

Farmington Elks Lodge 1765

Celebrating 74 Years of Elkdom

December 2023



ER Message

It's November. The trees are in full color and there is a chill in the air. This fall has been a very busy time and the upcoming holidays are no different. Thanksgiving and Christmas is all about family and friends. When we share our time with family, it doesn't get any better than that. We are thankful for all that we have.

Our Elks family is no different. We make a difference in our community. We share the fellowship by partying with our friends at Xmas and New Years. At the Elks, we enjoy bands twice a month. We join special events, like a Thanksgiving Eve party, Kids Xmas with Santa, Veterans Day, and the Elks Memorial Day. We come together to help the needy on Christmas Eve delivering Food Baskets. We put away our petty differences to support each other and the community with our service projects- The Happy Wagon, Smoked Turkeys, and Deer Hides. As we tell others, "WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A BAR."

If you plan to attend any of these events, come out and enjoy the Patio with your family or friends and bring a can of food for the Christmas baskets to share our good fortunes with those in need. The lodge has alot to offer. Your fellowship and brotherly love will be welcomed. Finally, To Quote Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook, "WE ARE THE ELKS."

*Your ER,
Keith*

Elks Memorial Service

The annual Elks Memorial Service is set for Sunday December 3rd. The lodge will open at noon and the program will start at 12:30. The program includes the reading of members of the lodge who have passed. They are those who were members in good standing in the lodge at the time of their death. It is a day of remembrance to those members that passed through our doors and were a part of this lodge. This service is open to all Elks and their families.

Basket Delivery

The basket delivery is set for Sunday December 24th. The lodge will open at 7 and breakfast will be served around 7:30. We do ask two things, let everyone have the opportunity to deliver and not to leave the lodge until after 8am. The breakfast is for those that will make the deliveries or helping with the set-up or clean-up after the baskets are gone.

Basket Referrals

There are referral forms for anyone who you know that should get a Christmas basket. They need to be returned to the lodge by December 15th.

Christmas Dance / Raffle Drawing

The lodge annual Christmas Dance is set for Friday December 15. The entertainment for the evening will be Mineral Area College Kicks Band. On that evening drawings for the raffles will take place 9pm. There are two Christmas Raffles underway which benefit of basket program. These funds will be used to purchase fresh food items which will be added to our canned good collections. The big cash raffle drawing will be on Friday December 15th. Tickets are \$100 each and limited to 110. The top prize is \$3000 cash, second place is \$1500 and 3rd is \$750. Tickets are available at the bar. Don't feel you can swing \$100, partner with a friend and you could split the winnings. The drawing will be at 9.

Raffle # 2 is for the lodge Happy Wagon filled with goodies and includes the wagon itself. The alternate prize is a "Solar Stove" smokeless firepit with a value of over \$300. Both are on display at the lodge in the bar area. Tickets are \$20 each, no limit.



December 25th

Lodge Closed all day

No Queen of Hearts

Bell Ringers for United Way



There is a sign-up sheet for Bell Ringers for the local United Way program at Wal-Mart. The December dates are the 3rd, 10th, and the 17th. We have the Sunday block times of noon to 4. The sign-up's are for one hour. More than one person can work a shift, you can take turns and greet shoppers. If you have an Elks Jacket, or hat,

wear it, let the public know who is helping our community. Any questions, contact Wink or Keith.

Lapsation Report

Lapsation now stands at 92. Check the posted lists for those that haven't paid. Don't miss out on holiday activities.



Please report any sickness or distress to Leading Knight Sam Hahn at 573-366-1482 or Exalted Ruler Keith Huck at 573-631-4687.

The lodge secretary is available at the lodge on Thursday evenings from 7pm – 9pm, by chance, or appointment. The lodge House Committee holds it's regular meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm, or as needed. The Lodge Board of Management meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. New Candidate voting will be on the 2nd week of the month. Lodge phone number 760-1955.

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler.....Keith Huck
Leading Knight.....Sam Hahn
Loyal Knight.....Chris English
Lecturing Knight.....Warren Robinson
Secretary.....Jerry Weems
Treasurer.....Jim Cleave
Tiler.....Glenn Rickus
Inner Guard.....Wink Rickus
Chaplain.....Brian Oster
Esquire.....Pat Murphy
5 Year Trustee.....Tim Cook
4 Year Trustee.....Jeff Burnett
3 Year Trustee.....Dave Halter
2 Year Trustee.....Wayne Wilson
1 Year Trustee.....Lonnie Edwards

The Farmington Elks Newsletter Editor, Steve Chapman

The Farmington Elks lodge newsletter is the official communication from the lodge. All news items should be directed to the editor, Steve Chapman, and received by the **20th** of the month. They can be left with the bartenders, or delivered directly to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Published dates and times can be subject to change. Check at lodge meetings for any updates or announcements. They will be on the video message board in the lounge.

