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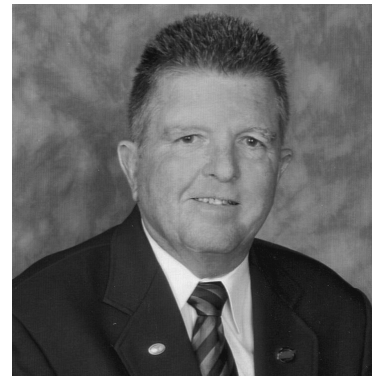
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President's Message

This is a great time to be an Elk! All of our Lodges are facing unsure times; however, we can make a difference to those around us by being a great Elk. As we begin this year together, the goals we have before us can and will be achieved by continuous hard work by our committees. I ask that you give your full support to the Chair Persons and committee members as they begin this important task.



It was an honor to attend the State Convention and be installed as your TEA State President for 2010-2011. The support given by my home Lodge in Morristown and all of your Lodges across the state is appreciated and most welcome. This was evidenced by the comments made during the convention. If this enthusiasm continues throughout the year, it will be a year of great success. It was great to see everyone at convention and I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Thanks to all who helped put it together including those who worked registration and the hospitality suite. It is a huge undertaking and those in charge did an outstanding job.

As we go through the year, I will be discussing the goals planned. Membership is a goal we should all put as a high priority because once we increase the number of members, more effort will come out of our lodges. As they say, "there is strength in numbers". And membership is one number we need to improve upon. Along with this, we need to remember the members we seem to neglect at our lodges. Is there someone to whom you do not speak or ignore as they frequent your establishment? Please take a moment to recognize these folks as they are interested in the lodge or they would not be there.

I look forward to visiting each of your lodges. It will be exciting to learn of the programs you have in your community and what lies ahead for the coming year. I am interested in each and every program. I know each of us can make a difference and I predict the year will hold great

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2010

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Grand Lodge - Orlando, FL

OCTOBER 7th - 9th
TEA Mid-Year - Jackson, TN

2011

APRIL 7th - 8th
TEA Annual - Grand Hotel, Pigeon Forge

JULY 10th - 14th
Grand Lodge - Phoenix, AZ

OCTOBER
TEA Mid-Year - Jackson, TN

2012

APRIL
TEA Annual (TBA)

JULY 5th - 9th
Grand Lodge - Austin, TX

OCTOBER
TEA Mid-Year - Jackson, TN

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APRIL
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A Note From The Sponsor

The Tennessee Elks had another successful annual meeting. We had the great pleasure of having the Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Nichelson and his wife Mary Caroline with us in Nashville. I am sure everyone who had a chance to visit with them will agree that they are a warm and wonderful couple who are magnificent representatives for the Elks.

It was very good to hear the reports of the State committees and know that we are moving forward. Although we may not be perfect in all our efforts, I can tell you that the Grand Exalted Ruler was impressed by what we are doing.

The new lodge year has started and with it some changes. The financial reports to the district auditors begin. The first set of reports should be mailed (or e-mailed) by the tenth business day of the month. The lodge does not have to wait on the bank statement to reconcile the accounts. Preliminary reports can be used. I ask you to please work with us as we begin this process.

As a reminder the district auditors are:

East - Hobart Teague, Athens

Middle - Ann Gable, Franklin-Nashville

West - Larry Edlemon, Trenton

I also want to remind all lodge officers that the Annual Audit is due to the Grand Lodge Auditor by June

30th. Please be sure to get your audit approved on the floor of the lodge. Make sure that all signatures are attached, all attachments are included and that it is mailed immediately after it is approved.

As we begin a new year each member should strive to become more involved in the lodge and state projects. There are many great things going on in every lodge. By becoming involved you can not only help, but you can reap great rewards when you see the things that you accomplish. I encourage each lodge to begin to look for that local "major project". Look for the one thing that can make a difference in your community and will get your lodge recognition for being a valuable member of the community.

The grand lodge session is coming up in July in Orlando. If you have never been to a grand lodge convention, the Orlando convention offers a wonderful opportunity to see and meet Elks from around the country. By visiting the exhibitions you can see the major projects from many of the other states. The business sessions feature reports on the work done around the country. It is also where the lodge representatives vote on the changes that affect each member and lodge. Orlando will provide you the opportunity to be involved in Elksdom in the morning and enjoy the attraction of Orlando in the afternoon. Come join us and join in the fun.

Sharon and I hope that you have a wonderful and safe summer.

