

THE STAG LINE



Fall is here. The temperatures are starting to drop, the landscape is changing, and another season is upon us. But while the seasons may be changing, let's keep the momentum going at our Lodge!



I want to start by giving a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with our kitchen floor project. There were a lot of moving pieces involved, from moving and cleaning equipment to painting, organizing the pantry, and getting everything ready for the work to be completed.

I especially want to recognize Bryan Haupt and our House Committee. They played an integral part in making this project happen and put in a tremendous amount of time and effort behind the scenes. Projects like this remind me what makes our Lodge special. When members see something that needs to be done and step up to help, that spirit of volunteering makes our Lodge stronger.

With the kitchen being down, we have also lost some of the revenue we normally receive from our meals. Once the kitchen is back up and running, I encourage everyone to come out, enjoy a meal, bring some friends, and support the Lodge. It will be great to see the kitchen busy again!

At our last business meeting, we had a visit from our District Deputy, and I'm happy to report that he had nothing but positive feedback about what our Lodge is doing and what we are reporting. That is something every member should be proud of. It reflects the hard work being done throughout our Lodge by our officers, committees, volunteers, and members.

Speaking of meetings, please remember that because of the State Convention, our two October business meetings will be October 15th and October 29th. As always, I encourage every member to attend. Your participation matters. Our Lodge works best when members are involved, share their ideas, ask questions, and take part in the decisions that shape our future.

The Missouri Elks State Convention will be October 2-4 at Margaritaville. If you have never attended a State Convention, I highly recommend experiencing one. It is always a good time, but it is also a great opportunity to learn more about the Elks beyond our own Lodge. You get to meet Elks from across the state, exchange ideas, and see just how much our organization does at the state level.

October will also be a busy month for our committees. We have our Fish Fry coming up, along with the Special Needs Dance, which is personally one of my favorite events of the year. Events like these are another reminder of why we do what we do and why our volunteers are so important.

We have a lot happening, and a lot to be proud of. Let's keep showing up, volunteering, attending meetings, supporting our meals and events, and finding ways to make our Lodge even better. The weather may be cooling down, but there is no reason for our Lodge to do the same. Let's keep the momentum going!

Fraternally,
Shane Stiles
Exalted Ruler

Summary of Grand Lodge Resolutions:

Resolution 2026-01: To clarify that members of the Elks National Drug Awareness Commission are to be appointed in the same or similar manner as other national foundation boards and commissions.

Resolution 2026-02: To clarify the Grand Forum does not have jurisdiction over a matter if the Appellant does not timely appeal and pay the required fees.

Resolution 2026-03: To allow appeals of decisions of the Lodge's supervising or managing body to also be heard at a special meeting of the Lodge.

Resolution 2026-04: To allow a hearing on a request for a pardon or commutation to also be heard at a special meeting of the Lodge

Missouri Elks Fall 2026 Convention

October 2-4, 2026

Margaritaville Lake Resort

Lake of the Ozarks

494 TanTar A Drive

Osage Beach, MO 65065

Missouri Elks Association State Bass Tournament

October 9 - 10, 2026

Lake of the Ozarks at Robin's Resort

4935 Robin's Castle

Osage Beach, MO 65065

The Lake of the Ozarks #2517 will be hosting Lodge for Friday Night Meeting. Friday Opens 5:00 P.M. Check in 6:00 P.M.

Meeting 6:00 P.M. till complete or ask to leave

Saturday Awards Banquet 5:00 P.M.



Come have some fun and enjoy a beautiful weekend at the lake.

John Devous

314-608-6901



BlueSpringsBowl
Strikes • Spares • Good Times

WE NEED BOWLERS!
MEN AND WOMEN
SUNDAY NIGHT Mixer LEAGUE

TEAMS: 2 WOMEN AND 2 MEN

All Skill Levels Welcome!

PRACTICE AT **5:15 PM** LEAGUE BOWLING STARTS AT **5:30 PM** COST **\$18** PER WEEK FOR 26 WEEKS

LEAGUE STARTS SEPTEMBER 27TH

IF INTERESTED CONTACT: Roger Erickson 515-971-2502 Logan Souseley 816-589-2384 Blue Springs Bowl 816-228-9994

Make New Friends • Have Fun • Keep Bowling! Good Times Roll Here!

SPECIAL-NEEDS HALLOWEEN DANCE

Friday, October 30
TIME TBA — WATCH FOR DETAILS

All Abilities All Smiles All Together

Set up and decorate your own table
Bring candy to pass out
Volunteers dress in costumes
Help make this a fun and memorable event!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

BLUE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2509
Christmas Basket
FISH FRY
Fundraiser

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!

