



Merry Christmas

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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Picture by Michelle Morse

drove his convertible carrying the Second State Vice President Kathy Clark and her husband Tom.



Picture by Deb Kirkpatrick

many of you to mention but we all know who you are.

Saturday, November 11, 2023 the Lodge participated in the celebration of freedom Veterans Day Parade. Rodger Decker hauled the drug trailer in the parade. Roger Cutsinger

drove his convertible carrying the Second State Vice President Kathy Clark and her husband Tom.

On Sunday November 12, the Lodge held its annual Chicken and Noodle Feed. We served around 150 people and the veterans ate for free. Thank you to all of our wonderful Elks for all the hard work they put in to make this day a success. There were too



Picture by Sean Cutsinger

To wrap up the celebration the Lodge held it's Americanism Essay Contest on Tuesday, November 14 at the El Dorado Performing Arts Center. The theme for the essays were What the Bill of Rights Mean to Me. A special thank you to the El Dorado Middle School bands who performed between essays. Thank you to Phil Wickwire who headed up the event and to Jim Masters who handed out the awards. Thank you to all the Elks who read all the essays to come up with the winners. The Essay winners were: Division I, Ellie Wilson, Audrey Grunder, Jocelyn Oates. Division II, Hollis Hebert, Bella Hickman, Brentley Decker. Division III, Riley Humbargar, Dane Edwards, and Lane Jenkins. Division IV, Coltin Dragoo, Newell Marsh and Garrett Jackson. All entries this year were from Flinthills school district. *Sean Cutsinger*



**EVERY FRIDAY
SOCIAL HOUR**

5:00 p.m. to Close

LODGE MEETINGS

December 04, 2023

Initiation

December 18, 2023

All members invited.



GAME NIGHT

Each month will be themed game nights. 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 Anthony. 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 guests are welcome to play. This past month they played on Monday November 13. They play again on Monday December, 11 for another exciting game to learn.

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 & News Writer

Hello my fellow members. It has been quite the year. As we wind down this year and reflect on the spirituality of the holiday season, many things come to mind. Let's not forget that first and foremost we celebrate our Lord and savior. As I've been decorating my Christmas tree, I was thinking about the top of the tree. Since, many people place angels on top of the tree, it got me thinking as to why. It turns out that Angels play a significant roll in the first Christmas. Angels visited Joseph and the Virgin Mary about the upcoming birth of Jesus. On the night of his birth they were up high in the sky above Bethlehem to announce his birth to the people. By placing an angel on the top of the Christmas tree is a way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Stars on the top of the tree is also a similar significance. The star of Bethlehem (Christmas Star) appeared in the sky to guide people to baby Jesus. There is so much religious significance in the Christmas tradition. It has been thought that by placing an angel on the top of the tree and declaring the families faith would scare away evil spirits from the home during the holidays.

Since, this month is the birth month of Jesus Christ, I encourage you to read these scriptures (Luke 1:26-63) and (Luke 2:8-27). These are some of my favorite scriptures that talks about Jesus Christ.

If you believe like I do, then you believe in guardian angels. Some churches believe that each person has a guardian angel. This past year I know my family and myself have them. Like when my father was in his rollover truck wreck and walked away, or when I almost lost both my parents because of their heart conditions. Myself over the years have been on my death bed on three different occasions and I know I had guardian angels looking after me. Although, guardian angels are not defined by the church or any scripture, there are passages that suggest their existence. In the Old Testament there are numerous examples of angels of the Lord sent to look over us. In fact, angels are mentioned 273 times. The Bible says that human beings were made a little lower than angels (Psalm 8:5). According to the Bible angels are powerful (Psalm 103:20). They are wise (2 Samuel 14:20) although they don't know everything. The Bible also says there are a vast number of angels (Daniel 7:10). However, the Bible forbids the worship of angels (Revelation 19:10). Angels were present when the material world was created. Sons of God (angels) sang for joy when God created our universe (Job 38:1-7). Angels also worship God (Psalm 148:2). Jesus said that angels do not marry (Matthew 22:30). They also do not die (Luke 20:36).

