5	5	0	5.0	0.00

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# 5-Year Membership Trend Report

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Order by: activeMembers DESC State: WY District: \*

Rank	Lodge	District	Active Members	Avg. Age	Median Age	Current vs. 3/31/2022		Current vs. 3/31/2021		Current vs. 3/31/2020		Current vs. 3/31/2019		Current vs. 3/31/2018	
						Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
1	Cody, WY No. 1611	9800	1004	63.40	65.00	975	+29	939	+65	947	+57	919	+85	904	+100
2	Casper, WY No. 1353	9740	789	62.81	65.00	772	+17	757	+32	794	-5	829	-40	764	+25
3	Sheldahl, WY No. 520	9740	681	67.20	70.00	682	-1	696	-15	714	-33	750	-69	830	-149
4	Cheyenne, WY No. 660	9740	638	60.51	61.00	607	+31	550	+88	544	+94	535	+103	533	+105
5	Jackson, WY No. 1713	9800	553	57.31	59.00	537	+16	498	+55	547	+6	538	+15	495	+58
6	Worland, WY No. 1908	9800	506	60.38	62.00	494	+12	470	+36	469	+37	488	+18	486	+20
7	Rawlins, WY No. 609	9740	454	54.05	55.00	442	+12	453	+1	486	-32	509	-55	514	-60
8	Laramie, WY No. 582	9740	425	63.01	65.00	420	+5	459	-34	499	-74	542	-117	571	-146
9	Lander, WY No. 2317	9800	365	58.94	61.00	358	+7	380	+5	359	+6	354	+11	344	+21
10	Riverton, WY No. 1693	9800	340	63.65	66.00	333	+7	333	+7	338	+2	351	-11	347	-7
11	Cheyenne, WY No. 1431	9800	302	62.21	63.00	287	+15	282	+20	280	+22	281	+21	281	+21
12	Powell, WY No. 2303	9800	217	61.66	65.00	209	+8	193	+24	192	+25	188	+29	202	+15
13	Gillette, WY No. 2925	9740	209	65.19	68.00	207	+2	175	+34	181	+28	194	+15	182	+27
14	Torrington, WY No. 1728	9740	209	57.44	60.00	210	-1	204	+5	222	-13	234	-25	247	-38
15	Lusk, WY No. 1797	9740	160	65.74	68.00	160	+0	181	-21	198	-38	216	-56	223	-63
16	Verona, WY No. 3948	0048	5	70.40	71.00	5	+0	6	-1	69	-64	96	-91	0	+5

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Members All,

I once again have very little to report. We will still be looking to see if we have any interest in the few areas mentioned in previous reports, the southwest corner of the state and the I-25 corridor (Douglas and Wheatland). We may be looking at Buffalo to see if there is any interest.

We were hoping to make a visit to the Star Valley area, but time did not permit that visit yet. We will look at doing something this fall to winter area.

I will be asking some of the Past State Presidents in those areas to give us a helping hand in recruiting possible leaders from those communities.

Sincerely  
Jerry Fritz

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Members All,

I would like to start by telling you about an exciting new partnership with firstonsite. A first on site restoration company specializing in fire, flood, bio-hazard and storm emergencies. Although firstonsite is a preferred partner of the Elks, it is not required to use their services. More information about firstonsite and claim forms go to [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) or [firstonsite.com](http://firstonsite.com).

Here are some other things to keep in mind as we head into colder temperatures and the holiday seasons. Have a plan for snow removal and keeping entry ways clean and clear. It is also a good time to brush up on rules and regulations regarding room rentals. Forms for insurance as well as all manuals can be found on [Elks.org](http://Elks.org). Protect your lodge by having the proper paper work before you host any rental or events. Have safe travels home and keep your lodges a safe place to visit.

Joshua Soper  
Risk Management Chairman

Sept.17, 2022

Greetings Wyoming Elks and dignitaries,

As we meet for our Fall Convention, I encourage you to participate in all that is offered for the weekend. There is lots to learn from the meeting(s) and just general networking as we have done over a meal or between meals many times before.

A big thank you to the wonderful Worland volunteers who have made this convention happen. Without your tireless dedication, none of this would be possible. Again, THANK YOU!

This summer I've had to opportunity for some lodge visitations, The first was to celebrate Greybull lodge #1431 for their centennial anniversary. A popular cornhole tournament took place, good food, good company, a street dance with live music. Well attended all around, E.R. Jeff Sukut and his team did a wonderful job! Also word has it, that this Lodge has had a remarkable membership gain.

Twice to Cheyenne lodge #660, timing was such I missed the dinner, but good fellowship was had anyway.

My local lodge hosted a motorcycle poker ride to Red Lodge, MT lodge #534 at the end of July. The lodge was most hospitable to our group by making a dinner on just our accord and engaged with lively conversation. I did get the opportunity to meet Montana's 2nd Vice President and Red Lodge E.R. Gordon Sistine.

The end of August, I joined the Colorado Elks for a rib-feast fundraiser in Salina, Co. Early numbers of over \$10,000 was reported. With proceeds to E.N.F., State major project, and a local project.

The Elks Angels ride over Labor Day weekend was a blast! Having a good ride for the trails made all the difference. Glad to have won the bid on a very nice quilt. Looking forward to next years Elks Angles ride as it has been planned to be more in the center of the state.

The resounding echo I keep hearing from the many lodges is that membership is getting stronger and more active.

Enjoy the weekend we have, enjoy Worland elks for what it has to offer, and let's catch up.

Fraternally,  
Greg Flesvig  
2nd Vice- President WEA

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***Option (s) with the Association Officers rotating between Districts***

**Currently reads**

**ARTICLE VI – DISTRICTS AND OFFICERS**

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

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

**Section 2.** The officers of the Association shall be a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; a Third Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Sargent at Arms; a Chaplain; an Inner Guard; and a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) elected members, one (1) Trustee to be elected from each District, and two (2) to be elected at large. At least one (1) Past State President of the Association, must always be a member of the Board of Trustees.