DONATE FOOD ITEMS
Help us serve a great meal!
We are accepting donations of:
• Fish & Wild Game Meats
• Sides (Potatoes, Beans, Salads, etc.)
• Desserts (Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc.)
• Paper Goods & Disposable Supplies
• Condiments & Beverages

DONATE AUCTION ITEMS
Help us raise funds for families in need!
We are accepting new items, gift certificates, experiences, and more!
• GIFT ITEMS • GIFT CERTIFICATES • DINING & EXPERIENCES • TOOLS, GEAR & MORE!

FOOD DONATIONS: CONTACT CHIP **Every DONATION Makes a DIFFERENCE!**

OTHER DONATIONS: CONTACT VIRGINIA

ACCEPTING ALL DONATIONS NOW
★ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 ★
11:00 A.M. • LUNCH SERVED

BLUE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2509
100 NE Brizendine Road
Blue Springs, MO 64014

Together we can **MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER!**

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
Help make our Fish Fry a success!
Want to lend a hand? Let Virginia know you'd like to volunteer.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM
Helping Local Families in Need

FOOD DONATIONS **AUCTION DONATIONS**

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Elks RV Club

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
at 7:15 P.M. In the Back room

Contact Shawn Stark for
more details.



Karaoke

Saturday, October 10, 2026
6:00 PM- 9:00 PM



Kim Osborne

Saturday, November 7, 2026
6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

★ BLUE SPRINGS ELKS LODGE #2509 ★

Open to
5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS
IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

★ 2026-2027 ESSAY THEME ★
“Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How it Affects You and Your Family”

STUDENTS:
Think about your rights and how they make a difference in your life and your family.

★ ESSAY REQUIREMENTS ★

- ✓ 300 WORDS OR LESS
- ✓ MUST BE TYPED OR LEGIBLY PRINTED IN INK
- ✓ ESSAY MUST BE THE STUDENT'S OWN WORK
- ✓ AI-GENERATED WRITING IS NOT PERMITTED

AWARDS FOR EACH GRADE
AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED SEPARATELY FOR 5TH, 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES.

1ST PLACE 2ND PLACE 3RD PLACE

★ LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! ★
Think about your rights. Share your experience.
Celebrate what it means to be an American.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15, 2026

Essays must be submitted to:
Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509
100 NE Brizendine Road
Blue Springs, MO 64014

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT LODGE OR ONLINE AT ELKS.ORG

PLEASE INCLUDE A COVER SHEET WITH:
• Student's Name • Grade
• School • Teacher's Name
• Parent/Guardian Name • Contact Phone Number
• Elks Lodge #2509

TURN IN TO YOUR SCHOOL/TEACHER

★ For contact information ★
Esteemed Leading Knight
Virginia DeBoard
816-716-1753
virginiadeboard@gmail.com

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MUSIC BINGO

IN THE LOUNGE

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Starts right at 6pm, goes until we
have 3 winners! Come join us!

Upcoming MUSIC BINGO:

NO Music Bingo in

November & December

See you Thursday,

January 28, 2027



ELKETTES

NEXT MEETING:

THURSDAY

October 8, 2026

7:00 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS ELKETTES OF THE MONTH:

Marsha Rieck and Janet Helmandollar

SEPTEMEBER MEETING WINNERS

50/50: Mignon Hollis

Gift Card: Pam Sinatra

COOKING TEAMS:

October 2nd: Kim Kinsey- TBA

October 14th: Fran Sousley- TBA

HAPPY OCTOBER ELKETTE BIRTHDAYS!

10/8 Janice Cunha, 10/12 Becky Taylor, 10/17 Dee Lyons,
10/19 Laurie Douth, 10/22 Kim Deveney, 10/23 Fran Sousley,
10/24 Julie Henke, 10/26 Lori Jo Sharp, 10/28 Hope Engelman

Baskets:

Anything donated would be great. Alcohol is always needed (wine, liquor). Gift cards, anything you would like is appreciated. Sporting items KC Mavericks, Royals and Chiefs items. There is a need for basket fillers (like shredded paper stuff or Easter basket Grass. Put on Mignon shelf marked clearly what it is for.

Donation & Investigation Committee:

Please submit donation requests by the Thursday before the meeting day. (A week in advance). Thank you. Contact Michelle Hightower @ Michellehightower@reecenichols.com OR 816-519-7565

Community Services & Family Outreach:

- Medicine bottles, toilet paper cardboard rolls, paper towel cardboard rolls (For animal shelter)
- Tabs (for Ronald McDonald House)
- Motel samples such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc (for VA)
- Gently used clothing/ pants. Socks and Underwear
- School supplies

**ELKETTE
NEWS**

Elks USA
LODGE #2509
BLUE SPRINGS, MO

Seasonal Painting Class

December 1st • 6:00 pm
Meeting Room

Nancy Hatfield
INSTRUCTOR

Painting holiday/ winter theme all skill levels will find it fun!
Supplies included in cost of class. You will leave with 5 stones finished with a Satin spray.

