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*From Your
Exalted
Ruler*

Steve Makoski

Hello Elks! September was another great month filled with fun and entertainment. Our fun and entertainment continued to rock with providing a variety of bands, solo artists, Karaoke, Queen of Hearts (over \$7,000), Membership Appreciation Day, Ladies Night which keeps on growing, our Veterans activity, swimming pool activity, and the 409 BBQ Cook-Off Competition which was a tremendous success! There are a lot of wonderful people that help put these activities and events together. A special THANK YOU to all of you that unselfishly work to provide a great Lodge to be a part. We are blessed to have you.

We should make note on the Fraternal side that we initiated somewhere over 30 candidates in the month of September. I say somewhere over 30 because as I write this message, we've not yet had our September initiation. But I must get this written and submitted for our bulletin deadline. And our Lodge Secretary read 15 names of applications proposed for membership in our last business meeting. This is amazing for the life blood of our Lodge to continue to grow. I cannot go without mentioning the goodness I see in members new and old. We are on the move and will continue with your help.

My hat is off to General Managers **Terry Traw** and **Wayde Deragowski**. These gentlemen continue to work on our behalf in providing product and services for members in and around our Lodge. They recently announced the beginning of a shuffleboard league to start sometime in October. I'm in on that one! Come on in and join us. I look forward to the competition.

New Year's Eve Celebration is rapidly approaching. We have a band lined up for this event and are working on food for the evening. As we have in the past, a poster

of the New Year's seating will be coming out. We will be taking reservations for seating. The cost should be affordable to come out and ring in the New Year with fellow Elks and friends. The night will be filled with dinner, dancing and other fun activity. Be on the lookout for more details beginning in November.

In closing I would like to convey a message that there is a bit of emptiness in my heart. My heart is empty because you are missed. I haven't seen you of late. We've not talked for some time. We've not sat with one another to work through any differences we may have or laugh about the good times we've had together. There is one thing for certain. **We ARE the Elks**, and this is what we have in common. I'd like to see you once again and build upon our relationship. I hope you are up to mending that fence or strengthen our link. I would like to see you.

May God bless you and God bless America!

Yours in Elkdom
Steve Makoski
Exalted Ruler

October 14th

"The Wide World of Sports"

Fall Auction Fundraiser

Doors will open at 4:30 pm with a variety of sports themed games.

Stadium foods will be available ~ \$10 all-you-can-eat

Wear your favorite sports team gear while participating in games, including booze and cake walk, followed by a live auction. There will also be a raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt.

Please see Nowetta Kimmick to donate items for auction.



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Elks Lodge 409 group

www.elks.org/lodges/contactus.cfm?LodgeNumber=409

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From the Secretary's Office

Applications for Membership:

Debra A. Baxter	Proposed By: Pat Harris
Edward L. Baxter	Proposed By: Pat Harris
Heather R. Bettlach	Proposed By: Scott Grassa
Dennis R. Cary	Proposed By: Heath Keller
Martha Brown	Proposed By: Deborah L. Sherwood
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Terry G. Foster	Proposed By: Conita Maggard
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Brent Reisen	Proposed By: Heath Keller
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Nathan Vandergrift	Proposed By: Lori Ellerman
Jana Watts	Proposed By: Sherry Jacobson

Lodge Secretary,
Bob Peace

*** NOTICE ***

A hearing on the appeal of a member of our Lodge on disciplinary actions taken against that member by the Lodge Board of Directors will be conducted at the Lodge meeting to be held on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Members present at the meeting will vote, by paper ballot, whether or not to sustain the action of the Board in suspending the appellant from club privileges for a period of one month.

Elks Benefit Fundraiser Honor Flight of the Ozarks October 21st

Tickets are \$35 at the bar for this evenings events

Social hour 5 pm, Buffet 6 pm, Silent & Live Auction

Live Entertainment 7 pm Featuring The Wings of Swing Big Band

This event is open to the public and business attire is requested. All proceeds go to Honor Flight of the Ozarks!

