

CHARITY

At the Initiation ceremony held on January 20 those present were reminded that Charity is “the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed.” The presentation from the station of the Leading Knight reminded us all that Charity is the greatest of all the virtues.

Are you upholding your responsibility as an Elk to support Charity?

Are you willing to donate at least \$10 a year to either the Elks National Foundation or the Missouri Benevolent Trust? Or both?

Are you willing to volunteer your time for some activity of the Lodge during the course of a year?

The Elks National Foundation is the Elks national charity. The Missouri Benevolent Trust is the State Association’s charity. Our lodge has goals of \$4.50 per capita contributions to each, or about \$4,500. In the past, a handful of members would honor an existing pledge or make a new pledge. The balance between that committed amount and the per capita goal of the Lodge would be paid for by the Lodge. Over \$4,000 a year goes from Lodge funds to the combination of two charities. That is \$4,000 that does not go toward a local or other charity designated determined by the membership.

Here is an invitation to renew your oath as an Elk and your commitment to Charity. Complete the section at the bottom of this page and mail it in or drop it by the Lodge in support of one or more charities.

Thanks for being an Elk!

Yes, I am proud to be an Elk. In support of Charity, I make the enclosed donation of \$ _____ to (check those that apply):

___ Elks National Foundation

___ Missouri Benevolent Trust

___ Other

Enclosed is my check payable to the designated charity (ies).

___ I pledge \$100, payable \$10 per year for 10 years, to the charity checked above.

Name: _____

Membership Number: _____