

# Elks JOLLY CORKS PLAYBILL



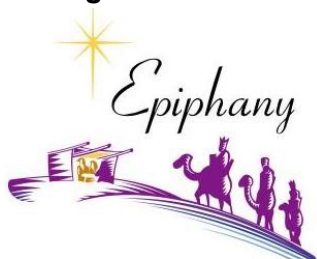
EL DORADO ELKS LODGE 1407 BPOE 121 E. Pine Ave., El Dorado KS. 67042 316-321-9393



## JANUARY

### IN THIS ISSUE:

- Desk of E.R.
- Lodge Meetings
- Desk of Chaplain
- Rose Parade
- Sickness & Distress
- Bingo
- Christmas Parades
- Christmas Play
- Bell Ringing
- Upcoming Events
- Get Involved
- Elks Hoop Shoot
- Elks Online
- KETCH Yahtzee
- ENF
- Birthday's
- Pillbox Drawing
- Event Bookings
- Calendar
- Lodge Officers



### LODGE MEETINGS

January 06, 2025  
 January 20, 2025  
 All members invited.



### From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

Happy New Year one and all. Everyone is wishing that 2025 will bring much happiness to our family and friends. One part of the New Year equation, the other part is Resolutions we all make them. We all break them. It would seem to be an endless cycle. Every year I resolve to lose weight, be kinder to others, reach out to more people in need, go to the hospital when friends are sick and visit, wish them a quick recovery. I may get that done with one or two times, then I fall short. I justify myself as being too busy. Life is busy, let's face it, we all have more to do than there is day to do it in. With books to read, I Pad's to play games on, Fishing, hunting, Boating, and Old Gunsmoke episodes to re-watch. Life is busy my goodness.

January 20<sup>th</sup> is Inauguration Day. As a new president is sworn into office he pledges to "Make America Great Again" That to some may seem like an impossible task. I pray he will in fact make great strides in doing just that. Which leads me to the point of my writing this month.

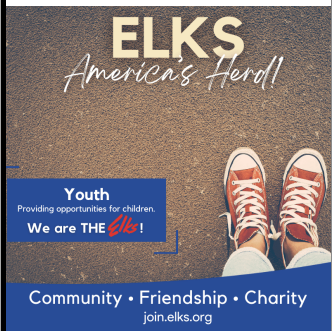
It is past time we as Elks make our lodge "**Great Again**" It is time to resolve to do better at getting along with one another, to recruit new members, be more active in our Lodge. I'm not talking to just the members that currently are active but those of you who are not. That may sound a bit harsh, however, we need all of us to be involved. Come to the meetings, listen to what is happening and step up to a committee. I know we became members of this Lodge for the social aspects and associate ourselves with people willing to help our community. Be active with our youth so they can grow up making good choices. We need our young folks to be drug free, gang free and grow up to carry on the traditions of honesty, respect, and loyalty that our parents taught us. Youth today don't always have parents at home to talk to them. That is where Elk Youth programs come in, we provide answers about healthy choices. We have non-profits in our community that we can help with ENF Grants. Some of our Non-Profits are down to their last penny and we have an opportunity to help them continue their program and to help folks in our community.

El Dorado Elks Lodge #1407 is well known in our state as one of the premier lodges. We use grant money to help where we can, to have events for our youth to promote education of drug awareness. Even with the distinction of a premier Lodge, we are few, trying to do the task of many. We can make our Lodge "GREAT AGAIN" and to do it, will take the hands and the minds of many to do that. Now is the time January 2025, to get involved in our noble work. Please help us continue being a premier Lodge.

I hope to see many of you at our January meeting. (Meetings are the **First** and **Third** Monday of every month)

Fraternally,  
*Phil Wickwire,*  
*Exalted Ruler*

[www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org)  
[www.KSelks.org/ElDorado/ElDorado.asp](http://www.KSelks.org/ElDorado/ElDorado.asp)  
[www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks](https://www.facebook.com/ElDoradoelks)



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*

**BINGO**

**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 with a sad heart, that once again our beautiful nation has had another tragic attack. My heart and prayers go out to all the victims and their family, friends, tourists and to all the people of New Orleans, Louisiana, that have endured such an awful and brutal attack. This is not how any of us wanted to start our new year. I do not know what the answers are, but I do know that as a nation we are better than this. As we are grieving lets keep each other in our hearts and minds, and improve and learn from this, so that this kind of tragedy never happens again.

Many of us have been having health issues this past month. I am still getting over my bought with bronchitis and sinus infection and I'm now on round three of antibiotics. We have had way too many members that have been having respiratory issues recently and we have had several of you that have fallen lately and are going through some very rough times. Just know that you are not alone. If you are having any kind of trouble, no matter what it is, please reach out to your family members, your friends, your Elks family, your health care providers, or your religious leaders for comfort and guidance. I pray that going forward that we all have a healthy and happy rest of this New Year!!!

