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#### LODGE MEETINGS

April 03, 2023
April 17, 2023
Initiation
All members invited.



**2023-24 LODGE OFFICERS** Meet the new lodge officers. Back row is Loren Anthony– Trustee, Roger Cutsinger– Trustee, Danny Morrow– Inner Guard, Jim Masters– Exalted Ruler, Sean Cutsinger– Chaplain, Tony Allison- Trustee, Rodger Decker– Trustee, Jed Morse– Trustee. Front row is Stan Willis– Treasurer, Rex Hoyt- Tiler, Phil Wickwire– Leading Knight, Sheila Hoyt– Esquire, Deb Kirkpatrick— Lecturing Knight, Lisa Jack—Secretary, John Britt— Loyal Knight. Congratulations and I hope you all have a great year. **Gean Cutsinger** 

DD AND TRAINING CLINIC March 11 and 12, the lola Lodge #569 hosted the Leadership training seminar and DD clinic. I want to thank Todd Francis -Exalted Ruler of the Iola lodge for being a great host and for showing me around their lodge. Those that attended from the El Dorado Lodge on Saturday are Roger Cutsinger, Jim Masters, Lisa Jack, John Britt, Deb Kirkpatrick and myself. On Sunday, Tom and Kathy Clark, Loren Anthony, Jim, Lisa, John and Deb attended. If I missed anyone I apologize as I was not there on the Sunday meeting. The meeting started around 9:30a.m., David Foster opened the meeting. Carl Lindsey did an ice breaker team builder exercise with everyone. We broke out in teams and we had to match the college mascot to the school. After that the secretaries broke out and Lisa Jack and myself met with the other Lodge Secretaries a block away in a different building. Frank Springer conducted the training. We actually learned quite a bit of new stuff. While we were in that training back at the lodge, Aldie Ensminger talked about Membership retention, orientation and publication. We broke for lunch back at the lodge and they served an open taco bar. Then back to training we went. At the lodge Deb Betts talked about Exalted Rulers Duties, Roger Slief talked about Trustees and their roll in the lodge. Tony Nash presented Hoop Shoot Dashboard, and Burton Pianaltro presented Drug Awareness. Then we rejoined the rest of the Elks after break where they talked about KETCH, then I presented Elks National Foundation. Trish Halstead talked about grant writing and James Standen talked about lodge protocol. Roger Slief and Frank Springer talked about Grand Lodge in Minneapolis, MN and the KEA Spring Convention in May. David Foster closed the meeting. That evening we had dinner where the Iola lodge served Chicken Fried Chicken or Chicken Fried Steak and desert. The entertainment that evening was a band called Horrille Road. Sunday, breakfast was served followed by the DD Clinic. Refreshments were served followed by lunch and this wrapped up the weekend. It was great to see everyone from the lodges. Thank you again to the lola Lodge for their hospitality.

Sean Cutsinger



# GAME NIGHT EXTRA. EXTRA!!!!!!!

I have some exciting news about game night. Starting Monday, April 10, Loren Anthony and Stan Willis will be themed hosting game nights. This month if you want to learn how to play Cribbage then come on down! They will have players and teachers available. Each month going forward if you want to learn or teach a certain game, then you should contact Loren. It sounds like it will be a great time. They start the games at 6:00 p.m. Loren wants to see you all come out and play. So, come learn how to play a new game and have a great time with your fellow Elks. All members and their guests are welcome to play.

Sean Cutsinger





every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

at 5:00 p.m.

# From the Desk of the Chaplain and News Writer



Hello my fellow members. April is here!!! This is a special month for me as it is my birthday month. Last month I talked about the calendar and how we got the calendar that we use today. This month I'm going to extend on that a bit and talk

about April Fools Day. April Fools takes place on April 1st each year and has been celebrated for centuries, and by different cultures. Have you ever wondered where April Fools comes from, or how it all started? Well, "April Fools!", no one seems to know. It's exact origins of this holiday remain a mystery. This is a day of playing practical jokes or hoaxes on other people and at the end yell "April Fools!" just to clarify that it was an April Fools Day prank. Since April Fools exact origins is clouded in a haze, some of our historians think that it started in 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. I spoke about these calendars last month. The Julian calendar and the Hindu calendar has the new year starting with the spring equinox around April 1. Are you starting to see a trend here? That a lot of our holidays are because of the equinoxes and how a lot of our holidays are tied together? When they made this switch in the calendar, some folks were slow to get the news that the new year had been moved to January 1. These folks were still celebrating the new year on the last week of March through April 1. So, this being said, April 1st became the butt of jokes and hoaxes, hence called it an "April Fools." These people often had paper cutout fish placed on their backs and were called "poisson d'avril" (April fish), this fish represented a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person. April Fools also goes well with the Spring equinox since Mother Nature fools people with her ever changing, and very unpredictable weather. Historians have also linked April Fools Day to a Roman holiday that was celebrated at the end of March. This holiday was called Hilaria (Latin for joyful), young people would dress up in costumes and mock their fellow citizens or magistrates. April Fools Day spread across Great Britain in the 18th century. Scotland held a two-day celebration. The first was called "hunting the gowk," this first day people would be sent on phony errands. Gowk is a word used for cuckoo bird, which is also a symbol for fool. The second day was called "Tailie Day," this is when folks would go around pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on people's derrieres. Through the years the media has always had a hand in April Fools pranks. This one I thought was interesting, "In 1992, the National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon, saying he was running for president AGAIN... only it wasn't President Nixon, but a very convincing actor. The segment was an all out April Fools Day prank that caught the country by surprise." It is amazing what we will believe from the media. So, be careful what you read or hear on April 1st, you might just get fooled! Happy Birthday to my sister, Shera!

