

Farmington Elks Lodge 1765

Celebrating 74 Years of Elldom

January 2024



ER Message

Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Lots of activities at the Lodge during the month of December with the Memorial service, Hoop Shoot, Christmas Party, Santa at the Lodge, Christmas Baskets delivery, and of course the New Year's Eve Party. Whew!! What a flurry of activity. I hope you were able to take part in a portion of one of these events to be around friends to have some fun.

Our Christmas Basket was again a success. This program has been around for over 52+ years and continues to be the focal point of the lodge every Christmas season. This is Charity and Brotherly Love at its finest. It has grown from 25 baskets to 250. More people are needy today which means more support from our members. Thank You to all those who provided help with food, donations, and time for our community.

January 20th kicks off the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge, from 1949-2024. During this year several activities will occur to commemorate this event including the hosting of the State Elks Golf Tournament. We have come a long way from being a small group upstairs in downtown Farmington to the leading Civic Organization in the community. Come join us to celebrate another 75 years..

*Your ER,
Keith Huck*



Basket Report

Quick Report on the basket delivery, there were 241 basket requests, 111 Elks helping with delivery, 96 non-Elks assisted. From the basket information, 414 adults were provided food, along with 448 children, totaling 862 area residents. Thanks to the basket committee for all the hours put in and to our kitchen guys that made breakfast. Our lodge led the state in number of baskets delivered, no other lodge is close. Also, many thanks members, for your support with the canned goods and monetary donations. For over 52 years, the lodge has helped our community with the basket program.



The lodge story begins in 1948, when a group of Elks felt that St. Francois County would be a good place to start a new lodge. Grand Lodge was petitioned by Robert McIlrath (lodge 884 DuQuoin, Il) , Lowell McCarty (lodge 1243 Carbondale, Il), and Jerome Shaw (lodge 1198 Hannibal, Mo.), along with 67 others for a charter. Dispensation was granted January 3, 1949. The first session was held January 20, 1949 for the new Farmington Elks Lodge 1765.

In this 75th anniversary year, members of the lodge have been working on special projects and an anniversary event on July 14, the date that we officially were grant full lodge status. We want to remember some of the many people that are no longer with us that made our lodge a great link in the fraternal chain of lodges. On Saturday January 13, it will be an informal evening and maybe a few surprises and a raffle with multiple prizes and drawings.

Elections

The annual election of new lodge officers for the Elk calendar year 2024-2025 will start with nominations on February 1st and continue with any further nominations on February 8. Nominations do not require a second. The election will take place on February 15th. No further nominations can be made, unless there is no nominee for an office. With the rare situation this month with a leap year and 29 days, Past Exalted Ruler night will follow on February 22 and the regular initiation will take place on the 29th. The officers elected will be installed at the March 23, Installation and Elk of the Year dinner.



At the end of December, the two teams that will clash to see which one is the King of the Hill in Football this season. The lodge will have our party to cheer on our favorite team. The date is Sunday, February 11. We are asking members to bring something to eat, a main course, a side dish, snacky items or a dessert to be shared with the rest. With the game starting traditionally about 5, have your food at the lodge by about 4 and it will be opened up for all about that time. The lodge will have a main course item(s) yet to be announced. This is an opportunity to get together, have some food, drink your favorite beverage, and enjoy the game.

IN MEMORY OF . . .

It is our sad duty to announce the death of
Bruce Boren
Von Gilliam
Tom Sales

Lapsation Report

The current count on Lapsation (those that have not paid this years dues) stands at 87. Check the posted list and encourage anyone you know on it, to get current.

Meat Wheel

The lodge will have the popular Meat Wheel spins starting January 6 starting time about 4. The plans are to hold these on the first and third Saturday's. The next one in January will be on the 20th.



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. Tom Detjen
2889 Hwy 67
Farmington, MO 63640
2. Jimmy Wayne Gibson
3316 Springbrook Farm
Farmington, MO 63640
3. Garret Bieser
301 S, Main St.
Ironton, MO 636540
4. Christian Speer
705 Maple Valley Dr.
Farmington, MO 63640

Proposer

Brian Oster

Kevin Engler

Benjamin Hahn

Brian Koppeis

Voting on Candidates is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024

Membership

Going through recent Grand Lodge membership reports, Farmington lodge has 1122 members as of that report. We have added 11 since then. Farmington is the third in the state in members. Number 2 is Blue Springs with 1267 and Festus has 2195. Washington, then Cape round out the top 5.

Nationally, the end of the year count (March 31, 2023) , there are 774,923 Elks in our nation. Missouri is in the top 8 states for membership. In donations nationally, \$499,879,540 was given by Elks last Elk year, of which \$76,176,718 was in cash contributions. The rest is the value of members hours of service, miles driven, and related non-cash support.

Lodge Memorial Service

A report on the service, there were approximately 40 in attendance. It was a good time to hear the names of those that are no longer with us. Hopefully, they are never forgotten. Thanks to our cooks for another fine meal and the officers that performed the program.

