Nevada State Elks Association

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November 19, 2016

Distinguished Guest and Members

My report will cover NSEA President, Business Practices, and Web Master. 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.

President: First I thank each and every one of you for providing me this opportunity to represent NSEA as President. My year started by attending the California/Hawaii/Nevada Emblem Club Convention held in North Las Vegas. Mela and I then attended conventions in Arizona and California. We were able to renew many old acquaintances and make many new ones. From there we enjoyed the Mesquite Golf Tournament and we drove to Houston for the Grand Lodge Convention where I had the great honor of carrying and posting the Nevada State Flag. I witnessed the installation of Ted Balash as Grand Esquire and Charlie Lum Kee and Frank Reynolds III as our two new District Deputies. On the way home we visited the Yuma Lodge to say thank you to our escorts from the Arizona Convention.

After returning home we visited N. Las Vegas, Carson City, Tahoe/Douglas, Sparks and Reno lodges. The hospitality and food were second to none. I learned very quickly this was not going help with my goal of losing weight. In September we participated in the Utah Convention and had a very rewarding time. I have gain insight into the operation of the other three Area 7 States and their conventions finding we all face many of the same issues. We then visited Pahrump, Henderson, Las Vegas, Ely, Great Basin, Fallon, Boulder City Mesquite and Laughlin. Once again the hospitality and food was outstanding. We are looking forward to visiting Hawthorne, Tonopah and participating in both the State and Regional Hoop Shoot contest.

I addition to visiting the Lodges as State President I accompanied District Deputy Charlie Lum Kee on his visits to each of the Lodge in his district as District Leader and Business Practices Chair. Considerable time was spent with the Auditor to the DDGER as part of our learning experience functioning for the first time operating with the auditor being a three year position. Quite a bit of time was spent with the lodges assisting them in converting to the current Chart of Accounts. With all of this I have driven in excess of 15,000 miles and put in more hours than I care to count. All and all it has been a very rewarding and learning experience.

As for the **website** we continue to keep making changes and adding more information. We continue to get more usage of the website. I will be working with VP Bill Bohnett to add additional questions to the training section. 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 fifteen of the sixteen Lodges use the system submitting 149 of the required reports. There were three Lodge using the reporting system exclusively. The committee chairs encouraging the Lodge to use the system received the greatest response from the participating Lodges.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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November 19, 2016

President Wiseman, 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	941	Elk Hours	3,071
Non-Elk Involves	426	Non-Elk Hours	1,021
Miles Traveled	2,433	Dollars Contributed	$4,116.00
Number of People Reached	16,062		

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 fourteen of the sixteen lodges in Nevada reporting. This means that these numbers should be around double. 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 2016-2017, I have contributed 106 hours and 181 miles so far. The Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest theme is "Why is it Important to Vote" and the information has been sent to each lodge Americanism Chair.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank M. Reynolds III, DDGER
NSEA Americanism Chairman

Elks National Foundation, Inc.

NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

Mid-term Convention report

November 19th. 2016

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

This year I'm glad to report that every lodge has an Elks National Foundation Chairperson. Not every chairperson has registered with the Elks National Foundation yet, it needs to be done.

Our state has donated $44,018.01 this year, last year we donated $47,807.63 by mid-term. We have 14 lodge's that are compliance eligible for grants, meaning two lodges have not reached the GER'S per-capita goal.

Out of the 14 lodges 7 were eligible for the $2500 Gratitude Grants and only 1 lodge received the grant. Three Lodges were approved for the $2000 Gratitude Grant.

Four lodges have been approved for the Promise Grant and two of them received the $2500, two for $2000 and another on the wait list for $2000.

Five lodges have been approved for the $2000 Beacon Grant and Two lodges have received the Impact Grant.

The total of Grants for our lodges is $48,000, last year our lodges received $40,500.00. Your lodge's can not receive a grant if you do not apply for one.

Twelve lodges have gained in donors giving us a total of 81 new donors putting us at a total of 428 donors for ENF out of 5124. Two hundred and twenty-eight renewed, 59 reactivated and 344 members have lapsed.

Nationally the state of Nevada is in 3rd place with 8.596 per capita and South Carolina is in 2nd place with 10.034 per capita and 1st place is Texas at 10.913 per capita.

Volunteer hours: 331 mileage: 1534 from four lodges

Respectfully submitted.

