

PROCEEDINGS



THE WYOMING ELKS
ASSOCIATION

“A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION”

MID-WINTER CONVENTION
JANUARY 14, 2023
CHEYENNE, 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 Fillinger	Powell 2303	2005	Torrington
74. 2005-2006	Michael Pettigrew	Torrington 1726	2006	Rawlins
75. 2006-2007	Kevin "Skinny" Ward	Rawlins 609	2007	Sheridan
76. 2007-2008	Stan M. Bohnsack	Sheridan 520	2008	Laramie
77. 2008-2009	Paul Botkin	Laramie 582	2009	Lander
78. 2009-2010	Kevin Green	Lander 2317	2010	Cody
79. 2010-2011	Jerry Fritz	Cody 1611	2011	Cheyenne
80. 2011-2012	Jim Robinson	Cheyenne 660	2012	Riverton
81. 2012-2013	Fran Case	Riverton 1693	2013	Cody
82. 2013-2014	Larry Christy	Cody 1611	2014	Cheyenne
83. 2014-2015	Gary McKee	Cheyenne 660	2015	Lander
84. 2015-2016	Shane Green	Lander 2317	2016	Worland
85. 2016-2017	Marilyn Lane	Worland 1908	2017	Lusk
86. 2017-2018	Patrica Russell	Lusk 1797	2018	Riverton
87. 2018-2019	Darla Knuth	Riverton 1693	2019	Worland
88. 2019-2020	Robert Tharp	Worland 1908	2020	Virtual
89. 2020-2021	Barbette Hernandez	Riverton 1693	2019	Cody
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 1957		*Max Mortimore	Thermopolis
1917	*Fred W. Johnson	Rock Springs		Paul Wonnacot	Rock Springs
1918	*F.J.Collican	Laramie	1958	* Paul Cody	Casper
1919	*A.E. Stirrett	Casper		H. Livingston	Jackson
1920	*H. Breitenstein	Rawlins	1959	Harold Fallbeck	Riverton
1921	*T.B. Kennedy	Cheyenne		Maurice Veta	Torrington
1922	*R.E. McNally	Cheyenne	1960	*Robert Morrow	Sheridan
1923	*E.P. Landers	Greybull		* Harley Burnett	Cheyenne
1924	*W. Champerlain	Casper	1961	*John T. Langdon	Worland
1925	*M.J. Dankoeski	Rock Springs		*James F. Meyers	Laramie
1926	*Grant Garruth	Laramie	1962	*Harold E. Stump	Cody
1927	*L.J. Nelson	Rawlins		D.M. Dinsmore	Rawlins
1928	*A.S.Leslie	Cheyenne	1963	*Thomas Hubbard	Greybull
1929	* Willard Doane	Sheridan		*Dr. R. Collins	Lusk
1930	*N.E. Loveland	Greybull	1964	Richard Rollins	Thermopolis
1931	*J.D. Widerhold	Casper		Madesto Grasso	Rock Springs
1932	*J.D.Knight	Laramie	1965	*George Forster	Casper
1933	*G.S. Pitchford	Rock Springs		Burr Robins	Jackson
1934	C.W.Knedsen	Rawlins	1966	*Paul Child	Riverton
1935	T.J. McInemely	Rock Springs		*C.J. Leslie	Cheyenne
1936	*C.L. Carter	Sheridan 1967		*Walter Klahn, Jr.	Laramie
1937	*H.C. Theede	Greybull		*J.E. Ferren	Sheridan
1938	*Hollis Brewer	Casper	1968	*Arnold Veile	Worland
1939	*M.J. Knight	Laramie		*R. Bertagnolli	Rock Springs
1940	*M.M. O'Melia	Rawlins	1969	*Dr. W.R. Lee	Powell
1941	*R.C. Erlewin	Rock Springs		James Nolan	Rawlins
1942	Ed Warren	Cheyenne	1970	*Harold Lee	Cody
1943	Elmer H. Polly	Sheridan		* B. Lensmeyer	Casper
1944	*A.R. Fryer	Cody	1971	*Edward B. Young	Riverton
1945	*Lachlan Mclean	Greybull		* Lawrence Daly	Greybull
1946	*B.S. Cromer	Casper	1972	* Oliver Foust	Thermopolis
1947	*L.G. Mehse	Laramie		Roger Percival	Lusk
1948	*R. Diefenderter	Sheridan	1973	*Marion Davidson	Jackson
	*Harry Cashman	Rawlins		*Leslie Smith	Cheyenne

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DIST.DEP</u>	<u>LODGE</u>
1974	Wm. T. Davey	Lander	1993		
	*Gene Netser	Cheyenne			
	Robert Costin	Laramie		Al Schmautz	
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

WYOMING PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES (Continued)

<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	2023	6611
1925	4316	1974	15,855		
1926	3971	1975	17,157		
1927	3778	1976	17,622		
1928	3724	1977	17,689		
1929	3417	1978	18,441		
1930	3167	1979	18,289		
1931	2987	1980	17,582		
1932	2810	1981	17,758		
1933	2580	1982	17,021		
1934	2107	1983	15,996		
1935	1917	1984	15,063		
1936	2098	1985	14,152		
1937	2808	1986	13,367		
1938	3479	1987	12,712		
1939	3638	1988	12,382		
1940	3714	1989	12,070		
1941	3489	1990	11,921		
1942	3540	1991	11,760		
1943	3761	1992	11,609		
1944	4443	1993	11,553		
1945	5054	1994	11,343		
1946	5716	1995	10,941		
1947	6428	1996	10,548		
1948	7139	1997	10,207		

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N/A

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LUSK LODGE #1797

MINUTES FOR MID-WINTER MEETING, CHEYENNE LODGE #660, HOST – JANUARY 14, 2023

Meeting of the Wyoming Elks Association was called to order by President, Rex Tollman, Lusk Lodge #1797 at 8:30 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 and GER Bruce Hidley Watervliet Lodge #1500.

Opening Ceremony: Opening Prayer

- President Tollman 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 st Vice President, Laura Laughlin, Cody Lodge	Present
2 nd Vice President, Greg Flesvig, Casper Lodge	Present
3 rd Vice President, Heidi Rutledge, Worland Lodge	Absent
Sgt. at Arms, Eric Sharp, Torrington Lodge	Present
Chaplain, Annette Gonzales, Powell Lodge	Absent
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	Absent

ROLL CALL WOMING ELK LODGES

West District

Cody Lodge #1611

Exalted Ruler

Yes

Members Present

8

Jackson Lodge#1713	Yes	2
Lander Lodge #2317	Yes	3
Greybull Lodge #1431	No	0
Powell Lodge #2303	No	0
Riverton Lodge #1693	Yes	4
Worland Lodge #1908	No	2

East District	Exalted Ruler	Members present
Casper Lodge #1353	No	9
Cheyenne Lodge #660	Yes	28
Laramie Lodge #582	Yes	1
Lusk Lodge #1797	No	1
Torrington Lodge #1726	Yes	4
Gillette Lodge #2825	No	3
Sheridan Lodge #520	No	1
Rawlins Lodge #609	Yes	4

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS AND PAST DISTRICT DEPUTIES

Present for this Annual Fall Meeting: 8 Past State Presidents and 14 Past District Deputies.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Annual Fall Meeting, September 17, 2022 Meeting. Minutes were approved as posted on the Wyoming Elks Association Web Page.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letters of support for State Officers were received from Cody Elks Lodge for Laura Laughlin – State President, Robert Senitte – State Treasurer, Jerry Fritz – State Secretary, Lusk Lodge for Rex Tollman – State Trustee, from Casper Lodge Greg Flesvig – 1st Vice President, from Worland Lodge Heidi Rutledge – 2nd Vice President, from Torrington Lodge Eric Sharp – 3rd Vice President and from Casper Lodge Josh Soper – 3rd Vice President.

