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One Hundred And Twentieth
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION

THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT
NORTHWEST HOTEL
DUBLIN, OHIO

Business Meeting
Friday, April 27, 2018

3:00 p.m.

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Ohio Elks Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America for the purpose of transacting such business as may regularly come before this session. I ask all present to please turn off all, any and all electronic devices so not as to disturb the proceedings of this session. If by any chance any of them go off there will be a \$1.00 fine, which the proceeds going to either our State Major Project or National Foundation.

Would everyone please rise, the State Chaplain, Brad Goodballet, will now lead us in prayer, to be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Nations flag.

(Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance) PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now declare the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association in session and shall proceed with the regular order of business.

At any time a motion and a second are made, please stand to be recognized, state your name loudly and clearly, and the name of and number of your Lodge, for the benefit of our Recorder.

I will now entertain a motion that the President be permitted to deviate from the regular order of business at any time deemed necessary. May have such a motion?

MR. CROWE: Roger Crowe, Kenton Lodge No. 157, so moved.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: There has been a motion. Is there second?

MS. HAWSE: Jill Hawse, Columbus/Grove City No. 37.

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PRESIDENT DYSERT: Sergeant at Arms, inform the Delegates and Representatives and Members of the Association that I am about to call to order the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association. Invite all within your calling who are duly qualified to attend this session, that they may participate in the forthcoming deliberations of the Association. You will see that all unnecessary noises cease immediately and that at all times preserve order and quiet so that nothing shall disturb the proceedings of this meeting.

(NO RESPONSE)

Sergeant at Arms, you will now retire to the anteroom and escort any Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Committeemen, and Guests into the room and introduce them to the assembly. That's you. Oh, you don't have a list.

MR. ROPP: Mr. President, I'd like to introduce Mike Iddings, Doug Schiefer, Grand Lodge, Ed Geishert from Michigan, and Jim, Jim Nichelson, yes.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Members, how do we greet our Grand Lodge Officers?

AUDIENCE:(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Sergeant at Arms, you will conduct these distinguished Elks to a seat to my left. You didn't tell me I had to have a speech.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Nichelson and Distinguished Guests, on behalf of the members of this Association, I welcome you to our Annual Convention. We look forward to hearing your comments over the course of your visit.

I am about to open the 120th Annual Convention of the

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PRESIDENT DYSERT: There's been a motion and a second that if we need to deviate from the regular order of business. Is there any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor give the voting sign of an Elk. Opposed same sign. Motion carried. Move on.

At this time I call upon Crystal Ropp, District Activities Chairman of the South Central District, from Marysville Lodge No. 1130, for her welcoming remarks.

MS. ROPP: Okay, I'm a little short. How about I just hold it, is that okay? Thank you.

All right. Good afternoon. As the South Central District Activity Chairman, it gives me great pleasure to welcome, here we go, to the great South Central District, Grand Lodge Ritual Committee, Mike Iddings; is that correct?

MR. IDDINGS: Yes.

MS. ROPP: Oh, yeah. Thank you. And, Doug Schiefer, who is our Grand Lodge Fraternal Officer. Welcome. Also Jim Nichelson. And from that other state up north, Public Relations, Ed Geishert. Welcome. Our State President, Dane Dysert and his great team of officers, welcome, we're really glad to have you. We hope that you have a wonderful time during your visit and safe travels.

And this is a very proud time for the South Central District as we welcome one of our own being installed tomorrow as our new state president. We plan to celebrate and we are honored to have all of our members and guests here to celebrate here with us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Crystal. I

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now call upon the Association Second Vice President, Thomas Pavlik, to conduct the roll call of Officers. I ask that each officer please rise when your name is called, acknowledge your presence, and remain standing until you have been introduced.

MR. PAVLIK: President, Dane Dysert. First Vice President, Nevin Taylor. Trustee Chairman, Mark Ratliff. Approving member Lugene Ignaffo. Trustee Secretary, Ed Connors. Second Vice President, Tom Pavlik. Interim Board Member, Rick Wolfe. Chaplain, Brad Goodballet. Tiler, Mary Carolyn Nichelson. You are Tiler, right? I couldn't remember. Inner Guard, Rose Durant. And Terry Rinehart is absent.

Mr. President, the roll has been called. Oh, wait a minute. Hold on. And I'm going to get in trouble for this one, our Association Secretary/Treasurer, Lee Young.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Tom.

MR. PAVLIK: I'm sorry, Lee.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now ask for the roll call of Lodges by asking for a motion to accept the report of the Credentials and Registration Committee as the official roll call of the Lodges. May have such a motion?

MRS. WADLOW: Lisa Wadlow, Kent 1377. I move.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you. Is there a second?

MS. GOOD: Diane Good, Parma 1938, I second that motion.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: We have a motion and a second to accept the Credentials and Registration Committee

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Report as the official roll call of officers. Is there any discussion? Having none. All those in favor vote the usual sign of an Elk. Opposed same sign. Motion carried and so ordered. The final report of the Credentials and Registration Committee will be included in the published minutes of this Session.

All Lodges should have received a printed copy of our previous Session. Are there any additions or corrections? Hearing none, they will stand as printed.

At this time I would like to introduce the Past State Presidents of the Ohio Elks Association who are here with us today. I would ask that each of you please rise when your name is called and remain standing until all have been properly introduced. If possible, please hold your applause until they are all up. I see Nick didn't make it. Rick Wolfe, Ashland No. 1360, 1992-93; myself, 94-95; Fran Mullen, Gallipolis 107, 95-96; Lee Young, Elyria 465, 2000-2001; Michael Stanley, Van Wert Lodge 1197, 2006-2007; Jack Minarchick, Lakewood No. 1350, 2007-2008; James Nichelson, Honorary, Ohio River Valley 231, 2007-2008; Doug Schiefer, Bucyrus No. 156, 2008-2009; Dave Mix oh, he is here Ravenna 1076, 2009-2010; Jim Baylor, Coshocton 376, 2010-11; Dan Beaston, Fremont No. 169, 2012-2013; Roger Crowe, Kenton No. 157, 2013-2014; Roger Martin is not here, 2014-2015; Lance Knight, Willoughby/Cleveland No. 18; and the newest member, Harold "Red" Kehler, Elyria 465, 2016-2017. Please show your appreciation at this time.

At this time I would like to introduce the District

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Activities Chair Persons. Again, I ask that you please rise, remain standing until all have been introduced: North Central District, Rod Hotte, Wooster 1346.

MR. TAYLOR: He's not here, he's at a wedding.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Northeast District, Lisa Wadlow, Salem 305; Northwest District, Ron Yaw, Defiance No. 147. South Central District, Crystal Ropp, Marysville 1130.

MR. TAYLOR: She's working Registration.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: She's working Registration. Southeast District, Michael Buchanan, Wellsville Lodge No. 1040; and Southwest District, Ron Buxton, Lebanon No. 422. Now please show your appreciation.

Now to introduce the hardworking District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. Again, please rise and remain standing until you are introduced. North Central District, Rex Coldwell, Marion No. 32; Northeast District, Diane J. Good, Parma No. 1938; Northwest District, Roger E. Crowe, Kenton No. 157; South Central District, Larry Ropp, No. 1130; Southeast District, Gregg Shivers, Newcomerstown No. 1555; and Southwest District, James Hubbard of Xenia Lodge No. 668. You may now show your appreciation.

Members, I remind you that if we have any business that requires a vote, only Exalted Rulers, Past Exalted Rulers, Past State Presidents, State Officers, Delegates and Alternates may vote. A "D" stamped on your Registration badge designates your voting right. If you have any questions concerning your

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voting credentials, please see the Registration Chairman.

I want to advise everyone that all the State Committee Reports will be given at tomorrow morning's Business Meeting, with the exception of a few primary reports, which will be given here shortly.

At this time I call upon the Conventions and Reunions Chairman, Mike Stanley, for his preliminary report.

MR. STANLEY: I will wait until tomorrow for the report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mike. I now call upon Robert Essig, Chairman of to the Credentials and Registration Committee for his preliminary report.

MR. ESSIG: Preregistration, we had approximately 400 members pre-register for this Convention.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Bob. I now call upon Chairman of the Board of Trustees for any comments from the Trustees.

MR. RATLIFF: I will save my comments until tomorrow's meeting.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mark. I will now call upon Past State President Fran Mullen, Chairman of the Advisory Board Slate Committee for the Committees recommendation.

MR. MULLEN: The following have been chosen for the office for the following year: State President will be Nevin Taylor from Marysville; First Vice President, Mark Ratliff; Chairman of the Trustees, Lugene Ignaffo; Second Trustee is Tom Pavlik; and the Second Vice President is

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Brad Goodballet; and the member from the Advisory Board traveling with the Interim Governing Board will be Roger Martin, correct?

MR. TAYLOR: Correct.

MR. MULLEN: That’s it.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Fran. You have heard the report of the Slate Committee. We will now proceed with the nominations for State Officers. There will be no seconding nominations for any office except that of President. A motion to close the nominations is not necessary.

At this time I call upon Deb Bingham, Past Exalted Ruler, Secretary, Marysville Lodge No. 1130, for the purpose of making a nomination for President of the Ohio Elks Association for the fraternal year of 201819.

MS. BINGHAM: I read fast, there’s a lot. You probably heard him say “Not bad for a good old farm boy.” Nevin has worn many hats during his life, first was farmer. He was one of nine children living on a farm in Hardin County where he learned the value of hard work at an early age. He graduated from Kenton High School and received his Bachelor’s Degree in Agriculture Education from The Ohio State University.

His second hat was teacher. After college graduation he started his teaching career at Marysville High School, but spent most of his years at Fairbanks High School where he taught VoAg and was the FFA Advisor. During his tenure, his love of teaching was evident by the many ways he was active with the students, including serving as an advisor for

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the Fairbanks High School High School Senior Class, National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and Prom Committee.

He was President of the Ohio Ag Teacher Association, was honored Nationally, as runner-up for Career and Technical Education’s 2004 Teacher of the Year Award. During fair season he spent more than 20 years as sheep barn superintendent at the Union County Fair and Ag Superintendent at the Ohio State Fair. In 2011 he was inducted into the Ohio Agriculture Hall of Fame.

He was known to his students as “Coach” or “T” and was readily available to listen to a problem, help find a solution, and just be a friend. He retired from Fairbanks after 31 years of teaching. He taught several generations of families during his career. He supports the youth of today and believes the nation is in good hands for the future.

Nevin donned his third hat in 1982 when he joined the Marysville Elks Lodge. As an Elk he has held all elected positions, as well as secretary and treasurer. He was Exalted Ruler in 1989 and again in 2006. Was elected to Honorary Life status on August 6, 2008 and has been the Elks Scholarship Chairman for the past 20 years, including Educational Fund Grants and Most Valuable Student Scholarships. He is heavily involved in all aspects of Elks charities, especially the Ohio Elks State Major Project Cerebral Palsy.

As a Marysville Elks member of 36 years, he has won many accolades and awards, including Elk of year 1986 and 2005, Elk Hall of Fame in 1998. He was instrumental

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in creating the James E. Payne Scholarship Committee that honors the memory of deceased Past State Member Jim Payne of the Marysville Lodge, who was the only other Marysville Elk Lodge member to serve, soon to be, serve as State President. Taylor recently received a Grand Exalted Ruler’s Watch, which is the highest recruiting an Elk can achieve for bringing in 11 new members within one year.

Nevins fourth hat came with his marriage to Deana Pfarr, also a teacher, in 1985. That led to hat No. 5, Dad, with their five “kids” cats Leo, Thai, Sammy, Vincent, and Allie.

Nevin has enjoyed all types of sports. While at OSU he played rugby and football and is an avid golfer. His love of sports brought him hat No. 6, being a coach. During his many years of teaching he has coached and been an assistant in various sports, including football, volleyball, girls golf team, and girls softball team. He officiated football, basketball, and baseball games and retired as a wrestling official in 2006 after 25 years. He received the Central District Wrestling Association Official of the Year Award in 2005 and was inducted into the Ohio High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2006. He is currently wrapping up his term as Ohio Wrestling Official Association President.

In 2002 he put on his Seventh hat as the member of Marysville Council for Ward 4, a post he has held for the past 16 years. While on council he has served as vice president and president, and for a few days Mayor. He enjoys watching the city grow and prosper, takes an active in the proceedings and is proud of the parts he has played in that development.

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In 2013, Nevin became an ordained minister, hat No. 8, and he has officiated at numerous weddings and funerals throughout the state. He and his wife, Deana, are members of Trinity Lutheran Church and he assists there in various capacities.

He started his journey through the Ohio Elks Association Chairs in 2011, with the support of his wife, Deana. He will be following in the footsteps of his mentor and friend, Jim Payne. “Not bad for a good old farm boy”.

It is with honor, pride, joy, confidence, and much love, I nominate my big brother from Marysville Lodge 1130, the Great South Central District, Nevin Taylor, as your OEA President for Lodge year 2018-2019.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Deb. For seconding of the nomination, I call upon Larry Ropp, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, of Marysville Lodge No. 1130.

MR. ROPP: Members all, it is with great honor I second this nomination of Nevin Taylor to be our next State President.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Larry. I have received no other endorsements that are for the office of President as required by the Constitution and Bylaws. I declare the nominations for President closed.

I now call upon Michael Stanley, Past State President, Van Wert Lodge No. 1197, for the purpose of making a nomination for the Office of First Vice President of the Ohio Elks Association for the fraternal year 201819.

MR. STANLEY: Good afternoon. I was asked by Mark Ratliff to nominate him for First Vice President, I

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thought well, maybe you'd like to know a little something about Mark a lot of people don't know. For example, in the elementary school, in the 6th grade, he got a blue ribbon in the science fair project. His project was the human reproductive system. I heard it was the most popular booth in the whole school gym. And in high school he set records, especially when he was in Drivers Ed he set a record, that was the only year that the drivers ed car got pulled over more times than any, was when Mark was in class. And you know his class voted him the guy with the best hairdo. If they could only see him now.

But on a serious side, it is a pleasure to nominate Mark Ratliff for First Vice President. Mark has been a hard worker and a leader in his Lodge. He joined the Lodge and he served on Committee Chairs and chaired committees in his Lodge went through the chairs, served the Lodge as Exalted Ruler and he's served the Lodge as Trustee. He served the District as Committee Chairs, went through the Chairs, Executive Board, and then served as the District Activities Chairman, and he served as a District Deputy for the Grand Lodge. And in the State Chairs he's done an outstanding job as a State Officer. I know a lot of times Roger Crowe and I get together and say, Boy, some of the stuff he's doing makes us look bad here. But he's just done an outstanding job, and the District could not have found a better representative than him and Amy. And as they travel around the state representing the great Northwest District. So it is my great pleasure to nominate a Great Elk and a Great Friend from the Great Northwest

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District, Mr. Mark Ratliff, for First Vice President.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mike. Since I have received no other endorsement letters for the office of First Vice President, required by the Constitution and Bylaws, I now declare the nominations for First Vice President closed.

I now call upon Richard Wolfe, Past State President, Ashland Lodge No. 1360, for purpose of making the nomination for Three Year Term of Office of Trustee of the Ohio Elks Association for fraternal year 2018-21.

MR. WOLFE: It is my pleasure and honor to nominate Tom Pavlik to serve as Three Year Trustee of the Ohio Elks Association. Tom has been a member of Ashland Lodge 1360 for 23 years. He's an honorary life member. He served as Exalted Ruler in 2003-2004, North Central District Activity Chairman 2009-2010, North Central District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2010-2011, and he's served as a Trustee of Ashland Lodge from 2010 to the present. He has served as the North Central District Community Service Chairman from 2003 to the present, and is also serving as the Ohio Elks Association Membership Chairman, as well as serving this past year as Second Vice President. It's a privilege and honor, as I said, and the Officers and Past Exalted Rulers and members of the Ashland Lodge respectfully nominate Tom Pavlik as Three Year Trustee of the Ohio Elks Association.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Rick. Since I have received no other endorsement letters for the Three Year Office of Trustee, as required by the Constitution and Bylaws, I declare the nominations closed

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I now call upon Gregg Shivers, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Newcomerstown Lodge No. 1555, for the purpose of making a nomination for the Office of Second Vice President of the Ohio Elks Association for the fraternal year 201819.

MR. SHIVERS: Good afternoon, everybody. I first met Brad, I believe it was 2009 at the Portland Convention, and that was also the year I believe Jim Nichelson became Grand Exalted Ruler to represent the State of Ohio and the Elks overall as well.

Brad, what I want to say about Brad is, anything he puts his name to, whether it be an officer position, any type of responsibility, Brad looks at it, "Can I make it better? Is there another way we can do it"? And so at this time I'm proud to put the name of Brad Goodballet, East Liverpool No. 258, I nominate him for Second Vice President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Gregg. Since I have received no other endorsement letters for the office of Second Vice President, as required by the Constitution and Bylaws, I declare the nominations closed.

At the time the Chair will entertain a motion that the Secretary/Treasurer, Past State President Lee Young, cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested offices for the fraternal year 2018-2019. May I have such a motion?

MS. CROWE: Julie Crowe, Kenton 157, so moved.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: There's been a motion.

MS. BINGHAM: Deb Bingham, Marysville 1130, I

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second. Sorry.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: There's been a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor please vote the usual sign of an Elk. Opposed same sign. Motion carried.

I now call upon Secretary/Treasurer, Past State President Lee Young, to cast the unanimous ballot.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you, Mr. President. By the authority in my vested, by the delegates attending the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association, I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for these officers designated for the 2018-2019 fraternal year.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Lee. Nevin, all that's left is installation. Congratulations to you and your elected Officers.

Do any of the Grand Lodge Committee have any remarks at this time? Past Grand Nichelson.

PGER NICHELSON: No, sir.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Ed, from Michigan.

MR. GEISHERT: No, sir.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I mean, they'll let you talk here now. Okay. If not, I will call upon State Chaplain, Gregg Goodballet, to dismiss us with a prayer. Everyone, please rise.

MR. RATLIFF: Yes. We'll make this quick. A little faux pas there. Today when you arrived into the Convention hall you received a copy of the budget for the 2018-2019 year. Please review that. We will, in tomorrow's business session, approve that budget, so please look it over, review it, and if

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you have any questions please let us know. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I want to make sure they're done talking over here. Where is Brad? Did you make it halfway there? Brad, would you please lead us in prayer so we can dismiss this Session.

(Prayer)

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now declare this session to be in recess until 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

THEREUPON, the meeting was in adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OTTAWA)

I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of 24 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 27th day of April, 2018. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office at Sandusky, Ohio this 27th day of April, 2018.