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

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

**Proposed to read**

The Third Vice-President shall be elected alternating between the East District and the West District annually. If events outlined in Article VI Section 11, Subpart ( c ) come into effect, Section 11 sub part ( c ) shall supersede Section 2 and the Third Vice President may be elected from any Lodge of the Association.

***Proposal if the State Secretary does not receive any resume's for an Office***

**Currently Reads**

**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, Frist Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Third Vice-President must be a Past Exalted Ruler of a member 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 Secretary 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.

**Proposed to Read**

- c. All candidates for Third Vice-President must submit a resume' stating their qualifications for Third Vice-President and past accomplishments in the Association. All Letters must be presented to the State Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting. If no qualified member submits a resume' to the Association Secretary prior to the Mid-winter Meeting of the Association per Section 11 subpart ( d ) of these Laws, then immediately following the Mid-winter Meeting of the Association, the Association Secretary shall request resume's from the lodges of the appropriate District for any Office that has not been applied for. All resume's must be received by the Association Secretary by March 15<sup>th</sup>. If no Member from the appropriate District submits a resume' by March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Association Secretary shall notify all Lodges of the Association and any qualified Member of the Association shall be eligible to submit a resume' stating their intent to run for the open office. All resume's must be received by the Association Secretary by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

***Option (s) with no alternating Districts for Association Officers***

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### Currently reads

**Section 2.** The officers of the Association shall be a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; a Third Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Sargent at Arms; a Chaplain; an Inner Guard; and a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) elected members, one (1) Trustee to be elected from each District, and two (2) to be elected at large. At least one (1) Past State President of the Association, must always be a member of the Board of Trustees.

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

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

### Proposed to read

**Section 2.** The officers of the Association shall be a President; a First Vice-President; a Second Vice-President; a Third Vice-President; a Secretary; a Treasurer; a Sargent at Arms; a Chaplain; an Inner Guard; and a Board of Trustees consisting of five (5) elected members. ~~one (1) Trustee to be elected from each District, and two (2) to be elected at large.~~ At least one (1) Past State President of the Association, must always be a member of the Board of Trustees.

All elective Offices of the Association shall be filled by any Member of the Association as provided in Article VI – Section 11 of these Laws.

### Section 11

- c. All candidates for Third Vice-President must submit a resume' stating their qualifications for Third Vice-President and past accomplishments in the Association. All Letters must be presented to the State Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the Mid-Winter Meeting. If no qualified member submits a resume' to the Association Secretary prior to the Mid-winter Meeting of the Association per Section 11 subpart ( d ) of these Laws, then immediately following the Mid-winter Meeting of the Association, the Association Secretary shall request resume's from the Lodges of the Association for any Office that has not been applied for. All resume's must be received by the Association Secretary by March 15<sup>th</sup>. If no member submits a resume' by March 15<sup>th</sup> the Association Secretary shall notify all Lodges of the Association that no resume's have been submitted and make a second request to be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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# **The Wyoming Elks Association**

## **A Fraternal Organization**

### **Fall Convention and Meetings** **Worland, Wyoming** **Sept 16-17, 2022**

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

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

**WHERE AS:** The Worland/Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce has helped make the Members and guests of this Association Welcome.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, does hereby wish to thank The Worland/Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce.

**IN CONSIDERATION OF:** The countless hours of preparation by the Officers and Members of the Worland Elks Lodge-BPOE #1908, to ensure the success of this Association gathering.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:** The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, does hereby wish to extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to Exalted Ruler Heidi Rutledge as well as the officers, their spouses and all the many Members of Worland Lodge-BPOE #1908 for the excellent job they have done in hosting this Association gathering.

**WHERE AS:** The Wyoming Elks Association would like to welcome our Grand Lodge Advisor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Luer; Petersburg, AK Lodge #1615 and wife, Barb.

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

Wyoming Elks Association  
Fall 2022 Resolutions (Cont.)

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

Gary (MaGoo) McKee, DDGER East, Cheyenne Lodge-BPOE #660 and Kathy.  
Barbette Hernandez, DDGER West, Riverton Lodge- BPOE # 1693 and Tom.

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

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

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

Submitted with Brotherly Love,

**Rex F Tollman**

President WEA

WEA Resolutions Committee

PDDGER WY East #9740

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September 4, 2022

Wyoming ELKs Association  
2022 Fall Convention

Scholarship Report from:  
Louise Wrage, State Scholarship Chair

Greetings Members:

The 2023 Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship opened on August 1 and will close on November 14, 2022, and the Legacy Award will open September 1, 2022, and will close February 6, 2023. These scholarships are all online.

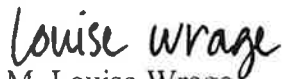
I encourage all Lodge Scholarship Committee Chairs to reach out to their school counselors, letting them know about these scholarships and encourage all seniors to apply. The MVS offers 500 four-year awards - at varying amounts and Wyoming has had a number of students receive over the years. They can direct students to [www.enf.elks.org](http://www.enf.elks.org) MVS

The Legacy Award will offer 350 (\$4,000) awards to the children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elks who are college-bound seniors. Please spread the work throughout your lodges. You can direct any interested students to: [www.enf.elks.org](http://www.enf.elks.org) Leg

As you are aware we are now in TWO Districts and the committee is SEEKING someone from the EAST District to join us. Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone that would be a great fit.

