



March 2024



We Care - We Share

Banquet Hall, Menu & Reservations...Contact: Christina Hays at #217-222-3423
Membership & Newsletter Mailings...Secretary's Email is: gncvelks@gmail.com

To All Members,

Time has really flown by! We are in the final month of our 23-24 year and have just completed our elections for the upcoming 24-25 year. We have an initiation of new members on the 5th, and the swearing in of the new officers on the 19th and the new year budget is being prepared as we speak and do not forget it is time for our annual dues!

As a fraternal organization we focus our commitment on our community, its youth, and our veterans. Through our donations, volunteer work, and tireless work of our members and committee's we make a difference in our community. God Bless all of you!

As I close out my year as your Exalted Ruler, I will say with all sincerity that without the support of so many (way too many to name!) I could never have accomplished the goals I had set for myself and this Lodge. To all the Officers, Trustees, members, staff, family, and friends I thank you sincerely for all your help, kind words, and "little kick in butts" I needed at times!

So, in closing I wish all our new and returning Officers and Trustees continued success as we move forward as a Lodge. We have overcome our obstacles this year with greatness unsurpassed by any other group I have ever been involved with! Congratulations to all of you on a job well done. Please continue to practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity throughout our lives and forever show respect for our fellow members and humankind! May God Bless all of you!

David Griffin,
Exalted Ruler

Upcoming Events

- 1) Friday, Mar 1st – Karaoke Night**
- 2) Tuesday, Mar 5th – Lodge Meeting
- Board Meeting**
- 3) Wednesday, Mar 6th – Western Line
Dance Teaching**
- 4) Friday, Mar 8th – Trivia with Dave
Williams**
- 5) Saturday, Mar 9th – Black Light Bingo**
- 6) Tuesday, Mar 12th – House Meeting**
- 7) Friday, Mar 15th – St. Patrick's Dance!**
- 8) Tuesday, Mar 19th – Lodge Meeting
- Activities Meeting**
- 9) Wednesday, Mar 20th – Western Line
Dance Teaching**
- 10) Friday, Mar 22nd – Southern Rail**
- 11) Friday, Mar 29th – James Brown**

Lodge Meetings ...1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Except in Dec, July & Aug (Only 1st Tues) 6:30
pm
Dinner Meetings - 6:00 P.M. - Reservations Needed

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dave Griffin
Leading Knight	Jay Wieneke
Loyal Knight	Mark Kerns
Lecturing Knight	Ben Spohr
Esquire	Roger Schaefer
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Maria Althoff
Tiler	Tom Geise
Chaplain	Rita Mack
Inner Guard	Rosemary Peters

TRUSTEES

Steve Haman	5 yr. -Trustee
Kenny Hultz	4 yr. -Trustee
Don Walker	3 yr. -Trustee
Rosemary Peters	2 yr. -Trustee
Fred Shaneyfelt	1 yr. -Trustee

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Ben Spohr – Chairperson	
Dave Griffin	Mary Kerns
Randy Malone	Randy Musolino
Sharon Sohn	Steve Demoss

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Carolyn Spohr – Chairperson	
Ben Spohr	Carole Rischar
Christine Hays	Jamie Fish
Sharon Wieneke	

HOUSE MANAGER

Christine Hays

St Patrick's Day Party
Friday
March 15th, 2024



Festive Event Buffet
Raised on Radio

7:30p – 10:30p

****Put your "Green" on****
&

Trot on down for an enjoyable evening!