Honor Flight of the Ozarks is a regional chapter of the larger national organization called Honor Flight Network. This network is a non-profit organization that honors Veterans by providing them with free trips to visit memorials dedicated to their service. Honor Flight of the Ozarks specifically serves Veterans from the Ozarks region in the United States, helping them travel to Washington D.C., to visit memorials like the World War II Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. These trips are often seen as a way to show appreciation and recognition for the sacrifices made by Veterans.



Nolan R. Moody
2022-23 Elk of the Year



Sharina Smith
2022-23 Citizen of the Year



Charlotte Ann Gilmore
2022-23 Officer of the Year



*From your
Ladies Auxiliary
President
Heather Stockford Sade*

The competitors of the 2nd Annual BBQ Competition certainly put the LABOR into our Labor Day weekend. Holy Smokes (literally and figuratively), what a great time we all had! The Ladies stepped up big with a smorgasbord of amazing side dishes to sample, along with some very creative BBQ dishes from our competitors. In addition to the traditional chicken and pork, the judges saw dishes like: meatball muffins with mashed potatoes topped with candied bacon and jalapenos, smoked bologna, pecan pie, and chocolate chip cookies all off the smokers. The *labor of love* that goes into this event is always worth being a part of. Most of these teams stayed up all night perfecting their fire and presentations for the judges.

Our judges also take their role very seriously, because we closely align our processes after KCBS (Kansas City BBQ Society), which boasts for an event that has created fierce competition. I'd like to thank the following judges for their discerning palettes and insightful feedback that truly helps our participants refine their skills: **Cindy Holderbaum** (lead judge), **Danette Proctor**, **Tom Robinson**, **James Gustason**, **Tom Bray**, and **Scott Grassa**. I'd also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the following 'lady officials', for their time, dedication, and detailed planning that goes into this event: **Rachel Campbell** (lead official), **Cindy Holderbaum**, **Janet Glenn**, and **Noriko Makoski**. To those women who spent the day working the event with us, *cheers* to: **Jeanne Jones**, **Sandy Randall**, **Gail Maschino**, **Cathy Latona**, and **Judy Patterson** for your roles manning the tables. I'd also like to recognize **Michael Bauer** and **Boyd Sade** for their exceptional craftsmanship in creating the awards for us. Your work has added a special touch to our event, and we couldn't be more pleased. Thank you **Agnieszka Mahan**, for donating the BBQ griddle as a raffle item, and thank you to each member of our Ladies Auxiliary for your support (I hope I didn't miss anyone).

The Annual Fall Fundraiser Auction is planned for Saturday, October 14th. This year's theme is: "The Wide World of Sports". If you are a business owner or you have business contacts that might be willing to help with donations, Vice President **Nowetta Kinnick** would appreciate speaking to you. We also accept 'gently used' household items (stress on the word 'gently'). This is a really fun evening with live auctioneer and **PER Mike Batson**. Grab your sports themed shirts and a friend and have some fun with games and 'stadium food' starting at 4:30 pm. Also, don't miss your chance to win

a beautiful handmade quilt made by **Mary Vaughan** this month. Raffle tickets are just \$10 and will be drawn at the auction.

Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. We'd love to have you (Lady Elks, spouses, and widows)! Until then, don't forget it's Ladies Night in the lounge the last Tuesday of each month. Come out and enjoy some drink specials just for us. ♥

Heather Stockford Sade, President
Ladies Auxiliary

Benevolent Trust

"Dentistry on Wheels"

The "Missouri Elks Passport Program", which is the major state project for Benevolent Trust fundraising, is happening. If you enjoy visiting other Lodges in our State, this program is for you. Buy a Passport Booklet for \$15 and check out all the fun at our Missouri Lodges.

The yearly Elks 409 Chili Cook-Off Competition/Fundraiser is scheduled for November 11th at 2 - 5 pm. All monies will benefit our Elks Benevolent Trust. If you enjoy chili, this event is for you. If you enjoy making chili and are good at it, you should enter the competition. Please see ad for details.

