



To **Ronnie Cox** for providing smoked BBQ meats and desserts for a Friday night special. It was a big hit!



**2019-2020  
Lodge Officers**

The new officers were officially installed by our grand lodge officers on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations as we begin a new year!

- \***Exalted Ruler-Alva Allen III**
  - Leading Knight-Keith Weston**
  - Loyal Knight-Tim Humerickhouse**
  - Lecturing Knight-Rick Laxague**
  - Esquire-Dusty DeVasher**
  - Chaplain-Allen Willitt**
  - Inner Guard-Tom Paul**
  - Tyler- Brad Darrow**
  - Organist-David Cummings**
  - Treasurer-Jeff Stone**
  - Trustee-Leland Smith**
  - Secretary-R.C. Shikles**
- Congratulations!*  
**{Officer of the Year}**  
**Tom Paul**
- Congratulations!*  
**{ELK of the Year}**  
**Dusty DeVasher**

**Lodge News:** **Indoctrination** for candidates & proposers --**June 19<sup>th</sup>**. **Initiation** will be held on **June 24<sup>th</sup>**.



**The CRAB  
May 2019  
Clinton ELKS Lodge**



**-ELKS National Youth Week-**



The first of May is dedicated as ELKS National Youth Week.



Presiding Commissioner-Jim Stone & Mayor Greg Lowe signed a proclamation. As Elks we continue to support the youth in our community in many-many ways.



**\*Zoo Trip\***

(ELKS Care-ELKS Share)

It's about time to load up the buses and head down to the Zoo! Thanks to the generosity of so many ---we once again have the resources to sponsor a *Zoo Trip for the Kid's!* This marks our **18th** year for this project as we head to Springfield's *Dickerson Zoo* on **May 1st**. We provide: fuel for the school buses, admission tickets, (spend the day at the Zoo with an Elk)t-shirt', train ride tickets, followed by a gourmet picnic which includes grilled hot-dogs, cheesy potatoes, fruit medley, homemade cookies, soft drinks + animal crackers/drinks for the ride home. For many- they will enjoy going to the Zoo for the very first time! From start to finish kids are smiling, laughing enjoying the sights & sounds of the Zoo & that's what it's all about. There will be around 200+ students and staff from the schools of *Clinton, Montrose and Osceola*, who will make the trip along with our volunteers. Students with *special needs* will have the opportunity to enjoy a day at the Zoo thanks to so many!  
**\*Thanks to all our volunteers who will be making the trip and lending a hand!**

**Monday-GOLF Nights**

\*May 6<sup>th</sup> *Clinton Country Club*

\*May 20<sup>th</sup> *Meadow Lake C.C.*

**\$15... Tee at 5:30pm**

(text or a phone call) to **DT/Don Turner**

by **4:30pm** on ELKS Golf Day

**{816-582-8282}**

**ELKS congratulate Mr. Jim Smith**

Jim will be inducted into the **Missouri Sports Hall of Fame (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)!** Jim was an *outstanding athlete* in High School (*Collins Mo*) and signed with and pitched for the *New York Yankees* in the 1960's...Congrats Jim, on this honor!

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Cinco de Mayo**

\*Big Screen HORSE RACING & a friendly wager!

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome Back**

**\*Fast Johnny\***



Thanks to Veterans Committee members **Tim Humerickhouse and Tom Paul** for their efforts! On **May 13<sup>th</sup>** we will *welcome* several young men and women who are going into the military following graduation. They will be *our guests* for dinner and then introduced at our lodge meeting. Please make plans to attend as we give these students a nice **ELKS send off** as they begin their military duties.



**FIRST RESPONDERS**



**Saturday- May 11<sup>TH</sup>**



**Served from--5pm-7pm**



All Brother ELKS and your families are invited & encouraged to join and

say thank you---to our **guests & First Responders!**

Once again we want to show our gratitude to them at the annual *appreciation 'fish-fry'*. We know  firsthand the importance of First Responders answering a call for help as was our case on

**June 26<sup>th</sup> 2006.**

At **7:30pm** on that Monday evening--the 9-1-1 & distress calls were sent out

following a sudden & devastating collapse of the historic ELKS building. Forty-Three members were in the building as three stories collapsed and came down in just seconds. Many were able to climb their way out but **10 Brother ELKS** were trapped while emergency personnel worked feverishly throughout the night in the heroic rescue work that took place. From the courthouse lawn, we observed the many-many efforts that took place over the next several hours.

Arriving *just seconds/minutes after the collapse* were the *Clinton Police Department, Clinton Fire Department, GVMH physicians, Henry County Sheriff's Department, Life Flights, City of Clinton Officials, ministers/clergy. In addition the Kansas City Fire Department and Task Force One along with many-many other agencies came to our aid.* We could not have asked--for a more powerful and resourceful response. As night turned into day...we learned the conditions of those injured and the tragic loss of *Brother Tony Komer.*

**The ELKS family** is indebted to all the **First Responders** we have in our community for the dedicated service they provide to us all, each and every day!

We look forward to **May 11<sup>th</sup>** as we once again take a moment and show them our appreciation and we hope you will make plans to attend also.

*Our famous fish-frying-guru--Wally Dehn* & crew will do the honors. We will make special deliveries to those *First Responders* that are working. More info? Contact **L.B.... Lonnie Breshears**



