

Farmington Elks Lodge 1765

Celebrating 74 Years of Elldom

November 2023



ER Message

It's November. The trees are in full color and there is a chill in the air. This fall has been a very busy time and the upcoming holidays are no different. Thanksgiving and Christmas is all about

family and friends. When we share our time with family, it doesn't get any better than that. We are thankful for all that we have.

Our Elks family is no different. We make a difference in our community. We share the fellowship by partying with our friends at Xmas and New Years. At the Elks, we enjoy bands twice a month. We join special events, like a Thanksgiving Eve party, Kids Xmas with Santa, Veterans Day, and the Elks Memorial Day. We come together to help the needy on Christmas Eve delivering Food Baskets. We put away our petty differences to support each other and the community with our service projects - The Happy Wagon, Smoked Turkeys, and Deer Hides. As we tell others, "WE ARE MORE THAN JUST A BAR."

If you plan to attend any of these events, come out and enjoy the Patio with your family or friends and bring a can of food for the Christmas baskets to share our good fortunes with those in need. The lodge has a lot to offer. Your fellowship and brotherly love will be welcomed. Finally, To Quote Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook, "WE ARE THE ELKS."

Your ER, Keith



Two Flag Carries

November finishes up the flag carries for the year with two events. The first is a newer parade, in Farmington with the veterans parade on the 4th starting at 11am. It will run from Cousins to Cozeans.

November 11th will be the DeSoto carry, starting at Mann's Funeral Home, ready in DeSoto for a 10am parade start. Any questions, contact Wink Rickus.



District Deputy Visit

The annual official visit to our lodge from the Southeast District Deputy, Terry Young is scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd. He will review lodge paperwork, make observations around the lodge and observe meeting performance. Come out on the 2nd and meet our DD and other officials.

Smoked Turkeys

With the increased costs we will be selling our famous smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving at \$30 each. These are 12-14 lb smoked whole turkeys. Deadline to order is Thursday, November 16. They can be picked up starting November 19-22. Order and pay at the bar. They are great and can save the cook of the house, a lot of time to make those side dishes and pies.

Thanksgiving Eve

Thanksgiving eve is a great party night at the lodge and this is planned to be another one. A limited special that evening will be a smoked meat special. You can choose from a rib plate for \$15 or a chicken plate (white or dark meat) \$13, both served with slaw and baked beans. The ribs and chicken tickets can be purchased at the bar. No other food is planned for the evening.

Also that evening, there will be the drawing for the Early Bird prize of \$750 on the Christmas Raffle.

The band for the evening will be Sidetrack.

A message to our members from the editor

Farmington Elks Lodge is the power house in our district and a leader in the state. We offer bar service 7 days a week, opening at 2pm. We offer FREE bands for entertainment. We are a non-smoking facility inside. Our patio area is a smoking zone. The lodge is also a leader in the community in support of many projects. Our Tuesday Food for Scholarships supports thousands of dollars for deserving college bound students and trade school programs participants. Our Christmas baskets, through your volunteer donations, provides 250 needy FAMILIES with a weeks worth of food. All we ask in return, support your lodge, come out, enjoy an evening, visit with friends or make new ones. Support our raffles, bell ringing at Christmas, basket delivery and many other lodge projects.

*Steve Chapman,
Newsletter Editor*



Please report any sickness or distress to Leading Knight Sam Hahn at 573-366-1482 or Exalted Ruler Keith Huck at 573-631-4687.

The lodge secretary is available at the lodge on Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9pm, by chance, or appointment. The lodge House Committee holds it's regular meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm, or as needed. The Lodge Board of Management meets the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. New Candidate voting will be on the 2nd week of the month. Lodge phone number 760-1955.

Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler.....	Keith Huck
Leading Knight.....	Sam Hahn
Loyal Knight.....	Chris English
Lecturing Knight.....	Warren Robinson
Secretary.....	Jerry Weems
Treasurer.....	Jim Cleave
Tiler.....	Glenn Rickus
Inner Guard.....	Wink Rickus
Chaplain.....	Brian Oster
Esquire.....	Pat Murphy
5 Year Trustee.....	Tim Cook
4 Year Trustee.....	Jeff Burnett
3 Year Trustee.....	Dave Halter
2 Year Trustee.....	Wayne Wilson
1 Year Trustee.....	Lonnie Edwards

The Farmington Elks Newsletter Editor, Steve Chapman

The Farmington Elks lodge newsletter is the official communication from the lodge. All news items should be directed to the editor, Steve Chapman, and received by the **20th** of the month. They can be left with the bartenders, or delivered directly to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject any submission. Published dates and times can be subject to change. Check at lodge meetings for any updates or announcements. They will be on the video message board in the lounge.

