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LODGE MEETINGS

June 03, 2024 June 17, 2024 Initiation All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

Has May passed already? Time can sure get away when you're having fun. May has indeed been an active month. I was fortunate enough to attend the Kansas Elks Spring convention. I listened to some interesting presentations as each State Officer gave their committee report. The disheartening thing I learned was Kansas is Last in the Nation for keeping members and getting new members. Statewide we are allowing delinquents to take a demit for the sake of

saving the lodges some money. (Money, we don't have) the simple truth is we failed to be diligent enough to call and make contact with them to keep our members. I too must admit I have failed as well, for which I'm ashamed of myself. We often speak of all for one; Elks are never forgotten, Never Forsaken. Those words tug at my heart as I have let them down. We can't change what is done; however, we can move forward to a brighter future. As we get the Delinquent list take a name or two Call them. Send them a Text Message or stop by their house. Let them know they are very important to us as fellow members. Encourage them to pay their dues. United in the great works we do we will be strong. May brought us two new young members and two re instatements. I feel working together we can get all our delinquents back in the lodge. On a positive note, our very own Stan Willis received Elks Veteran Volunteer of the year award. Stan puts in a tremendous number of hours helping at the Bob Dole V.A. Hospital. Helping with the Popcorn sales fund raiser, Bingo once a month, Veterans Birthday celebration. He and Loren set up the portable flower cart, Portable Game Table, and being a friend to the vets at the hospital. Due to Sean's Diligent efforts for ENF we once again received First Place in the SE District. The Lodge received a certificate of appreciation for the Lodge with the Most participants in the local Soccer shoot. Thanks, Loren, for all you do with that program. As we enter June Flag Day is our community event I look forward to each year. The Band Concert and the hot dog feed at Forest Park. Just the pageantry of the whole event. We of course will have the Play. I'm looking forward to that and Jimmy Holms as Elvis. Always a great show. Jimmy is a great impersonator, the passion and dedication he puts into his work makes for a wonderful evening. If you have not made one of his performances, put it on your bucket list. If you have seen Him, tell a friend or two, or three and let's pack that place. As you go through the check out at Wal-Mart, Dillons or your favorite fast-food place tell the person at the register what a great concert to go to. Good Ole Word of mouth is great advertising but, we must do it. Allow me to close by telling each and everyone that I'm so proud of our Lodge and each and every one of you for making 1407 the Premier Lodge in the state. Being your Exalted Ruler brings me more pride and joy than I can put

Thank you all for everything you do.

Fraternally, Phil Wickwire, Exalted Ruler www.Elks.org

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JIMMY HOLMES AS ELVIS

EXTRA. EXTRA. READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Mark your calendars. Jimmy Holmes will be back June 15 for another amazing show. Don't miss it.



GAME NIGHT

Loren Anthony
hosts our monthly
game nights. All
members and
guests are
welcome to play.
This past month
they played on
Monday May 13.
They play again on
Monday June, 10
for another
exciting game to
learn.

Sean Cutsinger



Please keep our members and their families who are having some health issues or just some difficulties, in your thoughts and prayers. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. Sometimes we all need a little help.

Sean Cutsinger



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m. Early Bird at 6:00 p.m. <u>DOORS OPEN</u>

at 5:00 p.m.

From the Desk of the Chaplain & News Writer



Hello my fellow members. June is a busy month of several holidays and special days. How many of you know that June 27 is Helen Keller Day? Helen Keller born Helen Adams Keller was born June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia Alabama. Her parents were Captain Arthur Henley Keller and Kate Adams Keller. When she was born she had full sight and hearing. In

