



ELKS TALES

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Elks Care - *Elks* Share



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

By Cynthia Forsberg

OVERLAND PARK #2395



It was my honor to attend the POW/MIA Recognition program at the Overland Park City Hall on September 13th. This is a very moving ceremony. The impassioned speech by John Musgrave, USMC (Ret.) is one that you will remember. He told us of the many Americans listed as missing in action from Vietnam, Korea and recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. He told us about a book called "Enormous Crime". This event is held annually in September. The Overland Park Elks should make it mandatory attendance next year. The Kansas Elks were represented along with the VFW post 846, the American Legion Post 370 and the Overland Park City Council. Boy Scout Troops 10 and 251 released balloons which had the names and information of Kansas men that are listed as Missing in Action or Prisoners of

War.

The combined Northeast and Southeast DD clinic in El Dorado was very informative. Topics covered all the good that Elks do. The Scholarship program is getting started. Yvette Hill has agreed to be our Chairperson. Our ENF programs and grants were highlighted by many speakers. Overland Park #2395 has reason to be proud. We are the only Lodge to submit the Impact Grant application. There are 26 Lodges in Kansas and only 9 meet the per capita level to qualify to apply for grants. Only 8 of those qualified have so far applied for any grants. We have yet to apply for two more, the Beacon and Gratitude Grants. Many, many thanks to Diane Chambers, Peggy Velasquez, Stephanie Ely, Diana Brown, Mimi Girard, Sam Greene and all who donated or helped in any way. We would not be successful without you.

I need to thank John Bloomingdale for his purchase and donation of his time in fixing a problem with our filter. Thank you John!

The pool season is coming to a close. Two of our newest members have said they will work on the issue of the sand in the pool the weekend of the 26th and 27th of September. Special thanks to Dan Carlson and Kirk Johnson.

Moms Overcoming Mountains, the organization we want to help with the Impact Grant, are having a coat and boot drive. We are collecting Women's boots and coats to deliver to them in mid-November. Please bring your donations to the Lodge.

The Lodge is hosting a huge event on October 3rd. Charlie Faltermeier and Nick Clark, along with Cindy Williams and Melissa Trussell, and a team of others, have been working very hard to make the Dog Pack Walk a success. Please come to the Lodge to support them.

Another new event is a "Grill-off" on October 11th. New members Katie and Brian Hestand are organizing this culinary event. You may form a team to grill steak, hamburger, fish, pork and chicken. What a great thing to do while watching a Chiefs football game!

NASCAR, NASCAR and more NASCAR. We still could use some help Friday and Saturday night, October 16th and 17th. Text or call Rick Bush 913-909-3118 ASAP. This is our best fundraiser and we need your help.

We will have a DD visit on October 19th for our meeting. A meal will be served.

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ELK OF THE MONTH

By Cynthia Forsberg



We had a very urgent issue and this member stepped up to take care of us all! We are so grateful for all the different things he is doing for the Lodge. He stepped up to be membership chair, he is organizing what is likely to be the biggest event of the year. And he spent several hours with his head in our ice machine. **Charlie Faltermeier** you are Elk of the Month!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

By Cindy Deamos

Let's keep the following in our thoughts and prayers:

- * Melissa Trussell's Uncle Doug is taking chemo treatments for bone cancer.
- * Mike and Pam Lorentz' daughter-in-law has begun chemo treatments for breast cancer.
- * Jim Tracy's uncle has been diagnosed with cancer.
- * Sue Palmer's sister was diagnosed with a non-malignant brain tumor.
- * Tom Mihalovits is recovering from a medical procedure for a ruptured tendon in his hand.