Lori L. Delhees
Notary Public
404 West 6th Street
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

My commission expires 11/24/2022

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Hundred And Twentieth ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Business Meeting Saturday, April 28, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Officers, Delegates, and Alternates may cast a vote. A “D” stamped on your registration badge designate your voting right. If you have any questions concerning your credentials, please see the Credentials and Registration Chairman. Also any member who wishes to address this session should advance to the microphone and speak into it, giving your name and Lodge number so that all may hear your message and it can be recorded. I ask that each chairman please stand when your State Officer introduces you and your chairmanship. No reports are to be read from the Committee Report Booklets. If there is anything that you would like to add to your printed report, it can be done at that time. Any chairman having trophies, plaques, or certificates to be presented and pictures taken following this session.</p> <p>I now call upon Second Vice President, Tom Pavlik, for the reports and committees under his jurisdiction.</p> <p>MR. PAVLIK: Thank you, Dane. The first committee under my jurisdiction and the assistance is Webmaster, Larry O’Grady, Elyria Lodge. I don’t believe Larry is with us. Larry has done a fine job over the years as our Web Master and he is stepping down. And I believe, and if I’m incorrect, please correct me, Richard Threadgill and Kermit Morse will be taking over. Thank you for that.</p> <p>Second, is our State Recorder, Lori Delhees, PER from Port Clinton. Lori works tirelessly to the right of us up here two times a year. She makes sure everything is recorded. And as I’ve said this in the past, since I’m also the secretary of the IGB, my fingers would fall if I had to do what she does. So</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: Sergeant, Sergeant at Arms, inform the Delegates, Representatives, and Members of this Association that I am about to reconvene the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association. Invite all within your calling who are duly qualified to attend this Session that they may participate in the forthcoming deliberations of the Association. You will see that unnecessary noises will cease immediately and at all time preserve order and quiet so that nothing shall disturb the proceeding of this session.</p> <p>MR. ROPP: Mr. President, your order has been obeyed.</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: At this time I call up the Chaplain, Greg Goodballet, to lead us in prayer to be followed by the Pledge Of Allegiance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Invocation and Pledge Of Allegiance)</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now declare the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association and Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America reconvened and in session and shall proceed with the regular order of business. I ask that all present to please turn off electronic devices so not to disturb the proceedings of this Session. If by chance any do sound there will be a \$10.00 fine levied with the proceeds going to the State Major Project.</p> <p>The Dignitaries at the front, to my left, were introduced yesterday at our Opening Session. I’m sure you will be hearing remarks from these fine representatives later this morning.</p> <p>I remind you that any business requiring a vote only Exalted Rulers, Past Exalted Rulers, Past State Presidents,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>thank you.</p> <p>And lastly, and here it comes, Sammy Gonterman, Government Relations. Sammy has done very well. He’s assisted me a lot. He’s been a Chairman of this Committee longer than I’ve been an Elk. So, Sammy, you got it.</p> <p>MR. GONTERMAN: Thank you, Tom. I thank all the Officers, I’m going to start out with, and it’s the first year that all of our main officers have reported their youth activities. You want to give them a hand. (Applause) And our Grand Lodge Sponsor has reported also. Not so well with our committee chairman of the organization, where only about half of you have reported. Also, I have two Lodges that have not reported any to the Grand Lodge and the deadline is May the 1st. And those two lodges, it’s unusual for me, but I’m going to name them off, East Liverpool is one and the other one is Columbus/Grove City. And neither one of them has reported anything the entire year. I would like for those two to report to give me 100 percent. They have caused my problem of not having 100 percent and I do not appreciate that. And all of the committee chairman, please help me out next year, I’ve got another year at it and I’d like for you to make 100 percent. The ones that did report have done an excellent job and I thank all of you. Thank you.</p> <p>MR. PAVLIK: That concludes my Committees, Mr. President.</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Tom. I now call upon Trustee Member, Ed Connors, for the report of his committees under his jurisdiction.</p>

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MR. CONNORS: Good morning. The committees in which I I'm not in charge of, but I'm their go-between, if you would are several. The first one is Americanism, chaired by Debbie Lazar, Past District Deputy, Bucyrus No. 156. Debbie's report can be found on Page 3 of the program. Deb, are you here? Anything more to add?

MS. LAZAR: Just real quick. If anybody has the name on this page, if your lodge does, come see me, I have a winning gift card to give you.

MR. CONNORS: Thank you, Deb. Secondly, and this one is crucial and important in today's times, Drug Awareness, chaired by Gary Wadlow, Past District Deputy, from Salem 305. Gary's report can be found on page 10. Gary, anything to add?

MR. WADLOW: Nothing to add.

MR. CONNORS: Okay. Thank you. Next is Membership/Lodge Activities, Past District Deputy, Tom Pavlik, Ashland No. 1360. Tom's report can be found on page 13. Tom, anything more to add to this?

MR. PAVLIK: The only I'd like to add, I will be stepping down as chairman and Chris Hatcher will be taking over. Please support him the best you can. We all know that retaining and gaining members is getting harder and harder.

MR. CONNORS: Congratulations, Chris. I'm sure you're going to do a great job.

Next, National Foundation, Mary Carolyn Nichelson, Ohio River Valley No. 231. Her report is on page 15 and go for it.

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MRS. NICHELSON: Thank you very much. I stand before you a very, very happy camper with Ohio this year. As of yesterday, and this changes right now about every Friday. We are in grants for Ohio at \$359,485. Whaa Hoo. That's like \$100,000 above what my goal was. And if you got my communication from last week, there still, I believe 17 lodges now who are eligible or at least \$2,000 for a Gratitude Grant. If you made your GER's goal at the very end and you think, "Well, can I still get that grant"? Yes. You have until May 31st to apply, until August 31st to use those funds. So that's almost \$60,000 Ohio would be leaving on the table. I can't thank you enough. Anniversary Grants, how many in here their Lodges got them. Unbelievable. Unbelievable. Just lodges that never ever got a grant before got Anniversary Grants. They will be available again next year.

There are many, many changes coming in ENF over the next two years. And I can tell you when I do the workshops at the National Convention the one thing they always tell us is they're not going to stay the same. They're going to be changing, improving, so you have to keep up on educating yourselves and Lodge members and especially you chair people on what is new in ENF. I'm doing a workshop today; I had to study the new changes. And there will be changes in next year and then changes the year after that. And essentially what they're trying to do is align the Grants with the Lodge year. Thank you, Jesus. So it's going to take us two years to get into April 1st as being when you apply for the Grants. But next year will be a bit of a it's going to be just a little

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different and then after that it should stabilize with the grants instead of having one due here and one due there. So come to my workshop and we'll discuss it. Please do yours online. Secretaries and ENF Chairman be sure, we're going to talk about online donations too.

Now, I'll get on with my daily program. Usually I give out plaques in August, because the numbers at our State Convention have not been stabilized. But because our convention is so late this year I was able to get the winners in the categories as we have some just fantastic things to announce today about some of our winners.

Secondly, Rose Durant has donated, once again, a beautiful mug and pitcher set. If you can't see it, please stand up. Lee, who is a collector, tells me the purple is the most desirable of the colors to collect. I went online and I found one set and it was on EBay for \$1,750. So this is quite a keepsake. And whatever, who wins it, whatever you do with it, display it at home, display it at your Lodge. Run it on another raffle for ENF, whatever you want to do. But we still have raffle tickets for sale, Lisa in the back, if you want them; they're \$5.00 a piece, 6 for 20. So if you want them, a lot of you already have them, we sold quite a few and I thank you for your generosity because your Lodge doesn't get credit and don't get personal credit. That is being truly generous and I appreciate it. And I know this will be a couple thousand dollars that ENF doesn't have to raise in Ohio, so thank you in advance for that. We'll do the drawing; I think we'll just wait until the end of the meeting. If anybody wants tickets, you can

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raise your hand and Lisa Wadlow will be coming around.

Now, let's see. I think we need to do our presentations. When I call your Lodges name, if we could have the ER and the ENF chairperson, the ENF chairperson from your Lodge come up, or the ER, or whoever is here. Yes, somebody come up. What we're going to do, I'm going do the per capita first. In 5th place, with a per capita of \$16.72, Elyria Lodge No. 465. Anybody here? All right. Oh, they're at Ritual. Sure. Thank you. In 4th place, with a per capita of \$18.49, Berea Lodge No. 1815. In 3rd place, with a per capita of \$20.80, Marysville Lodge No. 1130. Yes, Kermit. Congratulations. Thank you. In 2nd place, with a per capita of \$23.48, Willoughby/Cleveland No. 18. Yes. Congratulations. Give me a hug. And in 1st place again, with a per capita of \$28.80, Gallipolis Lodge No. 107. Wow. He's last year's ER, so he was the one that won it.

And our Chairman Challenge, in 5th place, with 101.1 points, Wooster Lodge No. 1346. The Chairman Challenge is for the Lodge Chairman and how they accomplish the year. Making the GER's goal, retaining members, doing the online education, retaining new members from last year. They get points for all of that and 101 points is significant. Thank you. In 4th place, with a 101.4, wow, that was close, Ashland Lodge 1360. Congratulations. Great job. In 3rd place, with 137.35 points, Marysville Lodge 1130. Yes. Good job, Kermit.

Okay. Now the next two were not only State Winners, they also placed Nationally. That's a big deal. And Gallipolis

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Lodge No. 107 with 145.2 points came in 2nd place in our state and 2nd place in the nation for Lodges of 700 or more members, so that is fabulous. Congratulations. You'll get a plaque in San Antonio too. And in 1st place, in the Chairman's Challenge, and in 1st place in Lodges 301 to whatever the next number. 1st place Nationally, 1st place in Ohio, boy, that says a lot about Ohio, doesn't it? Toledo/Sylvania Lodge No. 53 with 156.1 points. Wow. This is quite an accomplishment. And when we score something in the top of the United States, and 2nd, it just says so much. Thank you so much. So let's give all our winners a nice round of applause. Now, does anyone have any checks? Please make sure you don't give me the CP checks. Well, that happens every year. Thank you so much. Fremont Lodge \$908. All right. Thank you. Willoughby/Cleveland \$300. Ravenna, \$531. Wow. Salem, \$1,000. And Berea, \$304. Thank you all so much. We'll do the drawing right at the end. If you don't have your tickets run back to your room to get them, because you do need to have your ticket to win. Thank you.

MR. CONNER: Thank you, Mary Carolyn. Mary Carolyn, your Session is what time?

MS. NICHELSON: 2:30.

MR. CONNORS: 2:30. In which room?

MRS. NICHELSON: I think it's Dublin, I'm not sure.

MR. CONNORS: Thank you. Next Committee I have is Veterans, Past District Deputy, Brad Goodballet, from East Liverpool No. 256. Brad's report is on page 18. Brad, do you have anything to add?

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MR. GOODBALLETT: Thanks, Ed. First of all, thank you to all of veterans that are in the room. I received an email from the Kentucky Speedway regarding the NASCAR series. For the weekend of July 12th through the 14th they're offering a 50 percent discount to all veterans. So anybody that's interested, please contact me and I'll give you the information. Deb, Cincinnati VA Hospital, this is a good opportunity for a field trip. Again, that's the NASCAR series Kentucky Speedway July 12th through the 14th. We are going to continue our bags that we pass out for the veterans. We pass them out in April and we ask that you return them full in August, and the bags will be available outside the door after the meeting. We're asking that you fill them with underwear, T-shirts, and socks, all new items, unused, and we also ask that if you take a bag that you return it in the bag. The bags serve a dual purpose, as reminder for you, but they're also used the veterans also use them to carry their belongings around in the hospital. So if you take a bag, please return the bag. If you like to buy the bags, we can sell them to you also.

In August I spoke to you about the most important commodity that you could give to the veterans, and that's your time. And I'd like to read a poem for you.

"The joy you bring to all of us will be remembered long after you're gone". That's the title. "There are a lot of veterans much happier. Why? Because you volunteered your services today. You talked with them with kindness, tended their needs with pleasure and with ease. Like only you can please. The day slips by so fast and you have to be on your

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way. You know that well say a lot of kind words of you and give thanks for the help you gave us today. There are a lot of hearts rejoicing over what you did and said. The man whose hopes were fading now with courage looks ahead. You might think your day was wasted, but to us it was well spent. You spread a lot more kindness than you will ever realize. And we close our eyes in slumber, we will pray that God will say, You have earned more tomorrows for a lot of volunteering work today and we will look forward to seeing you another day". This poem was written by Lyle Hancock, U.S. Army Air Force Sergeant, World War II, 1944-1948, and he was a resident in the Cleveland VA Hospital for 20 years. Thank you.

MR. CONNORS: Thank you, Brad. Lastly, the last two I have, is I answer to Past State President Doug Schiefer, who is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, from Bucyrus 156. Doug, do you have anything to add?

MR. SCHIEFER: Later.

MR. CONNORS: Later. Okay thank you. And lastly, the Memorial Service, which will be held later this morning, Chaired by Harold "Red" Kehler, Past State President, from Elyria 465.

MR. KEHLER: Just a quick reminder, that the Memorial Service will be at 11:00. One significant change this year, the PER Association will be participating in this service and will read the roll call of the departed PER's in the state. I don't know if it's the first the time this has been done, but it's the first time in a long time that it's going to be done. So please take that in mind and participate in this worthwhile

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service. Thank you.

MR. CONNORS: Thank you, Red. Mr. President, that is the combination of the committees under my jurisdiction. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Ed. I now call upon Trustee Approving Member, Lugene Ignaffo, for the reports and Committees under his jurisdiction.

MR. IGNAFFO: Good morning. Thank you, Mr. President. I have the pleasure of working with some very hardworking Elks throughout the year that sometimes we forget all the stuff and the time that they put forth to get their committee work done and their how should I say it? their obligations done that they feel that they owe whenever they take that committee. So first off, I work with Lodge Operations, which is Chaired by Dean Streit, he's a Past District Deputy from Wooster Lodge. His report is on page 13 in the booklet. Dean, do you have anything to add?

PRESIDENT DYSERT: He's next door.

MR. IGNAFFO: He's next door. Okay. Moving on. The next one is Registration and Credentials, also that's Mr. Robert Essig, from Ashtabula Lodge. He's a Past District Deputy. His report is to be given. Robert.

MR. ESSIG: I will have the final report available at tonight's session.

MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you. Now, the next one, the big one. We all know that the Stanley's work very hard on Conventions and Reunions. I don't think I've ever seen anybody work harder to appeal and please everybody in the

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crowd. If there's a need they find a way. If there's a want, they find a way. But we all know that Linda runs this, right? And that's Past State President, Past District Deputy, Mike Stanley. Like I say, Mike and Linda, they do a diligent job and I don't think we could ever thank them enough. I'm glad they're in charge of this and not me.

MR. STANLEY: Lugene, I could have told you that. Okay. My report is on page 10. The Grand Lodge Convention is coming up July 1st through the 4th, San Antonio. We'll be at the Emily Morgan Hotel; again, we'll be the only state there. I guess when you don't play well with others they put you by yourself. So we've received about 90, I think 91 reservations so far. On the reservation form there's a place for you to indicate if you're the Exalted Ruler or Alternate. We have 77 Lodges and I have not received a reservation form indicating the Exalted Ruler or the Alternate will be going from Alliance, Ashland, Barnesville, Bellevue, Berea, Bucyrus, Chillicothe, Cincinnati, Circleville, Columbus North, Conneaut, Coshocton, Cuyahoga Falls/Akron/Barberton, East Liverpool, Elyria, Fremont, Greenville, Hamilton, Hillsboro, Ironton, Kent, Lexington/Shelby, Mansfield, Marietta, Marietta, Massillon/North Canton, Toledo/Sylvania, Warren, Washington Court House, Wellsville, and Willard. 30 Lodges I have not received anything from. The rooms are filling up fast. If you look on that reservations form, the deadline I need to get those is May 11th. People, that's only 13 days away. So unless you're planning on taking your pup tent with you, I suggest you people, which if you're going, let's

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get those reservations in. I know July 1st seems a long way off, but you need to get those in. One thing I want to mention is, Alternate to the Grand Lodge Convention. If you are the Alternate to the Grand Lodge Convention, the duly elected Alternate, you need to, your Lodge needs to send a letter to the Grand Secretary informing him that you, Pete Jones, the duly elected Alternate from whatever Lodge you're going to you'll be attending, that person will be there. And then when you go that Alternate has to take a copy of that letter and present with it your registration card when you register. Even if you preregister you still have to show them your registration card. You have to give them that. The reason being is, you have to have an Alternate or an Exalted Ruler there to count that your Lodge had the representative. You can have all your Lodge officers go. You can have 100 PER's be there, but those are the only two people the Grand Lodge recognizes that the Lodge had a representative there. If not, your Lodge will show there was no representative there. So make sure they get those letters into them.

The District Deputies, I didn't make your clinic yesterday, I got tied up. Just to remind, if you put together a schedule for your workers, make sure I get a copy. Gary because I've only got one schedule so far and Gary Stevenson, thank you for that.

Pins and patches. We have the new pins for this year and, of course, we're still selling the patches for the Blazers. They'll be available after this Session outside the door right here. And the shirts, Convention shirts for Grand Lodge will

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be on sale this afternoon out there as well, so I wanted to remind you of that. With that, I'll leave you with A minister was giving a sermon on forgiveness, and he said, "Everybody whose forgiven their enemies raise your hand". About 70 percent of the people raised their hand. He looked around, he says, "I'll ask again. Everyone who has forgiven their enemies raise their hand". Everybody in the church raised their hand, except way back in the way, Old Ed Johnson sitting back there. Well, Ed, he's kind of a cantankerous old, guy, never been married, and 96 years old. He said, "Brother Ed, would come forward". Ed came forward, and he says "Ed, why haven't you forgiven your enemies"? "That's easy, I outlived all the assholes".

MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Michael. Like I say, without the dedication of Mike and Linda, too, at the Conventions and Reunions, we'd probably be in chaos sometimes, so please let's show our appreciation for their hard work they've done this weekend and the upcoming.

Well, I have the honor of doing two other committees that I work with, but they don't fall under a chairmanship except for me. So at this time, I would ask if I could defer that final report to this evening.

Mr. President, that would conclude my Committees under my jurisdiction.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now call upon Trustee Chairman Mark Ratliff for the reports of the committees under his jurisdiction.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Mr. President. Good

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morning, all. I have the pleasure of working with six committees of the Association this year. The first one is Bowling. That's chaired by Keven Knight, from Toledo 53. The tournament just recently ended, so, Kevin, do you have anything to add?

MR. K. KNIGHT: I do. Most of you have put up with me last night, so I get to keep it nice and short this morning. This year we had 19 Lodges represented at the State Tournament. The year before we had 28. Quite a few Lodges have just suddenly fallen off the earth and I'm going to need your help to try to get the word back out to these people. I have 450 members throughout the state to whom I send emails out to about once a month giving them updates on the Tournament, but the number keeps dwindling, because people sort of drop their emails and so I can't get the word out to some of your Lodges. So come this fall I'm going to ask all your help, I'm going to send something out. I don't know if you have like Toledo has, with an E-Blast or something of that nature, but if you could put a blip at least in your paper it's going to help.

A year ago you folks remember me standing here begging you to host a tournament. Nine Lodges stepped up and said "We're interested". The only problem is five of them either don't have bowling alleys or don't have bowlers, so it kind of makes it a little bit off the edge. This year I started a couple of new things. This year we had a Veterans Award for every event, every week, giving them special awards honoring our veterans. This past year we had a little thing we called the

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Homewood Daily Double. You got to pick out your own horse. In other words, you got to pick any bowler you wanted, put your money on his back. It didn't mean you had to give to the horse. Well, that helped raise quite a bit of money this year for Cerebral Palsy. I want to really thank Lakewood. They stepped up this past year, it's their 100th Anniversary, let's honor them for their 100 years of service to Elksdom. But I want to thank them for all their work for me.

