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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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Upcoming Events

5/2 Bingo	4:30p
5/3 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
5/3 Officers Mtg	7:00p
5/3 BOD Meeting	8:00p
5/4 Investigating Committee	7:00p
5/5 Food Night – Mexican Night-PER	5:30p
5/7 Valley of Flowers – Parade Float	
5/9 Bingo	4:30p
5/10 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
5/10 Ladies Dinner	6:30p
5/10 S&CO Meeting	7:15p
5/10 Ladies Mtg	7:30p
5/11 Lodge Meeting	7:30p
5/12 Food Night–Chicken Night	5:30p
5/13 District Golf Tournament	
5/14 Mother’s Day Brunch	10:00a
5/16 Bingo	4:30p
5/17 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
5/17 PER Meeting	7:00p
5/19 Food Night – Sabina Boys Pizza	5:30p
5/23 Bingo	4:30p
5/24 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
5/25 Lodge Meeting	7:30p
5/26 Food Night - TBD	5:30p
5/29 House Committee	7:00p
5/30 Bingo	4:30p
5/31 Ladies Bingo	10:00a



From the Station of the
Exalted Ruler
Tracy Frame

Hello everyone!
Spring has sprung...well kind of, still a little too chilly for me. May is here, and our new Elk year is in full swing. Thanks to everyone that attended and brought their families out for the Easter Egg hunt, we had a hoppingly good time and a great turn out. We have some fun activities coming up so keep an eye out on the bulletin board at the Lodge and right here in your newsletter.

Join us on May 14th 10am-1pm for Mother's Day brunch, come help us celebrate all our moms, fur moms, moms to be, future moms, dads that are moms, heck let's celebrate everyone that moms. 😊 More info is posted in the pages following and in the lounge.

We are hosting the District Golf tournament on May 13th. If you are available to volunteer it will be a fun day with lots of things to help with and participate in. Also, if you would like to throw a basket together for the basket raffle let me know they would like at least 2 from every lodge. We were chosen to host again this year because they had such an amazing time at our lodge last year let's show them all an amazing time like Florissant always does!!

On July 15th Is the Cardinals vs Nationals game to benefit Benevolent Trust, tickets are \$38 each and available from Peggy D. There is so much more upcoming, keep an eye on our Facebook page, in the newsletter and at the Lodge.

Last but most importantly we are still in need of 2 chair officers. Anyone who is thinking about taking a chair and may have questions, reach out to me. I would love to talk to you.

Have a great month, enjoy the changes in the weather and beauty it brings, take a deep breath, and don't sweat the small stuff.

Tracy Frame
Exalted Ruler



2023-2023

LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler*Tracy Frame
Leading Knight*OPEN
Loyal KnightOPEN
Lecturing Knight*Dan Metz
Secretary.....	Peggy Dussold
Treasurer.....	Mike McGaughey
Tiler.....	Alex Metz
Esquire.....	Joe Brady
Chaplain.....	Lorie Anne Otz
Inner Guard	Bill Wann

TRUSTEES

5 year*Curt Chappi
4 year*Mike Schymos
3 year*Kevin Motzkus
2 year*Tony Johns
1 year*Marie Ruebel

* Board of Directors

Past Exalted Rulers

John JT Taylor.....	2022-2023
Bill Haley	2021-2022
Sandi Mohl	2020-2021
Rob Tudor.....	2020
Scott Kempf.....	2019-2020
Dave Lafeber.....	2018-2019
Jeff Burke.....	2017-2018
Scott Frame.....	2016-2017
Tony Johns.....	2015-2016
Dennis Struebing	2014-2015
John (J.T.) Taylor	2013-2014
Al Bruening.....	2012-2013
Patricia Smith.....	2011-2012
John Shields	2010-2011
Tom Jackson	2009-2010
.....	2008-2009
Tony Dalske.....	2007-2008
Bob Spangenberg.....	2006-2007
Dan Rike	2005-2006
Forest "Butch" Beeman	2004-2005
R. Dennis Spangenberg.....	2003-2004
George Frame Jr	2002-2003
Andrew "Joe" Corzine	2001-2002
Roy Crangle	2000-2001
Thomas DeGeare Sr.....	1999-2000
Jerry F. O'Shea.....	1998-1999
Dan K. McBride.....	1997-1998
John J. Wiesehan, Sr.....	1996-1997
R. Dennis Spangenberg.....	1995-1996
John J. Gatz	1994-1995
Gary Edwards	1993-1994
John M. Eccleston.....	1992-1993
Edward H. Ellerbrake	1991-1992
John E. Still	1990-1991
Richard E. Crump	1989-1990
Steve Collison.....	1988-1989
Calvin Wyatt.....	1987-1988
Charles Aue.....	1986-1987
Morris Catani	1985-1986
Guy D. Ross.....	1984-1985
Robert E. Mathis	1983-1984
Phillip Bemis.....	1982-1983
Bud E.V. Johnson.....	1981-1982
John H. Johns.....	1980-1981
Eugene S. Tass	1979-1980
Basil R. Ledgerwood.....	1978-1979
Charles W. Horsey	1977-1978
Wilfred Halbruegge.....	1976-1977
Harold Toennies.....	1975-1976
James T. Wilson.....	1974-1975
Raymond Hayne.....	1973-1974
George Hollocher.....	1972-1973
John F. Watson, Jr	1971-1972
James J. Bloomfield	1970-1971
Joe V. Sadler	1969-1970
Gene Watson	1968-1969
Charles LoGrasso.....	1967-1968
Bill Ryall.....	1966-1967
O.M. Trotter	1965-1966