This has always been my favorite season, I am a firm believer in God and angels. I think we all take them for granted and we don't really reflect as to what this season is about, and that all our traditions and symbols have a significant meaning. Christmas is not just a day, it's a feeling. If you have time go back and re-read my article from January 2020. Merry Christmas!!!

*My email is SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. **God Bless You & Our Lodge!!!, Sean***

DECEMBER

Birthdays of the Month

- 04 Robert Baldwin
- 05 Oliver Bishop
- 07 Leon Leachman
- 10 Roger Cutsinger
- 10 Paula Hatton
- 12 William Mason
- 15 Lisa Jack
- 19 Benjamin Jones
- 21 Darlene Andrews
- 23 Curtis Zieman
- 24 Debra Kirkpatrick
- 25 Thomas Storrer
- 28 Tyler Arasmith
- 28 Bradley Hahn
- 28 John Steinbacher

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

11-06-23 \$70.00

Deb Kirkpatrick

11-16-23 \$10.00

Samuel Kendall

12-04-23 \$20.00



Dec 08-09-15 Play

Dec 12 Hoop Shoot

Dec 16 Sheriff

Christmas Party

Dec 23 Ring Bells

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



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday December 04, 2022, is our Elks Lodge annual memorial service to honor our absent members. This year we will be honoring Glenn Davis 12-12-2022. The service takes place at the Lodge at 2:00 p.m. All officers are required to attend.

Sean Cutsinger

HO HO HO CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

This year's Christmas show will be Friday and Saturday December 8, 9 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. and also, Saturday the 9 at 2:00 p.m. \$15.00 for show only and \$25.00 for Dinner and show. Cash bar available. The show is Directed by Deb Kirkpatrick. The cast is Patricia and Caradee Bolton, Michelle Morse, Shiela Hoyt, Jane Mathias, Tom Storrer, Madilynn Thomas, Chance Fields, Bebe Thomas, Linda Baines, and Wayne Riddle. For more information about the show you can contact Deb. Mark your



calendars as it will be a great time and call to make your reservations call Deb at 316-303-7140. Break-a-leg! *Sean Cutsinger*

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



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| # 01 Overland Park at \$42.33 | # 10 Garden City at \$4.95 |
| # 02 El Dorado at \$19.59 | # 11 Junction City at \$4.69 |
| # 03 Pratt at \$11.80 | # 12 Hoxie at \$3.80 |
| # 04 Atchison at \$6.88 | # 13 Abilene at \$3.64 |
| # 05 Russell at \$6.61 | # 14 Fort Scott at \$3.22 |
| # 06 Osawatomie at \$6.21 | # 15 Parsons at \$2.93 |
| # 07 Salina at \$5.76 | # 16 Chanute at \$2.15 |
| # 08 Clay Center at \$5.71 | # 17 Iola at \$1.17 |
| # 09 Ottawa at \$5.03 | # 18 Goodland at \$0.88 |

As of 11-27-2023 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$29,546.04 to date. That is \$6.61 per member of the 4,471 members in the state. The new ENF goal is set at \$4.80 per member.

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. *Sean Cutsinger*



December 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

	www.Elks.org www.KSelks.org/El Dorado/El Dorado.asp www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks				1	2 Christmas Parade 5:30
3 Lodge Memorial 2:00 p.m.	4 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Initiation	5	6 St Nicholas Day	7 Hanukkah Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	8 Play 7:00 p.m.	9 Play 2:00 p.m. Play 7:00 p.m.
10	11	12 Hoop Shoot at Rec Center 6:00p.m.	13	14 Appreciation Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	15 Play 7:00 p.m.	16 Sherriff Christmas Party
17 Lodge Rented	18 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	19 Lodge Rented	20	21 Winter Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	22	23 Ring Bells
24 Christmas Eve	25 	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Marsha	29	30
31 	MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!				ALL DATES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	



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