Guest Introductions:

PGER Michael Luhr

- Membership – Only one lodge showing a gain, we need to get out and talk to our delinquent member.
- Candidate for Esquire to District Deputy – Information will be forthcoming.
- District Leaders – Will be looking at appointing District Leaders
- Fall Meeting – Good to see that Torrington has stepped up to host the meeting.
- AOI – Lodges need to get them taken care of or possible face loss of ENF Grants.
- Financial Approval – Nine lodges do not have approval and three do not have anything done.
- Pictures of Past Sponsors – Please place accordingly.
- GER Pins – Laura Laughlin and Greg Flesvig will be selling pins to the GER Ball
- Thanks – for all of the donations to WEST and ENF.

GER Bruce Hidley

- Wes Stull – Thanked for donations to ENF
- Great Reports – honor to be here and a pleasure to talk to each lodge. More to come tonight.

Office and Committee Reports of the President and Vice presidents

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Howdy All,

And welcome to Mid-Winter meeting in Cheyenne. Hope your winter has been good to you thus far. It is always good to get together with friends and Elk Family.

Sounds like the members here in Cheyenne have been working extremely hard to get this convention put together to have everything just right. I would like to be the first to congratulate them on a job well done and thanks for the time and work involved in doing a convention.

I want to welcome GER Bruce Hidley and Lady Helen and PGER Michael Luhr and Lady Barbara to Wyoming. We hope you enjoy your time here in Cheyenne.

I would also like to welcome any new members and first timers to a WEA convention this is a Great place to learn more about Elkdom and meet Wonderful people. We are always ready to meet new Elks and make new friends.

As always here is to hoping you all have a Great time in Cheyenne and safe travels on your return trip home.

Your Friend in Elkdom,

Rex F Tollman

WEA President

Lusk #1797

The Wyoming Elks Association
Elks National Foundation

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
"A Fraternal Organization"

Beth Luers, Wyoming Chairperson
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Good Morning Members All:

January 14, 2023

Congratulations Wyoming, we have met the per member giving goal.

As of December 19, Wyoming is ranked **32** in the nation with **\$5.52** per member and **\$37,010.60** in Total Donations. Wyoming has eight Lodges who have met the goal. The other seven Wyoming Lodges are working hard to make their per member goal. In the short time left, I'm sure all of Wyoming's generosity and compassion will come through. When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you are providing funding for some wonderful and benevolent programs: Drug Awareness, Veterans, Scholarships, Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot and our Wyoming Needy Youth program.

Your Local Lodge Chairman or Secretary will need to mail in your donations on or before **March 15** in order for your donations to be credited to this Fraternal Year. If you miss getting your donation to your lodge in time or if it is more convenient for you to donate online, go to www.elks.org/enf any time before **March 31**.

How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Wyoming?

In 2021-22, Elks National Foundation granted \$91,350 to the Wyoming Elks Association to help fund their programs and major project. For every dollar that Wyoming donated to ENF last year, we received back \$2.11.

For the 2021-22 fiscal year, Elks National Foundation awarded a total of \$105,500 to 14 Wyoming Lodges from the Community Investment Program.

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards applications, for high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks, must be submitted online by February 6. For complete details and to access the application, visit www.elks.org/scholars.

Thank you again for donating to the Elks National Foundation.

Beth Luers

Beth Luers, Wyoming Elks National Foundation Chair

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

EAST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Casper #1353	\$996.81	\$2,467.57		\$3,464.38	21
Cheyenne #660	\$601.86			\$601.86	2
Laramie #582	\$2,303.22	\$1,931.08		\$4,234.30	37
Lusk #1797		\$191.78		\$191.78	1
Torrington #1726				\$0.00	
Rawlins #609		\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	1
Gillette #2825				\$0.00	
Sheridan #520				\$0.00	
Totals	\$3,901.89	\$6,590.43	\$0.00	\$10,492.3	62

WEST DISTRICT

Lodge	1st Report	2nd Report	3rd Report	Grand Total	Total Children
Jackson #1713	\$2,000.00	\$735.81		\$2,735.81	5
Lander #2317		\$2,015.28		\$2,015.28	9
Cody #1611	\$3,890.38	\$285.00		\$4,175.38	27
Powell #2303	\$1,631.13	\$1,051.43		\$2,682.56	19
Worland #1908		\$1,449.68		\$1,449.68	7
Greybull #1431				\$0.00	
Riverton #1693				\$0.00	
Totals	\$7,521.51	\$5,537.20	\$0.00	\$13,058.7	67

Total Year to Date	\$23,551.0
Total Expenses YTD (postage, printing)	3
	0
Grand Total YTD	\$23,551.0
	3
2022 Gertrude Kamps Donation	\$3,000
West Budgeted	\$48,000.0
	0
Total Funds	\$51,000.0

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Funds Remaining \$27,448.9
7

Children Served YTD 129

If you ever have a question about the Needy Youth Program you can reach out to your District Chair or myself.

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

District Needy Youth Chairs for 2022-2023:

East District: Cindy Marchitelli: cindyloo463@gmail.com

West District: Deb Meredith: DMeredith@landerschools.org

Fraternally, Pat Russell, WEA Needy Youth Chair pat_russell@outlook.com 303-807-2727

Brad Smith,
Distinguished Elk

Greetings members all,

We do not have any applications for Distinguished Elk yet but the year. Time is closing in and I am hoping applications will start coming in soon. 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

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

DISTINGUISHED ELK APPLICATION

Date submitted: ___/___/___

Lodge name and number: _____

Name of candidate: _____

D.O.B.: ___/___/___

Date of membership: ___/___/___

Total years of membership: _____

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

Local

Exalted Ruler: _____

Leading Knight: _____

Loyal Knight: _____

Lecturing Knight: _____

Esquire: _____

Chaplain: _____

Inner Guard: _____

Tiler: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Organist: _____

Trustee: _____

State

President: _____

1st Vice: _____

2nd Vice: _____

3rd Vice: _____

Sergeant of Arms: _____

Chaplain: _____

Inner Guard: _____

Trustee: _____

Secretary: _____

National

D.D.G.E.R.: _____

Please list other offices held:

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

Autobiography: _____

Resume: _____

E.R. Recommendation: _____

Three Member References 1: _____

2: _____

3: _____

Community Service: _____

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

Submitted By: _____

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**Wyoming State Elks Association Winter Meeting, Jan 14th, 2023
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year**

President Tollman and Members All;

No news from Wyoming Peace Officers Association President Gabe Testerman. They have upcoming elections for their executive board and he will pass on our information to the next president.