IN SYMPATHY

- ◇ Jack O'Rourke passed away
- ◇ Traci Rand's brother passed away
- ◇ Larry Denney's son Brett passed away
- ◇ Diana Brown's Step Father Audre Burks passed away



KID'S HALLOWEEN PARTY



The bewitching hour is quickly approaching. So all of the little ghouls and goblins of the Lodge find a costume and come to the annual Children's Halloween Party on Wednesday October 28th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come dressed up in your favorite costume and enjoy an hour of fun, games, crafts, and treats. Be sure to call the Lodge and sign your child up so we know how many to expect. If anyone would like to bring candy or baked goods, it would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



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MON-THURS	4PM - 11PM
FRI	4PM - 1:30AM
SAT	NOON - 1AM
SUN	NOON - 7

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

5 Year Trustee	Tom Mihalovitz	913-620-0387
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3 Year Trustee	Kent Biel	785-862-1070
2 Year Trustee	Chris Deamos	913-515-1818
1 Year Trustee	Dan Demjanik	913-269-4624

Member Birthdays

By Ellen Conner

John Giesecke, PER	2nd
Maureen Reynolds	3rd
Kenneth Clond, Jr	5th
Curtis Haskins	5th
Robin Keehn, PER	6th
Chris Trotta	6th
Dale Higgins	8th
Clayton Harding	10th
Andrew Mills	10th
Keith Austin	13th
Michael Lombardi	13th
Elizabeth Fulton	15th
John Broman	18th
Lester Hull	19th
Dick Tootle	19th
Trent Rand	23rd
George Tootle	23rd
Chris Kubas	24th
Shawn Trussell	25th
Carl Lindsey, Jr, PER, PDDGER, PSP	26th
Greg Neylon	26th
Eugene Miller	29th
Anthony Snook	31st

Spouses

Travis Johnson	4th
Patricia Keehn	6th
Sharon Austin	12th
Linda Warren	19th
Kimberly Mitchell	31st

Anniversaries

Carl, Esquire & Mary Ann Patillo	3rd
John & Kathy Putnam	3rd
Eric & Lauren Wheeler, Lect Knight	11th
Chris & Kelli Kubas	15th
Russ, PER & Paula Best	20th

President	Melinda Baumann
Vice President	Dan Demjanik
Chairman	Melinda Baumann













PAST EXALTED RULERS YEARS SERVED

Gene Fields (Leavenworth, KS)	1964-65
Norval Thorpe (Dimit)	1968-69
Dwight Martin	1969-70
Bill Hansen	1970-71
Larry Hickman (Dimit)	1971-72
Hoyt Eels (Dimit)	1972-73
Bill Doran	1973-74
Joe Spohn	1974-76
Earl Flesher	1976-77
Robert Mckown	1977-78
John Giesecke	1978-80
Robert Capper	1980-81
Glenn Stoffer	1981-82
Tommy Thompson	1982-83
Bill Pierce	1983-84
Pat Gleeson, Jr.	1984-86
Gene Willard	1986-87
Robert Capper	1987-88
Ron Trogdon	1988-89
Ron Mapes (Dimit)	1989-90
Wes Weaver II	1990-91
Denny Thompson (Dimit)	1991-92
Richard Everman (Dimit)	1992-93
Carl Lindsey, Jr.	1993-94
Wes Weaver II	1994-95
Jim Forrest	1995-96
Robert Capper	1996-97
William Christesen	1997-98
Russ Best	1998-99
Carl Lindsey, Jr.	1999-00
John Lanham	2000-01
Dan Schmidt	2001-02
Darlene Overhue	2002-03
Richard Pappas	2003-04
Chris Deamos	2004-05
James Capper	2005-06
James Standen	2006-07
Rob Keehn	2007-08
Richard Siminis (KCMO)	2007-08
Carol Gilbreth (Fort Scott)	2008-09
Mike Lorentz	2008-10
Dan Demjanik	2010-11
Kent Biel (Topeka)	2010-11
Al Walton	2011-13
Melinda Baumann	2013-14
Tom Mihalovits	2014-15

