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UPCOMING EVENTS

4/4 Bingo	4:30p
4/5 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
4/5 Officers Mtg	7:00p
4/5 BOD Meeting	8:00p
4/6 Investigating Committee	7:00p
4/7 Food Night – Fish Fry	4:00p
4/8 Easter Egg Hunt	9:00a
4/11 Bingo	4:30p
4/12 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
4/12 Ladies Dinner	6:30p
4/12 S&CO Meeting	7:15p
4/12 Ladies Mtg	7:30p
4/13 Lodge Meeting	7:30p
4/14 Food Night–Chicken Night	5:30p
4/18 Bingo	4:30p
4/19 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
4/19 PER Meeting	7:00p
4/21 Food Night – TBD	5:30p
4/24 House Committee	7:00p
4/25 Bingo	4:30p
4/26 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
4/27 Lodge Meeting	7:30p
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5/6 Valley of Flowers	



From the Station of the Exalted Ruler
Tracy Frame

Hello everyone!

Welcome to a new Elk year. I look forward to being your new Exalted Ruler and thank you all for trusting me with this position.

Thank you to everyone who attended Inaugural Ball. We had an amazingly fun evening. As I asked that evening, I would like everyone to look back and think about why you became an Elk. We all need to look past to move ahead in the future.

We have a lot of fun things planned this year and would love to see old and new faces alike join in to help.

We do have plans for Valley of Flowers and are looking for people for a committee. See me if you are interested

Most importantly, we also need 2 very important chair officers if anyone is interested in stepping up. This is our lodge and the only way to move forward is to work together and do what Elks do for our Veterans, children and community.

I am looking forward to a great year.

Tracy Frame
Exalted Ruler





Elk of the Month



February – Kevin Hoette
March – Stephanie Dodson

OUR PAST

OUR PRESENT

OUR FUTURE



SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF THE ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM



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2023-2023

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler*John JT Taylor

Leading Knight*.....Tracy Frame

Loyal Knight.....Dave Lafeber

Lecturing Knight*.....Kenny Motzkus

Secretary.....Peggy Dussold

TreasurerMike McGaughey

TilerAlex Metz

EsquireJoe Brady

Chaplain.....OPEN

Inner Guard.....OPEN

TRUSTEES

5 year*.....Mike Schymos

4 year*.....Kevin Motzkus

3 year*.....OPEN

2 year*.....Marie Ruebel

1 year*OPEN

* Board of Directors

Past Exalted Rulers

John JT Taylor2022-2023

Bill Haley2021-2022

Sandi Mohl.....2020-2021

Rob Tudor.....2020

Scott Kempf.....2019-2020

Dave Lafeber2018-2019

Jeff Burke.....2017-2018

Scott Frame2016-2017

Tony Johns2015-2016

Dennis Struebing.....2014-2015

John (J.T.) Taylor2013-2014

Al Bruenning2012-2013

Patricia Smith2011-2012

John Shields2010-2011

Tom Jackson2009-2010

.....2008-2009

Tony Dalske2007-2008

Bob Spangenberg2006-2007

Dan Rike2005-2006

Forest "Butch" Beeman2004-2005

R. Dennis Spangenberg2003-2004

George Frame Jr.....2002-2003

Andrew "Joe" Corzine.....2001-2002

Roy Crangle.....2000-2001

Thomas DeGeare Sr1999-2000

Jerry F. O'Shea1998-1999

Dan K. McBride.....1997-1998

John J. Wiesehan, Sr1996-1997

R. Dennis Spangenberg1995-1996

John J. Gatz1994-1995

Gary Edwards1993-1994

John M. Eccleston1992-1993

Edward H. Ellerbrake.....1991-1992

John E. Still1990-1991

Richard E. Crump.....1989-1990

Steve Collison1988-1989

Calvin Wyatt1987-1988

Charles Aue1986-1987

Morris Catani.....1985-1986

Guy D. Ross.....1984-1985

Robert E. Mathis.....1983-1984

Phillip Bemis1982-1983

Bud E.V. Johnson1981-1982

John H. Johns1980-1981

Eugene S. Tass.....1979-1980

Basil R. Ledgerwood.....1978-1979

Charles W. Horsey1977-1978

Wilfred Halbruegge1976-1977

Harold Toennies1975-1976

James T. Wilson1974-1975

Raymond Hayne1973-1974

George Hollocher1972-1973

John F. Watson, Jr.....1971-1972

James J. Bloomfield.....1970-1971

Joe V. Sadler1969-1970

Gene Watson1968-1969

Charles LoGrasso1967-1968

Bill Ryall1966-1967

O.M. Trotter.....1965-1966

I'm new to this. Will have article next month!!!



