

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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**EVERY FRIDAY
SOCIAL HOUR**

6:00 p.m. to Close

LODGE MEETINGS

April 01, 2024

April 15, 2024

All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

As we begin our 2024 / 2025 year I'm once again humbled to have been chosen to be our Exalted Ruler. Accepting this position of leadership I do not take lightly. Prior to taking office I have attended the new Officers training in Russell Kansas, Completed my slate of officers, and much to my surprise Sheila Hoyt stepped down as Lodge Esquire. Although I was greatly saddened by her decision, I do understand, and she will be greatly missed. Sheila fulfilled the office with great dignity and honor we could not have asked for better. Rex Hoyt stepped down as Tyler. I get it, you lose one, you lose the other. (Bummer) I want to thank Tom Clark for doing our officer installation. He performed with Grand Lodge dignity. Thanks Tom. We start our year with some first-time officers Tony Allison stepping up to serve as Lecturing Knight. And I'm absolutely thrilled that Curt Zieman will be serving as our new Lodge Esquire. Deb Kirkpatrick-Britt moving on to serve as Loyal Knight and John Britt as the Leading Knight. Danny Morrow will continue as our Inner Guard. With Lisa Jack, our secretary, reminding me of all the things I'm supposed to be doing and Sean Cutsinger, our Chaplin, Praying for me, I think it is going to be a GREAT YEAR! Stan Willis is the best all-around guy we have (Stan will do it) he has been doing a phenomenal job as treasure. His reports are excellent and he has made us a livable budget. With all the preliminary out of the way. I want to say this as my fifth term as E.R., it is as scary as my First. We have had a lot of wonderful people at the helm of our Lodge in past years. I once again step into some large shoes. (only having a size 8 foot everyone had larger feet than I) I can't Praise Jim Masters enough for his enthusiasm as our E.R., what a great motivator as he encouraged everyone to get involved. I don't think we had too many events he was not at. (Thus, the term Exhausted Rooster.) Thank you, Jim. As I have stated in the past, I truly believe El Dorado Elks Lodge is the premier Lodge of Kansas. Our members truly care about our programs and our community. I have witnessed in the past how we get behind our programs and support those doing them. If you are a chairman of a committee, you have my FULL (100%) support to make the decision necessary to complete your program. Take the time to get others involved with your project. Make those phone calls and ask some of our non-active members to join you. If we ask, they will get involved. Who doesn't like to be asked to help. I know of members that want very much to get involved but they don't think they are wanted or needed. Give them a call please. Let's all work together this year to continue our legacy of being a premier Lodge in Kansas.

Fraternally,

Phil Wickwire, Exalted Ruler

BI-ANNUAL STEAK FEED & GRILL RAFFLE DRAWING

Mark your calendars, Saturday April 06, from 5:00 PM—8:00 PM, will be our Bi-Annual Steak Feed. Bring your own utensils and plates. You get a steak, baked potato and cowboy beans all for \$30.00. You can get your tickets from a member. The drawing for the Grill raffle will also be this night. So, get your tickets for this as well. \$5.00 a ticket. Don't miss it!!! *Sean Cutsinger*



GAME NIGHT

Loren Anthony hosts our monthly game nights. All members and guests are welcome to play. This past month they played on Monday March 11. They play again on Monday April, 08 for another exciting game to learn.
Sean Cutsinger



Please keep our members and their families who are having some health issues or just some difficulties, in your thoughts and prayers. I am a firm believer in the power of prayer. Sometimes we all need a little help.
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. I want to apologize for those members that receive their newsletters by mail. I was late in getting them sent out last month. I didn't realize that my printer was low on ink. I had to order it and it took some time to get it in. I will make sure I have ink on hand for the future. There are two other ways to receive the newsletter if you want to receive it faster. One is, I can email it to you. The second is to create an ID with the Elks.org. It is easy and you can access all kinds of things. I post the newsletter and the calendar on the website each and every month. I love doing the newsletter each month. I specifically asked to put the newsletter together several years ago. I spend 25 to 40 hours a month working on this newsletter. I also do not charge the lodge for the paper, envelopes or the ink. This is my way that I give back to our lodge and I take great pride in this newsletter. So again, I do apologize for not staying on top of things, like ink. I promise that I will do better in the future.

I have had several of you ask about my parents. They both received great doctors reports this past month. My mother had two of her medications taken away. They think one of them was what was causing her to cough. She goes in later this month for her stress test. Dad finally got his portable defibrillator taken away. His doctor also took away one of his medications. It has been a very stressful and tiring past eight months. I'm just glad they are finally getting better. So please continue to keep Roger and Marsha Cutsinger in your prayers. I would also like to thank my father for his fifty plus years of service to the Elks. I'm also glad that a few years back, after helping out around our lodge for fifty plus years, my mother officially joined the Elks. Thank you both for all your support and years of dedication to this wonderful lodge.