LODGE COMMITEES

Accident Prevention	Dan Demjanik PER	913-269-4624
Americanism	Yvette Hill	816-835-1438
Auditing	Jim Standen PER	913-231-5900
Drug Awareness	DJ Demjanek	913-269-4624
Flag Day	Tom Mihalovits	913-620-0387
Gov't Relations	Dennis Kidwell	913-558-7483
"Hoop Shoot"	Jim Capper PER	913-449-9330
Indoctrination	Al Walton PER	913-515-1473
Investigative	Richard Siminis PER	816-590-1080
Retention	Charlie Faltermeier	913-206-6641
Lodge Activities	Lauren Wheeler	913-221-6151
Membership	Charlie Faltermeier	913-206-6641
Memorial Day Service	Yvette Hill	816-835-1438
ENF	Jim Capper PER	913-449-9330
Veterans	Ray Calore	913-787-0226
Public Relations	DJ Demjanek	913-269-4624
Visitation	Cindy Deamos	913-515-1473
Youth Activities	Danielle Keiter	913-636-7895
Community Activities	Lauren Wheeler	913-221-6151
Soccer Shoot	Dennis Kidwell	913-558-7483
PER Association	Chris Deamos PER	913-515-1818

CALENDAR KEY:

-  = \$2.00 Wells
-  = \$1.25 Draws
-  = \$2.00 Domestic Bottles
-  = Sewing 6PM
-  = Happy Hour 7-11PM
-  = Trivia Night 7PM
-  = Meeting
-  = Bunco 6:30PM
-  = Chief's Game
-  = KC Speedway Volun.
-  = Darts 7PM
-  = Golf 6:00



Sun

October 2015



Mon

































Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 	2  Dog Walk Volunteer Meeting 	3 Dog Walk 11:30  VFW Golf Tourney 
4  Chiefs 12:00	5 Lodge Meeting 7PM 	6   	7 	8 	9 	10
11  Chiefs 12:00 Grill Off 11:00 	12 Planning Meeting 7PM 	13   	14 	15  	16  	17 
18  Chiefs 12:00 	19 Lodge Meeting 7PM  DD Visit	20   	21 	22 	23 	24 State Meeting Junction City 
25  Chiefs 12:00 State Meeting Junction City 	26	27   	28  Kid's Halloween Party 7-8 	29 	30 	31 Adult Halloween Party 6PM 



Did You Know...

By Jim Standen



By 1927 the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had for many years been well under way in participating and funding local charitable causes through local Lodges. But in 1928, the Grand Lodge, with a starter grant of \$100,000 created a permanent trust fund under the supervision of Grand Lodge. A second Grand Lodge grant of \$100,000 soon followed along with over \$50,000 donated by individual Elks. Thusly, was created the Elks National Foundation (ENF). The ENF was then structured as it remains today so that gifts and donations given to ENF go into a permanent endowment fund and are never spent. Only the earnings on the principal are distributed to charitable works programs at the Grand Lodge, state associations and local Lodges. Capital gains on securities are not considered earnings and they therefore are also never spent. Today the ENF has more than 100,000 active donors and the ENF has raised over \$223 million since inception.

The ENF principal fund has over \$600 million generating earnings for distribution to Elks charitable causes. Since inception, the ENF has distributed over \$384 million to those causes which include Elks College Scholarships, Elks Drug Awareness, Elks Hoop Shoot and Elks National Veterans Service Programs. Funds and grants are also given to state associations and local Lodges for local charitable causes and the Community Investment Grants. ENF annually awards \$4 million in college scholarships along with the \$8.5 million awarded at the local and state levels of Elkdom. ENF annually disburses about \$12.6 million in support of the Hoop Shoot scholarships, Veterans service, drug awareness and state and local projects. Total disbursements for the 2015-2016 year will be over \$27 million.