Next year we're in Kent. We're going to start a week early, which means I hope my new boss get's the cha wherever. I hope you'll be able to make it this year; we are starting a week early so we don't conflict with basketball or with Hoop Shoot. Now, real quickly, I'm going to read off the list of Lodges, please see me before you go home. I have checks for your bowlers or I have trophies and checks. So the following Lodges, Lorain and by the way, that big trophy out there is yours, so I hope you took a vehicle, the right size Troy, Ohio; Bellevue, Sandusky, you got a trophy coming, too Circleville, Coshocton, Springfield, New Philly, New Lexington, Nelsonville, by the way, Nelsonville, just to let you know, you've got a group of people is anyone here from Nelsonville today? No. Well, Nelsonville has a team I'm honoring them this year. They come every year. These people don't know how to bowl. They have no clue. Five bowlers the first game shot a grand total of 505. Don't chuckle, they're back every year and they're probably one of the happiest groups to be at a fraternal organization event. They come back every year, that's sportsmanship anyway, Mt. Vernon,

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Athens, and Barnesville. So I'm trying to avoid sending checks through the mail. Please see me before you head on home. A few of you already know you've got envelops coming. So thank you. I'm cutting it short.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Keven. The second committee is Golf, that was chaired this year by Brian Saterfield from Galion. His report is on page 11. Brian isn't with us this weekend.

This year's Tournament will be held the second weekend of September. It's hosted in Ashland this year, so I'm sure there will be more information coming. Ernie Weiler from Ashland will be the State Chairman, so look for things from Ernie coming out soon.

Next is Charity Tickets, that's chaired by Lloy Skillicorn, from Galion. His report can be found on page 8. And he's making his way to the front, so he has something to add.

MR. SKILLICORN: First off, if any Lodges need more tickets than what you got this year, just send me the email and let me know how many more you need so that I can add it and I'll get them to you. The following Lodges I need tickets from: From the North Central District: Mount Vernon; Northeast: Conneaut, Barnesville; Northwest: Defiance, Swanton; South Central: Circleville, Ironton, New Lexington, Nelsonville, Southeast: Cambridge, New Philadelphia, Barnesville; and Southwest: A whole bunch, Springfield, Hamilton, Washington Court House, Middleton, Hillsboro, and Wilmington. Thank you.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Lloy. Next up is

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Calendars, that's chaired by Duke Miller, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from Painesville. His report is on page 4. And Duke also has something to add.

MR. MILLER: Yes, just a couple, just an update, because the March results are in. And I guess it's kind of a good news/bad news thing. The good news is, we've increased our Calendar sales 624. We've sold 4,643 as of the end of March and as there will still be some more trickling in April. The bad news, I was talking to Lee this morning and he said we're paying out a lot more money. So that's bad news for the Ohio Elks Association, but's also the good news for you. And I guess that's all I got is good news today.

Just to update my report, as of the end of March the Northwest District has sold the most calendars with 1219, followed by Southeast with 1,023, and Northeast 842. Ohio River Valley, Mercy County, and Lima are still the top three Lodges.

We had a good year this year. I want to thank everybody that helped sell calendars. If we can keep this up, we can keep increasing it; make more money for the State and more money for all of you out there. And that's really the good thing. If you look at the list that comes out every month of the winners, the Lodges that have sold the most calendars appear on that list more times, so you need to sell more calendars to get more money out to your members. So thanks a lot for all your help this year and hopefully next year will be just as good.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Duke. Next up would be Cerebral Palsy, that's chaired by Cindy Rinehart, from

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New Philadelphia. Cindy couldn't be with us this weekend, for a family obligation. I'm going have Chuck Hilyard and Sara Dunavent please come forward, they have some check presentations. Cindy's report can be found on page 6. And I will turn it over to them.

MS. DUNAVENT: Thank you. If I can have the reps, the CP reps from North Central come up, Northeast, Northwest, South Central, Southeast is she's already got hers, and Southwest, which is myself. Northwest we gave to the Ability Center of Toledo, the Sunshine Foundation, Sara's Garden Hyperbaric Center, Children's Development Center of Lima, and Mercy Health St. Rita's Development Therapy, for a total of \$51,114. North Central, we gave the Mercy Health Foundation, Fairway/Waycraft, Wayne County Committee for Crippled Children, Fisher Titus Medical, for a total of \$31,500. South Central right? That's a big list, Easter Seals Rehabilitation, Ross County MRDD, Gallia Board of DD, Guiding Hand School, Jackson County Board of DD, which is Hope Haven, Vinton County Board of DD, Meigs County Board of DD, Perry County Board of DD, Union County Board of DD, and three camperships, for a total of \$50,172. And I also have checks for Northeast, which is UCP of Greater Cleveland and the Hattie Larlham Foundation, sorry, I don't how to say that, for \$31,790. Cindy has the Echoing Hills Village, Ewing School, Belco Works, Rainbow Connection, Jefferson County Board of DD, Guernsey County Board of DD, I think it's Bellaire Elementary School, and two camperships, for \$29,800. And finally, the Southwest, United

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Rehabilitation Services and two camperships, for total of \$20,800.

This year through your hard work we were able to give out a total of \$215,176 in grants and camperships. Thank you all for your hard work. I have the District O.S.U. Tickets out at the booth. District reps, please see me. And please, everybody, encourage people to purchase those, it's two season tickets for Ohio State home games. We also, on behalf of the CP Board, are going to donate 100 lanyards to the veterans for use at Sandusky. There's a 50/50 raffle going on out at the booth for proceeds going to the Endowment. And Chuck has one other thing.

MR. HILYARD: Good morning, everyone. I am the CP Fund Committee Treasurer, so I do have the final results for your 2017-2018 year. So this is the results of, I'm going just read the Districts, the North Central District, their per capita ended up being \$6.68, and they only had to meet \$4.00, so there's some big totals there. The Northeast District finished at \$7.13 per member. The Northwest District a \$5.66. The South Central District at \$6.46. The Southeast District at \$3.68. And the Southwest District at \$2.30. So all in all we did a very good job as a State. We did \$5.36 overall, so well above the goal, so our congratulations to, for sure, all the CP reps in each District for pushing CP, and again back to the members for donating the amount that you did donate this year. Did want to call out a few individual Lodges that were in double digits, so if you could bear with me real quick. The North Central District: Norwalk \$17.43 was their per capita.

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Yes, a round of applause, that sounds good. Wooster Lodge \$11.91. From the Northeast District: Willoughby/Cleveland \$11.24, Conneaut \$12.51, the Lodge of Parma, \$18.87. From the Northwest District: Toledo/Sylvania \$20.29, Tiffin Lodge #33.65. The South Central District: Columbus/Grove City \$10.35, Marysville \$12.01, Columbus North \$11.08. So, again, great job. A lot of these Lodges are really putting forth the effort in this program and, again, we thank you from the Committee. Thank you.

MS. DUNAVENT: Sorry, I forgot two things. First of all, the drawing will be at 6:30 tonight, right before the business meeting. Also, if there are any checks I will be happy to take them and give them to Chuck. From Fremont \$907, Berea \$214.50, Willoughby/Cleveland \$500, Ravenna \$1,219.96. Thank you. This is Salem \$1,487. This is from the Past Exalted Rulers in Norwalk \$2,658, Ashtabula \$1,932.70. The badge enforcement for the State Offices \$60. Form New Lexington 509 for the CP Trust, \$3,500. Finally, the Bowling Tournament \$450. Thank you everybody.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you Sara and Chuck. The last committee is our State Major Projects, that's chaired by Roger Martin, Past State President from Hillsboro. He decided he wanted a little more sunshine and went south, so we'll refer to Lance Knight, Past State President, from Lakewood or Lakewood. I guess I should have got in earlier last night. All right. Let's strike Willoughby/Cleveland.

MR. L. KNIGHT: We'll be hillbilly.

MR. RATLIFF: Willoughby/Cleveland, my

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apologies.

MR. L. KNIGHT: We'll accept it. As he said, this is Roger Martin's Report, and his report can be found on page 6 of the directory. I'd like to add, that because of your generous donations and support we have helped to make significant contributions to the State Major Project Endowment. The state Major Project Board of Directors and the Fund Raising Committee truly appreciate your support on behalf of the Endowment. We will be holding another fundraiser raffle again at the Fall Reunion. It will be similar as to last year, well be selling raffle tickets and accepting sponsorships for the 8 major change in prizes. After listening to comments from last year we have made a couple of changes. We will be moving the start time to 7:30, Jim, so that Jim and the Grand can be there, through to 7:30. And the raffle and the other items we will have other items, as well as selling chances on door prizes, which will also be accepted for donation. All the information and tickets have been put in envelopes to each Lodge and should be picked up in the registration room. Did everybody pick them up? This will give us more time to sell the tickets and sponsorships for this year. Again, thank you for your continued support of the Endowment. Roger Martin, Past District Deputy, Past State President.

Again, I hope everybody has picked up their packet in the registration room, if not, please do. Get those back to your District and sent out to your Lodges within your District.

Just a couple of things that I would like the add. No. 1, there seems to be, for the new people here, as well as the old,

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older people that are here. I don't mean that literally, I mean, as members, the veterans, yes, that the endowment is totally separate from CP and we are in the process of redefining the Bylaws to reflect that. I think there's a lot of people who don't understand that. They're two separate entities. Yes, the Endowment does feed to CP and that's our hopes for the future, is to be able to do better things for CP down the road. So that being, I hope everybody will understand that we are doing a separate fund here.

The Committee is taking over the Angel Pins, that was one of the things that was giving some controversy, because nobody understood that they were being sold at that time CP Booth, but yet they're for the Endowment, so people weren't buying those. We would appreciate that you still do buy the CP pins, the Angle Pins, I should say, and that will go towards the Endowment. No. 2, there is a 50/50, as Sara said, that is out there for the Endowment. It's not for CP, that half of that 50/50, our half or whatever, will go to the Endowment. So everything that you do, as far as the Endowment, does reflect your per capita, so be sure and give to both. I know that we're always asking for more and more and more, but this is the future of the Ohio Elks Association so that we can do better and greater things not only for CP, but it is the Ohio Elks Charities Endowment. So down the road if there's another charity that we elect to give to, we hope that we can support those endeavors down the road.

The next thing I had, again, we will be having the Fall Raffle and we will be accepting Sponsorships for that raffle,

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as usual. And any other items that each Lodge would like to donate, we already have a nice golf bag that has been donated, we had some Elk memorabilia that has been donated, so it's not just a gun raffle, it is a raffle. So if your Lodge would be so kind to put together some kind of a prize and get it to us before the fall, or at the Fall Reunion, we would love to have your sponsorship on a raffle, and that, of course, would go towards your per capita as well, put a monetary value on it. And at that, unless anybody has any questions about the Endowment that I might be able to answer. I would accept I would accept well, you got a question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, a check. Just a check.

MR. L. KNIGHT: Okay. I will accept checks. He's ahead of me, that's easy to do, I'm sorry. Okay. This one is from Berea Elks for \$46. This one is from Willoughby/Cleveland Elks Lodge \$750. Are there any others? Okay. Thank you very much for your time and we hope to see you this Fall at the raffle.

MR. RATLIFF: Thanks, Lance. Mr. President, that concludes the reports under my jurisdiction.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mark. I now call upon First Vice President, our newly elected President, Nevin Taylor, for the reports and the committees under his jurisdiction.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, very much, Mr. President. I have three quick commercials that I want to announcement. Ms. Sara Sally, would you please stand back up for a second? Ladies and Gentlemen, that's your new State

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CP Chairman. Please help her committee. It's not her job only, it's our job, so, please, Sara, Congratulations.

The second one would be, again, I'd like the Webmaster, our new one, Rich, if you'd please stand up. Ladies and Gentlemen, he's looking for suggestions. He wants to make it a website that's very user friendly and more importantly, he's got it set up, so that when you want to send an email to Endowment, it's Endowment@Ohioelks.com. Looking for other suggestions. He will also be working with Kermit to put together our newsletter. We have until 5/5, which means we don't have much time. We need articles. It's not our job to write them. It's not Kermit's job to write them. They need them from you. So please share the good things you're doing in your Lodges with either Kermit or Rich and we'll get it put together and on 5/6 you'll see a different look to the Ohio Elks News.

Next announcement, it's not very often, Mary Carolyn, I get to say one thing that you didn't say. Ladies and gentlemen, we have Lifetime Achievement Levels and today it's my honor to recognize a Marysville 1130 member who hit the \$5,000 Lifetime Achievement. Ladies and Gentlemen, Kermit Morse. Kermit.

My final commercial goes for last night's entertainer, his name is Ronny Stevens, he said to tell you excuse me I'm sorry, Ronnie Clinton. I was thinking Bill Clinton, never mind. Hillary would be involved. More importantly, his message was he saw a lot of you at the 11 O'clock Toast, he wants to see a lot more of you in August. He'll be here ready

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to perform, and he needs an audience, so please consider Fun Night as a priority and look forward to having a good time.

With that, I'll go right into my Committees. My first committee, is Community Service and Public Relations, Kermit Morse. Kermit, your report can be found on page 8 and. Is there anything you'd like to add?

MR. MORSE: Only that I'm having a committee meeting this afternoon at 1:30. If you've got questions about Community Service Grants, what's eligible, what's not eligible. Come to the meeting, it's not going to be a formal presentation, it's going to be kind of a round table type of discussion about what kinds of things that you can do with Community Service Grants.

MR. TAYLOR: Next up would be the Hoop Shoot. Dennis Sabo is not here. Folks, we only know him as basketball and the Winner Programs, but he also serves as an announcer for the Bellevue Track and this is their league meeting today. And as the head organizer Committee Chairman he needs to be there. But for him 5 out of sex excuse me 5 out of 6 years sex, yes 5 out of 6 years we've had the honor of being a National Champion Winner, and this year we have two National Winners. They're not in the program completely; they were competing when that program needed to complete to be out for you to be here today. So get my lips moving, I should have been in earlier last night, too. From North Canton Ava Kauri, she shot 23 out of 25. She's an 8 and 9 year old. Congratulation Massillon/North Canton on your winner. The next gentleman, and when I do

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his introduction, when you get to see him in Texas you can stand very proud, he's the Getty Powell Winner for the Hoop Shoot. He's not very tall, but I'll tell you what, when it talks about heart and skill you can't beat this young man, Anthony Thompson comes from Dayton area, he's Lebanon Lodge, you have the National Winner, Getty Powell, highest percentage. Ladies and Gentlemen, he went through five shoot offs and he only shot 59 out of 60. When I asked him for something to say to you this morning, he said "Next year we'll be perfect". I like that attitude. Get him to be an Elk. So congratulations to the Lebanon Lodge.

His report, the rest of it that I didn't mention, can be found on page 12. Again, when you see Dennis say thank you, but more importantly, when you go back home to your Lodge Chairman for the Hoop Shoot say thank you to them and be the first person to volunteer to help them.

Next up, our Scholarship Committee, Mr. Chuck Flint. Chuck, I know your report can be found on page 14, but I know you have some other information for us this morning.

MR. FLINT: And I hope everybody can hear me okay. On the National Award Winners, we were notified that we have a student in the top 20. Moya Ly, Cincinnati, the Top 20, they're competing this weekend. She is guaranteed to get \$5,000 a year for four years, and it all depends on how she does this weekend. We do have a top 20 MVS. The other ones will all receive \$1,000 for four years in the National Contest. And today in Worthington Room 2, we're going to do the Educational Fund Grants and hopeful email out to a

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group of selections.

MR. TAYLOR: Very good. If you have any questions on Educational Grants, on the Vocational Ed Grants, talk to your Chairman, he'll get it done.

Our next committee is the Soccer Committee, Larry Clement. Larry, had to go home, he wasn't feeling good. For those of you who got to see the big trophy, he had in here yesterday afternoon, we were the Regional All Points Champions, which means in all the division, however you place and scored, you were the best. We're on a three string with that, so when you see Larry, tell him thumbs up.

For those of you and I know there's a soccer that's coming this coming Saturday, please get your Soccer Shoots in place. There are a lot of kids that do a lot of soccer playing that we're missing, so please help us. I do want to mention too, that he has three Regional Champs. His report can be found, the little bit that we have, on page 17, but I promise you if you need help with the Soccer Shoot, you just pick up the phone and Larry Clement will be on the other end telling you "It's A Kick" and to get started.

So with that, I'll go to the next activity. The DAC's for 2017-2018, if you're in the room would you please stand. DAC's, I know you're in the room, please stand up. Ladies and Gentlemen, these individuals were given a charge to have 100 percent reports of all their Committees at every District meeting. We're at 92 percent that might be an A minus. My suggestion to you individuals is to tell your predecessor 100 percent looks pretty damn good, anything less

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we won't accept. I want to say thank you. Please recognize these individuals. It's important that we realize we give a responsibility to every District Chairman to get the job done. Please help your DAC's, because if you're doing your job it makes their job easier and they can do more. So I want to say again thank you to those. "Our" report can be found on page 18, and you'll notice you didn't hear me say "my" report, because, folks, I was junior, those were my seniors and they got the job done, so I want to say thank you to them.

I know we do not have a Youth Report in the directory. I would like to recognize our new Youth Chairman, Steve Cox, he's from Marysville. If you have questions about Scouting, if you have any questions about the volunteerism, Steve will be found at the YouthActivities@OhioElks.com, and he'll get back to you. Steve, are you in the house, because I know Steve was out late last night too? We'll teach Junior how to get here on time.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the committees are here for you to work with. They're not here to work for you, to work with. The State Officers are here to help, all we ask is that you open up and give you that one thing that God gave you, one mouth and we'll listen with our two years ears and we'll make success happen in Ohio. God Bless. We'll see you tonight.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Nevin. The next committees to report are mine and thank goodness I was assigned four committees and they took one from me before I started. But first up is Advisory Council with Past State President Roger Crowe. Roger, do you have something for

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us?

MR. CROWE: I have the opportunity to get in front of the Mike.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Lance got that.

MR. CROWE: Good morning, all. The Advisory Board met yesterday afternoon, care of some of our regular housekeeping. Due to the unfortunate situation with the passing of Dick Treacle we had some unusual progression to deal with in the Advisory Council. Normally the outgoing State President would become our secretary. Dane has declined to do that. I just don't understand why he doesn't want to come take notes for us. So as a result, all of the seated officers were reelected for another term so we can get it right the second time around. Also I did make the appointment of Jack Minarchick, and he is from Lakewood Lodge, to a three year term on the State Major Project Fund Board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Roger. Next I had the Judiciary Committee, which is headed by Past State President Richard Wolfe, and he is a Past State President here older than me in service.

MR. WOLFE: Very briefly. I hope you can hear me. The Judiciary Committee stands ready to assist as needed. We have an excellent group of District Judiciary Chairman or Committeemen, I think several of them are here, if you are please stand. And try, if you're having a problem that's appropriate for Judiciary please try to resolve it at that level first, we stand ready to be of assistance as needed. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Rick. The last

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Committee I have is the PER Ritual Committee, chaired by Jill Hawse. Jill, do you have any anything for us today?