Visit our website (www.trumed.org) for current forms, schedules and information. Click "Services", then click "Dental Care" Elks Mobile Program. For more information please call 816-404-6904.

Wayde Deragowski, Chairman
Benevolent Trust

#409 Book Club

Our book discussion will be on
Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:30 - 8 pm at the Lodge in the dining room. Cocktails at 6 pm, if you like.

The book for discussion in **October** will be
"Murder in the Bayou: Who Killed the Women Known as Jeff Davis 8?" by Ethan Brown (2016).

The book for discussion in **November** will be
"Big Stone Gap" by Adriana Trigiani (2000).

Open to all Elk members.

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Community Activities Committee
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Elks National Veterans Service Commission Report



Greetings from your busy Elks Veterans Committee.

September 13th was the Committees annual Cookout at the Mt. Vernon Veterans Home (MVVH), cooking for 170 Veterans and Staff.

September 15th the Committee added the POW/MIA flag under the American flag and conducted a short program including reading the names of the 35 Service Members from Missouri Missing In Action from the Vietnam War. (See the display in the Veterans Corner)

September 20th the Committee assisted the "Saluting Branches" organization, a group of 50 area Arborists at the Springfield National Cemetery that trimmed trees to improve the facility. Our volunteers served a catered lunch to them. Earlier that morning our Exalted Ruler **Steve Makoski** provided the opening remarks to start the event and **Bob Kalwat**, a member of The Wings of Swing Big Band provided Taps. Thanks to both of you and the EVC.

October 11th is our next Mt. Vernon Veterans Home Bingo outing.

October 12th from 6 pm to 8 pm, this Committee will host the Veterans Resource Team's Veterans Resource Fair. They will explain Education, VA, Disability, and Home Loans benefits and will meet in the dining room. We are inviting all Elks Veterans and interested members to attend.

October 21st the Lodge along with the EVC will be hosting a fundraiser for the "Honor Flight of the Ozarks" in the Lodge. Information is on the new flyers.

We are looking for a few nice items for a silent auction and a few big ticket items for a short live auction. Please plan to attend. Tickets are \$35 each at the bar; no credit cards.

October 24th, the last event for this year, FREE Estate Planning event for Veterans at the Lodge. There are still openings for Veterans by contacting **Scotty Allen** at scotty.allen@mvc.dps.mo.gov for reservations. They have saved our Veterans approximately \$200,000 just at our three events to date.

I am asking all Veterans of this Lodge to please make plans to become active, if not already, in presenting ideas to your committee and assisting in making them happen. We have SIX projects in the works and growing. We have our Veterans Committee meeting at 5 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

We still have our Challenge Coins for sale; \$10 to Elk Veterans and \$15 to non-Veterans. Note: Lodge Veterans get their first coin FREE. Information in hallway leading to the Club Room.

POW/MIA information can be found at:

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency > Our Missing > Past Conflicts (www.dpaa.mil)

October dates to remember:

7th - Afghanistan War began (2001)

13th - U.S. Navy 248th birthday (1775)

23rd - Grenada Campaign began (1983)

"So long as there are Veterans, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Semper Fidelis

Nolan R. Moody, Chairman
Veterans Committee



The new POW/MIA flag



Elks #409

TRUNK OR TREAT



Tuesday, October 31st ~ 4 - 7 pm

We will start lining vehicles up around 3 pm in the front lot.

Decorations and costumes encouraged but not mandatory.

Please provide your own treats for your vehicle.

If you would like to just come out and enjoy the evening or help hand out treats, please feel free to join us. Bring a chair and some treats.

All are welcome to this family friendly event.

If you would like to donate bags of candy, please drop them off with our bar staff prior to the 30th.

It's a great time! See you on the 31st!

