



Elk Tracks



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September 2017

◀ Christmas Food Drive, September –Pasta, all varieties, will be collected at the Lodge ▶

◀Monday September 4th, Last day for pool members to enjoy the water▶

◀ Lodge Meeting September 5th and 19th 7PM QOH 8PM▶

◀Saturday, September 9th State President visit 11AM ▶

◀ Sunday, September 10th Shop with a Cop 9AM to 1PM ▶

◀Friday, September 29th Steak night hosted by Entertainment committee ▶

Elk of the Month

◀Sandi Mohl ▶



◀ 2017 Officers ▶

Kurt Eggerding
Exalted Ruler

Skip Bray
Leading Knight

Dave MacDonald
Loyal Knight

Jeff Thompson
Lecturing Knight

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Secretary

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Tiler

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Lizzy Dixon
Chaplain

Andrew Linhardt
Inner Guard

Trustees

Kathy Dixon, Hal Dygert, Bob Dixon,
Doug McWard, Mark Gabauer

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Greetings Lodge members. Volunteerism is alive and well at Elks Lodge #9!

Many many thanks to all that help with Steak Night, Patio beautification, Pool maintenance, Swim Team, District Picnic, Lodge Hop, and Golf outing this past month. In addition to the great Officers and Committee Chair people that make the lodge click. Plus, the upcoming Backstoppers Volleyball Tournament, Shop with a Cop, Charity Christmas Auction, and Veterans Charity Sporting Clays event. Your hard work, dedication, philanthropy, and passion make our lodge a place where people want to be.

Your efforts are a big contributing factor to our ongoing membership growth. We initiated 31 new members in August and expect a similar amount at the next initiation.

Our membership fully represents and embrace the ELKS USA Mission Statement:

- ❖ To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that...

Elks Care, Elks Share

.Kurt Eggerding, ER

Apology Letter to Maria McHugh

Dear Maria,

During the past couple of months there has been tension at our Lodge due to an incident at the pool on June 11th and past alcohol related violations that I caused. First, I need to apologize to you, Maria for having put you through this ordeal and causing you undo stress and secondly to the members of Elks Lodge #9 for my conduct as an Elk member. Maria, along with concession workers, were doing a great job to make an experiment satellite bar work for the pool. Part of the reason for Maria's resignation was due to my violation, therefore the bar experiment failed. It was a poor judgement call on my part. This put you, Maria, in a situation beyond your control which left no choice but to file a complaint. I also apologize for any negative/unappealing conversation that followed which undermined plus damaged your reputation and the respect for the positive work you and the concession employees were doing. To express my sincerity, starting the 4th of August, I voluntarily removed myself from the Lodge for 30 days, excluding attending Board meetings, to show an act of remorse.

During the successful mediation, a conversation was brought to our attention that both you and I feel needs to be addressed. Below is a reminder to all members.

The employed office personnel, as well as any Elk employees, are doing their best to keep our Lodge running smoothly. It never hurts to thank them and let them know they are doing a good job. The past as well as the future of our lodge relies on our membership of volunteers. They are also doing the best they can. It is easy to complain or be critical, either through email, direct conversation or behind one's back, but please remember we all have the best interest of the Lodge. If you see an area where our best is not good enough and you have some experience that can make us better please volunteer to help. Nothing positive can come out of negativity. Maria and I will be working together going forward and focusing on a positive Lodge climate. Both of us would like your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Gabauer



Belly-Up to the Bar

. . . and Drink for Charity

“Sign, sign, everywhere are signs....Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?” I keep waiting for this top 10 hit by The Five Man Electric Band to be played on our juke box. As Chairman of our Board and House Committee, my responsibilities at the Lodge often involves the interpretation, creation and enforcement of our many rules. Some members like our rules while other members do not. Some members believe that we have too many rules while other members believe we have too few. Some of our recent rule changes have caused some discomfort to say the least....”Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?” It all begs the fundamental question of why do we need rules. Can't everyone just come to our Lodge and “inculcate the principals of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; and to cultivate good fellowship,” “to the best of one's ability or ambition?”

