

Happy Birthday Mountain Home Elks Lodge No. 1714
The Mountain Home Elks Lodge No. 1714 turns 69 years old this
Sunday July 17th.

The Charter for the lodge was issued July 17, 1947. Below are some of the first news articles of our lodge from the Baxter Bulletin. One of the interesting entries was from the Nov. 22, 1946 article that the original installation was the largest ever of any lodge in the Nation.

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Application To Be Made For Elks Club Charter Here

Plans for organization of an Elks Club here are nearing completion and application for a charter will be made soon. Members of Elks Clubs from other towns and prospective new members here met at the Blue Haven Cafe Friday night for a dinner and organization program.

Mac W. Martin has been appointed chairman of the organizing body and Jack Ramey was named vice chairman. A large number of applications for membership have already been filed with the group and others are expected to be made this week.

The organization will meet again Friday at 8 P. M. in the office of Mr. Martin. Resident or visiting Elks are invited to contact W. S. Kitchen, secretary.

Baxter Bulletin Sept. 27, 1946

Petition For Elks Charter To Be Closed Friday Night

A petition, asking for an Elks Lodge charter here will be closed at a meeting of prospective Elks to be held in the office of Mac Martin Friday night, W. S. Kitchen, secretary, has announced.

All persons wishing to be charter members of the new organization must make application for membership before the petition is completed, the secretary said.

Definite date for installation of the Lodge has not been set but it is expected to be held during the last part of October. Members from Lodges in Little Rock, Hot Springs, Texarkana, Brinkley, Jonesboro and other towns in Arkansas and Missouri will be present for the installation at which time the State Association will hold its regular meeting here. Among those expected to attend the installation will be John F. Faye of Hot Springs, Grand District Deputy; William Lauback, president of the state association and Bruce Campbell, past Grand Exalted Ruler of East St. Louis.

The petition asking for charter already has the signatures of 42 prospective members and others are expected to make application for membership before the petition is closed, Mr. Kitchen said.

Installation Ceremonies Held Sunday For New Elks Lodge Here

Installation ceremonies for the newly organized Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1714 were held here Sunday and the charter presented to the group by John P. Faye, district deputy of Hot Springs. The Mountain Home Lodge is the first to be organized in Arkansas for 33 years.

The new lodge was organized with 105 candidates of which 85 were installed with arrangements made to install the others at a future meeting. This number was the largest group ever to be installed at the institution of any lodge in the nation.

Officiating body representing the Grand Lodge was the Hot Springs Lodge assisted by C. C. Williford of the Springfield Lodge.

Bus loads of members from the Hot Springs and Little Rock Lodges were met at Yellville and conveyed to the meeting and another bus was chartered from Springfield to transport members of that lodge. The Brinkley lodge was also represented.

Following institution of the lodge at ceremonies held in the court room here officers were obligated

and seated. C. C. Williford of the Springfield Lodge gave the Thannatopsis. Installing officers were John P. Faye, D. D. G. E.; I. C. Beam, G. Ex.; B. M. Ryan, G. L. K.; Waterman, G. E. K.; C. Sheldon, G. Lec. K.; J. B. Stonecipher, G. Esq.; Mitchell Moore, G. Chap.; C. P. Howard, G. Inner G.; and F. N. Crawford, G. Tiler.

A meeting of the State Lodge Association, presided over by William Laubach president, was held and plans were made to aid in a program for a higher education of young people of the state.

Following the installation a banquet, prepared by wives of the members, was served in the lodge hall. Toastmaster Jack Ramey introduced the principal speaker, I. C. Beam, Exalted Ruler of the Hot Springs Lodge. Other speakers were William Laubach, president of the state association; I. C. Beam of the Hot Springs Lodge; C. C. Williford and George Wilson of Springfield; John Faye of Hot Springs and Harry Paulus of Brinkley.

A ball was held by the lodge at the Silver Moon Club Monday night. An orchestra from Springfield furnished the music.