New Applications

New Applicants

1. Larry D Lovette
606 Louise St.
Farmington, MO 63640
2. Stephen C. Huckstep
122 Shepherd Mtn. Rd.
Farmington, MO 63640
3. Larry R. Short
2431 Old Vandergriff Rd.
Park Hills, MO 63601
4. Derek Detring
2028 Possum Hollow Rd.
Farmington, MO 63640
5. Benjamin C. Hahn
16706 Lake Brands Rd.
Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670
6. Donald H. Vandegriffe
5115 Hwy Y
Valles Mines, MO 63087
7. Jeffrey L. King
231 Timberfield Dr.
Farmington, MO 63640
8. Timothy J. Briglia
11547 Big River Rd.
Belgrade, MO 63622

Proposer

Mike Hartupee

Frank Voertmann

James R. Kassabaum

Jim L. Green, Jr.

Sam Hahn

Joel Hommelson

Dennis Henson

Warren Robinson

****Voting on Candidates is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023****

LAPSATION

The Lapsation count stands at 103. This means any of the 103 non-dues paid members cannot come in the lodge and participate in any of the activities. They can NOT be a guest of a paid member.

November Initiation

The regular initiation for November will be on the 30th.

2024-2025 Elk Year Dues Notification

Effective with dues payable in 2024, the Grand Lodge has increased the General Liability Insurance per capita by \$5.00. This is a mandatory increase for all Elks members in all Lodges. As a result, our total membership will be \$100 per member next year. The breakdown is as follows:

Farmington Local Lodge Dues:	\$63.50 (no change)
Grand Lodge operations	\$6.50 (no change)
Grand Lodge Elks Magazine	\$5.50 (no change)
Grand Lodge General Liability Insurance	\$22.00 (\$5 increase)
Missouri State Association	\$2.50 (no change)
Total	\$100 (effective 2024/2025)

NOVEMBER Farmington Elks Activities 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	2 Lodge Meeting 7pm <i>Members Only after 6pm</i>	3 OPEN JUKEBOX Grilled Pork Loin, w/Cornbread Stuffing and Corn Open 5pm-9pm	4 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm
5 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	6 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Chicken Enchiladas	7 Pork Steak Plate Chuck's Wagon Gang	8 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	9 Lodge Meeting 7pm <i>Members Only after 6pm</i>	10 SIDETRACK BAND Smoked Pork Steaks, Baked Beans & Potato Salad Open 5pm-9pm	11 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm
12 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	13 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Ham & Beans	14 Fried Chicken The "A" Team	15 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	16 Lodge Meeting 7pm <i>Members Only after 6pm</i>	17 MOJO Spinach Stuffed Chicken Breast over Rice, Glaxed Carrots Open 5pm-9pm	18 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm
19 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	20 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Taco Bar	21 Fish Plate The Officers	22 Thanksgiving Eve Band SIDE TRACK Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	23  LODGE CLOSED	24 OPEN JUKEBOX Spaghetti & Meatballs & Garden Salad Open 5pm-9pm	25 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm
26 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	27 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Chicken & Dumplings	28 Meatloaf The Bench Warmers	29 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	30 Lodge Meeting 7pm <i>Members Only after 6pm</i> INITIATION	<i>Specials are in addition of the regular menu. all specials are subject to staff availability</i>	

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS

The board of Management is allowing ads in the newsletter. Maximum of 10 on one page. Minimum run of 6 month for \$150 – payable in advance (payable to the lodge). The ad must be into Kendall Stout by the 15th of the month. Questions – contact Kendall.



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Christmas Raffle



The lodge will again have the Basket Raffle to generate funds for the fresh food items that will go into our baskets. Tickets will be \$100 each and only 100 to be sold. The prizes will be, Early Bird drawing on November 22 for \$750. The remaining drawings will be held at the lodge Christmas Dance December 15th. The first prize winner will receive \$3000, second place will win \$1500 and the 3rd place will be \$750. Tickets are available at the bar.



Queen of Hearts times 2

Two games each week at the lodge, one on Monday and the second on Saturday, both with the drawing at 7:30. Tickets can be purchased anytime at the bar or the evening of the drawing. Each game is completely separate from the other.

The new “MyElks” app is up and running

The app contains many features to keep you current on what's going on in our lodge.

The monthly newsletter is on the app. There are pages for Upcoming events upcoming activities, upcoming entertainment and the current offerings from the kitchen. There is a calendar where you can look at events and learn more about them. One click will also save an event to your device calendar too.

The app will also periodically send out push notifications to remind you of happenings in the lodge. The app is free to download and free to sign up.

Go to your device app store. Download the app. Sign up for an account and select our lodge. Easy simple and you will have all the happenings of our lodge at your fingertips.

Pretty exciting.