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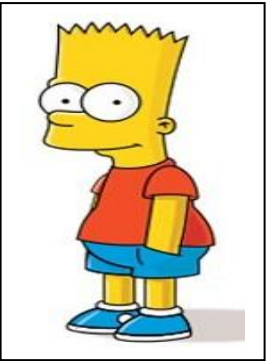
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Esteemed Leading Knight
Position Available



Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Dan Metz



Esteemed Loyal Knight
Position Available



Randy Meyerpeter
Sales Assistant

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Old Town Chapel

831-9145

Nondenominational

Weddings (chapel seats 150)

Small Hall (seats 75-100)

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John Ortwig



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In Loving Memory of James F. Mattingly!



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Ladies Corner

Our March meeting was a delicious meal in honor of President Vicki Lafeber. The little gnomes were a nice touch and the chocolate cake a big hit with everyone. Thank you to those involved in the cooking, and set up for the meal.

Unfinished Business – A friendly reminder that dues for the year are being accepted until June 1...please don't let this slip by. Anyone not paid will be dropped from the roster...see Colleen Peck with any questions. Our by laws are being reviewed by Darlene Rootz and her committee at this time.

New Business – We welcomed 4 new members this month! Edwina (Eddie) Byers, Lynnn Dorsey, Tabitha Goodman and Teresa Lorenz.

We are supporting Project Graduation at Hazelwood West on June 3rd. If you'd like to help call Tiffany Taylor for more information.

We would like to apologize to Nick LoGrasso for an error in recognizing him for the Ladies Friendship Room paint purchase. He was the person responsible for the purchase and we appreciate his donation to make it possible for us to update the space. Thank you Nick!

Good of the Order – We are still in need of Bake Sale items for the last Fish Fry. Please bring them in on Thursday's if possible so we can wrap and plate them.

Don't forget to sign up for the Ladies Pool Tournament on April 22nd. This is always a good time. See your bartender for sign-up details.

Standing Committee Reports:

Bingo – Bev Wann read a letter from the Gaming Commission praising her and the Bingo ladies for a job well done reporting to the state. A generous donation was made to the Charity Account from her committee again this month. The Kitchen workers are also to be recognized for the hard work they do on Wednesdays to expand our profits. Call Pres. Vickie if you can help out.

Scholarship – Pat Jackson reported that Scholarship applications are due back by April 15. They were distributed to those interested in applying for our two nursing scholarship opportunities.

Ways and Means – We will be selling bake goods at the Fish Frys on April 7th. Please have your items at the Lodge kitchen on Thurs. afternoons so that they can be wrapped and plated. A Raffle Basket is also planned and includes some nice spring/summer items.

Veterans – Veterans Bingo is at the Veterans Home on the last Friday of the month. Contact Darlene Rootz if you are available to help at 2pm.

Cheers and Visitation – Jo Ann Klien, Mary Sudbeck's brother, Darlene Rootz's nephew

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Bast
Recording Secretary

2022 – 2023 Ladies Auxiliary Officers	
President.....	Vicki Lafeber
Vice President.....	Tiffany Taylor
Recording Secretary	Colleen Peck
Corresponding Sec’y	Barb Bast
Treasurer.....	Cathy Wilkins
Chaplain.....	Helen Burkett
Parliamentarian.....	Barb Bast
Historian.....	Susan Sipe
Sergeant at Arms.....	MaryStruebing
Senior Trustee	Kellye Jones
2 Year Trustee.....	Carole Jones
3 Year Trustee.....	Vicky Heady
Past President Advisor	Marcie Tolias

APRIL BIRTHDAYS	
Cindy Powers	26

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	
Darlene & Raymond Rootz	6
Barbara & Lindell Bast	17

Attendance : Emma Wyatt
Volunteer: Mary Struebing
50/50: Kevin Hoette

Dates to Remember
Apr 8 – Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 15 – Scholarship Application due
Apr 22 – Ladies Pool Tournament

The Following Officers for the 2023-2024 year have been elected.
If you are interested in filling any of the OPEN positions, please see Tracy Frame.