They will try to hold their conference in June 2023. 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.

As always, 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. Also, I want to welcome our new Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and his wife Helen to our State Meeting.

Here is a recap of how the monies received are handles.

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

Individual plaques and Lodge plaques are awarded at the Spring Convention and the following is the criteria.

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

If you are planning a fundraiser, please let me know and we can get it on to the Wyoming Elks Association Facebook Page.

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

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz
WEA WEST Chair

Wyoming Elks State Trust

Total 2022 - 2023

	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total 2022-2023</u>	<u>Per Capita 2022-2023</u>	<u>Total Donations Since 6/1/17</u>
<u>West District Lodges</u>				
Cody	975	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4.56	\$ 35,968.66
Jackson	537	\$ 1,782.67	\$ 3.32	\$ 14,057.67
Lander	358	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.28	\$ 4,874.25
Greybull	287	\$ 744.00	\$ 2.59	\$ 2,405.10
Powell	209	\$ 300.00	\$ 1.44	\$ 840.00
Riverton	333	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,777.40
Worland	494	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,876.68
Virtual	5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
WEST District	3198	\$ 7,376.67	\$ 2.31	\$ 68,859.76
<u>East District Lodges</u>				
Casper	772	\$ 1,419.00	\$ 1.84	\$ 5,644.80
Cheyenne	607	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2.06	\$ 8,260.00
Laramie	420	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,708.00
Sheridan	682	\$ 1,718.00	\$ 2.52	\$ 7,764.50
Gillette	207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,004.30
Lusk	160	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,365.60
Torrington	210	\$ 690.00	\$ 3.29	\$ 4,590.52
Rawlins	442	\$ 2,553.33	\$ 5.78	\$ 31,108.53
EAST District	3500	\$ 7,630.33	\$ 2.18	\$ 68,446.25
State		\$ 100.00		
Total	6698	\$ 15,007.00	\$ 2.24	\$ 136,777.68



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Greetings All,

Since retiring it seems that we have been busier than ever. With family obligations, dogs and the holidays, whew. But I am sure that you all know how it is and have the same hectic schedules. Please contact me if your lodge has a special event and Michael and I will try and visit, now that things seem to be slowing down a bit. Stay warm and safe,

Laura Laughlin, 1st Vice
307-250-5235
lvwlaughlin@gmail.com

Member All

Jan 14. 2023

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

I have had a request for gas cards clothing and food items for the pantry for the VAMC and food and clothing for Veterans' Rock. The Chief of Volunteer Service at the Quarterly Meeting said that the VA is opening things up, which means a veteran may have one guest or caregiver accompany them to their appointment. The Community Living Center (CLC) is now allowing family VISITOR to visit in a communal area, visitors are not allowed in the Vet's room. We have started doing BINGO again in the CLC, VA requires that we be masked. The Vets are so grateful that we can be back in there. The Cheyenne Lodge was able to have Veterans Christmas Tree again this year. I request the names of the Veterans and what each Veterans would like for Christmas, we place a card on the tree with the name and list of items Veteran would like.

Expenditures since last report

VAMC- \$1999.02, Food items for their Pantry, Coffee, water, snacks, gas cards

Veterans Rock- \$3375.27, can food, clothing, coffee, snack items

, Food items for their Pantry and clothing

Total=\$5374.29

Fraternally

Jim Robinson

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Cheyenne VAVS-Rep
Veterans Services State Chairperson

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Sheridan – Buffalo VA Report

These are some of the things we did for veterans- Sheridan VA and Buffalo VA Spent 805.82 for soda for Sheridan plus 2000.00 for parties during the year this includes gifts to men on some special events.

Buffalo got 2000.00 we bought 6 stadium chairs for men who could not set on the bleachers They also do parties for every special events. The things I know they buy are tennis shoes, shorts,t-shirts and things for bingo prizes. Thanks for the message so I got your email address. My son will be taking this job as soon as he is sworn in. He is a Sheridan Elk member and hopes to be at the convention.

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Members All,

I haven't heard anything more on the Grand Lodge app. They were to get me analytics on who was using it, how many people in Wyoming had downloaded the app, and how long they were interacting with it. If anyone has succeeded with the app, please let me know how you are doing. Also, if you have signed up to use the app and have questions, please call me, and I should be able to help.

Please remember that the State Association provides you with a free web page to promote your lodge and activities. This web page is a free resource available for you. If you have questions, please get in touch with me.

I have been trying to share posts and other items on the Wyoming State Association Facebook page when I see other lodges' posts. You can also send them to me via email, and I will post them. Here is the link to the page. <https://www.facebook.com/WYStateElks> Be sure to like the page.

Remember to share all the beautiful things your lodge is doing. Getting the word out is a valuable resource to share our vision with the community. Elks care Elks Share.

Sincerely and Thank you for all you do!

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

Gary L. McKee "McGoo"
610 County Rd. 103
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Frontier Days Water-Booth Report

**Wyoming Elks Association
Mid Winter Meeting, Cheyenne, WY.**

Jan. 14th 2023

President Rex, Members all,

Everything is ready to go for Frontier Days. I'm ordering cups whenever I can find a bargain and, this year, we have an ice machine for the Booth. It won't meet our entire demand for ice, but it will surely help to keep us supplied.

What we really need is volunteers to work the booth. Obviously, lodging is a real problem during Frontier Days, but if you might have access to a camper, I'm locating a bunch of spots where you can park it, and in some cases, plug it in.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all of our Lodges to forward your \$100.00 assessment to help supply the booth. If all the Lodges help, and if the tip box works as well as last year, I think we can forget the idea of increasing the amount of the Lodges contributions.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Gary McKee, PSP, DDGER "McGoo"

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION

AUDIT REPORT

YEAR ENDED 4/30/23

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

The Wyoming Elks Association's three entities will end April 30, 2023.

The books and records for the entities will be remitted to Cynthia M. Rankin, Certified Public Accountant of Whittle, Hamilton and Associates of Powell and Cody after the Spring Convention in Cody.

Cynthia was approved as the Auditor for the year ended 4/30/23 at the Fall Meeting held in Worland on September 17, 2022.

Fraternally,

Robert E. Tharp
Robert Tharp, Chairman

Auditing Committee

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Members All,

We will be starting a new approach to recruiting members from potential cities that may be interested in starting an Elks Lodge. The new approach will be social media related. We plan to get on the local area classifieds listings, such as Facebook. We need to let them know what the Elks have to offer. If we start sharing all of the incredibly good work we do from the State Association and the local lodges, I'm sure we will generate some interest. I would appreciate help from anyone who is active on social media.

List of Potential Locations for New Lodges

- Green River – Population 11,609
- Afton (Star Valley) – Population 15,422 (Valley Wide)
- Douglas – Population 6,351
- Wheatland – Population 3,597
- Buffalo – Population 4,415

List of Former Lodges

- Evanston – Population 11,814
- Rock Springs – Population 23,196
- Thermopolis – Population 2,706

Sincerely
Jerry Fritz

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Members All,

I hope all lodges made it through the negative temperatures without any damage. Busted pipes and broken heaters can lead to major repairs. Continue to stay on top of snow removal throughout the winter. This will help to reduce the chance of a slip and fall, which could cause your lodge to file an insurance claim.