LeRoy Olson, PER

NSEA-Elks National Foundation Chairman

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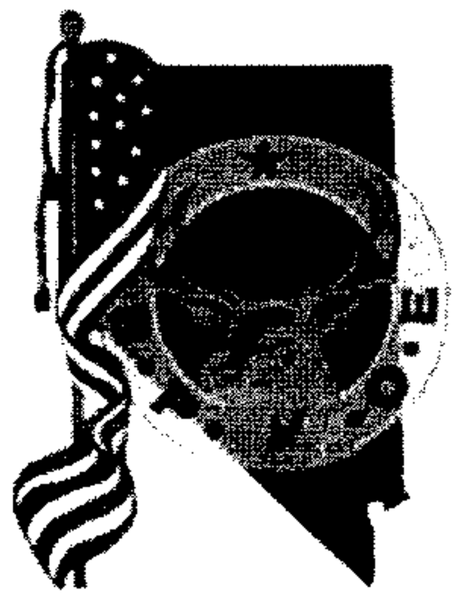

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This report covers The Flag Day Ritual reported by 11 of the 16 lodges. The rituals were assisted by the cub/boy Scouts. Ritual events were followed by pool parties, barbeques and Flag retirement ceremonies.

Elk Members 178

Non Elks 1100

Elk hours 450

Non Elk Hours 266

Elk miles 480

Non Elk Miles 700

People Reached 1772

Just think if all the reports were turned in we could have recorded many more people reached in your communities. If your lodge has not yet reported please send it to me for an updated report that will be given in April.

Fraternally Yours

Eric Hoss, NSEA Flag Day chairman

BILL OSKIN, E.R.
Chairman
Lodge Activities Committee
Nevada State Elks Association

November 17, 2016

President Wiseman, President Elect Pressler, Distinguished Guests and Members All;

As of this date I have received fifteen (15) Lodge Activity Reports out of sixteen (16) Lodges in Nevada.

The Lodge not submitting a Lodge Activities Report is Tonopah # 1062.

The totals from the reporting Lodges are as follows:

# Activities	574
# Elks Involved	4,872
# Elks Hours	26,645
# Elk Miles	94,219
# Reached	43,905
# Successful Events	567
# Non-Elks Participating	2,475
# Non-Elk Hours	12,687
# Non-Elk Miles	36,766
# Public Relations Events	161

I would like to thank all the Lodges who participated and assisted me in compiling this report for the NSEA Mid-Term Convention. I am hoping to achieve 100% participation for the annual convention in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Oskin

Bill Oskin, E.R.
Chairman, Lodge Activities Committee
Nevada State Elks Association

201617 Membership report (mid-term)

Good morning GER, State President, State officers and Members all.

Ask any well-informed member what Value they place on their Elks Membership and I bet most will answer with some version of this:

We accomplish charitable objectives and fund projects that improve the quality of life in our local Elks Community and in turn the Elks community as a whole.

We pledge never to forget our Military and Veterans.

Our Youth programs provide assistance to Special needs children.

Our Scholarship programs provide assistances for most youth in the Community.

The state membership #'s are as follows

5338 members

This is an increase of 221 with 109 more awaiting initiation.

Looking at the – Colum we have 415 members whom are listed as Delinquent.

We as Elks need to find out "Why" we can get them to join just not stay.

Get the Lodge Membership Committee moving!!

Check out the Grand Lodge web site there is an area called Membership Kit with lots of prover methods.

Sincerely

Jacqueline Edwards

NSEA Membership Chairman

State president Wiseman, honored guests and Members all

This is the National Veterans Service report for the State of Nevada for the first half of the 2016-2017 Lodge year. The year started off slowly with several problems that had to be resolved but by mid-summer things started getting better. Elks throughout the state have been very busy holding events for veterans to include weekly Bingo, dinners, hospital visits, providing supplies and support to various clinics, stand downs and Town Hall meetings just to name a few.

To give you an idea of what we have accomplished, the following is a total of all information provided and it should be noted that these totals only represent 9 of the 16 Lodges within the state.

The total number of activities to date is 171

Total number of Elks involved in these activities 597

Total number of Elk hours involved with these activities is 2820

Total number of Elks miles driven for these activities is 13, 246.

Total monies contributed is $35, 145.67 and the value of items contributed is $15,707.

In addition to all the Elks involved, there were a lot of non-Elks that assisted in these events. They totaled 383 people, 1652 hours donated and 3666 miles driven.

I am sure that if all lodges had been reporting veteran events on a regular basis, the totals I have just given you would be significantly larger. I encourage every lodge to look at what you are doing and make reports. Getting your reports submitted is easy. You just need to go to NSEA.Elks.org, go to the bottom of the site, go to "Documents" and click on report forms. From there it will get you to Veterans Services reports, adopt a vet and hides sites. Click on the report you want to submit, fill it out and hit the submit button. It takes very little time but puts your lodge in the reporting system and gives your lodge credit for helping Vets.

The most recent event of significance was the grand opening of the VA Clinic in Pahrump on 10 November. It was well attended by approximately 350 people, several dignitaries and the Pahrump Elks who provided free Hamburgers and hot dogs to everyone.

Thanks to all for being so active in support of our vets.

