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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**

<b>7/3</b> Entertainment Committee	<b>6:30p</b>
7/4 Lodge Closed	4:30p
7/5 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
7/5 Officers Meeting	7:00p
7/5 BOD Meeting	8:00p
7/7 Food Night – Spaghetti Dinner	5:30p
7/11 Bingo	4:30p
7/12 Ladies Bingo	10:00p
7/12 Ladies Dinner	6:30p
7/12 S&CO Mtg	7:15p
7/12 Ladies Mtg	7:30p
7/14 Food Night – Chicken Night	5:30p
7/18 Bingo	4:30p
7/19 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
7/21 Food Night - TBD	5:30p
7/25 Bingo	4:30p
7/26 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
<b>7/27 Lodge Meeting</b>	<b>7:30p</b>
7/28 Food Night – Taco Dinner	5:30p
7/31 House Committee	7:00p
8/1 Bingo	4:30p
8/2 Ladies Bingo	10:00a
8/2 Officers Meeting	7:00p
8/2 BOD Meeting	8:00p
8/3 Investigating Committee	7:00p
8/4 Food Night – TBD	5:30p



**From the Station of the  
Exalted Ruler  
Tracy Frame**

Happy July to you all.

I hope everyone had a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! We have several important events coming up!

Metro East District Picnic #9 on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us. It is always a fun time and their pools will be open! Tickets are available behind the bar. \$15 for adults and \$7 for children.

We will be having a blood drive in conjunction with our August Chicken Night. If you can donate, please plan to. The link to make an appointment with Impact Life as well as more information will be posted later in the newsletter.

On a very important note, we need some members who are interested in becoming officers. It is not scary! If you want to know more, please reach out and ask. We have District Officers, PERS and me who are all willing to talk to you about how rewarding it can be, as well as what is involved. We are currently in need of a Leading Knight, Trustee and Esquire.

We also need Publicity Chairman which is so important because this is how we get our news and get it out to our membership and beyond.

Have a great month, safe and happy summer!

Tracy Frame  
Exalted Ruler



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2023-2024  
LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler\*.....Tracy Frame  
Leading Knight\*.....OPEN  
Loyal Knight.....OPEN  
Lecturing Knight\*.....Dan Metz  
Secretary .....Peggy Dussold  
Treasurer .....Mike McGaughey  
Tiler.....Alex Metz  
Esquire.....OPEN  
Chaplain.....????????  
Inner Guard.....Bill Wann

TRUSTEES

5 year\* .....OPEN  
4 year\*.....Mike Schymos  
3 year\*.....Kevin Motzkus  
2 year\* .....Tony John  
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 Bruenning..... 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

Esteemed Leading Knight  
Position Available

Esteemed Loyal Knight  
Position Available

Esteemed Lecturing Knight  
Dan Metz



Hello

Thank you for attending the Father's Day Brunch. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!!!

We still need volunteers for Bingo – Talk to Puggy Dussold if you can help!

We still have 2 Officer chairs open – Please talk to Tracy Frame if interested!

Respectfully  
Dan Metz  
Esteemed Leading Knight

Elk of the Month

May – Daryl Ditto

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Golf 4 Vets  
9 Hole Charity Golf Tournament



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# Ladies Corner



The Bingo committee provided a wonderful meal for June. Thank you to all who helped.

Congratulations to De McBride who is now a lifetime member!

**New Business:** Roasters and griddles are being purchased for the kitchen since they are in constant use by all who cook.

**Good of the Order:** Two laptops and a computer are being purchased to help take care of the business needs of the club. The counter tops have been ordered and we are waiting on installation. By laws are being revisited with changes to membership being addressed. Copies will be made available when completed.

## Committee Reports:

**Bingo:** Bev Wann presented another check to us from the profits of this months bingo. Help is still needed for Wednesdays so try and make time available to come help her. Thank you to all who do come.

**Ways and Means:** Marcie Tolias has arranged to have a raffle basket in the Lodge so get your tickets quickly. There is going to be a long awaited Fashion Show sometime in January. Planning is going on now, so see her if you'd like to help. Items for the \$3, 5 and 10 boxes are being collected and may be left in the Friendship Room. Please mark them Fashion Show.