Here are a couple reminders around this time of year. If you are renting out your lodge have all the proper paperwork before the event takes place. Be careful with the service of alcohol. If someone has too much, cut them off get them a ride home. Never let anyone drive home drunk. Alcohol is a privilege let's not abuse it. Stay safe and warm this winter.

Fraternally,

Joshua Soper,
Salty and Risk Management Chairman

Wyoming Elks Association, mid-Winter Convention, Jan. 14, 2023

Greetings Wyoming Elks!

For many, myself included, this time of year marks the start of the new year, goals to be made, accomplishments to be had.

If your Lodge has not already done so, the ENF CIP grants close on the 17th on this month (yes, in a few short days) making it possible for your Lodge to more in your community. Take advantage of these grants, as I've said in the past, your community & neighbors needs the results of these good works more than Grand Lodge needs to sit on these monies.

As some of you may or may not know, I've "eagerly volunteered" to host this upcoming "Elks Angles" trails ride this upcoming Labor Day weekend. What a great time I had this past year! Plans are to place the event at Pryor Flats in the Shirley basin, coordinates of 42.22410 N, 106.58108 W.

There has been more interest from the Casper Elks members than has been in the past, so attendance may be higher than in years past! Step up if you want to help with your best talents or tolerable obligations.

Please thank our hosts for this weekend, Conventions are not easy involving a lot of work. Cooking, cleaning, planning, preparing, coordinating, registration- the list goes on!
THANK YOU!

Lots going on in the very near future with the Leading Knight Seminar in Casper, planned in March, in Casper again, this helps prepares your incoming Exhaulted Rulers. Please make your registration reservations early and in time.

I appreciate your grace with echoing the applicable committee chairs, but this reiteration helps repetition for retention. Enjoy your weekend, make some new friends & reunite with old friends.

Greg Flesvig 2nd V.P. WEA

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Mid-Winter Convention and Meetings Cheyenne, Wyoming January 13-15, 2023

WHERE AS: The City of Cheyenne has offered their City for the Mid-Winter 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 Cheyenne, Cheyenne Mayor Patrick Collins, its City officials, and its citizens for the warm Welcome that has been extended to the Members of this Association.

WHERE AS: The Cheyenne 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 Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce.

IN CONSIDERATION OF: The countless hours of preparation by the Officers and Members of the Cheyenne Elks Lodge-BPOE #660, 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 Stephen Palso as well as the officers, their spouses and all the many Members of Cheyenne Lodge-BPOE #660 for the excellent job they have done in hosting this Association gathering.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association would like to Welcome Grand Exalted Ruler & First Lady, Bruce and Helen Hidley to Wyoming and Cheyenne Lodge 660.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Wyoming Elks Association, duly convened, sincerely hope that our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady have a wonderful visit with Wyoming Elks and enjoy their time in our Great State.

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
Mid-Winter 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: The Wyoming Elks are delighted to enjoy the company of these
Dignitaries and appreciate their participation at this gathering.

WHERE AS: The Wyoming Elks Association and all Wyoming Elks take great pleasure in welcoming all
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

PER Lusk #1797

December 16, 2022

Wyoming ELKs Association
2023 Mid-Winter Convention
Casper, Wyoming

Scholarship Report from:
Louise Wrage, State Scholarship Chair

Greetings Members:

The Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship closed on November 14, 2022. We have 84 applicants and judging will begin February 2, 2023.

National Judging will begin March 9th and winners will be announced at the end of March 2023.

Legacy Scholarship - will close on February 6, 2023. This scholarship is available to any high school senior who is a child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2020. This member must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2023. Applications are available online at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarweb/legacy/rules.cfm>

Our **Wyoming Elks Scholarship** deadline is March 1, 2022. The applications can be found at <https://wyoelks.org/scholarships>

PLEASE NOTE: Before sending me the scholarships, make sure that they have been signed by the Lodge Scholarship Chair or the Exalted Ruler.

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

I would also request that your Lodge Scholarship Chairman contact me, either by email, text, or phone so I can update my contact sheet for this scholarship season. There are occasions where the committee has questions.

Please contact me if you are interested or know of someone in your lodge that would be a great fit for this committee.

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

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

Fraternally yours,

M. Louise Wrage

**Wyoming State Elks Association Mid-Winter Meeting, Jan 14th, 2023
W.E.A. Historians Report**

President Tollman and Members All;

50 years ago - Mid-Winter Session was held January 26th, 27th and 28th, 1973 in Casper.

The meeting was opened by State President Dr. Richard W. Collins. Nothing was noted in notes about total attendance other than all lodges were present at roll call with the exception of Torrington Lodge #1726.

It was noted that 11 Past State Presidents were in attendance. Grand Lodge members in attendance were; Grand Exalted Ruler Francis M. Smith, Past Grand Exalted Ruler H.L. Blackledge, District Deputy Wyoming North Oliver Foust, District Deputy Wyoming South Roger Percival and Grand Lodge Committeeman Art Drehle.

Grand Lodge was held in Chicago, July 15th, 1973.

Nothing was noted about what the ENF goal was per member, however there appears to have been a spirited speech given by ENF State Chairman Paul Cody. He states, "Wyoming Elks appear to have lost enthusiasm for the Elks National Foundation, and this can be directly attributed to the Exalted Rulers and Officers of the various lodges." He went on to lament about Wyoming being ranked 40th in ENF contributions. The remarks by Mr. Cody must have sparked a lengthy discussion as noted by the State Secretary in the official notes.

Roger Percival DDGER Wyoming South gave a report on new lodges. At this time he introduced Brother Ralph Freeman. Mr. Freeman had been a member of Ainsworth Nebraska Lodge #1790 and had been transferred to the Gillette area for work. Mr Freeman reported that there was significant interest in Gillette, a town of 7,500 at that time, to form a lodge. Mr. Freeman had also been recommended by W.K. Rynearson, President of the Nebraska Elks Association to help in the founding of the new lodge.

Mr. Freeman described his plans in detail and asked for some financial assistance from the state association for advertising and catering some meetings.

Mr. Percival then made mention that they had also been working in the Evanston - Kemmerer area about starting a lodge.

One final humorous note from this convention came in the remarks from Grand Exalted Ruler Francis M. Smith, Sioux Falls, S.D. Lodge #112. He made a simple request to the association that perhaps in the future, the ritual contest could be held at a later hour as the combination of the early hour, his age and the night before made for a terrible sacrifice. The secretary notes that the remarks were met with rapturous laughter from the hall.

25 years ago - The Mid-Winter meeting was held January 17th, 1999 in Casper. The meeting was opened by State President Robert Hague, Riverton Lodge #1693. This meeting was well attended by several dignitaries. Among them were GER Carlon O'Malley, Scranton, Penn Lodge #123, PGER and Grand Lodge Sponsor George B. Klein, Lincoln, Ne Lodge #80, Special Deputy David Barker, Cheyenne Lodge # 660, Grand Lodge Committeeman for Public Relations Brad Bochman, Casper Lodge #1353, East District Deputy Jim Kremers, Lusk Lodge # 1797, NW District Deputy Harold Ogg, Greybull Lodge #1431, SW District Deputy Robert Pryor, Evanston Lodge # 2588, New Mexico State President Lowell Stephens, Alamogordo, NM Lodge #1897 and Nebraska State President Darrell Henderson, York, Ne. Lodge # 1024. Total in attendance was 118.