What is the BPOE

The Florissant Elks is a lot of things, but most of all it is an organization of volunteers. Without the members stepping up and giving of their time and effort the Lodge is nothing but a building. The Elks are a social group, but that should not be the only thing we are about. If that is the only reason why a person joins that is a waste of time. We are much more than that. We have programs that help our deserving vets, kids and needy families. Without volunteers and people to step up and be officers to guide our lodge to achieve our goals for our charities we will be an empty building in the future. I really hope you will join us and give whatever time and effort you can to keep this lodge a great place and organization to be proud of. Please consider giving some of your time and talent to further the mission of the Elk organization.

The Elks need your help!

WE'RE
HIRING!

Esteemed Leading Knight
Position Available

Esteemed Loyal Knight
Position Available

Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Dan Metz



Hello

Don't forget about Mother's Day Brunch on
Sunday, May 14th – 10am – 1pm

Menu:

Sausage, Bacon, Hashbrowns, Pastries, Fruits, Biscuits
and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs

Mothers eat free
\$5 for everyone else
\$20 max for Families



Elk of the Month



March – Stephanie Dodson

May 2023

RENAISSANCE
ROOSTER

Oil/Acrylic Paintings
Artist: David Byrd
Veteran Owned

www.showyourarts.com/Byrdman
314-583-5282

Recently selected as "Artist of the Month"
By: www.showyourarts.com

16" x 20" Portrait (one color background) \$175
Portrait with background \$200
Scenery, buildings, vehicles etc.
Add Person(s) \$50 each
Larger Canvas (per size up) \$50 each

Need 5" x 7" clear color photo
3-to-4-week turnaround for finished product

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Small Hall (seats 75-100)

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May 2023

Ladies Corner



It was nice to see the pastel decorations to begin our spring meeting. The food and preparations were appreciated. Thank you to the Social Committee for the planning.

Unfinished Business: Colleen Peck reminds us that dues are being collected until June. Please make sure yours are up to date. She was recognized as Officer of the Year and is so deserving of this honor. Barb Bast was given a recognition plaque as well. Thank you, ladies, for all you do.

New Business: New members Kaysey Ditto, Edna Ditto, Kathy Hinnah and Cindy Lunatto were welcomed. New rosters are available from Colleen if you need one. The painting in the Friendship Room is finished. The floors will be installed. The budget was presented and approved.

Committee Reports: Past Presidents Committee needs ideas for fund raisers...see Marci Tolias if you have any suggestions.

Bingo: April was an exceptional month of new players and additional games. Thank you for all the help but Beverly said it would help if more ladies would come on Wednesdays to assist her.

Ways and Means: Marci Tolias will have a meeting on Apr 26 at 7pm to discuss ideas to increase the events we can have to earn money for the club. Please come.

Scholarship: Pat Jackson reported that applications are starting to come in so members are needed to help review the entries. Call her if you are willing to help.

Veterans: Darlene Rootz is requesting help on the last Fridays of the month to help veterans play bingo. Meet at the Veterans Home by 1:30pm to help.

Drug Awareness: The Easter Egg Hunt was successful and well attended.

Thoughts and prayers; Cathy Henderson-Hinnah, Rose Riedel, Freda Pennewell, Chuck Woods, Ray Rootz

Respectfully Submitted Barb Bast
Recording Secretary

2023 – 2024 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	Mary Struebing
Senior Trustee	Kellye Jones
2 Year Trustee	Carole Jones
3 Year Trustee	Vicky Heady
Past President Advisor	Marcie Tolias

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley McDonald.....	7
Cathy Wilkins.....	11
Betty Cleveland.....	12

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Bev and Bill Wann	14
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Attendance:	Kellye Jones
Volunteer:	Tiffany Taylor
50/50:	Vickie Lafeber

Dates to Remember

May 14th – Mother's Day Brunch

From the Office of the Lodge Secretary

Reminder: Please, Please, Please UPDATE your phone numbers and addresses.

