

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony

**6:30 PM: Dinner Invocation (Lodge Chaplain):**

Almighty Father, today Elkdom rejoices with Chanute Lodge Number 806 as it celebrates its centennial anniversary. May the fraternalism and good deeds that have come forth through the years, continue to reach into this community and may its good and noble works glorify the purpose of the Order of Elks.

Show Your blessings upon the officers and membership of this lodge for their great accomplishments. We dedicate this lodge as a link, which unites the good, the great, and the glorious of the past with the present. We dedicate it, Almighty Father, to the great principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. May we always practice these principles and continue to bring honor, renown, and glory to Elkdom.

Now bless this, our celebration banquet.

Amen.



**8:00 PM: Welcome (Exalted Ruler):**

Members, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Chanute Lodge's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Chanute Lodge has a proud history within our community. For a century, our members have banded together bringing the benevolent virtues of Elkdom to our families and community.

I call upon brother Frank Springer to highlight some of our lodge's history.

**History of Lodge** (*Lodge Historian*):

*{History related from other text.}*

**Presentations:**

*{Exalted Ruler}* Tonight we honor several members who have a long history with our lodge. I call upon PERs George Butler and Leon Spence to present these members with an honorary service pin for their faithful support.

*{PERs George Butler and Leon Spence}*

**70 plus Year Member:**

Art Booth 71 years

**Initiated:**

May 6, 1931

**60 Year Members:**

Chris Brazil 60 years

April 16, 1942

John C. Jenson 60 years

April 16, 1942

G. W. "Mick" McDowell 60 years

August 6, 1942

**55 Year Members:**

Gerald Gifford 57 years

January 18, 1945

Dale Steinman 56 years

May 2, 1946

Robert Manley 56 years

November 21, 1946

Neal Munger 55 years

February 15, 1947

Earl Moore 55 years

November 13, 1947

**50 Year Members:**

James B. Smith 54 years

May 3, 1948

Gaylord E. Bauer 54 years

October 1, 1948

Dean Foster 54 years

May 27, 1948

Phillip Cooper 54 years

June 17, 1948

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50 Year Members (cont.):

Initiated:

Richard D. McCune	54 years	April 1, 1948
Warren Alford	54 years	October 1, 1948
James E. Guinotte	54 years	November 20, 1948
Tom Blancett	53 years	May 5, 1949
Millard Drisdell	53 years	January 20, 1949
Earl Bundy	53 years	December 14, 1949
<del>John Charles Rubow</del>	<del>52 years</del>	<del>February 2, 1950</del> (died)
Wayne Carlson	52 years	April 1, 1950
K. Jay Williams	52 years	April 1, 1950
James A. Lucas	51 years	February 1, 1951
Harley Nelson	51 years	April 1, 1951

40 Year Members:

Leonard W. Wehlage	49 years	May 29, 1953
William Gardner	49 years	June 18, 1953
John Congdon	49 years	November 5, 1953
Kenneth Caldwell	49 years	December 17, 1953
Edsel E. Noland	48 years	February 4, 1954
Robert Pennington	48 years	April 16, 1954
Alfred E. Goodwin	48 years	June 22, 1954
Howard Russell	48 years	October 7, 1954
V. W. Holman	48 years	October 15, 1954
Carl Ranabarger	48 years	December 16, 1954
Charles Wilson	47 years	April 23, 1955
Milford Driskill	47 years	1955
Herbert Washburn	46 years	October 4, 1956
George A. Butler	45 years	March 21, 1957

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40 Year Members (cont.):

		<u>Initiated:</u>
Glen Barnby	45 years	April 1, 1957
Henry L. Ford	45 years	December 5, 1957
Richard Ahring	44 years	June 19, 1958
Gilbert McGee	44 years	June 19, 1958
William R. Clements	44 years	August 15, 1958
Rueben Burkman	43 years	March 19, 1959
Marion Wells	43 years	April 29, 1959
Chester Hale	43 years	June 18, 1959
Ralph D. Evans	41 years	February 16, 1961
John Montgomery	41 years	February 16, 1961
Robert White	41 years	January 19, 1961
H. Dean Haines	40 years	March 5, 1962
Ernest King	40 years	November 15, 1962
John Grady	40 years	March 21, 1962

Honorary Life Member:

Herbert E. Matlock	30 years	October 18, 1973
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{*Exalted Ruler*} I now call upon PERs Ron Sheddric and Ralph Evans, to recognize our members who faithfully lead our lodge as Exalted Ruler.