MR. TAYLOR: She's at Ritual.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I saw her and she stayed not. Well, she'll have something to report at the committee as well, she's going to give a reading at the PER deceased members at Red's Memorial Service.

Are there any committees that we failed to call upon? I'd like to thank the State Chairpersons for the excellent reports and great work you have done in the past year and in manner in which you have conducted yourself in support of our membership. And let them continue to serve a cause greater than ourselves. I'd like to thank Secretary/Treasurer, Past State President, Lee Young, for putting the Committee Report Book together. Lee does an excellent job and keeps the Association running smoothly. Please, let's show Lee our appreciation. Okay, Mark. I now call upon Chairman of the Board of Trustees, for any comments from the Trustees on the adoption of the Budget.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, good morning. Before we get to the Budget, I would first like to thank my fellow Trustees, Lugene Ignaffo and Ed Connors, this year for working diligently on creating a Budget that works for the Association. I'd also like to thank Lee Young for his help and guidance and any information I needed was given to me whenever I asked and it makes the task much easier, so, Lee, thank you very much. I'd also like to thank the Past State Presidents and all our State

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Chairman who also supported this Budget and work hard so that we can stay within our finances and creates a good work environment. So with that being said, yesterday the Budget for 2018-19 Association was presented for your review. And, Mr. President, at this time I would make the motion that that budget be accepted.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: We have a motion that the budget be accepted. Is there a second?

MR. L. KNIGHT: Lance Knight, Willoughby/Cleveland No. 18.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion? If not, show your approval by giving the voting sign of Elk. Hands down. Against, the same voting sign. Motion carried.

MR. RATLIFF: Thank you, all, and thank you, Mr. President. It's back to you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Its easy to spend money isn't it, somebody else's? I want to remind everyone that the Ohio Elks Charity Committee will be holding the drawing for prizes tonight's business meeting. If you haven't already done so, you can purchase your tickets.

Then I will recognize our Grand Lodge Committees for any comments they may have. I will start with Area Four Grand Lodge Ritual Committeeman, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Iddings from Dayton Lodge No. 58.

MR. IDDIGS: Thank you, Dane. This year we have two great Lodges competing in the Ritual competition

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next door, Elyria Lodge 465 and Kenton Lodge No. 157. They will also have there will also be an 11 O'clock Toast over in the same room at 1:00 and that will be the 11 O'clock and The Flag Charge. Whichever team wins today, and we wish them both good luck, they will represent Ohio at Grand Lodge. So we ask that you show your support and be there for the winning team from Ohio at Grand Lodge. But you're going to have to get up early, because they go on at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning. So some of you might not about in town by then, so I hope you're there to show the support.

Now that we've gone back to the long form on Initiation, your Lodge should consider getting into the contest, back into the contest, because it does help develop the Officers and do their jobs, and most Lodges and I'll go from the past that have competed, their officers seem to be a tight unit and they learn to work together. So we hope to see more of you in that contest as years go by. Plus the Lodges can, who come to State, can earn for competition can earning extra money through Duke's fund over here on the calendar. If you do sell, what is it, for every member of the Lodge, every 6 members you sell one calendar, and they don't have to be members of your Lodge to sell that calendar, you can get \$1,000 coming here. So it does take a little work, but what doesn't take a little work, a little hard work if you want to be good at it. Also have fun with your Ritual. On some of the other teams that do compete, they do visit other Lodges and do the Initiation.

We had this year, the new basically all the secretaries got this book, sent to them by Grand Lodge, and it's the "Manual

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of Rituals of Special Services". You can get it online there. We went from nine services to 13 services. We added the Veterans Day, the Memorial Tablet, Father's Day, POW/MIA service. It's all volunteer. Three of the services can be done in the public, so it's not just in the confines of the Lodge meeting. We did have a change in the funeral service at the beginning of this due to the fact that we wanted to clarify some of the opening of the funeral service to make it that we wanted to show the family members how we as Elks honor our deceased members there. If you have any ideas for a special service, because all three of these came from individuals like yourself, get with the area committeemen, which is me in this case, and we can discuss it and then put together the form of how to do a special service. That's how the POW/MIA and the Veteran's Days Service come along. So you have an idea or something you want to do, contact us. If you have any ideas for Rituals, because we're, besides the initiation as the special services, we handle all Rituals in the Elks. And basically oh, the winners will be announced tonight at the meeting of the Ritual Contest, the chair the team winners and the chair winners. I do have some more chimes left of my last group of chimes, so if anybody wants those little chimes, you see me, we can get that. And anything else I can say is God Bless, God Bless the Elks, our Troops and first responders, wherever they may be, and God Bless the United States of America. Thank you.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mike. Next up we have Past State President, Doug Schiefer, who is the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, Bucyrus

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Lodge No. 156. He's going to the front.

MR. SCHIEFER: Good morning, everyone. First off, I just want to thank everyone in this room and for those of you also that have helped me out this last five years on the Fraternal Committee as I complete my term as Chairman at Grand Lodge.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: He's getting nervous.

MR. SCHIEFER: So I'm going to take Brad's advice and try to keep this as short as I can. But what I want to do is recognize Lodges from Ohio that were all Ohio Lodges this past year. First off, honorable mention, and if you would, a representative, either Exalted Ruler or someone from the Lodge come up. Bellevue 1013 and Mansfield 56 were Honorable Mention in Division 1, which is under 301 members. Yes, Bellevue and Mansfield 56. In Third Place, Division 1, Norwalk 730, if they'd come up. Second Place, Marion 32. And in 1st Place, Berea 1815.

Now, in Division 2, Honorable Mention, Sandusky 285 and Galion 1191. If representatives would come up from those two Lodges.

In 3rd place, Parma 1938. 2nd Place, Toledo/Sylvania 53. And in 1st Place, Marysville 1130.

In Division 3, 3rd Place, Findlay Lodge No. 75. 2nd place, Ashland Lodge No. 1360. And in 1st Place, well, I know they're over competing, Elyria Lodge 465. And our lone Division 4 Lodge, 1st Place Gallipolis No. 107.

Now, I've got two State Chairman that I want to recognize that have been helpful to me throughout the years, especially

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this year. First is our State Americanism Chairman, Debbie Lazar. (She kisses Doug.) Okay. Okay. Okay. And our State Lodge Activities Chairman Tom Pavlik.

MR. PAVLIK: I'll kiss you.

MR. SCHIEFER: I might let you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What, no kiss?

MR. SCHIEFER: Now I want to recognize some other individuals who were Ohio's top membership recruiters this past year, the top five. This first gentleman is Past Exalted Ruler from Kenton Lodge No. 157, John Hines, with 13 members to be recruited for Kenton Lodge. Also with 13 members recruited from Marysville Lodge 1130, Nevin Taylor. Now these, the rest of them are all from the same Lodge. In 3rd Place, with 17 members recruited, from Lima Lodge No. 54, Eric Shaff. And also with 17 members recruited, from Lima Lodge, is Bradley Sullivan. In 2nd, with 30 members recruited for Lima, Jeanette Evans. Is Jeanette back there? And Jeanette also finished Jeanette, you finished 19th Nationally. And our top recruiter in the State of Ohio, from Lima Lodge 54, is Ralph Thiery, who had 84 members from Lima Lodge. Ralph was third Nationally, and Ralph is 77 years old. So there's still hope for all of us to do that well. Thank you for all your support and your help and God Bless.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Mike. Next up, we have our Past Grand Lodge Grand Exalted Ruler I'm getting the wrong line.

PGER NICHELSON: How about Mary Carolyn?

PRESIDENT DYSERT: She's right down below

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you.

PGER NICHELSON: Oh, okay.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: James L. Nicholson, from Ohio River Valley Lodge 231, who will introduce our Special Guest.

PGER NICHELSON: In a minute. When I started college at Ohio State I had the distinction of being cussed out by Woody Hayes on my first day there. A true story. I lived in the stadium dorm and in those days the team watched films at night, and I walked through on my first night and tripped over the cord, and Woody who said "Who did that, blah, blah, blah, blah"? We got along a lot better after that first night. But Woody always said something that I have found to be very true, and that is "Pay it forward". And that's what we started to do, my friends, with paying it forward with a fund that we are establishing for posterity. And Lance said it so eloquently; this is not necessarily a CP fund, although right now it really is. But right now it's not paying anything. We're trying to grow our Endowment. It's over two million bucks. A couple of things have not been said about it. You should understand, although the Market is going up and down and it's crazy right now, the conservative way that those funds are invested, and so you know, so everything is transparent, right now it's 55 equities and 45 fixed assets. That means stocks and bonds. That's fairly conservative, so we're in it for the long run. This is not anything that should get you terribly upset, even though the Market right now is crazy. And we're all going to be dead and gone before our annuities, or whatever we invest

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in the future in our fund, in our Endowment, pay off for those that we do our work for in Ohio. It's going to be many years before we can get the dog gone thing built up so that it really produces a nice income. Be generous. It's a 501(c)(3), it goes through the Charitable Trust, it's invested through the auspices of the Columbus Foundation. We have PNC as an advisor, they've changed things. It's working. It will work in the future. It is going to be wonderful, as I say, after you and I are gone.

I've got if great news. I've got some congratulations. Before I introduce Ed and introduce Penny, I've got to tell that you we have good and bad news too. And I want to make sure that you understand that we're going to San Antonio, kind of a destination city, and you really want to take your family to it. And although it's not warm in July in Texas, San Antonio has this water down below the level of the streets and it's very pleasant and it's going to be a great crowd. We're celebrating our 150th Anniversary in a big, way, especially during the Opening Ceremonies in San Antonio, so go, I guarantee you'll have a great time. Okay. Now, good news and bad news. The bad news first, we lost 551 members in the state last year. The good news is, that's half of what it was last year and that's a third of what it was two years ago. Are we going in the right direction? Yes. Not quite good enough, but we're going the right direction on membership, and that ties in with our thanks on grants and all of that kind of thing.

On Membership, Exalted Rulers, put every single one of your officers on the Membership Committee and make that

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Committee work. Here's what you do: Get your list of folks who have dropped, maybe for the last three, four, five, six, seven years, and you sit down as a group get out your phones and call them up and say "You know what, we really miss you. We need you. Would you consider rejoining"? People who do that get 50 percent return satisfaction reinstatements. Do it. Exalted Rulers, every officer, every officer is on that Membership Committee, call them up and say "Hello, we want you back". You will get a 50 percent return. That 551 will go away and you're still in the 60 days where it's free. Do it as soon as you get home.

Okay, wonderful news on Grants. Everybody, except 6 or 7 Lodges what is it, 6 or 7, Mary Carolyn? got a grant. We use them in the community. We now use them for membership. We're not selfish we'll give money in our community, and "Oh, by the way, we're a Lodge that is involved in our community". And "Oh, by the way, if you like what we do, come join us". Use it for membership.

We've got a couple of folks who are gracing us with their presence to visit us from Michigan, Ed and Penny has been here before, I think you probably know them. But it's my very great pleasure to introduce to you Ed and Penny Geishert. Ed is, of course, Public Relations and Marketing and Membership and all of that, and he's going put on a CLMS seminar this afternoon. I think I heard 2:30, did I not? And probably in 4. I'm not sure where it is. But definitely if you're interested in CLMS and all of that, come on over to it. Ed also has a stake in membership and that's what I'd like him to talk to

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you a little bit this morning. So without further adieu, please welcome Ed Geishert.

MR. GEISHERT: Thank you, you very much. I have to compliment you on your good manners, by this time in Michigan the room is half empty, and there's been a mass exodus for the door.

I do want to tell you before I begin, I've listened to the Chaplain closely this morning, so I've taken two pages out of the middle the end is coming quickly.

10 years ago I was appointed to the Public Relations Committee. At that time our focus was Public Relations, getting press releases out to the newspapers, getting something in print. We didn't care much about we weren't focused on membership at that time. For dozens of years Grand Lodge did us a disservice, "More members. More members. Cattle drives. Bring them in. Bring them in". It took us a long time to turn around and look and saw that we had the back door open. We were recruiting members like the devil and we're getting vast members in and they're working their way out through the room and out the backdoor. A couple years ago we closed that door. We started working on retention. We started working on getting delinquent members back. Keeping the members that we've got. We're already invested in these people, let's keep them with us. Let's keep them here. Let's get them busy.

There's three parts to getting a new member. First the application, you ask them. Easy enough. Okay, we've got their application fee. Now we have to do something

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with them. We orient them. I believe this is the weak link between the initiation and the recruitment, is that orientation. Teaching new members who we are, what we do, and telling them what their rights and obligations are. A new member has an obligation to the Order. We are a fraternal service organization. We do work in the community. Thanks to ENF we're being recognized more and more for the money we're working into the communities. We're getting the recognition slowly that we've deserved for so many years. Orientation is where we teach the new candidates about who we are and what we do. Penny and I have visited probably a thousand Lodges across the country. We speak with a lot of State Officers, a lot of Exalted Rulers, Lodge Officers, Club Managers, and bartenders. Way too often we find that an Indoctrination and an Orientation Program is an hour before the meeting. The meeting is at 7:00, we meet at 6:00. Yes, we tell them about what we do, show them a video, and then we initiate them. We've got them in. I don't think that's the way to go about it. And an orientation needs to be set on a separate night, it should last at least an hour. Penny and I have been doing it for 30 years. We get new committee people from the candidates during orientation. We give them a list of all the committees, what the duties of the committees are, the approximate time it takes throughout the year, by month, day week, and we get them to commit right there. There's something on that list they want to do. They want to work with veterans. They want to work with youth. They like the scholarship idea. There is something there for them; we just

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have to pair them up. I'm going to hand these sheets out at the CLMS Workshop. CLMS Workshop in Dublin 3, right over here at 2:00. They said that the CLMS Workshop, it's more of a secretary/officer's workshop. We're going to cover the secretary's office entirely. We're going to tell you shortcuts, the duties. We're going to teach you to be a good secretary without the least amount of effort. Combined, Penny and I, have to 28 years as Lodge secretaries so we know the ins and outs, we can help you a lot.

Grand Lodge has helped us in a number of ways over the past year. They've change some rules. They change rules so now we can initiate people within 30 days. That's the 30 day rule. From the time that application is read on the floor until they're made a member should be no more than 30 days. They allow us now to notify the membership by posting on a Lodge bulletin board. It doesn't have to be printed in the bulletin anymore, it can be. But if you're going to meet that 30 days post it on the bulletin board. Membership retention, the most important part of a Lodge's activity right now is with new members. We don't have trouble getting them in, it's keeping them. As a CLMS coordinator I have access to the databases of all the Lodges in the country. I particularly look at Area Four. Before I came here I was going through Ohio's Lodges and I'm looking at your delinquent list. I'm amazed at the number of members you have on the delinquent list that are 40 and 50 and a couple of 60 years members. I wonder, did you really know where these people are? A 60 year member, think about that, if he's initiated when he was 21 he's in his

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80's now, more than likely pushing 90. Is he even at home? Is he in a nursing home? Is he in Veterans Home? Find out where these people are. Use Legacy.com, which will give you an obituary of a person anyplace in the country. And maybe that member is already deceased and you're paying per capita on him, you don't know. If they're in a nursing home or a veteran's home the chances are their kids get the mail, they're not going to pay Elks dues, "We're not going to pay that. 100 bucks this year. He's not ever going down there again". I think we have the obligation to remit those dues. We've already paid per capita, let's give that gentleman or that lady the dignity as passing on as an Elk member. Remit the dues for them. If they're in Veterans home now you can do double duty, you can adopt them as a veteran, complete your Adopt a Vet Program, and you're retaining a member. That's the charitable thing to do. We need to show that brotherly love.

How do you keep members? Low prices at the bar I don't think is the secret. You can go to any bar in town, in Coldwater, our Lodge, we can go to any bar in town and buy drink cheaper than we can buy at the Elks Lodge. So what keeps us members? It's the Activities. The Lodge has to have to a good variety and a good repetition of activities. One major activity a month. You have to give the people something, the members something to want to come down to the Lodge to participate. You have to get them engaged. When they're down there, now you have to talk to them. We see a number of members in our Lodge, as we recruit and as we work on delinquents, they start to come back, we haven't

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seen them in a long while. I remember them by face from a dozen years ago, but I can't remember their name. We go up and talk to them. Candidates, after we orient them, they go back downstairs to have a Toddy, we go down and join them. We talk to them about the Elks. That next Friday night, when they come in for dinner, we make sure that they're seated with somebody and if not, we go and sit with them. We talk with them about the Elks. They don't know enough to ask a lot of questions. We have to provide the answers before they ask. They want to know who we are. They want to know what their responsibilities are. They want to know "What can we do"? We see the name, we wear the pin, we see the badges, and it's all very cool. We get the Grand Lodge Newsletter; there are a lot of neat things in there "What can I do to help"? How can I make this happen"? Don't be bashful with new members. Don't be bashful with anybody, it doesn't pay.

We were in Pasadena this last August for a football game. We stopped at the Pasadena Elks Lodge. You see them every New Year's Day, there are Lodge is right on Colorado Boulevard. They rent their Lodge to the TV stations and National broadcasters to film the parade from their balcony, from their grounds. That is their Major fundraiser a year. We went down to have dinner there two different times, the first time we were the only two in the dining room, and this is a good sized dining room. They have full menu. They have a bartender that's all dressed up in a nice little bartender outfit, very personable. They have a professional waiter in a black tuxedo: he's got the cloth over his arm, takes very good care

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of you. Their members don't participate in their Lodge. They don't have any activities, they have the meal service. We were there on a meeting night and there were four officers that came in and ate with us and that was it. You have to have activities to get members down; you have to have activities to get members engaged. We stopped in Deadwood, South Dakota; their Lodge is on the second floor of a building they own. The only way that you know the Lodge is open, they have a BPOE sign hanging up on the second floor, if it's lighted you can go upstairs and have a drink, if it's out they're not open. We stopped in Pierre, South Dakota, at the Teddy Roosevelt bar. That Lodge found a bar that Teddy Roosevelt used to frequent when he'd go hunting in South Dakota. It was in storage unit someplace. They found out about it, they it and they installed in their building. While they were installing it they found a pair of Teddy's eyeglasses that were there. They've got those mounted up there. There are bullet holes in it where Teddy shot it up one night. There are so many interesting places to do. So many interesting Lodges to see in this country, that's something you teach the members at orientation, that that card will get into some of the most interesting places in the world, at least in the United States. There are stories in every Lodge. Those are the stories that you want to take to members so that they understand when they travel around, when they come the Ohio they can have a good time, they can stop, they can find the best places to eat, the best places to stay, the things to see, the areas to stay away from. That's the benefit of visiting another Lodge. That's the benefit of having a membership

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card. That's one of the obligations that you have, to use that card to visit and to learn.

Every time I come to Ohio I take notes. I've got four pages of notes now I'm taking back to Michigan, not only to the State Association, but to individual Lodges. And Penny and I talk to every Lodge every year. We're down to 57 Lodges, so it's getting easier. As we get older it's harder to travel, but still we're going to make it. But we learn things here, we take it back and I have to thank you for that. You guys are very gracious, you're very warm, and you're very smart.

The end has caught up to me. I want to thank you for your time. We will talk more at the CLMS session this afternoon and I look forward to seeing more of you later today and tonight. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: Is there any more reports to come before this Session? If not, I'll defer to Mary Carolyn Nichelson, who has to give away some prizes. Mary.