Happy Birthday

C.E.	Archer	Sue	Kelle
Steve	Labs	Lance	Niekamp
Carol	Shaneyfelt	Donald	Koettters
Stanley	Helkey	Sue	Fansler
Don	Larson	Jared	Haugh
Rodney	Keck	Garland	Sawyer
Terry	Lovelace	Gregory	Schutte
Betty	Boling	William	Awerkamp
Alan	Hathaway	Stephen	Wall
Randall	Riley	Philip	Hildebrand
Leo	Dietrich	Nita	Maddox
Eric	Johnson	Melvin	Loos
Ronald	Eberle	Robert	Mehl
Paul	Northrup	Larry	Brooks
Dale	Drummond	Michael	Ericson
Patrick	Peters	Kevin	Smith
Tyler	Robertson	Laurie	Duesterhaus
Mike	Uppinghouse	Steven	Eckert
Justin	Vonderhaar	Ted	Schuster
Colby	Kuhlmeier	James	Terwelp
John	Johnson	Donnie	Hummer
Henry	Kay	Bill	Marsh
Pat	Bybee		



Happy Birthday Drink Ticket

Clip this coupon

&

Have a drink on Us!

Must have this coupon for your free drink

Valentines Dance



Friday

February 16th, 2024



The Lodge hosted a Valentine dance on Friday, February 16th and what an evening it was! The affair that was a big hit! Hats off to the Chef for a delicious Buffet that all enjoyed. Southern Rail played favored tunes to top off the evening with dancing and good cheer! We hope all had a wonderful time!

Trivia Night



Friday, February 9th

It was a relaxing evening event hosted by Dave Williams. Knowledge was tested! A wide variety of subjects tested the gatherings knowledge while having fun with friends!

The Night Winning Group:

“It Doesn’t Matter Anyway”



Congratulations to our 2024-2025

Elected Officers

Exalted Ruler	Jay Wieneke
Leading Knight	Fred Shaneyfelt
Loyal Knight	Ben Spohr
Lecturing Knight	Carolyn Spohr
Esquire	Roger Schaefer, PER
Secretary	David Griffin, PER
Treasurer	Maria Althoff
Tiler	Tom Geise
Chaplain	Rita Mack
Inner Guard	Rosemary Peters
5 yr. -Trustee	Bill Pittman, PDDGER/PER

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Family and Friends of Elk Member(s)

Having a hard time trying to figure out what to give an Elk member(s) as a gift? Does it seem like they have everything?

Elks Membership Certificate



Here’s an idea:

How about a 1 year’s membership paid. This is a gift that they can enjoy all year around. If you would like to give this gift to an Elks member, clip and fill out the coupon in this issue and drop it off with payment at the bar or contact the Secretary for the gift certificate or send an email to: qncyelks@gmail.com

If you would like to receive your Elkhorn electronically, please fill out and return to the Lodge

Name: _____

Member#: _____

Email address: _____

The Coupons can be mailed, emailed (qncyelks@gmail.com), or dropped off at the Members bar.