{*PER Ron Sheddric and Ralph Evans*}

Past Exalted Rulers:

Art P. Booth	1940-41
Gerald Gifford	1950-51 and 1974-75
Neal Munger	1963-64
George A. Butler	1965-66

Past Exalted Rulers (cont.):

Ralph D. Evans	1970-71
Leonard W. Wehlage	1971-72
John K. Slocum	1982-83
Leon A. Spence	1983-84
Herbert E. Matlock	1984-85 and 1986-87
H. W. (Bill) Roberts	1987-88
John McFarland	1988-89
Ronald W. Sheddric	1992-93
Frank Springer	1994-95
Tim Harding	1995-96
Andrew R. Ramsey	1996-97
Gary D. Harding	1997-98
Bill R. Leeper	1998-99 and 1999-2000
Larry Phillips	2000-01
Terry Mayfield	2001-02

Exalted Ruler for centennial lodge year, 2002-03:

Lyle Bruenger

{*Exalted Ruler*} Past Exalted Rulers, you may well be proud that you each in your own time were afforded the highest honor that the members of this Lodge can bestow. You are to be commended. You each in turn accepted the responsibility to protect the Charter, which our Founding Brothers delivered to us so long ago. Gaze lovingly upon it, for you in your faithfulness to your Solemn and Binding Obligation did fulfill the task to which you were appointed. Our Charter rests now upon our Altar, illuminated by the brilliance of the Star of Fidelity, shadowed by the

outstretched Antlers of protection, resting solidly upon the Bible, and basking in the beauty of our flag.

I now call upon PERs Bill Leeper and Leonard Wehlage, to recognize our members who represented our lodge at the State and Grand Lodge level.

*{PERs Bill Leeper and Leonard Wehlage}*

Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:

George A. Butler	1970-71
Herbert E. Matlock	1989-90
Frank Springer	1997-98

Past State Presidents:

Raymond Friederich <i>{in memoriam}</i> <i>(accepted by his widow, <u>Virginia</u>)</i>	1974-75
Herbert E. Matlock	1997-98

*{Exalted Ruler}* Our time upon the stage of action is but brief, yet in life's drama each must play a part. You few have chosen to strengthen Fidelity between our Lodge and that of other Lodges across our great state and nation. You have our eternal gratitude and appreciation.

*{Exalted Ruler}* Every lodge officer knows they must count on the support of their family to faithfully perform their fraternal duties. Our lodge has benefited greatly from the faithful support of our Ladies of Elks auxiliary association. Chanute lodge would not have survived this first 100 years without their support. We are truly grateful to the vision of Kathryn Munger, who founded and served as the Chanute Ladies of Elks first president.

I am proud to have my wife, Diana, standing beside me this year, working hand in hand towards our lodge's goals.

I now call upon Diana and Sharon Matlock, to recognize the Past Presidents of the Chanute Ladies of Elks.

{*Diana Bruenger and Sharon Matlock*}

Past Lady Elks Presidents:

Kathryn Munger	1963-64
Sally Bertram	1968-69
Louise Evans	1970-71
Eleanor Wehlage ( <i>in memoriam</i> )	1971-72 ( <i>accepted by her husband, <u>Leonard</u></i> )
Lois Spence	1983-84
Sharon Matlock	1984-85, 1985-86, 2000-01 & 2001-02
Janie Roberts	1987-88
Lucille Mitchell	1988-89
Sharlett Ford	1991-92, 1992-93 & 1993-94
Linda Springer	1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 & 1998-99
Kay Galt	1998
Tish Matlock	1999-2000
Diana Bruenger	2002-03

{*Exalted Ruler*} Members and guests, please express your appreciation to all those honored tonight. [*Pause for applause*]

I now call upon PER, Herb Matlock to introduce our Special Guests tonight.

**Introduction of Special Guests:**

{*Herb Matlock, PSP, PDDGER, PER*}

**Past Grand Lodge Officers:**

Hon. John Kirkwood                      Past Grand Tiler                      (Galena)

**District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers:**

Carl Billings	Southwest District	(Liberal)
Gary Hindman	Northwest District	(Salina)
Carl Lindsey	Northeast District	(Overland Park)
Calvin Sizemore	Southeast District	(Galena)

**Past State Presidents:**

{honor any that are present}

**Kansas Elks Association officers:**

Ron Larson	Tiler	(Newton)
Raymond Brooks	Sergeant-at-Arms	(Pittsburg)
Steven Stroot	Chaplain	(Wichita)
Ron Atkinson	Treasurer	(Galena)
Fred Badders	Secretary	(Pratt)
Frank Springer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	(Chanute)
James Malone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	(Russell)
Richard Stuckey	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	(Topeka)
Dr. Gary Ash	President	(Newton)

**Bible Retirement Ceremony:**

{*State President, Dr. Gary Ash*}



**Introduction of Honored Guest and speaker:**

{*Herb Matlock, PSP, PDDGER, PER*}

Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler      Walt Linthacum (Goodland)

**Closing Ceremony – Star of Fidelity:**

{*Exalted Ruler*} Members, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, the special service we are about to perform is to honor the memory of our Founding Brothers. Only the members of Chanute Lodge No. 806 need respond to the raps. Please cease conversation and refrain from smoking for the remainder of the service.

