

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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**EVERY FRIDAY
SOCIAL HOUR**

5:00 p.m. to Close

LODGE MEETINGS

January 08, 2024

January 15, 2024

All members invited.

**TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT**

For those that didn't get to see the Elks float in the 2024 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 1, 2024. I decided to show you what you missed. The theme this year was **"Celebrating a World of Music: The Universal Language"**. The following excerpt was taken from the California-Hawaii Elks Association page, *The 2024 Elks, "Chimes of Liberty / Protecting our Future"*. Honors the branches of our United States Military and Veterans. Veterans are held in high regard in our Association and our 2024 Float reflects our commitment and pledge. "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Orders of Elks will never forget them." Our Float riders will consist of members of the United States Army, Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Space Force. Additionally, three members of the West Covina Lodge No. 1996 Antlers Club will be riding on this year's float. The float was beautiful. This was the second time since 1995 that the Elks had a float in the parade. What a wonderful way to represent our fantastic organization. *Sean Cutsinger*

**2023 CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Pictured above is my father in his convertible carrying the Mayor. For the first time the Act I Players were also in the parade. John Britt pulled the float and Deb Kirkpatrick and Patricia Bolton rode on the float. Rodger Decker is pictured pulling our wonderful drug trailer. The parade took place on December 2, 2023 in the evening. Thank you to everyone who participated. *Sean Cutsinger*



GAME NIGHT

Each month will be themed game nights. If there is a game you want to learn or teach, then you should contact Loren Anthony. They start the games at 6:00 p.m. Loren wants to see you all come out and play. So, come learn how to play a new game and have a great time with your fellow Elks. All members and guests are welcome to play. This past month they played on Monday December 11, where Stan Willis came out the big winner. They play again on Tuesday January, 16 for another exciting game to learn.

Sean Cutsinger



EVERY THURSDAY

at 7:00 p.m.

Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

at 5:00 p.m.



From the Desk of the Chaplain & News Writer

Hello my fellow members. It is a brand new year, with new hopes and dreams. Since, it is a new year my father Roger Cutsinger asked me to post this article that he found about the Elks and how it all started. The article came from the Elks History Project. We want to encourage everyone to get out and recruit new members. This truly is a great organization. Happy New Year everyone!

How the Elks Began

The moving spirit for the Elks was an Englishman named Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian. Born October 22, 1842, this son of a clergyman was a successful comic singer and dancer in the music halls of London. In November 1867, Vivian arrived in New York City to try his fortune. **Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian** Other actors and entertainers soon gravitated toward his magnetic personality. With everything closed on Sunday because of New York City Blue Laws, a group of theatrical people began meeting for their own amusement under Vivian's leadership. A loose organization was formed to make sure the larder was well-stocked for these gatherings. They called themselves the Jolly Corks, a name derived from a trick introduced by Vivian in which the uninitiated purchased a round of refreshments.

When one of their members died shortly before Christmas in 1867, leaving his wife and children destitute, the Jolly Corks decided that in addition to good fellowship, they needed a more enduring organization to serve those in need.

On February 16, 1868, they established the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and elected Vivian to head it. Its social activities and benefit performances increased the popularity of the new Order. Membership grew rapidly. Elks traveling to other cities spread the word of the Brotherhood of Elks. Soon there were requests for Elks Lodges in cities other than New York. In response to these appeals, the Elks asked the New York State legislature for a charter authorizing the establishment of a Grand Lodge with the power to establish local Lodges anywhere in the United States. When the Grand Lodge Charter was issued, the founders then received the first local charter as New York Lodge No. 1 on March 10, 1871.

New York Elks Lodge #1 Dissension soon erupted. Legitimate actors headed by George F. McDonald wanted to restrict membership to the theatrical profession. This view was opposed by Vivian and his friends. Taking advantage of Vivian's absence due to an out-of-town engagement, the McDonald group summarily expelled Vivian and several of his closest friends. Years later the Order rectified this illegal act, but it gave rise to a controversy whether Vivian was actually the founder of the Order. In 1897, a formal inquiry firmly established his right to this honored title.

Vivian continued, after his expulsion from the Order, to enchant audiences across the country. He starred with some of the largest road companies of the time. Together with his actress wife, the former Imogene Holbrook, Vivian set up a repertoire theater in Leadville, Colorado. Shortly thereafter he died of pneumonia on March 20, 1880. In 1889, the Elks moved his body from Leadville, Colorado, to Mt. Hope Cemetery, Boston, Massachusetts. Mrs. Vivian received a stipend from the Order her husband founded until her death in 1931.