In a broad view, societies use rules to encourage desired or beneficial behavior and to regulate unwanted or harmful behavior of individual society members. In any society, rules are established to prevent chaos, encourage uniformity as reflected in the values of the given culture. Rules tend to make things more fair. Take baseball as an example of the need for rules. If there were no rules in baseball, there would be no way to play the game or determine a winner. The game would be complete chaos with no discernible pattern. In baseball, rules are even being changed and developed in an effort to make the game more interesting, while ensuring that the game is fairly played.

We are not the only Lodge struggling with the issue of rules. All one has to do is to go on line and visit the many Lodge Virtual Home Pages where those struggles are often documented. Some Lodges document their struggles better than other Lodges. I particularly like the way Lodge #642, Saugus –

Everett, Massachusetts (just up the road from Fenway) documents their struggles as they do it in a straight forward, easy to understand, positive style:



Veteran's Committee

“We’d like to think of the Lodge as an extension of your home and your fellow members as extended family. So that all can enjoy the comradery of our Lodge, certain behaviors have to be kept in check. Incidents of bullying, sexual harassment, foul language, loud or boisterous behavior, rumor or gossip spreading or inappropriate actions on the part of any member cannot be tolerated. Remember that it’s not how your words or actions were intended that matters, it’s how they were received. If you see anyone acting inappropriately, ask them to stop. If they don’t heed the advice, report any incident to any member of the House Committee for follow up. Together we can insure that the family environment many of us enjoy at the Lodge is extended to all of our members.” Like most places and things in Massachusetts, I am proud of the Saugus -Everett Lodge. They have expressed themselves very well.

Thank you. The House Committee

The Scholarship Committee

Did you know? The Elks National Foundation awards college scholarships to high school seniors who are the child or grandchild of Elk members.

The \$4000.00 scholarships Applicants compete against other children and grandchildren from Missouri. They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation which are Knowledge, Charity, Community Service and Integrity.

Applications are available on line and must be submitted on or before February 2, 2018. For further information on the Legacy scholarships and on Emergency Education Grants and the Most Valuable Student Scholarships visit enf.elks.org/leg. *and* elks.org/enf.

Submitted by committee member Larry Flowers

The Veterans Committee of Saint Louis Elks Lodge #9 is excited to announce our first Sporting Clay Shoot. The Veterans Committee Sporting Clays event is scheduled for September 23rd (see lodge bulletin board for flyer). Regardless of whether you are a novice or accomplished shooter this will be a fun event you do not wish to miss! There will be plenty of excitement and camaraderie as well as good food and drink. It is a great opportunity to get together away from the Lodge and enjoy one another’s company and competitive swag. The event is not limited to members only. You may sign up individually or as a team. Either way, just sign up and let’s have some FUN! Oh, by-the-way, there’s chitchats of a “ladies” team from #9...or is it just rumored?

Our first gun raffle was a huge success netting \$456.00 with the winner being our vice Chair, Mark Setlich. Our next raffle will be a “CLASSIC” BERETTA SILVER SNIPE 12 GA. O/U. Revenues generated from this event and events like this are crucial to our goal to support the needs of Veterans.

Save the date... September 29th will be the official start of Elktoberfest and Saturday, October 21st the Veterans Committee will be hosting our 3rd annual Elktoberfest Dinner. The great Elktoberfest celebration will then last through the October Steak night on the 27th. Details of this event will be forthcoming as we lock down the particulars.

The Veterans committee would like everyone at Lodge #9 to join us in support of Pete Makulec’s application for the coveted Freedom Grant. This grant is given by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission to Lodges for projects that serve veterans and active-duty military members. The Veterans Committee has endorsed Pete’s grant proposal to use the \$2000 in funds for the “Got Your Six Support Dogs” organization. To read more about this organization, please visit <http://gotyoursixsupportdogs.com>.

The Veterans Committee thanks you in advance for your support and encouragement and pledges to you, that regardless of the monetary value of your contribution, 100% is used effectively and directly supports the needs of Veterans.

"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Bob Cameron, Chair

Entertainment Committee



The Entertainment Committee would like to thank everyone who helped and participated in our Lodge Hop on August 19th. This was a very successful event and the Crystal City/Festus and Oakville lodges treated us like kings and queens. It is unanimous that we will be doing another hop soon so be on the lookout for the next date.

