



Happy Valentine's

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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EVERY FRIDAY
SOCIAL HOUR

5:00 p.m. to Close

LODGE MEETINGS

February 05, 2024
February 19, 2024
All members invited.

ELKS

Promote Elkdom

Invite two friends to join your lodge this year.

Community • Friendship • Charity

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INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO BECOME MEMBERS

Our membership is down to 128 members. We started the year at 145 members. That means we are down 17. I want to challenge every member to bring in at least two new members to our lodge this next month. We need 18 to get our plus one. We have a lot of work to do folks. If we all pull together we can make this happen.

"Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life." Taken from the Elks.org page.

Remind your friends and community of all the good that the Elks do. We donate a lot of money to those in need. We provide scholarships, and a sense of belonging. So get out there and recruit. We can do this.

Sean Cutsinger

Elks ONLINE

Get your password online at:
www.elks.org/register

Elks news, features, and reports.

Works on all mobile platforms including smartphones and tablets.



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 Tuesday January 16. They play again on Monday February, 12 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 February once again. This month we had Candlemas Day and Groundhog Day on February 02. Mardi Gras is February 13. I wrote about this last year. Unlike most holidays that have set dates, Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday changes each year. The dates of these are determined as to when Easter falls each year. Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring Equinox.

Easter can fall anywhere between March 23 and April 25. This is why it moves around. Mardi Gras is exactly 47 days before Easter and one day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras can fall between February 3 to March 9. Even though Mardi Gras is several days of celebration, the main day is always Fat Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday. Now how many of you actually realized that these holidays are all tied together? This time I am going to touch more on Ash Wednesday. This year Ash Wednesday is also the same day as Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenton season. Ash Wednesday is always six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenton season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. In ancient Hebrew customs, wearing sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes is a sign of penance. The Bible does not explicitly detail this first day of Lent, but there are many instances referenced in the Old Testament. One such instance is *"I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and have laid my strength in the dust. (Job 16:15)"* Ashes signify the mortality of our human bodies. *"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return. (Genesis 3:19)"* This was the norm in the early Christian Church; to wear sackcloth and ashes in public penance for people who had sinned. As the Church grew this became less common. This old tradition of publicly recognizing ourselves as sinners and seeking our renewal with God had evolved into what we know now as Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert before his death. A period of 40 days (excluding Sundays), to remember Jesus' trials in the desert, where he resisted temptations of the devil, starting on Ash Wednesday. At the end of this, Jesus was tried, sentenced to death, and executed, and on that Easter Sunday, he rose again. This day also allows us to prepare our hearts for his Resurrection. We do this by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion and turn our hearts to God. In the Catholic Church there are two days of fasting and abstinence. These are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is a sign of repentance and helps us embody the spiritual hunger for Christ our Lord, who himself fasted in the desert for forty days before his death and Resurrection. Ash Wednesday is also a day to begin a renewed commitment to prayer. A simple prayer will do "God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace. Amen." It really is that simple to be in touch with the God Almighty. He is always with all of us, you just have to believe. It doesn't have to be lengthy to have substance. Just like in the Bible, not all verses are long. *"And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Acts 2:21)"* This Ash Wednesday I encourage all of you to reflect and to remember what the holiday is for. It is the same day as Valentine's this year, which makes it even more special, so love one another and remember to thank the Lord for his sacrifice. I pray that each and every one of you have a wonderful holiday, this entire Easter season, and remember to be kind to one another. Amen.

My email SeanCutsinger@gmail.com. **God Bless You, and Our Order!!!, Sean**

Happy Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day



- 02 **David Powell**
- 04 **Bonnie Blatchford**
- 08 **Nancy McEachern**
- 09 **Marsha Cutsinger**
- 11 **Patrick McGuire**
- 17 **Tom Elliott**
- 20 **Arthur Kearney**
- 20 **Tiffany Rosebraugh**
- 21 **Leroy Burton**
- 21 **Rodger Decker**
- 28 **Mark Blatchford**
- 29 **John Britt**

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

01-08-24 \$40.00

Michael Watters

01-18-24 \$50.00

Deb Kirkpatrick

02-05-24 \$10.00



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

316-321-9393



SMOTHERED STEAK MEAL

Loren and Jackie Anthony will be hosting a smothered steak meal night for Valentine's. It will be held Saturday evening February 10, at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$20.00 a couple or \$10.00 for single. Reservations are requested so that they know how much to cook. Call Loren 316-322-5789 or the lodge 316-321-9393. *Sean Cutsinger*

EL DORADO BPOE FOUNDATION

Besides donating to ENF, please consider donating monthly, to the El Dorado BPOE Foundation. This pays for our beautiful building and the taxes and upkeep. *Sean Cutsinger*



Support our Foundation by donating online. You could give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at
enf.elks.org/MyLodge

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



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| # 01 Overland Park at \$45.03 | # 10 Osawatomie at \$6.28 |
| # 02 El Dorado at \$23.97 | # 11 Clay Center at \$6.07 |
| # 03 Pratt at \$18.49 | # 12 Junction City at \$4.99 |
| # 04 Ottawa at \$11.54 | # 13 Hoxie at \$4.05 |
| # 05 Atchison at \$9.15 | # 14 Abilene at \$4.04 |
| # 06 Russell at \$7.63 | # 15 Fort Scott at \$3.22 |
| # 07 Parsons at \$7.08 | # 16 Chanute at \$2.16 |
| # 08 Salina at \$6.90 | # 17 Iola at \$1.31 |
| # 09 Garden City at \$6.47 | # 18 Goodland at \$0.97 |

As of 01-22-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$37,539.04 to date. That is \$8.40 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 recurring 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*



February 2024



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Sat

www.Elks.org www.KSelks.org/El Dorado/El Dorado.asp www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks				1 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	2 Candlemas Day Bar Open 5:00 p.m. Singo Bingo 7:00 p.m.	3
4	5 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Officer Noms	6	7 Act I Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	9 Bar Open 5:00 p.m. Music Trivia	10 Baked Steak 6:00 p.m.
11 <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	12 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	13 	14 Ash Wed 	15 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	16 Bar Open 5:00 p.m. Karaoke	17
18	19 President's Day Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen:	23 Bar Open 5:00 p.m. Elephant Races	24
25	26 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Men	1 Bar Open 5:00 p.m.	2



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