OCTOBER 2023

NEW FALL CLUB HOURS:

OPEN: 11 am SAT & SUN 12 pm MON - FRI

CLOSE: 10 pm SUN - THURS 11 pm FRI & SAT *unless not busy*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm Fall Convention Jefferson City Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st	2 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm Music Monday of The Ozarks 6 pm	3 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Singles Meeting 7:00 pm	4 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Ladies Trustees Meeting 6 pm Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	5 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Lodge Meeting 7 pm There will be a hearing & vote at this meeting. (See page 2 for details)	6 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Rick Lamb Band 7 - 10 pm	7 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Adam Johnson in the lounge 7 - 10 pm	
8 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	9 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm BDIC Meeting 6:00 pm Columbus Day	10 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Veterans Committee Meeting at 5 pm	11 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm <i>Mt. Vernon Veterans Bingo at M/VVH</i> Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	12 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Ladies Auxiliary meeting at 7 pm Veterans Resource Fair 6 - 8 pm in Dining Room <div>Bulletin Input Deadline is 12 Noon</div>	13 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: TBD	14 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Singles Birthday Celebration 6 pm in the lounge <i>Ladies Auxiliary Auction</i> (see ad for details)	
15 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	16 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm Book Club 6:30 - 8 pm (see ad for details)	17 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Indoctrination 6:30 pm	18 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	19 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Lodge Meeting and Initiation 7 pm	20 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Arthur Duncan 7 - 10 pm	21 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Honor Flight of the Ozarks Auction (see ad for details)	
22 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	23 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm	24 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm	25 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	26 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm Bulletin Folding Committee - 1:00 pm	27 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Mr. D 7 - 10 pm	28 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Halloween Karaoke (see ad for details)	
29 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	30 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm	31 Happy Hour 2 - 7 pm Ladies Night in lounge <i>Drink specials just for the Ladies</i> Trunk or Treat (see ad for details)	<div>Happy OCTOBER Birthdays!</div>		<div>October Happy Hour Specials Monday - Saturday 2 - 7 pm Sunday All Day 50¢ off All Regular Priced Beverages Ladies Night is Last Tuesday of each month There will be drink specials just for the Ladies <i>Ask Bartender about Daily Drink Specials</i></div>		Club 881-8596 Office 881-0038 email: Elks409springfield@gmail.com

Elks Lodge 409 Singles News

Greetings from the Elks Singles Group.

We had our September meeting on September 5th with 26 members and one guest present.

Most of us met in the lounge around 6 pm for beverages and conversation. It's always a fun time to catch up on whatever is going on with each of us. A lot of us have known each other for many years while others are newer to our group. I'm always pleased to see how we all enjoy our time together. It shows in how we care and show our concerns for one another.

We began our meeting as usual with a recap of the previous months business. We discussed a \$500 donation to ENF as well as \$500 for the Honor Flight for our Missouri Veterans. Both were voted on and approved.

Be sure to Save the Date for our 2023 ESG Christmas Party to be held on December 10th at 6 pm in the dining room. Dinners will be provided and catered for members plus one. I'll have more details closer to the season.

October will be full of activities. We will update you at our next meeting on October 3rd. Join us in the lounge at 6 pm.

Looking forward to Fall!

Peggi Clayton, President
Elks #409 Singles

Community Activities

The month of October will be the 50/50 at the Wednesday night Queen of Hearts.

We are gearing up for our yearly community Christmas Baskets. One of our big fundraisers, "A Stocking Full of Cash", is coming up. Starting in October we will be selling a chance for \$1,000. There will only be 200 tickets sold. They will be \$20 per ticket. Drawing will be held in December.

Job well done again to all Elk families and friends, **Greg** and bartenders for saving and collecting cans; **Richard** and **Rick** for bagging and cashing them at the recycle.

Most of our Christmas names come from Crosslines, but if anyone has suggestions of other groups that could use some of our food boxes please contact me at 417-576-3913.

PER's Tom & Linda Hrdlicka, Chairs
Community Activities

Halloween Karaoke

Saturday, October 28th

In the Lounge



Queen of Hearts

Wednesday Evenings

Ticket Sales Start at 6 pm - Drawing at 7 pm

Community Activities will be hosting the 50/50 games in October. I look forward to seeing you in the lounge on Wednesday evenings.