MS. NICHELSON: One prize. I'm going to invite Penny Geishert up; you can ask the gentleman behind you to hold your ticket, just in case she draws her own. Penny, as you can tell from Ed reference to her is quite an active Elk and she's been a State Trustee for six years. So she's done a lot and eventually, and we hope she'll be in, in 2023 their first female State President. Yeah, you go girl. Okay. We usually have to draw about three tickets until we get someone who is here. 926996. Anybody? 996. He should have bought that extra ticket. 775554. All right. I wondered if it was at

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our table, because I told sold them first and if you were close. Thank you all so much. I had money in my safe that I sold from last night, but it looks to me like we grossed somewhere between \$1,700 and \$1,800. Thank you, Rose Durant. That's fantastic.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: After this we'll have the Memorial Service at 11 o'clock in this room and at 7:30 this evening the final Business Session, at which time the Elk of the Year, Elk Hall of Fame will be awarded. Ritual Awards will be presented and a new core of officers for 201819 will be installed. We urge everyone to be attendance. Secretary Lee, is there anything else to come before this meeting? Excellent. Would everyone please rise. The State Chaplain, Brad, will lead us in prayer.

(Prayer)

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I now declare the Business Meeting of the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association recessed until 7:30 this evening.

<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Hundred And Twentieth ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT Northwest HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Installation of Officers Saturday, April 28, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:30 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>I introduce them, please rise, remain standing until all have been introduced. Past Grand Exalted Ruler and our Sponsor, James L. Nicholson and his wife Mary Carolyn; Grand Lodge Area Four of the Grand Lodge Committee for Public Relations and Marketing, Edwin C. Geishert and his wife Penny from Coldwater, Michigan Lodge No. 1023; Chairman of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, Past State President Doug Schiefer and his wife Julia, from Bucyrus Lodge No. 156; Area Four Member of the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Michael Iddings, and his wife Marsha, from Dayton Lodge No. 58. At this time you may show your appreciation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Applause)</p> <p>Now it's my pleasure to introduce your State Officers and their Ladies for the fraternal year 20172018. Please hold your recognition until all have introduced. First, I must say, she wasn't too happy when I accepted this position. But she has stood behind me and stayed my best friend, I hope, my wife Jodee. First Vice President, Nevin Taylor, and his wife Deana; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mark Ratliff, and his wife Amy; Approving Member of the Board of Trustee, Eugene Ignaffo, and Jennifer; Trustee Secretary, Ed Connors, and his wife Jan; Second Vice President, Tom Pavlik, and Traci; Interim Governing Board Member, Past State President Richard P. Wolfe; Chaplain, Brad Goodballet, and his wife Kerry; Tiler, Mary Carolyn Nicholson, and her husband Jim; I don't know if he's here, but our Sergeant at Arms, Larry Ropp, and his wife Carolyn it's Crystal. Yes. She's behind me.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: They're going to have more chairs brought into the hall and while we're waiting on the chairs we're going to have the 50/50 drawing for the CP Award.</p> <p>MS. DUNAVENT: There's no name on the back of it. Ticket No. 32793 before I announce the last two, your take is \$300 and we're giving \$300 to the Endowment Fund. And the last two numbers are 41. So it's 9341 that are the last four digits.</p> <p>That's Chuck Hilyard, he's actually the Treasurer for CP, so he's donated his \$300 for a total of \$600 to the Endowment. And thank you very much.</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: I'm about to reconvene the 120th Annual Convention of the Ohio Elks Association of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. We are gathered here for the purpose of completing the business of the day, to install Officers for the fraternal year 201819, to present the Ritual Awards given by the Past Exalted Rulers Association, and also the awards for this year's Elk Hall of Fame and Elk of the Year. I ask all present to please turn off all electronic devices as not to disturb the proceedings and dignity of the Session.</p> <p>At this time I call upon the State Chaplain, Brad Goodballet, for the Invocation, which will be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Would everyone please rise. (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance)</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: It is my pleasure to now introduce our Grand Lodge Dignitaries and their Ladies. As</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Inner Guard, Rosemary Durant; and Secretary/Treasurer, Past State President Lee Young, and his wife Marybeth. Please show your appreciation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Applause)</p> <p>I now call upon Robert Essig for his Credentials and Registration Report.</p> <p>MR. ESSIG: Here is my final Report for Credentials and Registration for the 2018 Annual Elks Convention here in Dublin: North Central District 89, Northeast District 100, Northwest District 131, South Central District 97, Southeast District 47, Southwest District 29, for the total of 493 registered, plus four Special Guests, gives us a total of 497 Members and Guests in attendance. This concludes my Report.</p> <p>PRESIDENT DYSERT: Thank you, Bob. At this time I will call upon the Approving Member of the Board of Trustees, Eugene Ignaffo, who will present the Elk of the Year Award, followed by the Elk Hall of Fame Award.</p> <p>MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, President Dane. I'll tell you, it's great for the enthusiasm I see tonight when I came into the room. You've had a trying year; I know I preached at every District, "Hey, I need applications". I did get some responses, but then I really got some applications. Great applications. All outstanding Elks, men, women, Elks, and members. It makes the job hard. I think "God, now what do I do, I'm a nervous wreck? Look at this". But anyway, as my duty continued I decided I'd compile a Committee together, a couple of Elks Members, a non-Elk member, and we sat</p>

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down and we went to work. The lady looked at me and she says, “Boy, these guys do a lot.” I said, “Yes, but it’s just an average year for an Elk.” Got a smile out of some of them though. So the Committee members, they finally, they brought me back a couple of names and I kind of sit and I bickered and I talked about it, and I thought “Wow, Okay. Now is the decision time.”

But anyway, it was not easy, there were a lot of great applications, and I’ll tell you, Ed, next year I know you’re going to have a hard job, because I’m turning the leftovers to you. But I will say one thing, to all who turned in an application, there’s a lot of great workmanship that’s in that book that we’re turning over and all the applications are kept, but I only ask that you do one thing. If the member did not get his name or her name called this year, please do an update to that application, because they continue to do the work in the Lodge. So like I say, there’s some in there that it’s hard to judge. But please, bear with me; I’m sure that the recipients will be excited tonight, as well as I’m excited to name those recipients. So without further adieu, we’ll get ready to start. I would call upon our Past State President, Dane Dysert, to help me in presenting the awards. Well, he was a past our current, sorry.

The first applicant will be for the Elk of the Year. This gentleman joined the Elks Association over 16 years ago. He served as an officer in his Lodge. He was included as an Officer of the Year. He served the Southwest District over the years as Auditor, District Activities Chairman,

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and Chairman. He served in the Ohio Elks Association as Sergeant at Arms. He served as a State Golf Chairman, two years. He was honored to serve as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler twice. Boy, most of us get to do it once, but he got it twice. He chaired several and numerous Committees over the years in the Lodge, in the District. He attended the local Lodge meetings, District meetings, and State meetings near perfection. We’ve heard many times “Elks Care, Elks Share”. So what was he to do, done locally, this past year, he has shown he cares about being loyal to the Lodge and carried it in the participation of 28 events and projects. Skills and dedication to the Lodge and community has been the new times in his life.

One of his favorite opportunities as an Elk, because he feels new members need to truly understand what it is to be an Elk. He made it his personal mission in helping with activities in numerous opportunities. He had a passion for cooking and keeping his self busy in the Lodge. In the past year he held six Sunday Wing Days and Chaired the Mother’s Day Brunch event and hosted our Bike Run Breakfast. He helped with our United Way Fish Fry and ENF Spaghetti Dinner. He offered opportunities in supporting the Elks National Foundation Project by holding ENF fundraisers at the Kroger Marketplace, where he helped set up and tear down. Time was never of the essence to him, he had nothing but time and all day to make sure the job was done right. He helped for the ENF Beacon Grants in providing 420 schools with shirts and handed them out amongst the city and the Rally in the Alley.

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He helped set up and distribute and clean up and tear down all the tents.

The youth in the community is very important to him. He was there for the Trick or Treat at the Courthouse Square for Halloween. He helped in setting up and tearing down again. And then the next thing in his heart was at the Special Olympics. He attended the area six times in helping with all the events and making sure the athletes and lunch and concession stand. He was there for our local Hoop Shoot and he included helping and set up and tear down.

With further adieu, it gives me great pleasure to announce the Elk of the Year, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and a great friend, Mr. Larry Wise.

Larry, would you like to make a comment, please.

MR. WISE: All those of you from South Central know I was never very shy when I was District Deputy; I probably got on my soapbox way too many times. I look out and see all these red coats and I just have the urge to talk about membership. But seriously, this means a lot; it’s quite a surprise, and thank you.

MR. IGNAFFO: Now, onto the next one, which we’ve all been waiting for. This gentleman was invited into the Elks in May of 1967. He immediately became active in all Lodge activities. He was awarded Elk of the Year in 1978. He served as Exalted Ruler in 1988-89. He is the current Secretary, which he has served at the position for God only knows, 39 years. He also spends an ample amount of time completing his secretary duties and also spending many hours

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in the general maintenance of the building before retiring and almost committing his wake up hour to the Elks.

He worked and retired from the Van Wert Police Department for over 33 years. As a Patrol Officer he then served as department’s Administration Officer, he provided programs for the schools, such as D.A.R.E. in the community. It was not uncommon to have a young person believe that he was right up there with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. He also served for 21 years in the Ohio National Guard and was the food service sergeant during that period of time. His mess won various awards in their outstanding achievements. Though there was much of his work for the Lodge he has been able to assist in creating a better understanding of what Elks means to a community. He has used the Elks Grants, which has applied and strengthened the community. He came up with the idea of the Gratitude Grant, along with part of the Promise Grant to create Elks Day at Camp Clay. The local YMCA has a camp on the edge of town, which is the Aquatic Park and splash pad. The Lodge promotes this day in allowing the youth to come for free. After an Elk has done all these activities for many locals and businesses and followed to provide free days at camp. He also works in the D.A.R.E. Program to keep involvement with the Elks, assisting treats for the daycare and attending and arranging meals for the graduating parties for some of those and other organizations.

Through this period of time in which we were building our new Lodge facility he gave many hours towards this activity. His assistance was needed to be done for snoring and

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moving things and sorting to make them all where he wanted. Sorry about the snoring. Sorry.

His love for Elkdom in Van Wert is apparent. As we walk in his shoes for a period of time, you will find him at the Lodge changing light bulbs, unplugging the bar sink, cleaning out air vents, straightening out the patio, and cleaning up the parking lot after a rental event. He makes sure that the American Flag is in good condition and replaces it when needed. He volunteers his cooking abilities when needed in the kitchen and he also assists at various banquets and volunteer hosting and serving when needed.

He is a member of the Van Wert Lodge. He serves on the State Board as a Chairman of Reunions and Registration or not Reunions and Registration Conventions and Reunions. He works diligently and well and it is hard to do his job, never leaving a stone to be unturned. He has served the District as Chaplain three times and for over the 30 years District Calendar Chairman for two years and serving as District Secretary for two years. He has also served the Grand Lodge well. He does he was the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the West Central District in 1997-1998. He has served three times as a Special Representative. So with random acts of generosity and in the community and his love for the Elks and his devotion towards making it a goal to make the perfect society of what an Elk is. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Elk Hall of Fame Winner, my friend, Mr. Mike Stanley.

MRS. STANLEY: I got you.

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MR. STANLEY: What an honor. What an honor. I come home from the Lodge and I do this stuff and she says, "Why are you doing that for? That's not the secretary's job". And I go "Well, somebody has got to do it. It needs done". So I love the Elks and I just I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

MR. IGNAFFO: I would just like to say to all Exalted Rulers for the upcoming year, I know Ed is going to preach at you, please, if you have a member in your Lodge that is deserving of the Elk of the Year on your local level at your Lodge, he's deserving to have that application entered at the State level. So thank you again.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: To me, the most important award an Elk member can receive is appreciation from his fellow Elks. Thank you, Lugene. I will now call upon the Past Exalted Ruler Association President, Jill Hawse, for the presentation of the Ritual Awards.

MS. HAWSE: Thank you, President Dane. Earlier today we held our full Ritual Contest, we held the 11 O'clock Toast Contest, The Flag Charge Contest, and the Ritual Contest. At this point in time I would appreciate if all the judges would please stand and be recognized.

The shame is I'm only allowed to give out one award for each thing, but I would again like to have all the contestants that participated in the 11 O'clock Toast, The Flag Charge, or the full Ritual please stand and be recognized as well. And I'd like to challenge the rest of you to be up here next year standing. And President Dane, we appreciate you helping us

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with our awards, but if would you like to come down here by me, Sue has graciously offered to be our little runner, we won't make you do that.

We will begin with the 11 O'clock Toast. We have held this, I think this is, like, our third or fourth year, and the 11 O'clock Toast can be performed by any member, PER, ER, or any member, any officer, any member. We had 7 contestants today. And it is my pleasure at this point to tell you who the winner was. With a score of 95.728, Mr. Todd Daquino from Kenton No. 157.

The next contest was for The Flag Charge, which is the portion that the Exalted Ruler normally does towards the very end of the Ritual. Again, this is open to, ER's, PER's, Officers, and any members. We had four contestants today. With a score of 95.660, the winner was Mr. Todd Daquino from Kenton Lodge No. 157. Congratulation, Todd.

All right. We now will begin with the full Ritual Contest. An award will go to each of the winning officers, to the winning team, to the coaches of the winning team, and then to the officer that scored the highest. We will begin with the Inner Guard, with the score of 93.870, Ms. Gina Hoelscher from Kenton 157. For Chaplain, with a score of 94.877, Mr. Dave Heuser from Elyria. Our Lecturing Knight scored 94.953, and it's Mr. Derek Kaufman from Kenton No. 157. Our Loyal Knight scored 94.278, and it's Mr. Dustin McCullough from Kenton 157. Our next award goes to the Leading Knight, with a score of 93.887, Mr. Ignatius Todd Daquino, from Kenton 157. Our Esquire, with a score of

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93.667, Mr. Michael Sturgeon from Kenton 157. And our Exalted Ruler, with a score of 91.168, Ms. Elisa McKinley from Kenton 157.

At this point in time, I would like to have the Exalted Ruler from both Kenton and from Elyria come forward to receive the team plaques. So Ms. Elisa McKinley and Mr. Dean Robinson.

The team award will go to I'm sorry with a score of 96.680, to Kenton 157. I'm not sure it's not bigger than you are. And our coach awards go Coaches Awards go to the coaches of the winning team, Mr. Dave Beazley and Mr. Jerry Haudenschield.

The next award is for the High Scorer of any of the contestants. The All State Award goes to the score of 94.953, Mr. Derek Kaufman of Kenton Lodge No. 157.

Lastly, we have the Virgil Judy Award. And before it's presented, I call upon Mr. Lugene Ignaffo to say a few words about the award.

MR. IGNAFFO: Thank you, Jill. For those who know Ritual, and I'm going back a ways when I first started in it, we had a gentleman that had more passion for Ritual than I ever thought one person could ever come up and have. But anyway, we got up there and my first introduction to him, he says, "Young man, you're going to do it this way. No if, and, butts, or ours, you're doing it this way". So anyway, I listened to him. Got me through the first couple years and then we butted heads again, you know what "Young man, you're going to do it this way". With his persistence and the dedication

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and love that he provides to the Ritual he helped produce a National Championship Team for his love. He traveled to Kenton every week, always an open invitation, “Young man, would you like to go with me”? But you know what, I was persistent, I stuck around. He’s a great friend of mine. No one in this world, that I know today, had a greater love for the Ritual than Virgil “Jiggs” Judy. It is my honor and pleasure to present the Virgil “Jiggs” Judy Award to Kenton.

MS. HAWSE: The traveling trophy can get picked up by the Kenton Lodge after the meeting. Thank you. And, again, I appreciate everybody’s work today, everybody’s efforts in the contest, and, again, on Sue’s behalf I’m going to challenge each and every one of you to prepare for next year.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: I would be remiss if I did not mention a few words about Virgil Judy. I’m old enough to remember it being I couldn’t call myself a contemporary, but I just about the same time Virgil was in his heyday, and back in the day when all the judges traveled across the state to various Districts you stayed in the home of one of the Ritual Judges. We didn’t stay in the motel, we didn’t get any expenses, and I stayed at Virgil’s house a couple of times being in the District to judge a contest. And when the PER Association first started getting legs Virgil was instrumental in producing the by-laws and the Ritual. And when you see the service to the installation of officers tomorrow, almost all of that is Virgil’s work. And computers were just coming into being then, Virgil would instruct me on the computer and he would send me the pages that he would generate. I would copy them and print

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them and bring them to Columbus. So as Lugene said, he was a great teacher, he was a great leader, most of all he was a great Ritual man. I will miss him and I did this. Thank you.

Now, well, we’re getting close now. I looked at this time I would like to introduce Past Grand Exalted Ruler James L. Nichelson for any remarks he may have.

PGER NICHELSON: My wife, Mary Carolyn. Hey, don’t we clean up nice? Don’t worry, in a few moments it will be T-shirts in the hospitality rooms. I would like to congratulate Dane and Jodee on a wonderful year. You know, he was thrust into this position, and if you know Dane, he would not do so without a word or two of something or other. But despite his normal proclivity to perhaps to complain about that, he has followed through with great joy and with a lot of energy, and with Jodee behind him he’s done you a wonderful job. And you know, Nevin, there’s something about a farm boy from Hardin County that I just appreciate. And I give you all the best from all of us. We know that you are well prepared, you and Deana are going to do a wonderful job in representing the Ohio Elks all across the state and also in San Antonio, I’m sure. All our best to you guys.

I’d like to explain to you that we have Doug Schiefer, who because he has completed his second year as Chairman of the Fraternal Committee, is going off that Committee. It’s the way it happens at the Grand Lodge level. But he has been gracious enough to accept an appointment to Activities Committee and will continue at the Grand Lodge level, Doug and Julia. And, Mike Iddings has gone on Ritual and has done

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a fantastic job for us. You know, he has been instrumental in talking them into considering the possibility of extending the Ritual Contest to include those charges. And so I will tell you that Michael will be continuing on the Ritual Committee. Michael, you guys. There you go.

I don’t want to take any more of your time, because we have some a lot of good partying to do. But we have a couple of very special guests with us this weekend from Michigan and Ed Geishert and Penny have doing a yeoman job in educating us and helping us with membership, helping us with CLMS, and so we would be remiss if we did not recognize them one more time and ask Ed to come up here and say hello.

MR. GEISHERT: And I remember specifically I was told I would not have to speak this evening.

PGER NICHELSON: No, I said one word.

MR. GEISHERT: I said it.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: OH.

MR. GEISHERT: It’s been a great whoa. Ouch.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go Blue.

MR. GEISHERT: Seriously, it’s been a huge time down here. Penny and I love Ohio Elks, not so much the Buckeye portion of you, but the rest of you. You’re really great people. We made a lot of great friends down here. We’ve enjoyed our time. I hope we’ve been able to impart a few ideas to you. We sure learned a heck of a lot from you and I guarantee you we’re going to take it all back and make Michigan use the lessons we’ve learned down here. You’ve been a great inspiration to all of us. Thank you, very much.

