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Happy Valentine's Day



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Springfield Lodge No. 409

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From Your Exalted Ruler

Steve Makoski

February is as important as any other month for Lodge No. 409. February brings us to nominating members in good standing for positions of leadership in our Lodge, and our election process to bring on a new slate of leadership. It's always refreshing to have others take the helm and forge the future for Elkdom. Nominations for Lodge officer positions will open during our Lodge meeting February 1st and will close at our next regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on February 15th. We will conduct elections at our February 15th meeting. Our Lodge meetings begin at 7 pm in the Lodge hall. Please join us to be a part of this important endeavor for our great Lodge!

While we focus on electing new officers, this is a time to reflect on the great many hours and effort so many members of our Lodge have unselfishly given over the last year. We continue to see so many members contribute to our Lodge every day! I am so proud of all of you! There will be special recognition announced during our installation of new officers. I hope you can attend. We will announce our Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year during our installation to be scheduled in March. Be looking for our date of installation to welcome in our new slate of officers and recognize those selected as Elk, Officer, and Citizen of the Year. This is a most rewarding event.

I want to give a special shout out to **Wayde Deragowski** for leading the effort for our annual Hoop Shoot. **Wayde**, your leadership in this effort and your team of volunteers accomplished quite a feat. This Hoop Shoot was very special to those young kids; a time in their lives they will remember forever. That is what Elks strive for when working with our youth and our community. Great job! You and your team should be very proud.

On another note, we are searching for someone to help manage food and beverage activities for our Lodge. We are searching for a member to help manage club events and special activities conducted in the dining facility and Lodge hall. This position will require people and management skills. Currently General Managers **Wayde Deragowski** and **Terry Traw** are conducting these job duties and responsibilities. **Terry Traw** will be stepping away from this position the end of March, and **Wayde** will need someone to help fill this vacancy. For those interested to help fill this position, you must contact our Leading Knight **Gail Maschino**.

A special note of encouragement: Lodge No. 409 conducts business (Lodge) meetings each month to address business needed to facilitate Lodge activities, and a Board of Directors meeting to address activities pertaining to the function and governance of our lounge, pool, dining, and any number of other activities in support of facilities and entertainment. I encourage each of you to engage in using these meetings as your opportunity to bring about suggestions and/or concerns you may have so that the elected body can appropriately address matters that are important to you. I am not an advocate to conduct business in the lounge where partaking of alcoholic beverage is involved. We do not have alcoholic beverage in our Lodge or Board meetings. This is to aid in deliberating on issues and matters of great importance to you and our Lodge without being under the influence. Alcohol is not a good mixture when conducting business matters. If there is something you feel is important to you, we have regularly scheduled meetings for you to be heard and to share whatever message you may have. Check your bulletin for our regularly scheduled meetings and view the calendar just inside the entrance as you enter the Lodge. That calendar displays meeting dates and times for your reminder.

In closing, again I take this opportunity to thank everyone that has stepped-up to help support our Lodge and its members. It is **YOU** that we thank for making our Lodge what it is today. You are truly remarkable. Our Lodge is blessed to have you as a member. Your unselfish acts, duty, and loyalty to our Lodge and its members are truly commendable. Thank you!

Yours in Elkdom
Steve Makoski, Exalted Ruler

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From the Secretary's Office

PLEASE NOTE: Some members will receive remittance envelopes printed with a prior years dues schedule. Most will have printing as they come from Grand Lodge shipping in Chicago with no dues shown on them. We used the prior years envelopes because the printer that does our printing of dues envelopes could not find envelopes in the size required. Please pay according to the schedule enclosed.

Applications for Membership:

Shelly R. Reece-Clark Proposed By: **Holly Burnett**
Jerry B. Fielder Proposed By: **Shelby Miller**
Michael A. Hackworth Proposed By: **Stephen Kronberger**
Tom Marty Proposed By: **Lee Ganaway**
Anna Marie Meek Proposed By: **Charles R. Duff**
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Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 3, 2024

5 pm

\$35 per person for everything



8 Flights of Different Premium Wines Served

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The event will be held in the dining room.

If you have a group, have 1 person send a list of how many is
in your group for your own private table. Minimum of 4 people for a table.

You may invite guests. Just sign them in at arrival.

You can sign up and pay in the lounge with cash or check.