Grand Lodge was held in Anaheim, California July 19-23, 1998.

ENF had a goal of \$3.51 per member.

This meeting appears to have been impacted by awful winter weather. It was noted that the business meeting started nearly two hours later than scheduled because the snow was so bad and many people had not yet arrived. It was also noted that this was the first meeting after the association had implemented the pre-filing of reports and the weather that they were experiencing reinforced why the reports were requested to be pre-filed.

In future reports, I would like to get information from and about the lodges. I would like to feature one lodge per report and give a short history of each lodge. There doesn't need to be too much, just information such as what year it was granted its charter, if its building was built as a lodge or if they acquired an old building, anything that is unique to your lodge and that you would want people to know.

You can email anything about your lodge at eric.sharp1818@gmail.com

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Sharp', written in a cursive style.

Eric Sharp
Historical Committee Chairman

Brad Smith,
Website Committee

Greetings members all,

Elections will be coming up in February and you know what that means, now officers and committees to be updated on the State Website. Once your elections have been made please get me your revised offices and committees list as soon as you can so I can get our website updated accordingly.

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

Fraternally,

Brad Smith

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The only one that is slated is Cody in Spring. Thank you to all the lodges who stepped up to host this year. Please consider hosting a State Meeting. If a couple of lodges want to co-host that will be great. Maybe you guys just like to see us sweat. Thank you!

Available Meetings

Fall (September) 2023

Mid-Winter (January) 2024

Laura Laughlin

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Members All,

It is a new year. Lets begin again. Thank you so much to Cheyenne for hosting the Elks Angels this past year and Thank you to Casper for taking the reins this year. I am so happy to see that we have had some more Lodges jumping in an participating since this project first began. Thank you so much for that.

Thank you Windy Smith and her helper Patti Sennitte for taking over the project of the apparel for the Elks Angels. It is a big job.

The accounting of our project you will be able to see in the Treasures records so I see no need for us to duplicate those figures for you.

Listed is what we had for this past year.

We paid Bighorn Design Studio a total of \$3829.80 this year for an order of T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Tank tops, and caps. The money we brought in from these sales was \$2,440. (We sold 22/35 T-shirts, 39/65 Sweatshirts, 16/24 Tank Tops, and 22/62 Caps). We will be able to carry all this over to next year and make a minimal order mostly for size replenishment next year.

The ELKS ANGELS is another project to provide scholarships to those students who have lost parents in War on Terror, also including first responders. What better project to raise money for.

I can not thank those in Cody for Stepping up and helping with the Apparel.

We will see you in Casper next year so mark you Calendars for the Labor Day weekend.

Marilyn Lane, Chairman Elks Angels

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Members All,

I haven't heard anything more on the Grand Lodge app. They were to get me analytics on who was using it, how many people in Wyoming had downloaded the app, and how long they were interacting with it. If anyone has succeeded with the app, please let me know how you are doing. Also, if you have signed up to use the app and have questions, please call me, and I should be able to help.

Please remember that the State Association provides you with a free web page to promote your lodge and activities. This web page is a free resource available for you. If you have questions, please get in touch with me.

I have been trying to share posts and other items on the Wyoming State Association Facebook page when I see other lodges' posts. You can also send them to me via email, and I will post them. Here is the link to the page. <https://www.facebook.com/WYStateElks> Be sure to like the page.

Remember to share all the beautiful things your lodge is doing. Getting the word out is a valuable resource to share our vision with the community. Elks care Elks Share.

Sincerely and Thank you for all you do!

Karen Gee
Owner.Designer
307-527-9303
www.kgeedesigns.com

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

Heidi Rutledge

3rd Vice Report

Greetings Members all,

I am sorry I cannot be in Cheyenne to see you all and meet our Grand Exalted Ruler!
Unfortunately, I was not able to get off of work.

The fall has been busy. I still have my niece from Japan who is a 6th grader and Miss Rosslyn who is a freshman. They are both swimmers and have kept me running all over the state. Blessed to be their aunt and mom.

I hope this find you all well. Remember that we are part of one of the best organizations in the world. We have friends and family in Elkdom that always support each other and the communities we live in. I am thankful every day for all those I have met that touch my life every day.

Fraternally,

Heidi Rutledge

Credential's

Mid-Winter Meeting

Cheyenne Lodge 660

Jan 14th, 2023

7 GER and Lady

1 PGER and Lady

Ø SDGER and Spouse

76 Members

13 Spouses

91 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

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
"A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION"

Frank Luers, Wyoming Director
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January 14, 2023
Wyoming Elks Convention - Cheyenne

Good morning all:

Your local Hoop Shoot winners will be competing at their respective District Contests:

Local Hoop Shoot winners from Greybull, Cody, Worland, and Powell (**Northwest District**) are scheduled to meet this morning (**January 14**) at **Northwest College Cabre Gym** in Powell at **9am**.
(Christi Greaham 307-202-0365).

Also today, winners from Jackson, Riverton, and Lander will gather at the **Southwest District Hoop Shoot** in Jackson (**January 14**) at **11am** at **Jackson Hole Middle School** (Jessica Scheirs 406-546-6565).

Contestants from Sheridan, Gillette, Lusk, and Casper will be shooting at the **Northeast District** contest at **Casper College T-Bird Gym** on **January 21** at **10am** (Beth Luers 234-5038).

On **January 28**, local winners from Torrington, Cheyenne, Rawlins, and Laramie (**Southeast District**) will compete at **Rawlins High School** in Rawlins at **10am**. (John Engstrom 307-321-0169).

The **Wyoming State Championships** will feature the winners of these four District Contests at **Casper College T-Bird Gym** on **February 4** at **10am** (Frank Luers 234-5038).

Wyoming's Champions will compete against the Champions of Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado at the **West Central Regional Hoop Shoot** in Colorado Springs, Colorado on March 18.

The **Hoop Shoot National Finals** are scheduled for April 22 in Chicago, Illinois at Wintrust Arena, home of the WNBA's Chicago Sky and DePaul's Blue Demons.

We are hoping to send several Wyoming Winners to the 2022 National Finals, but our real focus is to encourage and support all of the leaders of tomorrow to strive for and achieve their goals.

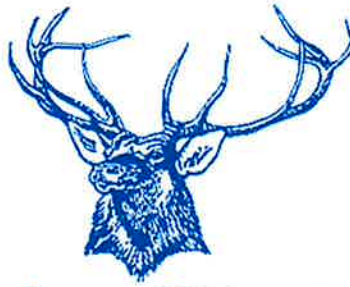
A sincere **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who has volunteered or contributed in any way to the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program.

Fraternally, *Frank*

Frank Luers, Wyoming "Hoop Shoot" Director

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

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Soccer Shoot

Members All,

We really need some participation this year or we may need to consider using the funds in a different way. The plan is to get all local lodges to hold a contest during the summer months. Then we will host the State Contest in October or November. I have a goal (no pun intended) of at least 30% participation from the lodges. I would like to see an individual from both the East District and the West District take charge and make this happen. Below is information derived from the Elks Website.

