Elks remember Clinton, MO, Exalted Ruler

The memory of a 32-year-old Exalted Ruler killed in the collapse of the Elks Lodge building in Clinton, Missouri, is being kept alive at this 142nd Grand Lodge Session.

Tony Komer, the father of two, was the Exalted Ruler of the Clinton Elks Lodge. He died when the collapse occurred while he was practicing his part on the third floor of the building for initiation of several new candidates.

Contributions for Exalted Ruler Komer’s widow and young children have flowed in from Elks across America. Each of the 33 lodges in Wisconsin, for example, donated funds for the Komer family.

Anyone wishing to make a donation for the Komer family can do so in care of Jeff Smith, Tony Komer Memorial Fund, Citizens Union State Bank, Second and Franklin, Clinton, Missouri 64735.

PGER Ted Callicott, the Missouri sponsor, has announced a trust fund has been established for the family of Clinton ER Tony Komer. Anyone wanting to make donations can forward checks to Missouri Elks Charitable Trust, c/o Gary O’Hare, 1113 SW 13th Street, Oak Grove, MO 64075.

“This spontaneous donation of tens of thousands of dollars,” said Grand Exalted Ruler Grillo, “shows the meaning of our motto, “Elks Care, Elks Share.”

2006 Marvin M. Lewis Awards presented

Four Marvin M. Lewis award winners were honored in a ceremony Monday. The four Elks honorees have contributed significantly to the Boy Scouts of America. This year’s Marvin M. Lewis recipients are Timothy E. Knotts from the Arlington-Fairfax Virginia Elks Lodge #2188, Donald L. Drew from the Cameron Missouri Elks Lodge #2615, Ken Tolve from the Stuart-Jensen Florida Elks Lodge #1870, and George V. Oliva III from the San Rafael California Elks Lodge #1108. These recent winners exemplify the level of dedication by Elks all across America to the Boy Scouts of America.

A brief biography of PGER Marvin M. Lewis and history of the award was read by PGER Lester C. Hess Jr. who himself is a 2000 MML Award winner. Several other past Marvin M. Lewis winners were in attendance. PGER Roger R. True, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Sponsor, and James R. Pilgrim, the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Chairman, along with several special guests attended the ceremony.

Win a Harley and help special kids

New Jersey’s State Major Project is Elks Camp Moore for special children. The Miracle Run is raffling off a 2006 Harley Davidson motorcycle and trailer with a state-wide picnic/poker run. All our proceeds go to the camp. To date we have raised $500,000. We send 800 children to camp each year at no cost to their families. It is 100% funded by the New Jersey State Elks.

Please stop by and see our motorcycle and let us tell you about New Jersey Elks Camp Moore. “It’s all for the kids.”
Our Hearts and Prayers go out to our fellow Elk in tragedy

As we all come to this Grand Lodge Convention we think of joy and fellowship and good times for all. Yet life does not always turn out that way.

This past Friday as Franklin, Indiana’s ritual team awaited its finest hour, tragedy dealt a cruel blow. As a father prepared for his challenge in ritual he discovered his 16 year old son died in their hotel room of unknown causes. One cannot imagine how devastating that had to be. Yet in his moment of severe pain this father felt that his duty to his fellow teammates was paramount. Less then 16 hours later he was performing his part on the ritual floor.

At the end, a flood of tears can only describe the entire room. Teammates, spectators and judges alike could not hold back their tears. It was truly the meaning of Brotherly Love. Please any and all who read this story, give a moment of your time to pray for this father and mother who have been dealt this tragic blow. In loving memory of Jeffery George.

Ritual scores as of noon on Sunday

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Report for Youth Activities awards

Tuesday will be a busy day for the Youth Activities Committee. At the Business Session on Tuesday morning (10:30 a.m. approximately), the Committee will present its annual report to the delegates. At this time, the first place winners of the State Association Brochure Contest, the Subordinate Lodge Best Youth Program, and the Subordinate Lodge National Youth Week Brochure Contest will be acknowledged and awards presented. The person accepting these awards is requested to be seated to the right of the stage, and as close to the front as possible by 10:15.

Americanism award winners report Tues.

The Grand Lodge Americanism Committee asks that all first place award winners report to the Americanism booth in the Exhibit Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday. You will then be taken to receive your awards on the convention floor. Awards will be presented for State Americanism Committee contests, Americanism Brochure contests, and Americanism essay contests.
Youth Activities seminar Tues.

From 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., the 12th Annual Grand Lodge Youth Activities Seminar will be held in the Plaza F, at the Orlando Peabody Hotel. Committee members will present brief summaries of our Elks-sponsored youth programs, as well as information on brochure development and evaluation. Questions are encouraged and welcomed.