The ENF is the "flagship" of Elks charitable giving and Elks can support the Elks National Foundation in several ways. One is by individually giving through the local Lodge. Another is by supporting local Lodge fundraising events and a third way is to contribute directly to ENF by check or online credit card payment through the Grand Lodge website. Grand Exalted Rulers have in recent years set very modest goals by requesting \$4.65 from each Elk as measured at the local Lodge level. Those who have cumulatively contributed \$100 are Members of ENF. This is commonly achieved in \$10 annual increments and well within the means of most Elks. Those who have cumulatively contributed \$1,000 have become Honorary Founders; more than 12,000, over the years, received such certificates. Those who have given \$2,000 have become Permanent Benefactors. There are certificates for even higher levels of giving but the majority of funds raised is from those Elks who consistently make and keep their annual pledge of well under \$100 per year.

Kansas Speedway - News You Can Use!

By Stephanie Needham



Calling all volunteers for the Kansas Speedway for October 16-18! Our goal is to have three volunteers at each information booth for all three days. It is better to be overstaffed than under. Let us know if you can work a half day. If you yourself can't volunteer, please find someone to take your place. This is a great way to show potential members that Elks Care, Elks Share. The sign-up sheet is in the lounge area.

Race Days:

Friday 10/16. Report to compound 7 a.m. Race begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be a post-race Jackyl concert

Saturday 10/17. Report to compound at 7 a.m. Race begins at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday 10/18. Report to compound at 7 a.m. Race begins at 1:30 p.m.

For those who did not attend a training session in April, there is a training scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. held next to the main Kansas Speedway building entrance off 110th Street. There will be a tour of the track after the meeting. ***It is well worth it to volunteer for this experience alone!*** Let Cindy Forsberg know if you will be attending, so we will have enough chairs.



LECTURING NIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Lauren Wheeler



Fall is among us; which means pumpkin spiced everything, football, sweatshirts, and the perfect weather to walk your dogs! The Lodge is hosting a Pack Walk on October 3rd at 11:30am. The walk will begin at Maple Hill Park, across from the Lodge, and will wind through surrounding neighborhoods. Afterwards, there will be food, drinks, and raffles in the parking lot of the Lodge. The money raised from the raffle will benefit Prairie Paws Animal Shelter (a no kill shelter) and our Veterans, while bringing positive attention to our Lodge.

Side note- Both of my Pups, Jordy and Bishop, were adopted from Prairie Paws. Their facilities were clean and spacious, their staff very friendly. Prairie Paws does not euthanize animals unless medically necessary, meaning they don't take an animal in unless they have a space. Also, if you adopt from Prairie Paws, they offer a free vet check up next door within two weeks of adoption. Walking into Prairie Paws you could tell everyone there loves what they do and that the pets get great care.

So, how do you get involved with the Pack Walk? Easy, we are looking for several volunteers to help throughout the day. This may be signing walkers in, walking with parade permits, or manning a booth after the walk. There will be a volunteer meeting Friday October 2nd at 7:00p at the Lodge. If you don't want to volunteer, you should bring your dogs up and join the Pack Walk!

LEADING KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

By Dennis Kidwell



MEMBERSHIP: At our last meeting, we initiated eight new members. That brings to twenty the number of new members since April 1. That's a ten percent increase, an achievement, and a good start. Another twenty by Christmas is a good goal. In a previous newsletter, I mentioned several places where potential members can be found. I suggested asking friends, family members, fellow church members, and co-workers. To that list could be added veteran organizations, civic clubs, and several other groups I haven't thought of yet. Remember: Asking someone to become an Elk is a gift worth giving.

