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LODGE MEETINGS

May 04, 2026

May 18, 2026

All members are invited.



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From the Desk of the Grand Exalted Ruler

There is much to commemorate in May

In May, we have numerous programs to Be The Difference: National Youth Week, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day.

The first week of the month, May 1-7, is Elks National Youth Week. Honor the youth in your community at the end of their

school year.

A variety of certificates are available online, including ones for Student/Teenager of the Year/Month and the Elks JROTC Awards Program.

Happy Mother's Day to the important ladies in our lives. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. We need to extend our heartfelt thanks to all mothers. If possible, find a way to honor the mothers in your life and plan a Lodge activity to let them know how much they mean to us.

Many of us may not automatically think of Armed Forces Day, which honors those currently serving in the U.S. military, held this year on Saturday, May 16. It was designated as a day for the unification of the armed forces to be celebrated together instead of celebrating each branch individually. God bless our troops who served throughout the history of our country.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 25. It is a wonderful time when we can recognize and commemorate the men and women of all services for their sacrifices and hard work that kept our country safe and prosperous.

Elks have a heart for remembering our departed service members by attending or participating in a Memorial Day parade, working at a cemetery ceremony, assisting in putting flags at service members' graves, or planning a memorial ceremony at your Lodge.

Always remember to Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

Fraternally,
Bryan Klatt,
Grand Exalted Ruler

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPLAIN AND EDITOR AND WRITER

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Hello, my fellow members, I hope this finds you all well. I apologize for this being late this month. For those of you that don't know, my father Roger, had a pacemaker put in on the second of April. Then a few weeks later, he had some complications and had fluid on his heart and his left lung. They had to go in and do a Pericardial Effusion on him. This is where they go in and put a hose in to drain the fluid. They took over two liters of fluid off him. He is home now and he is getting stronger every day. I want to thank everyone for the prayers, the phone calls and the cards. It really meant the world to him, my family and myself.

At the end of the month, I went to the Elks State Convention, held in Wichita. I had a really great year being your Kansas Elks Association State Chaplain. I learned quite a bit through the year and this past weekend, and it was a lot of fun. Thank you everyone for believing in me. Thank you to our now Past State President, Kathy Clark and to Tom for asking me to do this. It was such an honor to represent our lodge and our state. So, for me it has been one very busy and exhausting month.

This Thursday, May 7, is The National Day of Prayer. This day was established by Congress in 1952 and signed into law by President Truman, it was later amended in 1988 to the current date by President Reagan. He set the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer. However, in 1775, there was the First Call of Prayer. Mainly because of the faith of our many founding fathers. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for a day of "public humiliation, fasting, and prayer".

This is a prayer that I have recently come across, and I think there are several of us that can use this right now.

Let us Pray.

"Our Father who art in Heaven, You are the Great physician, and I believe in Your ability to restore health and bring comfort in times of distress. Just as Your word says, "Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise," I place my hope and confidence in Your promises. Amen."

If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter email me at SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. God Bless Each and Every One of Us. I pray that you all have a healthy and safe month.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 David Greene Jr
- 04 Kevin Lowmaster
- 06 Jed Morse
- 08 William Jackson
- 14 Theodore Gill
- 17 Valarie Bean
- 23 Darlene Laing
- 23 Brian Vermillion
- 24 Michelle Morse
- 26 Richard King
- 26 Stan Willis
- 29 Ron Woodard

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

04-06-26 \$10.00

Charles Stewart

04-20-26 \$20.00

Steve Little

05-04-26 \$30.00



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

at 5:00 p.m.

EVENT BOOKINGS

If you are planning a special event, like a Wedding, anniversary birthday party, or class reunions, please let a member know or call

316-321-9393

Happy Mother's Day!!!



Game Night

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Monday April 2026.
Loren Anthony hosted the Yahtzee tournament to help support KETCH.

Spring Fling

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Curt Zieman reported that the Spring Fling at the 4-H on Thursday, April 30 was a huge success. The lodge did around 150 Monterrey's.

Installation of Lodge Esquire

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Monday April 06, 2026. Kansas Elks Association State President Kathy Clark installed the 2026-2027 esquire, Billy Jackson. Please help me to congratulate Billy and to thank him for stepping up and taking on this position.

Elks Lodge 1407 and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 81 Dinner!

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Sunday, April 12 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm at our lodge, the ladies of both organizations hosted a dinner and raffle of different filled baskets. The meal was ham, company potatoes, green beans or corn, a dinner roll and desert of your choice. It was a great meal and event, and I am so pleased that these two organizations came together to put on this event. Thank you to everyone who helped, came out to eat, and to enter the raffles. It was a lot of work, but well worth it.



Elks Lodge 1407 Bi-annual Steak Feed!

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Saturday, April 25, the lodge once again hosted the bi-annual steak feed. Thank you to everyone who helped and came out to support us. It means the world to us. We hope to see you again this fall.



June 14 - Flag Day at Gordy Park, State Flag Day in Russell, KS.
July 04- War Dogs and Walnuts lunch 12:00 pm
September - Local Soccer Shoot
October - District and State Soccer Shoot
Nov 7-8 - Mid-America Soccer Shoot

Per Member Standings in the State






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# 01 Overland Park at \$77.22	# 07 Atchison at \$17.78	# 13 Goodland at \$5.86
# 02 El Dorado at \$46.06	# 08 Parsons at \$16.36	# 14 Fort Scott at \$5.63
# 03 Garden City at \$24.00	# 09 Clay Center at \$10.89	# 15 Junction City at \$5.57
# 04 Ottawa at \$21.83	# 10 Hoxie at \$8.01	# 16 Chanute at \$5.53
# 05 Pratt at \$21.05	# 11 Abilene at \$7.85	# 17 Osawatomie at \$5.49
# 06 Russell at \$20.87	# 12 Iola at \$7.02	

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of **03-31-2026** the State of Kansas donated \$64,315.46 to finish the year. That is \$16.32 per member of the 3,940 members in the state. The ENF goal was \$5.15 per member for the 2025-2026 year. ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Club Member. This is a monthly recurring donation that comes out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. I am pleased to announce that we met the four goals on the Chair challenge. Thank you to all my members who helped me in achieving this milestone. Please remember that April started our new year, so let's do this again! Please donate. *Sean*

MAY 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				30 Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Men May Day	01 KEA Convention April 30- May 03	02 Kentucky Derby
03	04 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	05 	06	07 Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Lisa National Day of Prayer	08	09
10 	11 Game Night 6:00 PM	12	13	14 Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Deb	15	16
17	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20	21 Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Barbara	22	23
24/31	25 	26	27	28 Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Yvonne	29	30

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