New Applications

New Applicants

Proposer

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| 1. Kory A. Bonacker
24930 Hwy MM
Farmington, MO 63640 | John Mark Fadler |
| 2. Thomas J. Wilson
1050 Wabash #98
Farmington, MO 63640 | Tip Bone |
| 3. Bruce Delmar Williams
714 Magnolia Dr.
Farmington, Mo 63640 | Tip Bone |

Affiliation

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| 1. Jeffrey J. Keathley
1000 Honeysuckle Ln.
Farmington, Mo 63640 | Keith Huck |
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Voting on Candidates is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023

Signup for the “MyElks” App

The app contains many features to keep you current on what's going on in our lodge.

The monthly newsletter is on the app. There are pages for Upcoming events upcoming activities, upcoming entertainment and the current offerings from the kitchen. There is a calendar where you can look at events and learn more about them. One click will also save an event to your device calendar too.

The app will also periodically send out push notifications to remind you of happenings in the lodge.

The app is free to download and free to sign up. Go to your device app store. Download the app. Sign up for an account and select our lodge. Easy simple and you will have all the happenings of our lodge at your fingertips.

Special Lodge Hours

- December 3 The lodge will open at noon for the lodge Memorial Service
- December 24 – (Sunday) doors open at 7, breakfast for those delivering at about 7:30
Baskets don't go out until after 8
- December 25 Lodge Closed all day
- December 31 New Years Eve – lodge open regular hours
- January 1 Lodge Closed

Taco Bar

Sunday December 10th, there will be a Taco Bar at the lodge. It will start at 4pm, just in time to enjoy the game between Kansas City Chiefs and the Buffalo Bills. On the menu, beef and chicken taco meats, beans and rice, chips and salsa. One hundred percent of the money will be directed to the lodge veterans programs. It is sponsored by: Hurryville Par 3, Canvases N Corks, Cortor Enterprises LLC, Casa Sol, Gifford Lumber Company and Jimmy Johns.

DECEMBER

Farmington Elks Activities

2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 Steak Special every Friday MOJO RISING Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Crab Rangoon Open 5pm-9pm	2 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
3 Memorial Service 12:30pm Lodge Open 12pm-10pm	4 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Lasagna	5 Pork Steak Plate Chuck's Wagon Gang	6 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	8 OUTSIDERS Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetables Open 5pm-9pm	9 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
10 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	11 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Mystery Meal	12 Fried Chicken The "A" Team	13 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	14 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	15 CHRISTMAS DANCE MAC Kicks Band Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Re-fried Beans Open 5pm-9pm	16 KARAOKE with Jeff Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
17 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	18 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Breakfast	19 Fish Plate The Officers	20 Thanksgiving Eve Band SIDE TRACK Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	22 OPEN JUKEBOX Loaded Baked Potato with Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Slaw Open 5pm-9pm	23 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
24 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	25  LODGE CLOSED (No Queen of Hearts Jan 1st)	26 Smoked leg Quarters The Bench Warmers	27 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	28 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm INITIATION	29 OPEN JUKEBOX Jambalaya, Corn, Bread Open 5pm-9pm	30 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
31 New Years Dance MEDALLION						

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The board of Management is allowing ads in the newsletter. Maximum of 10 on one page. Minimum run of 6 month for \$150 – payable in advance (payable to the lodge). The ad must be into Kendall Stout by the 15th of the month. Questions – contact Kendall.



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Queen of Hearts times 2
Two games each week at the lodge, one on Monday and the second on Saturday, both with the drawing at 7:30. Tickets can be purchased anytime at the bar or the evening of the drawing. Each game is completely separate from the other.



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"ENTERTAINMENT"

December 1 -- Mojo Rising
December 8 -- Outsiders
December 15 -- Christmas Dance/
MAC Kicks Band
December 16 -- Karaoke with Jeff
December 22 -- Open Jukebox
December 29 -- Open Jukebox
December 31 -- Medallion/
New Years Dance

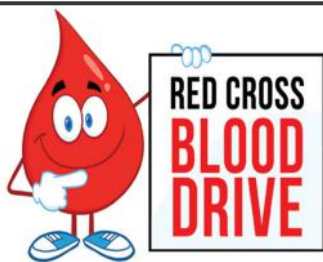
Come Out & Enjoy the Music!



