

Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



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LODGE MEETINGS

December 02, 2024
 December 16, 2024
 All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

As I sit and prepare my notes from November, the warm days of October are gone. Winter weather is here to stay, I think. I'm not a fan of the cold. I spent many years out working in the cold, so I have had my fill. We started November off with the Celebration of Freedom. It is a very busy week of events. We as a lodge didn't have the Americanism Essay contest this year, however, I did attend the spotlight on youth band concert. I do enjoy the students and watching how much they have progressed. This year Band Director Zane Boon played a short recording of some of the 5th grade students on Day one with their instruments. He had them play one note or make a sound come from their instrument. My hat is off for Mr. Boon. The sounds were not pleasant, yet he instructed them on how to read music, how to get the musical note out and then play a song. With much practice, dedication and encouragement they all played as a group. Amazing. Everything in life is never always pleasant or easy all we do as Elks take much practice, dedication and encouragement to achieve our goals. Taking on a new leadership Chair or committee chair is a learning process; yet we can get it done. I hear from time-to-time people tell me they just don't have time to be a chairperson. That is just a failure to commit. We became Elks to make a difference in our community, that takes commitment. Like the young band students, they committed themselves to learn so they could achieve. My thanks to all the Elk members who took part in the activities of Celebration of freedom. I have been told by numerous people in the community how wonderful the Chicken and Noodles were. Thanks to all the great cooks (Lisa) that made them and thanks to all the other helpers. A good portion of us showed up and did whatever was necessary to make that event a success. The parade was once again very good, even though I didn't get to watch it. The Red Devil Chefs cooked 767 hotdogs, The Daughters of American Revolution wrapped them and put them in coolers to keep them warm. At the end of the day, we only had about 85 to 90 dogs left. One of the DAR ladies took them to the Safe House. Thanks to Rodger Decker for taking the Butler Collage band through the parade, and Roger Cutsinger for providing the ride in his convertible for Our KEA State President, Kerry Toomey. I think he enjoyed himself. Another great event. It is weeks like Celebration of Freedom that make me proud to be an Elk. A group of us involved in our community for the common good of everyone. It's more than Hoop Shoots, Soccer contest, Scholarships, Americanism Essays and all the other pre-planned activities we have each year. It's our encouragement of each other, Dedication, commitment we have as Elks that should make us proud of who we are and what we stand for. My very sincere and heart felt thanks to each and everyone of you for all you do. If you haven't been involved in the lodge lately, please come and re-unite with us and become involved once again.

God Bless you all and may he keep you safe.

Fraternally,
Phil Wickwire,
Exalted Ruler



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www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks

**BINGO
CUSTOMER
APPRECIATION**

**Our Annual
customer
appreciation pot
luck will be on
Thursday
December 12.
The lodge will
provide the meat
and you bring a
side dish or
dessert. This is
always a great
time. See you
there!!!**

Sean Cutsinger



From the Desk of the Chaplain & News Writer

Hello my fellow members. First I want to apologize for this being late this month. I have been laid up in bed with bronchitis and sinus infection for the past week. I am just now starting to feel better. A few weeks ago my family and I went and saw the new Christmas movie Red One. It was a different take on Santa Claus and one of the first movies I've watched where they even discussed Santa's twin brother Krampus. Yes, you heard me right, as most people don't know this bit of trivia. While Saint Nicholas is said to reward good children, Krampus punishes the bad children. So, there are always two sides to every story. Krampus is better well known internationally than here in the states. Krampus is depicted as the opposite of Santa Clause. Some even consider him the bad Santa. Santa is said to be jolly and have rounded plump features and Krampus, well, he is said to have horns, hooves, fangs, and body hair and is pictured more demonic. Most people think of Christmas as a fun, cheery, joyous and even romantic time of year, however, Christmas also has a dark side. In the beginning, pagan traditions were more rambunctious, with lots of alcohol and the poor going to the wealthy begging for food and drink. This often led to mischief. So Krampus fit right in with these times. The origins of Krampus is pre-Christian in Alpine traditions and Santa is a Christian figure. While others say Krampus originated in Germany in the 1600's, and his name comes from the German word Krampen, which means "claw." Some believe that Krampus is part of the pagan rituals for the winter solstice. "According to legend, he is the son of Hel, the Norse god of the underworld." Others believe he was made by a coven of witches. The horned God is associated with wilderness, sexuality, nature, and hunting. So, in retrospect his actual origins are a little muddy. When Christianity began to spread across Europe Santa and Krampus became hand in hand. While Krampus was becoming more associated with Christianity, he became less animalistic and more like the Devil. Because he looked like the Devil, the Catholic church tried to ban him all together, but they were unsuccessful. He was banned from some festivities, because people didn't want to actually temp the Devil, but many said that Santa and Krampus worked together. Santa handled the Nice list and Krampus handled the Naughty list. Krampus is said he can be quite cruel. He is said to terrorize children and even kidnap them and drag them to the underworld. He is said to beat them with birch sticks he carries, ready to whip the naughty children. Krampus does have one weakness. If a child would offer Krampus an apple he would often forget about the child and they would be able to escape him. The Festival of Krampunsnacht, starts the holiday season off on December 5th, the night before St. Nicholas day. On December 5 children would leave shoes outside their door. The next morning would be their first warning, they would either find their shoes filled with gifts left by St Nick, or there would be a birch branch left by Krampus, telling the children that he was onto them. Today Krampunsnacht is a wild celebration of food, parades and lots of schnapps drinking, dressing up in crazy Krampus costumes and running around harassing party goers. Krampus celebrations didn't start taking off in the states until 2015 when the horror movie Krampus came out. So this holiday season be a St. Nicholas and not a Krampus, because the best thing at Christmas is love. Merry Christmas Everyone. Have a healthy and happy New Year!!!