February 1882, Helen fell sick at nineteen months old. To this day they don't know what she fell sick to. The doctors of the time called it "Brain Fever". Modern day doctors believe it was scarlet fever or meningitis, but they just don't know for sure. Helen was expected to die but made an emaculite recovery. Her mother soon noticed that she was not responding to sounds or didn't respond to her when she passed her hand in front of her face. What ever her illness was left her deaf and blind. The next several years was very trying for Helen and her family. She often threw tantrums and did a lot of screaming and breaking things. Relatives said she belonged in an institution but her mother said no. When Helen was six her family was desperate and her mother Kate read in a Charles Dickens book "American Notes" about a deaf and blind child. They then heard of a specialist in Baltimore. He believed that Helen could be taught to communicate and the family traveled to see this specialist. This expert just happened to be Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone. Bell was at the time concentrating on the teaching of deaf children. Bell suggested that the Kellers write to Michael Anagnos, director of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts Asylem for the blind to see if he could find a teacher for Helen. That teacher was Anne Sullivan. Anne was mostly blind herself. Anne taught Helen to finger spell and eventually Helen's poor behavior improved. Over the next several years she learned how to communicate and even learned how to type on a typewriter. Helen became an American author, political activist, and lecturer. She was also the first deafblind person to earn a bachelor of arts degree on June 28, 1904 from Radcliffe College. Anne accompanied Helen throughout her school years. Helen had become a member of the Socialist Party of Massachusetts and she had several papers published. In 1918 Helen started touring with a Vaudeville show. She was offered to make a movie. Helen has had a play and movies based on her accomplishments. Helen passed on June 1, 1968 at the age of 88. The holiday was first proclaimed on March 27, 1980, by Newark, New Jersey Mayor Leo Pl Carlin. On June 19, 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the Proclamation #4767 to honor Helen Keller and all her accomplishments. Every year on June 27, an annual fashion show is held as a fundraiser in Lacawanna County, Pennsylvania. So no matter what life throws your way, nothing is impossible to achieve. Just look at what Helen had to overcome. The human race can achieve great rewards if you choose the right path. So always choose to be a Helen. Happy Helen Keller Day!!!

My email SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. God Bless You, and Our Order!!!, Sean





- June 8 Cities
 Service Annual
 Retirement
 Reunion
- June 14 Flag Day at Forest Park
- June 15State Flag Day
- June 15 JimmyHolmes





Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there!



118th KEA SPRING CONVENTION The spring KEA convention took place at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview in Wichita, Kansas on May 2 to May 5, 2024. On Thursday May 2, Grand Exalted Ruler Randy P. Shook and Wanda arrived. They toured KETCH, where he made is own air filter, then went to an early arrival social time. Friday May 3, registration opened, then in the following order: KETCH board met, KEA advisory board meeting, Ladies committee chairs and PSP wives coffee, KETCH annual meeting and awards, KEA budget meeting, Sponsors meeting with lodges, Grand Lodge cocktail party, Grand Lodge dinner, and the evening wrapped up with Friday night social "Break Time" game night. The weekend raised around \$18,000.00 for KETCH. Saturday May 4, the morning started with the KEA business meeting, then broke for lunch, after the 11 o'clock toast / Tribute to the Flag contest, followed by the KEA Committee chairman's meeting, Grand Lodge attendees meeting, Grand Lodge officers - KEA officers - Past State Presidents - Exalted Rulers Cocktail Party. The KEA Banquet started the main evening where dinner was served. Introduction of head table, Introduction of remainder State Officers and DDGER, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. Frank Springer spoke. Introduction of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Hon. James McQuillan, Sponsor. Next, Randy P Shook, Grand Exalted Ruler gave a speech. Presentation of Special Gifts were given to Hon. Randy P. Shook, Grand Exalted Ruler. Beckett and his father gave speeches about Beckett and his journey through all the hoop shoot contests. He won first place at the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago. The Kansas State President Roger Slief gave a speech, followed by introduction of Committee Chairmen and Members.

Our very own Stan Willis was awarded Kansas Elks Veteran Volunteer of the Year 2023-2024. Congratulations Stan! He is pictured to the left.

Installation of New KEA Officers, State President Kerry Toomey of Ottawa Lodge #0803, First Vice President Kathy Clark of El Dorado Lodge #1407, Second Vice President Michael Allen of Russell Lodge #1715, Secretary Hon. Frank Springer of Chanute Lodge #806, General Chair Gail Welden. President-Elect Kerry Toomey





was presented with the "Big Knocker". Then President-Elect Kerry Toomey gave his remarks and introduced his family. A Reception for President-Elect Kerry Toomey and his family was held immediately after the closing of the Banquet. Cake and Punch were served. Celebration and Social Mixer was held in the hospitality room and the 11 o'clock toast closed the evening.

Sunday May 5, 2024 was the Scholarship Winner's Breakfast, Awards Ceremony, Memorial Service and Recognition of New KEA officers closed the Convention. The scholarship winners gave a speech. Phil Wickwire introduced the winner that we sponsored. I am pleased to announce that El Dorado received the award for first place in the Southeast District for ENF per capita. Way to go El Dorado! Loren Anthony handed out certificates to the lodges that participated in the Soccer Shoot.

Sean Cutsinger

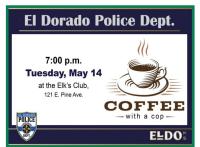


NEW MEMBERS AND REINSTATEMENTS

Monday evening May 20-2024, we initiated two new members. Please help me to welcome Jackie and Steven Vinson to our lodge. They have already been active with helping with bingo nights. Jackie and Steven just got married. Jackie Grew up in Michigan and has two children 13 and 10 years old. Steven was born in El Dorado and works as a staff sergeant at our prison. They currently reside in Eureka.