My email [SeanCutsinger@gmail.com](mailto:SeanCutsinger@gmail.com). **God Bless You, and Our Order!!!, Sean**



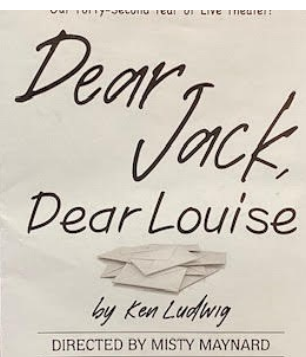
### TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT

For those that didn't get to see the Elks float in the 2025 136th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 1, 2025. I decided to show you what you missed. I took this picture of my television as the float passed the screen. The theme this year was "Best Day Ever," celebrating life's best moments. This float also won a trophy, The Americana trophy, for most outstanding depiction for national treasures and traditions. The float is called "Cherished Memories". Thank you to the California-Hawaii Elks Lodge and all the volunteers to put this beautiful float together. This has been my favorite one so far. This was the third time since 1995 that the Elks had a float in the parade. This is the eighteenth time the Elks have had a float in the parade. What a wonderful way to represent our fantastic organization. *Sean Cutsinger*





- Feb 13-14  
**Dear Jack, Dear Louise**



### GET INVOLVED

Make the most of 2025 by committing to these New Year's Resolutions.

**Volunteer.** Give your time. Get involved with ENF youth programs. Help out at a Hoop Shoot contest, distribute Elks Drug Awareness Program materials, or help select the next class of Elks scholars.

**Go green.** Join the ENF Fidelity Club. You will cut down on envelopes, checks and stamps by establishing an automatic bank account debit or credit card charge on a recurring basis for a set donation amount. This saves you both time and money!

**Share.** Tell your friends and neighbors about the good work the Elks do in your community. Encourage them to take part by joining the Order.

**Give back.** Help the ENF continue to help you build a stronger community by supporting our work. Donate to the ENF today.



EL DORADO MAIN STREET      BG Products Presents      **BG**

## Old Fashioned Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
Downtown El Dorado, Kansas

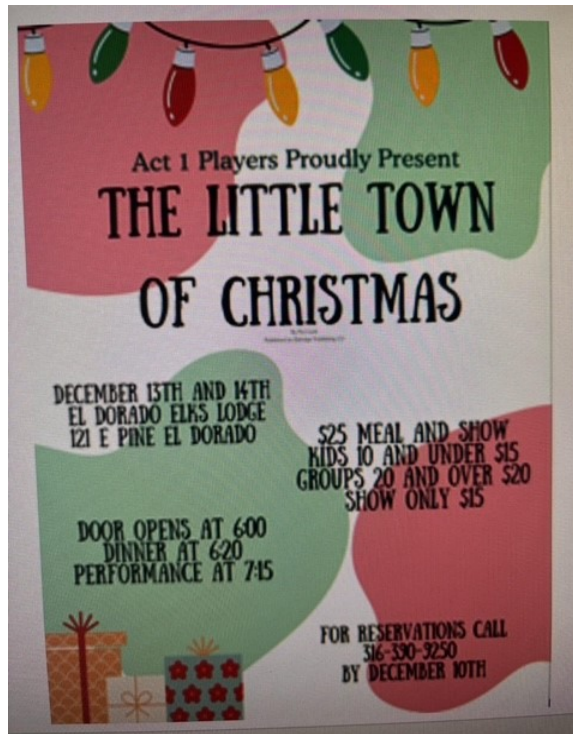
Candy will only be handed out at the curb. Due to low lighting and narrow streets, all spectators must stay on the sidewalk and curb. Spectators are not allowed to enter the street.

See the full schedule of Old Fashioned Christmas events at [eldoradomainstreet.org](http://eldoradomainstreet.org).

### CHRISTMAS PARADES

This year we participated in two Christmas parades. One in Augusta, KS on Tuesday December 3. The Red Brick District's Annual Christmas Parade. John Britt pulled our drug trailer. The second one was in El Dorado on December 7. The Old Fashioned Christmas Parade sponsored by BG Products, and Rodger Decker pulled our drug trailer. Thank you to these members for getting our name out there and to all who came out in the cold to watch the parades.