Exalted Rulers, Youth Activity Chairpersons, and any/all members interested in promoting youth activities will especially benefit from this informative fast-paced session. Make plans now to attend, or have a representative attend on your behalf.

Special “911” emergency instructions

In the event of an emergency, or if medical attention is needed, please go to one of the On-Site Medical Staff (who have white shirts with a red cross on the back), to any security staff person in uniform, to any Orange County Convention Center staff person, or to any phone box marked “House Phone” (where dialing instructions are inside the door of the box). You can also go to any BPOE staff person.

The OCCC Building Security will call “911” and send emergency response personnel and vehicles to the exact location where they are needed. That generally is a quicker response than if you call “911” from your cell phone. This is a very large facility and minutes can be wasted if emergency responses do not go directly where they need to go.

Illinois Major Project helps children

The Illinois Major Project has been dedicated to helping physically challenged children since the fall of 1928. Prior to 1928, many Illinois Lodges were working with physically challenged children as an outgrowth of work done helping returning WW I soldiers before the creation of the Veterans Administration. After a year long study, the organization formalized the Project statewide. The first director of the program was A Lady who traveled Illinois by train organizing free children’s orthopedic treatment clinics.

Today, this approach still exists with free clinics at 21 locations on a rotating basis. Most clinics are conducted four times yearly. There is a free clinic somewhere in Illinois approximately every 2 1/2 working days.

In addition to the clinic approach, the program provides direct assistance to children who need physical, occupational, speech or other therapy, or who need a particular piece of equipment to help them cope with their challenge.

Funding for the Illinois Elks Program comes from the Lodges and Membership, along with additional funds from the Elks National Foundation. The budget for this year is $976,000. All individual and Lodge donations each year go 100% to help children as the operating expenses are paid by Trust Fund Income. No public solicitations are conducted and no government funds are sought. Stop by the Illinois booth to view the Project and see our wonderful special Kids.

Take a Spin at Idaho’s Booth

Take a spin by the Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital exhibit, and spin the wheel! You could win a number of fun items, including a special, one-of-a-kind lapel pin of the state major project.

In addition to “playing” the wheel, you just might learn some interesting things about Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital, The Idaho State Elks Association state project. The hospital, located in Boise (one of the ten fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country), Idaho, one of the five fastest growing states in the country), is the only one the state solely dedicated to rehabilitation. The mission of Idaho Elks Rehabilitation Hospital—to give people the opportunity to live life to its fullest—is truly what the hospital is all about.

You will have plenty of time to visit the booth. Exhibit hours are:

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While you’re there, plan to take a spin or two on the wheel. The lapel pin is pretty cool (you won’t want to go home without one)!
Preliminary Credentials Report
at noon on Sunday

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93 years young and 102 years old

John Cunningham, Lodge #606 of Biloxi, MS, reports Russell Braun is coming to the convention. He is a 71-year Elk member and was ER in 1946, still very active, attends dances and other events at the Lodge.

Jim White, Rumford, ME Lodge #862 reports that he is a member aged 102. Is he the oldest in the U.S.?

Bugles Across America

Bugles Across America NFP is here again at the convention for the fourth straight year. When Cicero-Berwyn Elk Tom Day started BAA and met Mike Manning, they only had 375 horn players. As of today BAA has 5,000 players of live “taps” on real horns. They are doing an average of 1,000 military funeral services monthly at our National Veterans Cemeteries and have now done over 60,000 services for Veterans and their families. Last May the Elks from Bath, New York, helped sponsor Echo Taps where 870 horn players lined up over 41 miles from Elmira, N.Y., to Bath, N.Y., and the players sound TAPS continuously for 4 1/2 hours. They set a Guinness World Record. This fall a movie will be released about the program. In 2007 the Veterans Administration will sponsor BAA, and they will do the same all across America. The VA will also release a movie for cable television about Elkdom DAV and BAA in October of 2006. On the final episode of ER on TV, Elk Ed Crobie of Joliet, Illinois, played taps. Tom will also be in a movie about the history of the United States flag to be shown on PBS this fall, based on a new book by Phil Koch about our flag. BAA donates over $28,000 in Katrina relief and BAA. They give away 280 trumpets and bugles and 300 uniforms.