It seems like the months just get here faster and faster. It is April and our Elks year 2024-2025 begins. I want to welcome Phil Wickwire back to the chair of the Exalted Ruler. I am looking forward to working with him once again. I've told this story before, but I'm going to tell it again. Several years ago when we were at the National Convention in San Antonio, I made a promise to Phil and Kay, that if we got our original building back, I would officially join the Elks. I was true to my word and I joined. One month later, Phil, who was our Exalted Ruler at the time, asked me to be the Chaplain and I have been doing that every year since. Later that same year, I asked Phil if I could do the newsletter. I am very grateful to Phil and Kay for all that they do, and for talking me into joining this fantastic organization. I also want to thank all of our hard working dedicated members. There are too many of you to mention, but you know who you are. These fine people go above and beyond to help this organization. Many of these people are the core of this lodge. Without all these members our lodge would not survive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I encourage all members to get active. We need each of you to do your part. Remember what this organization is for. Our three main areas of focus are Our Veterans, Our Youth and Our Community. Have a great year ELKDOM!!! Amen.

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





- 10 **Ken Buck**
- 13 **Jackie Anthony**
- 17 **Sean Cutsinger**
- 18 **Barbara Trent**
- 20 **Danny Morrow**
- 25 **Sherri Adlesperger**
- 25 **Jed Tennison**
- 29 **Debra Pearman**

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.

03-04-24 \$30.00

Nona Reep

03-18-24 \$40.00

Lisa Jack

04-01-24 \$10.00



- **May 2-5 118th Spring KEA Convention**
- **May 14 Coffee with a Cop**
- **June Jimmy Holmes**

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



FROM THE DESK OF 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

What does your lodge need? Everyone grab your shopping carts.

Your first item to find is leadership, with the new Elk year approaching, you will need someone that shows guidance, vision for your lodge with strategic thinking and goals.

The cart is filling up but there is more to add. On aisle two you will find Motivation. Under motivation are your members. Each member needs to achieve a goal; A bored member is a lost member. Start each day, week and month with a plan.

As your shopping continues, think of all the things Elks lodges do for your city and youth. What more can you add; Drugs are a big part of our nation and everyone needs to understand how to help our cities to rid this problem. Feedback from your community is great for our Vision, Achievements, and our Continued Goals.

As Elks we—Explore together—Discuss together—Achieve together and Focus on outcomes with Measurable Results.

Thank you,

Kathy Clark, 2nd Vice President

\$200.00 VISA GIFT CARD DRAWING

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT! Mark your calendars.

If you have paid the 2024-2025 year Lodge dues by the April 15 Lodge meeting, your name will be placed in a drawing to win a \$200.00 VISA gift card. If you have not paid you will not be entered. Don't miss it!!! Do not have to be present to win.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



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| # 01 Overland Park at \$48.25 | # 10 Clay Center at \$7.18 |
| # 02 El Dorado at \$31.10 | # 11 Osawatomie at \$6.36 |
| # 03 Pratt at \$21.29 | # 12 Abilene at \$5.84 |
| # 04 Ottawa at \$13.07 | # 13 Junction City at \$5.39 |
| # 05 Atchison at \$12.86 | # 14 Fort Scott at \$5.09 |
| # 06 Garden City at \$10.06 | # 15 Chanute at \$4.87 |
| # 07 Russell at \$9.06 | # 16 Hoxie at \$4.57 |
| # 08 Salina at \$7.90 | # 17 Iola at \$1.45 |
| # 09 Parsons at \$7.65 | # 18 Goodland at \$1.40 |

As of 03-24-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$45,308.15 to date. That is \$10.13 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 Club Member. This is a monthly recurring donation that will come out each month automatically, either from your bank account or credit card. **Registration for 2024-25 year opens April 1st, for the new or existing chairs.** *Sean Cutsinger*



April 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	5 Bar Open 7:00 p.m.	6 Steak Feed 5:00 p.m.
7	8 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	9	10	11 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	12 Bar Open 7:00 p.m.	13
14	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16 EMANCIPATION *** DAY ***	17	18 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	19 One Shot Turkey Shoot Bar Open 7:00 p.m.	20
21	22	23	24	25 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen:	26 Bar Open 7:00 p.m.	27
28	29 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	30	<div> <p>NEXT MONTH- I will fill you in on the St. Patrick's Party, Nevan Castaneda as Elvis, and anything else that I might have missed. All officers need to be present April 15 for new officer photo.</p> </div>			



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