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

Fraternally yours,

  
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**Wyoming State Elks Association Spring Meeting, Sept 17th, 2022**  
**W.E.A. Historians Report**

President Tollman and Members all;

I am pleased to present you all with a special report. This year, Greybull Lodge #1431 is celebrating their 100th anniversary! Greybull Exalted Ruler Jeff Sukut has graciously provided us with a wonderful article from the Greybull Standard as well as a very entertaining story from "Glimpses of Greybull's Past".



Enjoy the attached articles!

Fraternally submitted

Eric Sharp  
Historical Committee Chairman

# Faces have changed, but mantra of helping others hasn't as BPOE 1431 readies for 100th

By Marlys Good

BPOE 1431 of Greybull is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A gala is planned on Saturday, July 16 – an all-day social with guests expected from all around “Elkdom.”

We talked about its earliest history dating back to the late 1800s, it took several decades to take root in our small town.

To look at its earliest origins in Greybull, we turned to Tom Davis and “Glimpses of Greybull's Past” and to some long-ago Greybull Standards, now yellowed with age.

Davis wrote: “In 1921, there were many men in Greybull who wanted to form an Elks Lodge, but they were dismayed to learn that the national Elks organization required a town to have 5,000 people before a lodge could be formed. These men believed that Greybull had ‘almost 5,000 people,’ so they formed an organization named the ‘Antlers Club,’ and started to count and count and count . . .

(Unofficially, the Antlers Club was called the ‘Stray Elks.’)

“The local members of the Antlers Club have arranged to take a census of the city and issue a directory. A very thorough canvass is to be made and indexed carefully, all of which will be gotten out in a handy book form which will be valuable to the businessman as a ready reference for not only the names of persons, but also their phone number and street number. . . (Greybull Standard 6/3/21).”

Davis said in “Glimpses” that “a history of the Greybull Elks Lodge and how it came to be founded was ably told by Fred Koschel, secretary of the lodge. The organization of the Greybull Lodge had its beginning when a group of ‘stray’ Elks formed an Elks Club. . . . Even though the club had a sizeable membership, a charter could not be granted because at that time an Elks Lodge could not be formed in a city of less than 5,000 population. Mr. Koschel explained. A census of Greybull was compiled by the Big Horn Antlers and when completed in 1922 it showed that Greybull had a population of 5,341 persons. That the directory figures might have been ‘padded’ was hinted at by Mr. Koschel. Shortly after this directory had been presented as Exhibit A at the Los Angeles Elks national convention, a charter was granted for the organization of the Greybull Elks Lodge in February 1922.”

Davis said, “While it is doubtful that Greybull ever had 5,000 or more residents during either 1921 or ‘22, it is very likely that Greybull was home to far more than 2,602 residents in that period”

In 1979, Joe Carey said in an interview, “I think that what they (Antlers) done was to count the floating population, plus the salesmen and everybody else that come in here, see? They’d go to the hotels and get all the people on the register at the time and class them as natives.

Members of Sheridan Elks Lodge 520 came to Greybull and initiated 54 candidates into Greybull Lodge 1431, electing, installing Ed Lander as exalted ruler and LeRoy Joyce as secretary. A charter was granted on July 13, 1922. (Thanks to Ray Valasek for sharing an old GS that relayed this information.)

History does not tell us where the Elks held their first meetings from 1922 to 1934. However, from 1934 through 1937, meetings were held in a building located on the corner of Fourth Avenue North and North Fourth Street. Construction on a new lodge located downtown on the corner of Greybull Avenue and Railroad Avenue began in 1937 and was completed in 1938.

A new addition was added in 1968. The original lodge was sold to Atwood & Atwood in 2004; the new addition was retained as the present Elks Lodge.

It remains a charitable and giving institution, as it has been since its inception. The major change was in 1995 when it opened its membership to women, one of the first of the 2,000-plus lodges in the United States to do so after a Supreme Court verdict was handed down. The move came smoothly to the local lodge; nationwide it was questioned and opposed for several more years. However, in 2002, the non-discrimination ruling was accepted and adopted nationwide

The first woman to be initiated into the local Elks Club was Cathy Frautschi on De. 30, 1998.

Lynna Smith and Colette Denniston were initiated into the lodge on Feb. 24, 1999.

The transition was smooth; women were welcomed as an integral part of BPOE 1431.

As of June 28, 2022, current officers are. Exalted Ruler, Jeff Sukut; Leading Knight Brant Ogg; Loyal Knight, Bobby Werner; Lecturing Knight, Pam Valasek; Secretary, Gretchen Kelso; Treasurer, Brenda Miller; Tyler: Chris Ogg; Chaplain: Deanna Werner; Esquire: Breanna Laird; Inner Guard: Jim Clifton.

Trustees include: 5-year Ted Peterson; 4-year Sherri Wilkinson; 3-year Lawrence Griffin; 2-year Jake Holtheus; 1-year Donna Dalin.

The lodge sends out a quarterly newsletter and Wilkinson, who compiles the report, said it is sent to approximately 325 Elks, going all over the United States, even as far as Hawaii. “Once an Elk, always an

Elk," she said, noting that when a member of BPOE 1431 leaves, he/she takes the membership and is welcome at any Elks Lodge worldwide.

So while in little ways Elkdom has changed, its most important missions have remained the same.

Some new programs have been added, like the backpack programs in the schools.

The yearly scholarships that have been granted students in Greybull, Riverside, Burlington and Lovell high schools have benefitted dozens and dozens of seniors with thousands of dollars allocated (seven different scholarships) plus the (Jerry Schmer scholarship). The Elks honor and remember veterans at the two retirement centers; help with the annual Christmas Basket program; host the annual Hoop Shoot; provide funding for local youth sports programs and hold charity fundraisers.

They have also opened their doors for the lodge to be used for a voting precinct, host the community blood drives several times a year, provide a Veterans Day meal and hold a Flag Day ceremony every June 14.