Kate Kubernach
State National Veterans Services Chairman

Nevada State Elks Association

November 18, 2016

TO: NSEA President Bill,

SUBJ: Vets Hospital – Nevada North

In April, 2016, the Elks National Service Commission Account for Nevada North, had $23,956.15 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 $2,200.00. The expenditures are: $200 was used to sponsor four Summer Student Volunteers at the VA Hospital; $$1,000.00 was used to sponsor veterans going to the Golden Age Games; and $1,000.00 was used to sponsor veterans going to the Winter Sports Clinic. 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: $22,536.15.

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,

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"Friendliest Lodge By A Dam Site"

Boulder City Lodge No. 1682

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
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November 1, 2016

To: NSEA

From: Tim Murray, Veterans Nursing Home Chairman

This report cover the last seven months' activity.

With the assistance of members of the Boulder City Lodge #1682 we have had 10 veterans from the home join the BC lodge for dinner on 4 occasions. In addition, we have provided Bingo to residents of the home 4 times each month, 26 times total.

Total Elks hours is 372 and Elks miles is 1192.

In November I purchased a digital Bingo Game system, with 60" screen and an automated ball system. Cost of the system was $5,700 and paid from the NSEA money provided me. The residents enjoy bingo immensely and play as much as 4 times per week, their favorite day is when the Elks come as the Boulder City Lodge offers very nice prizes, from patriotic ball caps to $25 gift cards they can us anywhere. Many of the residents require assistance and with the old bingo peas in a raffle cage the game was very difficult to run. When the new system was first used, the residents raved about it and couldn't thank the Nevada State Elks enough. Since its introduction, the attendance has increased by around 10-15 residents. Money well spent and I thank the NSEA for providing the funds to improve the life of these Veteran residents.

Fraternally,

Tim Murray, Vets Nursing Home Chairman

Nevada State Elks Association

USO CHAIRMAN REPORT

APRIL 19, 2016

President Bill Wiseman recently asked me to fill the USO chair.

I and my Wife Pauline will work at the McCarran airport USO

AS I am still waiting for Security Clearance from TSA . It takes a

Long time. Even after they offered me a job 3 times.

Fraternally,

George W. Montgomery P.D.D.G.E.R.

USO Chairman for NSEA

President Bill, distinguished guest & members

This is my midterm report for the Veterans hides program. ~~On~~ The following lodges submitted a report Reno 597, Ely 1469, Boulder City 1682, Sparks ~~2397~~ 2397, Laughlin 2872, & Henderson Green Valley 2802, Carson City 2177

TOTAL ELKS hours ~~275 + 10~~ 285
Total ELKS involved 9
Pepole reached 120
NON ELKS involved 110
miles traveled ~~272 + 175~~ 447 mi.
Total Hides Collected 45 + 8 = 53

It appears this year has been very tough harvesting enamels, however we still have almost 2 months left in the hunting season.

Respectfully Submitted.

Sid Beckwith PER Ely Lodge 1469
NSEA Hides Chairman

2017 Grand Lodge Convention
Reno, NV July 16-19

The Local Support Committee has been busy working on this upcoming convention.

Our responsibility is to ensure that the G. L. Convention runs smoothly. Every activity that goes on during the convention will be successful if the Volunteers from the NV, CA/HI, AZ & UT Elks Association support by volunteering for the convention.

Sign up, on line, through the NSEA website, to volunteer. There are many areas that volunteers can participate. There are also only 6 hrs of volunteer time required to earn the "free registration" compensation. That is a $50.00 freebee.

We're looking for 150-175 volunteers, so, do what you can.

Fraternally,
Dee Gaskie
LSC Chairman

Debbie Oskin, P.E.R.
Accident Prevention
and Insurance Risk Chair
Nevada State Elks Association

November 17, 2016

President Wiseman, President Elect Pressler, Distinguished Guests and Members All;

Out of Sixteen (16) Lodges in Nevada, I received reports from the following twelve (12) Lodges: Boulder City #1682, Ely #1469, Fallon #2239, Great Basin #1472, Hawthorne #1704, Henderson/Green Valley #2802, Las Vegas # 1468, Laughlin # 2872, Mesquite #2811, North Las Vegas #2353, Reno #597, Sparks #2397.

Four Lodges did not submit reports. These were: Carson City #2177, Pahrump # 2796, Tahoe/Douglas #2670 and Tonopah #1062.

Out of the twelve (12) Lodges reporting there was only one reportable accident this year at the Las Vegas Lodge where a lady missed a step in the front of the Lodge and twisted her ankle. She was subsequently transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Once again I would like to remind everyone that the Grand Lodge requests that each Local Lodge has an Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Manager within the Lodge. The Manager must perform monthly Lodge Self Safety Inspections which are reviewed with the District Deputy's Esquire yearly. The Manager is also responsible to make sure accident reports are submitted when required. Please keep the Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Chairperson updated with the name and contact information of your Lodge Accident Prevention Manager so that all current information can be shared with the Local Lodges as needed.