Stop and see Tom at the Veterans booth and get one of the original bugle pins while they last. Tom again will sound taps for his fourth straight year at the Memorial Service Wednesday morning. Tom invites all lodges to sponsor a bugler and establish the youth in music program. Tom has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, People magazine, National Public Radio, and McLaughlin News Hour. Tom was Marine of the Year in 1959-60 and DAR Medal of Honor winner. Check Tom Day’s web sites at www.buglecall.org and www.buglesacrossamerica.org.
California-Hawaii booth seeks strongest Elks for 2006

Come on over to the California-Hawaii Elks booth and test your hand strength. You could be the new leader in our quest to find the ‘Strongest Elk’. Our current leaders are:

- Tim Smith – Bellefontaine, OH #132 at 151 lbs.
- Steph Homme – Twin River Falls, MN #1308 at 94 lbs.

A few of the preliminary leaders were:

- Gary Mueller – Garden Grove, CA #1952 at 136 lbs.
- Brandon Miller – Hopkins, MN #2221 at 121 lbs.
- Cheri Johnson – Faribault, MN #1166 at 84 lbs.
- Cheri Boskie – Reno, NV #597 at 71 lbs.

Thanks to all who are participating.

Wedding anniversary celebrated yesterday

Jim Howes, PER and Jessica Howes, ER from Seattle No.92 celebrated their one year wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 9. The happy couple were wed at last year’s Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada, at Circus Circus Chapel of the Sierra with 95 Elks in attendance. The reception was held next door at the Washington State Hospitality Room.

“We would like to thank the Washington State Elks Association and all our friends in Elkdom for your love and support,” said Jim and Jess.

“A Celebration of Freedom” is KETCH, the project of the Kansas Elks

The Kansas Elks Association has been helping people with disabilities celebrate freedom for more than 40 years through its state project, the Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc. (KETCH). To thank the Elks for their continued support, KETCH will set up its booth in the exhibitor’s hall to commemorate the 2006 Kansas state theme: “A Celebration of Freedom.” A door prize drawing and photos with scenic backgrounds will be available at the KETCH booth.

In 1962, the Wichita Training Center was established, with the goal to provide vocational job training to nine young men with disabilities. Two years later, the Kansas Elks Association adopted the under-funded, yet successful training center and helped turn it into a leading rehabilitation organization throughout the State of Kansas.

Today, KETCH offers employment services, community living services, and day programs to more than 900 Kansans with disabilities each year. If you would like to learn more about KETCH, visit the sunflower-state’s booth in the exhibitor’s hall or go to www.ketch.org.
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

NOW, WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will conclude this 142nd Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, Florida on the 13th day of July, 2006;

AND, WHEREAS, it is appropriate that due note be made and appreciation expressed to the many individuals who have contributed their time and effort to the success of this Grand Lodge Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates here assembled extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation as follows:

To the Elks, spouses, and families of the State of Florida for their wonderful hospitality and for giving so unselfishly of their time and talents;

To Honorable Louis J. Grillo, Grand Exalted Ruler, for the excellent and timely manner in which he conducted the business sessions, and for his untiring efforts on behalf of our Order during his term as our leader;

To Lucia Grillo for the elegant grace with which she endeared herself to all during her tour as First Lady with our Grand Exalted Ruler throughout Elkdom;

To the Grand Exalted Ruler’s Administrative Assistant Richard L. McDonald for the efficiency with which he handled the many support functions required of that position;

To Honorary Convention Chairman Past Grand Exalted Ruler Honorable Robert Grafton for his guidance in the planning and execution of this convention and setting a positive theme with his warm welcoming speech at the Opening Ceremony;

To the Grand Lodge Convention Commission: Past Grand Exalted Rulers Honorable Gerald L. Coates (Chairman), Honorable Dwayne E. Rumney, Honorable James C. Varenhorst, Honorable Lester C. Hess, Jr., and Honorable Charles F. Williams, whose planning and efforts began many months prior to this Convention, and for their attention and supervision during this Session, insuring its success;

To the 2006 Convention Committee, General Chairman Thomas E. Elmore, and Ross Evers, Charles Trinowski, Carl Seibert, John Harris, Joe Ortiz, Walter Mabie, Joe Rodgers, James Lind, Robert F. Shell, Charlotte A. Healy, Robert Coker, Vincent Como, Bob Pitney, Joanie Pitney, Lillian Riley, and Gus Simonelli, who with the many Elks of the State of Florida, worked tirelessly on the various Committees and Subcommittees to make this Convention truly outstanding — a thing of beauty like the Sunshine State of Florida;

To Grand Secretary Honorable Jack M. Jensen, and his capable headquarters staff, for their cooperation and knowledge, without which no Grand Lodge Convention would be successful;

To Tina M. Haran, Conventions and Meetings Director, and her Associate, Jessica M. Ruiz, for their efforts and dedication in carrying out their many responsibilities and logistical functions at this Convention;

