

Arizona Elks News

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October 2022



“ELKDOM” it is in Giving, that We Receive”

Members all,

Well September is behind us and it's on to a busy October. Our 2022 Arizona Elks Association mid-year convention begins Friday, October 14th and runs through Sunday, October 16th. It begins with a Halloween costume welcome dinner Friday night the 14th. A costume contest will be held that night also, with prizes to the winners given out. Live music will be the entertainment for the evening and a dance floor will be installed for your dancing enjoyment. So, get your costume ready and have some fun and laughs.



Saturday and Sunday's meetings promise to be both informative and fun. We will be "giving away" prizes both days during the meetings. Tickets are "FREE". You must attend the meetings to be eligible to win. The ladies' luncheon will be held Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:00 p.m. and hosted by AEA First Lady Kathy Weishan. The theme is British Teatime. Big fancy hats are suggested to those attending to wear. The luncheon menu is on the convention registration form. There will be prize giveaways and a Flamingo dance program will provide the afternoon entertainment. (Sorry ladies it's not the Chippendales dancers).

This is also our 30th anniversary of our partnership with the Steele Research Center. You, the Arizona Elks, have provided over 9 million dollars in donations during that time towards cancer research and the results are remarkable. Great job Arizona Elks!!

Also, this is the 20th anniversary of our youth camp becoming part of the Arizona Elks Association Major Projects family. The Jack C. Warter Jr. Youth camp has provided both an educational and nature getaway experience for many youths across Arizona over the years. With your continued work and generosity, we will continue to provide bright futures for many kids. Another project we have started this year is a team effort with the doctors at the Steele Center. It consists of a team of specialists looking for remedies to fight the covid-19 virus and how to help those who had contracted covid deal with the numerous after-effects covid presents to them. These projects will be discussed at Sunday's meeting and complete presentations will be given on these topics by Dr. Gishan and other Steele staff members as well as the leadership of the Arizona Elks Association Major Projects Committee. I urge all Elks attending the convention to please attend this most informative session.

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**ARIZONA ELKS
ASSOCIATION
2022-2023
STATE OFFICERS**

PRESIDENT:

Mike Weishan

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West: Albert S. Kayal

VICE PRESIDENTS

South: Barry "Bear" Carlile, Jr.

East: Grover T. Ramsey

North: Dennis Holt

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East- 5 Year:

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Aimee Rogers

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October 23rd through October 31st is

"RED RIBBON WEEK". This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. I encourage all lodges throughout the State of Arizona to involve your members and make the ribbons available for all to have and wear. At a time in our society when this drug problem is growing bigger than ever before, we need to focus more than ever on winning the war on drugs!

And finally, in looking over all of the lodge visitation reports done by myself and the 4 Vice Presidents, the programs of the lodges in Arizona seem to be doing well.

The fundraisers lodges are putting on are successful and well attended giving our programs the funds needed to help support those in need in our communities. Thank you all for your participation. Keep up the good work!

Remember, it is in giving... That we receive.

*** GOD BLESS ***

Fraternally,

Mike Weishan -President
Arizona Elks Association



“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Hosts Summer Tea for Charity”



Recently the Bullhead City Elks Auxiliary held their Summer Tea at which there was a "hat" parade to vote on which hat was the prettiest and the funniest. After the tea and delicious scones, tea sandwiches, and desserts were served the vote by the attendees was taken. The winners were Karen Davis, prettiest, and Karen Mangrum, the funniest. Also, Joan Kelton showed up with the oldest hat which was her grandmother's at over 100 years old. The fundraiser yielded over \$800 which will go to support the Elks various charities.

Submitted by; Terri Frear



“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Provides Weekend Meals for Kids”



With the help from the Casa Grande Elks Lodge #1957 and the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant, the Casa Grande Elementary School District provides weekend backpacks of food to students who are homeless, facing food insecurity, or have other needs. The backpacks are filled with jars of peanut butter and jelly, bread, and sealed snack items. The food is enough to get them through the weekend, when they might not otherwise have food available to them.