Soccer is one of the fastest growing youth activities in the country. The Elks Soccer Shoot Program is geared to coincide with this sport phenomenon. From toddlers to teens, in our large urban centers to our small suburban settings, soccer is becoming the sport of choice for our youth. This program is the kind of sporting event to help keep our youth focused and away from undesirable activities.

The Elks Soccer Shoot program consists of two different contests that test different level skills at different ages. A "Five Goal Contest" consists of a series of five goals, decreasing in size from 48 inches to 17 inches. The age group that uses the goals in this contest are U-8 for ages 7 years old and younger. The contest is open to boys and girls who shoot separately. The U-8 contestants kick from 15 feet from the face of the goal.

The Grid Goal Contest consists of a full-size goal sectioned off so points can be scored when the ball is kicked into certain sections. The age groups that use this goal are U-10, for ages eight and nine, U-12, for ages ten and eleven, and U-14, for ages twelve and thirteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls and they shoot separately.

Winners at each contest are eligible to advance to the next of competition. The levels are Local Lodge and State.

Fraternally

Justin Baily
State Soccer Shoot Chair

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As of the writing of this report, there has only been one Lodge that has participated in the Americanism Essay Contest. Kudos to Cody and American Chair Mike Berghoffer. If you have essays and simply did not respond to my e-mail of inquiry then please judge them and submit per the rules. Please try and participate in this easy and fun Grand Lodge activity. The rules are on the Elks.org web site. Come July, we will be getting the theme for next year. Fraternally,

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Members All,

Last meeting, we talked about the All-American Lodge contest. I know that each lodge has made progress in earning points. I would like to hear from lodges on what is working and going well for them. It is also important to know about and help with things that might be more challenging. Keep doing the hard work and watch your lodge grow. The deadline for the contest is April 1st.

Now that January is upon us, we have had a few opportunities to participate in lodge activities. Hoop shoot, Americanism Essay contest and memorial service are some that come to mind. These are all activities that grow Elkdom and build strong lodges. Keep looking for ways to increase attendance to Elk events and rituals that are open to the public.

It is also a great time to get together with your officers and plan your next year. Have a plan and execute. Visit Elks.org to get the latest on programs and contest deadlines. Have safe travels home.

Fraternally,

Joshua Soper,
Lodge Activities Chairman

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Report of Grand Lodge Convention for Mid-Winter Meeting 2023, Cheyenne Lodge.

President Rex Tollman,
 Association Officers and Members,

The next Grand Lodge Convention will be held in Minneapolis MN, July 2 – July 5, 2023. We will be staying at Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel. I have included some of the information received from Grand Lodge.

The Association blocked 28 rooms for our Wyoming Delegation. 2 District Deputies, 1 VA Representative, 3 for Association Officers, 15 for Exalted Ruler or their alternates, 2 for the Wyoming Ritual Flag Tribute and 11 o'clock winner. The 28 rooms had to be blocked in August. That was before we learned that there was not going to be a Ritual representative attending. We have 5 open rooms that we hope to fill. Below is the rooms booked each night. We have to pick up 80% of the 129 (104) room nights or we will be in danger of losing the complimentary Presidents suite.

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

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

I have copies of the room registration form. If you are planning to attend, please stop by and pick one up.

Fraternally
 Jerry Fritz



Information for the 2023 Minneapolis Convention

Please monitor the Elks.org web site for updates.

1. The Headquarter hotel is the *Hilton Minneapolis Hotel*.
2. Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, Daily Business, and Closing session will take place at the:
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 Second Avenue, S
Minneapolis, MN 55403
3. Opening Ceremony will be 4pm – 6pm on Sunday, July 2, 2023, in the *Minneapolis Convention Center*.
4. Daily Business Session schedule:
 - a. Monday & Tuesday 8am – 12:00pm (estimated end time)
 - b. Wednesday 8am – 11:00am
5. Registration & Exhibits will be at the *Minneapolis Convention Center*.
6. Ritual Competition will be at the *Minneapolis Convention Center*, room locations to be *determined*.
7. District Deputies Designate Seminars will be held on Monday, July 4 and Tuesday, July 5 at 12:45pm in the *Hilton Minneapolis Hotel*.
8. State Housing Chairperson Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5 at 2pm, at the *Hilton Minneapolis Hotel*.
9. Shuttle service will be provided to all Grand Lodge functions. (Watch the website for a shuttle schedule about the middle of June).
10. The varying Committee Seminars will be held at the *Minneapolis Convention Center* and scheduled on Sunday as early as 9am and following the General Sessions on Monday and Tuesday. These will be listed on the website after March 2023.



2023 Minneapolis, MN Elks Hotel Assignment By State

State	Hotel	Phone	Guest Fax
*GRAND LODGE	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
ALABAMA	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
ALASKA	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
Area 8 - WA, MT, ID, OR	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
ARIZONA	Minneapolis Marriott City Center	(612) 349-4000	
ARKANSAS	Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 333-3111	
CALIFORNIA/HAWAII	Minneapolis Marriott City Center	(612) 349-4000	
COLORADO	Courtyard by Marriott Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 333-4646	
FLORIDA	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
GEORGIA	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
ILLINOIS	Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 351-2554	
INDIANA	The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 339-4900	
IOWA	Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites	(612) 370-1400	
KANSAS	Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 333-3111	
KENTUCKY	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
LOUISIANA	Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites	(612) 370-1400	
MD, DE, & DC	The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 339-4900	
MICHIGAN	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
MINNESOTA	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
MISSISSIPPI	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
MISSOURI	The Marquette Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton	(612) 333-4545	
NEBRASKA	The Marquette Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton	(612) 333-4545	
NEVADA	Minneapolis Marriott City Center	(612) 349-4000	
NEW ENGLAND	Millennium Minneapolis	(612) 332-6000	
NEW JERSEY	Renaissance Minneapolis, The Depot	(612) 375-1700	
NEW MEXICO	Minneapolis Marriott City Center	(612) 349-4000	
NEW YORK	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
NORTH CAROLINA	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
NORTH DAKOTA	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
OHIO	AC Hotel Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 338-0700	
OKLAHOMA	Best Western Plus Normandy Inn & Suites	(612) 370-1400	
PENNSYLVANIA	The Royal Sonesta Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 339-4900	
RITUAL	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
SOUTH CAROLINA	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
SOUTH DAKOTA	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	
TENNESSEE	Hilton Minneapolis	(612) 376-1000	
TEXAS	Courtyard by Marriott Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 333-4646	
UTAH	Minneapolis Marriott City Center	(612) 349-4000	
VIRGINIA	Hyatt Place Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 333-3111	
WEST VIRGINIA	Renaissance Minneapolis, The Depot	(612) 375-1700	
WISCONSIN	Embassy Suites Minneapolis Downtown	(612) 351-2554	
WYOMING	Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	(612) 370-1234	

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Members All,

This year in Wyoming I would like to get started the Drug Awareness Video Contest, I have included the rules below. Please contact me for more information.

