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November 21, 2015

President Catlin, Distinguished Guests and Members,

This report is to inform you of the activities of the Nevada State Elks Association Americanism Committee. With the information provided to me, the following are the numbers incurred:

Elks Involved	228	Elk Hours	2,012
Non-Elk Involves	269	Non-Elk Hours	697
Miles Traveled	2,433	Dollars Contributed	\$3,836.00
Number of People Reached	13,205		

As for the activities, they included but are not limited to the following: Americanism Essay Contest, American Flag presentations to Scout Troops, Naturalization Ceremonies of new American citizens, Participating in Parades, Flag Day and Flag Retirement Ceremonies and Law and Order Programs.

These are the numbers and activities for the lodges that submitted reports, which was half of the lodges in Nevada reporting. This means that these numbers should be double of what I just reported. I know all of the lodges do activities, so Exalted Rulers please make sure your committee chairs and/or your Secretaries keep track and report.

As for my hours, for the first half of the Fraternal year 2015-2016, I have contributed 56 hours and 43 miles so far. The Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest theme is "What I Can do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country" and the information has been sent to each lodge Americanism Chair.

President Catlin, thank you for letting me serve the Nevada State Elks Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

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NSEA Americanism Chairman



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Vice-President Pressler, Distinguished Guests and Members,

This report is to inform you of the Flag Day activities for the Great State of Nevada Lodges.

Elks Involved	563	Elk Hours	3,371
Non-Elk Involves	351	Non-Elk Hours	1,361
Miles Traveled	6,458	Dollars Contributed	\$3,486.00
Number of People Reached	20,667		

These numbers are for the eleven lodges that made a report to me and thank them for that. Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, please double check with your committee heads to make sure your lodge activities are being reported and recorded so you get the credit due.

Vice-President Pressler, thank you for letting me serve the Nevada State Elks Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank M. Reynolds III
NSEA Flag Day Chairman

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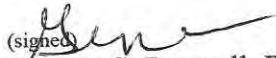
November 21, 2015

SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

I am happy to report that this committee has no actions pending. I have not been notified of any actions to be taken prior to this Midterm Convention. Anyone with concerns or suggestions should get in touch with me, preferably in writing as I have that CRS syndrome and need all the help I can get.

Thank you President Ken.

Fraternally submitted,

(signed) 

Eugene S. Presnell, PSP
Chairman, Committee on Laws

 Elks Care



 Elks Share

Dear NSEA President Ken:

21 Nov 2015

Thank you for letting me continue as the Nevada Grand Lodge Housing Chair. After all these years, I think we are starting to get it right. Last summer in Indianapolis, we had a great time meeting people from all over the nation. As usual, we had our share of regulars we met there or had met over the years and keep coming back. It is always fun to renew friendships. Our room was full every night, and the state dinner was a success. We used local barbeque places to cater, and as usual we had extra food that we gave to the hotel staff and people from outside the state who came in after dinner.

This next summer we are going to be in Houston, and we are already making plans for the visit. We are trying to connect with the staff in Houston, but have been unable so far. Hopefully, we will be taking our visitation trip next month. We will be staying at the downtown Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston. The rate will be approximately \$131 a night. Parking fees and transportation from the airport will be determined when we visit.

Since this is the first time we are cutting down the number of nights for the convention, there might be some scheduling changes. In the past our state dinner was on Monday night, and the Southwest party was on Tuesday. Because of the shortened schedule, we may be doing the dinner on Sunday night. Or we might not be able to fit it in. If the latter is the case, we will make sure that everything else in the room is upgraded for the delegates. I will be able to confirm things by the state convention in April.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ross Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ross Dyer, PER

Housing Chair



NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

Mid-term Convention report

November 21st 2015

Good morning President Ken Catlin, Honored Guest and Members all. This is the report for Elks National Foundation.


At this time we have Chairmen for every lodge except for one and hopefully they will be able to fill this position soon. Chairman also need to register with the National Foundation, five lodges have not done this yet.

We as a state have given \$47807.63 with 451 donors out of 16 lodges with a total of 4,962 members. This is approximately 9 percent of our members, we can do better.

We have only 12 lodges that were compliance eligible for grants, out of the 12 lodges 7 were eligible for the \$2500 Gratitude Grants and only 2 lodges received the grant. Two Lodges were approved for the \$2000 Gratitude Grant. Five lodges have applied for the Promise Grant and three of them received the \$2500, one for \$2000 and another on the wait list for \$2000. Seven lodges have been approved for the \$2000 Beacon Grant and one lodge for the Impact Grant. Congratulations to Laughlin lodge for receiving all four grants. We have seven lodges that did not apply for grants. The total dollar amount of Grants for our lodges is \$40,500.00

Nationally the state of Nevada is in 2nd place with 9.596 per capita and Texas is in 1st place with 9.699 per capita and 3rd place is Kentucky at 7.610 per capita.