**Scholarship:** Pat Jackson and her committee have chosen three nursing candidates to be recognized at the July 12th Ladies Dinner. Please come and show your support. The steak dinner will be \$15.

**Veterans:** Darlene Rootz reported that the Veterans who come to our monthly bingo seem to really enjoy themselves. Call her if you can come help out. The bingo sponsored at the Veterans Home is also needing those of you who can help serve and assist the vets.

**Past Presidents:** Helen Burkett has biography sheets available to fill out with your pertinent information to share with the club. Please see her if you would like to have one filled out. These are helpful with memorials and remembrances.

**Thoughts and prayers;** Fran Bruenning, children suffering with diseases like lupus and cancers, our military here at home and overseas.

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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Vickie Lafeber.....	7
Mary Colvin .....	14

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Helen and Tom Burkett.....	1
Doreen and John Phillips .....	10
Colleen and Scott Peck .....	23
Sherry and Tony Dalske.....	31

**Attendance:** Emma Wyatt  
**Volunteer:** Cathy Wilkins  
**50/50:** Kevin

## Dates to Remember

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Closed  
July 12<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting

Open to  
anyone  
able to  
give!

**Blood Drive**  
**Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**3pm – 7pm**

Vampires  
not  
welcome

Remember to refrain from consuming alcohol  
prior to donating blood  
\$1 off your chicken dinner for all that donate

## FESTIVAL OF THE LITTLE HILLS AUGUST 18, 19 AND 20

LARRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!!!

We will be stationed at the gates  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - 4pm-10pm  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 9am-1pm  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – 1pm-5pm

Minimum 4 Volunteers per shift - Sign up sheet at the bar!

This is very lucrative for the Lodge!

Arrive 15 minutes prior to start of your shift

All you must do is “ask” the patrons to finish their beers prior to leaving the area. It’s just that easy!!!

If you love to people watch,  
then this is the volunteer opportunity for you!!!

## Veterans Monthly Bingo



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# Lodge Happenings for July

## 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

Date	Menu	Hosted By
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Spaghetti Dinner	TBD
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chicken Night	Kitchen Committee
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBD	TBD
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Taco Salad	TBD

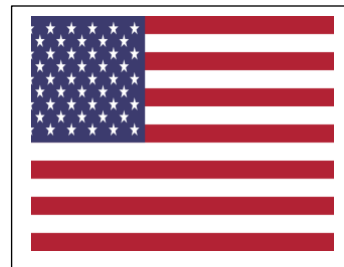
## Metro East District Picnic

August 5<sup>th</sup> - 12pm

St. Louis #9 Host



Adults \$15 | Kids \$7  
 Tickets Behind the Bar



Come on out and celebrate Elkdom!

# Upcoming Elk's Happenings

## July 15<sup>th</sup> – Benevolent Trust Night at Ballpark

- Good times will be had!

## Aug 5<sup>th</sup> – Metro East District Picnic

- See below for more information!!!

## Aug 11<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive – Back Hall – 3pm – 7pm

- Remember to refrain from consuming alcohol prior to donating blood
- \$1 off your chicken dinner for all that donate
- Please start saving up to make this a success!

## Aug 11-13 – Missouri State Golf Tournament

- Joplin Lodge to host
- Joe & Jason Brady to represent the lodge!

## Aug 11-12 – State President's Run challenge

- Cards vs Royals
- See flyer at Lodge!

## Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – Garage Clean up – 9am

- See below for more information!!!

## Sept 16 – Ellisville Elks Golf Tournament

- 4 Person Scramble
- Fore Honor Golf Course
- Questions? Call (636) 227-0404

## Garage Clean Up

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> | 9am

All Committees should have at least 1 member in attendance.