Bell Ringing

The annual bell ringing for the local United Way will start Sunday November 26 at the food side at the Framington Wal Mart. There is a sign-up sheet for the four weeks that the lodge has committed to do. The sign-up is in one hour blocks from noon to 4 pm. Multiple people can work a time slot if you choose. Get a group together and take turns. Any questions, contact Wink.

Chili Cookoff

The lodge chili cookoff was a great success. Between the entry fee, bowls of chili sold and the 50/50, \$650 was made to be used for the kids Christmas at the lodge. Great job and a lot of good eating.

Christmas Baskets Notes

Number one is to complete collections on the baskets, we still need, at press deadline, 83 Jelly, 105 Peanut Butter, and 149 Apple Sauce. Item for November is 200 cans of Fruit Cocktail. Number 2 is annual Christmas raffle used to buy fresh food items for the baskets, please buy a chance. Number 3, Christmas eve falls on Sunday, it has been decided that we will stay with our tradition and deliver the baskets on the 24th. This information will be on the application form.

Soccer winners to Nationals

Four shooters from Farmington and one from Jackson will be going to the Elks National Soccer Shoot in Eldorado, Kansas in November.

They are: Boys U-8 2nd place Rhyett Weekly, U-12 1st place Keagon Mueller, Girls U-8 1st place Elliana Sechrest, U-10 1st place Maevelyn Fallert, and from Jackson, boys U-14 1st place Dylan Robbins.

We Need Your Hide

The lodge veterans leather program is underway at the lodge, Hunters - members and non-members, please donate your deer hides for this program. The lodge collects donated hides, prepares them to be shipped to the tannery where they are processed into leather which is cut into wheel chair gloves and leather projects for hospitalized veterans. Missouri has been #1 in donated hides and Southeast District has been the top supplier. Place your hide in a bag and deposit them in one of the freezers located at the end of the parking lot, beside “Wink's Cafe”.

New Years Eve

Just announced are the details for the New Years Eve dance at the lodge. The band will be Medallion. Reservations for a table of 8 will be \$320 which includes: 1 meal per person (choice of steak or chicken), 1 bottle champagne per table, 2 buckets of beer or 2 bottles of wine – or one of each. The number of tables will be limited to 25. Ticket will go on sale ??.

Fall Convention Notes



Attendance was 671

Next Spring will be at J C March 15-17 – same rates

2024 Fall at Capitol Plaza October 4-6

2025 Spring at Capitol Plaza March 11-13

2025 Fall at the Margaretville Resort October 3-5

2026 Spring March 13-15 Capitol Plaza

2026 Fall Margaretville -October 2-4

2024 GL convention June 30-to July 3 Austin, TX

2025 GL convention Kansas City MO June 29-July 2

2026 GL convention Chicago July 5-8

2027 GL convention Denver to be set

District Officials for next year

Vice-President Paul LeDure

Director Joe Boyer

At-Large Alisha Young



The Fall Farmington Elks Blood Drive is set for November 8th. An adjust earlier starting time was announced, start at 1pm and run until 5:30. It is best to reserve a time to donate. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter

ELKS1765 to schedule a time. This event is open to the public. Any questions, contact Jeff Burnette.

Coming up next year...

There are two big events for the lodge coming up in 2024. The first is our 75th Anniversary. Plans are being finalized. The date will be July 13th. Number two big event will be the lodge hosting the Missouri Elks Association State Golf Tourney August 2 – 4th. Again plans are being developed. More down the road.

Memorial Service

The annual Elks Memorial Service is held at the lodge on the first Sunday in December, which will be on the 3rd. The lodge will open at Noon and the service will start at 12:30.

Elks Dictionary Project

Through a generous single donation, our lodge will continue with the Grand Lodge 3rd grade dictionary project. The \$1260 will purchase printed dictionaries for third graders in our service area. These will be for the kids to keep and use. The 3rd graders feedback has been very favorable over the years.

Dental Clinic



The Missouri Elks Dental Clinic visit to our area has been canceled due to lack of patient requests for service. Area agencies were contacted about the free services, but only a small number responded.

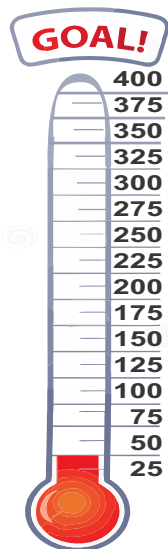
Soup for Sunday

Members are preparing a soup for Sunday afternoons with a \$5 donation. The items vary, if you would like to bring your favorite prize soup out, contact Chris English for the current Sunday schedule.

December 10th Tacos



A group of volunteer members and friends are going to have a Sunday Taco bar on December 10th. There will be both chicken and beef meat along with all the taco ingredients. Proceeds will go to the lodge Veterans program. More next month. Mark your calendar today !!!