**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

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



EVERY THURSDAY
at 7:00 p.m.
Early Bird at 6:00 p.m.
DOORS OPEN
at 5:00 p.m.



NEWEST MEMBERS

Monday, November 18, the lodge initiated Kurtis Sjogren and Mike Ryan. Kurtis was a member of the Salina Lodge many years ago. Mike lives in Valley Center and he likes to go camping. While on a trip in Yuma Arizona he was introduced to the Elks Lodge and came home and wanted to get involved. Please give a big welcome to Kurtis and Mike. We are lucky to have them both. *Sean Cutsinger*

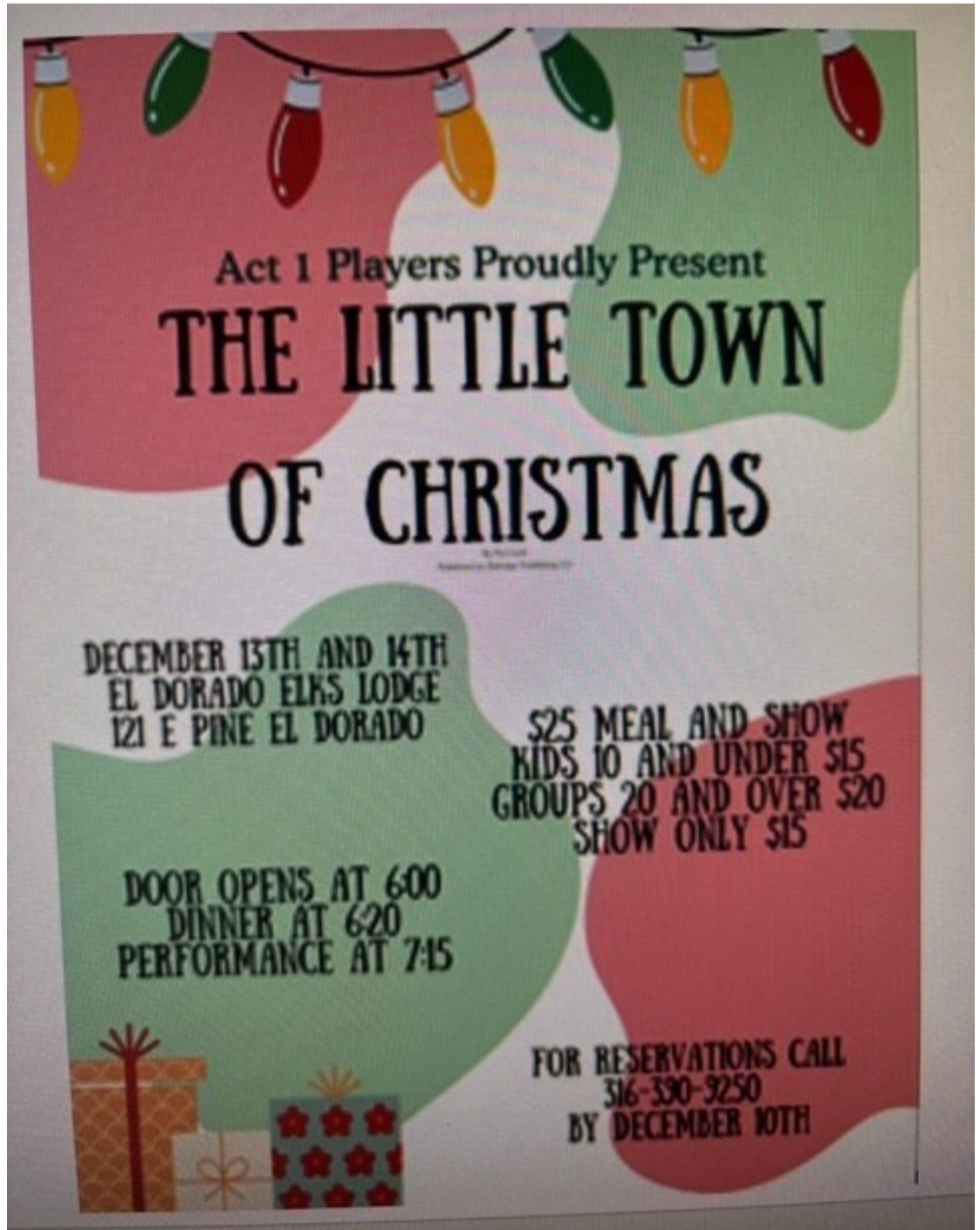


- Dec 7
Christmas Parade
- Dec 9
Yahtzee Tourn
- Dec 10
Hoop-shoot Contest
- Dec 6,7,13,14
Christmas Play
- Dec 17
Anthony Kids Nite
- Dec 20
Sheriff Christmas Party