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Good luck to you in the future.

PRESIDENT DYSERT: At this time I call upon Past State President Fran Mullen, from Gallipolis Lodge 107, for the purpose of installing Officers for the ensuing year. I quit.

MR. MULLEN: I’m going a little off line here, maybe. A lot of you know the history between Dane and I. One of our fondest memories, I believe, is playing Euchre at Interim Governing Board meetings throughout the state when we would do our visitations. And Past State President Jim Payne would play Euchre with us until 3:00, 4:00, maybe 5:00 in the morning, and when we would beat him we would always hear him say “You guys are never going to be a trustee, let alone thinking about being a State President”. I would like to see Jim right now after Dane has done it twice. But you’re not done until I install Nevin, so hang in there.

All right. We are about to perform the Ceremony of Installation. I appoint Past State President Lee Young to serve as the Secretary, Past State President Harold Kehler to serve as Chaplain, and Past State President Jess McKee to serve as Marshal.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you. I was just told to fix the back of my coat and I can’t see it, so I don’t know what to fix.

It’s my pleasure to introduce the President for 2018-19, Nevin Taylor; First Vice President, Mark Ratliff; Trustee Chairman, Lugene Ignaffo; Trustee Approving Member, Ed Connors; Trustee Secretary, Tom Pavlik.

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MR. McKEE: You wait there. Bringing it on, Big Boy.

MR. YOUNG: Second Vice President, Brad Goodballet; Appointed Officers: Chaplain, Deb Bingham.

MR. McKEE: Finally somebody shorter than me.

MR. YOUNG: Inner Guard, Larry Ropp; Tiler, Keith Denny; Sergeant at Arms, Howard Honaker.

And new this year, we're going to introduce the State Committee Chairs: Advisory Council, Roger Crowe; Americanism, Deb Lazar; Bowling, Keven Knight; Calendar Project, Duke Miller; Cerebral Palsy, Sara "Sally" Dunavent; Community Service/Public Relations, Kermit Morse; Conventions Director, Mike Stanley; Credentials, Robert Essig; Drug Awareness, Gary Wadlow; Golf, Ernie Weiler (not present); Government Relations, Sammy Gonterman; Judiciary/Parliamentarian, Rick Wolfe; Lodge Activities, Chris Hatcher; Lodge Operations, Dean Streit; OEA Major Projects, Lance Knight; Memorial Service, Dane Dysert; National Foundation, Mary Carolyn Nichelson; Veterans Service, Brad Goodballet, which he's already up here, sorry, Brad; Ohio Elks Charity, Lloy Skillicorn; Past Exalted Ruler Association, Sue Buroker; Scholarship, Chuck Flint; Web Operations, Richard Threadgill; and, Youth Activities, Steve Cox.

MR. MULLEN: You have been duly selected to serve the Ohio Elks Association as its Officers for the ensuing term. Do you each accept the office to which you are been selected?

ALL OFFICERS: I do.

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MR. MULLEN: The Chaplain will lead us in prayer. Would everyone please rise.

(Prayer)

MR. MULLEN: You will each raise your right hand and say I, pronounce your own name in full and repeat after me.

I, (repeat) in the presence of God (repeat) and the members of the Ohio Elks Association (repeat) do solemnly promise and swear (repeat) that I will uphold (repeat) the Constitution and Statutes (repeat) of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (repeat) of the United States of America (repeat) and the rules and regulations (repeat) of the Ohio Elks Association (repeat) that having been selected (repeat) as an officer (repeat) in the Ohio Elks Association (repeat) I will perform the duties incumbent thereto (repeat) with diligence and good faith (repeat) and that I will use every effort (repeat) during my term of office (repeat) to promote the welfare, progress, and success (repeat) of this Association (repeat) and the advancement of (repeat) the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (repeat) may God help me and keep me steadfast (repeat) as an Officer of Ohio Elks Association (repeat) Amen (repeat)

Everyone may be seated, except the new Officers. The Committee Chairman can sit down.

The Marshal will conduct our new President to the rostrum. And now, Mr. President, by the virtue of the authority in me vested, I present you with this gavel, the emblem of your office, and declare you and your Officers duly

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installed to serve the Ohio Elks Association for the ensuing term. Congratulations. The other Officers may be seated.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Grand Exalted Ruler Jim, and Mary Carolyn, Committeemen, Past State Presidents, Past District Deputies, Past State Officers, and anything else that needs to be Past Past, as in like a Past State President. God Bless you all and thank you on behalf of The Ohio State, and I say that with affection, "The Ohio State," down there, Ed. And that's not to give him a hard time. Those of you who didn't get an Ohio State pin, you need to get one. But more importantly, Ladies and Gentlemen, we give him flack all the time, but I want to tell you right now, a true Elk at heart and a true understanding of the four corners of Elkdom, Mr. Ed Geishert, so let's give him a round of applause.

(Applause)

And for the individual who said "OH", he does know it's an IO and he does have an Ohio State Buckeye pin on his tux, he's the only one up here, so no more abuse. Thank you for making the trip, Ms. Penny, thank you, Ed. You look damn good.

I would like to thank everyone who gave the honor to have the title President to Nevin Taylor, but you know what, it's gone. It's gone. It's not about Nevin Taylor and it's not about my name as President. Tonight you saw the Committeemen stand up in front of you. You saw the State Officer team from the No. 1 slot to the No. 10 slot. The one slot we missed would be our Secretary/Treasurer. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show him some appreciation, Mr. Lee Young

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and Ms. Marybeth. When Deana and I started this trip many years ago, like nine, Jim Baylor said to me "It will be fun, you'll learn some things along the way. He never told me that I would get lifelong friends. Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like any of the State Officers who helped groom this couple over the past nine years to please stand. Former State Officers please stand that helped groom, and I know you're in the audience. We have PSP's and we have Traveling Officers, I want you up. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the group that trains the ones that sit here. So on behalf of our State Officers, please help me as we say thank you.

I'd like to say a special thanks to the four PSP's that were here today and helped us, Mr. Fran Mullen, Mr. Jess McKee, Mr. Red Kehler, and Mr. Himself, the Ohio Office, Lee Young. Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate it and their faith, their confidence, and the one wise word I heard a few minutes ago is "Be Lucky. Be Lucky". It's not about knowing every word is in the right place; it's about understanding that Elkdom needs us. Many times I forget the important people, but I'm going to get the first one out of the way, I call her my bride, I tell everyone I meet I am her ticket into heaven, because in our house if something is done wrong, I know who did it, but Ladies and Gentlemen, help me thank my love, Deanna. (Applause.) That's enough. That's enough. I got to get her back home and she'll want to go shopping.

At this time, I come from the South Central District and you heard somebody say "a good old farm boy". Just so you know that young man down there has a Past Grand Exalted

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Ruler title, he's a good old farm boy and he's from Hardin County too. At this time I'd like to see the members of the South Central show the rest of the state where we come from, stand up and show them with pride. Now, when that group was up I probably should have had part of them stand, but I want to say it real proud, I have been very fortunate to meet a bunch of great people to carry the No. 1130. I would like all of the Marysville 1130 Elks, and their spouse and their guest, and for those of you that don't know, there is another Taylor in the house. Taylor, I want you up first. Taylor Young and 1130, stand up and join Taylor. With that, I get the honor of doing something that haven't been done, as far as I'm aware of any place in the State of Ohio all the time in Ohio history, I get to recognize the first P Squared SP. I mean, he's not just a Past, he's a Past, Past State President. But before we do that, we've got someone more important. Every time we get in the vehicle to take off, Elk Officers, and travel we leave one at home, and tonight it's my honor to say a special thank you on behalf of the State Officer Team, and for those of who were here for the Memorial Service, you got to see Ms. Virginia, this afternoon. Our First Lady of Elksdom this year stepped in to help us in a time of need and I'd like to take just a few quick seconds to take a prayer to remember Mr. Dick Treacle.

Now, on to the brighter side. Jodee, we can't say it enough, we thought about all parading and hugging you and someone said, "No." I won't say who, but he said just tell her thanks. So Jodee, on behalf of the State Officer team, the State of Ohio and the Ohio Elks Association, God Bless you

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and thank you very much.

At this time it's my honor to make a presentation to the first P Squared, or better known as Past, Past State President. When he came to us his first expression, when we made a visit, I'm just the engineer of this train. You let it go too wrong and you let it derail, Officers, and you see who catches the hell. Well Ladies and Gentlemen, he led by example. Please give me a standing ovation for Mr. Dane Dysert. (Applause.) Thank you very much. You may be seated.

Now, for those of you that don't know, I wear a couple different hats. My little sister brought that out, but I'm going to ask for one now. I'm going to ask all of you to join me for just a short, short talk to someone else. He's upstairs.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your guidance and your protection as these Officers and these Committeemen step forth to do what was set forth 30 years ago to me as an example. Be an Elk. Lead by example. Heavenly Father, you've led us and we ask that you protect us and guide us and always get us home safely. In your name, we all say, Amen.

AUDIENCE: Amen.

MR. TAYLOR: 30 years ago tonight another Marysville 1130 member took the same exact oath of office I just took, Mr. James Payne. Hopefully, we'd thought Becky would be here tonight, but the love of Becky and the Jim Payne family is why I am standing here. And I would be wrong if I didn't say thank you, and I have it in the front row, my role model, the Past Exalted Rulers, they are in their green coats, one is dapper a little bit better though, I want to say to

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you and to your lovely brides, thank you very much. Taylor, thank you for being here. That's the future of Elksdom.

When we talk about the little things we want to do and the President's Program, and where does he want to go and what's he got in mind? He doesn't have anything in mind, he really doesn't.

I got three little things I'd like to see us do. No. 1, would all the veterans in the crowd please stand. Veterans in the crowd stand. Let's talk to them. Folks, they didn't ask for our support and they don't ask for recognition. The one thing I'm going to ask from is don't forget them. Every day when you get out of bed freedom wasn't free. Lives were lost. Please remember them, get your donations in. When Mr. Brad Goodballet says to you, "I need your Lodge to give money to the veterans throughout the year. I need your Lodge to talk to these veterans at Christmas time through donations. I need your Lodge, South Central, to load the Uhaul and send clothes to them". Folks, it's time we remember the people that didn't ask for repayment. Some of them wrote a check made out to as much as it takes, including their life. That's veterans. That's an important part of Elksdom, we need to never forget that.

Secondly, we have Major Projects with the ENF Program, the CP Program, the Endowment Program. Are they any important than the rest of them? No. Elksdom isn't about just little programs. Elksdom is about the four cornerstones. Elksdom is about finding your niche, and if it's not one of the current programs, get people on board. This year they'll

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be a competition under 360, under 750, and higher. Hold a fundraiser, it could be for a current event, it could be for Ohio's next Grand. We're in line hopefully in four years. Hint. Hint. Doug, get busy. It could be for MS. It could be for CP. It could be for scholarship. I don't care. But what I do care about is what you saw on the State of Ohio Pin that you saw out there, a T shape. "Talk Elks Everywhere". "Talk Elks Everywhere".

There will be a \$250 prize recognized by our Public Relations Committee and our website and some of the Officers who sit on a Committee to select our best "Talk Elks Everywhere" event this year. It will be awarded next April. There's challenge one.

Many times, and why I pick that theme, I wondered what do I do? Do I go with I do, or do I? These are to be called an Elk. Or make me, Chris Skinner, wherever you're at in the crowd, make me one better Elk. You know what? Better than what? I had a person in church say to me, "You're one of those big game hunters, aren't you"? And I looked, and I looked at him, I was like, "What are you talking about"? He said, "The Elks". And I thought "What a misconception, it's time to start talking Elksdom". It's time to start talking. That same individual later came over and donated blood at our Lodge with the Red Cross drive. We initiated him 30 days later. I've got individuals that play golf with me and I talk to them about the good things the Elks do, and I know we've got one in the house, where are you at? Raise your hand, I know you're here. But he's one of my Tuesday night golf

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buddies, he's a new Elk. I talked to a person in Kroger's and I said, "Doesn't your daughter, doesn't she need money for school? Isn't she a senior this year?" And she said, "Yes, we've been meaning to get involved". I said, "Well, it's time". We initiated her husband. I went through her to him. "Talk Elks Everywhere". If you've got a youth program, then it's time to let those parents have something to do, besides just drop off their kids to Antler meeting. "Talk Elks Everywhere". It will make a difference in your home Lodge. It will give you a big resource pool to help get volunteers. It will give you a resource pool where you can give funds. But more importantly, it will give you a group of people that understands how, pardon my French please, damn good it feels to be an Elk. Yes. Damn good. We need to partner up as a cause. We need to make people aware. ENF has all kinds of Grants, all you have to do is go online. And if you can't figure out how to get online, Ohioelks.com. If you want to go straight to National, Elks.org. Please go onto our website and go onto your website with someone who is not an Elk and let them see the programs we have, the opportunities we have, and the ability to make a difference in our community.

This year you will see the Endowment Committee take full control of the Angel Project. Money to be put away for the future so that Elkdom can give more to our communities. That's how we make a difference. That's how we let people know that the Elks are more than just a 12 ounce curl or a left-handed or right-handed throw back and to say thank you for the end of the day. It's important that people understand

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we've got lots to offer and that we care and we will share.

Ladies and Gentlemen, you saw the pins and they have different shapes. You saw a round pin for a lady that doesn't have the ability to get up and run. Of course, she didn't like to run to start with. But my bride, my bride will tell you that color wheel, it's because there's lots of different colors of Elks. There's lots of different attitudes and there's lots of great people, besides the fact she taught art and she made the color wheel, but for somebody that's colorblind, it's just a lot of circle. When you look at the Buckeye pin I'm being proud to be Buckeye, but I'm more proud of the fact that I am an Ohio Elk and that makes a difference.

The other pin you see out there, and it has a "T" on it, it's because we need you and we need your support to purchase your CP pins. You're Committee works very hard for you. You'll notice on that pin there are four different types of kids because CP isn't prejudice. CP doesn't care whether it's a male or a female. But the day when the angel up above gives us guidance and protection where we can throw away the crutches, where we can throw away the walker aides, where we throw away the wheelchairs, then by God we did our job promoting and stopping CP. Please, get involved, become a part of it.

To all my State Chairman, thank you, I really appreciate the fact that you stepped up. I gave you some charges, because I thought we needed some direction. And I say to you "Lead us, Lead us". That will make the difference.

I have six people in the audience I'd like to recognize,

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they'll be going in as District Deputies when we go to Texas. Mr. Rod Hotte is not here, from Wooster, he's in a wedding. That's okay. We'll get him in Texas. Northeast, Barry Harper, Willoughby/Cleveland, please stand. Mr. Ron Yaw. from Defiance 147. Okay. The next gentleman, Mr. Gary Stevenson, from New Lex Lodge 509. Mr. Michael Buchanan from Wellsville Lodge 1040. Mr. Ron Buxton from Lebanon Lodge No. 422. Ladies and Gentlemen, they're our District Deputies. They have the responsibility to the National level, but more importantly, they got responsibility to the fact that you aren't a National member yet, but in your heart you're always an Ohio Elk. We wish you the best of luck, we're here to support you, and if you don't do your job right we'll let you know. You can sit down.

Ladies and Gentlemen, your direct contact individuals are your DAC's. At this time I'd like to recognize all six DAC's for this upcoming year. Mr. Rob Nixon, from Ashland Lodge 1360. Give him a round of applause. From the Northeast, Mr. Jim Vasey, Lakewood Lodge No. 1350. From the Northwest District, Mr. Todd Cannode, Kenton 157. From the Athens Lodge, Mr. Dave Williams, and that would be Lodge No. 973. Jeff Warner, from New Philadelphia Lodge 510. And our final DAC is Dan Williams from Wilmington 797. Ladies and Gentlemen, show them our appreciation.

I can't say it enough that it's not about Nevin. And I can't say it enough about how strong I feel about Elkdom. But what I can tell you about Elkdom is, Elkdom is here, it's what you want to take out of it. Because if you don't take it out of here,

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then shame on you.

To Mr. Michael Stanley, as the Hall of Famer. Congratulations to Mr. Larry Wise, Elk of the Year, congratulations. You exemplify what Elkdom is. Live hard, day in and day out giving and not asking for what's in it for me. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show them a little more appreciation. Our two Winners.

There were some changes you saw earlier tonight and you're going to see a few more this year. They aren't all my ideas and I'm okay with that, because it's not about me.

At this time, I'd like to bring to the podium, he's going to talk to you for a few quick seconds about the Ohio Elks Charity Tickets, Mr. Lloy Skillicorn, and I believe he has something he wants to talk about. Lloy, the floor is yours, take your mike. Here, take the mike. Okay, while he's getting that, if your District doesn't have an Ohio Elks Charity Ticket volunteer, were looking for applications in a couple Districts, we'd love to have your help, because this is a way for you to put money into your own Lodge and to make a difference for the charity projects in Ohio. Lloy, take your mike.

MR. SKILLICORN: President Nevin, I'd like to present to you from the Ohio Elks Charity a check for \$35,594.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Talk to them real quick.

MR. SKILLICORN: Starting next year, each District Ohio Elks Charity Chairman, you're going to be responsible for collecting the money from your District, instead of doing it out here in the atrium. So I'll get it from North Central and we'll figure out the logistics or whatever, but that way we

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get it all here and get it done. We still have five lodges that have not gotten their money to us, so hopefully that will make things go better. If you need more tickets, as I said previously, if I didn't get you enough this time shoot me an email, I'll add them onto what I did send you and we should be good to go. Thank you.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. Those winners will be chosen at the end of this session. They'll be posted right over there. You're welcome to stay in here. When this session is over you've got your chance to go right next door. There's still food. There's still beverage. And South Central, get over there, Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Southeast, Southwest, get over there. Don't go back to that back hall, get over there and do that, otherwise we got to carry it home and Marysville 1130 doesn't want to do that. They don't want to do that.

My third challenge, I mentioned it earlier to you, is that we were going to do some things different. I'm going to close with this challenge, next year Ohio will have the first All Ohio Lodge Competition. It will be looking at three levels similar to National. Imagine that. All American Competition. We've got people in Ohio and we're going to steal an idea that was presented to us by Michigan. We're probably going to make them Star 1, Star 2, and Star 3. Some people say "Gold, Silver, Bronze." I'd like to think a star is a star. It's going to take your Lodge to take that application off Ohioelks.com and say, "Yep, we're doing this". We know you're doing it, start bragging about it. Send those articles to the

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Ohioelks.com Website and we'll get them to the web letter and we'll get them in the Ohio News. Folks, we need to talk Elks everywhere.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate your patients, I appreciate your care, I appreciate the words of confidence, but it's all done about me, it's about us now. Let's make a difference.

At this time, I'd like you to welcome to the podium, for the closing prayer, our State Chaplain Ms. Deb Bingham. At the conclusion of that, this session is over, next door is open, get comfortable. I will see you with the rest of the Elks at 11:00 in the back hall and we'll do the 11 O'clock Toast there. Ladies and Gentlemen, good luck, God Bless. You're in the Chaplain's hands now.

MS. BINGHAM: And with that, I would like to say, "God, help us all".

(Prayer.)

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We stand adjourned. Thank you very much.

THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned.

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I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of 43 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 28th day of April, 2018. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.

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<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Hundred And Twentieth ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE OHIO ELKS ASSOCIATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE COLUMBUS MARRIOTT NORTHWEST HOTEL DUBLIN, OHIO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Past Exalted Rulers Meeting Sunday, April 29, 2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:00 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>officers has been taken.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Will any Past President of the Ohio Elks Association please rise and be recognized.</p> <p>MR. DYSERT: Dane Dysert '87 or 88-89.</p> <p>MR. WILLIAMSON: Robert Williamson, Salem 305</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: No, Ohio Elks Association. You can come next.</p> <p>PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I know that feeling.</p> <p>MR. WILLIAMSON: Never mind.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Will any Past Presidents of the Past Exalted Rulers Association please stand and be recognized.</p> <p>MR. BEAZLEY: Now Robert.</p> <p>MR. WILLIAMSON: That's what I was saying.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. The minutes of the previous session were over. Hopefully everybody had an opportunity to get a copy. Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes as printed? Hearing none. May I have a motion to accept the minutes as printed?</p> <p>MR. BEAZLEY: So moved, Madam Chairman.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: A second?</p> <p>MR. HAUDENSCHIELD: I second.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: All in favor, the voting sign of an Elk. Thank you. So passed.</p> <p>Mr. Secretary, will you provide the financial report.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: At present the financial report, our checking account balance stands at \$4,082.59; savings account balance</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: I am calling the Past Exalted Rulers Association meeting to order. Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. I now call upon Chaplain Warren Grody for the prayer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Invocation and Pledge Of Allegiance)</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: You may be seated. We'll now have the roll call of officers and the Executive Board.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: President, Jill Hawse.</p> <p>MS. HAWSE: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Okay. First Vice President, Sue Buroker.</p> <p>MRS. BUROKER: Here.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Second Vice President, Devon Williamson.</p> <p>MRS. WILLIAMSON: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Third Vice President, Chris Hatcher.</p> <p>MR. HATCHER: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Fourth Vice President, Jeff Warner.</p> <p>MR. WARNER: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Fifth Vice President, Dean Robinson.</p> <p>MR. ROBINSON: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Executive Board Members, Ed Murphy.</p> <p>MR. MURPHY: (Not present.)</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Kenneth Price.</p> <p>MR. PRICE: (Not present.)</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Matt Fox.</p> <p>MR. FOX: (Not present.)</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Dean Streit.</p> <p>MR. STREIT: Present.</p> <p>MR. DOTY: Whew. Madam President, the roll call of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>of \$11,307.50, for a total balances on hand as of 4/9/20 oh, that's the wrong date 4/29/28, \$15,390.19. Also I have the budget prepared for your discretion; this is for the 1920 Lodge year. It's based basically on 1,650 PER's in the State of Ohio. Right now we actually have 1,660 with 1,638 paid, so it should be pretty accurate. Last year we had the pins on there, those have been taken care of, and you won't be seeing the pins for quite awhile, because I have five set of pins to award, so those are all on hand. So anyways the budget is yours. If there are any questions on the budget I will take them. No.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Do I have the motion to accept the budget as printed?</p> <p>MR. WILLIAMSON: I make a motion.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you, Robert.</p> <p>MR. GRODY: I second.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Who?</p> <p>MR. GRODY: Warren Grody.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. I just didn't see who it was. Thank you. Any further discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor the voting sign of an Elk. Opposed. So moved.</p> <p>For unfinished business, Mike, where are you at?</p> <p>MR. IDDINGS: Down here.</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Mike has the pins that were discussed at the August meeting, last year, for the judges.</p> <p>MR. IDDINGS: Hand them out?</p> <p>PRESIDENT HAWSE: Yes. Do you want me to call names for or anything?</p>

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MR. IDDINGS: I'll call them. Thank you, Madam President. The pins here are for the floor judges. What I've done is we discussed doing the 10 year judges pins at the last meeting. I went ahead and got the first all three of them on the floor judges. I did not get any computer award judges. So when I call your name, would you please come up and get your pins.

The silver pin, which is up to five years, I have Matt Fox. He's not here. Chris Hatcher and John Hines. You can add to your collection, John. Chris.

For the 5 to 10 years, we have Dave Faulkner. Sue can take his. Dean Streit and Devon Williamson.

The next group is for 10 years and/or more. As a floor judge, we have a bigger list there. First is Dave Beazley. Jack, can you make it? Sue Buroker. Frank Mount. I don't think Frank is here. And we have Robert Williamson.

These folks have earned the right to wear these badges, they put in a lot of hard work, especially the ones whose got the silver ones is just starting. The ones that got the shield, they've been in it for a long time. And then eventually you can get a 25 year pin like this. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Congratulations to all the recipients. Do we have any other unfinished business to come before the meeting? Hearing none, we'll move to new business.

For the last six years I have brought my personal laptop and a printer. This year it gotten even heavier, and thank you, Mike, for helping me get it back and forth to the room

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yesterday. And I think it's probably about time that the Association purchases a laptop and printer. We need one every spring for the Convention, for the Ritual Contest, and I know that Ken could also use it, to some extent, for the business for the PER Association throughout the year. And at this point in time I would like to see a motion come before the meeting to purchase a laptop and printer and spend up to \$500. I think we can get it for a little less than that, but up to \$500 to purchase that laptop and computer or laptop and printer.

MS. BUROKER: I make such a motion.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you, Sue. A motion made by Sue. Do I have a second?

MR. BEAZLEY: I second. Thank you. Any discussion? All those in favor please, the voting sign of an Elk. All those opposed. Tough, you lose. Motion carried. Thank you.

MR. DYSERT: Jill, where will the computer and printer be kept?

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Ken will keep it as the Secretary.

MR. DYSERT: You were talking about lugging it around.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: It will be lugged back and forth to the meetings and that's it.

MR. DOTY: Well, when one of the other people brings their computers and printers we want to get one that just comes with the package. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you, Dane. Any

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other new business? Hearing none. It is now time for the nomination of officers for 2018-2019 Lodge year. Do I have a motion for a for the President?

MR. BUROKER: It gives me great pleasure to present the name of Sue Fox Buroker for President for the Past Exalted Rules Association.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you, Jack. Any other nominations? Hearing none. For First Vice President?

MR. WILLIAMSON: Ms. President, Members, I nominate Devon Williamson for First Vice President.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Any other nominations? Hearing none. For Second Vice President?

MR. IDDINGS: Madam President I won't get you this year, Chris.

MR. HATCHER: We have a nominating each other, we got an arrangement.

MR. IDDINGS: For second Vice President, Chris Hatcher, Lebanon Lodge.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Any other nominations? Hearing none. Chris. For Fourth Vice President?

MR. HATCHER: For third, I'm Second.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: For Third, I'm sorry? One, two, three, four.

MR. HATCHER: I'd like to nominate Jeff Warren, New Philadelphia Lodge 510. Any other nominations for Third Vice President? Nominations for Fourth Vice President?

MR. STREIT: I'd like to nominate Dean Robinson

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for Fourth Vice President of Elyria 465.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Any other nominations for Fourth Vice President? Hearing none.

Nominations for Fifth Vice President? At this point it's my turn. I would like to nominate Howard Honaker of Marysville Lodge No. 1130 for Fifth Vice President. Any other nominations for Fifth Vice President? Hearing none.

Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer?

MR. YOUNG: Madam President, I nominate the present Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Doty. I think he should do it until he does it right.

MR. BEAZLEY: There's a lifetime appointment.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Any other nominations? Hearing none. Mr. Secretary, would you cast the unanimous ballot.

MR. DOTY: Ms. President, the nominations have been in and a unanimous ballot cast.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you. Good of the Association. I would like to have all of the contestants for the flag charge come forward down on the floor, please.

MR. BEAZLEY: I don't think there's any here.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Come on. Those that competed in 11 O'clock Toast. They're not here yet. I'll go do it after then when we do later. Well, I think they'll be here probably at the same time.

All right. At this point in time we will recess. I'm not going to recess until 10 O'clock. I got 9:17; let's recess until 9:30 to get things set for the Installation of Officers dr.

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THEREUPON, there was a brief recess.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: I am reconvening the Past Exalted Rulers Association meeting. We will begin with our Memorial Service. Brother Secretary, will you call the roll of our departed members.

MR. DOTY: This list is brought through 63 Lodges. Ashland No. 1360: Eugene Watkins; Ashtabula 208: Larry Sonstein, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Gerald J. Allen; Bucyrus No. 156: George F. Fischer, Jr.; Cambridge No. 448: C. William Lilienthal; Columbus North No. 2700: John F. Harmon, Robert B. Smith; Defiance No. 147: Dean Wellman, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; East Liverpool No. 258, James C. Raffle; Elyria No. 465: Kenneth H. Jabbusch, William G. Heuser; Fremont No. 169: James Reardon; Galion No. 1191: E. Clyde Shramek; Gallipolis No. 107: Randy L. Wilson; Greenville No. 1139: Robert D. MacKenzie; Hamilton No. 93: Anton J. Dsiubam III; Kenton No. 157: Harry C Bailey; Lebanon No. 422: Richard L. Kilburn; Lexington/Shelby No. 2554: Kenneth H. Loescher; Lorain No. 1301: Robert J. Potts; Marion No. 32: William E. Hoffman; Maumee/Bowling Green No. 1850: Richard C. Murphy, Mark S. Kelly, Craig W. Schall, Michael K. Sheffer, Past President Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association; Napoleon No. 129: Robert Jackson, Samuel Patterson; New Philadelphia No. 510: John W. Helmsdoerfer, Sr.; Newark No. 391: James C. Egan, Robert R. Smith; Ohio River Valley No. 231: Leslie A. Douglas, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; Port Clinton No. 1718: James St. Marie, Andrew W.

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Grover; Ravenna No. 1076: Charles W. Eisele, Mark D. Haiflich; Sandusky No. 285: Michael J. Losey; Springfield No. 51, William L. Binning; Tiffin 94: Albert J. Hallman, Jr., Jack Sigler, S. Daily Turner; Troy No. 833: Richard M. Manning, Marion D. Moler, Willard N. Miller, President President Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association; Uhrichsville No. 424: Richard J. Treacle, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Past President Ohio Elks Association, James D. Huff; Upper Sandusky No. 83: Robert J. Denman, Cyrus W. Dille, Thomas P. Fox; Washington Court House No. 129: Jack C. Smith; Willard No. 1370: Paul R. Jones; Wooster No. 1346: Joseph R. McCullough.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: In vain we call. In token of the respect and affection in which the memories of our departed members will be held among us, let us in silent meditation typify what mere words cannot express.

(Chimes Ringing.)

PRESIDENT HAWSE: We shall meet, but we shall miss them. There will be the vacant chair. But though we no more possess them, still our hearts their memories bear. But awhile ago we gathered, friendship beaming in each eye. Now the golden cord is severed, they have passed to realms on high. To our absent members.

AUDIENCE: To our absent members.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: At this time I would like to call upon our new State President, Mr. Nevin Taylor, from Marysville No. 1130, for his remarks.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Jill.

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And probably the prettiest word you said there was “Our”, because this not about an individual anymore, it’s about “Our” Association. It’s a partnership between the PER Association and the Ohio Elks Association, speaking for the 8 State Officers in the crowd. State officers, please stand up, starting with Lee, finishing clear over here and out in the front. These individuals have taken a responsibility to partner with you. Please feel free to talk to them, give them ideas. More importantly, be prepare, we’re going to give you ideas too. It’s a two way street, communication will be the key.

Thank you, gentlemen, for being present. Jill, and Sue, as our new President to be, as our current President, I want to say to you, I apologize for the crowd, it might have been TMF, “Too Much Fun Last Night”. But more importantly, realize that the State is here for you and to support you in the past, on behalf of South Central. The same to you, Sue, we’ll be here for you next year.

You heard a conversation last night that my theme is, and I say, “My theme”, only because I came up with it. Now it belongs to everybody else. “Talk Elks Everywhere”, that will make the difference. The firm ground work of the Ritual is the key to what’s going to be the success of our organization. We need to teach the new members what it means to have a Ritual. What it means to have an 11 O’clock Toast. It can’t start with someone else; it has to start with us. When we look at where we can make a difference, we can make a difference by speaking up. I know that these gentleman, that your State Officers out here, are willing to

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help you. Ed Murphy is our liaison between your Association and our Association, but together we are The Ohio Elks and we need to make sure that we always remember. We may have separate breakouts; we are The Ohio Elks Association. And how to make a difference, we need to “Talk Elks Everywhere”.

Jill, again, I say thank you to the newly elected and appointed individuals that will be serving our Association. Let’s fill the room next year. Good luck. God Bless. When you need us, pick up the phone and call us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Thank you, President Nevin. It’s now just about time to pass the baton. I call upon one second. Sue, you’re going to hold your remarks until later, right?

MS. BUROKER: Yes.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Okay. Sorry. Okay. The ceremony of the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association for Installation of Officers is to begin. The Installing Officers do you have those for me? Do you want to come up and announce your Installing Officers, Sue?

MS. BUROKER: Thank you, Jill. At this time I would like to introduce my Installing Officers. As Installing Officer, the best ever, D. Jack Buroker. My Installing Secretary is State President Nevin Taylor. My Installing Chaplain is Mark Ratliff, First Vice President of the Ohio Elks Association. And my Installing Marshal is Past State President Roger Crowe. Please take your positions.

MR. BUROKER: A little faster, Mark.

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MR. RATLIFF: I'm trying. That's as fast as I'm going today.

MR. BUOKER: You don't know what a pleasure it is for me to do this, this morning for Sue.

Brother Secretary, you will call the names of the Officers Elect and the Marshal will assemble them when named in position for installation.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It is a great honor and pride I present you the following individuals for the installation of the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association: For President, Sue Fox Buroker; for Secretary/Treasurer, Ken Doty; for First Vice President, Devon Williamson; for Second Vice President, Chris Hatcher; for Third Vice President, Jeff Warner; for Fourth Vice President, Dean Robinson; for Fifth Vice President, Howard Honaker. And the Appointed Officers by the President, Chaplain, Dave Beazley; Sergeant at Arms, Julie Crowe; Judge Coordinator, Michael Iddings. Mr. Chairman, your slate of Officers.

MR. BUOKER: Thank you, Nevin. Do each of you accept the office for which you have been chosen?

OFFICERS: I do.

MR. BUOKER: Brother Chaplain, we ask you to lead us in prayer.
(Invocation.)

MR. BUOKER: You'll each place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, and repeat after me. With allegiance to God and my country (repeat) and the Ohio Past Exalted Rulers Association (repeat) I solemnly

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promise and swear (repeat) to uphold and maintain (repeat) the constitution, statutes, and regulations (repeat) of the Grand Lodge of this Order (repeat) and of the Ohio Elks Association(repeat) I also promise and swear (repeat) to promote the Elks Ritual (repeat) without the influence or impartiality (repeat) from any State, District, or Lodge (repeat) in the performance of my duties (repeat) as an Officer in the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association (repeat) that I am an Elk in the good standing in the Order(repeat)that I will conduct myself (repeat) as an American citizen (repeat) and will not bring disgrace (repeat) on our order or the Ohio Elks Association (repeat) so help me God (repeat) Amen (repeat.) At ease.

The Marshal will conduct our new President to the roster.

MS. BUOKER: Madam President, I now present you with this gavel, the emblem of your office. And by virtue of the authority in me vested, I proclaim the officers of the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Ruler Association duly installed.

Officers, you may be seated and I wish you a very successful year.

MS. BUOKER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Past President, Dane, would you please come to the podium. Mr. Past Past, P2. I said, "P2." It is my pleasure as the PER President going out, to present our Past State President with his Past State President's Pin.

MR. DOTY: For the second time.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Yes. He gave us back

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the one he had and we've added a new bar to it instead of providing a second pin. And, of course, at the top the bar is "Past President 94-95, Ohio Elks Association", and then Dane Dysert, Dane A. Dysert 2017-2018. Dane, I know it was tough for you to step forward this past year. Unfortunately, we lost Mr. Treacle, but you brought us a wonderful year under your leadership.

MR. DYSERT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: And it's my pleasure to hopefully not stick you.

MR. BUOKER: Again.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Have I ever stuck you?

MR. DYSERT: But you wanted to. Thank you, Jill, it's a pleasure.

Like she said, it was very really not that tough to step forward and take the job, but then with all the traveling that went with it, it was tough. So I want to thank the members of the Ohio Elks Association. And, of course, I got my start in Ritual when I stood up over here and I said 87-88, that was the year I was president of the PER Association. And Ken had the duty of informing me that I'm only the second oldest Past State President, so thank you all.

PRESIDENT S. BUOKER: Well, my first duty is a pleasure and an honor, to present Jill Hawse with her Past President of the PER Association, her pin. Jill. Thank you for such a wonderful year and running our meetings for us and your leadership. Thank you.

Well, I would first like to thank my Installing Officers

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first, Roger Crowe, who is my Installing Marshal, from Kenton Lodge No. 157. I would like to thank Mark Ratliff, who is our First Vice President, from Upper Sandusky Lodge 83, who was the Installing Chaplain, and also Nevin Taylor, our State President, who is from Marysville Lodge 1130. Thank you so much, gentlemen. And, of course, the good person that I thank the most is why I'm standing here today, is my Installing Officer and my husband, Jack Buroker, who has been my inspiration through this entire trip, this long six year trip. So thank you so much. I also would like to thank David Beazley for agreeing to start through the chairs of the State Past Exalted Rulers Association, and also to my very, very good friend, and wonderful Ritual person, and I hope to use her a lot this next year and to help promote Ritual, Julie Crowe, as my Sergeant at Arms.

You know, this is a dream come true. You know, years before, years before women could be members I remember waiting at district dinners for the winners of the contest, to give the awards to the individuals and to the teams. And we sat there and, of course, we never won. We were glad to be there, but we didn't win. And our officers worked hard, we just couldn't figure out what to do. And finally we had a breakthrough, and it was kind of like the perfect storm. Mike Blechinger won his chair as ER and then he became a coach, and this was just after it was like the perfect storm, women could become members in 1995, Mike Blechinger became a coach and he knew that I did vocal music and he asked me the first year if I would help coach Ritual with doing diction and

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breathing techniques for the team. And I agreed and a monster was born. I have been addicted to Ritual ever since. I even took a test, a practice test while I was Exalted Ruler in 2004, so that I would be ready the next year when it really counted. So it's been a long journey and I am so glad to be here. This is a dream come true. And I hope so much next year to really promote and travel and try to get people interested in Ritual again. And I it's not like Nevin said, it's not about me, it's about us. We have to do this as an organization. We have to work hard to promote Ritual around our own district, get people involved, if it's just the you know, the 11 O'clock toast is so important, and The Flag Charge, especially in this day and age we need that flag charge. So promote that in your own Districts and try to promote it all around the State.

Okay. Having concluded our business, I will ask oh, I'm sorry, Jill. I almost forgot Jill has some remarks to make.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: Well, six years is coming to an end of serving the Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association as Vice President, and as President. Six years flew by. I can't I can't believe I started this six years ago. It's been great. I've met lots of new friends, and I don't know how else to say that. I mean, it's been a fantastic time and I thank each and every one of you.