Arthur H. "Jack" Front, III
Past Grand Exalted Ruler

TECT RAFFLE

We have received approval from the state of Tennessee to hold our TECT Raffle in Jackson, Tennessee on October 9, 2010. Tickets will be arriving at your lodges prior to June 9 which is the date tickets go on sale. They will be \$20.00 each and each lodge will be given 200 tickets to sell. There will be one \$5,000.00 Grand Prize and there will be a \$500.00 winner drawn for each 100 tickets that are sold. Start thinking about who you will sell these tickets to and remember they can be sold to ANYBODY, not just Elks. In order to make sure we have the correct mailing address of the lodge, please e-mail your address to **w_shook@yahoo.com**. These tickets will require someone to sign for them. If you have any questions, please contact Randy Shook.

TELAS REPORT

I would like to thank all the ladies who attended the TEA Convention in April, and a special thank you to the ones who set up the meet and greet for the Grand Exalted Ruler's wife on Friday Morning. I hope that TELAS will continue to do this in the future. I really believe this was an ice breaker event for all. A special thank you for those who donated the items for the basket, and special thank you to Jane Attkisson for making the arrangements for the excursion later that day. I really think everyone had a wonderful time.

There also was a meeting on Saturday morning in which we adopted our new by-laws and discussed what will be happening at the October Convention in Jackson. We were able to get the approval for the Chinese Auction to be held and we also discussed future donations. I will be sending a letter each Lodge to please donate 2 items for the auction.

I would still like to invite anyone whether past or new members to join us at any of our activities or meetings. Fresh ideas are always a welcome. If any questions please call me at (615) 495-3291.

Michele Bass

Director of TELAS

At the Convention in Nashville several people asked about the Bulletin deadline. When told May 1 most said that didn't give them enough time. Therefore here is the schedule through 2016.

August 1, 2010	November 1, 2010
February 1, 2011	May 1, 2011
August 1, 2011	November 1, 2011
February 1, 2012	May 1, 2012
August 1, 2012	November 1, 2012
February 1, 2013	May 1, 2013
August 1, 2013	November 1, 2013
February 1, 2014	May 1, 2014
August 1, 2014	November 1, 2014
February 1, 2015	May 1, 2015
August 1, 2015	November 1, 2015
February 1, 2016	May 1, 2016
August 1, 2016	November 1, 2016

Middle District

Vice President Visits

Middle District Vice President Stephen Parsons (Nashville-Franklin Lodge 72) and Vice President Elect Sam Bass (Madison Lodge 2473) have announced their Lodge visits for the Middle District.

The visits are as follows:

Date	Lodge
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Nashville
Tuesday, May 04, 2010	Fayetteville
Thursday, May 06, 2010	Madison
Tuesday, May 11, 2010	Columbia
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Lawrenceburg
Tuesday, June 01, 2010	Pulaski
Thursday, June 03, 2010	Cumberland County
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Lewisburg
Tuesday, July 13, 2010	Gallatin
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Cookeville



Wallace Richard Dukes	Morristown
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P Wayne Arnold

President's Message cont

things. Please let me know when you are having an event and I will make every possible effort to attend.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to any of you. My door is always open. The State Vice Presidents are also available to you. They are: West: Robert Horner, Paris; Middle: Steve Parsons, Nashville-Franklin; East: Mark Dawn, Oak Ridge. WE are all making an effort to improve the State Directory. If you have an e-mail address, please make sure Bill Burns has it. It will be beneficial as we can communicate more efficiently. As soon as we get this accomplished, the quicker we can get the State Bulletin sent via e-mail. My e-mail is: jonesdr1@charter.net.

Fraternally Yours

Donald R. Jones

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Robert Horner

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Randy Shook
A Bern Collins

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Randy Shook
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Scholarship Report

The TEBT Nursing Scholarship Committee met on March 21st at the Waverly Elks Lodge to judge the applications for the 2010-2011 lodge year. The committee awarded 11 new 4 year scholarships that have a total value of \$98,000.00. The winners are listed below with their sponsoring lodge name and number.

Name	Lodge Name & #
Haley Elizabeth Gibson	Chattanooga #91
DeNeil Feldmayer	Memphis #27
Gretchen Cecere	Gatlinburg #1925
Sarah Elizabeth Elkins	Johnson City #825
Chasen Aaron Bassham	Lewisburg #1990
Bobbie Jean Smith	Camden #2156
Emily Grace Pierce	Elizabethton #1847
Hailey Kaitlyn Mitchell	Oak Ridge #1684
John Patrick Haltom	Henderson #2459
Kayla Elizabeth Thomas	Johnson City #825
Madison Ann Williams	Athens #1927

The TEBT Nursing Scholarship Committee would like to thank the Waverly Elks Lodge for doing an outstanding job of hosting the judging this year.