Submitted by; Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

Pictured L-R: Student Violet Goldberg, and Diane Repass

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Annual Member Appreciation BBQ”

On Saturday, 27 August 2022 our Lodge Lecturing Knight Gail Z. Eaton headed up our Annual Lodge BBQ & Member Appreciation Event. We had a wonderful turnout for our annual member appreciation picnic this year. There was fun to be had by all including the Saran Wrap treasure ball and the very enlightening Baseball Trivia. Our event featured raffles, great music, and games. Many thanks to all who contributed to making this happen, and to all of our beloved members.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor



“Chandler Elks #2429 Riders Raise Money for Children’s Charities”

Starting in July, the Chandler Elks Rider began raising money by selling \$10.00 50/50 tickets with a chance to win \$1,500.00. The profits of the raffle, \$1,500.00 would be used to help the children of the Chandler community by donating \$1,500.00 to three Title I Schools in Chandler. In addition, a collection box was placed in the lobby of the Chandler Elks Lodge where members and their guests could contribute by donating supplies. The Elks lodge hosted an event for another motorcycle club whose members donated an additional \$300. The estimated value of the school supplies donated is approximately \$3,000.00



The donated money was used to purchase crayons, pencils, notebooks, writing paper, backpacks glue sticks and much more.

Chandler Elks Lodge #2429 Exalted Ruler Taleen Carpenter joined Elks Riders President Terry Mickelson and Vice President “Mags” Bohner in delivering the supplies to Hartford Elementary, Galveston Elementary and San Marcos elementary schools. Additionally, each enrolled third grader was given their own English to Spanish dictionary courtesy of the Elks Lodge’s Americanism program.

Submitted by: Terry Mickelson, Riders Vice President

Pictured L-R: Exalted Ruler Taleen Carpenter, Riders President Terry Mickelson, Riders Vice President "Mags" Bohner.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Two Fundraisers for Charity”

On August 21, 2022, Raceway Lodge #2852 held a Dinner and Raffle to raise money to help buy Dictionary's for the Lodge Dictionary program for Litchfield Schools 3rd graders. the dinner raised \$240, and the raffle brought in another \$68 and along with donations from the members the Lodge raised more than we need for Dictionary's this year, and some to put in for next year.

On August 27, 2022 Raceway Lodge #2852 held a Bingo game and taco bar to raise money for AEMP we had 16 Elks and 2 non-Elks in attendance we raised \$100 for AEMP, all the Food was donated by Exalted Ruler Steven Cox.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, PR Chair



As stated in the September 2022 Newsletter, All Lodge Article Submissions will need to be turned in by the **23rd of each month, by 5:00pm AZ time**. This is due to formatting of pictures, text, and articles that have been submitted for publication. Pictures must be clear, and not pixelated or blurry. Please do not submit jpegs or other pictures as an article, or articles in PDF format. Submissions after the due date will be featured in the next month’s Newsletter

Fraternally,

Shawnee Carlile

AEA Newsletter Editor.

“Tucson Elks #385 Hosts Labor Day BBQ for VA Veterans”



The Tucson AZ Elks Lodge 385 hosted the September 5, 2022 Labor Day luncheon for veterans from the Tucson VA Medical Center. All attendees were appreciative of the big buffet meal that was served.

We had many members volunteer from Elks Lodge #385 that cooked the meals and served the veterans.

What a great day to honor those who served in the United States of America military that are and have served to protect our freedom and liberties that we benefit as free Americans. Board of Director Chairman/Trustee/PER Wayne Burns cooking.

Submitted by; John Aceves, PR Chairperson



“Yuma Elks #476 Holds Annual POW / MIA Ceremony”

The Yuma Elks Lodge held their annual MIA/POW ceremony in which they were honored to have attending, Arizona Elks State President, Mike Weishan.

In other news Leading Knight Mike Burnet and his first Lady, Vickie donated and presented a quilt which depicted all branches of the military to the Executive Director of the new Yuma Veterans Home which opens October 3.