Please keep in mind the importance of reporting all reportable incidents in a timely manner. By using the NSEA website, the process is easy. If you have any questions about how to file your reports, please contact me.

It is my goal to achieve 100% of Lodges reporting at the annual NSEA convention in April. Let's strive to make the next reporting period accident free.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Oskin, P.E.R.
NSEA Accident Prevention/Insurance Risk Chair

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November 19, 2016

SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

After the close of the Annual Convention in North Las Vegas the Committee on Laws submitted the requested and approved changes to the By-Laws to the Area Seven Grand Lodge Judiciary for their review and approval. ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS - Section 4 - Treasurer, changed the payment from $500.00 to $750.00. This was submitted on April 20, 2016 and the approval was received dated May 2, 2016. This change will take effect with the May 2017 Association year.

I am happy to report that this committee has no further 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 disease and need all the help I can get.

Thank you President Bill.

Fraternally submitted,

(signed)
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April 16, 2016

SUBJECT: REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.
Proposed Revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

At the Annual meeting of the Association hosted by North Las Vegas Lodge No. 2353 the following proposal to amend the Bylaws was presented. All motions received the required 2/3 majority necessary to pass.

Bylaws changes,

Motion was made by Al Bye, NSEA Treasurer and Seconded by Don Wolf, NSEA Trustee.
This proposal passed with the required 2/3 Majority of votes.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Section 4 - Treasurer
The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, —showing the transaction of the office and the conditions of the fund of the Association. The Officer shall be allowed payment not to exceed ~~Five hundred dollars ($500.00)~~ per annum for reimbursement of expenses, payable annually, but shall not be allowed any additional moneys as and for necessary personal expenses incurred in the conduct of the affairs of the office.
Change to read – ***Seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00)***

Change to take effect Association year May 2017

Fraternally submitted,
(signed) Gene
Eugene S. Presnell, PSP
Chairman, Committee on Laws

Nevada State Elks Association

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA), submitted herewith to the designated member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, were proposed at a regular session of the NSEA held on April 16, 2016, read before the NSEA and at that session were adopted by the required 2/3 majority votes of all members present.

Upon a motion from the floor at the April 16, 2016 NSEA Meeting,

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS, Section 4 – Treasurer

"The officer shall be allowed payment not to exceed ~~Five Hundred dollars ($500.00)~~ per annum for reimbursement of expenses, payable annually, but shall not be allowed any additional moneys as and for necessary personal expenses incurred in the conduct of the affairs of the office."

Change to read " Seven Hundred Fifty dollars ($750.00) "

Date:
NOVEMBER 16. 2016
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Kenneth Catlin, Jr. President

Shaaron Snead, Secretary

N.S.E.A. Seal

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May 2, 2016

Shaaron Snead, Secretary
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Re: Approval of By-Laws Amendment.
Association Action: April 16, 2016
Approval Date: May 2, 2016

Dear Lodge Secretary:

I am pleased to present you with this approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary of action recently taken by your Association to amend your By-laws relating to reimbursement of the Treasurer's expenses.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Francis X. Olivieri, Chair

Edw. C. A. Johnson, Area 7

Copies: Eugene S Presnell

William "Bill" Bohnett, SVP, DL

State Chairman, Elks Training
Fall Report – November 2016

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Members all,

My apologies that Elks Training has not taken the front burner. Sorry to say chances are good there won't be any changes in our current program until Spring. Bill Wiseman's training program on the NSEA website is currently an excellent training tool, and if/when promoting Elks training, I recommend all endorse and perform the current exam on the website in the interim. Many have taken the exam, and if they wish to voice comments, concerns, etc. in hopes for a new assessment, please direct them to me.

In the near future I will get a sampling of some of the main concerns from lodges in the state and create a new exam with real-life concerns, and advise the tools to help resolve them.

As the year progresses I will revisit Elks training and update accordingly.

Many thanks!

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Bohnett

William "Bill" Bohnett
SVP, DL, Training Chairman

c.c. William Wiseman
Jim Shirkey
Jim Grillo
Dave Pressler
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William "Bill" Bohnett, SVP, DL

State Chairman, Government Relations

Fall Report – November 2016

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I attended the annual Government Relations conference in Chicago last month, and I'm pleased to state that once again all lodges reported into the Grand Secretary and Nevada is once again a state with 100% charity reporting.