In a "yellowed with age" Greybull Standard from decades ago, we repeat: " The mantra is: Being an Elk is not what the Elks do for you, but what Elks do for the community." A hundred years later that mantra remains the same.

Happy birthday, BPOE 1431.

The community applauds and honors you for your generosity to and faith in our community.



# GREYBULL STANDARD

\$1 - 116TH YEAR - GREYBULL, WYOMING - NO. 13 THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2022

Bursting in Air



Fireworks illuminate the bluffs and Big Horn River in Greybull on Independence Day.

## Man played dead, lived to tell about grizzly bear attack

### Olson has scaled state's tallest peaks

By Nathan Oster

He resides in Buffalo, N.Y. but the victim in last week's grizzly bear attack near Meeteetse may be more familiar with Wyoming's high country than just about any other adventurer who hails from the Cowboy State.

Barry Olson, a 1971 graduate of Greybull High School, has been coming back to Wyoming every summer for more years than he can count, spending four to seven weeks at a time in his personal quest to reach the top of every 10,000-foot peak in the state.

He estimates that he has scaled 43 of the 10,000-foot peaks in the state, a 13,146-foot summit southwest of Yellowstone National Park as his 33rd conquest. He'd gone up

the peak of Mount Moran on his previous attempt on June 27 when he almost died.

It was about 2 p.m. He was crossing into Meadow Creek Basin, at an elevation of about 12,000 feet.

"I was going down, over the ridge and couldn't see that far ahead," said Olson. "We just happened to cross paths - I was going down, he was coming up."

When their eyes met, only about 15 yards separated them.

"I took one small step away from him, but then he started to move forward. He roared. I tried to get to my bear spray - it had been tipped over in the day pack that I had on my back. He was as close as before I could even get to it."

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## 'Being an Elk is not what the Elks do for you, but what Elks do for the community'

### Faces have changed, mantra hasn't as BPOE 1431 readies for its 100th

By Mark Good

BPOE 1431 is celebrating its 100th birthday. A gala is planned for Saturday, July 16, an all-day event with guests expected from all around "Elkdom."

The talk about its 100th birthday is back to the roots of the small town.



To look at its earliest origins in 1922, we turned to Tom Davis and "Glimpses of Greybull's Past" and to the BPOE 1431 now

yellowed with age. Davis wrote in 1922 that the BPOE 1431 was the only one in the town at that time. He said that they were the only ones to learn that the

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## Flag is flying again at Eagle Pass

By Nathan Oster

Knocked down but never out, the American flag is flying high above Eagle Pass again thanks to a generous outpouring of support from individuals and businesses in the Big Horn Basin.

Greybull American Legion Post 32, which led the fundraising campaign, unveiled a new flagpole and raised the flag during a brief ceremony Monday, July 4.

Howard Lewis, a Navy veteran from Greybull, planted the first flag on the mountain along U.S. Highway 204. He was later killed and laid to rest in 1941 while serving his mother. The two men were at the site of the flagpole.

The flag was taken from a plastic bag and the flagpole knocked down by the wind. The flag was raised with the help of Lee Snyder and John Arney of Post 32.

Snyder secured a right-of-way permit from the Bureau of Land Management and Bill and Arney then proceeded to dig a hole and erect a flagpole that was much sturdier. For years, the two men took turns

replacing the flag when they wore out. Later, when it became too cumbersome, volunteers from Greybull A.V.M. and Legion posts assumed the responsibility.

When news of the vandalism spread, the community stepped up.

Veda Gerrard read about it in the Standard and took the "flipping in a Valentine's Day dinner" at the Elks Lodge. With a coffee can, she circulated the town asking for donations.

By night's end, she'd collected \$241. The campaign had begun. Post 32 proceeded to open an account at the Bank of Greybull.

Mike Laird, owner of Lund, donated a M&P by Smith and Wesson 12-22 rifle for a raffle prize, adding \$2,000 to the account. Several anonymous donations of more than \$500 came in as well, including one in the amount of \$1,650.

Post 32 was blown away by the generosity shown and pulled from here in the Big Horn Basin and elsewhere. Donations arrived from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Georgia, to name just a few.

"We initially started the fund-raising for a new pole for the flagpole. The fund-raising started pouring in donations and we had an opportunity to purchase a really great flag. It's a commitment to the community," said Bobby Warner, president of Post 32.

Several companies contributed to the cause as well. Cup Cor Manufacturing donated the pole savings that would be on the bollards that surround the new flagpole.

Big Horn Red, Inc. donated the concrete required to pour the base and fill the bollards.

Rhino Rentals of Powell loaned a man to

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RIGHT PICTURED (l. to r.): Jerry Ewan, Lee Snyder, Mike Johnson, Mike Laird, John Arney, Brent Johnson, Bobby Warner, Tom Fair, Russell Shelton (District 4 Commander), Jerry Clark (post department commander), Tom Karshner, Mike Scott, Kenneth Darringer



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Brad Smith,  
Website Committee

Greetings members all,

State and Lodge Committee information should all be updated by now. If you see anything that needs attention please let me know.

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

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

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So far for upcoming State selections we have:

Cheyenne-January 2023  
Cody-May 2023

Please consider hosting a state meeting. I will assist in any way possible. It is a lot of work, but it is fun, as most of the things we do as Elks are. Well worth the effort to gather us together and share information to keep us strong and leaders in our communities.

Thanks again,  
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August 14, 2022

Members All,

It is only 2 weeks before the Elks Angels ride Hosted by Cheyenne Lodge.

They have planned a Haunted Forest Ride. They are having scavenger hunts and a cream can feed. I am sure they will be making some money for the Elks Angels and I do hope they all have a safe great ride.

I must thank Windy Smith for taking over the sweatshirt and hat project for me this year. The best part of Elks is that someone will always carry on. Thank you all for that.