Space is limited, sign up on the bulletin board to hold your spot.

Bring a snack, drinks available at the bar.

Proceeds benefit Christmas Baskets

\$30
Cash, check (made out to Blue Springs Elks #2509) or credit card

Paint Kindness Create Memories Support Our Community

Good Friends Paint Great Rocks

ELKS ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ CREATIVITY ♥ CHRISTMAS BASKETS

BREAKFAST HELP:

Looking for teams to pick up 4th Sunday. Need 4-5 people, training provided, shopping provided, you plan menu. Contact Curt Z for info/interest/details. Possible alternative is 4th Saturday brunch idea, service 9:30AM-12 PM



If anyone is interested in helping to make quilts for our Veterans, reach out to Tosha Grotenhuis at 816-674-8831 or tg066598@gmail.com.

All skill levels welcome.

Scan the QR code for patterns and other reference information, including contact information for others in our lodge who are making quilts.



**VETERANS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
Wednesday,
October 7, 2026
5:30 P.M.

Fundraisers

Trash Bags: \$12 Per Roll

Blue – 55 gal
White – Kitchen size, 15 gal
Yellow – 39 gal
Red Holiday Bags – 39 gal



We also have Orange Halloween Bags- 55 gal for \$3 a bag.

Fire Extinguishers: \$40 Each

Completely 'green' and non-toxic, Cold Fire™ wetting agent puts out fires, hydrocarbons or polar solvents, as well as metals, tires, asphalt and more.



Cash, Check or Venmo.
Make checks payable to Blue Springs Elks 2509.
Please see Virginia DeBoard or any committee member for questions.



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HALLOWEEN COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
6:00 PM-8:30 PM
\$49 PER PERSON
Blue Springs Elks Lodge #2509
Royal Sugar Cookie Class
Sign up on Facebook

SAVE THE DATE

PAINT & SIP PARTY

NOVEMBER 18
WATCH FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS AND TIME

ENF Updates

October is ENF Month, a time to celebrate the ways the Elks National Foundation accomplishes its mission of helping Elks build stronger communities. But how does the ENF do this? By investing in the communities where Elks live and work.

The largest of these programs is the Community Investments Program. Established in 2005, the CIP has grown from a modest budget of \$350,000 to \$18.8 million, allowing each Lodge the opportunity to receive up to \$11,500 in grants.

CIP grants allow Elks to identify the unique needs of their communities, form a plan, and address the needs through Elks-led, volunteer-based projects. Similarly, state Elks associations tackle needs through charitable programs. The ENF will contribute \$11.7 million to State Grants this year, making it the second largest appropriation in the budget.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission provides aid and comfort to America's veterans in need. To ensure that the sacrifices of these veterans are never forgotten, the ENF allocation to the ENVSC will increase by more than 14% this year to \$7.3 million, which will allow Elks to provide even more Welcome Home Kits.

ENF scholarships build relationships with the leaders of tomorrow. Nearly \$5.8 million will be awarded to some of the brightest young minds as they pursue their academic dreams and build connections with the Elks in their communities.

Scholarships aren't the only way the ENF provides for the next generation. Through the Hoop Shoot, the ENF is unleashing gritty kids who understand the importance of hard work, determination and perseverance. This year, nearly \$1.6 million will be allocated to this national free throw program. The ENF also allocated more than \$1 million for the Drug Awareness Program, so we can continue to promote constructive and collaborative solutions for our youth.

Through these programs, the ENF continues its mission of helping Elks build stronger communities. To see the full breakdown of grants and appropriations, visit enf.elks.org/appropriations.

Giving through the Fidelity Club is the easiest way to support the ENF all year round. It takes less than five minutes to sign up, your gift can be modified at any time, and it is completely secure. Once Fidelity Club members set their gift, they don't need to worry about remembering to donate."

Fidelity Club gifts help make our Lodge eligible for the Gratitude Grant and its bonuses, allowing us to build even stronger communities.

If you would like to become a Fidelity Club member or to make a single donation to the ENF, contact Tosha Grotenhuis at: tosha.enfchairman@gmail.com or 816-674-8831. You can also scan the QR code or visit secure.elks.org/FidelityClub to learn more.