But this information is only from the subordinate lodges…

While our Order is always involved with communicating our interests to our local, State, and National legislators. We do not want to continually fight for our non-profit existence as a private philanthropic organization and benevolent leader. Many legislators are always searching for ways to increase their coffers for projects that may, or may not fit our Order's missions and goals. Yearly, dare I say even monthly there are political factions wanting to challenge our non-profit status to obtain tax dollars. They question if we really qualify as a 501C8 entity. Our interest and activity in government relations keeps these factions at bay… And even "opens their eyes" on who we are, and what we do. They envision a club of barflies. Once informed, they see we are leaders in most youth, veterans, and specialized charities. Keeping them at bay requires we continue to document our time and dollars spent performing our compassionate agendas. Last year our cumulative hours spent by volunteers working all our charitable events was over five million. They see these numbers and realize we're the real deal and so far, they have backed off. What will keep them from coming back? We are currently giving them the info we've gathered and documented. In reality if we documented ALL the hours we volunteer our time, the GL GR committee feels there are at least another two million hours unreported. So where are we missing the boat? First of all… Are we really reporting every hour spent at the lodge level? Probably not. Without even getting creative, I'm guessing each lodge could report more hours. How many of you are going to the SMP luncheon today? Does your lodge SMP chairman intend to report the time spent during this fund raiser to the lodge secretary? You're hearing all kinds of charity reports in this meeting… How many members are here? Times 2 hours!

Where in the state are we still relaxed in reporting? Our State Chairmen! Hey gang where are your reports? As the Nevada State Government Relations Chairman, I need copies of your final reports! It's my job to make sure this info gets credited to Nevada.

We can keep those legislators at bay by simply showing them a single page report. What we show them can be a powerful tool in their respective territories, and affirm the Elks as an organization who is a leader in all aspects of making our country better thru charitable and benevolent acts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Bohnett

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SVP, DL

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State President Bill,

19 Nov 2016

The following is the summary of the Grand Lodge Housing and Hospitality Committee. In July we traveled to Houston for the Grand Lodge convention. It was a successful venture, for the most part. We had to modify many things because it was the first of the shortened conventions. We had two ERs running the room for several hours instead of one. I would like to thank the ERs for their diligence in this effort, and we only had one not show up. The room was small and we had to lessen the amount of food we usually have, but there was always enough for whomever was in the room. As usual, we were one of the central spots for the other states in the hotel. It was not uncommon to see people from different places enjoying our hospitality. This is one of the reasons we are constantly told that we run one of the best rooms at the conventions. Again, I would like to thank the ERs and other Elks who always make the room a friendly place to visit. One of the highlights was when a PER from Arizona challenged the room to match his donation to ENF. Those members in the room more than doubled what he pledged, and we raised more than $200 in just a couple minutes.

As is always the case, we did have a few mishaps. We had enough food for the state dinner, just not as much as we were told we would get from the restaurant. Although we didn't run out, we didn't have the usual amount of leftovers for the rest of the night. There were also a few patrons who got out of hand, and we are now mandated to shut down after the 11 o'clock toast during future conventions. On the bright side, we get an extra hour sleep each night. We will definitely keep working to make these rooms better in the future.

As far as the future goes now, we will be in the Atlantis Resort in Reno next July. I will be there from Thursday July 13th until Thursday morning July 19th. The room will be open for limited hours the first few days because I will also be helping with the convention, and I haven't been told when or where yet. However, as long as we are there, the room is available for the members to use.

As of right now, the room rates are $119 plus 13.5% tax plus a $2.00 city fee per night. I will be going to Reno soon to check out the rooms and the hotel. As you know, it is connected to the convention center for easy access. The packets for the registration will be online early next year. Also, if you are volunteering for the convention, the rooms are at the same rate for you. Please be prompt in your reservations so we can accommodate everyone who desires to attend. Ending on a good note, there is no parking fee, so we don't have to pay $45 a night for our vehicles.

Fraternally,

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19-Nov-16

Lodge of the year Mid-Term Report

The 2015-2016 Lodge of the Year Plaque was awarded to the Tahoe/Douglas 2670

I would like to thank the six Lodges who responded when I asked for information. Unfortunately for the nnine 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 Elk 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. (if your Secretary sends in the report)
I serve at the discretion of the State President and will continue to serve until I am no longer deeded.

Fraternally

Feryl Fitzgerald PDDGER
Lodge of the Year Chairman

November 19, 2016

NSEA Ritual Committee

We had a fairly good year in Ritual. I wish I could say Great year, but with 16 Lodges in our State we only had seven Lodges participate in our State contest. Three teams had Officers that read their part. This is good. We encourage Lodges to enter the contest even though some officers read their part. This gives all officers an opportunity to win an award, knowing that the team cannot compete on the Grand Lodge level, you are showing your Lodge that you care and you are showing everyone in the State association your Pride in Elkdom.

We had our Area 7 Ritual Clinic this past October with only twenty members participating. This clinic is not only for Judges and Coaches, it's for all officers. We will be having another clinic in January. One in the North and one in the South. Date, time and location will be sent to your lodge next week. We are looking for new Judges. You must be a PER to be a Floor Judge. Any member can qualify as a Word Judge and or a Calculator. Most important, we need your participation as officers.

