

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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EL DORADO B.P.O.E. FOUNDATION BEEF RAFFLE

Raffling off 1/4 beef, for the remodeling of the Elks building. 1 ticket \$10, 3 tickets \$25, 7 tickets \$50. To purchase tickets and info call 316-321-9393 or 316-621-0512. (leave message)

LODGE MEETINGS

February 06, 2023
February 20, 2023
Initiation
All members invited.



2023 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT

For those that didn't get to see the Elks float in the 2023 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 2, 2023. I decided to show you what you missed. It was beautiful. This was the first time since 1995 that the Elks had a float in the parade. What a majestic way to represent our fantastic organization. *Sean Cutsinger*



2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE

Pictured above is John Britt pulling our wonderful drug trailer in the 2022 Christmas parade. The parade took place on December 3, 2022 in the evening. It was a cold night but the parade was one of the biggest I've seen. Thank you John. *Sean Cutsinger*



GAME NIGHT

Monday, January 09, Loren Anthony hosted another game night. Jackie Anthony and Stan Willis were the big winners. If you want to challenge the winners this month and if you want the bragging rights, then come out and play on Monday, February 13. It is a fun time. They start the games at 6:00 p.m. Loren wants to see you all come out and play.

Sean Cutsinger



BELL RINGERS

I want to thank Loren Anthony for coordinating the Salvation Army Bell Ringers on Christmas Eve. Also, thank you to all the members and their families for ringing the bells and collecting the money.

Sean Cutsinger



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

at 5:00 p.m.



From the Desk of the Chaplain and News Writer

Hello my fellow members. Well, it is now February a time for Valentines and celebrations. Since Mardi Gras is early this year, February 21. I thought I'd give some insight to the celebration. Did you know that it actually has religious ties? Mardi Gras isn't just an event that takes place in New Orleans. It has a long history that is celebrated around the globe. Mardi Gras is a centuries-old tradition, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. Mardi Gras takes place annually on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday—the beginning of the Christian observance of Lent. Mardi Gras is also known as Shrove Tuesday, which comes from the practice of “shriving”, meaning, purifying oneself through confession, prior to Lent. This is a time to receive penance and absolution. You may also have heard Mardi Gras called “Carnival.” This term refers to the period of feasting that begins on January 6, during Epiphany. I talked about this in last month's newsletter. Mardi Gras is a French term. Mardi meaning Tuesday and Gras meaning fat. This came about because Christians wanted to use up their milk, eggs, and fat from the pantry. These items were forbidden to use during the fasting of the 40 days of Lent. Carnival dates back to Medieval Latin, “Carnelevarium,” meaning to take away meat. Catholics traditionally do not eat meat, except fish, during Lent. Mardi Gras is celebrated in 50 countries. As colonialism moved westward into North and South America and the Caribbean, the settlers brought their traditions. Mardi Gras was first celebrated in what is now the United States on March 3, 1699. Jean Baptiste Le Moyne Sieur de Bienville, a French-Canadian explorer landed on the mouth of the Mississippi River, around sixty miles south of New Orleans. It was on the eve of Mardi Gras and he named the land “Pointe du Mardi Gras.” Three years later, he established settlement of Fort Louis de la Louisiane, known today as Mobile, Alabama. This is where the first Mardi Gras celebration took place in the United States. As time has passed the celebration is more of indulgent feasting, debauchery, drinking, with just a little of religion. One thing that goes with Mardi Gras is Kings Cake. I also mentioned this last month. It is a cross between a cinnamon roll and a coffee cake. It is in a ring-shape pastry, with white icing with stripes of yellow, purple and green edible glitter, whole pecans and candied cherries, with a tiny plastic baby hidden in the cake. Whoever finds the baby has good luck for year to come. There are two different stories, the first is that king cake comes from the Biblical Christmas story of the three kings, and the baby is to represent the baby Jesus. The second is the pagan version, and it is the winter solstice celebration of Saturn, the god of agriculture. This version they baked a bean in the cake for a great harvest. Whoever found the bean was “king of the day.” Who will get the luck this year? My email is SeanCutsinger@gmail.com.

God Bless & Happy Mardi Gras , *Sean*



ACT I PLAYERS

The players will be holding auditions for the spring show on Monday February 6 and Wednesday February 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for ***Murder by Natural Causes***. It is a great show about a mentalists. Brad Zimmerman and Rose Wilson will be directing. Break-a-leg!!!

FEBRUARY



02 **David Powell**
 04 **Bonnie Blatchford**
 08 **Nancy McEachern**
 09 **Marsha Cutsinger**
 11 **Patrick McGuire**
 17 **Tom Elliott**
 20 **Arthur Kearney**
 20 **Tiffany Rosebraugh**
 21 **Leroy Burton**
 21 **Rodger Decker**
 27 **Paul Pillar**
 28 **Mark Blatchford**
 29 **John Britt**



NEW MEMBERS

Help me to welcome Debra Pearman back to the Elks and to welcome our newest member Michael Pearman. We are so happy to have you join our lodge.

Sean Cutsinger

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



Our lodge held the annual Hoop Shoot Contest at the El Dorado Recreational Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening January 10. Thank you to our chairman Rodney Reed for getting this put together. I'd also like to thank the following people who helped at the event, Gaylene Reed, Robert Reed, Phil Wickwire, Loren and Jackie Anthony, Stan Willis, Tom Clark, Roger Cutsinger, and Rodger Decker. We would also like to thank the Rec. Center Staff for their help and use of their facility.

Thank you to Tom and Kathy Clark, who traveled to Parsons Kansas on Saturday January 14, 2023 for the District Hoop Shoot. Three families from the local shoot traveled and participated. In the 8-9 Boy bracket, Camden Jackson took 3rd. In the 10-11 Boy bracket, Kecher Baker took 3rd. In the 12-13 Girl bracket, Elise Peffley took 1st. Elise moves on to the state shoot in Wichita on February 4th at the Sunrise Christian Academy. Congratulations to Elise and good luck at the state shoot. We are rooting for you. *Sean Cutsinger*



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As the end of the year is fast approaching, I want to thank each and every one of you. You truly are the best people on earth. We couldn't have done this without all of your support. The goal for this year is \$4.80 per member. As of 01/22/2023 we have seventeen lodges ahead of the goal and one that is getting close. This is amazing as the lodges have really stepped up. I am really proud of the lodges that have taken this seriously. The State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$42,487.52. That is \$9.27 per member of the 4,586 members in the state.

The standings across the state are as follows:

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| # 01 is Overland Park at \$39.16 and #36 in the nation. | # 10 is Salina at \$6.67 |
| # 02 is El Dorado at \$25.54 | # 11 is Chanute at \$6.19 |
| # 03 is Pratt at \$15.63 | # 12 is Fort Scott at \$5.92 |
| # 04 is Ottawa at \$12.17 | # 13 is Russell at \$5.86 |
| # 05 is Parsons at \$8.57 | # 14 is Iola at \$5.77 |
| # 06 is Atchison at \$8.09 | # 15 is Garden City at \$5.57 |
| # 07 is Clay Center at \$7.78 | # 16 is Junction City at \$5.55 |
| # 08 is Abilene at \$6.80 | # 17 is Hoxie at \$5.21 |
| # 09 is Osawatomie at \$6.72 | # 18 is Goodland at \$4.24 |
| | # 19 is Mc Pherson at \$0.50 |

If you need help, let me know what I can do. ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to have it come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. Consider setting this up for \$10.00 or more a month. **I need to have a registered ENF chair listed for every lodge.** You can register at enf.elks.org/volunteers. *Sean Cutsinger*



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