Membership cards are at the bar. Spouse/Widow cards will be ready by Wednesday, April 26th

*The Florissant Elks
would like to invite
everyone to
Mother's Day Breakfast
at the Lodge
Sunday May 14, 2023
10 am till 1 pm
Mothers eat free
\$5 for guest, \$20 for
families*

Lodge Happenings for May

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

May 5th

**Mexican Night
Hosted by the PER's**

May 12th

Chicken Night

May 19th

**Pizza Night
Hosted by the
Sabina Boys**

May 26th

**TBD
Hosted by the
House Committee**

General Character of the order by PGER Fred Harper:

“It lures no man to its doors by any promised material benefits which might appeal to his self-interest. It pledges no support to the furtherance of personal ambitions. It has no insurance features to appeal to one's sense of economy. It is beneficent, not merely benevolent and believes that doing good is better than being good. It teaches that it is nobler to serve than to be served; that laughter is better than tears, a kind word more potent than a frown; and that life is all the sweeter with a song.”

Upcoming Elk's Happenings

NASCAR Board – Every Week - \$5 entry – Board behind Bar

May 5-7 – Valley of Flowers

- Walking in Parade with a Float

May 13th – District Golf Tournament

- Florissant Golf Club
- 4 Person Scramble

June 4th – Veterans Committee presents - Golf-Fore-Vets

- 9 Hole charity golf tournament
- Florissant Golf Club

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

July 15th – Benevolent Trust Night at Ballpark

- Details listed below

Aug 11-13 – Missouri State Golf Tournament

- Joplin Lodge to host

Aug 11-12 – State President's Run challenge

- Cards vs Royals
- See flyer at Lodge!




**Florissant Elks
Golf for Veterans**

**9 Hole Charity
Golf Tournament
Sunday, June 4th
Florissant Golf Club**



**Start getting your 4-person team together now!
Sign-ups behind the bar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Bingo	3 Ladies Bingo Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p	4 Investigating Comm Mtg 7p	5 Food Night Mexican Night PER	6 Valley of Flowers
7 Valley of Flowers Walk with Float in Parade	8 Entertainment Committee – 6:30pm	9 Bingo	10 Ladies Bingo Ladies Dinner 6:30p S&CQ Mtg 7:15p Ladies Mtg 7:30p	11 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	12 Food Night Chicken Night	13 District Golf Tournament Lodge hosting dinner for golfers
14 Mother's Day Brunch 10am – 1pm	15	16 Bingo	17 Ladies Bingo PER Meeting 7p	18	19 Food Night Sabina Boys Pizza Queen of Hearts	20 
21	22	23 Bingo	24 Ladies Bingo	25 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	26 Food Night House Committee TBD Queen of Hearts	27
28	29 House Committee Memorial Day	30 Bingo	31 Ladies Bingo	1 Investigating Comm Mtg 7p	2 Food Night TBD Queen of Hearts	3
4	5	6 Bingo	7 Ladies Bingo Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p	8 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	9 Food Night TBD Queen of Hearts	6

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph M Furlong	1	Thomas G Williams Sr	7	Kenneth Ramshaw	13
Donald Puszczek	1	Kevin J Dietiker	10	James Irving Talkington	14
Vincent G Russo	1	Stephen Frey	11	John D Link	19
Marie L Gordon	2	William Bubar	12	Allan L Pugh	26
Donald J Donovan	3	Anthony H Dalske	12	Nicholaus A Syros	26
Mark Sanders	4	Veronica Richters	12	Shadi Abdel Aziz	31
Thomas M Burkett	5	Garl L Steyer Sr	12	James W McClenahan	31
Jon N Clark	7	Chadd Hackl	13		



Veterans Committee

May is National Military
Appreciation Month!

May 20th – Armed Forces Day
May 29th – Memorial Day



John Barks



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

If you see something that is not working properly in the lodge, please advise a Trustee.

Thanks!

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!!!



Missouri Elks Benevolent Trust

MO. ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



DATE: July 15th Cardinals vs the Washington Nationals

ALL ARE WELCOME

TIME: 6:00PM

Cost: Field Box Seats \$38.00 per ticket

Sec. 127-131-132-133-134-135

With each ticket sold \$8.00 will go to Benevolent Trust!

Make checks payable to your Lodge or Mo. Elks Benevolent Trust Each Lodge will be credited towards their per capita.

For more info please call or text Roger Fortner @636-575-0907

Or by email @rogerfortner@yahoo.com



SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK

!!!President's Home Run Challenge!!!



Missouri Elks Association President Lance Evans is challenging all Cardinals and Royals fans to show their support for their favorite team and Benevolent Trust!

Here's how the challenge works:

- 1.) Pick your team!
- 2.) Decide how much you want to pledge per run they score during the two game series between the two teams when they play in Kansas City on Friday and Saturday, August 11-12.
- 3.) Send your check to the Benevolent Trust finance chairman, with a note for which team you're supporting or the provided signup sheet (this way each member gets credit for their donation)!
(Money must be turned in by Thursday, August 31 to count towards the challenge.)

And remember, no matter who comes out on top, it's the people we serve with the Dental Van that are the real winners!!!!

2 Great ways to support the Benevolent Trust

**For Baseball Tickets – See Peggy Dussold
For Pledge – See Peggy Dussold or Tracy Frame**