Let's all work together and make the Ritual the strong point of Elkdom like it was in years past.

Fraternally,
Dom Buffamonte
NSEA Ritual Chairman

Nevada State Elks Association

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Shaaron Snead, Secretary
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TO : Bill Wiseman, NSEA President

FROM : David A. Pressler, President-elect

SUBJECT : President-elect Activities Following State Convention.

DATE : November 5, 2017

April 29, 2016: Attended DD Clinic at Tahoe Douglas 2670, Gardnerville, NV.

May 15, 2016: Attended Reno Emblem Club 372 Installation of Officers.

June 16 - 17, 2016: Attended and participated in the Elko Lodge 1472 funeral services for Jerry Neef, PER, Charter Member, Charter Secretary.

July 3 - 6, 2016: Attended GL Convention in Houston, TX.

October 4, 2016: Attended DDGER Visitation at Sparks Lodge 2397.

October 20, 2016: Attended NSEA Presidents visitation and Ely Lodge Roll Call. Terrific prime rib dinner prepared by the Lodge.

October 21, 2016: Attended NSEA Presidents visitation to Elko Lodge 1472.

November 12, 2016: Attended Reno Emblem Club 372 Testimonial program/dinner for Emblem State President Patricia Jo Crocker.

Corresponded by phone, e-mail and snail mail with NSEA Officers, Committee Chairs, DD's and Lodges/ERs as needed.

Traveled: 7360 miles

Expenses: $ 2,202.19

This concludes my report.

Nevada State Elks Association

November 19, 2016

President Bill, President-elect Dave Pressler, Distinguished Guests members all

This is my Mid-term Blue Pig Activities Report for the Lodge year 2016-2017. I want to thank the 12 lodges that have reported their activities to me so far.

The numbers are:

Blue Pig Dollars collected – $10, 218.08

Cash Donations collected -- $641.38

Other Donations collected -- $600.50

This concludes my Mid-term report.

Fraternally,
Danette Martinez

Danette Martinez

NSEA Blue Pig Chairman

Nevada State Elks Association

State Major Project Report

November 18, 2016

TO: State President Bill,

As of November 1, 2016 there was a total of $1,099,114.13 in the State Major Project accounts at Wells Fargo Securities Inc (includes cash, annuities, bonds, mutual funds and equities). The Quarterly ($17,500.00) Payments for April – June and July – September, 2016 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 $22,488.03 as compared to the same period last year (after having removed the $55,500.00).

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

Sincerely,

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November 19, 2016

NSAE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT

Out of sixteen Lodges in our State I only received reports from 13.

# of Activities held: 327
# of Elks: 5055
Elk Hours: 15148
Elk Miles: 93871
People Reached: 55375
Successful Events: 284
Non Elks: 2768
Non Elk Hours: 6703
Non Elk Miles: 44776
Public Relations: 70

Some events that were held were Armed Forces Ceremonies, Garage Sales, Youth Festivals, Boys and Girls Club programs, Parades.

Community Service is one of the main things that the ELKS thrive on. How else can we show the public what we are all about and what we stand for. I know there are other programs in your community that your Lodge can participate in.

Just think where our numbers would be if all Lodges participated and made a report.

Congratulations and thank you to the 13 participating Lodges

Let's get out there and show the Pride In Elkdom.

Fraternally,
Robert Carroll, PER
NSEA Community Activities Chairman

Nevada State Elks Association

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President Bill, Distinguished Guests and Elks;

I am giving the 2016 Mid-Term report covering the fraternal period 1 April 2016 to 31 October 2016. During this time, most of the lodges have been active in the Drug Awareness Program. Nevada voted to legalize recreational marijuana, this is going to make our jobs even harder, as you may know people can be stupid when they have been drinking and will drive. This will be even more true with the recreational marijuana. Colorado has seen a 68% increase in DUI's, Nevada will be no different. We must now work harder to educate adults and children of the dangers of usage. In August, I sent the two worn out Elroy costumes back to the manufacture for refurbishment, I am hoping to have them soon and will be placing one in Elko for Great Basin and Ely Lodges to share, the second will go to Hawthorne lodge to share with Tonopah.

For this report thirteen out of the sixteen lodges have submitted a report. There were 39 events with 195 Elks and 130 Non-elks, totaling 2375 Elk hours and 496 Non-elk hours and 2964 Elk miles and 1344 Non-elk miles. 10550 pieces of literature distributed to 17466 participants. The Trailers were used 5 times along with 9 Elroy appearances. Out of the 39 events there were 18 public relation articles ~~submitted~~. I have logged 27 hours and 854 Miles so far this year.