Dental Clinic

A short 3 day reschedule of the dental unit was made and Dr. Beck saw 8 patients and provided care for them in late December. The services provided were free to the patients. This is where your Benevolent Trust money goes.

Santa's Visit

Kid's Christmas was celebrated at the lodge with 45 youngsters and an equal amount of family. Each child relayed their wants to him and were treated to food and some games at the lodge. Thanks to all that helped make this a special day for the kids.


Monday Food

We need some volunteers for Monday cooking for next month, sign-up on the clipboard next to the peanut barrel or contact Sam Hahn.

JANUARY

Farmington Elks Activities

2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 	2 Spaghetti Salad & Garlic Bread Chuck's Wagon Boys	3 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	4 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	5 Steak Special every Friday Karaoke Stuffed Jumbo Pasta Shells, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Salad Open 5pm-9pm	6 MEAT WHEEL Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
7	8 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Pulled Pork	9 Fried Chicken The "A" Team	10 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	11 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	12 MOJO RISING Chicken Fetticline Alfredo, Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Salad Open 5pm-9pm	13 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
14 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	15 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Chicken Pot Pie	16 Fish Plate The Officers	17 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	18 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm	19 EAR CANDY Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad Open 5pm-9pm	20 75th Anniversary Kickoff + MEAT WHEEL Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
21 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	22 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Beef Stew	23 Meatloaf The Bench Warmers	24 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm	25 Lodge Meeting 7pm Members Only after 6pm INITIATION	26 OPEN JUKEBOX Grilled Chicekn over White Rice, Green Beans, Shells & Cheese, Salad Open 5pm-9pm	27 Queen of Hearts-7:30 Open 2pm-10pm Dining Room Open 5-9
28 Lodge Open 2pm-10pm	29 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Food at 6:30 Chili	30 Smoked Pork Steak Chuck's Wagon Boys	31 Lodge Open 2pm-12pm			

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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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.



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"NEXT MONTH"

February 1 (1st Week) Nominations for
2024-2025 Officers
February 3 All You Can Eat Pancakes
February 8 (2nd Week) Nominations
February 11 Super Bowl Party at the Lodge
February 15 Election of New Lodge Officers
February 22 Past Exalted Ruler Night
February 29 Initiation

March 15-17 State Convention Jeff City
March 23 Installation of Officers / Elk of the Year

March 30 Youth Hunter Safety Course
Come Out & Enjoy the Lodge!

Bell Ringers



Our lodge volunteer bell ringers have completed another year of bell ringing for the local United Way program of St. Francois County. Thanks to the following: Wink and Dorothy Rickus, Wes Welch, Tim and Easton Cook, Slugger, Richie Boyer, Jeff Momot, Ron Kassabaum, Don Van, Steve Huckstep, Joe and Kelly Barnhouse, Richard Craft, and the Shawn Merritt family.

Hides

The deer hide prep crew has reported that at press time that they had 350 (+) hides cleaned and ready to ship. More are being processed and will be added to our total. To all that donated and the hides crew, many thanks, our hospitalized vets do appreciate your efforts.

Taco Bar Success

It seemed like Super Bowl in December! What a great crowd showed up for the Chiefs game and the Taco bar. After paying back the lodge for less than \$100 of supplies, the food portion turned in \$14,447 for our vets. The sponsors covered the food expense. Also a 50/50 raffle raised \$340 for the Christmas fund. And the bar probably came close to a Sunday record in sales. These were the sponsors: Ronnie Cortor, Doug Howell, Mike Ludwig, Gary Kemper, Andy Eck, Jeremy Detring, and Adam Argngo. Their helper were: Cameron Cortor, Brent Gallagher, Payton Gallagher, Sonya Hawn, and Kurt Hobbs.

Look for a 3rd session next December.

State Golf



As announced, Farmington Lodge will be the host for the Missouri Elks State Golf Tourney in August. This is simply a call let all know we will need lots of help to pull this major project off. Down the road, a call will be made for specific jobs and an estimated number needed. There will be 500 golfers coming to Farmington, we will serve lots of food and drink, entertain them and some assistance on the courses. The bottom line, we need them to be happy and want to return down the road after our two year tourney agreement is up. See Keith Huck or Dave Doetzel (314-713-6398) if you would like to help.

Monday Queen of Hearts

With January 1st falling on Monday and the lodge will be closed, the next game will be January 8th.

VP/DD clinic

There will be a Vice-president's clinic followed by a District Deputy Clinic on January 13. It will be held at Mineral Area Lodge with a starting time of 10am. Any Elk is welcome to attend.



Coldwell Banker Basket Donation - \$940.00

Out of Debt

From a floor motion November 16th, to pay off all our debt was made and approved by the floor. At that time, we owed the balance on the patio project and the balance on the walk-in cooler. This left us with the balance of the CD that was cashed in and used held as collateral for the loans, we turned into a new CD at a much better rate.