On September 29th, your Entertainment Committee will be hosting Steak Night. We have challenged ourselves to put on a steak night like no other so be prepared for a night filled with Italian décor, music and food. We may even have our own Godfather show up to spice up the evening but be aware not to cross the Godfather or you may find an unpleasant surprise waiting for you.....

On November 3rd, we are putting on a Lodge #9 trivia night. We will sell tables for \$80 with contests for best table and other fun Trivia night games. More info to come on this event but we will be selling tickets soon so keep an eye out for advertising and a lodge email soon.

Your Entertainment Committee

Skip Bray, Chair

Christmas Committee

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

As we head into the fall season, we truly know Christmas is just around the corner, too and your Christmas Committee is busy planning the largest Lodge fundraiser of the year, the annual Christmas Party & Auction. This year's event will take place on Saturday December 2nd, with a special preview night set for Friday December First during our usual Friday Happy Hour Night. This special night will include great food and plenty of excitement with our silent and oral auctions taking place. We will also be announcing the winner of our \$2000 Tower of Wine Raffle, so please hold that date free on your calendar now so you do not miss all of the jolly festivities. The proceeds of this event will be split evenly three ways between the following beneficiaries: The Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust, KUTO-Kids Under Twenty-One and our own Elks Lodge #9.

The true success of this event is always highly dependent on #9's generous members supporting the event in a variety of different ways we provide to take advantage of for everyone. There will soon be a wine rack placed in the bar that will hold our Tower of Wine Raffle Bottles. One way of support is to donate a bottle or two from your wine collection to help fill our Tower. We ask that all bottles have a retail value exceeding \$25/bottle. The rack will hold 40 bottles and any extra we collect will be made into wine baskets for an auction item. While we are filling the rack, another way to show support is to buy Wine Raffle Tickets to win this collector's Tower of Wine. Tickets are being sold by members of the Christmas Committee--one for \$5 and three for \$10. The lucky winner will have a new wine cellar to be envied for the next year.

The Christmas Party will feature great silent and oral auctions and this is a major need of support the Committee is requesting. We are looking for items of all types including these possible donations: vacation homes, timeshare or airline points, baseball and hockey tickets, services

offered by your business, gift certificates from your favorite restaurant, beauty salon or store, collector's items, and any other item you would be willing to contribute. We are only bound by your imagination. The auction is the backbone of this special event and the committee truly appreciates these item donations.

The Committee hosts this event at no cost to the Lodge, so another way to support is through helping underwrite the event. This may be the best/easiest way to support, if you have no other ways to give. These monetary donations will help cover the cost of amazing free food buffet, rental items, and other event expenses. Surplus funds over the event costs will be split equally among the beneficiaries. Our goal is to raise at least \$3000 in cash donations. You will learn more soon about our sponsor levels of Elf Sponsor-\$99, Star Sponsor \$250 and Angel Sponsor \$500.

For any questions about the event or to contribute an item or make an underwriting donation, please contact any Christmas Committee member or Pete Makulec, pkmeam@sbcglobal.net or 314-378-7999. Thank you in advance for your consideration of support for the Christmas Party and Auction!

JAMMED UP & JELLY TIGHT!!

#9 rocks the Peanut Butter & Jelly collection!! By the width of a crust of bread, we reached our goal in August as we collected 412 jars of Peanut Butter & Jam/Jelly including donations from guests and new members!! At the new member initiation this past Sunday and again this past Tuesday, one brand new initiate and his wife were generous enough to bring up a total of six cases (72 jars) of PB & J!! Talk about getting involved quickly. This new member has certainly jumped all in on our Elks Care, Elks Share spirit in support of our Christmas Food Drive which will benefit Circle of Concern, a west county food pantry. Thanks to all who made #9 a winner with the August items of the month!

September will really take the "starch" out of you, as our item of the month will be "PASTA"!! An easy one for all of us to take advantage of and donate. No real regulations this month as

you can bring any type/shape of Pasta you prefer and both boxes and bags will be accepted in our jolly old red bin in the bar. Even though we passed 500 members during last Sunday's initiation our monthly goal is still 400 items or less than one per member. However, this is an item that I am sure will be a huge hit with all of you and I think with #9's great continued support of this drive in September, we will exceed 500 items!! So stop "noodling" around and bring your pasta donations to the Lodge throughout September. Any questions, please contact Pete Makulec at pkmeam@sbcglobal.net

Merry Christmas in September with your donation of Pasta!