Per Capita giving goal for 2026-2027 Lodge Year

During the National Convention, GER Jaeger announced the per capita amount is **\$5.25**. For our lodge, that means we need to raise almost \$7000 to meet this goal. Chair Challenge with the ENF database still in the process of undergoing a major overhaul, the Chair Challenge has been cancelled for this year. While we are still waiting to hear how our lodge can qualify for Gratitude Grant bonuses, I think one of the criteria will be to surpass the 2026-2026 giving amount, which means our lodge will need to donate **more than \$13,850!** We are currently sitting about approximately \$5600.



SAVE THE DATE

ELK'S LODGE SHRED DAY

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

★ Upper Parking Lot at the Lodge ★

Pack up your paper waste and bring it to the Lodge for secure shredding by Midwest Shredding.



PLEASE: PAPER ONLY
No plastic or metals.

FREE!

★ — Courtesy of Your Lodge PER Association — ★

INVESTIGATION REPORT September 17, 2026

2 TO BE READ

Trevor Daniel Lewis
Donna Espeland

4 TO BE INVESTIGATED/ INTERVIEWED

William Jackson Britt D. Weir
Michael Lee Rice
Charles Dee Cox

5 TO BE VOTED ON FOR INITIATION

Melody Payne Ron McLain
Brandon Hal
Stephen Beerbaur
Roy Keavin Hart, Jr.

2 FOR ORIENTATION

Brigham Calais
Mina Rezayazdi

8 TO BE INITIATED

Gina Helmandollar Scott Davis
Kathleen Burns Cheryl Schrag
Michael DeBrot
William J Hayden
Joshua Baladwin

INITIATED ON 8/20:

Reinstatements:

Bryan Benne, Terry Oliver

Affiliation:

Danny Craven, Weslaco TX #20

DECLINED:

Kasey Farris

Submitted by Frank Kerby

OCTOBER 2026

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1 NO Lodge Mtg	2 Dinner Kim Kinsey : TBA Convention Fri-Sun	3
4 Breakfast Team Z: B&G, Eggs, Bacon, Hash Browns \$8	5	5	7 Dinner: Veteran's Mtg 5:30PM	8 Elkette Mtg 7PM	9 Dinner	10 Fish Fry & Auction `11AM Karaoke 6-9PM
11 Breakfast Virginia Team: Belgian Waffle, Breakfast Casserole, Fruit \$8 Cinnamon Rollls \$2	12 Columbus Day Taco Night 6PM 	13	14 Dinner Fran Sousley: TBA	15 Lodge Mtg 7PM	16 Dinner News Due	17 Dart Tournament
18 Breakfast: Omelets (\$10) Cinnamon Rolls (\$2)	19	20	21 Dinner:	22 Music Bingo 6PM	23 Dinner: Steaks, Salad, Baked Potato	24 Shred Day 9AM- 12PM Harvest Moon 6PM w/Ronni Ward Band 7- 11PM
25 NO Breakfast	26 Taco Night 6PM 	27 Cookie Class 6PM- 8:30PM	28 Dinner: Chicken Enchiladas RV Club 7:15PM	29 Lodge Mtg 7PM	30 Dinner Special Needs Dance	31 Halloween 
				Dinner Schedule Reminder: - Taco Mondays begin at 6:00 P.M. - Wednesday and Friday dinners begin at 6:30 P.M		
Upcoming Events: Paint and Sip: November 18th Wine Auction: November 21st Music Bingo: January 28th				All breakfasts served 8:30AM to 11AM Includes Coffee and Juice Cooking teams are NEEDED		
Dueling Pianos: November 25th Seaonsal Painting Class: December 1st						

NEWS ARTICLES for **NOVEMBER** newsletter are due **Friday, October 16, 2026**. Articles for the newsletter please send via email to bpoe2509news@gmail.com or emmaleeheck26@gmail.com Thank you, Emmalee Keck, Editor