Delivering dictionaries to St. Joseph, St. Paul, Roosevelt, and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

Dictionary Project

The Elks have had a dictionary give-a-way for 3rd graders and our lodge again has participated. We had one member write the check for the full amount to cover the costs. The local schools involved were, Roosevelt, St. Paul, St. Joseph, and Bismarck Schools.



Our Lodge held a blood drive on November 8 and set a new Lodge record of 43 units!!! Thanks so much for helping to grow this program and truly show that Elks Care-Elks Share!!

Our next drive is scheduled for January 31st and

scheduling is open now.

Jeff Burnette – Red Cross Blood Program Leader

Tuesday Food Reminder

Orders for food on Tuesday's will be taken at the dining room waitress station. First orders in will processed first. Food delivery will start as always at 5:30.



kids to buy up to \$100 in gifts.

The lodge approved the annual funding of the St. Francois County Sheriffs Association "Shop with a Cop" program. Our annual \$1000 donation will allow 10



District Deputy Visit

District Deputy Grand Exalted Terry Young made his official visit on November 1st. In his brief report to the lodge, our records and other bookkeeping was well prepared. Terry and his traveling companions when around and spoke with many of the lodge membership and enjoyed a great lodge meal after the meeting. Thanks to Jerry and Jim for their diligent work with having the records ready.

Honor Flight Dinner

The Franklin County Honor Flight participants and their escorts were treated to a free meal at the lodge. There were multiple lodge members that were escorts for their most recent visit.

New Years Eve Party

Back by popular demand – Medallion will bring in the New Year at our lodge. Reserved tables which include a meal are \$320 for a table of 8. The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8. The rest of the lodge will be open seating. There is NO cover charge. Important reminder – this event is for Elks and their guests. No unsponsored guests will be allowed. Guest must leave if their sponsor leaves for the evening. The sponsoring Elk is responsible for all their guests actions.



MONTHLY INTERVIEW

We are on the radio - Mike Ramsey of B104.3 is hosting the Farmington Elks Community Report. Tune in every third Monday of each month at about 7:20 as Mike is interviewing the ER of the Lodge to see what's happening in the Farmington Elks.

State Golf Committee update:

Help is needed to contact Businesses for sponsorships to the State Elks Golf Tournament this Aug. We need members to re-contact businesses for follow ups.

Contact Kevin Engler 573-747-6224, Paul Meinsen 573-747-7278 to help.

Lodge Rental

The lodge is opening up the Kitchen for rental on Friday and Saturday nights to anyone within the lodge membership. Start up day is Jan. 4-5. Deadline to submit your proposal with menu is Dec. 15. See Ed or Keith to apply.



Elks
National
Foundation

In a recent report, the budget for 2023-2024 of \$39.9 million, the Elks National Foundation the breakdown was as follows:

Community Investment Programs	\$15.9 million
State Elks Association Grants	\$10.6 million
Scholarship Programs	\$4.6 million
Elks Veterans Service Programs	\$5 million
Elks Drug Awareness Program	\$890,450
Elks Memorial Building Maintenance	\$720,000

The Foundation is supported through your donations. See Jeff Burnette for more information or to get started.

Deer Hides

Hunters, we want your deer hides for the Elks National Veterans Leather program. Your donated hides will be prepared and shipped to the tannery, processed into leather and cut into wheelchair gloves and activity projects for the hospitalized veterans. In the recent reporting, 13,401 hides were collected, 1,059 veterans received wheelchair gloves and 71,294 square feet of leather was provided for craft kits. These items are provided free of charge to the vets. Missouri has led the nation in hides donated, and this district has been on the top of the list in the state. Let's keep up our support for this program for our veterans. Hides should be in a plastic bag and put in the freezer next to Wink's Cafe at the end of the parking lot. Anyone can donate hides.



Perryville Bench Dedication

Viet Nam Wall Bench

Nine members of Farmington joined in with the other district members for the dedication of a bench at the wall in Perryville November 19.

Thanksgiving Eve Food

A big thanks is extended to Sam Hahn and his crew for cooking the ribs and chicken. Not only was it a hit with people, the evening food sales grossed over \$1600.

THANK
You
SO VERY
much



HALLOWEEN



Veterans Committee

Richard Craft, Chairman

It seems the tide for respect for our veterans has been returning, and rightly so. They pledged to uphold and support the constitution and defend our country from enemies foreign and domestic. The Farmington Elks are doing their part with our Sweats for Vets program. This year we will provide over 100 area nursing home veterans with a set of sweats or pants and a shirts, along with a goodie bag of treats, useful personal items and gift cards. Some of these men and women have little contact with family and Christmas can be a very lonely time for them. We are the ray of hope that a group still cares about them and respects what they have done for our country. Finally, without the generous support of many individual donors and the lodge, this program could NOT be possible. Thank You !