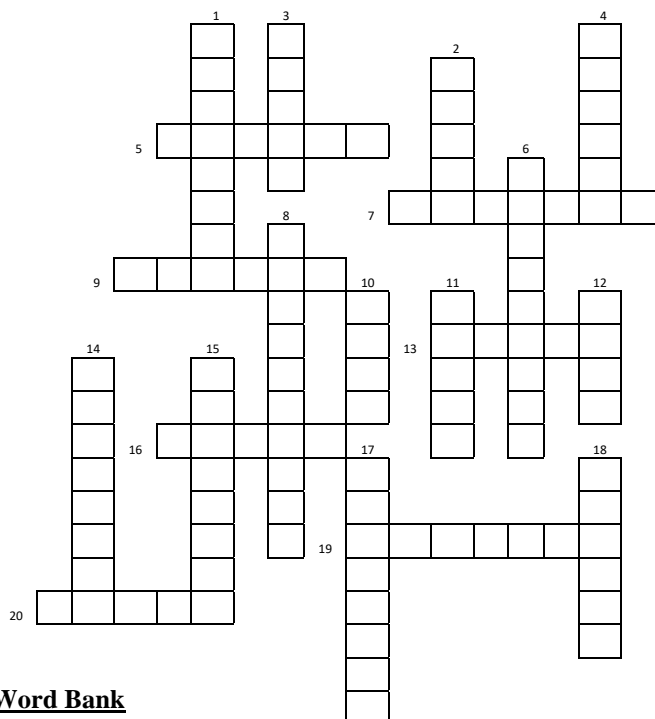


March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>2024-2025 Membership Dues</u> Reminder for all members: It's that time of year. Dues are due by the end on the month. Come on down, enjoy a meal and take in the monthly festivities! Hope to see you!					1	2
					Open 4:00 PM Chicken & Fish Buffet 5:00 – 7:30 <hr/> Karaoke 7:30 to 10:30	Open 4:00 PM Wedding Shower <hr/> CE Anchor 75 th Birthday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Bar Closed	Bar Closed	Open 4:00 PM Lodge Mtg.  Dinner reservations Needed Initiation	Open 4:00 PM Wednesday Menu 5:00 – 7:30 <hr/> Line Dancing 6:30-8p	Open 4:00 PM Menu 4-7p <hr/> Fire Fighters Bingo 6-10	Open 4:00 PM Chicken & Fish Buffet 5:00 – 7:30 <hr/> Trivia With Dave Williams	Open 4:00 PM Black Light Bingo 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Bar Closed 						

**** The bartender reserves the right to close early if there are no patrons in the club ****



Across

- 5 Where all Elks hang out
- 7 The knight that is second in command
- 9 Worn around our neck
- 13 The Holy Bible rests where in the Lodge.
- 16 Emblem of Authority
- 19 "Sergeant At Arms"
- 20 Lodge #1985 is in what City?

Down:

1. Service performed the first Sunday in December
2. The Holy Book
3. BPDE is a Fraternal _____
4. First headed BPDE (Last name)
6. To get knowledge and skills through _____
8. Female auxiliary is known as BPDE _____
10. "The Eleven O'clock _____"
11. Current Grand Exalted Ruler (First name)
12. Our hand shake is known as _____
14. Every Lodge has to have this
15. They pray for us
17. Who elects Lodge Officers?

Word Bank

COLLAR	GRIP	CHARTER	VIVIAN	ERWIN	MEMBERS
HOOR	ALTAR	ESQUIRE	ORDER	FOREST	BIBLE
EDUCATION	CHAPLIN	MEMORIAL	LEADING	RANDY	GAVEL
DAUGHTERS					



Superbowl
LVIII
At the Elks



25

TO

22

The Lodge was hooping with food to eat, drinks to toast, and members cheering for their favorite team! Chanting and laughter filled the air as all anxiously awaited the final score.



Corner of Sorrow



Never Forsaken, Never
Forgotten

James Boden
Charles McMullen

Prayers of Peace to the Family
And Friends



On Friday,
February 23rd, 2024,
music filled the air as
members, guests, and
families danced the
evening away to
celebrate:

Elks 156th ***Birthday***

Southern Rail kicked off
the evening with
favorite tunes to make
for an enjoyable night.
A huge thank you to all
that came, participated
and helped.

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Designate My Gift (choose one): ☐ Community Investments ☐ Drug Awareness ☐ Hoop Shoot ☐ Scholarships ☐ Veterans ☐ All Programs ☐ Endowment Fund