A reminder that the **CENTS IN ACTION PROMOTION FOR TETON DISTRIBUTERS BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**. The beer to drink will be Miller Lite Cans. The promotion is State Wide. Teton will be donating back so much per case we purchase during the Month of Sept. and Oct. Last year they donated \$2834.10. Lets help them help the Elks.

Marilyn Lane Elks Angels Chairman

Heidi Rutledge

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Report

Greetings Members all,

Welcome to Worland! I hope you have a great time at our convention and learn a few new things while here.

What a summer it has been. In June I picked up my niece who is staying with us from Japan for a few months to go to school. In July my mom, daughter, niece and I all headed out on the long drive to Atlanta Georgia for Grand Lodge! We had a great time and saw a lot of country. It was great to see how much my niece learned about Elkdom and how much my daughter could tell others about what Elks do in Wyoming!

We then went to the 100-year celebration for the Greybull Elks Lodge. While we were not able to stay and play in the cornhole tournament it sounds like a great time was had by all!

School is back in session and my house is busy with homework, swimming and marching band.

Fraternally,

Heidi Rutledge

# Credential's

Fall Meeting Worland 1908

Sept 17th, 2022

0 GER and Lady

1 PGER and Lady

0 SDGER and Spouse

81 ~~79~~ Members

19 Spouses

101 ~~99~~ Total for meeting

Submitted

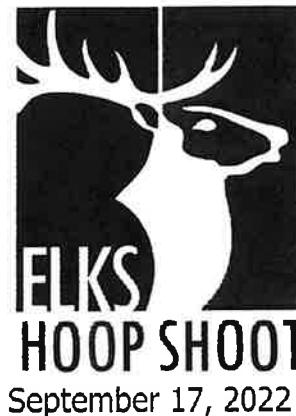
*Jim Robinson*

Credentials Committee

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

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**Good morning all:**

Wyoming Elks Convention - Worland

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

Thank you to Wyoming Elks Association President Rex Tollman 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.

A couple "new" changes this year:

1. Local Directors are no longer required to get a copy of the "Proof of Age" to be attached to the Registration Form. We will now accept the birthdate provided by the contestant's parent(s).
2. The "four bounce" rule has been replaced by the "ten second rule". Each contestant must now shoot within ten seconds of the Line Judge handing them the ball.

**2023 Contest Dates:**

Wyoming **State** Championships - **Casper** - February 18, 2023

West Central **Region 8** Championships - **Colorado Springs, CO** - March 18, 2023

Elks Hoop Shoot **National** Finals - **Chicago, IL** - April 22, 2023

This year's **Hoop Shoot Southeast District Director** is **John Engstrom** in Rawlins ( 307-321-0169 [engstrom.wy@gmail.com](mailto:engstrom.wy@gmail.com) ). Southeast District Lodges are Torrington, Laramie, Cheyenne, and Rawlins.

**Hoop Shoot Northwest District Director** is **Christi Greaham** in Powell ( 307-202-0365 [christi.greaham@nwc.edu](mailto:christi.greaham@nwc.edu) ). Hoop Shoot Northwest District Lodges are Greybull, Cody, Powell, and Worland.

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

**Hoop Shoot Northeast District Director** is **Beth Luers** in Casper ( 307-262-9077 [wyo\\_enf@yahoo.com](mailto:wyo_enf@yahoo.com) ). Hoop Shoot Northeast District Lodges are Casper, Lusk, Gillette, and Sheridan.

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

**Local Contests** must be scheduled **at least two weeks before your District Contest** to allow time for the District Director to plan their contest and also to allow parents to make plans.

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

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

Fraternally, Frank

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Members all,

This coming year we plan to have the state soccer shoot. We did order a new Goal to put up and we are working on a trailer to keep all the soccer shoot stuff in. If you need any supplies, please email me and we will get supplies headed your way. I will be sending out an email to all the lodges and secretary. I would like to do a state soccer shoot in Casper.



Fraternally

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Good morning everyone.

As the school year starts, please seriously consider The Americanism Essay Contest. The theme this year is, "What is Your American Dream". It is open to 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Simply take the rules and form, available at [elks.org](http://elks.org), to the schools in your area and then be sure the essays get to your lodge for judging by December 15. This is an easy project, gets the Elks name out there and is really kinda fun. If you have questions reach out to me at either 307-250-5235 or [lvwlaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:lvwlaughlin@gmail.com).

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Members All,

Winter is just around the corner and with that comes our required Memorial Service. It is a time for us to remember our departed members and pay respect to their families and loved ones. Information on how to hold this service can be found at [Elks.org](http://Elks.org). Search keyword: Memorial Service

It is also a good time to look at the progress of any youth programs your lodges are running. Are you active in any youth programs? Are you meeting goals for those programs in place? Just a few things to consider. If you are not active in some area of youth activities find a new chairman for your lodge. There are many opportunities to be involved: Hoop shoot, soccer shoot, antlers program. These are just a few examples. For a full list of youth activities visit [elks.org](http://elks.org). There you will find videos with overviews of each program. I encourage all lodge chairmen to take a minute to view these wonderful resources.

Joshua Soper  
Lodge Activities Chairman

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Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Fall Meeting 2022, Worland Lodge.

President Rex Tollman, Association Officers and Members,

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Minneapolis MN., July 2 – July 5, 2023. I have included the information received from Grand Lodge.

Below is the Hospitality Room cost for the Wyoming Hospitality Room. Thanks to everyone that helped.

