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LODGE MEETINGS

October 07, 2024
Initiation
October 21 2024
All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

As I have got out and about early the past few mornings, I can tell Fall is upon us. Cool mornings are wonderful along with the mild temperatures of the day. We celebrated Labor Day this past month which delayed our first meeting of the month a week. I sure don't have an issue with that however, I have been asked by a couple folks why we couldn't just do our First meeting on Tuesday? I will bring that up in a meeting

and get the consensus of the group. September had a few events that has kept us active. The Golf Tournament at Prairie Trails. Unfortunately, we only had seven teams show up. It wasn't the fundraiser we had hoped for; however, we did make a little bit. A huge thanks to Tom and Kathy Clark for all their hard work on that tournament. We had a Yahtzee Tournament September 16 at the Lodge. I did get to meet the CEO of KETCH and, her right hand gal. Two very lovely ladies. Marsha Cutsinger is the current Yahtzee champion. A huge thank you to Loren Anthony for all his efforts in putting this together as a local lodge fundraiser for KETCH. On September 21 we held our Biannual Steak feed in the rain. El Dorado had numerous events that weekend so our attendance was lower than normal. It was a good night with all of us working together to make the event happen. Our Act 1 players were at Augusta with their 40 Plays in 40 minutes. I imagine that was a success. Tryouts for the Christmas play is coming up, now is your opportunity to get involved in a play. The first meeting in October we will welcome two new members. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM and Initiation will begin about 7:15 Ish. If you can make it that would be great. October has me planning for the November events and getting ready for the annual Celebration of Freedom Week, to honor our veterans. This year will look a lot different than years past due to the street construction on Central Ave. The Salute to Youth and Elks Essay Winners will be on Friday November 8, 2024. That got moved due to basketball games. The school district did that to us. The Veterans parade November 9th, will start at Fifth and Main, travel South to First street then to Taylor. The Annual Hotdog feed will take place this year in the grass area East of the Hospital at Denver and Central. Our Chicken and Noodle dinner will be on Sunday November 10th. Keep in mind the Mid-West Winter soccer shoot November 2nd and 3rd, 2024, along with Daylight saving time change on the third. When did we ever have time to work. Lord bless you all that still do both. As I close for this issue God Bless you all may he keep you safe.

Fraternally,
Phíl Wickwire,
Exalted Ruler

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www.KSelks.org/El Dorado/El Dorado.asp
www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

Thank you to Phil Wickwire for getting the essay contest packets delivered to the schools. We hope to have a huge turn out this year on essays. The theme is "What **Does Patriotism** Mean To Me?". There are four divisions. 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students can enter.



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



at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m. DOORS OPEN

at 5:00 p.m.

From the Desk of the Chaplain & News Writer



Hello my fellow members. We have a very busy rest of 2024. Look at the upcoming events. I would love to see as many of our members as possible help out at these events. We will need all the help we can get. It seems like the same people are always the ones who show up to help. Remember all of this is for a great cause. Since this month is Halloween, and we have the Trick-or-Treat Down the Street, we need lots and lots of candy donated. Please help out with bringing a bag to

the lodge. I also want to congratulate Tom Clark for stepping into the recently vacated position of Trustee. We still have one more position to fill as we had another Trustee resign. So if you know of anyone or if you are interested yourself, please place your name in the hat, then let the lodge know and we will vote. Phil is still looking for an entertainment chair. I really would like to see everyone come together and help out at the lodge. This also means attending the meetings. You can not complain if you don't come to the meeting to vote on things. We are all supposed to be in this together, to make this lodge successful. Remember what we are here to do, and that is to help our veterans, our youth, and our community. I want to thank all of our members who put in lots and lots of volunteer hours to make this work. You all know who you are. We can not do this without you, so thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Since it is Halloween, have you ever had the feeling like you are being watched? Or had the feeling that something or someone touched you and there is actually nothing there? Well, we all have those feelings from time to time. I was looking around our lodge the other evening and since it is an old building, sometimes you hear things that can creep you out. Maybe it is haunted, or is it my imagination? Many people think that all old building or houses are haunted. This concept has been around for centuries. Buildings or homes that have been around have seen a lot of history, many where people or families have passed away in them. Some believe these spirits are trapped in those structures. The idea of haunted houses is as old as time, and the idea of a haunted house to attract visitors has become popular in recent years. I read an article from the Smithsonian, that haunted houses originated in London in the early 19th century. Which isn't surprising, since London has a lot of old buildings and history. This article says "it started with eerie wax figures and introduced a new carnival frightening spectacle". Since then haunted houses have evolved to different types of hauntings to entertain locals and visitors. People during the Great Depression decorated homes and basements as a way to keep young people from vandalizing and harassing others on Halloween. In 1933, hundreds of teenage boys would flip over cars and saw off telephone poles. Groups of parents created the "trails of terror" and kids and young folk would go from house to house experiencing the haunts to give them something else to do, since many towns were proposing to ban Halloween all together. Since then Haunted houses have become way more elaborate. So, if you are looking for something to do, check out the local haunted houses and have a scare. Happy Halloween Everyone!!!