Christmas Basket Program NOVEMBER Collection

“FRUIT COCKTAIL”
250 CANS

The lodge basket program needs 250 cans of "FRUIT COCKTAIL" by the end of NOVEMBER to meet the goal. Please leave in the Toy Box just inside the front door. Please check best used by dates.

Veterans Committee

Richard Craft, Chairman

We have collected the information on sizes and number of Vets in our area homes, it's buying time for them. We have received the grant from the Grand Lodge and this will add to our totals. We will increase our "Extras" for each vet with the donations from the Car Show and other sources. If you would like to make a donation, leave it with Richard or Steve Chapman or sent it to the lodge, be sure to indicate that it is for the Veterans programs.

Veterans of our county have made our land the home of peace loving peoples, and only called on to defend the liberties we have fought for and won. November 11th is the national observance for Veterans Day. Fly your American Flag at your home, display it in a car window on this day of remembrance. Attend if possible, the Farmington Veterans Day parade at November 4th starting at 11am. Stand tall, salute the flag as it passes. Take a moment to reflect on what this day represents, and thank the all mighty for our mighty nation and our organization's pledge, "Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken".



Veterans Salute

Members listed on the lodge Veterans List

Charles Giessing
Wink Rickus
Francie Carrow
Roy Roberts
Doug White



PER Francie Carrow celebrates his 95th birthday, October 20th.

HAPPY Birthday

Students of the Month

Farmington High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is proud to announce that the Farmington High School Student of the Month for October is Zachary Gallaher. Zachary is the son of Colleen and Bill Gallaher.

Zach is a member of the All District Band for two years and participated in the State Solo and Ensemble contest where he received a Gold award in 2022-23 for a Baritone solo, a Silver award for a Baritone solo in 2021-22, and a Silver award for a Brass Ensemble in 2022-23. He is a member of Executive Council of the Knights in Action for 2023-24 and the Baritone Section Leader of the Black Knight Marching Band for two years 2022-24.

Zach is a member of HOSA (Health and Occupational Students of America) four years 2020-24, Black Knight Marching Band four years 2020-24, Knights in Action three years 2020-24, and the Scholar Bowl team two years 2022-24. He is currently taking EMT night classes at the St. Francois County Ambulance District and is on track to complete his AA Degree with MAC this Spring.

After graduation from high school, Zachary plans to attend college to obtain a degree in Pre-Med or Emergency Medical Services. As Student of the Month Zach will receive an award of \$100 and compete for the Farmington Elks Farmington High School Student of the Year to be awarded in May.

Bismarck High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is pleased to announce that Sven Ray Wilson is the Bismarck High School Student of the Month for October 2023. Sven is the son of Caroline Drake and Aaron Pemberton of Bismarck.

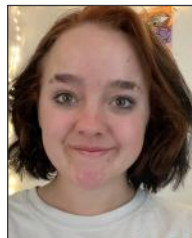
Maintaining a GPA of 3.175, Sven is a member of the basketball team, receiving all district and all-conference honors. He is also a member of the baseball and cross country teams.

He is active in the pep club and is a member of student council. Sven has also been selected to represent his class in the homecoming court.

After graduation, Sven plans to attend Mineral Area College to pursue a degree in education.

Sven will receive \$100 for college expenses and will compete for the Farmington Elks Student of the year, to be awarded on Sunday May 5, 2024.

St. Paul Lutheran High School



The Farmington Elks Lodge #1765 is proud to announce that the St. Paul Lutheran High School Student of the Month for October is Emalee Best. Emalee is the daughter of Elizabeth and Daniel Best of Bismarck.

Emalee is a member of the Honor Roll with High Distinction all four years of school, Choir member for four years, and a member of the National Honor Society for three years. She has

done food and clothing drives for the SE MO Women's Domestic Violence Center, organized bake sales for "Angel's Arms" Foster Care donation center, worked with Habitat for Humanity on housing, and volunteered to clean up at Engler Park. When not in school or volunteering Emalee is a student at MAC or working at the Dollar General in Bismarck.

After graduation from high school, Emalee plans to attend Columbia College in Chicago and major in American Sign Language plans to become an interpretator. As Student of the Month, Emalee will receive an award of \$100 and compete for the Farmington Elks Student of the Year to be awarded in May.

TUESDAY

- November 7 Chuck's Wagon Gang – Smoked Pork Steaks
- November 14 The “A” Team Fried Chicken
- November 21 The Officers – Fish Plate
- November 28 The Bench Warmers – Meatloaf



FOOD

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SCHOLARSHIPS



- November 3 Open Juke Box
- November 10 Sidetrack Band
- November 17 Mojo
- November 22 (Wednesday) Sidetrack Band
- November 24 Open Juke Box

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