This concludes my report.


LeRoy Olson, PER

NSEA-Elks National Foundation Chairman

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LODGE OF THE YEAR CHAIRMAN
Feryl Fitzgerald
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21-Nov-15

Lodge of the year Mid-Term Report

The 2014-2015 Lodge of the Year Plaque was awarded to the Reno Lodge #597
With a score of 280 points.

I would like to thank the four Lodges who ^{responded} resonded when I asked for information.
Unfortunately for the twelve lodges who did not send in the report, I had to assume
that their lodges were not interested.

Its easy to be the Lodge of the Year for Nevada, Just do Elks stuff.

The Leading Knights will receive a letter from me in March with the list of items
the Lodge will be judged on for Lodge of the Year.

Do the things that are on the list and do it better then the other Lodges and you will
win.

Fraternally


Feryl Fitzgerald PDDGER

Lodge of the Year Chairman

NSEA 2015/2016 Mid term Membership report

Jacqueline Edwards

I am very pleased to say we are doing very well again this year

5200 for a final which is a 4.4% gain over all, and a net gain of 218 new members

BUT don't let this fool you this has a High delinquent # somewhere around 300 members !!!!

We only have one lodge which is showing a loss so far this year.

Now on to an interesting note, We have people who wish to become members and we ignore them?? And their request for, 66 days? And a request from the membership chair to check out why this person had to ask Grand Lodge to intervene on there behalf? Come on get on the stick here and take care of this we don't have lots of people to be able to ignore then and if they don't have the qualifications be courteous enough to inform them of this promptly.

Enough of the housekeeping we are doing great keep it up I have some very interesting stats for everyone come see me and I can give them to you.

Pete Urdiales Jr. PER-NSEA
State Veteran Service Chairman

Good Morning.

It is with great regret, I can not be here today to see all my friends, and enjoy making more friends.

As you know, it's been a rocky road and the days are long, and the nights even longer. I am sorry, I have not done my duties 110 percent like in the past, but with hope, I do want to get around to everything.

I have spoken to several of the Lodge Veterans Chairmen, and as usual they are doing their duties.

Pahrump had a Stand Down, and the new Chairman is right on top of everything.

As some of you know, but for those who don't know, Robert Bebee PER of Boulder City Elks has resigned as NS-VA Rep. for the Boulder City Veterans. Home. Russ Childers and I have interviewed a person who is interested in taking this assignment. The name has been turned over to the right persons, and the Veterans Commissioner. So we are waiting for approval. Until then, you have to wait for the Convention in April to be presented with the new NS-VA Rep.

Until then, take care, drive carefully going home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Urdiales Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Pete Urdiales Jr.

NV State Veteran Veteran Chairman

Nevada State



Elks Association

November 21, 2015

TO: NSEA President Ken,

SUBJ: Vets Hospital – Nevada North

In April, 2015, the Elks National Service Commission Account for Nevada North, had \$22,206.95 in the checking account. Since then the account has received funds totaling \$780.00 from Elks National Veterans Service Commission in monthly deposits. My expenses totaled \$4,210.80. The expenditures are: \$100 was used to sponsor two Summer Student Volunteers at the VA Hospital; \$78.48 was used to purchase stress balls to support the Lahontan Valley VA Clinic in Fallon; \$1,500.00 was used to purchase lap top computers for the Reno VA Hospital Training Center; \$2,532.32 was used to Sponsor the group Re-Creation that put on their show at the hospital. Additionally, I obtained Leather hides & wheelchair gloves from our Grand Lodge Leather Program. The tanned hides were donated to be used for Veteran Therapy and 6 pair of gloves were given to Fallon Clinic and 18 pair to Reno VA. The Total in the account as of this date is: \$18,776.15.

There are VA Vans in Winnemucca; Carson City/Gardnerville; Hawthorne and Fallon, that are used to transport Veterans to the VA Hospital in Reno – all of the Drivers are Veterans and many are Elks that donate their time each month to drive the Vets to their medical appointments.

Elks Lodges in northern Nevada regularly visit the Reno VA Hospital and distribute clothing, books, toiletries, and most of all a sincere desire to lift the spirits of the hospitalized Veterans.

I have attended the Quarterly VAVS Committee Meetings in June and September at the VA Hospital. I have also had our Annual Review with the Volunteer Service Director

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Ted Balash, PSP/DL

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System
Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center**

September 2, 2015

In Reply Refer to: 654/05/VOL

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Reno, Nevada 89502-
2597
(775) 786-7200 or
(888) 838-6256

Mr. Ted Balash
400 Pheasant Drive
Fallon, NV 89406

VA Sierra Foothills
Outpatient Clinic
11985 Heritage Oaks
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Auburn, California 95603
(530) 889-0872 or
(888) 227-5404

Dear Mr. Ted Balash:

On behalf of all the Veterans we care for at the Ioannis A. Lougaris Medical Center, a division of the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System, thank you for the donation of wheel chair gloves that you delivered for our Veterans.