Cutoff date to pay is Friday, January 26th, 2024.



Nolan R. Moody
2022-23 Elk of the Year



Sharina Smith
2022-23 Citizen of the Year



Charlotte Gilmore
2022-23 Officer of the Year



*From your
Ladies Auxiliary
President
Heather Stockford Sade*

\$ **Show Me the Money** \$ game and spud night was a lot of fun and we are appreciative of the crowd the game drew. The baked potato bar was delicious, and I want to thank **Patty Sue White** for shopping, preparing and organizing the food. We are grateful for each and every volunteer that shares their time with us. We were able to offer additional cash to increase the jackpot this time. We love seeing the excitement on everyone's faces!

The Ladies Auxiliary is honored to have presented the **Elks Veterans Committee** with a \$700 check that will help to support the residents of the Missouri Veterans Home. What a privilege it is to be able to give back! The Auxiliary is proud to support the endeavors of those who served and caring for them in their time of need. We also collected hats, gloves, scarves, etc. for the local warming centers to help our community members who struggle with housing insecurity.

On February 8th we will be holding our annual **Monthly Meeting & Valentine's Party**. The meeting will start at 6 pm, followed by happy hour, and a dinner. Invite your 'plus one' along (they can wait for you in the lounge while we hold our meeting). We will be collecting nominations for officer and trustee positions (to be voted on at the March meeting). In order to be eligible to run for one of these roles, you must have been a member for one year. These roles are very rewarding and we ask all our members to consider the commitment. An Auxiliary year is April 2024 - April 2025. We will be taking nominations for 5 trustee roles and 5 officer roles. There will also be several committee's with chair roles available for you to get involved with, so there really is a place for everyone. A more detailed description of each committee can be found in your directory or please reach out to me personally.

I hope everyone has Saturday, February 17th added to their calendar for our **Mardi Gras Dinner Party**! We'll be serving up gumbo and dirty rice, and raffling off pieces of king cakes for a chance to win prizes for those who find 'the baby'. Drag out your masks and fun-themed costumes too, because we have *best costume prizes*. **Vic Vaughan & Friends** will be entertaining us that evening, so you don't want to miss it. Dinner tickets are available for presale for \$15 per person and includes a hurricane signature drink. We've planned a fun party and can't wait to see you (open to all Elks, spouses and your guests)!

Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 pm (unless otherwise noted). We'd love to have you (Lady Elks, spouses, and widows)!



IN MEMORIAM

*To Our Absent Members
An Elk Is Never Forgotten,
Never Forsaken...*

John Munsey

Born: May 10, 1945
Initiated: February 16, 1978
Passed Away: November 25, 2023

Jerry Wickware

Born: August 19, 1937
Initiated: June 19, 1975
Passed Away: December 14, 2023

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.

Have a blessed New Year ahead! ♥

Heather Stockford Sade, President
Ladies Auxiliary

Elk's National Foundation

Hey everyone! I am pleased to announce we had a huge move in ENF in the last month of the year. Thank you all very much. As of 12/31/23, Grand Lodge reporting Springfield Lodge #409 is now at \$6.26 per member in our Per Capita giving and ranked 25th in the state out of 72 Lodges. We have now reached and exceeded our Per Capita goal of \$4.80 per member for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. There's an old saying that comes to mind, "It takes a village".

Thank you all for everything you do and congratulations to Springfield Lodge #409.

God bless!

PER Mark Adkins, Chairman
Springfield Lodge #409 ENF

#409 Book Club

Our next book discussion will be on
Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6:30 - 8 pm at the Lodge.
Cocktails at 6 pm.

The book for discussion will be "The Great Alone"
by Kristin Hannah.

Open to all 409 Elk members.

Elks National Veterans Service Commission Report



Greetings from your Veterans Committee.

The end of our very busy and productive year is approaching fast. Mt. Vernon Veterans Home (MVVH) has approved our 2024 - 2025 itinerary that we submitted to them.

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. In April we start our 2024 - 2025 schedule and are looking to expand our projects. We have our Veterans Committee meeting at 5 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

We still have our Challenge Coins for sale at the bar. They are \$10 to Elk #409 Veterans and \$15 to all others. Note: Lodge #409 Veterans get their first coin FREE. Information in the hallway leading to the Club Room.