We also reinstated Kyle Willhite and Carl Cooley. We are thrilled that they came back, and so happy to have them as our members. Please give them all a

warm Elk Welcome. Sean Cutsinger



COFFEE WITH A COP

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., we hosted the El Dorado Police Department at the Lodge for their Coffee with a Cop. They gave an update on the Flock system, crime stats/traffic stats and how they have repurposed their building to move forward. Patrons also had an opportunity to ask questions and to meet the officers. A huge thank

you to Jackie Anthony for her famous pumpkin cake. Sean Gutsinger



ACT I PLAYERS

Friday May 31 and Saturday June 1, was A Carol Burnett Variety Show. We performed six different skits with commercials in between sets. Deb Kirkpatrick-Britt directed this show. I am pleased to announce that we had three new cast members. Jose Granado, Eva Ward, and Macy Collins. It is so great that each new show we get a few new actors. The rest of the cast consisted of Janet Davis, Yevonne Gorman, John Britt, Sheila Hoyt, Jane Mathies, Brad Zimmerman, Tom Storrer, Patricia Bolton, Deb Kirkpatrick and Myself. Jaydyn Drake helped to design the sound for the

show. Chance Fields ran the sound and the lights for the show. Emberlyn Gorman was our stage hand. I will have pictures in the next newsletter. Sean Cutsinger



- 02 Abram Elam
- 03 **Donald Adlesperger**
- 03 Debra Kendall
- 06 Missy Storrer
- 08 Kyle Willhite
- 15 Judy Lowmaster
- 24 Angie Adlesperger
- 25 Kathy Clark
- 26 Sheila Hoyt

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win. 05-06-24 \$20.00 none 05-20-24 \$30.00 Ted Gill 06-03-24 \$40.00





FLAG DAY

Friday night June 14, we will be holding our annual flag day once again at Forest Park in El Dorado. Please get in touch with Phil Wickwire for details on what help we will need. We will be cooking hot dogs and the City Band will be playing patriotic songs. So, if you are available to help out please let us know. We look forward to seeing all of you there. It is always a great time.

The state flag day will be held in Abilene Kansas this year on June 15. Sean Cutsinger

JIMMY HOLMES AS ELVIS

Saturday June 15, 2024, Jimmy Holmes will once again be in the house. This will be his fourth time being at our Lodge. Jimmy Holmes is an award-winning Elvis Tribute Artist from Demotte, Indiana. He has traveled across the USA and abroad showcasing his authentic tribute to the King. He has won numerous awards in the ETA industry but his most cherished is when he was awarded the Dream King trophy on the Westgate stage in Las Vegas. The same stage where Elvis played his hundreds of sold-out shows during his Las Vegas reign. His dad Jim will also be performing. Please plan on attending. Call for reservations. DEB 316-303-7140 or BRAD 316-841-3318. **Gean **Cutsinger**

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



EVENT BOOKINGS

If you are planning a special event, like a Wedding, anniversary birthday party, or class reunions, please let a member know or call

316-321-9393



- # 01 **Overland Park** at \$6.00
- # 02 **Russell** at \$5.92
- # 03 **El Dorado** at \$5.22
- #04 **Abilene** at \$4.78
- # 05 **Iola** at \$4.16
- # 06 **Pratt** at \$4.00
- # 07 **Parsons** at \$3.07
- # 08 Hoxie at \$2.95
- # 09 **Chanute** at \$2.83

- # 10 **Garden City** at \$1.73
- # 11 **Atchison** at \$1.53
- # 12 **Ottawa** at \$1.25
- # 13 **Junction City** at \$0.90
- # 14 **Clay Center** at \$0.85
- # 15 **Salina** at \$0.82
- # 16 **Goodland** at \$0.68
- # 17 **Osawatomie** at \$0.54
- # 18 Fort Scott at \$0.50

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of 05-27-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$12,633.24 to date. That is \$2.83 per member of the 4,471 members in the state. The new ENF goal will be announced in July. ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Club Member. This is a monthly recurring donation that will come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. **Gean **Cutsinger**



June 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	7 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	8 Cities Service Retire Reunion 7:00 p.m.
9	10 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	Flag Day FLAG DAY Park 5:00 p.m. Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	15 Jimmy Holmes 7:00 p.m.
16	17 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Juneteenth	20 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	21 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	22
23	24 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne Helen Keller Day	28 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	29
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LODGE OFFICERS

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