Basket Delivery





ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF

Saturday, January 20, 2024

◆ **Raffle 14 prizes** ◆

Tickets: each \$5 ◆ 3 for \$10 ◆ 6 for \$20

Drawing Saturday evening 8pm

Anniversary Cake for those attending


Drawing Prizes

2	75 th anniversary Shirts	
1	Dining Room Gift Certificate	\$40
4	Bar Tab	\$20 each
3	Mo. Lotto Scratchers	\$20 each
2	Power Ball tickets	\$20 each
1	Bottle of Crown Royal	
1	Mystery Prize	\$??

Veterans Committee

Richard Craft, Chairman

It is hard to express properly the gratitude and respect to the members who have given to the lodge veterans program. We kicked up the Sweats for Vets packages more than or expectations. When you can put a smile on a person's face in one of our homes with our program, simply by letting them know the Elks remembered them. I am proud that I am an Elk. Through our organization, we can help our brothers and sisters who took up the call to defend our nation. We delivered to 104 veterans with 9 Elks and family delivering. Estimated cost in items, value of time to prepare and mileage to deliver, \$8,500. We salute you. BPOE, The Best People On Earth.



Veterans Salute

Members listed on the lodge Veterans List

Denny Pogue
Alonzo Stewart
Bucky Benson
Gene Haas
Don Boynton

Elks Hoop Shoot

Approx. 465 participants from Farmington, St. Joseph, St. Paul Lutheran and Bismarck with ages 8-13.

Local Hoop Shoot held at Farmington High School on December 10th with 19 top shooters participating. District Hoop Shoot to be held Jan. 7, 2024 at Arcadia Valley School

Pictures have the participants from left to right:



Boys 8-9: Henry Ellis 3rd, Kyler Hafer 1st; Corbin Redmond 3rd.



Girls 8-9: Bristol Bellew, 1st.



Boys 10-11: Jaxson Grounds 1st, Silas Swaringim 2nd, Rhys Keutzer 3rd.



Girls 10-11: Addie Callahan 1st; Basil Washam 2nd, Hadley McGee 3rd.



Girls 12-13: Karlee Dickey 1st, Capri McIntyre, 2nd, Grace Randazzo 3rd.

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 December is Elizabeth Savage. Elizabeth is the daughter of Tina Schulte and Jason Savage.

Elizabeth is a member of the Student Council where she is Student Body President (2023-24) and a member of the First State Community Bank-BKB Secretary (2023-24). She's been a member of the Student Council four years (2020-24), Key Club four years (2020-24), National Honor Society two years (2022-24), and the Knights in Action for three years (2021-24).

Elizabeth is also a member of the Knightline Dance team for three years, the Incubator Education Program, and when not in school an Mpack Studios Company Dancer plus working at the Farmington Civic Center.

After graduation from high school, Elizabeth will graduate with her AA degree from MAC and plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in Interior Design. As Student of the Month, Elizabeth will receive a \$100 grant and will 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 Levi Sheckles is the Bismarck High School Student of the Month for December 2023. Levi is the son of Matthew and Jessica Sheckles of Irondale.

While in high school, Levi has been active in National Honor Society, and has been a member of the cross country and basketball teams, lettering in both sports. Levi also attends UNITEC.

After high school graduation, Levi's plans include attending Mineral Area College and State Tech in Linn, MO to study industrial electrical engineering. Levi will receive \$100 for college expenses and will compete for the Farmington Elks Student of the Year to be awarded on May 5, 2024.

From the Scholarship Committee

The Farmington Elks Scholarship Committee would like to announce the Lodge's Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners who advanced to the District Round of competition in Cape Girardeau on Jan. 6. The three girls who have advanced are Sofia Rattini, Kate Northern, and Khloe Dischbein. The three boys who advanced are Jace Denison, Evan Fuller, and Charles Warren. There were 29 students who submitted applications to the Lodge's Scholarship competition.

Congratulations to the Farmington students advancing to District and Good Luck.



The Winter Red Cross Blood Drive is set for Wednesday January 31st. You can reserve a time by registering with the Red Cross on line at redcrossblood.org and enter ELK1765 for the location. You can also call 1-800-RED CROSS. This is open to the public.

TUESDAY



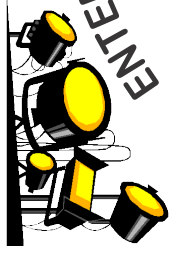
FOOD

FOR



SCHOLARSHIPS

January 2 Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread – Chuck's Wagon Boys
January 9 Fried Chicken – The "A" Team
January 16 Fish Plate – The Officers
January 23 Meatloaf – The Bench Warmers
January 30 Smoked Pork Steak Plate – Chuck's Wagon Boys



ENTERTAINMENT SPOTLIGHT
JANUARY

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