The Voluntary Service Office supports the personal care needs of our patients by providing items such as the wheel chair gloves that you have donated to all the Veterans. We appreciate your donation. By receiving these items through your donation, we are able to better meet the needs of our Veterans.

Thank you again for your continued interest in and support of our nation's Veterans. We believe strongly in "Providing World Class Care and Service to America's Heroes". It is heartwarming for all of our patients to receive a reminder that their service has been remembered.

VA Carson Valley
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Gardnerville, Nevada
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(775) 782-5265

Sincerely,

VA Lahontan Valley
Outpatient Clinic
345 West A Street
Fallon, Nevada 89406
(775) 428-6161 or
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Stephanie Torian
Voluntary Service Officer

VA Winnemucca
Outreach Clinic
3298 Traders Way
Winnemucca, NV 89445
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In accordance with IRS regulations regarding donations, it is understood that such donations are unrestricted and the donor has received no goods or services by VA in consideration in whole or in part for the contribution.

VA Diamond View
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August 24, 2015

In Reply Refer to: 654/05 VOL

Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks
c/o Ted Balash
400 Pheasant Drive
~~Reno~~, NV 89406

Dear Summer Student Volunteer Sponsor:

Once again, please accept my warmest thanks for your organization's sponsorship of our 2015 Summer Student Volunteer Program. With 26 student volunteers who donated over 1,500 hours of service this summer, the program was a huge success and we applaud these quality individuals that made it so!

Words cannot express our gratitude for your support, and making it possible to provide each student with a small gift, award pin, and a fun day at Magic Carpet Golf. They enjoyed their day of recognition and fun!

Thank you again for your participation and donation in support of this program and we hope you will choose to participate again next year.

Attached is a print out of the hours that your youth volunteer(s) accumulated this summer.

Sincerely,

Shandra Anderson
Voluntary Services Specialist
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November 21, 2015


NSEA ADOPT-A-VET REPORT

I have received six Adopt-a-Vet reports out of sixteen Lodges.

Number of Veterans Adopted:	352	Number of Veterans Visited:	658
Number of Elks:	352	Number of Non-Elks:	73
Number of Elk Hours:	1,151	Number of Non-Elks Hours:	227
Number of Elks Miles:	21,855	Number of Non-Elks Miles:	11,075
Total Monies Contributed:	\$3,152	Value of Items Contributed:	\$ 26.00

Activities include gift baskets, birthday cards, transportation to shopping, companionship, visiting Vets Home, transportation to and from hospital, pool parties, furnishing clothes and personal items.

Fraternally yours,


Russ Childers, PDDGER
NSEA Adopt-a-Vet Chairman

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Vets Hospital Reps South Report

Nov. 21, 2015

I have attended quarterly VAVS meetings and monthly Commander Meetings at the VA Hospital. I am also on the Executive Board of VAVS and have attended their meetings. I completed my annual joint review in April, 2015 with the Chief of Voluntary Service.

On September 21, 2015, Pete Urdiales, Jr. and I prepared and served the crew of Re-creation after their performance at the VA Hospital earlier that afternoon. On November 11, 2015, I attended a BBQ and Car Show at the VA Hospital. Funds from my VA Rep account went towards some of the expenses. The evening of November 11, 2015 Las Vegas Elks Lodge 1468 hosted a reunion of the Women's Air Force Band (WAF). Funds also were donated to their cause. On Friday, November 13, 2015, the band did a performance at the VA Hospital which I also attended.

The Director of the VA Hospital, Isabel Duff, retired on May 1, 2015. Peggy Kearns is the new Director. She came here from the VA center in Saginaw Michigan.

Recruitment for Hospital staff is struggling due to the negative press about VA scandal. The VA has lost ten doctors. The VA has partnered with UNLV to provide space and assistance with a Medical School, with sixty students, to be constructed on Hospital grounds. It is estimated that in ten years there will be a 20,000 doctor shortage nationwide, not just the VA.

The Solar panel covers for the parking lot are almost complete.

Recently, the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada instituted a program whereby Veterans can purchase bus passes at 50% discount. This is especially useful as the RTC has service to the hospital and Primary Care Clinics.

Pahrump Clinic is scheduled to open in 18 months. Fisher House will be dedicated in February, 2016. Criteria for use are that families must reside more than 50 miles away. The facility has 18 room suites, private bath, completely furnished. Volunteers are needed for the facility as well as donations. Please contact Cadie Andrew, 702.791.9000 ext. 15480 for donations and information. Thank you.