Elected Position	Name
Exalted Ruler	Tracy Frame
Esteemed Leading Knight	OPEN
Esteemed Loyal Knight	OPEN
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Dan Metz
Secretary	Peggy Dussold
Treasurer	Mike McGaughey

Appointed Position	Name
Tiler	Alex Metz
Esquire	Joe Brady
Chaplain	Lorie Anne Otz
Inner Guard	OPEN

Trustees	Name
5 Year Trustee	Curt Chappie
4 Year Trustee	Mike “That Guys Here” Schymos
3 Year Trustee	Kevin Motzkus
2 Year Trustee	Tony Johns
1 Year Trustee	Marie Ruebel

Meet our Newest Member



David Byrd

Lodge Happenings for April

Lounge Information

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri – 2p to 12a
Wednesday – 12p to 12a
Saturday – 12p to 12a
Sunday – 12p to 8a

- Margarita's Monday, \$2 all evening 2PM to midnight
- Tuesday – Bar patrons can order food from kitchen
- Wednesdays, \$2 well drinks all day
- Thursdays, Hang out for happy hour
- Fridays, Food and sometimes Music/Karaoke
- Saturday or Sunday are great for booking special events in the bar and patio areas

Come on out and support your lodge. Enjoy Happy Hour prices and \$2 beers all the time.

3 Ball Pool Tournament Every Monday – 7pm

Cost: \$1 Per Player / Per Round

Low Score wins round!



Friday Food Night!

April 7th – Last one!



Fish Fry Fridays
Final Weekend!!!
Come on out and
Get some yummy fish



Save the Date
Sunday June 4th
Golf Fore Vets

Start getting your 4 person
team together now!!!

9 Hole - Charity Golf Tournament



Upcoming Elk's Happenings

May 13th – District Golf Tournament

- Florissant Golf Club
- 4 Person Scramble

June 4th – Golf-Fore-Vets

- Florissant Golf Club
- 9 Hole charity golf tournament
- 4 person scramble

Jun 9th – Blood Drive

- \$1 off Chicken Dinner if you give blood
- Start saving up now!

Jun 22nd – VP Greg Peterson visit

- More details to follow

Aug 11-13 – Missouri State Golf Tournament

- Joplin Lodge to host

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8th
Families of Members
are welcome!!



Doors open – 9am
First Hunt – 10am
Hot Dogs and Chips served
Ages 0 – 12 years old

APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Entertainment Committee – 6:30pm	4 Bingo	5 Ladies Bingo Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p	6 Investigating Comm Mtg 7p	7 Food Night Fish Fry Last one!!! Queen of Hearts	8 Lodge Kids Easter Egg Hunt
9	10	11 Bingo	12 Ladies Bingo Ladies Dinner 6:30p S&CQ Mtg 7:15p Ladies Mtg 7:30p	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	14 Food Night Chicken Night Queen of Hearts	15
16	17	18 Bingo	19 Ladies Bingo PER Meeting 7p	20	21 Food Night TBD Queen of Hearts	22
23	24 House Committee	25 Bingo	26 Ladies Bingo	27 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	28 Food Night TBD Queen of Hearts	29
30	1	2 Bingo	3 Ladies Bingo Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p	4 Investigating Comm Mtg 7p	5 Valley of Flowers Queen of Hearts	6 Valley of Flowers

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Carole A Texier	01	Roger Dubach	09	James Knight	15	Margaret Dussold	23
Bill Linck	03	Howard S Petit Jr	09	John Maze	15	Sharon Dothage	24
Eric L Merckling	05	Kevin D Carmen	10	George J Frame	18	William R Dragschutz	26
David Radel	05	James E Dains	11	Russell J Schmidt Sr	20	Timothy J Wojkowski	26
Osama Al-Shehbaz	07	Michael J Nieder	11	Daniel Tucker	20	Steven R Barteau	28
Ricky Eidson	09	Tina Branstetter	13	Robert E Proulx	22	Keith A Erickson	30



Veterans Committee

Happy 75th Birthday
Air Force Reserve
April 14th

Happy 115th Birthday
Army Reserve
April 23rd



Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks of the U.S.A.
A Fraternal Organization

Mission Statement

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that,

Elks Care ■ Elks Share

Janitorial/Event Notes

As a courtesy, if you are reserving the front hall for a function and need extra tables or chairs set up, please specify the quantity when your contract is turned in. If they need to be set up a certain way, please specify that as well.

Thank You!
Kevin Motzkus
Head of Janitorial/Maintenance



BOD and Trustee Notes

We would like to welcome the following gentleman back into the Trustees!

Tony Johns
Curt Chappie

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2023 Installation of Officers



Ladies Installation of Officers



April 2023

April 2023

Inaugural Ball



Citizen of the Year
Holly Mann



Elk of the Year
Kevin Hotte



Officer of the Year
Mike McGaughey



Inaugural Ball



St Patrick's Day Party



2023 Elks Bowling Tournament Blue Springs, Missouri



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