Alcohol, food, plates, etc. - \$1,689.73  
Jackalope - \$234.00  
Shot Glasses – 294.54  
Total - \$2218.27

We had a room fee of \$200.00 per lodge for a total of \$3,000.00. We spent \$2,218.27. The fact that I drove helped with transportation and delivery costs. We will put the extra funds towards next years convention. We will be looking to add a room for a larger hospitality room. We will look at adjusting the prices to reflect the actual cost each year. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Fraternally  
Jerry Fritz





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August 11, 2022

Elks National Convention  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
July 2 – July 5, 2023

To: State Housing Chairperson

Enclosed is a form for you to complete and return so we can make proper hotel arrangements for your state delegation. Please give us your best judgement on sleeping room needs, meal functions, receptions or any activities that will require public/meeting space. All public space needs must be included on this form to assure proper placement in hotels with appropriate space. We must have this form in our office by August 24, 2022. This information must be in writing. **NO ROOM BLOCKS WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.** Please fax, mail or email the form before August 24, 2022.

**State hotel assignments will be completed in Early November. Do not contact hotels prior to receiving official written notification of hotel assignments from the Convention Office.**

A six-year history, including 2022, lists the number of rooms originally requested and final number of rooms picked up by your state based on the peak night. If your state used more than one hotel in 2022 the number includes all properties. Please realize that the convention office has made every effort to get an accurate count of your total room pickup by contacting the hotels in which your state was housed. We currently do not have a hotel pick up report from the Atlanta Marriott Marquis but will supply the information to the states housed at the Marriott as soon as it is available.

Hotels have inserted performance clauses into contracts, which means simply we must make reasonable estimates of needs. These clauses assist both buyer and seller. By living up to the agreements we are alerting the hotels to have adequate staff and rooms available. The hotels must then also live up to agreements. If we fall below these estimates, based on the following paragraph, state programs will be impacted.

**There are financial fees applied for each room block below 80%. With each Hotel assignment, you will be informed of that Hotel's Attrition Clause.**

Keep in mind the block submitted now is the state association's responsibility. If you request adjustments later, every effort will be made to accommodate the request. But the state will still be responsible to pick up 80% of the **original block**.

Hotels have every right to expect us to be realistic in our requests. Good rates comp rooms and suites reward these efforts, while higher rates and loss of comps will certainly follow if we fail. As you complete the form view your records for checkouts as early as

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Tuesday and Wednesday of the convention week this may affect your comp situation. Be sure to include the State Presidents Suite in your room request. As a general rule of thumb count this suite as 2 rooms.

Daily requests mean that if you require 100 rooms for the final Tuesday and 20 rooms for Wednesday, then 80 rooms should be listed in the departure column for Wednesday.

Below is the schedule of events for the 2023 Minneapolis convention. Please review and schedule all state events accordingly. Any state event requiring meeting space must be listed in the attached form. We run the risk of over lapping events, and the hotel not having adequate space available for multiple events. Please be clear with times, dates and number of estimated attendances to the events held at the hotels.

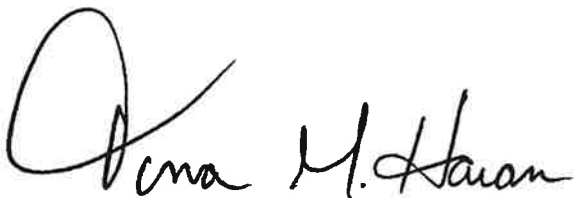
**In an effort to improve assistance to handicapped members at the convention I ask that you communicate to the members the importance of informing you of their needs. In turn, please pass the information on to the National Convention office in the form of a letter or email. This issue is becoming more prevalent. It is your responsibility to supply Grand Lodge with this information to assist us in complying with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In order to maintain adequate handicapped bussing and to accommodate any other disabilities, we need this information.**

**As mentioned at the Atlanta Convention we will be conducting a state housing coordinator training via zoom on Wednesday, August 17 at 1pm and 7pm CTS. An email will be sent to each of the housing coordinators with a link to the meeting and an agenda.**

Please contact the Convention Office if you have questions. **If you are no longer responsible for housing arrangements, please forward the information to the appropriate person and inform the Convention Office of your replacement.**

Email, Fax or return the information to us so we have it before August 24, 2022.

Respectfully & fraternally,



**Tina M. Haran  
Convention & Meetings Director  
Elks National Convention**

TMH: jmr  
cc: Convention Commission Members  
State Sponsors

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## Information for the 2023 Minneapolis Convention

1. The Headquarter hotel is the *Hilton Minneapolis*.
2. Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business, and Closing session will take place at the:  
Minneapolis Convention Center  
**1301 Second Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403**
3. Opening Ceremony will be 4pm on Sunday, July 2, 2023.
4. Daily Business Session schedule:
  - a. Monday & Tuesday 8am – 12:00pm (estimated end time)
  - b. Wednesday 8am – 11:00am
5. Registration & Exhibits will be set up at the *Minneapolis Convention Center*.
6. Ritual Competition will be at the *Minneapolis Convention Center*.
7. District Deputies Designate Seminar will be held on Monday, July 3 at 1pm  
Location to be determined.
8. State Housing Coordinator Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 4 at 2pm in the  
*Location to be determined*.
9. A shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions. (Watch the website for a shuttle schedule by the end of June).
10. The varying Committee Seminars will be scheduled on Sunday as early as 9 am and following the General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. An Event Scheduling System will open the beginning of April.
11. Convention Pre-Registration will open the beginning of April.

*Please be sure to monitor email and the Elks.org website for any changes or COVID-19 guideline updates as we move forward with the Minneapolis Convention planning.*



# Grand Lodge National Convention Minneapolis, Minnesota July 2 - 5, 2023

State Delegation **WYOMING**

Sponsor **LUHR**

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**# Rooms Requested on Peak Night For 2023 =  Total Room Nights\*\***

	Wed 6/28	Thur 6/29	Fri 6/30	Sat 7/1	Sun 7/2	Mon 7/3	Tues 7/4	Wed 7/5	Thur 7/6	Fri 7/7
Add Arrivals (+)	0	5	5	12	6	0	0	0	0	0
Subtract Dept's (-)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	6	2
Total Accum. Room Count*	0	5	10	22	28	27	27	8	2	0

\*This should reflect the number of rooms per day that you need.