Fraternally,

Russ Childers, PDDGER

Vice Chairman (S) of National Vet Service

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Expenses and Income for VA Hospital Rep South 2015

EXPENSES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ITEMS FOR VA</u>
04/24/15	\$ 500.00	Women's AF Band VA Hospital Reunion Concert
06/26/15	500.00	VA Homeless Vets Coalition
09/24/15	14.84 Ck.3013	Re-creation Meal Expenses
09/25/15	561.32	Van Rental Women's AF Band
10/14/15	<u>500.00</u>	Veterans Day Program at the Hospital
Total:	\$2,076.16	

INCOME

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
04/19/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
05/12/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
06/16/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
07/13/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
08/18/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
09/14/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
10/19/15	\$ 130.00	NSEA
11/06/15	\$ <u>130.00</u>	NSEA
Total:	\$1,040.00	

November 21, 2015 \$28,811.03

CASH ON HAND

Nevada State



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*Mary Wells, PER
New Lodge Chairman*

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November 15, 2015

President Ken, Honored Guests and Members All

New Lodge Committee Report

I became the New Lodge Chairman on a high note, Max Shen, his committee, and the Great Basin Lodge had just completed their long journey. We had just celebrated the institution of the new Lodge, initiated all of the members and installed all of the new officers. But the work doesn't stop there.

We started this New Lodge Year with enthusiasm. We are looking at communities throughout the state with the hope of adding another Lodge to our ranks. The committee has not set their sights on any area at this time and is still open to any and all suggestions.

Fraternally,

Mary Wells, PER, ER
New Lodge Chairman





Nevada State Elks Association

NSEA DIRECTORY REPORT MID-TERM Convention November 21, 2015

I have started the 2016-2017 Directory.

The policy has been established to put the Exalted Ruler in all blank spaces. I still had a few blanks last year, but the number is going down. This policy will continue to be the case and there won't be any more of the **"I'll have it for you in a couple of days"**. Cut off for lodges is April 10th. No excuses. State deadline will be at the close of State convention. I have blank Lodge information packets to be handed out to the Secretaries or Leading Knights. The Secretary should take the responsibility to see that the proper people receive the packets. If anyone would like me to send them an excel information packet early please get in touch with me and I will get it out to you.

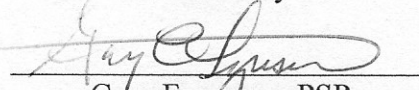
Ads have been good, but there are still a few Lodges that have not paid. The directory broke even last year. A far cry from making a profit to help our coffers.

Suggestion! ! Go back to your Lodge and vote to send the \$100.00 now to the State Treasurer earmarked for Lodge ad 2011-2012 directory.

Same thing goes for the Lodge PER associations, and any individual or individuals that wish to place an ad.. I'll work with you on design if you wish.

I will continue to be adding e-mail addresses this year. If there anything else you would like to see incorporated in the directory or If you have any suggestions please contact me with your ideas.

Fraternally


Gary Ferguson, PSP
NSEA Directory Chairman

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Nevada State Elks Association
Ken Catlin, President

Nevada State Elks Association
William "Bill" Bohnett, Gov't Relations

November, 21, 2015

Fellow Members and Distinguished Guests:

I was privileged to be invited to the Annual Government Relations Seminar in Chicago two weeks ago. There I was introduced to the reasons why this great committee was recently reinstated as a statutory committee in Elksdom. There I was enlightened and found out why Government Relations is so important!

Years ago our membership numbers alone made an excellent political statement. Now, this is obviously not the case. We need to show our legislators and elected officials that the good we do needs to be recognized, appreciated, and influential. This is done by accurately gathering the time spent laboring as volunteers in all of our charitable works. The numbers say a lot... And have the power to turn heads! With that said, I am pleased to state that every lodge in our great state have reported these numbers to the State Secretary! Great job! But, I have no doubt our numbers are lean. There are so many things our organization and local lodges do for our communities that are appreciated and welcomed, but often the time, and mileage spent is reported lean or not at all. I have last year's totals here with me. I ask each ER or representative pick up a copy of this report at the end of the meeting and take this information back your lodge and share, publish, and use this information to excite those who need to better understand the work of our great Order and its great works!

You state chairman. I'm talking to the Hoop Shoot, Scholarship, Veterans, Youth Activities, Major Project, any committee who has multiple committee members. You all need to gather these hours and send this information to me! I will need it before mid-March. This is vital information, and you are required to provide this information as a requirement of your obligation.

Finally... I have newfound appreciation for Government Relations, and wish to thank President Ken Catlin for this appointment.