Charlotte Gilmore, Chairperson
Queen of Hearts

BINGO

Labor Day fell on a Monday as always. Thank you to Cricket, Ed, Trich, Emilie, Audra, Ronnie, Larry, Jeanne, Donna, and Tom for volunteering your time on the holiday. We had a great crowd; there were 168 players. It was a very fast paced night and everyone did a great job as always.

Bingo is open to the public and must be 16 to be in the building and to play. There is both smoking and non-smoking in the building. Kitchen food and drinks are available.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out.

Bingo is held on Monday nights at the Bingo Emporium (2345 W. Catalpa); sales start at 4:30 pm, Bingo begins at 6:30 pm and it's over at 9:30 pm.

If interested in helping or playing, please call **Linda** at 417-576-3913.

PER's Linda & Tom Hrdlicka, Chairs
Bingo

Board of Directors Corner

Our Board of Directors (BOD) continue to work on our behalf with interior improvements, progressing toward future projects, and in some cases look after The Good of the Order. I do want to give a special Thank You to our **Ladies Auxiliary** for we now have new flooring as you enter the Lodge and administrative offices. The **Ladies Auxiliary** paid for those much-needed flooring upgrades. We not only look good but have a safer pathway to transit through our Lodge. We continue to look after Lodge members interests and eagerly look forward to more improvements in and around our Lodge.

Once again, I choose to mention the countless hours Board members put forth in providing us with a wonderful Lodge. The miles driven, phone calls, texting, meeting with vendors and contractors, retrieving bids for projects, attending meetings and so much more. I am very proud of this group of men & women who dedicate themselves to our Lodge. We are blessed.

Fraternally yours,
ER Steve Makoski, Chairman
Board of Directors



Save the Date
Ladies Auxiliary

Thanksgiving Bake Sale




Wednesday, November 15th
Beginning at 5:30 pm




Save the Date
Elks Singles Group
Christmas Party
December 10th at 6 pm
Lodge Dining Room

Save the Date

Elks 409 Club Chili Cook-Off Competition / Fundraiser



Saturday, November 11, 2023
2 - 5 pm in Lodge Hall and Dining Area
Set-up for entries at 12 pm (noon)
Judging at 4 pm ~ Winners announced at 4:30 pm
\$25 Entry Fee for teams, pairs, or individuals
\$7 Donation to Sample
50/50 Drawing and Jello Shots



Prizes for People's Choice Best Decorations & Costumes
1st, 2nd, 3rd place **prizes** for People's Choice
1st, 2nd, 3rd place **prizes** for Judge's Choice
Prizes for Grand Champion and Fattest Fish Bowl
Each Entry gets an 8 ft. table to decorate and serve from.
(costumes encouraged)
Entries can provide condiments (hotdogs, fritos, cheese,
onion, jalapeños, etc.) to go with their chili.
Minimum 3 quarts of chili needs to be provided by entries.
If using a Protein in your Chili, it must be made with USDA
Beef, Pork, Turkey, Chicken or Seafood.

All monies raised will benefit The Elks Benevolent Trust.

Elks National Foundation

Hey everyone, we had a little movement in our ENF per capita quota since my last report. As of the last report dated 8/31/2023 from Grand Lodge, Springfield Lodge #409 is credited at \$3.91 per member of our \$4.80 goal.

The Elks National Foundation is the backbone of every Lodge across Missouri and our country. Without ENF we cannot do the community work we do, so it's essential that we make our quota each and every year to qualify for our grants.

If you haven't donated your \$5 yet this year, please do at your next convenience. If you can donate an additional \$5, \$10, \$20, or \$??, whatever your heart tells you to donate for our needs, we would appreciate it. You can give your donation to our Exalted Ruler, any officer, at the business office, by USPS mail to our Lodge, or when you are paying your tab in the lounge or the dining room. Just make sure to designate your donation amount to ENF, The Elks National Foundation.

Thanks everyone and God bless.

PER Mark Adkins, Chairman
Springfield Lodge #409 ENF

October

Happy Hour Specials

Monday - Saturday 2 - 7 pm
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