My email is SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. God Bless & be careful to not be fooled, Dean

### **ACT I PLAYERS**

40 Plays in 40 Minutes was performed Thursday March 30, at Butler Community College. Directed by Janet Davis. I'll have more next month.

Murder by Natural Causes Mark your calendars for April 21, 22, with two shows on Saturday 22. Get your reservations made. Brad Zimmerman and Rose Wilson are directing this show. Break-a-leg!!! Gean Cutsinger



- 07 Lori Dashner
- 10 Ken Buck
- 13 Jackie Anthony
- 17 Sean Cutsinger
- 18 Carl Cooley
- 18 Barbara Trent
- 20 Danny Morrow
- 25 Jed Tennison
- 28 Toni Edwards
- 29 Debra Pearman

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER We held our annual dinner on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. A huge thank you to Roger Cutsinger, Bob and Rodney Reed for putting this annual event together and for cooking the corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. It was absolutely delicious. Thank you to everyone who made deserts and thank you to Jim and Lisa for working the bar. Last but not least thank you to everyone who came out to support us. See you next year. Gean Cutsinger

BI-ANNUAL STEAK FEED Saturday, March 25, was our spring Steak Feed. It was from 5-8 p.m. This is our 40th year. A 1lb steak, baked potato, cowboy beans and all the beer and soda you can drink, were served! Thank you Jim Masters, Lisa Jack and Jed Morse who picked up the meat and cut them into steaks. Thank you to Roger Cutsinger, John Britt, Deb Kirkpatrick, Tom Clark, Phil Wickwire, and Michelle Morse for all the hard work during the event Thank you to everyone who came out. We had a huge crowd, thank you and we will see you again this fall. Gean Cutsinger

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL**

**BINGO & KARAOKE** Remember that Saturday, April 8th bingo starts at 6:00 and karaoke starts at 8:00p.m. Bar will be open on all these events.

<u>JIMMY HOLMES ELVIS</u> Mark your calendars for this world award winning superstar, Jimmy Holmes will be in the house on Friday and Saturday evenings April 14 & 15.

<u>MURDER BY NATURAL CAUSES</u> Show is Friday April 21 and Saturday April 22 both start at 7 with meal at 6:15. Matinee on Saturday April 22 will be at 2 show only.



El Dorado Elks Lodge

Apríl 8th, 2023

Bingo~6:00pm to 8:00pm

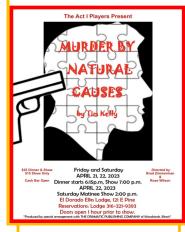
Karaoke~8:00pm to ??

BAR WILL be OPEN



#### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

I want to thank each and every one of you, for an amazing year. You truly are the best people on earth. We couldn't have done this without all of your support. The goal for this year set by GER Bruce Hidley was \$4.80 per member. As of 03-25-2023, all eighteen lodges, met their per member goal. The State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$47,550.02. That is \$10.37 per member of the 4,586 members in the state. The state standings are as follows:



#### **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

# 01 is **Overland Park** at \$42.58 and #44 in the nation.

# 02 is **El Dorado** at \$30.94

# 03 is **Pratt** at \$17.09

# 04 is **Ottawa** at \$16.38

# 05 is **Parsons** at \$10.89

# 06 is **Atchison** at \$9.80

# 07 is **Clay Center** at \$8.14

# 08 is **Abilene** at \$7.11

# 09 is **Osawatomie** at \$6.80

# 10 is **Salina** at \$6.56

# 11 is **Chanute** at \$6.34

# 12 is **Fort Scott** at \$6.10

# 13 is **Russell** at \$6.04

# 14 is **Iola** at \$6.03

# 15 is **Garden City** at \$5.97

# 16 is **Junction City** at \$5.55

# 17 is **Hoxie** at \$5.34

# 18 is **Goodland** at \$4.92

ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Fidelity Club Member. This is a monthly donation that will come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. Consider setting this up for \$10.00 or more a month. Remember Lodge ENF chairs to get registered for the new year. You can register at enf.elks.org/volunteers. Gean Cutsinger





# April 2023



Sun	Mon Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
П			GIKS ONLINE	Get your password online at: www.elks.org/register Elks news, features, and repo Works on all mobile platforms including smartphones and ta	orts.	
2	3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m.	7	8 Bingo & Karaoke 6:00 p.m.
9	10 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m.	14 Jimmy Holmes Elvis 7:00 p.m.	15 Jimmy Holmes Elvis 7:00 p.m.
16	17 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m.	21 Murder by Natural Causes 6:00p.m.	22 Murder by Natural Causes 2:00 & 6:00p.m.
23	24 Main St. Meeting 12:00	25	26	27 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m.	28	29
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## **LODGE OFFICERS**

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