Fraternally,

William "Bill" Bohnett, PDDGER
NSEA Government Relations Chairman



A Fraternal Organization

Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable
and Community Service Programs
for Fraternal Year - April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary
for

Nevada Elks Association

Participants in Programs	197,930	
Elks Who Worked	11,763	
Helpers of Elks Who Worked	5,052	
Combined Total	16,815	
Hours Donated:		
Elks	74,611	
Helpers of Elks	25,070	
Total Combined Hours	99,681	
Cash Value of Donated Hours*		\$ 2,172,048.99
Miles Traveled:		
Elks	263,152	
Helpers of Elks	63,832	
Total Combined Miles	326,984	
Cash Value of Miles Traveled**		\$ 179,841.20

Contributions:

Cash	\$ 415,858.00
Non-Cash	170,743.00
Hours Worked	2,172,048.99
Miles Traveled	179,841.20
Total Contributions	\$ 2,938,491.19

*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$21.79 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

**Mileage computed at \$0.55 per mile.

Honorable Jim Grillo, Special Deputy GER Jim Shirkey, President Ken, Dignitaries and Members all-

I would like to give this report as Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Co-Chairman (South).


- Out of 16 Lodges I received 9 written or verbal reports (via email or the NSEA Website) from Lodges.
- I did not receive reports from the following Lodges - Carson City 2177, Tahoe/Douglas 2670, Great Basin 1472, Ely 1469, Boulder City 1682, N Las Vegas 2353, and Pahrump 2796.
- Out of the 9 Lodges reporting there were zero reportable accidents since the last convention held November 2014.
- It is requested by Grand Lodge that each Local Lodge has an Accident Prevention Manager within their Lodges. It is this Manager's responsibility to perform Lodge Self-Inspections, Safety Inspections and complete/submit accident reports (if required). It is requested that the Lodges be sure to keep the Accident Prevention/insurance Risk Chairperson updated on who this Manager is and contact information so any current information can be set to Lodges as needed.
- Please remember the importance of reporting – With the NSEA Website, it makes the process of reporting easier for the Chairperson to keep up with the information.
- As a final note, I would like to let all Lodges know that Debbie Oskin (from Mesquite) is the Vice-Chairperson this year. I look forward to working with all the Accident Prevention Managers from the Lodges.

This concludes the report for the Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk for 2015. Let's strive for an accident free year.

Thank you, respectfully submitted November 20, 2015

Debbie Oskin, Vice-Chairman (South)

for

Sue Catlin, PER  PER
Accident Prevention and Insurance Risk Chairman



Elks Care - Elks Share

*Donna Kealoha
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N.S.E.A. Blue Pig Mid-Term Report

Mr. President, Officers and Members,

It is my pleasure to deliver the N.S.E.A. Blue Pig Mid-Term Report.

As the Nevada State Elks Project, Project Safe Haven, we Elks continue to raise funds that provide emergency shelter and care for our battered and abused children.

- 10 Lodges have reported*
- 6 lodges held events*
- Many Blue Pig events are held between November and March, such as a Surf 'n' Turf dinner and a Hog Call. I look forward to those and other reports at a later date.*

SMP Board of Directors Report. NSEA Business Session, 11/21/2015

Mr. President, Honored Guests and Members All:

This is the report of the State Major Project Board of Directors for this Mid-Term Convention. The Board met at its regular session on Friday morning. All members were in attendance.

The Income Tax forms for the 2014-2015 Fraternal year were filed with the IRS. According to the Executive Director, PSP Ted Balash, the State Major Project Fund no stands at \$1,076,626.10. We will be funding Camp-To-Belong next spring through some pass through funding from the Elks National Foundation.

Our Resident Agent, PSP Jim Shirkey told the Board that the Corporation Registration Fee for the Secretary of State has increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year.

If your Lodge is in need of more Blue Pigs, check with the lodges in your district. Canes of Blue Pigs are resting comfortably in Ls Vegas, Hawthorne and Fallon Lodges.

This completes the preliminary report for the State Major Project Board of Directors.

Fraternally submitted,

Roger Lund

SMP Chairman

Nevada State



Elks Association

State Major Project Report

November 21, 2015

TO: State President Ken,

As of October 13, 2015 there was a total of \$1,076,626.10 in the State Major Project accounts at Wells Fargo Securities Inc (see attached - includes cash, annuities, bonds, mutual funds and equities). The Quarterly (\$15,000.00) Payments for April – June and July – September, 2015 have been paid to Nevada Division of Child & Family Services. Additionally, the form 990 has been filed with the IRS. The above total results in an increase of \$15,568.10 as compared to the same period last year..

The Major Project Trustees, and our Wells Fargo Investment Advisor, continue to make sound, prudent and conservative decisions regarding investment opportunities.