Elks Veterans Committee wishes to welcome all new Veterans joining our Lodge. You will receive your Lodge Challenge Coin free.

On behalf of the Elks Veterans Committee, I want to thank the Elks Ladies Auxiliary for their very generous donation of \$700 to our committee presented by Ladies Auxiliary President Heather Stockford Sade at our January meeting.

POW/MIA information can be found at:

Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)
(www.dpaa.mil)

February dates to remember:

4th - USO birthday

19th - Coast Guard birthday

Thank you to the entire Elks Veterans Committee.

"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

Veteran of the Month

Starting this month, we are honoring a Veteran each month from members of our Lodge.



Edgar (Ed) Munson, Jr., age 97, joined the Army Air Corps while living in Wyoming during 1943.

Trained as a B-24 gunner, the plane was on a training mission with the purpose of dropping the bombs on Japan in case the B-29 could not. On their way they received a radio message to stop and land at the closest base to wait for further orders. The plane landed at Hill Army Air Corps Base UT, where they waited for 16 days. Meanwhile Japan surrendered.

Ed served in the U.S. Air Force 20 years as a B-29 Aircraft Equipment Instructor, as well as 3 years in the National Guard.

Ed has been an Elk member for 59 years while living in Wyoming and Arizona; transferring to Springfield Elks Lodge #409 in 1998. Over the years he has held the offices of Esquire, Chaplain, and Leading Knight.

Ed now resides in Springfield Chesterfield Village and enjoys volunteering on our Elks Lodge #409 Bulletin Folding Committee. Thank you, **Ed**, for your service!

Next time you see **Ed Munson** thank him for his service.


Submitted by,
Zella M. Duff



FEBRUARY 2024

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
Club 881-8596 Office 881-0038 email: Elks409springfield@gmail.com	<div>Happy FEBRUARY Birthdays!</div>			1 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Meeting and Nominations for Lodge Officers 7 pm	2 Happy Hour All Day Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: 1127 (7 - 10 pm)	3 Happy Hour All Day <i>Wine Tasting</i> (see ad for details)
4 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	5 Happy Hour All Day Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm Music Monday of The Ozarks 6 pm	6 Happy Hour All Day Singles Meeting 7:00 pm	7 Happy Hour All Day Ladies Trustees Meeting 6 pm Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	8 Happy Hour All Day Ladies Auxiliary Valentine Party and Meeting 6 pm <div>Bulletin Input Deadline is 12 Noon</div>	9 Happy Hour All Day Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Mr. D (7 - 10 pm)	10 Happy Hour All Day Sharon & Merritt Baker in the lounge 7 pm
11 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	12 Happy Hour All Day Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm BDIC Meeting 6:00 pm	13 Happy Hour All Day Veterans Committee Meeting at 5 pm	14 Happy Hour All Day Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	15 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Meeting and Elections for Lodge Officers 7 pm	16 Happy Hour All Day Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Jeep Cowboy Karaoke (in the lounge 7 - 10 pm)	17 Happy Hour All Day Ladies Auxiliary MARDI GRAS DINNER PARTY (see ad for details)
18 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	19 Happy Hour All Day Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm Book Club (see ad for details)	20 Happy Hour All Day	21 Happy Hour All Day Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	22 Happy Hour All Day Board of Directors Meeting 6 pm Bulletin Folding Committee - 1:00 pm	23 Happy Hour All Day Dance Lessons 5:30 - 6:30 pm Music: Mr. D (7 - 10 pm)	24 Happy Hour All Day Ellis Ayers in the lounge 7 pm
25 Happy Hour All Day Lodge Closes at 10 pm	26 Happy Hour All Day Bingo Emporium begins selling tickets at 4:30 pm First game at 6:30 pm	27 Happy Hour All Day Ladies Night in lounge <i>Drink specials just for the Ladies</i>	28 Happy Hour All Day Q of H Ticket sales start at 6 pm Drawing at 7 pm	29 Happy Hour All Day	<div>February Happy Hour Specials Please see page 7 for specials 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>	

Elks Lodge 409 Singles News

The 409 Singles Group began this new year of 2024 on the 2nd of January with 22 members and one guest present at our 7 pm meeting. We met in the lounge at 6 pm to enjoy time to catch up with each other about our holiday gatherings with family and friends.