The legacy of Charles Vivian continues to this day. In addition to aiding members in distress, the Elks raise money for children with disabilities, college scholarships, youth projects and recreational programs for patients in veteran's hospitals.

On June 14, 1907 the Order held a Flag Day observance. This tradition later was declared a national holiday by President Harry S. Truman.

During World War I, the Elks funded and equipped the first two field hospitals in France and built a 72-room community house in Camp Sherman, Ohio, and a 700-bed rehabilitation hospital in Boston, which they turned over to the War Department. They also raised money for the Salvation Army's frontline canteens.

Their loans to 40,000 returning veterans for college, rehabilitation and vocational education were the precursor of the GI Bill.

When World War II broke out, the Elks were the only civilian organization asked to help recruit construction workers for the military, a task that was completed three months ahead of schedule. The Elks also contributed more than half a million books to the Merchant Marines so that their men would have reading material on board ship.

The Korean War again brought out the best in the Elks. They donated more than half a million pints of blood to help wounded soldiers. When the wounded from Vietnam needed help, the Elks responded. They provided the funds for a recreation pavilion at the Navy Hospital on Guam. The wounded at Tripler Medical Center in Hawaii were sweltering in the heat. When the Elks heard of their plight, they purchased 24 air-conditioning units so these patriots could recuperate in some degree of comfort.

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JANUARY

Birthdays of the Month

07 **David Wilson**
09 **Katy Wohlgemuth**
17 **Dwight Marcum**
20 **Charles Long Sr**
23 **Thomas Clark**
31 **Michael Pearman**
31 **Harold Phillips**

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

12-04-23 \$20.00

David Greene Jr.

12-18-23 \$30.00

Christopher Karn

01-08-23 \$40.00



HOOP SHOOT

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 the lodge held the hoop shoot at the rec center at 5:30. 26 kids participated. Thank you to Curt Zieman for chairing this committee and to all the members that helped out.

Sean Cutsinger

EVENT BOOKINGS

If you are planning a special event, like a Wedding, anniversary birthday party, or class reunions, please let a member know or call

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When Operation Desert Storm took place, the Elks again led the support for our fighting men and women in the Persian Gulf. Subordinate Lodges undertook letter-writing campaigns to help keep up the spirits of the defenders of freedom. The Elks were also among the first to welcome them home and thank them for a job well done.

Our story is long; our work is humble; our history is proud. As long as there are those who need our help, the Elks will be there to give aid and comfort.

*My email SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. **God Bless You & Our Lodge!!!, Sean***



NEW MEMBER Monday December 04, 2023, the lodge initiated Sherri Adlesperger. Sherri recently moved back from Idaho. She has become active with helping with our Bingo nights. Please help me in welcoming Sherri to our wonderful lodge. *Sean Cutsinger*



HO HO HO CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

This year's Christmas show was Friday and Saturday December 8, 9 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. and also, Saturday the 9 at

2:00 p.m. The show was Directed by Deb Kirkpatrick. The cast was Patricia and Caradee Bolton, Michelle Morse, Shiela Hoyt, Jane Mathias, Tom Storrer, Madilynn Thomas, Chance Fields, Bebe Thomas, Linda Baines, and Wayne Riddle. Missy Storrer was the stage manager. Ham, potatoes and green beans were served for the meal along with a desert. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the show.

Break-a-leg! *Sean Cutsinger*

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



# 01 Overland Park at \$43.72	# 10 Ottawa at \$5.36
# 02 El Dorado at \$22.09	# 11 Garden City at \$5.25
# 03 Pratt at \$14.61	# 12 Junction City at \$4.90
# 04 Atchison at \$7.98	# 13 Hoxie at \$3.93
# 05 Russell at \$7.33	# 14 Abilene at \$3.89
# 06 Parsons at \$7.02	# 15 Fort Scott at \$3.22
# 07 Salina at \$6.71	# 16 Chanute at \$2.16
# 08 Osawatimie at \$6.25	# 17 Iola at \$1.24
# 09 Clay Center at \$5.89	# 18 Goodland at \$0.93

As of 12-25-2023 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$33,860.54 to date. That is \$7.57 per member of the 4,471 members in the state. The new ENF goal is set at \$4.80 per member.

ENF is how our programs and grants are funded. The easiest way to donate is to become a Fidelity Club Member. This is a monthly donation that will come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. Consider setting this up for \$10.00 or more a month. *Sean Cutsinger*



January 2024



Sun

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Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	5	6
7	8 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	12	13 District Hoop Shoot in Parsons
14	15 Martin Luther King Day Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen:	26	27
28	29 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	30	31	www.Elks.org www.KSelks.org/El Dorado/El Dorado.asp www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks		



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