Sincerely,

Ted Balash, Executive Director
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President Ken, Distinguished Guests and Elks;

I am giving the 2015 Mid-Term report covering the fraternal period 1 April 2015 to 31 October 2015. Since returning from training in Indianapolis, IN over the 4th and 5th of July where I learned a lot about the program and my responsibilities, I have made contact with all of the Lodges and the County School Districts. A packet of the Drug Awareness Literature was mailed out to each of the school districts along with contact information for the closet Elks Lodge. This year 3 schools requested the comic book "Never alone" through their local Lodge. Grand Lodge asked for a count of trailers and Elroy's posed by each state. We have two trailers one in the south and one in the north, they are owned by the state association. There are six Elroy's in the state, Mesquite and Laughlin Lodges each own one, the state association owns four, two new and two requiring repair. The trailer in the North required extensive repairs to the brake system and the wiring. The hole in the roof has been temporally repaired. The graphics have been replaced by a new wrap consisting of Elroy and other fraternal graphics.

For this report nine out of the sixteen lodges have submitted a report. There were 34 events with 181 Elks and 135 Non-elks, totaling 1069.5 Elk hours and 1747.5 Non-elk hours and 2622 Elk miles and 3114 Non-elk miles. 13,859 pieces of literature distributed to 9833 participants. The Trailers were used 7 times along with 8 Elroy appearances. Out of the 34 events there were 26 public relation articles submitted.

The Drug Awareness Program has introduced a new program this year at the training session. The new program is "The Drug Quiz show". A web site has been established by Grand Lodge DAP and I have forwarded the link to the school districts. I have also asked each of the Lodges to register with the site so the schools will have the contact information. So far only three Lodges have registered they are Las Vegas, Laughlin and Great Basin. I am registered as the state contact.

Thank you, President Ken for this opportunity to make a difference.

Fraternally,
Richard "Rick" Stone, PER
NSEA Drug Awareness Chairman

Steve McBride
Exalted Ruler



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Mr. William Wiseman
President Elect
NSEA

November 20, 2015

President Elect Bill,

Hoop Shoot is in full swing. Several Lodges have already held their local contest, and I am happy to announce that all 16 lodges have committed to holding a local contest this year.

As you know, The Great Basin lodge has requested to be placed in the Central District for the Hoop Shoot, at least for this year. This request has been approved.

I am sad to announce that "Mr. Hoop Shoot" Bud Lemmond has announced his retirement from this great program.

Bud has requested that Martin Busby from Hawthorne Lodge #1704 be his replacement. I have spoken with President Ken and you about honoring this request. The decision has been made, and Mr. Busby will hold that position this Hoop Shoot season.

The following dates have been scheduled for the District Contest;

North District: January 16th, 2016 Wooster High
Central District: January 30th, 2016 the Austin School
South District: January 9th, 2016 Boulder City Recreational Center

The State Contest will be held in Hawthorne on February 13th, 2016 at the Mineral County High School. This event will end our traditional Hoop Shoot Weekend at Thee 1704 with the State President's Visit slated for Friday night February 12th. All are encouraged to attend.

The Area 7 Regional contest will be held in Las Vegas on February 27th, 2016. The Las Vegas will be the host lodge for this event.

The National contest will be held in Chicago, Illinois this year. It will be held on April 16th, 2016 which will be the same weekend as our State Convention.

In closing let me remind everyone that The Hoop Shoot program is changing their reporting format. All local Chairpersons are reminded that your contest results MUST be entered into the Director's Dashboard on the ENF

Hoop Shoot page, and submitted to the next level electronically. Do not however throw out the hard copies; they must be turned in to the next level like in previous years.

Also local contest results are to be entered into the ENF system as soon as your contest is complete.

Let's try to repeat last year, and be the first State in the Nation to complete this requirement.

If there are any questions about this new procedure, please contact your District Director.

Thank you for your support with the great program.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. McBride', written in a cursive style.

Steve McBride
Nevada State
Hoop Shoot Director

Nevada State



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November 15, 2015

Toni Wendt, PER
Tahoe/Douglas Elk Lodge #2670
Nevada State Most Valuable Student Scholarship
and Vocational Grant Chairman

President, Ken Catlin, President Elect, Bill Wiseman, Distinguished Guest and Members All:

The Final report for 2014 - 2015, Most Valuable Student Scholarship and Vocational Grant.

The funds for 2014 - 2015 Most Valuable Student Scholarship have been submitted to all appropriate colleges, except three scholarships where the students did not request their funds. Two Vocational Grants were awarded however, one student did not requested his funds.

The Mid-Term report for 2015 - 2016 Most Valuable Student Scholarship and Vocational Grant is as follows:

In August of 2015, I notified each Lodge to inform them that they would receive a package from Grand Lodge with all the materials needed to promote the Most Valuable Student Scholarship and the Vocational Grant. If their package did not arrive to please contact me and I would assist them in getting their materials.