Elks Drug Awareness Video Contest

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

Rules

- The contest is open to two age groups:
- Pre-High School
- High School
- Participants: May be an individual or group
- Length: 2 to 5 minutes in length
- Format: Flash Drive or similar "mobile" media in readable format

Judging will be based on the following:

- Closeness to the theme
- Neatness
- Originality
- Age and Language appropriate
- Positive message
- Quality of video

Each entry must include the following information:

- Student or Group's full name
- School, location, grade
- Elks lodge name
- Must also be accompanied by Hold Harmless agreement
- If minors an additional release form is required

Due date: Need to be to the State Chair by March 1, 2023

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

Fraternally
Justin Baily
State Drug Awareness Chair

Heidi Rutledge

Disaster Relief

Greetings Members all,

There were no funds used for Disaster relief since the September meeting. If you know of somewhere we can use funds, please reach out and let me know.

Fraternally,

Heidi Rutledge

JAN 14, 2023

MID-WINTER MEETING - Treasurers Report

Hello all and welcome to our State Capital, Cheyenne Wyoming, for our first State Association Meeting of 2023. I would like to extend a very Warm Welcome to our Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley and First Lady Helen, and we all certainly hope you enjoy your visit to Wyoming.

The following pages show how our funds are doing and the most up-to-date balances I currently have for each account. The majority of our investments continue to "SLIP" by varying degrees, however I have heard that there are likely to be better days ahead from our Financial Advisors. Hopefully this will show up by our next State Association Meeting in May and we will start on a rebound.....a really big rebound!!!

As I reported at the Fall Meeting in Worland, we have been undergoing a change in banking facilities the past 5 months. I am happy to report that the change we have made is now completed and all of our funds now lie with Pinnacle Bank of Wyoming. I think it was a very good move on our part as from what I have learned, the banking branch in Cody we moved our funds from may not be open for very much longer.

Expense checks were recently mailed out to the four Hoop Shoot District Chairpersons to help with hosting the District Hoop Shoot Contests here in the State. I would like to ask that each chairperson cashes or deposits those checks and use the funds to better promote the Hoop Shoot Contest effort, and also so our checkbook will balance at the end of the month. I will give you all a big hug if this happens. 😊

That's all. I have for now, thank you all for coming to Cheyenne, have a great time while you are here, and wishing you all safe travels on your way home tomorrow. 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.....or just make up something that sounds legitimate!!! That's my two cents for now, so until I can come up with a nickel, see ya later.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Senitte, WEA Treasurer

Wyoming Elks Charitable Benevolent Trust

"WEST"

REPORT DATE: JAN 14, 2023

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

	Change Since 9-17-22	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 01-08-22
WEST Checking		
WEST Savings	\$ 15,187.38	\$ 48,413.43
WEST MM (Donations via web site)	\$ 41,606.35	\$ 95,381.48
WEST Investments	\$ 3,012.81	\$ 2,760.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,072,170.06	\$ 1,190,646.05
	\$ 1,131,976.60	\$ 1,337,200.96

Other Investments covered by WEST

Elks Angels Investment - Raymond James Financial	\$ 31,314.58	\$ 371.69	\$ 32,232.44
Elks Angels Checkbook	\$ 52,987.54	\$ 2,930.37	\$ 29,078.90
TOTAL ELKS ANGELS	\$ 84,302.12		\$ 61,311.34
Needy Youth Invest - Thermop Funds - Raymond James Financial	\$ 38,216.89	\$ 313.95	\$ 39,765.90
Needy Youth Checkbook - Thermop Funds	\$ 839.04	\$ -	\$ 839.04
TOTAL NEEDY YOUTH - THERMOP FUNDS	\$ 39,055.93		\$ 40,604.94
American Funds Investment - As of 09-30-22	\$ 305,466.68	\$ -	\$ 373,821.00
GRAND TOTAL "WEST"	\$ 1,560,801.33		\$ 1,812,938.24

WYOMING ELKS - ENF FUNDS

REPORT DATE: JAN 14, 2023

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

	Change Since 9-17-22	VALUE 1 YEAR AGO 01-08-22
ENF Checking	\$ 63,241.88	\$ 86,985.51
ENF Savngs	\$ 56,240.98	\$ 89,463.47
TOTAL	\$ 119,482.86	\$ 176,448.98

The large decrease in funds from a year ago to present is due to Wyoming not receiving our Grant Funding from Grand Lodge as of this date.

WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION FUNDS

REPORT DATE: JAN 14, 2023		VALUE
Fund Balances as of DEC 31, 2022 (unless otherwise noted)	Change since	1 YEAR AGO
	9-17-22	1-08-22

Checking Account	\$ 101,595.91	\$ (9,427.99)	\$ 105,543.18
Michael Knapp Scholarship Account	\$ 5,489.17	\$ -	\$ 6,737.17
Debit Card Account	\$ 14,271.58	\$ (4,357.49)	\$ 12,000.00
Total Checkbook Funds	\$ 121,356.66		\$ 124,280.35

Ed. D. Jones Investments & Money Market	\$ 69,056.53	\$ 1,255.60	\$ 69,830.72
TOTAL Checkbook, MM, & Investments	\$ 190,413.19		\$ 194,111.07

Restricted Funds (Evanston)

Investment - Edward D. Jones	\$ 174,293.81	\$ (2,851.24)	\$ 174,717.14
MM Account - Edward D. Jones	\$ 40,188.12	\$ 156.21	\$ 40,003.70
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 404,895.12		\$ 408,831.91

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The Wyoming Elks Association

A Fraternal Organization

January 14, 2023

MID-WINTER MEETING
CHEYENNE LODGE HOSTING

Report of the State Secretary

Members All,

It is a pleasure to welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley and his wife Helen to our Mid-Winter Meeting.

1. The Hometown Grants are still available, only 4 out of the 15 Lodges have applied so far. The deadline to apply will be March 31, 2023, and it needs to be used by May 1, 2023.

Grant Received

Cheyenne Lodge
Cody Lodge
Worland Lodge
Gillette Lodge

No Application Received

Jackson Lodge	Casper Lodge
Lander Lodge	Torrington Lodge
Lusk Lodge	Laramie Lodge
Sheridan Lodge	Rawlins Lodge
Riverton Lodge	Powell Lodge
Greybull Lodge	

2. A reminder that once local lodge elections are over you need to fill out officer and committee forms and get them back to Brad Smith. We need to include them on the State Webpage, and we need contact numbers for each committee. Please verify their accuracy.
3. We have received approval for all of our By-law revisions. The ENF Grand Funds for the Association have been reinstated. We will be receiving \$61,710 in Association Grants.

Fraternally
Jerry Fritz, Secretary



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JOEL W. TODD
Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary
Area 8

Approval #62

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Jerry Fritz, Secretary
Wyoming Elks Association
1926 Ash Street
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RE: Wyoming State Elks Association Amended Bylaws

Dear Secretary Fritz:

I am pleased to present you with approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary of the above-referenced document.

With this approval any changes made are effective immediately. If you have any questions, Please let me know.

DATED this 15th day of December 2022

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY


Joel W. Todd

cc: Office of Grand Secretary
Sponsor, Michael Luhr, PGER
COJ Member File

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

The attached document reflects an approved amendment by the Association membership to the By-Laws of the Wyoming State Elks Association, submitted herewith to the designated member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary Area 8 for approval.