The Drug Awareness Program introduced a new program last year at the training session. That new program is "The Drug Quiz show". We need to promote this educational tool more to after school programs, boys and girls club, private schools ect. This is a worthwhile program that we must get behind in our communities. Remember the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

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

2016 Mid Term Report

Lodge	Lodge #	# of Activities	# of successful	# of Elks	# of non Elks	# Elk Hours	# Non Elk hours	Elk Miles	Non Elk miles	# people reached	Material dist	DAP trailer	Public relations	Elroy
Reno	597													
Tonopah	1062													
Las Vegas	1468	1	1	3	20	165	110	120	680	60	100	1	0	1
Ely	1469	11	11	6	40	40	109	30	192	2000	1200	0	4	0
Great Basin	1472	1	1	10	0	50	0	200	0	2000	500	1	0	1
Boulder	1682	2	2	17	0	68	0	95	0	460	760	0	0	0
Hawthorne	1704	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carson City	2177													
Fallon	2239	1	1	3	0	12	0	380	0	500	150	1	2	0
North Las Vegas	2353	2	2	12	4	106	24	20	4	6000	5500	1	2	1
Sparks	2397	2	2	12	9	71	36	620	95	159	200	0	3	0
Tahoe/Douglas	2670	1	1	1	0	5	0	15	0	200	65	0	0	0
Pahrump	2796	1	1	10	10	200	20	300	100					
Hendreson/ Green valley	2802	3	3	8	5	36	28	78	36	427	150	1	1	1
Mesquite	2811	8	8	45	0	1200	0	425	0	3800	1500	0	1	4
Laughlin	2872	6	6	68	42	422	169	681	237	1860	425	0	5	1

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Mr. David Pressler, PDD
President-Elect
NSEA

November 15, 2016

President-Elect Dave,

It is my pleasure to report that Hoop Shoot is in full swing with several lodges already hosting their local contest.

I would like to introduce my 216-2017 assistant Directors;

Al Babb, Reno Lodge 597
North District contest January 21, 2017 at the Wooster High School

Ken Curto, Ely Lodge 1469
Central District contest January 28, 2017 at the Austin School

Chuck Coleman, Pahrump Lodge 2796
South District contest January 7, 2017 at the Boulder City Recreation Center

For additional information about the District contest, please contact these gentlemen.

All 16 Lodges participated last year, and let me remind you that Nevada came in first place the past two years with the Hoop Shoot reporting system. let's try to make it a three-peat this year by getting all lodges to enter their contest into the Elks Hoop Shoot Dashboard as soon as the contest is complete.

In closing let me thank you for your support, and the support that I receive from all of our lodges, and from the local, and District chairpersons with this outstanding program.

Fraternally,

Steve McBride, PER from Thee 1704
Nevada State Hoop Shoot Director

November 19 2016

NSEA Mid-Term Convention

Pahrump Nevada

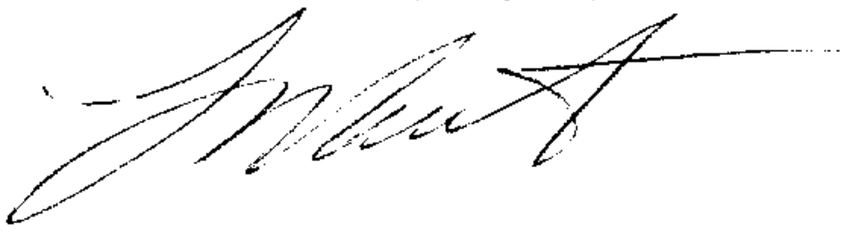
Public Relations Report

President Bill, honored guests, members all,

Some of you may be surprised to see me giving this report this morning after I stepped down in April. I want to thank President Bill for asking me in late August to serve during the balance of his tenure and introducing me to Area 7 PR Chairman Andy Costello. Andy along with Grand Lodge PR Manager Rick Gathen has breathed new life in these old bones. Also Mesquite Exalted Ruler Bill, thank you. Think of it Public Relations and Marketing, it has a sweet ring to it. We are all marketers, marketing the good work of our Order. It's an easy sell, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. But it doesn't end with a name change. We must continue to let our communities know in advance through all types of media releases, what projects and events we are working on then follow up with the story and the ' thousand word photo' The results will be an increase and awareness of BPOE which results in growth in our lodges. To all the lodge PR Chairs, thank you for your reports and the work you are doing in your lodges. It's not about the numbers it's about the results. You had 45 published stories in the month of October, great job. I hope you all enjoyed the PR clinic Andy chaired yesterday and I further hope it inspires you in promoting the good work of our Order in our Silver State. Finally I want to thank the 11 PR chairs, who have reported, it's a number much larger than I've seen in the past. Keep on communicating! President Bill, this is my initial report for 2016-2017,

Lou Martin PER MESQUITE LODGE #2811

NSEA Public Relations Chairman



Nevada State Elks Association

November 19, 2016

DIRECTORY REPORT

President Bill

Distinguish Guest

Members all

Again, I will make this short and sweet.