We are still delivering magazines and having our monthly pizza lunches. Thanks to Domino's Pizza of Farmington for their special pricing for us. They love your food.



Veterans Salute

Members listed on the lodge Veterans List

**Kurt Whittler
Wayne Rector
A. J. Collins
Dudley Poutz
Terry Walton**

Elks Hoop Shoot

The Elks annual Hoop Shoot Contest is set for Sunday December 10th. It will be held at the Farmington High School Gym. We ask those that will help, try to be at the school between 1 and 1:30 so you can get instructions on what to do and job assignments. Shooting is scheduled to start at 2pm. This is a great Youth program of the Elks which our lodge has participated in for over 50 years. Co-chairmen Jerry Weems and Chuck Eaves can answer any questions. WE need help !!



Kid's Christmas

- The Jolly Old Man from the North Pole will make his visit for all the lodge children and grand-children of the lodge on Sunday December 17. This is for kids up to age 8. This will be from 1 to 3.
- There is a sign-up sheet for so our
- Elves and helpers can get gifts for them. We will need their name, boy or girl, and age. Snacks will
- be provided for all attending. We
- will also need some helpers to wrangle the youngsters. Contact
- Keith if you can help.



Students of the Month

Farmington High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is proud to announce that the Farmington High School Student of the Month for November is Kate Northern. Kate is the daughter of Susan and Roy Northern.

Her honors and awards include being selected to Girls State where she was an Art Competition winner, placing 1st in the Margaret Harwell Art Museum Contest, the MAC Art Show 1st place winner, the Congressional Art Competition Finalist 3 times, a 4 time winner of the Art Blooms Contest, 1st Place District winner in FBLA, and a 3rd place finish at State in FBLA.

Kate has been involved the FHS Art Club (Officer 3 years, member 4 years), Robotics Team (Officer/Coach 2 years, member 3 years), FBLA (Vice President 1 year, member 4 years) and a member of the BKB Bank (Vice President). She is a member of the Scholar Bowl team (2 years), National Honor Society (2 Years), Theatre (1 year), Speech and Debate Team (1 Year), and the ACES/WYSE team (2 years). Kate has volunteered for Operation School Supply, Habitat for Humanity, Help the Hungry Bake Sale, and assisted in the Hall of Fame Plaques

After graduation from high school, Kate plans to attend a four year university to complete a pursue a degree as a Physicist. As Student of the Month, Kate will receive an award of \$100 and compete for the Farmington Elks Farmington High School Student of the Year to be awarded in May.

Bismarck High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is pleased to announce that Courtney Bockenamp is the Bismarck High School Student of the Month for November 2023. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Chester Bockenamp of Bismarck.

While maintaining a GPA of 4.3, Courtney has been active in volleyball and cheerleading. She has been selected to honors band and National Honor Society. As a band members, she has also held the office of secretary and historian. Courtney is also a member of the BHS Pep Club and jazz band.

After high school graduation, Courtney plans to attend college at Washington University or Mizzou and pursue a degree in anesthesiology. She will receive an award of \$100 for her college expenses at the annual youth banquet on May 5, 2024 and also vie for Teen of the Year.

St. Paul Lutheran High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is proud to announce that the St. Paul Lutheran High School Student of the Month for November is Grant Anderson. Grant's parents are Amy and Bobby Anderson of Farmington.

Grant is a member of the student leadership team at his church, a member of the All District Track, and Co-Capt of the Soccer Team. When not busy with school activities, Grant has worked on several community projects, the Farmington Tornado Relief, homes for humanity and just cleaning up around his church.

After graduation from high school, Grant plans to attend Williams Baptist University to further his education while active playing either soccer or track. As Student of the Month, Grant will receive an award of \$100 and compete for the Farmington Elks St. Paul Lutheran High School Student of the Year to be awarded in May.

WEDNESDAY

- December 5 Pork Steaks – Chuck's Wagon Gang
- December 12 Fried Chicken – The “A” Team
- December 19 Fish – The Officers
- December 26 Smoked Leg Quarters - The Bench Warmers



FOOD

FOR



SCHOLARSHIPS



- December 1 Mojo Rising
- December 8 Outsiders
- December 15 Christmas Dance MAC Kicks Band
- December 16 Karaoke with Jeff
- December 22 Open Jukebox
- December 29 Open Jukebox
- December 31 Medallion – New Years Dance

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