NASCAR: Several of us went to the race track last Saturday for training. We were also taken on a tour of the facilities. We looked under the hood of one of the cars, walked on the track, and generally made ourselves at home. We're looking for a few more volunteers to staff the information booths. The work isn't hard and the lodge benefits.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Who says we have a right to meet? The government - right?? Well no... it's the constitution! And since Constitution Week just ended, I thought I would discuss how our constitution directly impacts our lodge. The constitution describes how the government is formed, what it may do, what it must do, and what it must not do. We usually think of the first amendment as the freedom of religion and speech amendment. That's true, but there's more. Let's have a look.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

According to the United States Supreme Court, the First Amendment establishes the right of private organizations to exist. Our constitution is there for us and all Americans!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NASCAR Oct 16,17,18

DDGER Official visit -- Oct 19

KEA -- Oct 24,25

HALLOWEEN PARTY-- Oct 31 I'm planning to come as me.....or is that too scary...



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

By Richard Siminis



Once again we had extra nice attendance to welcome new members. Thirty-five were in attendance to witness eight new members initiated into the Order / Our Lodge. If you were not there be sure to meet these new members and make them feel welcome. Our newest members are: Larry Denney, Robert Ensminger, Benjamin Hansen, Katherine Hestend, Kirk Johnson, Andrew Mills, Maureen Reynolds, and Brett Young. As you get acquainted with them, you will find them as mighty nice people, as I did. Welcome aboard and here's to your many years as an Elk Achieving Life Member Status! We have several who are ready for initiation; two who could not be in this class of new members due to a work schedule having them out of town and one who was under the weather - all three are scheduled for an October Initiation.

Proposed for membership as a Reinstatement was Nick J. Clark by Charles Faltermeier.

We voted favorably for Reinstatement of David Coopman who was first Initiated by then ER Bill Hansen which goes back a few years - pleased to have you back as an Active Elk Dave.

We as Elks pay tribute to loyal Elks with Life Member Status. Our By-Laws Article III Sec. 2 provides that we may elect to Life Membership any member in good standing who shall have paid Lodge annual dues for a period of not less than thirty years, not less than the last ten years to our Lodge and who has attained the age of not less than 65 years. Your Lodge Secretary nominated eight Elks in Good Standing who have met the aforementioned criteria in the September 21st meeting. The following are nominated and will be voted upon in the October 19th meeting. They range in age from age 65 to age 88. ~ Dyce Bonham 35 years as an Elk; Pete Hansen 47 years as an Elk; William K. Jones 53 years as an Elk; Michael D. Mattox 48 years as an Elk; Greg Neylon 44 years as an Elk; Harold W. Nossaman 53 years as an Elk; Roland Unruh 53 years as an Elk, and Grovner "Bud" L. Willer 40 years as an Elk.

For those who are on our Yet to Pay List - please do so soon. Many good things are going on at the Lodge and we want you to be a part of it.

Front row left to right:
Katie Hestand, Maureen Reynolds, Robert Ensminger and Brett Young

Back row left to right:
Andrew Mills, Larry Denney, Ben Hansen and Kirk Johnston



2016 Most Valuable Student and Legacy Awards Contest Is Underway!

School is upon us and with that being said there are several opportunities for students to compete and win scholarship money to help with the educational bills! New scholars will be invited to the elks family in April 2016! **But, it all begins with you!** Here is what is available:

Most Valuable Student Scholarship:



The first and second place awards are among the **largest** scholarships provided by any major fraternal or service organization. The top 20 finalists are invited to attend a leadership weekend in late April 2016.

1st place: (2) \$50,000 scholarships (\$12,500 per academic year)

2nd place: (2) \$40,000 scholarships (\$10,000 per year)

3rd place: (2) \$30,000 Jack London scholarships (\$7,500 per year), (14) \$20,000 scholarships (\$5,000 per year), (480) \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per year)

Eligibility: Any High School Senior who is a U.S. Citizen may apply. Applications are judged on leadership and financial need. Scholarship **Deadline is Dec 4 2015**. For details and to download application, visit www.elks.org/enf/scholars or contact your Elks Lodge!

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards:

College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply. Applicants compete against other children and grandchildren from the state of their sponsoring Elks lodge. Because of their relationship to the Elks through a parent or grandparent, Legacy Award recipients are asked to serve with an Elks Lodge **at least once a year** in order to receive their scholarship funds.