\*\* Must Pick Up 80 % of this Number.

**Banquet or Public Space Needed**

# of People

Day(s) of Week

Breakfast  
Lunch  
Reception  
Dinner



**History**

City and Year

Peak Rooms Requested

Actual Pick-Up on Peak Night

Atlanta 2022  
Tampa 2021  
Baltimore 2020  
St. Louis 2019  
San Antonio 2018  
Reno 2017

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**Comments:**

Signature

*Jerry Fritz*

Please Return before August 24, 2022

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Members All,

Lodges please consider working with your communities on the drug issues. Here is a great way to start.

## Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest

The theme for the 2022-2023 contest is: "One Pill Can Kill"

Rules

The contest is open to all 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students. Participants must write their essay themselves, but they may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas.

Length: No longer than 250 words.

Paper size: 8 1/2 x 11 inch.

Text: Typed, computer generated text, hand written or hand printed.

Judging will be based on the following:

Closeness to the theme

Neatness

Originality

Correct grammatical structure

Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay:

Student's full name

School, location, grade

Elks lodge name

Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement

Due date: Please contact your local Elks Lodge or Elks State Association for more details.

Winners: Your local Elks lodge will select the top essays, using the criteria listed above. The lodge will notify winners. Winning essays will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level Competition. All winning entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and may not be returned.

National recognition: Each State Drug Awareness Chairman will choose one overall winner. This winning essay will be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) website and/or in ENF or DAP publications.

Justin Baily

SEP 17, 2022

FALL CONVENTION – Treasurers Report

Hello all and welcome to Worland for our 2022 Fall Meeting of the Wyoming Elks Association. I would like to thank all the members for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for this Fraternal year. And thank you President Rex for your service and dedication to this great Order.

The following pages show how our funds are doing and the balances in all of our accounts. Our investments are doing horrible lately as the economy throughout the US is struggling – to say the least – but we aren't (well maybe some are) pointing any fingers on that issue.....yet!

With the blessing of the State Trustees we have been undergoing a change in banking institutions for our Checking and Savings accounts. We are changing from Wells Fargo Bank to Pinnacle Bank of Wyoming. The change-over is nearly complete with only having to wait a bit of time until all of the outstanding checks have cleared the bank that we are changing from. As soon as that happens those accounts can be closed and all the funds will then be at one bank. The change was necessitated as Wells Fargo had been closed a couple of times in the recent past at times that are typical of banks being open. They cited staffing issues for the closures, which were for 3-4 day periods.

This is kind of short and sweet, but it's all I have at this time. If anyone has any questions on our finances and/or investments, please let me know and I will try to answer them or find the answer for you. It is great seeing everyone this weekend, enjoy your stay here in Worland, safe travels tomorrow and stay well. That's my two cents for now and for all the hunters out there – GOOD LUCK this Fall.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bob Senitte, WEA Treasurer

# WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION FUNDS

**REPORT DATE: SEP 17, 2022**

**Fund Balances as of AUG 31, 2022 (unless otherwise noted)**

	Change since 5-21-22	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 09-01-21
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Checking Account	\$ 111,023.90	\$ 30,645.83	\$ 120,338.17
Michael Knapp Scholarship Account	\$ 5,489.17	\$ (1,248.00)	<i>no acct until 1-10-22</i>
Debit Card Account	\$ 18,629.07	\$ 6,621.53	\$ 6,077.17
<b>Total Checkbook Funds</b>	<b>\$ 135,142.14</b>		<b>\$ 126,415.34</b>

	As of 06-30-22		
Ed. D. Jones Investments & Money Market	\$ 67,800.93	\$ (6,040.66)	\$ 76,956.27
<b>TOTAL Checkbook, MM, &amp; Investments</b>	<b>\$ 202,943.07</b>		<b>\$ 203,371.61</b>

## Restricted Funds (Evanston)

	As of 08-31-22		
Investment - Edward D. Jones	\$ 177,145.05	\$ (5,374.52)	\$ 207,460.58
MM Account - Edward D. Jones	\$ 40,031.91	\$ 18.53	\$ 40,011.12
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 420,120.03</b>		<b>\$ 450,843.31</b>

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## WYOMING ELKS - ENF FUNDS

**REPORT DATE: SEP 17, 2022**

**Fund Balances as of AUG 31, 2022**

VALUE  
1 YEAR AGO  
09-01-21

Change Since  
5-21-22

ENF Checking                    \$    77,573.86    \$    4,565.86    \$ 121,704.19

ENF Savngs                    \$    56,144.66    \$    (33,321.78)    \$ 89,457.49

**TOTAL                                    \$ 133,718.52                                    \$ 211,161.68**

The large difference between the funds now and last year is probably due to not receiving the ENF Grants from Grand Lodge yet this year. Last year at the time of our Fall Meeting, we had already gotten those funds. Also the decrease in our Savngs is due to the transfer we made from the Savngs account to the Checking account for the Special Funding we have made to the Cheyenne VA for the past several years. Going forward, the Trustees have decided to make that transfer each year instead of letting it build to a large amount again. There are still ample funds available for qualified programs so I encourage all Lodges to promote worthy events in each of your communities for the benefit of others. The end result will be a much brighter and more favorable image the ELKS will have in each of your communities. Thanks to all that are putting in the effort and keep up the good

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# Wyoming Elks Charitable Benevolent Trust

"WEST"

REPORT DATE: SEP 17, 2022

Fund Balances as of AUG 31, 2022 (unless otherwise noted)