ANNUAL MEMORIAL

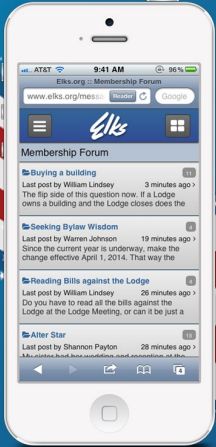
Our Annual Memorial was on December 1st at 2:00 this year. So a bit earlier than normal. It's just the way the calendar fell this year. Thank you to Kathy Clark for filling in for me while I was out sick. *Sean*



CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

The Annual Celebration of Freedom parade was on Saturday November 9th and our Chicken and Noodle Feed was held on Sunday November 10th. A huge thank you to all the members who helped out this year. I was under the weather and did not participate this year. Hopefully, will be able to next year. Thank you again to our members who show up and do the job. The Chicken and Noodles were delicious. You can read more about this event in the ER Corner. *Sean*

Elks ONLINE



Join in the conversation.

Register online
www.elks.org/



**Merry
Christmas
& Happy
New
Year!!!**

ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

This year the hoop shoot contest will be held on Tuesday December 10 at the El Dorado Activity Center at 6:00 p.m. Our chairman Curt Zieman will need some help with the shoot. If you are available please get in touch with him at czieman750@gmail.com or at 316-322-0629.

Sean Outsinger



ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR
NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

CONTEST LOCATION: ELDORADO ACTIVITY CENTER
HOSTED BY: ELDORADO ELKS LODGE NO. 1407
DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2024 TIME: 6:00 Pm
DIRECTOR: CURT ZIEMAN CONTACT: 316-322-0629
czieman750@gmail.com

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2025. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.





- 04 **Robert Baldwin**
- 05 **Oliver Bishop**
- 07 **Leon Leachman**
- 10 **Roger Cutsinger**
- 15 **Lisa Jack**
- 21 **Darlene Andrews**
- 23 **Curtis Ziemann**
- 24 **Deb Britt**
- 25 **Thomas Storrer**
- 28 **Tyler Arasmith**
- 28 **Bradley Hahn**
- 28 **John Steinbacher**

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win.
11-04-24 \$40.00
Joe Knab
11-18-24 \$50.00
Mike Work
12-02-24 \$60.00



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



Jackie Anthony once again came out as the big winner and has the bragging rights for the month. We will be playing again Monday, December 09. It costs \$5.00 to enter and all proceeds will be donated to KETCH. Thank you to Loren for coming up with this great idea. It is always a blast. The winner receives the pictured traveling trophy for the month. Please tell your friends and come on down and have a great time. KETCH appreciates the support and it is for a wonderful cause. *Sean Cutsinger*

KETCH YAHTZEE TOURNAMENT

Monday November 11, 2024 members met at the lodge to play some Yahtzee. Those in attendance were Loren and Jackie Anthony and Stan Willis. We did not have the turn out like we have had in the past few months. We need to drum up some more business. Remember everyone that the proceeds are going towards a really great cause. So please plan on attending this month and have some fun. They played three different rounds that evening.



**El Dorado
 Elks
 Lodge
 121 E Pine Ave**

**Yahtzee
 tournament!**

**December 09
 6:00 pm.
 \$5.00 donation**



# 01 Overland Park at \$30.03	# 10 Clay Center at \$6.82
# 02 El Dorado at \$23.40	# 11 Goodland at \$6.54
# 03 Garden City at \$14.02	# 12 Hoxie at \$6.48
# 04 Pratt at \$10.94	# 13 Parsons at \$5.66
# 05 Abilene at \$9.49	# 14 Osawatomie at \$5.12
# 06 Iola at \$8.31	# 15 Junction City at \$4.92
# 07 Russell at \$7.80	# 16 Ottawa at \$3.86
# 08 Atchison at \$7.47	# 17 Fort Scott at \$3.25
# 09 Chanute at \$7.36	# 18 Salina at \$0.00

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of **11-21-2024** the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$36,395.08 to date. That is \$8.75 per member of the 4,162 members in the state. The new ENF goal is \$5.00 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. *Sean Cutsinger*



December 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Annual Memorial Service 2:00 p.m.	2 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen:	6	7 Christmas Parade 5:30
8	9 Game Night Ketch Yahtzee Tournament 6:00 p.m.	10 Hoop Shoot @ Rec Center 6:00 p.m.	11	12 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Customer Appreciation	13 Play 7:15 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Meal at 6:20 p.m.	14 Play 7:15 p.m. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Meal at 6:20 p.m.
15	16 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	20 Sherriff Dept Christmas Party	21 Lodge Rented
22	23	24 Ring Bells @ Dillons 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.	25  Lodge Rented	26 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne	27	28
29	30	31 				



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