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LODGE MEETINGS

September 07, 2026

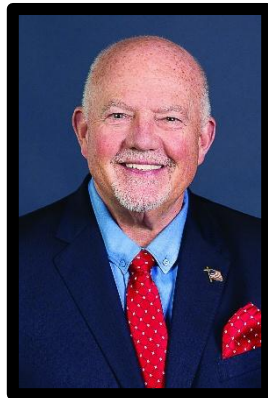
No lodge meeting

September 21, 2026

All members are invited.



LABOR DAY



From the Desk of the Grand Exalted Ruler

Fall season means plenty of new goals for Lodges

As we move toward the fall season and the halfway point of our Elks year, it is time to assess how our Lodges are performing based on our goals. If you are not meeting them, consider what adjustments you can make to get your Lodge moving forward in a positive fashion.

This time of year is also the start of the visits from your District Deputy. These visits will provide a look into your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan with your Lodge leadership for the visit by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist, and compiling all the other information that is needed by the DD. This planning and preparation will lay the foundation for a successful visit.

Lodge Secretaries, if you are not on the Grand Lodge billing system, I encourage you to consider looking into the system. If you are not on the system, it is time to begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. Reach out to a team to proactively contact the delinquent Members. Just ask Ready Elks and your team will respond Let's Go!

It is also time to begin getting information out to the school guidance counselors and providing them with information for the student applications for scholarships. Please follow the Elks website for application deadlines for these grants. Don't wait, act quickly.

Do not forget to apply for the grants that your Lodge is eligible for. Those funds can expand your reach in the community.

Be sure and share the good work with your members and the community. Let people know that when Elks see a need they send out the cry and respond. Ready Elks—Let's Go!

Consider holding a 9/11 remembrance celebration in your Lodge and include your community. This is the 25th anniversary of the tragedy. What an important time to remember those we lost and to share the Elks' patriotism within your communities.

Please visit elks.org for information on the various contests for Lodges and our youth. The site also contains awards you can request to honor Members and leaders in your community. Elks.org also has manuals designed to help us manage our Lodges.

Thank you for your continued efforts as we grow and improve our Lodges and the great work you are doing for your communities. I know you will all be quick to respond when you hear the call: Ready Elks—Let's Go!

Fraternally,
Timothy F. Jaeger,
Grand Exalted Ruler

www.Elks.org

www.KSelks.org/ElDorado/ElDorado.asp

www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPLAIN AND EDITOR AND WRITER

By *Sean Cutsinger*

Let Your Light Shine!

On August 25, 2026, we lost a country music legend, Dolly Parton. Not many people knew she had been struggling with cancer. Sadness echoed through the hills of eastern Tennessee, the very region that had produced an iconic singer-songwriter, actress, businesswoman and philanthropist. The grief of her death was felt around the world. I grew up listening to this woman, and I don't normally cry over a celebrity, but this one hit me hard. Two of my favorite films were *9 to 5* and *Straight Talk*. Both movies are about not giving up, going after your dreams and caring about people. I googled Dolly's musical achievements.

- She wrote over 3000 songs.
- She produced 25 Billboard number one country hits and a record 49 career Top 10 country albums.
- She won 11 Grammy Awards alongside a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.
- She was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame (1999) and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2022).
- Billboard named Dolly as the #1 Greatest Country Music Artist of all time.

Dolly Parton was an incredibly successful businesswoman. Dolly was one of the purest hearts that has ever existed. Dolly connected with the working class, and I wish more people would be like her. Dolly was loved worldwide. I don't think anyone ever had a bad thing to say about this amazing woman. She just loved people for who they were. She had a great sense of humor, often poking great fun at herself. *"I spent a lot of money to look this trashy."* Johnny Carson once said to Dolly, "You've been on the Tonight Show many times, haven't you?" Dolly replied, *"Yea, I'm here about as much as you are."*

Some facts you may not be aware of:

- When destructive wildfires ripped through the Great Smoky Mountains and Sevier County, Tennessee in 2016, Dolly Parton launched the **My People Fund** giving \$1,000 a month for five months to every family whose home was destroyed. That gift was followed up later by a check to the tune of \$5,000 for each family, totaling \$10,000 for every family affected.
- When Hurricane Helene brought catastrophic flooding and destruction to East Tennessee and neighboring states in 2024, Dolly Parton donated \$1 million to the **Mountain Ways Foundation** to support flood victims. An additional \$1 million was given to strengthen community recovery efforts.
- In 1995, Dolly Parton launched a literacy movement called **Imagination Library** in honor of her hard working, but functionally illiterate father. **Imagination Library** has mailed over 300 million free books worldwide to help children learn to read and write.