September 1st, 2015 Grand Lodge sent each Lodge in Nevada packages containing materials needed to promote the Most Valuable Student Scholarship and the Vocational Grant.

October 2015, I contacted each chairman and requesting a status report as to date, only seven out of sixteen Lodges sent back the requested information, please see attached report.

The student application is not due to the local Lodge until December 4th, 2015, there is no information on the number of students that will be applying.

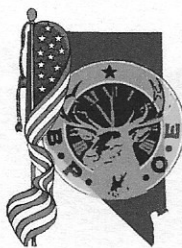
Southern District Lodges please note, the Southern District Chairman resigned so please submit all your District MVS Scholarship Applications and Vocational Grants directly to me unless otherwise directed by Bill Wiseman.

Fraternally,

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November 21, 2015

President Ken, President-elect Bill, Distinguished Guests, members all,

This is my Mid-term Youth Activities Report for Lodge year 2015-2016. I want to thank the eleven Lodges that have reported their activities to me so far. Those Lodges are Tahoe/Douglas, Boulder City, Reno, Sparks, Great Basin, Fallon, Ely, North Las Vegas, Laughlin, Mesquite, and Henderson-Green Valley.

The numbers are:

Elk hours	1711
Non-Elk hours	676
Total miles traveled	3872
Dollars spent	\$6,097.42
Participants reached	6023

This concludes my Mid-term report.

Fraternally,

Gary Wendt, PER

NSEA Youth Activities Chairman



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November 21, 2015

President Ken, President-elect Bill, Distinguished Guests, Members all:

This is my Mid-term Citizen of the Year Report for Lodge year 2015-2016. I want to thank the many Lodges that participated in the Citizen of the Year Program last year. Grand Lodge and I will be sending each of the Lodges in the State information needed to compete in this year's program after the first of the year. The deadline for entry will be March 15, 2016. A reminder to Las Vegas Lodge #1468 to return the perpetual plaque to me some time in February so that I may have it engraved.

This concludes my Mid-term Report.

Fraternally,

John Louritt, PER

NSEA Citizen of the Year Chairman



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I would like to thank the members who have contributed to the news letter and the lodges who send their lodge news letter each month. A suggestion to lodges would to have a save the date page showing upcoming events for each month. This could be a valuable tool for not only the NSEA newsletter but also other lodges who may have members who are planning a getaway and may be able to participate while in town. The Newsletter comes out quarterly so look ahead at your calendars and see what's coming up that you could share. The next issue will be out in December so share what is happening in January through April.

As Elks we are given great tools to guide us through our year well the NSEA Newsletter is yet another tool. It is a tool that is informative and a form of communication. What lodge does not like to see their name in print. We can donate money and endless volunteer hours on great projects and events, why not share those upcoming events and let everyone shared them with you. share your accomplishments and upcoming events send your information to myself or Don Coleman -- Now not everything may be printed but you will not know unless you try.

Thank you

Kathleen Hoss

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NSEA Newsletter Editor

NSEA Public Relations report November 2015

President Ken, Honored guests members all,

Public relations, is well in the state of Nevada. All lodges seem to be performing the requirements of Grand Lodge, but are they alerting their community of the good work of the Order. Nowadays social media through FaceBook , Twitter and all other social media seems to be the rage, but newsprint is more lasting than the instant gratification of the internet. Continue to submit your stories to your local media, don't give up continue to be persistent with your requests. At some point you will get a breakthrough. Push that along by inviting the media to the events that you want publicized in your community. A meal is cheap but a photo is priceless! Remember P.R is the best way to recruit for your lodge.

We are at the halfway point of our Elks year it is not to late follow the guidelines of the Silver State Public Relation contest. The contest mirrors Grand Lodge requirements plus adds your own unique events in your calendar. Do them, report them and you will see your membership increase and an increase of your image in your community. Contact Danny Wells, your NSEA co-chair or myself for copies.

In closing, President Ken, guests and members, I apologize for not giving my report in person but Shelley is undergoing surgery during this time. This is my mid-term report.

Respectively yours,

Louis G. Martin

NSEA Public Relations Chairman.



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November 21, 2015

President Ken Catlin:

The Ritual Committee met on October 17, 2015 in Tonopah. We had 8 members renew their Word Judging Credentials and 7 members renew their Floor Judging Credentials. Thank you to Steve McBride and the Officers of Hawthorne Lodge for putting on a great ritual so that the Judges could renew their cards. We were pleased to have Pete Bravo, AREA 7 Ritual Committeeman in attendance. We also thank the following Lodges for attending:

*THE NEXT CLINIC WILL BE JAN 23,
1st RENO & NORTH LAS VEGAS*

*9 LODGES THAT
ATTENDED*

We discussed the upcoming Ritual Contest to be held in April in North Las Vegas. We have had only 5 to 7 Lodges enter the contest over the past three years, therefore it was decided that we would run the contest the same as last year. We will offer first, second and third place medallions along with a plaque for the first place team. The first place team will be decided by the highest score and represent Nevada in the National competition in Houston in July.

