



January 4, 2017

Exalted Ruler,

Please read this letter at your next lodge meeting and please make reference to your lodge's rank in the state for ENF giving in your next lodge newsletter article.

Greetings fellow Elks,

It's that time of year again. It's time to make that last couple of months push and get all donations in to Elks National Foundation by March 31st, 2017. Just like our officer year, the ENF donation year also ends in March.

As State ENF Chair, I want to help you do that. I have included in packets that will be distributed at the next DD Clinics a digitally enhanced 8 x 10 print of an Elk head whose antlers spell out B. P. O. E. This came from an envelope which I purchased from eBay that was postmarked from the year 1903. I have also had it personalized with your lodge name and number. A photo copy of the original envelope is included. I took a framed copy of this to State Convention back in December, sold chances, and raised almost \$700 for ENF. You can do this too! It is a unique piece that is specific to your lodge. All you have to do is buy a nice frame (mine came from Wal-Mart for about \$15) and start selling chances. Have it available in your lounge area and make sure your ENF Chair, bartender, and any officer know to push selling chances to win the print every chance they get. Steak Nights, Super bowl, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and other events may be scheduled at your lodge between now and the March 31st deadline. Please make every effort to raise as much money as possible with this custom print for your lodge. **Again, all monies raised for this custom Elk print for your lodge must be sent in to ENF before March 31st to go to this year's giving numbers.**

MISSISSIPPI LODGE STANDINGS: Lodge year through: 12/27/2016

(Per-capita based on 4/1/2016 membership totals.)

Rank & Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Capita
1. Pascagoula, MS, #1120	286	\$4,608.87	\$ 16.115
2. Gulfport, MS, # 978	80	\$1,090.00	\$ 13.625
3. Vicksburg, MS, # 95	193	\$2,515.00	\$ 13.031
4. Greenville, MS, # 148	167	\$1,244.00	\$ 7.449
5. Ocean Springs, MS, #2501	276	\$1,906.50	\$ 6.908
6. Corinth, MS, #2573	139	\$770.00	\$ 5.540
7. Biloxi, MS, # 606	449	\$2,198.25	\$ 4.896
8. Hattiesburg, MS, # 599	655	\$1,644.25	\$ 2.510
9. Clarksdale, MS, # 977	183	\$414.00	\$ 2.262
10. Greenwood, MS, # 854	89	\$10.00	\$ 0.112
11. Canton, MS, # 458	90	\$0.00	\$ 0.000

With your help, I know that we can show them how "Mississippi Proud" we are with supporting Elks National Foundation.

Yours in Elkdom,

Michelle Gordon, State ENF Chairperson