There will never be another person like Dolly Parton! She may have been wealthy, but Dolly was generous! Most of us could never match the generosity of such a pure soul, but we can all learn to be like Dolly.

Jesus said, *"Let your light shine among men and glorify your Father who is in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16)

If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter email me at SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. God Bless Each and Every One of Us. I pray that you all have a healthy and safe month.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 Ronald Farnsworth
05 Gerald Wall
06 Mark Bryant
06 Kurtis Sjogren
08 Christopher Karn
09 David Morisset
11 Leon Bean
13 Larry Boggs
13 Jim Fox
18 Karen Hasting
22 Debbra LaForge
23 Ernie Zuech
29 Loren Anthony

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

08-06-26 \$50.00

Tom Storrer

08-17-26 \$60.00

Nancy McEachern

09-21-26 \$70.00



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

at 5:00 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24-26 - Gold Fest
September - Local Soccer Shoot
October - District Soccer Shoot
October 10 - Bi-Annual Steak Feed
October 17 - Nevan Castaneda
October 18 - State Soccer Shoot
October 20 - Review and Read School Essays
October 30 - Trick-or-Treat Down Main Street 4:00 pm
November 7-8 - Mid-America Soccer Shoot
November 13-15 - Celebration of Freedom. Essays at Performing Arts Center on the 13, and we are hosting the Chicken Noodle Feed on Sunday the 15.
December 05 - Old Fashioned Christmas Parade 5:30 pm



**Elks
National
Foundation**

Our new per member goal is \$5.25. As soon as they get the website upgraded, I will let you all know where we stand in the state.



National Safe Night Out

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Tuesday August 04, 2026, Phil Wickwire, E.R. John Britt, Roger Cutsinger and myself, met at East Park for the National Safe Night Out. We took the Drug Trailer down and gave away a bunch of bags with literature and small gifts to the kids. It was a hot evening, but it was a fun evening. I hope that we taught these young people about what drugs can do to you.



Goldfish Races

By *Sean Cutsinger*

On Saturday August 22, 2026, Tony Allison hosted the Goldfish Races at the lodge. Karen Andersen pictured serving the \$1.00 tacos. As always, everyone had a great time. The kiddos always like this. Thank you to all our

members who worked at this event and those who came out to support the lodge.



EL DORADO ELKS LODGE 1407
STEAK FEED
OCTOBER 10, 2026
 121 E. PINE AVE., EL DORADO KANSAS
 5:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.
\$30.00

YOU CHOOSE YOUR OWN
 STEAK THAT YOU COOK TO YOUR
 PERFECTION WITH A BAKED POTATO &
 COWBOY BEANS & Beverages provided!

Bring your own plate & utensils & APPETITE!!!
 Phone # 316-321-9393

Nevan Castaneda
LIVE
 2026
OCTOBER 17TH
 DOORS OPEN 6 PM
 SHOW 7 PM



ELKS LODGE
 121 E. PINE AVE
 EL DORADO, KS

FOR TICKETS CONTACT
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FEATURING HITS FROM:
 - ELVIS PRESLEY
 - JOHNNY CASH
 - ROY ORBISON
 - JERRY LEE LEWIS
 - BOB SEGER
 - STEVIE WONDER
 - ROD STEWART
 AND MORE!!!

Personal Victory- My Baptism

By *Sean Cutsinger*

I had a little space to fill, so I thought I would share something that I am very proud of. On Sunday, August 16, 2026, I took the huge step to follow Jesus, and I got baptized at El Dorado Lake. There were eight of us that were dunked. We could not have asked for a better evening, there was a potluck dinner, and it was so meaningful to me to have several of my Elk Members there to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime event for me. Thank you.

SEPTEMBER 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
				Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Lisa		
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
	NO Lodge Meeting Labor Day!			Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Deb		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Game Night 6:00 PM			Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Angie		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM			Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Yvonne		Harvest Moon
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
				Lodge Bingo 6:00 PM Kitchen: Lisa		

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