Submitted by: Mike Burnet, Leading Knight



Pictured are (from left) Exalted Ruler, Sheryl Christenson, Recreation Therapy Manager Yuma Veteran's Home, Cristal Vasquez, Nursing Home Administrator responsible for oversight of the Arizona State Veteran's Home, David Barrientos, Esteemed Leading Knight, Mike Burnet, Esteemed Leading Knight's Lady, Vickie Burnet, and Arizona Elks State President, Mike Weishan.

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Shows Appreciation to Local Police Officers”

Tucson East Lodge # 2532 delivered food to the Tucson Police Departments Eastside Station on September 11th to honor and show their appreciation to our first responders. The food was prepared by members of the lodge and the Elk's Auxiliary.

Submitted by: PSP Rich Botkin, PR Chairman



Pictured L-R: Exalted Ruler Megin Goetz, Lecturing Knight LuAnn Taylor, Gavin Botkin, and five members of the Tucson Police Department.

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Yard Sale Fundraiser for Children’s Charity”

On Saturday, 17 September 2022 our Lodge Leading Knight, Laura S. Davis, hosted our annual Yard Sale which was a great success. She and her team raised \$775 for our annual Children's Christmas Shopping Spree. She will also host our Annual Spree in November where we will take out up to 20 children to purchase much needed clothing. Our event was featured on our local news station Cool FM Online.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Newsletter Editor



“Tucson East Elks #2532 Raises Funds for High School Cheer Team ”

Tucson East Lodge #2532 hosted a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser for the Empire High School Cheer Team to buy new uniforms. It raised \$750 dollars, and the team also received the AEMP Community Rewards check for \$ 1000 dollars. The team consisting of 18 members and their parents along with several lodge members greeted customers, cooked, served and waited on tables.

Submitted by: PSP Rich Botkin, PR Chairman



Pictured L-R: Cheerleaders Ashley Ramaley, Rebekah Clark, Emilie Botkin, Tianna Tamplin, ER Megin Goetz, and Cheerleader Valeria Montano-Valencia.

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Delivers Food to Fire Fighters”

Tucson East Lodge # 2532 prepared and delivered food to the Tucson Fire Station # 12 on September 11th to honor and show their appreciation to our First Responders. The food was prepared entirely by members and the Elk's Auxiliary.

Submitted by: PSP Rich Botkin, PR Chairman



Pictured L-R: Firefighters Brock Marum, Craig Westphal, Aux Member JoAnn Botkin, Member Heather Cleary, Gavin Botkin, Firefighters Chase Newham, and Jeff Moat

“Kingman Elks #468 Hosts Event to Raise Funds and Food”



The Kingman Elks in support of the Kingman area foodbank presented Ryan Garcia executive director of the food Bank a check in the amount of \$1861.00 to supplement the 2200 pounds of peanut butter collected during our annual Peanut Butter Jam.

Submitted by: Jim Powell, Exalted Ruler

Pictured L-R: Sandra Powell First Lady, Fritz McDowell co-chairman, Jimmy Powell Exalted Ruler, Laurie McDowell Chairman of Peanut Butter Jam, Ryan Garcia executive director Kingman area food Bank, Debra and Dave Odin major donors.

“Sun City Elks #2559 Holds Annual POW / MIA Ceremony”



The Sun City Elks #2559 “Missing Man Table” ceremony on September 16th, POW/MIA National Recognition Day conducted by officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Sun City Elks #2559. Participants commented it had created a memorable event bringing more than just a single emotion. Among the attendees were the Elks honored guests, members of the Veterans support organization USVets.

With its annual POW/MIA ritual and in flying the POW/MIA flag symbolizing “You are Not Forgotten,” Sun City Elks #2559 honor the many sacrifices that we will forever remember.

Submitted by: PER Vicki Way, Public Relations



Pictured top left: Elks Lodge Veterans Services member Brian Sauro (center) with USVets Program Mgr. Gerard Cox and USVets residents.

Pictured bottom left: Sun City Elks Lodge Missing Man Ceremony conducted by Chairman Vicki Way.