ELK OF THE YEAR

At the recent TEA annual convention in Nashville PSP Robert L. "Bob" Crattie was awarded the TEA Elk of the Year Award. This was a post humus award precipitated by Bob's untimely death on April 7th. Bob was one of the outstanding Elks in our Association and certainly deserved to receive the award. Bob was a Past Grand Lodge Treasurer, Past District Deputy, Past President, TEBT Director, Chairman of the TEA Budget Committee, member of the TEA Elk of the Year Committee, a member of the Finance Committee, and a member of the New Lodge Committee. Bob excelled in the management of our association's finances and the preparation of the budget. Bob's expertise and knowledge are unsurpassed in our state association and it was very appropriate that he be presented the Elk of the Year Award for 2009-10. Bob will certainly be missed by all of us. We deeply regret that Bob was not able to know the he was honored by receipt of the award

HOOP SHOOT

National Hoop Shoot Finals

April 24, 2010, Springfield, MA

Seventy-two participants from across the nation gathered to compete in the National Hoop Shoot Finals. Despite delays and some canceled flights all participants were on hand to shoot in the finals. Continuing the noteworthy competitive spirit shown in the 4-State Regional Contest, Gracee Dishman, Holt Richardson and Sofia Stamatiadis represented Tennessee Elks and their families well.

Gracie Dishman, representing Cumberland County Lodge 2751, shot 22/25 to win Third Place in the 8-9 Year Old Girls division. Sofia Stamatiadis, representing Cleveland Lodge 1944, shot 19/25 in a tie for second place. Ultimately, in the shoot off, Sofia shot 3/4 to earn Third Place in the 10-11 Year Old Girls division. On the boys end of the court Holt Richardson, representing Fayetteville Lodge 1792, shot 23/25 for a four way tie for second place. In the shoot off Holt shot 13/15 to end in fourth place.

Everyone should be extremely proud of these young shooters who represented Tennessee Elks in such an exemplary fashion. The good part of this is that all three are eligible to compete again next year. Congratulations, Gracee, Sofia and Holt.

Tennessee Elks Hall of Fame

Hershel Wilkes from Huntingdon Lodge 2152 is the 2010 Elks Hall of Fame winner. In the presentation made at State Convention in Nashville on April 10, 2010, Hershel was honored for his forty years as an Elk and the numerous offices that he has held on the local and state level. Included in his accomplishments were his serving as Exalted Ruler of his Lodge eight times, Secretary, 11 times and numerous other offices. Additionally, he has served as President of Tennessee Elks Association, various committees, and is continuing his service to Leadership Training and is the guiding force of the Thirsty Thespians. Congratulations, Hershel, on your continuing service to the principles of Elkdom.

Johnson City Elks No. 825 welcoming Nursing Scholarship winners, Sarah Elkins with her parents Don and Gena Elkins and Kayla Thomas with her mother Karen Thomas, is Exalted Ruler Stephanie Radford. Sarah is a student from Daniel Boone High School and Kayla is a student at Science Hill High School. Congratulations to these students.

Lewisburg Lodge #1990 received a total of seven scholarships this year being awarded to the following:

Legacy Scholarship: Georgia White - Katie Gold

Most Valuable Student

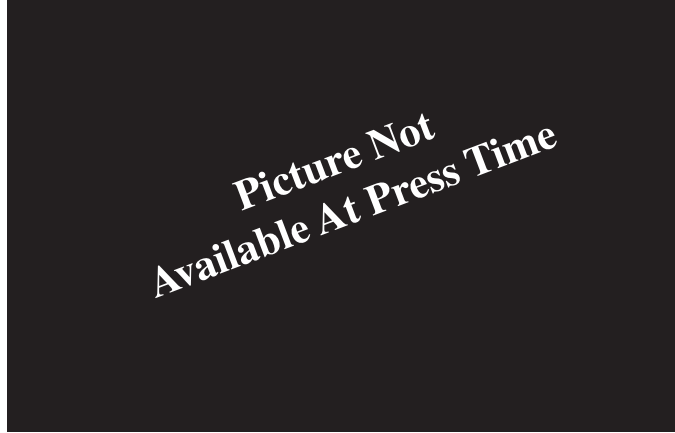
National Winner: Grant Davis

State Winners: Laura Giles - Katie Pigg

Kolby McGee



Pictured are students who received these scholarships, Scholarship Chairman Doug Cheek and Past State President Claude Lee.



For all who were at the State Convention, proof of the great time; and for those of you who were not, see how much fun you missed: Go to Elks.org scroll down to State Associations click on Ohio click on external site click on travel with GER and Mary C. Scroll down to Tennessee pictures. These were posted by Mary Caroline and a special thanks to her for including the ladies' outing.



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