To the Grand Lodge Convention Coordinators, Dick Mitchell, Edgar Manwaring, Roland L. Siebert, James Rice, Homer Oberst, and William Gebhardt, who provide and prepare the exhibits, the sound and visual equipment, the timing, the lighting, the transportation arrangements, and other Convention requirements;

To Phil Claiborne, Chairman of Registration, Rudy R. Wicht, Director of the national information services department, and their team of skilled credentials personnel, for the efficient and pleasant manner with which they welcomed and registered for another successful year the thousands of Elks and guests attending our Convention;

To Grand Treasurer Honorable Carl J. Lino, Jr. and Thomas N. Rabickow, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee, for their prompt and capable handling of the financial commitments of this Session;

To Past Grand Exalted Ruler Honorable Roger R. True for serving as Master of Ceremonies at the Opening Session of this Convention;

To Grand Chaplain Reverend Father Jeffrey L. Wald for his spiritual guidance and prayers for Elks and Elkdom during the past year, and for invoking the divine blessing of Almighty God on this proceeding and sending us forth to do the good works of Elkdom with his Benediction;

To Robert K. Bjornaas, Organist, of Tacoma, Washington Lodge No. 174, for providing such fine musical renditions;

To the Ken-Tones of Kenton, Ohio Lodge No. 157, under the direction of Sue Fox Buroker, PER, for their superb musical presentations;

To Roger E. Crowe, Jerry Haudenschild, David Beazley, and D. Jack Buroker, Soloists, of Kenton, Ohio Lodge No. 157, for their wonderful and stirring vocal performances;

To the Florida Army National Guard Military Honors Team for their dignified and impressive presentation of the Colors;

To guest speaker Clifford E. Said, of Jefferson, Iowa Lodge No. 2306, for his challenging and inspirational message to our Convention;
To Past Grand Exalted Ruler Honorable James M. McQuillan for his meticulous planning of our moving Memorial Service, as Grand Lodge Memorial Service Coordinator;

To Honorable Millard Pickering, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, for his special vocal presentation during our Memorial Service;

To Honorable Charles VanDyne, Past Chief Justice, who will render the General Eulogy;

To Grand Secretary Honorable Jack M. Jensen for his moving eulogy for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Honorable Vincent R. Collura;

To James V. McQuillan of Ogallala, Nebraska Lodge No. 1760 for his commitment to render a beautiful Eleven O’Clock Toast at our Memorial Service;

To Thomas J. Day of Cicero-Berwyn, Illinois Lodge No. 1510 for his moving rendition of Taps;

To the first place girl and boy winners of this year’s “Most Valuable Student” Scholarship Awards: Tracy Meng, sponsored by Cuyahoga Falls-Akron-Island City Lodge No. 1923; and Robert Ryan, sponsored by Mesa-Buckhorn, Arizona Lodge No. 2656. In the hands of such immensely talented young people, our American legacy of freedom is guaranteed;

To the “Getty Powell Award” winners for the highest-scoring girl and boy in the 2006 “Hoop Shoot” Contest: Karlie Samuelson, of Fullerton, California Lodge No. 1993; and Nicholas Fortenberry, of Augusta, Georgia Lodge No. 205, who stood fast and displayed unbelievable poise and dexterity under the pressure of intense National competition and emerged victorious;

Finally, our deepest appreciation to all the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America who, with their spouses and families, have pledged allegiance under God to the Flag of the United States, the emblem of our Order and this Great Country and the symbol of freedom and liberty throughout the World.

Respectfully submitted by the Grand Lodge Resolutions Committee: Honorable Robert M. Goolrick, Arlington-Fairfax, Virginia Lodge No. 2188, Chairman; Honorable Thomas S. Brazier, Santa Cruz, California Lodge No. 824; and Honorable Vito C. Caruso., Rotterdam, New York Lodge No. 2157.

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Results of booth judging announced

The Grand Lodge, Lodge Activities/State Associations Committee judged State Association Booths at the 142nd Convention at Orlando, Florida. The Committee wishes to thank all the states who participated.

States receiving 5 stars: Alaska, Arizona, California/Hawaii, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland/Delaware/DC, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, and Washington.


States receiving 3 stars: Missouri, New York, South Carolina, Texas, Massachusetts, and North Carolina.

Florida Elks are here to help!

Florida Elks are super volunteers and are here to assist the attendees at this 142nd Convention. The local booth is located in the exhibit hall where you will find the official convention pin and the beautiful cap that has the pin on the front. Also available are the Tervis tumblers with a special patch inside with a lifetime guarantee. Come see the wonderful job of decorating a local booth by our volunteers.