AEA Mid Year Convention Agenda

AEA Mid-Year Convention– First Session Agenda

Saturday, 15 October 2022

8:00am

ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION 108th MID YEAR MEETING – TEMPE, ARIZONA AGENDA – FIRST SESSION– SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

Call to Order: President, Mike Weishan

Escort Guests into Meeting and Introductions: Sergeant at Arms, Mike Duran
Bradford "Brad" Smith, President California Hawaii Elks Association
Eric Crocker, President, Utah Elks Association
Janet K Leuer, Member Auditing and Accounting Committee Area 7
Honorable Robert L. Duitsman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler (Arizona Sponsor)
Honorable Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler (Arizona Sponsor)

Other Introductions: President Weishan
Past Grand Lodge Officers & Committee Members (*Sylvers, Grimes, Riley*)
Past State Presidents
AEA Vice Presidents – Past & Present
District Deputies – Past & Present
East: Mari Slocum, Tempe #2251
North: Marsha Haddick, Bullhead City #2408
South: Stephen Asp, Catalina Mountain #2815
West: Gary Gist Yuma #476
Larry O. Lee, P.G.I.G., B.P.O.E.
Jerry Grimes, PSP, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Arizona

Invocation: Chaplain, Aimee Rogers, Chandler #2429

Presentation of Colors: AEA Vice-Presidents

Introduction of Color Guard: President Weishan
Albert S. "Al" Kayal, (Phoenix #335) - 1st Vice President – West
Barry "Bear" Carlile Jr., (Sierra Vista #2065) – Vice President – South
Grover T. Ramsey (Casa Grande Valley #1957) – Vice President – East
Dennis Holt (Jerome #1361) – Vice President – North

Pledge of Allegiance: Sergeant at Arms, Mike Duran

God Bless America: All. Music by Organist, Steve Henderson

Welcome: President Weishan

Roll Call of Officers: Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Haddick

Roll Call of Member Lodges: Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Roy Haddick

Report of Board of Trustees: Chairperson, John James, PSP

Approval of Minutes – 2022 Annual Meeting: Secretary, Charyl McKean, PSP

Report of Credentials Committee: Chairperson, Leland "Lee" Schwein, PSP

Reports of Officers:

President – Mike Weishan
First Vice President West– Albert Kayal
Vice President South – Barry "Bear" Carlile Jr.
Vice President East – Grover T. Ramsey
Vice President North – Dennis Holt

Secretary/Executive Director – Charyl McKean, PSP
Treasurer – Alane Asp

Reports of Activities Committees:

Activities Committee – Charyl McKean, PSP & Exec Asst, Cheryl Ponzo
Drug Awareness – Jack Ponzo, State Chairperson
Hoop Shoot – Gregg Boyce, State Chairperson
Public Relations – Ronald Wilson, State Chairperson
Soccer Shoot – Richard "Rick" Kimberly, State Chairperson
Youth Activities – Charlie White, State Chairperson

Reports of Fraternal Committees:

Fraternal Committee: Albert S "Al" Kayal, 1st Vice-President & Exec. Asst., Mary I. Shaffer
Americanism – Grover Ramsey, State Chairperson
Lodge Activities – Larry Bodwell, State Chairperson
Membership, Procurement & Retention – Jerry Ingram, State Chairperson

Reports of State Committees:

Accident Prevention & Insurance – Wayne Noel, State Chairperson
AEA Past State Presidents Association – Joseph H. Riley, Jr., PSP, State Chairperson
Arizona Elks News – Shawnee Carlile, State Chairperson
Arizona Elks State Golf Tournament – Gregg Boyce, State Chairperson
Articles & By-Laws – Joseph H. Riley, Jr., PSP, PGLK, State Chairperson
Auditing – Jimmy S. Davis, PSP, State Chairperson
Blood Drive – Joan McConnell, State Chairperson
Business Practices – Janet Leuer, State Chairperson
Elks National Foundation – Bruce C. Van Den Eng, State Chairperson
Elks National Veterans Service – Mary I. Shaffer, State Chairperson
Hospitals – VAVS Prescott – William "Bill" Carr, State Representative
Hospitals – VAVS Phoenix – Henry A. Brown, State Representative
State Veterans Home, Tucson – David L. Gnuschke, State Representative
State Veterans Home, Phoenix – Debra Murphy, State Representative
Elks Training – William "Willie" Buttram, State Chairperson
Government Relations – Barry "Bear" Carlile, Jr. – State Chairperson
Grand Lodge Headquarters – Jerry Grimes, SDGER, PSP, State Chairperson
Information Technology CLMS – Angela Schenk, State Chairperson
Information Technology Websites – Barry "Bear" Carlile, Jr. – State Chairperson
Laws and Resolution, Resolutions of Condolence – Charyl McKean, PSP, State Chairperson.
Resolution of Condolence: PSP Leroy "Bugs" Lewis
Resolution of Condolence: PSP Pete Gillespie
Laws & Resolutions – Charyl McKean, PSP, State Chairperson
Resolution of Appreciation (Smith, Crocker, Leuer, Duitsman, Grillo)
Legal Advisory – Steven Like, State Chairperson
Nominating – Joseph H. Riley, Jr., PSP, State Chairperson
Protocol – Diane Bodwell, State Chairperson
Ritual – Larry Carver State Chairperson
Scholarships – Dennis Holt, State Chairperson

Remarks: Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Arizona Sponsor, The Honorable Robert L. Duitsman
Remarks: Past Grand Exalted Ruler and Arizona Sponsor, The Honorable Louis J. "Jim" Grillo

Communications & Announcements: Secretary, Charyl McKean, PSP

Recess to 8:00 a.m., Sunday, October 16, 2022: President Weishan

Saturday Activities

SPOUSES LUNCHEON - 1:00 PM

Cocktails - 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM.

Galleria: Cocktails & Luncheon

Dress - Casual

Theme "Teatime"

A.E.A. BANQUET - FIESTA BALLROOM

No Host Cocktail, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Dinner 7:00 pm - Assigned Tables

Officers Dress: Summer (White) Formal

Coat and Tie

AEA Mid Year Convention Agenda

AEA Mid-Year Convention– Second Session Agenda

Sunday, 16 October 2022- 8:00am

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108th MID YEAR MEETING – TEMPE, ARIZONA
AGENDA – SECOND SESSION– SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022**

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Recess of the AEA Session for the Arizona Elks Major Project (AEMP) Mid-Year Meeting:
President Weishan

AEMP Mid- Year Meeting:

Call to Order: President John Doucette
Introduction of Guests – President Doucette
Roll Call of Board Member – Secretary Sheila L. Stephenson
Roll Call of Member Lodges - Secretary Sheila L. Stephenson
Reports:
Old Business:
New Business: 30th Anniversary

AEMP Mid- Year Meeting (Continued):

Executive Director – Bruce Van Den Eng
Exalted Rulers & Lodge Auxiliaries March

Re-Convene AEA Mid-Year Meeting: President Weishan

State Committees Reports (Continued):

Leather – Richard "Rick" Kimberly, State Chairperson
Lodge of the Year – Edward Leuer, PSP, State Chairperson
Meetings – Leland "Lee" Schwein, PSP, State Chairperson
Memorial Service - Edward Leuer, PSP, State Chairperson
Social Welfare – Gus Noble, State Chairperson
Special Olympics – Kathryn Aitchison-Jolley, State Chairperson

Remarks: President, California-Hawaii Elks Association, Bradford "Brad" Smith

Remarks: President, Utah Elks Association, Eric Crocker

Remarks: Janet K Leuer, Member Auditing and Accounting Committee Area 7

Remarks: The Honorable Robert L. Duitsman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Arizona Sponsor

Remarks: The Honorable Louis J. Grillo, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Arizona Sponsor

Communications & Announcements: Secretary, Charyl McKean, PSP

Benediction: Aimee Rogers, AEA Chaplain

Final Adjournment of the 2022 AEA Mid-Year Convention: President Weishan

AEA Public Relations News

In general terms, the goal of Public Relations is to establish and maintain a relationship between the Elks and our local communities. The Elks sponsor several social media channels across numerous platforms. Public Relations is utilizing the following Grand Lodge social media channels providing authoritative information:

Elks National Foundation

Facebook page - [Facebook.com/ElksNationalFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/ElksNationalFoundation)

Elks National Foundation Twitter feed - @ElksNtnlFndtn

Elks National Foundation Instagram page - @elksinaction

Elks National Foundation YouTube channel - [youtube.com/ElksNationalFndn](https://www.youtube.com/ElksNationalFndn)

Midday with the ENF podcast

Elks National Foundation blog - elksnationalfoundation.blog

Elks National Veterans Service Commission: Elks National Veterans Service Commission

Facebook page - [facebook.com/ENVSC/](https://www.facebook.com/ENVSC/)

Elks National Veterans Service Commission twitter feed - @ElksVetsService

Elks National Veterans Service Commission blog - elksveteransserviceblog.org

Elks National Veterans Service Commission Instagram - @elksvets

Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge Marketing and Membership Facebook Group

BPO Elks USA Facebook page - [facebook.com/bpoeusa/](https://www.facebook.com/bpoeusa/)

BPOE TV Facebook page - [facebook.com/BPOETV/](https://www.facebook.com/BPOETV/)

If you go to Facebook, often, E News Antler Strong by Diane Gleason. She publishes Elk Lodges news from around the country.

Please use the social media, bolstering your Lodges Public Relations. Should you have ANY questions, please reach out to your District Chair, or contact me any time.

All of our information is in the AEA Directory. You may also find the directory on the AEA's homepage.

Fraternally,

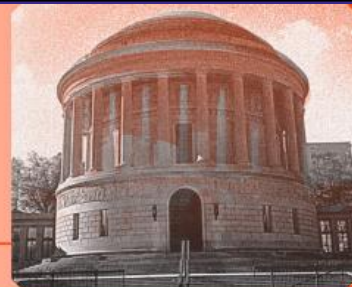
Ronald R. Wilson, PDDGER
AEA Public Relations Chairman

“Grand Lodge News”



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



ENF grants, programs bolster communities

October brings to us many Elks activities and family fun. Let's start with the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation (ENF). As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have once again established the goal of \$4.80 per Member per capita. When you do the calculation for this goal, that's just a little over \$.01 a day. For each Lodge dollar donated, ENF could potentially repay hefty dividends for the programs offered.

Your Lodge can and should apply for the various grants to assist your communities: Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. I encourage all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs.



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler
BRUCE A.
HIDLEY**

Find some Members who would be willing to dedicate their time to apply for these worthy grants.

Other programs ENF funds include: Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans Service, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. A fine way of *“Promoting Elksdom With Enthusiasm”* is to support the Great

Heart of Elksdom. The Elks' mission is to build stronger communities and ENF provides the resources to fulfill this mission. I charge you to get out into your communities with great pride and show them what the Elks do for them. For more information about the Elks National Foundation, go to elks.org/enf.

Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually from October 23 to October 31. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in your communities. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring a Red Ribbon

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Donate Life America
to increase donations of
organs, eyes and life-saving tissue

Is your Lodge promoting the program?
We Elks Members can help close the gap!



“Elks Give From The Heart”



Stories of HOPE: Meet Priscilla and other donor recipients at
www.donatelife.net

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Today.

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Week. Have your Members distribute red ribbons to our schools and encourage Members, friends and loved ones to wear red ribbons.

Today, Drug Awareness has become an even greater challenge as we continue to fight the horrors of drug abuse and addiction. The staggering number that comes to mind is that in the United States alone, there have been nearly 71,000 overdose deaths each year. The amount of deaths from drug overdoses is the reason why the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks takes such a hard stand to prevent and educate our youth and adults. The Elks will always be there to support *bugs are better than drugs*. I can't think of any better way of *“Promoting Elksdom With Enthusiasm”* than to work hard to stop these dreaded drug diseases.

October is also a time when most people enjoy a nice fall holiday with Columbus Day. Finally, October 31 is known as Halloween. A day and night when the ghosts and ghouls come out. Our children get to enjoy putting on their favorite costumes to go trick or treating. Please be safe when going door to door and stay in neighborhoods that you know well.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and, most of all, God bless America.