We are back to our regular schedule of monthly events. A Classic Movie to watch in the dining room on the 8th. Then our celebration of member birthdays on the 13th in the lounge with a pot luck. YUM! Our get-together for breakfast at Ziggies North on the 15th. A Movie Matinee and "out to eat" was planned for the 9th. Then we wind up our monthly activities with our Dinner Club event. This is always well attended and we always enjoy a meal at a nice restaurant in the area.

We also are happy to help serve breakfast at the Lodge on the 28th.

If you are single and an Elk, come join us at our February 6th meeting. We would love to meet you and welcome you to our group.

Peggi Clayton, President
Elks #409 Singles

Benevolent Trust

"Dentistry on Wheels"

This Dental Program serves the dental needs for eligible physically and mentally challenged/developmentally disabled adults and children. An easy way to contribute to this program is to donate when paying your annual dues.

Thank you to the **409 PER Association** for their donation of \$500 to the Benevolent Trust Program. Thank you to all the members who donated this past year. You gave a child/adult a smile!

Wayde Deragowski, Chairman
Benevolent Trust

Queen of Hearts

Wednesday Evenings

Ticket Sales Start at 6 pm - Drawing at 7 pm

The Queen of Hearts is creating a lot of fun as we search for her and her purse full of money.

The Singles will host the 50/50 games in February.

I hope to see you at the Lodge as we play Queen of Hearts and 50/50.

Charlotte Gilmore, Chairperson
Queen of Hearts

BINGO

Winter weather is really hard to judge when they are calling for bad weather, but it really is just raining and light snow. It's my job to make the call. We decided to go ahead and do Bingo on the 8th. Weather cooperated until our session was over. We had 64 players that showed up. The Lodge pays \$777 a week for rent which we pay if we are there or not. That night we lost only \$254 by having Bingo, so good judgment call and 64 happy players.

"YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED"

We had two great Elks helping work Bingo, **Audra & Ronnie Young**. They had volunteered since day one. Committed and dedicated, their help will not be forgotten. Players already miss them. They donated their time, now we need some new help to step in and fill their shoes. Maybe you did Bingo back when we had it years ago and would like to volunteer again.

Money raised from Bingo has been used for a lot of things in the past years. Bingo was started to help build new pools. We have gotten a couple of pool bids and we are getting super close. We are hoping to expand the pool area so we can enjoy the time out there for more than three months. This is a great cause and something we can enjoy in the future and our children in their future. Please step up and give a few hours on Monday nights. Call **Linda** at 417-576-3913 or just show up at Bingo Emporium.

PER's Linda & Tom Hrdlicka, Chairs
Bingo

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The Ladies Auxiliary Presents

MARDI GRAS DINNER PARTY

Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 6 pm

Special Performance by Vic Vaughan & Friends

Join us for a fun evening of entertainment and dinner
featuring Gumbo & Dirty Rice (includes a Hurricane) all for **\$15**.

Purchase a slice of King Cake & win if you find the Baby!

Purchase dinner tickets in the lounge or during Queen of Hearts.



PER Association

New Year's Day came in with the traditional Black Eye Peas and Cornbread furnished by the 409 PER Association and were enjoyed by approximately 250 members and guests.

In December, checks for \$500 were donated to both the Elks National Foundation and Benevolent Trust from the PER's.

PER Larry W. Smith, President
Lodge 409 PER Association

Community Activities

It's a brand-new year and not much going on. Just remember although it is winter, we are still saving aluminum cans. All your help is greatly appreciated.

Here are a few pictures from our special project for feeding 200 families.

PER's Tom & Linda Hrdlicka, Chairs
Community Activities



February Specials in the Lounge

Every Day - Open till 4 pm

6 Chicken Wings & Bucket of Domestic Beer... \$15
6 Chicken Wings & Bucket of Import Beer.... \$18

ALL Day, Every Day - Open to Close

Sunday - Fancy Bloody Marys \$3
Monday - Rye Bullet Bourbon Manhattan \$5
Tuesday - Dewars or Glenmorgane \$4
Wednesday - Cosmopolitan Shot \$3
Thursday - Bacardi or Malibu Rum Punch \$4
Friday - Chocolate Martinis..... \$5
Saturday - Fancy Bloody Marys \$3

ALL Month Long - While Supply Lasts

Close Out Canned Beverages \$1
Champagne \$3

♥ *Happy Valentine's Day* ♥

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