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



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Tom Clark took the lead once again for organizing this years annual golf tournament that took place on Saturday September 14, at the Prairie Trails Golf Course. The day started at 8:00 a.m., after the tournament the teams went to the lodge for sloppy joes

for lunch. Seven teams played. We had some teams back out, so not the turn our that we had expected. I am so pleased to announce that we did make some money, thanks to our wonderful sponsors who gave graciously. Since September is a busy month, Tom is actually looking at moving the tournament date to another month in 2025, we will keep you informed. Thank you to those who helped out. Sean Cutsinger



- Oct 4-5
 Class of '64
 Reunion
- Oct 6
 SE District Soccer
 Shoot
- Oct 7
 - **Lodge Initiation**
- Oct 8
 Christmas Play
 Auditions & Act I
 Board Meeting
- Oct 12
 Rusty Rierson concert
- Oct 14
 Play Rehearsals start
- Oct 19-20
 Mid Winter
 meeting Junction
 City
- Oct 26
 KETCH Board
 Meeting
- Oct 31
 Trick-or-Treat down Main Street
- Nov 2-3Mid-West WinterSoccer Shoot
- Nov 8
 - **Essay contest**
- Nov 9
 - Veterans Parade
- Nov 10
 Chicken & Noodle
 Feed
- Dec 1
 - Annual Memorial
- Dec 7
 - **Christmas Parade**
- Dec 10Hoop-shootContest
- Dec 6,7,13,14Christmas Play

October 12, 2024 At the Elks Lodge

EL DORADO, KANSAS

7-11 PM



Bar and Concession will be open Admission \$15

ACT I PLAYERS CHRISTMAS AUDITIONS

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Mark your calendars. Tuesday, October 8, 2024, the Act I Players will be holding auditions for the Christmas Play at 7:00 p.m. They will be performing a variety of Christmas skits. All you need to do is show up and the material will be provided for you. If you have experience or no experience, all are welcome. They have a lot of parts to fill. For more information contact Deb Britt at 316–303-7140. It will be a jolly good time! Deb will see you there.





INITIATION

This month we will be initiating two new members into our order. This will take place at the first Lodge meeting of the month, October 7. The meal is at 6:00. Please plan on attending.





Yahtzee
tournament!
Prizes will be
given and
bragging
rights.

El Dorado Elks Lodge 121 E Pine Ave

If you plan to attend please call Loren Anthony to make reservations so we know how many tables to set up.

For reservations call Loren at 316-322-5789

All proceeds go to Ketch.

October 14
6:00 pm.
\$5.00
donation





- 06 Nona Reep
- 09 Kay Wickwire
- 15 Lou Clennan
- 17 Charles Lester
- 19 Thomas Cathey
- 22 Michael Watters
- 25 Dennis Cooke
- 30 Peggy Brant
- 31 Victor Riffel

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win. 09-09-24 \$50.00 Lisa Jack 09-23-24 \$10.00 Bradley Hahn 10-07-24 \$20.00



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**



KETCH YAHTZEE TOURNAMENT

Monday September 16 we met at the lodge to play some Yahtzee. Those in attendance were Loren and Jackie Anthony, Shiela Brown (President & CEO of KETCH), Paula Hanna (Vice President OF KETCH), Stan Willis, Jimmy Orman, Darlene Andrews, Sharon Mangels, Tom and Kathy Clark, Roger and Marsha Cutsinger and myself. We played three different rounds that evening. Marsha Cutsinger is the big winner and has the bragging rights. We will

be playing again Monday, October 16. It costs \$5.00 to enter and all proceeds will be donated to KETCH. Thank you to Loren for coming up with this great idea. It was a blast. The winner receives the pictured traveling trophy for the month. Please tell your friends and come on down and have a great time. KETCH appreciates the support. Gean Cutsinger

BI-ANNUAL STEAK FEED

The second steak feed for this year was held Saturday, September 21, 2024. We didn't have the turn-out that we usually do. Unfortunately, the weather didn't help, as it was storming and there were lots of events going on around town and the surrounding community that evening. There were around 50 people who came out and had a great evening. They did have some steaks left over for purchase. I want to give a huge thank you to Roger Cutsinger, Tom Clark, Phil Wickwire, Rodger Decker, for all the work they did that whole week getting the steaks and the potatoes baked. Thank you Kathy Clark for making the beans, and Stan Willis for working the door. Thank you so much to all the Elk members who helped, came out in the rain and supported the lodge. Your support of the lodge is crucial and it means the world to us that so many people enjoy these events. We can not do it without all of you. Gen Cutsinger



01 **El Dorado** at \$17.02

02 **Overland Park** at \$14.39

03 **Garden City** at \$11.46

04 **Abilene** at \$9.14

05 **Pratt** at \$7.922

06 **Iola** at \$7.920

07 **Russell** at \$7.71 # 08 **Chanute** at \$7.13

09 **Clay Center** at \$6.46

10 **Goodland** at \$6.21

11 **Hoxie** at \$6.14

12 **Parsons** at \$5.27

13 **Junction City** at \$4.38

14 **Atchison** at \$3.082

15 **Ottawa** at \$3.081

16 **Osawatomie** at \$0.68

17 Fort Scott at \$0.43

18 **Salina** at \$0.00

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of **09-23-2024** the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$27,070.36 to date. That is \$6.50 per member of the 4,162 members in the state. The new ENF goal is \$5.00 per member. 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*

October 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa Thankful Thurs	4 El Dorado 1964 Class Reunion	5 El Dorado 1964 Class Reunion Act I Players perform for ent.
6 El Dorado 1964 Class Reunion Breakfast	Z Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Initiation Meal 6:00	8 Act I Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. Play Auditions 7:00	9	10 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	11	12 Rusty Rierson 7:00 p.m.
13	14 Game Night Ketch Yahtzee Tournament 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	18	19
20	21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	22 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	23	24 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Trick-ortreat down the street 5:00 p.m. Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Men	1	2







LODGE OFFICERS

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