For the first time in the 25 years I have been doing the State directory I can report it was done at convention time.

For this 2016-17 directory, I turned in $3399.00 to the Treasurer and had expenses of $2412.00. We ended up with a profit of $987.00.

I have been removed as Directory Editor and will not be doing the Directory for the 2017-2018 year. I desperately need to find someone to continue on in the future. 25 years is a long time to have had this job. Anyone interested in doing this please contact me ASAP. My contact info is in last years directory.

I want to thank all of you that completed all those forms and getting them to me in a timely fashion last year. You made my job so much easier.

Fraternally

Gary Ferguson, PSP

NSEA Directory 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. Every lodge will begin the task of forming their budgets for the 2016/2017 year. As you plan this events send a copy to me as a save the date item. These are the events you want to share. A save the date page showing upcoming big events for each month thru out the year in your lodge newsletter. 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 NSEA Newsletter comes out quarterly so look ahead at your calendars and see what's coming up that you could share.

The NSEA Newsletter 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 share them with you. share your accomplishments and upcoming events send your information to myself or Lou Martin -- Now not everything may be printed but you will not know unless you try. One thing I have learned and still working on myself is it is ok to brag. Next release will be the first week of December 2016.

Thank you
Kathleen Hoss
Kathleen Hoss
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NSEA Newsletter Editor

DATE: November 19, 2016

TO: NSEA President Wiseman, President-Elect Dave Pressler, Vice-President Bill Bohnnet

FROM: NSEA Youth Activities Chairman Ben Reed

SUBJECT: Mid-Term 2016-17 Youth Activities Report

This is my Mid-Term Youth Activities Report for lodge year 2016-17 for the Nevada State Elks Association. We recognize and thank the following ten lodges who reported their activities: Sparks, Great Basin, Tahoe/Douglas, Laughlin, Boulder City, Reno, Las Vegas, Ely, North Las Vegas, Henderson/Green Valley.

Activities: 52

Elks: 124

Elk Hours: 2,708

Elk Miles Traveled: 1,215

People Reached: 9,459

Successful Activities: 51

Non-Elks: 346

Non-Elk Hours: 1,355

Non-Elk Miles Traveled: 2,222

Public Relations: 28

General Comments: this report includes various youth activities such as dictionaries for third grade students, Safe Halloween, Scouting programs, Bicycle Rodeos, support for Boys and Girls Clubs, Americanism Essay Contests, Student of the Month and Student of the Year Programs. One special note about a new program at the Great Basin Lodge: the lodge secured an ENF grant and funds from the community and lodge members to purchase backpacks for youth taken into protective custody by law enforcement and the courts. Backpacks are given to the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services to disperse at the time of custody. Backpacks contain supplies which are age and gender appropriate, such as clothing, hygiene products, books, blankets, games, and stuffed animals. This program supports the mission of DCFS in the counties of Elko, Eureka, Lander, White Pine, and Humboldt and closely supports the overall mission of the Nevada State Elks Association's State Major Project.

Fraternally,

Ben Reed, ER, PER
Great Basin Elks Lodge #1472

Nevada State Elks Association

NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION
MOST VALUABLE STUDENT AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT
NOVEMBER 19, 2016 KEN CURTO PSP, CHAIRMAN

No. of Elks	Non-Elks	Elks Hrs.	Non-Elks Hrs.	Elks Miles	Non-Elks Miles
11	16	150	45	800	50

President Bill, dignataries and members:
The Most Valuable Student committee has been very active and is in readiness for the November 30, 2016 student application deadline. All applications this year will be ON-LINE and no brochures will be submitted to the lodges for judging. All lodge, district and state judging will be done on-line and the lodge MVS chairmen have been advised of the dates in which the applications have to be judged.

I received reports from the following Lodges on their Most Valuable Student committee activities. They are Mesquite #2811, Laughlin #2872, Pahrump #2796, Sparks #2397, Ely #1469. The following Lodges did not report but are conducting the promotional activities with their resident schools. They are Las Vegas #1468, Boulder City #1682, North Las Vegas #2353, Henderson-Green Valley #2802, Tonopah #1062, Reno #597, Great Basin #1472, Hawthorne #1704, Carson City #2177, Fallon #2239 and Tahoe-Douglas #2670.

All committee chairmen received copies of the Vocational Scholarship and were asked to distribute them to their schools. I will have a complete report in April of 2017 concerning the winners of the NSRA MVS competition and each Lodge's participation in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship competition.

cc: NSEA President Bill Wiseman
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Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ken Curto

Ken Curto PSP
Most Valuable Student Comm.
Nevada State Elks Assoc.