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## ER AWUARDS

Every month our Exulted Ruler gives awards out to Outstanding Elks in our Lodge for their commitment , dedication, and volunteerism. Last month recipients are:

Officer of the
Month-
Amy Gates

Elk Of the Month -
Hazel Day

Citizen of the
Month-
Rachelle Munger

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

## Less sleep Sunday

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. AP

## Exalted Ruler Message



Greetings Brother and Sister Elks,
Holiday season is upon us and we have many great things planned.
As always we will be taking care of some needy families to help ease their holiday stress, We have a barrel set up for you to drop off food and toiletry items.
Our Christmas pins are in and available for purchase for $\$ 5$.
Check your calendars for activities as well as some great meals.
We will be having a Fish Fry the zrd Friday of each month and we are blessed to have Denise Rainey on board to do the cooking.
We are also going to be serving breakfast o Su the first Sunday of the month, For the month of November it will be on November oth for 9- 11. Come and JOIN US!
A big Thank you to al who have helped with meals as well as attending the meetings

SINCERELY,
Jeri Mickle
Exalted Ruler

## Convention

Our PER Gary Ballinger received an award at our State Convention. for his outstanding service to the State and Grand Lodge.

We are very proud and grateful to have such a man in our lodge.

On November 11th 2016 our Americanism Committee will be hosting a Veterans Day Dinner to Honor all those who Served. Veterans and their Spouses will eat free and there will be a charge of $\$ 12$ a plate for everyone else. ( All proceeds will be donated to REBOOT)

There will be a speaker from "REBOOT" present to explain to us how the program works.

Please JOIN us in honoring those who have served

## HI EVERYBODY!! :)

As of October 20, 2016 we have 396 members. We greatly appreciate everyone who has joined our lodge. Please remember that our lodge is so much more than a swimming pool or a place to hang out and drink.
We are a family that promotes the welfare and enhance the happiness of our members, quickens the spirit of American patriotism, cultivate good fellowship, perpetuate ourselves as a Fraternal organization, to serve our community and people through our Benevolent programs and demonstrate the Elks Care and Elks Share

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## Committee News

## House Committee

Our House Committee has been very busy with lots of meal planning and different activities being planned for the month of October which have all been included on our calendar (enclosed). Four main attractions to pay attention to are: Sunday Night Chiefs Football, Purple Ball, and of course our Adult Parties.
Christmas is right around the corner so we already have a few things planned on Dec. 18th we will start our day off delivering to families that we adopt and after we will have our Annual Christmas Dinner.

## A Sneak Peek into History <br> of The Excelsior Springs Elks Lodge \#1001



The Elks Lodge has been in Excelsior Springs since October 14, 1905. Their $1^{\text {st }}$ Elks home was located in the K.P. Hall on the corner of Broadway and Marietta Streets and was remodeled to suit the needs of the Lodge.
On June 8,1909 a resolution was passed to purchase a hotel building at the corner of Thompson and Spring Streets for $\$ 8500.00$. The Elks occupied this building until it was razed to move into their new building on the same land at the cost of $\$ 22,400.00$. The membership was growing and everyone pitched in. There was a campaign to get 100 new members so on December 30, 1924 they moved into their new building with 125 new members waiting to on initiation. In the early 1960's this building was sold to the city (This building is currently the Excelsior Springs Community Center\}. The Elks purchased the Oaks Hotel for $\$ 92,000$ and remodeled it, shortly after they made this purchase the healing water and mineral waters baths were declining and the Elks took a huge loss before locating a buyer for the business.

In 1969 the Elks purchased land at 421 South Titus for $\$ 8000.00$ constructed a basement and set In for building a swimming pool. It wasn't until 1978 that they decided to build above the basement. It was completed in October 1985 to what is standing today.
The Elks lodge is a non-profit organization and relies on its membership to volunteer their time to make it survive. Our goal is working side by side for the betterment of the Community.

The Elks started out to a men's organization and did not include women to even participate in their functions. Throughout the years this has changed where women can join. In our Lodge Suzanne VanDyne Newel was the $1^{\text {st }}$ female member, Susan Vest was the $1^{\text {st }}$ female officer, Carol Smedlund was the $1^{\text {st }}$ female secretary and Jeri Mickle the $1^{\text {st }}$ female Exalted Ruler.

If you are in the Lodge, look around in the meeting room. You will see a wall of pictures of all the past exalted rulers, another wall is all the deceased members. Note the chairs the officers sit in (known as the sa cred chairs as it is a privilege to sit in one of these). These chairs were purchased in the depression years (1930's) from the Richmond Elks Lodge that folded then.

The Purple Ball is a celebration of the birth of Our Lodge and this year the date of the Purple Ball will be held on October 22 With cocktails, dinner and dance. This used to be a formal occasion but is now semiformal. This is our 111th birthday.
If anyone is interested in joining the Elks Lodge they can call the Lodge at 630-2001 or stop at the Lodge at 421 South Titus.

A Big Thank you to the Late Art Thompson (a life member of the Elks and secretary for 17 years) who gathered a lot of this information from the archives at the museum In Excelsior Springs. One does not realize the wealth of information the museum holds

The Elks expect the members to be active members. We have a lot of activities for young and old, the Lodge would not have survived all these years without Volunteers.


Newsletter: Suzanne Newel, Libby Andrae and Janice Frost for helping me fold and label all the newsletters to be mailed out.

Purple Ball Pictures


KC CHEIFS


## FOOTBALL!

Bring some snacks to share and join us for the games on ALL OUR T.V'S

November Lineup
Nov. 6th Jacksonville-1

## p.m.

Nov.13th@Carolina-1

## p.m.

Nov.20th Tampa Bay-
1p.m.
Nov. 27th- a Denver4:25p.m.

## LODGE CRAWL

We would like to Thank the following Lodges for allowing us to visit with them this year. Chillicothe, Trenton and Cameron. Each lodge was very welcoming and we were honored to meet and enjoy their members.


## Up Coming Events Subject To Changes

- November 6- Daylight Savings Time
- November 8- Election Day
- November 11-Veterans Day Dinner
- November 19- National Family Volunteer Day
- November 24-Happy Thanksgiving