Orlando has many fine entertainment facilities; the food is great with many places to choose from. Have a wonderful time and enjoy the hospitality. If you need assistance, look for an orange vest. We are here to help.

The Hurricane Relief Committee will be holding an open meeting on Tuesday, July 11, from 1-5 p.m. at the Peabody Discovery Room.

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• Queries and Custom Reports: How to drill down and search your membership records
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Convention Forecast: RAIN in Florida

Caught in the rain? The Ohio booth has umbrellas for sale. Sizes from 60” for $20 and 44” for $10 will keep you and your significant other dry. Don’t miss getting your purple and white umbrellas.

The atlases are now all gone. We went through 250 in the first day! The cities with an Elks lodge were highlighted throughout the atlas.

Ohio is giving away a personal DVD player again this year. A $1 donation to help treat Cerebral Palsy will give you a chance in the drawing and two putts on the BUCKEYE COUNTRY CLUB. Don’t miss out! The winner of last year’s DVD player was Don Fasnaught from Indiana.

This year, Ohio Elks donated over $293,000 to 35 centers for the treatment of Cerebral Palsy. Be sure to visit the Ohio booth to see our program!

Take a chance. Give the gift of sight.

Stop by the Oregon booth and take a chance to win a beautiful handmade oak cribbage board. The board was donated by the St. Helen’s lodge. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit children with visual handicaps, the Oregon Elks Major Project. A lucky winner will be drawn Tuesday, July 11th, at 2:00 PM. Tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00.

Since 1949, the Oregon Elks have supported the Elks Children’s Eye Clinic at the Oregon Health & Sciences University’s Casey Eye Institute. Over the decades, with millions of dollars and thousands of volunteer hours, the Oregon Elks have brought sight to over one hundred and fifty thousand children who might not otherwise have experienced this most precious sense.

Get in the swing with Jr. Golf

One of the fastest-growing co-ed sports in America is golf. In recognizing the popularity of this sport among our youth the Elks have introduced the “Jr. Golf” program as part of our Grand Lodge Youth Activities (GLYA) events. With golf courses being found in almost every community the “Jr. Golf” program is another way to provide a positive program for our youth and at the same time promote Elkdom.

For more information about this program you can refer to the GLYA manual, or go on line to the Grand Lodge website at www.elks.org or stop by the GLYA booth during this convention and talk to any of the GLYA committee people about the “Jr. Golf” program and all the Youth Activity programs sponsored by the Elks.
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Again this year we are calling all Cancer Survivors to stop by and sign our survivor’s book.
GRAND LODGE SESSION – 2006
MONDAY – July 10th

8:25 Procession of Grand Lodge Officers ............ James A. Coggins, Grand Esquire
8:30 Call to Order ...................................................... Louis J. Grillo, GER
Opening Ceremony ..................................................... Grand Lodge Officers
Invocation ................................................... Rev. Father Jeffrey Wald, Grand Chaplain
8:35 Introductions ........................................................ Louis J. Grillo, GER
Grand Lodge Officers
8:40 Recognition of Delegates ....................................... Louis J. Grillo, GER
from Distant Lodges
from New Lodges
8:45 Reading of Minutes from Previous Session
Motion to dispense
8:50 Appointments ...................................................... Louis J. Grillo, GER
8:55 Announcements ................................................ James A. Coggins, Grand Esquire
9:00 Annual Report of the Grand Exalted Ruler ............. Louis J. Grillo, GER
Preliminary Reports of Committees
9:05 Registration ..................................................... Jack M. Jensen, Grand Secretary
9:10 Committee on Judiciary ................................. Millard C. Pickering, Chairman
9:20 Board of Grand Trustees .................................... Arthur H. Frost, III, Chairman
9:35 ENF Report .............................. Lester C. Hess, Jr., PGER, Chairman of ENF Trustees
9:50 Nominations and Elections of 2006-2007 Officers ...... Louis J. Grillo, GER
9:55 All Officers except Grand Exalted Ruler
10:35 Grand Exalted Ruler
Presentation of Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect
10:55 Designating Escorts for Procession
11:05 Celebration
11:15 Acceptance Speech ........................................... Arthur H. Frost, III, GER-Elect
11:35 Announcements ................................................ Jack M. Jensen, Grand Secretary
11:38 Announcements ............................................. James A. Coggins, Grand Esquire
11:40 Benediction .................................................. Rev. Father Jeffrey Wald, Grand Chaplain
11:40 Grand Lodge Session Recessed