I totally agree with what Sue said, and I said it during the business meeting last night. I know it's tough to get Ritual teams in place. It shouldn't be hard to get folks to come up and do the 11 O'clock Toast. We had seven contestants yesterday, which was up from the previous year, which is a

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good thing. But we ask to have two from every District. I hope when Sue does the Ritual Contest next April she has 12 contestants, two from every one of our districts across the state. And the same with our flag charge. We were up to four yesterday, from three last year. We're doing a little better, but, again, we'd love to see 12 come to the table next year to compete. And I think under Sue and the leadership team here we can do that. And I encourage everybody to go back to your Lodge and encourage those folks to do that.

I want to thank you, Ken, you've made my life easy this year. Thank you. President Nevin, good luck to you this next year.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, ma'am.

PRESIDENT HAWSE: President Dane, thank you for your help this year.

And Ms. Sue, I will turn it back to you.

MS. BUROKER: Would anybody else, our President, State President, like to make any remarks at this time?

MR. CROWE: Does that mean I get to be in front of the microphone?

MS. BUROKER: Yes.

MR. DOTY: Obviously that was no.

MS. BUROKER: Having concluded our business I will ask the Chaplain to dismiss us with prayer.

(Prayer)

MS. BUROKER: I now declare this meeting closed.

THEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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CERTIFICATE

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 COUNTY OF OTTAWA)

I, Lori L. Delhees, Stenotype Reporter and Notary Public within and for the State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing, consisting of 29 pages, is a true and complete transcript as taken by me in stenotype and later transcribed under my direction of the proceedings conducted on the 29th day of April, 2018. I do further certify that I was personally present in the room during all of the proceedings.

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My commission expires 11/24/2022

120th Annual Convention
Registration
Robert Essig, Chairman

Lodge Name and Number	Elks	Spouse/ Guests	Youth	Total
<u>North Central District</u>				
Ashland #1360	10	1	0	11
Bellevue #1013	1	0	0	1
Bucyrus #156	3	1	0	4
Elyria #465	24	5	0	29
Galion #1191	4	1	0	5
Lexington/Shelby #2554	1	0	0	1
Lorain #1301	6	1	0	7
Mansfield #56	1	0	0	1
Marion #32	4	2	0	6
Mt. Vernon #140	5	0	0	5
Norwalk #730	8	0	0	8
Sandusky #285	1	0	0	1
Willard #1370	2	0	0	2
Wooster #1346	7	1	0	8
Total – North Central	77	12	0	89
<u>Northeast District</u>				
Alliance #467	13	8	0	21
Ashtabula #208	3	1	1	5
Berea #1815	9	0	0	9
Conneaut #256	1	0	0	1
Cuyahoga Falls/Akron/Barberton #1923	1	0	0	1
Kent #1377	1	0	0	1
Lakewood #1350	9	2	2	13
Massillon/North Canton #2029	2	0	0	2
Painesville #549	6	0	0	6
Parma #1938	5	3	0	8
Ravenna #1076	7	1	0	8
Salem #305	11	0	0	11
Warren #295	0	0	0	0
Willoughby/Cleveland #18	14	0	0	14
Total – Northeast	82	15	3	100

Lodge Name and Number	Elks	Spouse/ Guests	Youth	Total
<u>Northwest District</u>				
Defiance #147	10	4	0	14
Findlay #75	4	3	1	8
Fremont #169	4	2	0	6
Kenton #157	29	3	1	33
Lima #54	11	1	0	12
Maumee-BG #1850	2	0	0	2
Mercer County #2170	5	5	0	10
Napoleon #929	6	0	0	6
Port Clinton #1718	5	0	0	5
Tiffin #94	4	1	0	5
Toledo/Sylvania #53	10	2	0	12
Upper Sandusky #83	6	3	0	9
Van Wert #1197	7	2	0	9
Total – Northwest	103	26	2	131
<u>South Central District</u>				
Athens #973	6	3	0	9
Chillicothe #52	4	0	0	4
Circleville #77	0	0	0	0
Columbus/Grove City #37	6	0	0	6
Columbus North #2700	0	0	0	0
Gallipolis #107	8	2	0	10
Ironton #177	1	1	0	2
Jackson #466	6	6	0	12
Marysville #1130	18	6	0	24
Nelsonville #543	2	0	0	2
New Lexington #509	12	2	0	14
Newark #391	9	1	3	13
Portsmouth #154	1	0	0	1
Total – South Central	73	21	3	97

Lodge Name and Number	Elks	Spouse/ Guests	Youth	Total
<u>Southeast District</u>				
Barnesville #1699	1	0	0	1
Cambridge #448	3	0	0	3
Coshocton #376	2	0	0	2
East Liverpool #258	5	5	0	10
Marietta #447	2	0	0	2
New Philadelphia #510	10	2	0	12
Newcomerstown #1555	3	0	0	3
Ohio River Valley #231	5	0	0	5
Uhrichsville #424	3	0	0	3
Wellsville #1040	5	1	0	6
Total – Southeast	39	8	0	47
<u>Southwest District</u>				
Cincinnati #5	0	0	0	0
Dayton #58	1	1	0	2
Greenville #1139	2	0	0	2
Hamilton #93	2	0	0	2
Hillsboro #361	1	0	0	1
Lebanon #422	9	0	0	9
Middletown #257	1	0	0	1
Sidney #786	0	0	0	0
Springfield #51	1	0	0	1
Troy #833	2	1	0	3
Washington CH #129	0	0	0	0
Wilmington #797	2	2	0	4
Xenia #668	4	0	0	4
Total – Southwest	25	4	0	29

<u>RECAP BY DISTRICT</u>				
NORTH CENTRAL	77	12	0	89
NORTHEAST	82	15	3	100
NORTHWEST	103	26	2	131
SOUTH CENTRAL	73	21	3	97
SOUTHEAST	39	8	0	47
SOUTHWEST	25	4	0	29
<u>DISTRICT TOTALS</u>	399	86	8	493
SPECIAL GUESTS	3	1	0	4
<u>TOTAL REGISTRATION</u>	402	87	8	497

ELK OF THE YEAR and ELK HALL OF FAME
Program Started in 1960

YEAR	ELK OF THE YEAR	ELK HALL OF FAME
1960	William Routsong – Cleveland	Dr. E. J. McCormick – Toledo
1961	Fred Lees – Toledo	James A. Rhodes – Columbus
1962	Roy Terrell – Piqua	W. W. “Woody” Hayes – Columbus
1963	Tom Price – Zanesville	Billy Southworth – Kenton
1964	Eldon Brown – Columbus	Ted Lewis – Circleville
1965	Norman K. Funni – Lima	Robert “Lefty” Grove – Norwalk
1966	Nick Kovic – Warren	Jack Cannon – Columbus
1967	Lloyd “Cy” Varner – Alliance	Ray H. Perry – Martins Ferry
1968	Ivan R. Hesson – Tiffin	John Laslo – Martins Ferry
1969	Carl S. Jackson – Van Wert	M. E. “Jack” Sensenbrenner – Columbus
1970	Ed Turner – Dayton	Judge James A. Ravella – Warren
1971	Leslie A. Douglas – Martins Ferry	John D. Quinn – Sidney
1972	Edward Patris – Barberton	William H. Harsha, Jr. – Portsmouth
1973	Ralph Curfman – Galion	Wayne T. “Curley” Smart – Delaware
1974	Marshal N. Shere – Bowling Green	Richard Gallagher – Ironton
1975	Francis Cupp – Chillicothe	Harry C. Bauhan – Dayton
1976	John F. Harmon – Columbus	H. H. “Mike” Stoops – Portsmouth
1977	Donald N. Wilkin – Newark	Not Awarded
1978	William E. Platten – Parma	Frank W. Wiley – Toledo
1979	Rev. Charles D. Hering, Sr. – Tiffin	Robert J. Secrest – Cambridge
1980	Harry E. Schultz – Alliance	Earl L. Schreiber – North Canton
1981	Irwin “Irv” Cohen – Toledo	Jackson E. Betts – Findlay
1982	Leo J. Reuss - Marysville	Donald R. Ford – Warren
1983	John M. Eccleston - East Liverpool	Robert “Joe” Hibbard – Massillon
1984	Louis Crow – Van Wert	Keith Boals - Ashland
1985	Charles Newell – Ashland	Jerry Dunlap – Ashland
1986	Michael Gerig – Wooster	Richard P. “Rick” Wolfe – Ashland
1987	J. Kenneth Klinck – Marietta	Russell K. Doan – Elyria
1988	John W. Bosart, Jr. – Marysville	William H. Shank – Warren
1989	Carl R. Dobbins – Jackson	Edward C. Arn – Wooster
1990	E. L. “Gene” Koerber – Parma	Lloyd “Toby” Tobias – Lancaster
1991	Jack F. Stabner – Springfield	John L. Johnson – Napoleon
1992	Peter Zeidner – Barnesville	Dr. David S. Goldschmidt – Circleville
1993	Edward H. Murphy – Elyria	David A. Laslow – Marysville
1994	Robert E. Powell – Springfield	Loreto George – Barberton
1995	Clyde Bray – Ashland	Frank C. Dawson – East Liverpool
1996	Basil P. Wallace – Delaware	J. Warren Battis – Salem
1997	Jacob H. Frowine – Portsmouth	Thomas D. Lambros – Ashtabula
1998	Donald W. Peters – Dover	Philip E. Hahn, Sr. – Elyria
1999	Donald Flitcraft – Alliance	Paul G. Basner – North Canton
2000	Dane Dysert – Wellsville	Bill Derry – Van Wert
2001	James E. Ekelberry – Delaware	Michael J. Grigsby – Marysville
2002	Edward Kalmers – Conneaut	Richard Hougland – Chillicothe
2003	William J. Ashton – Martins Ferry	Susan M. Scott – Port Clinton
2004	Edward J. Kentner – Ravenna	Frederic C. LaFrance – Marysville
2005	Allen D. Zimmerman – Van Wert	Ralph R. Jones – Wooster

ELK OF THE YEAR and ELK HALL OF FAME

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YEAR	ELK OF THE YEAR	ELK HALL OF FAME
2006	Donald L. Garling, Sr. – Dayton	Edward J. Helt, Jr. – Washington C. H.
2007	Scott Procopio – Washington Court House	David W. Straight – Parma
2008	Garrison “Muggs” McGinnis – Marion	Pamela Shaw – Dayton
2009	George “Sonny” King – Chillicothe	Hon. Edmund A. Sargus, Jr. – Ohio River Valley
2010	William Willis – Alliance	James A. Sommer -- Greenville
2011	Donald Winter – Willoughby/Cleveland	No Awardee
2012	Deb Bingham – Marysville	No Awardee
2013	Charles VanDyne – Kenton	Tim M. Churchill – Swanton
2014	Kevin Richardson – Findlay	Carl R. Dobbins – Jackson
2015	Jerry Michael – Lebanon	W. Eric McCracken – Van Wert
2016	David Noren – Elyria	Debra Bingham – Marysville
2017	Mike Mason – Springfield	Larry Clement – Willoughby/Cleveland
2018	Larry D. Wise – Newark	Michael C. Stanley – Van Wert

PAST STATE PRESIDENTS

1898 - 1899	*Samuel H. Needs.....	Cleveland #18
1899 - 1902	*C. T. Wight	Sandusky #285 (3 years)
1902 - 1904	*Ed. A. Archer	Columbus #37 (2 years)
1904 - 1905	*George N. Henry.....	Steubenville #231
1905 - 1907	*Wm. Horace Reinhart	Sandusky #285 (2 years)
1907 - 1908	*Roscoe T. Sharer.....	Alliance #467
1908 - 1909	*Albert W. Dawson	Columbus #37
1909 - 1910	*Harry O. Bently.....	Lima #54
1910 - 1911	*H. N. Schleisinger.....	Xenia #668
1911 - 1912	*George E. Myers.....	Cleveland #18
1912 - 1913	*E. T. Allen.....	Cincinnati #5
1913 - 1914	*Harry B. Black	Tiffin #94
1914 - 1915	*A. Clyde Reasoner	Zanesville #114
1915 - 1916	*Edwin G. Slough.....	Mansfield #56
1916 - 1917	*LeRoy G. Silbaugh.....	Lancaster #570
1917 - 1918	*Jess W. Smith.....	Washington C. H. #129
1918 - 1919	*Charles W. Fairbanks.....	Marion #32
1916 - 1920	*James E. Breen.....	Ashtabula #208
1920 - 1921	*George J. Doerzbach.....	Sandusky #285
1921 - 1922	*John F. Sherry	Bellaire #419
1922 - 1923	*A. Bart Horton	Cincinnati #5
1923 - 1924	*George C. Canalos	Lorain #1301
1924 - 1925	*George A. Snyder.....	Fostoria #935
1925 - 1926	*Blake C. Cook.....	Kent #1377
1926 - 1927	*Charles L. Justice.....	Marion #32
1927 - 1928	*Fred W. Markle.....	Lakewood #1350
1928 - 1929	*James R. Cooper	Newark #391
1929 - 1930	*William G. Lambert.....	Cleveland #18
1930 - 1931	*John C. A. Lappleman	Toledo #53
1931 - 1932	*Ernst VonBargen.....	Cincinnati #5
1932 - 1933	*Norman C. Parr	New Philadelphia #510
1933 - 1934	*William R. Bruning.....	Cleveland #18
1934 - 1935	*William G. Campbell.....	Lorain #1301
1935 - 1936	*Charles W. Casselman	Alliance #467
1936 - 1937	*Fred L. Bohn (PGER 1956-57).....	Zanesville #114
1937 - 1938	*John F. Fussinger	Cincinnati #5
1938 - 1939	*Charles L. Haslop.....	Newark #391
1939 - 1940	*C. A. Lais	Norwalk #730
1940 - 1941	*E. B. LeSueur.....	Toledo #53
1941 - 1942	*Charles J. Schmidt	Tiffin #94
1942 - 1943	*Walter G. Penry	Delaware #76
1943 - 1944	*Robert W. Dunkle	Chillicothe #52
1944 - 1945	*Joseph W. Fitzgerald.....	Canton #68
1945 - 1946	*Leslie G. Scrimger	Columbus #37
1946 - 1947	*John H. Neate.....	Upper Sandusky #83
1947 - 1948	*Dr. V. E. Berg	New Philadelphia #510

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1948 - 1949	*John K. Maurer	Middletown #257
1949 - 1950	*E. Gene Fournace (PGER 1971-72)	Newark #391
1950 - 1951	*Nelson E. W. Stuart	Cleveland #18
1951 - 1952	*Gerald C. Nau	Elyria #465
1952 - 1953	*Joe E. Hurst.....	New Philadelphia #510
1953 - 1954	*Walter J. Beer	Lima #54
1954 - 1955	*Willard J. Schwartz.....	Springfield #51
1955 - 1956	*L. A. Kuenzli	Upper Sandusky #83
1956 - 1957	*Herschel J. Deal.....	Canton #68
1957 - 1958	*James W. Plummer	Zanesville #114
1958 - 1959	*Arthur E. Socin.....	Bucyrus #156
1959 - 1960	*Dr. David S. Goldschmidt	Circleville #77
1960 - 1961	*John D. Quinn.....	Sidney #786
1961 - 1962	*Martin W. Feigert	Van Wert #1197
1962 - 1963	*N. A. Bartram	Youngstown #55
1963 - 1964	*Lawrence R. Derry	Barnesville #1699
1964 - 1965	*Carleton L. Riddle	Willard #1370
1965 - 1966	*C. Ross Cline	Chillicothe #52
1966 - 1967	*Walter G. Springmyer.....	Cincinnati #5
1967 - 1968	*Elwood W. Reed.....	Bowling Green #818
1968 - 1969	*George B. Walker	Willoughby #1924
1969 - 1970	*E. Paul Howard.....	Alliance #467
1970 - 1971	*M. B. Letzelter	Steubenville #231
1971 - 1972	*Earl E. Sloan	Elyria #465
1972 - 1973	*L. L. McBee.....	New Lexington #509
1973 - 1974	*F. H. Niswonger.....	Dayton #58
1974 - 1975	*Sam Fitzsimmons	Van Wert #1197
1975 - 1976	*Irving W. Davies.....	Lakewood #1850
1976 - 1977	*Floyd Shambaugh.....	North Canton #2029
1977 - 1978	*Robert J. Kennedy	Dover #975
1978 - 1979	*James E. Ekelberry	Delaware #76
1979 - 1980	*L. Bill Nethers	Newark #391
1980 - 1981	*Gene Buchy	Greenville #1139
1981 - 1982	*Eugene W. France.....	Bowling Green #818
1982 - 1983	*Richard J. Baker	Findlay #75
1983 - 1984	*David W. Straight.....	Parma #1938
1984 - 1985	*Thurman L. Allen	Cambridge #448
1985 - 1986	*Gerald C. Werner.....	Lorain #1301
1986 - 1987	*Edward U. Thatcher, Jr.....	Alliance #467
1987 - 1988	*James E. Payne	Marysville #1130
1988 - 1989	*Dale E. Baldock.....	Hamilton #93
1989 - 1990	*Rollen G. Morgan.....	Toledo #53
1990 - 1991	James H. Scheer.....	Wapakoneta #1170
1991 - 1992	*Robert M. Bojalad	Berea #1815
1992 - 1993	Richard P. Wolfe	Ashland #1360
1993 - 1994	Nikolaus Martens.....	Salem #305

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1994 - 1995	Dane A. Dysert	Wellsville #1040
1995 - 1996	Fran Mullen	Gallipolis #107
1996 - 1997	*Michael D. Streb.....	Piqua #523
1997 - 1998	*Thomas A. Biggs	Maumee #1850
1998 - 1999	*Don Prochnow	Lima #54
1999 - 2000	E. D. "Pete" Hewins	Ashtabula #208
2000 - 2001	Lee Young	Elyria #465
2001 - 2002	Stuart L. Bedell.....	North Canton #2029
2002 - 2003	*Jeff Durant	Bellaire #419
2003 - 2004	*John M. King	Sidney #786
2004 - 2005	Jess C. McKee	Lancaster #570
2005 - 2006	Tim M. Churchill.....	Swanton #2462
2006 - 2007	Michael C. Stanley	Van Wert #1197
2007 - 2008	Jack Minarchick.....	Lakewood #1350
2007 - 2008	James L. Nichelson (Honorary) (PGER 2009-10).....	Ohio River Valley #231
2007 - 2008	Marion F. Owens, Jr. (Honorary)	Marion #32
2008 - 2009	Doug Schiefer.....	Bucyrus #156
2009 - 2010	David A. Mix	Ravenna #1076
2010 - 2011	James M. Baylor.....	Coshocton #376
2011 - 2012	Gregory L. McGlone	Newark #391
2012 - 2013	Dan Beaston.....	Fremont #169
2013 - 2014	Roger E. Crowe	Kenton #157
2014 - 2015	Roger L. Martin	Hillsboro #361
2015 - 2016	Lance C. Knight.....	Willoughby/Cleveland #18
2016 - 2017	Harold "Red" Kehler	Elyria #465
2017 - 2018	*Richard J. Treacle	Uhrichsville #424
2017 - 2018	Dane A. Dysert	East Liverpool #258

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