*Sean Cutsinger*



### CHRISTMAS PLAY

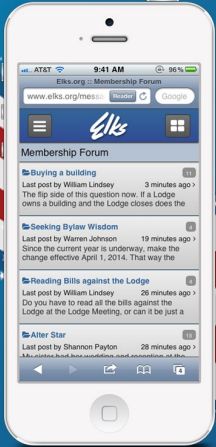
The Act I Players presented The Little Town of Christmas Skits on Friday and Saturday evenings of December 13 and 14. The evening started with a meal of ham, cheesy potatoes and green beans with Christmas cookies for desert. The charming show consisted of ten skits. The show was directed by Deb Kirkpatrick-Britt, who also started in the show. The rest of the cast had the following: Macy Collins, Brad Ebberts, Holly Fitzgerald, Tom Storrer, John Britt, Jose Granado, Wayne Riddle, Patricia Bolton, Yevonne Gorman, Madilyn Thomas, Caradee Bolton, Jane Mathias, Bebee Thomas, Deann

Korte, Izaiah Bolton and the lights and sound were run by Eriden Gorman. It was a cut show and we want to thank everyone who came out to support local theatre. A huge thank you to the cast and crew and all the Elks members who cooked, cleaned and waited tables. *Sean Cutsinger*

### SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Christmas Eve, members of the El Dorado Lodge rang bells for the Salvation Army. Once again I'd like to thank Loren Anthony for heading up this wonderful cause. Thank you to all the members who came out to ring bells on your very busy Christmas Eve, it is much appreciated and we can not do these events with out all of your help and support. If you want to get involved this year, 2025, then let Loren know. *Sean Cutsinger*

# Elks ONLINE



Join in the conversation.

Register online  
[www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register)



Have a  
Healthy  
New  
Year!!!

## ELKS HOOP SHOOT FREE THROW CONTEST

This year the hoop shoot contest was held on Tuesday December 10 at the El Dorado Activity Center at 6:00 p.m. Our chairman Curt Zieman reported that 22 kids participated, but he said he had no 12-13 age boys show up. Thank you to Curt, our members who helped out, and to all of our kids that came out to shoot. *Sean Cutbinger*

**ELKS HOOP SHOOT**

# 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  
CZIEMAN760@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](http://elks.org/hoopshoot).





**KETCH YAHTZEE TOURNAMENT**

Monday December 09, 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, 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, and a new winner emerged, Stan Willis came out as the big winner and has the bragging rights for the month. We will be playing again Monday, January 13. 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 a 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*

**JANUARY**

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

**PILLBOX DRAWING**

- Must be present at meetings to win.
- 12-02-24 \$60.00**  
*David Powell*
- 12-16-24 \$70.00**  
*Jim Fox*
- 01-06-24 \$80.00**



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

**Yahtzee  
tournament!**

**January 13  
6:00 pm.  
\$5.00 donation**



# 01 Overland Park at \$34.98	# 10 Fort Scott at \$7.09
# 02 El Dorado at \$27.07	# 11 Clay Center at \$7.00
# 03 Garden City at \$15.51	# 12 Goodland at \$6.94
# 04 Pratt at \$12.78	# 13 Hoxie at \$6.60
# 05 Abilene at \$9.99	# 14 Parsons at \$5.99
# 06 Iola at \$8.52	# 15 Junction City at \$5.25
# 07 Russell at \$8.04	# 16 Osawatomie at \$5.15
# 08 Atchison at \$8.03	# 17 Ottawa at \$4.39
# 09 Chanute at \$7.43	# 18 Salina at \$0.00

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of **12-29-2024** the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$40,085.08 to date. That is \$9.63 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*

**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**



# January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	3	4
5	6 Lodge Meeting 7:00 	7	8	9 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	10	11
12 Act I Board Meeting 3:00	13 Game Night Ketch Yahtzee Tournament 6:00 p.m.	14	15	16 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	17	18
19	20 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Men	31	



## LODGE OFFICERS

**Exalted Ruler:** Phil Wickwire    **Leading Knight:** John Britt    **Loyal Knight:** Deb Kirkpatrick    **Lecturing Knight:** Tony Allison  
 kap6@cox.net                      jbritt2929@gmail.com                      debkirkbritt@gmail.com                      tony.allison@intrustbank.com

**Inner Guard:** Danny Morrow    **Esquire:** Curtis Ziemann    **Chaplain:** Sean Cutsinger    **Treasurer:** Stan Willis    **Secretary:** Lisa Jack  
 d9299morrow@gmail.com;    czieman750@gmail.com;    seancutsinger@gmail.com;    willisstan35@yahoo.com;    lisa@jackins.com

**Trustees:** Loren Anthony, Vacant, Rodger Decker, Roger Cutsinger, Tom Clark, Karen Andersen  
 Loren.anthony37@gmail.com;    vacant;    rdecker3@cox.net;    roger.cutsinger@ibhc.com;    tclark69@cox.net;    l.kandersen@sbcglobal.net