Pete Makulec, Chair



THE QUEEN REIGNS!!

WILL 13 BE LUCKY??

This coming Tuesday will be week number 13 of the current Queen of Hearts Drawing. Will it be a lucky 13 week for you? So far, this Raffle has revealed a lot of numbered cards meaning there are a lot of face cards remaining and bigger winnings left to be your prize! The jackpot will be over \$5000 and the Tuesday crowds will continue to grow with the jackpot and the fall season. Don't miss your opportunity to get a piece of these winnings after this Tuesday's Lodge meeting! Buy your lucky tickets early to avoid the rush to find our elusive Queen!

WIN BIG!!!

SUPPORT THE LODGE!!!

The 4th Annual Elk's #9 Health Fair WHAT'S UP DOC?

Please save the date for the 4th Annual Elk's #9 **Health Fair**, Saturday November 4th **from 10-2**. The event will feature our annual American Red Cross Blood Drive with time slots available every 15 minutes. Last year we had 32 successful pints drawn and we hope to exceed that collection this year! Please contact Pete Makulec, pkmeam@sbcglobal.net to reserve your draw

time early for your preferred time! ***Give the gift of Life by making a blood donation***

The Health Fair will also feature **flu shots** administered by Ladue Pharmacy. We hope members will choose to have their annual flu shots done at this event for their protection for the cold and flu season. SSM SLU Hospital will be performing health screenings including: private EKG screenings, blood pressure, blood sugar, Body Mass Index (BMI), and Cholesterol. These screenings are vital to your overall health and fortunately a few of our members were alerted at the last few Health Fairs to issues that needed to be addressed! ***Give the gift of Health to yourself by doing these vital Health Screenings.***

A HEALTHY ELK IS A HAPPY ELK!!



Happy 90th to Hal Dygert!

On Sunday, we all had the opportunity to celebrate with Hal after our New Member Initiation ceremony.

POOL COMMITTEE RECAP (RAP)

2017 was quite a season,

And the following are just a few of the reasons.

Many hours it took from a hard working team

A new backwash system to keep the pool clean.

Ladies and men's bathrooms are looking brand new.

Amazing what paint, new floors and shower curtains can do!

A surround sound and new speakers for listening to tunes.

While lounging on chairs and sipping cocktails and brews.

Bridget, her green-thumbed pals & miracle grow

Kept the flowers and plants picture perfect on decks and patios.

A cheer to Mackenzie and her lifeguarding crew

Some returning from last year and others brand new.

Kept all the pool members – a record 168!

Enjoying the water and keeping them safe.

New starting blocks for this year's swim team and guests

Had them lapping up concessions from one of the best.

No need to leave when it's no longer light.

Bring out the screen for the Kids Movie Night.

Always something happening – don't forget Sundays

Time for Wacky Wingdings and grilling on Fundays.

Sad to see the pool season come to an end

Looking forward to 2018 with Good Times and Good Friends.

Masta RappaAlex Stirrat, Chair

September 2017

(times and dates are subject to change, please check Elks Lodge #9 website at <http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?lodge=9>)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  5pm – 7pm	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 7PM Lodge Meeting 8PM Queen of hearts	6	7 7PM Ladies Auxiliary	8  5pm – 7pm	9 State President Visit 11AM
10 9S Cigar Club meeting night	11 7PM Lodge Compliance Committee Lodge driveway sealing parking. Parking will be next door at the synagogue	12 6:30 PM House Committee meeting QoHs Drawing 8pm 	13 6PM Christmas Auction meeting 7PM Ladies Bunco	14	15 Happy hour 5PM-7PM	16
17	18 6:30 PM BOD meeting	19 7PM Lodge Meeting QoHs Drawing 8pm 	20	21	22 Lodge 9 Golf Outing 1PM Crystal Quarry State Convention Jeff City	23 State Convention Jeff City
24 State Convention Jeff City	25 7PM Lodge Compliance Committee 1	26 6:30 PM House Committee meeting 8:00 PM Queen of Hearts 	27 7PM Entertainment Committee meeting	28	29 7PM Steak Night Entertainment Committee	30 Bike Rally Against Heroin 12 Noon with Cedar Hill Lodge

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