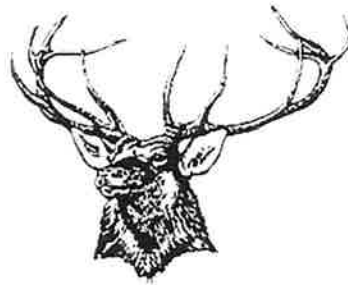
		Change Since 5-21-22	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 09-01-21
WEST Checking	\$ 27,320.49	\$ (10,914.28)	\$ 49,840.17
WEST Savings	\$ 33,503.65	\$ 6,926.78	\$ 86,971.48
WEST MM (Donations via web site)	\$ 3,007.65	\$ 5.10	\$ 2,736.20
WEST Investments	\$ 1,095,503.23	\$ (41,306.05)	\$ 1,210,273.21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,335.02</b>		<b>\$ 1,349,821.06</b>

## Other Investments covered by WEST

Elks Angels Investment - Raymond James Financial	\$ 30,942.89	\$ (2,765.60)	\$ 32,246.11
Elks Angels Checkbook	\$ 50,057.17	\$ -	\$ 51,717.07
<b>TOTAL ELKS ANGELS</b>	<b>\$ 81,000.06</b>		<b>\$ 83,963.18</b>
Needy Youth Invest - Thermop Funds - Raymond James Financial	\$ 37,902.94	\$ 525.13	\$ 39,909.37
Needy Youth Checkbook - Thermop Funds	\$ 839.04	\$ -	\$ 839.04
<b>TOTAL NEEDY YOUTH - THERMOP FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 38,741.98</b>		<b>\$ 40,748.41</b>
American Funds Investment - As of 3-31-22	\$ 366,467.97	\$ -	\$ 334,127.80
<b>GRAND TOTAL "WEST"</b>	<b>\$ 1,645,545.03</b>		<b>\$ 1,808,660.45</b>

Our investment accounts have been pretty much in the toilet the past year or so. In talking with our financial investment "guru's", their best advice is to ride out the market at this time and not panic. They seem to believe the market will rebound and hopefully in the near future. I guess that is pretty good advice for now as our State Association will survive with the working capital we currently have. If anyone has a "magic solution", please let the Trustees, Jerry, and I know so a plan can be put into action. If anyone has any questions on any of the funds listed above, please let me know and I will try to find an answer for you - or better yet, keep them until we are seeing more profitable times. Thank you all for the work everyone is putting forth and stay safe.

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# The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

Sept. 11, 2021

FALL MEETING

LARAMIE LODGE HOSTING

## Report of the State Secretary

1. Online directories are on the State Elks Webpage. Let Brad Smith know if you need updated your information.
2. State Treasurer Bob Senitte and I have received last year's State audit and taxes completed by State Accountant Cynthia Rankin. So no extension was needed this year.
3. Pre-filed reports, they are not getting turned in, you are doing a great job. I am asking that the President and Vice Presidents please check on your committees to ensure they are properly completing their duties as committee members.
4. If anyone needs State Association letterhead, I can email you a copy, in Word format.
5. The Hometown Grant is just being released for all lodges, I will send the information to all lodges within the next week.
6. We need Lodges to step up and consider hosting a convention. Please take the time to look at the requirements and talk with your membership about hosting one. Thanks to Worland, Cheyenne and Cody for offering the host.
7. We have not received any ENF Grant Funds for the Wyoming Elks Association from Elks National Foundation this year. There seems to be some confusion about a Copy Right documentation that former Secretary Jack Cash filled with the Wyoming Secretary of State. It was believed that it was Articles of Incorporation for the ENF Funds. However, the ENF Funds and WEST Funds are covered by the State Association's Articles of Incorporations. We are in the process of working with our State Sponsor to rectify this issue.

**Ritual:** No report

**Lucky Knight:** No report

**Sheridan VA Report:** No report

**Public Relations:** No report

**Government Relations:** No report

**Hides for Vets:** Oral report (Ed Spearing)

**Youth Activities:** No report

**Publications:** No report

**Disaster Relief:** Oral report

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

**Elks Dictionary:** No report

**Advisory Board:** Oral Report

**Lodge Secretaries/Club Managers:** Report to be available at next meeting

**Unfinished business:** None

**New Business:**

- **Resolutions:** A motion was made to approve the resolutions, followed by a second. That motion passed.
- **Auditor:** A motion was made to approve the Audit Report, followed by a second. That motion passed.
- **By-Laws Revision:** Motion to approve the by-laws as presented (listed on pages 16 – 16B), followed by a second. Motion passed.
- **Rose Bowl Parade Pins:** President Rex Tollman will be selling pins to help fund the a float in the Rose Bowl Parade. A motion was made to sell the pins, followed by a second. Motion passed.

**Good of the Order:**

- Announced fines would go to Triton Fritz family (funereal expenses) , amount raised \$1,021.
- Announced that we had a profit of \$6,610.00 for the Elks Angels.
- Cookie Jar auction that the Worland Lodge held, raised \$4,295, funds to be divided between ENF/WEST/Diaper Bank.

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

- Loren Heth, Lusk Lodge #1787
- Danilla Parra, Worland Lodge #1908
- Kim Barr, Worland Lodge #1908
- Kathy Nercado, Worland Lodge #1908
- Perrie Garris, Casper Lodge #2317

**Other Committee Reports: None**

**Heads & Tails #1:** Wendy DeGroot (Casper Lodge), \$164.00 and \$82.00 for the Association and a \$82.00 to winner.

**Heads & Tails #2:** Rick Garris (Lander Lodge), \$154.00 and \$77.00 for the Association and a donation of \$77.00 from Rick to the State Association.

**Meeting closed at 10:09 am**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Fritz, Secretary