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sympathy

Bev Bray and Family

Chris States and Family - Father Skip passed away

Jim Matney and Family



Thinking of You

Buzz Atkinson

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1- Lucas Greco	7- William Hayden	12- Justin Gragg	17- James Tharp	24- Tony Maldonado	29- Timothy McAuliffe
1- Thomas Irvin	7- Adrienne Heier	12- James Mann	17- Sherri Walker	24- Jeffrey Mock	29- William Padfield
1- James North	7- Charles Hemme	12- Sharon Shockley	18- Ronda Barklage	24- Dennis Smith	29- Colton Stiles
1- Scott Osborne	7- Keith Pugh	12- Steve Slinger	18- Brian Demoss	25- Charlotte Lauderdale	30- Bernard Brackman
2- Donald Hickert	8- Janice Cunha	12- Gerold Smith	18- Rebecca Klee	25- Jim Murray	30- Richard Brown
2- Kevin Martin	8- Dewey Diggs	12- Becky Taylor	18- Raymond Rosen	25- Jonathan Sullivan	30- David Walker
2- Micheal Moody	8- Christine Kolm	12- Scott Tucker	19- Jennifer Bond	25- Neal Sympson	31- Darren Adkison
2- Tim Sullivan	8- Roger Meyer	13- Thomas Bonfield	19- Travis Crutcher	26- Zachery Ferrell	31- Bryan Benne
3- Gary Christian	8- Shane Stiles	13- Charlotte McNamara	19- Laurie Douth	26- Donald Fletcher	31- Jason Compton
3- Dave Copple	8- Caleb Walker	14- Wayne Alderson	19- Russell Revis	26- Marilyn Moots	31- Jerry Rinne
3- David Haley	9- Casey Baker	14- Matthew Davis	20- William Gooch	26- Eric Nyquist	31- Kevin Smutzer
3- Martin Hendrickson	9- Dan Garland	14- Stephen McConnell	21- Trenton Jordan	26- Shaun Tilly	
5- Landry Grosserand	9- Lisa Limberg	15- Theodor Hoener	21- Dawn Williams- Kleoppel	26- Lori Tharp	
5- William Keely	9- Lewis Weber	15- David Shrout	21- Joe Wyant	27- Roger Bunney	
5- Erich Martin	10- Lee Anderson	15- David Stewart	22- James Case	27- Matthew Eckman	
5- Michael Reynolds	10- Timonthy Anderson	16- Calvin Hyatt	22- Norman Hughes	27- Gerald Meyer	
6- Lyle Creason	10- Lance Rooney	16- Ingrid McNicholas	22- Kurt Knudsen	27- John Pierce	
6- Troy Duncan	11- Larry Baugher	16- David Moriconi	22- Scott Shafer	27- James Smith	
6- Raymond Jones	11- Steven Magel	16- Derek Osborn	23- James Alleman	28- Hope Engelmann	
6- Charles Miller	11- Doug Hilderbrand	16- John Welchert	23- Kenneth Hill	28- Steven Outlaw	
6- Jason Self	11- Tyler Rains	17- Brandon Banks	23- Mark Thompson	29- Ryan Carlson	
7- Mark Boos	11- Darrell Yokley	17- Sandra Brown	24- Matthew Donner	29- John Chacon	
7- Wesley Borchers	12- David Bosworth	17- Charles Howerter	24- Tiffany Heavner	29- Greg Douth	

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
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Instituted: March 11, 1974
 Lodge Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays Monthly at 7:00 p.m.
 Lodge Opens: 2:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Monday—Friday
 Lodge Opens: 11:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



2026- 2027 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Shane Stiles
Esteemed Leading Knight	Virginia DeBoard
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Nina Bosworth
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	George Gambill
Secretary	Frank Kerby, PDDGER/PER
Treasurer	Jennifer Atkinson
Esquire	Tanner Lightle
Chaplain	Gary Showalter
Inner Guard	Chari McNamara
Tiler	Steve Hammers
5 Year Trustee	Erik Grotenhuis, PER
4 Year Trustee	Roger L Erickson, PER/PDDGER
3 Year Trustee	Bob McCullough, PER
2 Year Trustee	Steve Solomon, PER
1 Year Trustee	Ken Billups, PDDGER/ PSS

2026- 2027 Elketee Officers

President	Rhonda Sullivan
Vice President	Lee Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary	Patty Dresser
Treasurer	Sherri Haupt
Corresponding Secretary	Avan Soloman
Historian	Caroline Adamson
Sergent -at-Arms	Lisa Humphreys

2026-2027 House Committee

House Committee Chair: Bryan Haupt **Meeting Room:** David Bosworth
House Committee: Jeremy Nickell, David Bosworth, Chris States, Steve McKay, Kevin Billups, Chadd Vickers, Kevin Douth, and Julie Musgrove.
Bar Manager: Chadd Vickers **Secretary:** Julie Musgrove
Inside Maintenance: Alan Moody **Manager:** Chip Miller

Entertainment Committee: Julie Musgrove, Renee McKay, Laurie Douth, Karey Feightner, Gina Lee, Kylene Hefley, Christina Ward-Miller, Janice Cunha, Mick Franke, Sherri Haupt, Steve McKay, Nina Bosworth, Cindy Alley, Shawn Marie, and Stephany Shields



Downstairs Elks Charities: Logan Sousley
Elks Newsletter: Emmalee Keck