They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service and Integrity. **Deadline is Jan 29th, 2016 at 11:59 AM**. For more information visit: www.elks.org/enf/scholars or contact your Elks Lodge!

Emergency Educational Grants:

Provides college financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one-year grants of up to \$4,000. This grant is for educational assistance only.

Eligibility: Attend an accredited university as a full-time student (12 semester hours), demonstrate financial need, be unmarried and under the age of 23 as of Dec 31 in the year of application. Applications available by request between May 1 and Oct 31 of the academic year for which assistance is requested. For more information contact: The ENF Scholarship Office at 773-755-4732 or www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

GET IN ON MORE ACTION! ENF Latest Films!

Check out our latest short films and so much more can be found online at: www.elks.org/enf/films.cfm or search for the Elks National Foundation channel at YouTube.com. There are currently 21 Elks videos on YouTube! If anyone is interesting in a movie night for these please contact me!

Yvette Hill
Scholarship Chairperson and Coordinator
816-835-1438 yvettehill@gmail.com



HALLOWEEN PARTY!!

Cindy Williams will be hosting the Annual Elks Halloween Party on October 31, 2015.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Band or D.J. @ 8:00pm- 12:00am.(All suggestions welcome!!!)

Prizes for:

Best Male

Best Female

Best Couple

Best Group

If you are interested on being on this "spooktacular" committee, please contact Cindy @ 913-424-3978.

NASCAR, NASCAR, NASCAR

Hi everyone. I want to thank everyone who has signed up to work the race. It is a great FUND-RAISER for the lodge but we need more help!!!! We need more people for Friday and Saturday. We don't want loose this Fundraiser to someone else. Please call me or text me. 913-909-3118
r.w.bush@hotmail.com



POOL NEWS

Traci Rand



Summer has come and gone and I would like to thank the many who have helped to keep our pool clean and running this summer. Keith Austin, Nora Lockhart, Hollie Berndt, Haiden Berndt, Laila Berndt, Susie Kelso, Conner Austin, Logan Austin, Adam and Mo, Chuck Santini, John Bloomingdale, Shane Trussell and Trent Rand....if I missed anyone I'm sorry. Thanks to all of you, it takes a village. Also we will be needing someone to take charge next year, I will be stepping down, but I will be able to help.....Thanks again! Traci

VETERANS DAY DINNER

Janice Deuschle and Sam Greene will be hosting the Veterans Day Dinner on 7th November, 2015. Please make sure you sign your name on the sign-up sheet to make your reservations. More details will come later!

We will be collecting for Veterans and will deliver to Leavenworth around October 15th!

Many thanks!



Dart Tournament Winners



Congratulations to our September 2015 dart tournament winners.

First Place: Left handed Brian Hestand and Chris Deamos **Second Place:** Right handed Brian Hestand and Sarah Carlson **Third Place:** Shawn Trussell and Donna Corless

A good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who played!



Join us on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm as Mike Idyk once again hosts Trivia night at the lodge.

Come up for a fun and challenging night of competition with our favorite teams and enjoy \$1.25 draft beers.



Bunco!!



Come join us when we play Bunco once again on Thursday October 15th at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations to our September Bunco winners:

Most Bunco's - Shawn Trussell / Susie Kelso

Most Wins - Donna Corless

Most Losses - Cindy Forsberg



Halloween Wishes

Since this is the time for goblins and bats,
Halloween spirits, ghosts and cats,
Weird-happenings and witches brew,
These are the things I wish for you.

May the only spirit you chance to meet,
Be the spirit of love and warm friends sweet.

May the tricks that you are asked to do,
Be a trick to help you gain a friend or two.

So, by tomorrow, pick three friends sweet,
And give them all a Halloween treat.

You only have one day, so hurry!
Leave a treat on the doorstep, then flee in a
hurry!



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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