If we have ten or more Lodges enter the contest, we will revert back to the two divisions with first and second place teams receiving medallions and compete in the finals.

We would like to have all sixteen Lodges compete next April. We now allow Officers to read their part in the contest. Although these Officers cannot win an award, nor can the team win the team event, it would give the others Officers the opportunity to win individual awards. We are now allowing Officers to repeat a position. This carries a two point deduction, but the Officer can win an award. Your team can also have substitutes which carries a one point deduction.

All Leading Knights received a packet yesterday. The packet contains an entry form for the ritual contest and 5 \$100.00, 50/50 drawing tickets. 50% will go to the winner and 50 % goes into a fund to help the winning Nevada Ritual team with their expenses to National. The drawing will be held on Saturday April 16, 2016 in North Las Vegas.

President Ken, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Ritual Chairman.

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November 21, 2015

President Ken Catlin, Distinguished Guest and Members

My report will cover NSEA Vice-President, Business Practices, Web Master and CLMS Coordinator. I have chosen to combine the reports because frequently the duties have crossed over each other. So needless to say this year has been busy.

First, as President-Elect and Web Master: President Ken Catlin and I have been working closely at resolving issues as they come up. I'm using this information to help establish my goals for next year and to assist me in the selection of appointed officers and committees for next year. I have accompanied President Ken Catlin on each of his visits to the Southern Lodges. In addition to this I have visited all nine of the Southern District Lodges and two Northern District Lodges over the last half of the year. Twenty new questions have been added to the Elks Training section of the State Web Site with the assistance of VP Dave Pressler. All questions now carry a HINT link to help you in locating the correct answer. Once again we have encouraged the Lodges to use the committee reporting system provided on the website to file their reports to the State Committee Chairs. We had thirteen Lodges use the system, submitting a total of eighty-five reports. There were four Lodges using the reporting system exclusively. I thank Richard Stone and Bill Oskin for their encouraging the Lodge to use the system. They received the largest response from the participating Lodges.

The State Website has been given a complete facelift. With the changes we have now gone over 20,000 hits and over 45,000 page viewings on the site. That is 30% increase in usage over the past year. Through use of the e-mail notification system we are reaching over of 450 members. With the support of the Lodges forwarding these messages to their members we are able to reach well over 2300 of our members. I will continue to endeavor to include changes as they are requested. The website continues to play a very important role in much needed communications with our members.



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Second, as Business Practices and CLMS Coordinator: This has taken the greatest amount of my time. I worked with seven of the Southern District Lodges and two of the Northern District Lodges. These task included working with Lodges in the reconfiguring their Chart of Accounts to comply with the newly structured Chart of Accounts. These changes mostly involved the way restricted funds are reported to bring them in line with IRS requirements. I continue to assist the Lodges the way food and beverage income and expense are treated in the accounting system.

Considerable time was spent assisting with the training of a couple of new Lodge Secretaries with the CLMS Membership system. I also provided a one hour Business Practices presentation at DDGER George Montgomery's DD Clinic and accompanied him on all of his Lodge visitations.

I accumulated over 3000 miles and 500 hours performing these tasks.

While it has been a very busy first half of the year it has been a very rewarding experience. I thank each and every one of you for having the confidence me, providing this opportunity to participate in the works of the State Association and Lodges.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Bill Wiseman, PDDGER
NSEA President-Elect
District Leader Nevada South





Bill Oskin
Chairman
Lodge Activities Committee

November 21, 2015

President Catlin, Distinguished Guests and Members All;

As of this date, I have received ^{twelve is} ~~eleven (11)~~ Lodge Activity Reports from the sixteen (16) Lodges in Nevada. The Lodges reporting are: Boulder City #1682, Ely #1469, Great Basin #1472, Hawthorne #1704, Henderson/Green Valley #2802, Las Vegas #1468, Laughlin #2872, Mesquite #2811, Reno #597, Sparks #2397, Tahoe/Douglas - ^{Pahrump #2796} 2670. I have also received a written report from North Las Vegas #2353; however, no numbers were included so it cannot be included in the attached summary report.

I would like to thank all the Lodges which participated and assisted me in compiling this report for the Mid-Term Convention.

I hope that by the annual NSEA convention in April I will be able to report that all Lodges have submitted their final report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Oskin
Chairman, Lodge Activities
Committee
Nevada State Elks Association