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{*Exalted Ruler*} Lodge Esquire, how should our Founding Brothers be remembered?

{*Esquire*} By their virtues, for their faults were never written.

{*Exalted Ruler*} Esteemed Lecturing Knight, how should our Founding Brothers be remembered?

{*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*} As American Citizens, those who loved their fellow man enough to organize this Lodge.

{*Exalted Ruler*} Esteemed Loyal Knight, how should our Founding Brothers be remembered?

{*Esteemed Loyal Knight*} As true believers in the Book of Law, for from it they determined Justice and tempered it with mercy.

{*Exalted Ruler*} Esteemed Leading Knight, how should our Founding Brothers be remembered?

{*Esteemed Leading Knight*} As American Patriots, ever ready to defend our flag and all it represents, and by their charity, for they gave to us our Charter.

{*Exalted Ruler*} My brothers and sisters, were our Founding Brothers men of vision? At the granting of our Charter, they did not have the inspiration of our majestic National Veterans Memorial Building, yet they would have the opportunity to vote for and to contribute to its construction. Could they have envisioned the magnitude of our National Foundation and the impact it has upon our Order today?

My brothers and sisters, our Founding Brothers were not men of vision but men of inspiration. Men upon whose hearts God had already written the cardinal principles of our Order.

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{*Exalted Ruler*} Please stand.

The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

{*Chaplain*} Almighty God, as we come before Thee to honor those who have gone before us, let us each reflect inwardly upon the Obligation to which we have ascribed to in Your name. May the light of Thy countenance increase within each of us Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Amen.

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{*Exalted Ruler*} Please be seated. Lodge Esquire, ... [*Esquire stands*]  
You will advance before the altar and prepare to light the Star of Fidelity.

*[Esquire advances to a place in front of the altar  
and prepares to light the candles.]*

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{*Exalted Ruler*} Lodge Secretary, you will call the names of the Founding  
Brothers inscribed upon our Charter.

*[The Secretary calls the names of the Founding Brothers,  
pausing after each, as the Esquire lights the candles  
of remembrance.]*

{*Secretary*}

J. N. McDonald

D. K. Wickard

O. C. Roth

C. C. Parsons

C. W. Williams

E. M. Daniels

W. E. Cutler

E. P. Burris

J. C. McCready

Frank Cain

Tim Cunningham

Fred P. Cone

H. P. Farrelly

A. E. Timpane  
J. R. Foy  
Gus H. Brown  
Charles T. Beatty  
S. C. Brown  
M. T. Jones  
J. C. Light  
W. E. Barker  
Levi Rosenthal  
P. O. Baries  
John J. Jones  
F. C. Alexander  
John F. Roe  
Seth J. Bailey  
F. A. Sauer  
D. E. Morey  
W. T. Treneauen  
J. H. Light  
U. G. Hoshaw  
A. N. Allen  
Frank Knakal  
C. P. Garvin  
W. H. Powell  
D. E. McClelland  
E. L. Freeman

*[The Secretary has completed the list of 38 Founding Brothers.  
The Esquire returns to his station.]*

{*Exalted Ruler*} We have called not in vain, but in remembrance, for we know they have passed into the light, which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. Their individual flames, each flickering and small, when united with its Brothers', adds increasing brilliance to the soft and fervent glow of the fixed star of fidelity. Their virtues we have forever written upon the tablets of love and memory.

**Benediction:**

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{*Exalted Ruler*} Please stand. The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

{*Chaplain*} Heavenly Father, we have been privileged and honored to share in the events of this joyous and historic day. Now help us to remember that the purpose and destiny of this lodge is to become sacred to the cultivation of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Built upon the great principles of our Order, and under Your Devine Guidance, may this lodge stand for generations to come, devoted to the noble purposes which have always characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. May Your Blessings descend on our Beloved Order and the membership of Chanute Lodge No. 806 who have inspired and motivated all of us this weekend. We ask this of You, Heavenly Father. Amen.

{*Exalted Ruler*} **(Make your announcements here)**

I now declare this service closed.

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