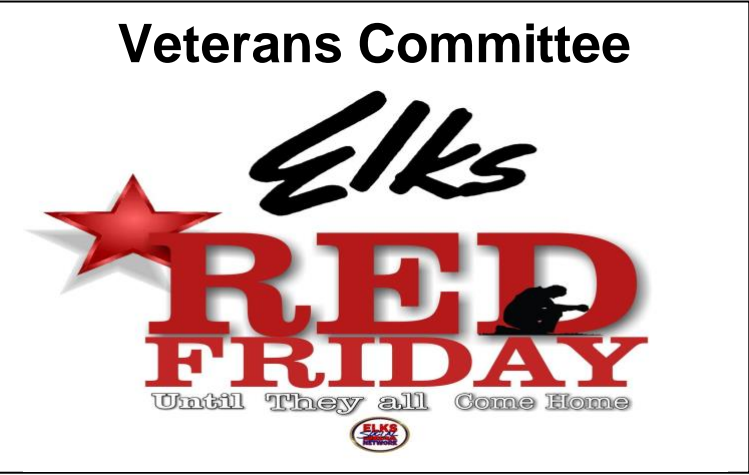
All bays will be cleaned out.

If your committee has a locked closet, you need to clean and inventory everything inside it before **August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Then label closet has been done.




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Entertainment Committee – 6:30pm	4 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	5 Ladies Bingo  <b>Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p</b>	6	7 <b>Food Night</b> Spaghetti dinner	8
9	10	11 Bingo	12 <b>Ladies Bingo</b>  Ladies Dinner 6:30p S&CQ Mtg 7:15p Ladies Mtg 7:30p	13	14 <b>Food Night</b> Chicken Night  Blood Drive  Queen of Hearts	15
16	17	18 Bingo	19 Ladies Bingo  PER Meeting 7p	20	21 <b>Food Night</b> TBD  Queen of Hearts	22
23	24	25 Bingo	26 Ladies Bingo	27 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:30p</b>	28 <b>Food Night</b> Taco Dinner  Queen of Hearts	29
30	31 <b>House Committee</b>	1 Bingo	2 Ladies Bingo  Officers Mtg 7p BOD Mtg 8p	3 Investigating Comm Mtg 7p	4 <b>Food Night</b> <b>TBD</b>  Queen of Hearts	5

JULY BIRTHDAYS					
Samuel Houtchings	2	William Bill Haley	12	Rebecca K Staley	22
Michael T Ryan	2	Robert Wilkins	12	Earl L Schillinger Jr	24
Michael S Smith	2	Jeff Dabrowski	13	Andrew White	24
Jason Waller	5	Benjamin Johns	14	Jeffrey Berry	25
Steven Collison	6	Gary N Lucas	14	Stuart Mitchell	29
Albert John Dains	6	Daniel R Metz	17	Barbara J Fiala	30
Mark K Robinson	8	Douglas Mueller	17	Daniel C Rike	30
Doelan G Wilcox	8	James E Tweedy	18	Henry P Bruemmer	31
Charles R Aue	12	Jeffrey D Backowski	22		




**Jim Kuehnlein**



**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,*



**Former Esquire**

Thank you to all the many folks who have helped me out over the past 6 years that I have held the position of Lodge Esquire. It has been my honor to serve this lodge.

With the amount of traveling that I do as well as spending my summers in Colorado, I felt I could no longer fulfill this position any longer.

Thank You!  
**Joe Brady**

**BOD and Trustee Notes**

Do not remove lodge property without checking it out with a trustee.

Stop Putting personal trash in large trash cans!





# Supplies Needed

With the help of the Florissant Eagles and the Florissant VFW, the members of the Florissant Elks Youth Committee are looking for school supply donations for the 1st ever Back to School Bash! Because this is our first year doing this the event will be for students at **Barrington Elementary only**. The supplies can be dropped off at any of the three locations by Saturday, July 15th.



## Items Needed

- pencils
- blue or black pens
- red pens
- pink erasers
- spiral notebooks – wide ruled
- composition notebooks- wide ruled
- colored pencils – 12 count
- two pocket Folders
- Three prong folders (plastic preferred)
- loose leaf paper – wide ruled
- Packages post-it notes (2 inch x 2 inch)
- Markers – 8 count
- Kids Scissors
- Glue sticks
- White glue
- 2 inch Binder
- earbuds
- Pencil pouch
- 8 tab binder dividers
- Index cards
- large school box-plastic
- hand held sharpener

Thank you



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## Missouri Veterans Home donation



Thanks to the generosity of your fellow Elks who participated in the Metro East Golf Tournament, we were able to raise \$6,000 for the St. Louis Veterans Home! Great job everyone!!!

## New Members



Bill Reichkers



Dalton Smith

Charles Aten