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 Notification of this gift should be sent to: Name _____
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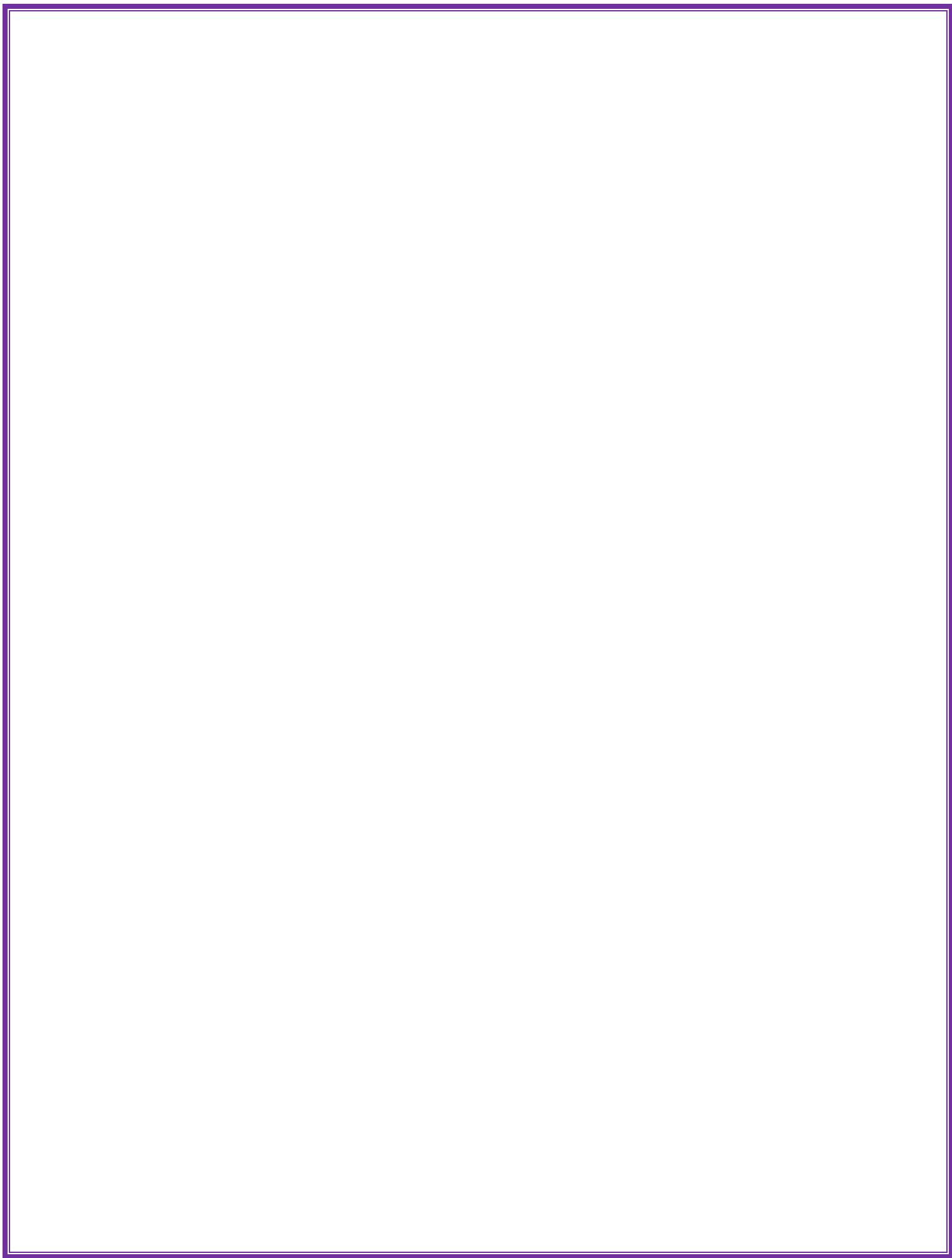
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Acct No: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

**The ENF is authorized to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic debit from the account for the amount indicated on the check.





Bingo 'Every' Thursday *Firefighters*
Local 63 Union



Do not call the Lodge!

Please call #217-223-7615 with your questions.

Doors Open at 4:00 PM

Bingo 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

*The Firefighters Local #63 Union Leases
the 'Bluff View Banquet' Hall for their Bingo
Fundraiser*



March Friday's Buffet

Chicken & Fish
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy
Vegetable
\$ 14.50

Best Chicken Buffet in Town!

Do you know an Elk's member that didn't receive an "ELKHORN" for this month? Please let the Secretary know by email, phone, or note in the door.

Email is: gncyelks@gmail.com

Phone#: (217) 223-3423 and leave message.



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