The amendment was properly presented to all Association Officers, Advisory Committee Chairman, Exalted Rulers and Members of all Lodges in writing prior to the Fall meeting of the Association held on September 11th, 2021, in accordance with Article XII of the Association by-laws.

The amendment was adopted by at least two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the entitled delegates attending the Mid-winter of the Association held January 8th, 2022, as provided by the By-Laws of the Association.

DATED this 22 day of January 2022.



Secretary
Wyoming Elks Association

Imprint
Association Seal
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ARTICLE VIII – VACANCIES

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

Section 2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the First Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the First Vice-President whose office has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Second Vice-President, the vacancy shall be filled from the District in which the Second Vice-President whose office has been vacated resides by nomination and election at a regular meeting of the Association or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

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

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

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

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



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Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary
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Jerry Fritz, Secretary
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RE: Wyoming Elks Association Articles of Incorporation

Dear Secretary Fritz:

I am pleased to present you with approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary of the above-referenced document.

With this approval any changes made are effective immediately. If you have any questions, Please let me know.

DATED this 15th day of December 2022

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY


Joel W. Todd

cc: Office of Grand Secretary
Sponsor, Michael Luhr, PGER
COJ Member File

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
WYOMING ELKS ASSOCIATION
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

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WYOMING
SECRETARY OF STATE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the undersigned, have this 19th day of January, 1991, voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Wyoming, and we hereby certify:

FIRST: That the name of said non-profit corporation shall be "Wyoming Elks Association," ~~of the~~ Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

SECOND: The term of existence of this non-profit corporation will be perpetual.

THIRD: That the purposes for which said Corporation is formed are:

(a) The primary purpose for which this Corporation is formed is to inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship and to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization.

(b) Other purposes for which this Corporation is formed are: to do all the acts and things, and business and businesses in any manner connected with the objects or purposes or powers of the corporation, or necessary, incidental, convenient or auxiliary thereto, calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interests, objectives, and ideals of the organization, and in addition, to have and exercise all rights, powers and privileges now or hereafter belonging to or conferred upon non-profit corporations existing under the laws of the State of Wyoming.

(c) The foregoing statement of purpose of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers and the purposes and powers in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or

inference from the terms of provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

FOURTH: (a) The Officers, Directors, and trustees of this corporation, their nominations, election or appointment, installation power and authority shall be in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of this Corporation, and said officers as they shall be duly elected or appointed shall have all powers allowed by law including §17-6-103 of the Wyoming statutes as the same may be amended from time to time.

(b) The governing body of this corporation shall be its Board of Directors, which said Board of Directors shall consist of all of the following: the Officers of the Corporation, who are entitled President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and all persons who shall bear the title of Trustee.

(c) The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors of this Corporation until the selection of their successors are as follows:

President	David A. Barker 5180 Hoy Road Cheyenne, WY 82009
1st Vice President	Jim Case 1110 E. Pershing Riverton, WY 82501
2nd Vice President	Monte Rapstad 645 Araphoe Thermopolis, WY 82443
Sargeant-at-Arms	Mike Conner P.O. Box 831 Thermopolis, WY 82443
Chaplain	Ted Ulibarri 835 North Pointe Riverton, WY 82501
Inner Guard	Gene Netser 1231 Madsin Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82001
Secretary-Treasurer	Jack H. Cash 2513 Beartooth Drive Cody, WY 82414
5 Year Trustee	Jerry Posey 1307 Meadow lane Cody, WY 82414

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4 Year Trustee	Warren Ransom P.O. Box 806 Jackson, WY 83001
3 Year Trustee	Richard Heston 1612 Shields Laramie, WY 82070
2 Year Trustee	Richard Oberosler Lucerne Rt. Box 40 Thermopolis, WY 82443
1 Year Trustee	Gerald Jensen Box 187 Riverton, WY 82501

FIFTH: That the By-Laws of said Corporation shall define the duties of the Directors, Officers and Trustees of the Corporation; that the manner of election and term of office of the Directors, Officers and Trustees of the Corporation shall be as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation; that the number of persons to serve in the capacity of Directors may be changed from time to time by the By-Laws of said Corporation, and that said Corporation is hereby granted authority to make a Code of By-laws for its government, and to amend the same from time to time as provided in said By-Laws.

SIXTH: That there shall be no capital stock of the corporation or certificates of evidencing ownership.

SEVENTH: The corporation does not contemplate distribution of gains, profits or dividends to its members. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, or upon abandonment of its property, none of its property will inure to the benefits of any private person, but shall be transferred and distributed by the Board of Directors to one or more regularly constituted and existing non-profit Lodges, charities, organizations, funds, corporations or trusts forming a part of or controlled by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United State of America, or as expressly provided by Grand Lodge Statutes.

EIGHTH: That the address of the principle office and the registered agent for the transaction of business of this corporation to be located Jack H. Cash, 2513 Beartooth Drive, Cody, Wyoming, 82414.

NINTH: This corporation is organized with the permission of Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and the business of the Corporation and all its acts, decisions and other actions of its Officer and members in carrying out its purpose and powers shall at all times conform with the provisions of the Grand Lodge Constitution and Statutes of the Order enacted pursuant thereto as well as the provisions of State law.

TENTH: In all matters relating to property, both real and personal, including but not limited to purchase, sale, mortgage, hiring and leasing, the provisions of Section 16.050, Statutes of the Order relating to notice and required vote shall be fully complied with.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of January, 1991.

Jerry Posey
Jack Cash

STATE OF WYOMING]
] ss.
COUNTY OF PARK]

I, being a notary public do hereby certify that on the 19 day of January, 1991, personally appeared Jerry Posey and JACK W. CASH, who by me being first duly sworn, declare that they are the persons who signed the foregoing instrument as incorporators, and they have read the contents thereof, and that the statements therein are true.

Cathy C. Thompson
NOTARY PUBLIC



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Ritual: Oral report, Area 8 possible February Clinic, also 11 O'clock Toast and Flag Tribute to be held later in the day.

Lucky Knight: Oral report

Membership: No report

Government Relations: No report

Hides for Vets: Oral report (Ed Spearing)

By-Laws: No report

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 ENF/WEST, amount raised \$719.00.
- Cheyenne Lodge thanked for Thanksgiving meal.

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

- Chuck Degroot – Casper Lodge #1353
- Tom Stump – Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Ranee Peter - Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Angela McPeak - Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Joe Reed - Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Bridgette Garlington – Rawlins Lodge #609

- Stacey Glassburn – Rawlins Lodge #609
- Bob McLaurin – Jackson Lodge #1713
- Andrew Nofzinger - Cheyenne Lodge #660
- Rhonda Tollman – Lusk Lodge #1797
- Tom Marshik - Lusk Lodge #1797

Other Committee Reports: None

Heads & Tails #1: Marilyn Lane (Worland Lodge), \$156.00 and \$78.00 for the Association and a \$78.00 to winner, Marilyn donated the winning to WEST.

Heads & Tails #2: Becky Moss (Cheyenne Lodge), \$144.00 and \$72.00 for the Association and a donation of \$72.00 from Becky to the WEST.

Meeting closed at 10:30 am

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fritz, Secretary