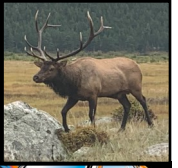


# THE STAG LINE



## Kevin's ER Corner

Howdy Y'All,

I know in the last letter I talked a bit about courtesy and I have a few more things to touch on there. Recently we had a situation with a member burning brush by the barn then low and behold there was a fire truck here! With it getting hot and dry out there, until it cools off a bit, members should take their brush to the dump for disposal. Please and thank you.

I began this year with my three themes: unity, courtesy and compassion. This month I want to focus on compassion. It was very hard to come up with examples of compassion, but I realized that I really don't need to. One of the cardinal principles of the ELKS is charity and the things we do for each other and the community highlights our ability to be compassionate. Compassion shouldn't be confused with empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand another's feelings...compassion is the action to help that goes along with it.

A great example of this was a situation that occurred last year around Christmas. Jeff Walker shared an encounter that was had with an Uber driver by some of our members. Through friendly conversation, it was discovered that this woman was a grandmother taking care of grandkids and that money was so tight that there was nothing available for a Christmas dinner. Normally we might have had some extra food from the Christmas Basket program that could be offered up, but that was not the case. Jeff presented this story to the members in the lounge during a Chiefs game and put out a basket for donations and the response was overwhelming. This grandma now had resources not only for dinner but also for a merry Christmas for her grandkids. I share this story to show how ELKS have compassionate hearts-giving and sharing are the things we are here to do. Thank you ELKS and keep up the good work.

Before I close this letter out, I want to share my three golden rules. The first of course is THE GOLDEN RULE, treat others and you wish to be treated. The second being "put things back where you found them." In my day job it is always frustrating to look for a tape measure, saw or something and not have it where I expect it. Same applies here at the Lodge, put things back where you took it from. Third, "if you ain't got something good to say, don't say anything at all." As brother and sister ELKS, please remember that your words to each other can have lasting impact, so consider what you say before you say it.

Enjoy the 4th, stay cool, stay hydrated and I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Etris,  
Exalted Ruler



## 2024 CAR AND BIKE SHOW

September 28, 2024

Meetings in July:

Monday July 1, 2024

Monday July 15, 2024

Monday July 29, 2024

6:30 P.M. (Downstairs)

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!!!**

**Lots of volunteers are needed for this**

**GREAT FUNDRAISER FOR  
VETERANS AND SCHOLARSHIPS!**

**PLEASE HELP!!!**

**For more information contact**

**Jim McKay**

**jandsmckay16@gmail.com**

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# ELKS

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION  
ALL TRAILS LEAD TO  
Austin  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 2024

**JUNE 30-July 3**

*Austin 2024!*

**ELKS 9 PIN NO TAP  
BOWLING TOURNAMENT**



**Saturday July 13, 2024  
1:00 P.M. to 4 P.M.  
Blue Springs Bowl  
Proceeds are for the  
Christmas Basket Program**

**Dinner and Fireworks  
Friday, July 5th**

We will be serving dinner starting at  
6:30 P.M. for the first 200 people

- Fried Chicken**
- Corn on the Cob**
- Noodle Salad**
- Dessert**

**\$11.00 per person  
(This is NOT a pot luck)**



**KATHY ROSEN  
Art Showcase Event  
Friday July 26, 2024  
5:00 P.M.**

Kathy Rosen has built up quite the stack of canvases over the last year as therapy while she regained mobility. While there was no in-

intention to ever commercially sell her art, Kathy wants to offer folks the opportunity to browse and raise funds for our Youth programs. Come on by before dinner and see if there is something that tickles your fancy.

All proceeds to be split between Youth Activities and Scholarships funds.



**BLOOD DRIVE  
July 29, 2024  
12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.  
Blue Springs Elks Lodge is  
partnering with BSHS and  
BSSHS.**



**LUCK OF THE DRAW  
DART TOURNAMENT  
Saturday  
July 20, 2024**

**Sign up at 6:00 P.M.  
Drawing of teams at 7:00 P.M.  
\$15 Entry Fee.  
Boards will not be covered.  
Half of entry fee goes towards the  
Christmas Baskets.  
Half goes into prize money with the  
House Committee matching.  
Pay out: 1st, 2nd and 3rd**



**Community Education Course  
CPR HANDS ONLY**

**Coming in August, September & October  
Free class sponsored by 1st Responder Committee  
Watch for sign up sheets in hallway  
Please register at [classreg@cjcfpd.org](mailto:classreg@cjcfpd.org)  
or call 816-229-9118  
Any questions, call 1st Responders Committee Chair  
Virginia DeBoard 816-379-6472**



**ELKETTE NEWS...WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!**  
**NEXT ELKETTE MEETING THURSDAY 7/11/2024 7:00 P.M.**



**ELKETTE NEWS**

It's not too soon to start collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year. If you pick up items, please set on the shelf above the ATM machine and label for Mignon Hollis. Thank you.

Also when shopping please consider basket items. July basket themes such as Car Wash and BBQ. Other basket ideas are for Royals, State of Missouri, Fun in the Sun, Picnic, Ice Cream, Kids, MU, Chiefs, Wine, Ladies, Grandma, Fishing Mexican, Italian, etc. Liquor is always needed for the baskets. Thank you.

**COOKING TEAMS**

**July 5**

- Roxy Herman**
- Fried Chicken**
- Raman Noodle Salad**
- Corn on the Cob**
- Festive Dessert**

**July 10**

- Julie Henke**
  - Chicken Spiedini & Pasta**
  - Caesar Salad**
- Menus are subject to change

**JUNE MEETING**

**WINNERS**

**Cash Drawing:**

**Renee Shalon**

**Gift Card:**

**Barbara Bitnoff**

**50/50:**

**Lori Mock**

**CONGRATULATIONS ELKETTE OF THE MONTH**

**Gina Lee**

**HAPPY JULY ELKETTE BIRTHDAYS!**

7/1 Kathy Rosen, 7/3 Angela Hicks, 7/4 Janet Weaver, 7/5 Michelle Camerer, 7/8 April Johnson, 7/9 Mignon Hollis, 7/10 Kathy Lochman, 7/13 April Cairer, 7/18 Connie Blevins, 7/21 Brenda Dwyer, 7/23 Susan Prater, 7/26 Mary Callihan, 7/26 Sammi Medina, 7/30 Renee McKay

**First Responder News**

Please join the First Responder Committee.

Upcoming Meetings July 10, 2024 and August 14, 2024 5:30 P.M.

Impact Grant Updates:

During the month of June, we made great progress on one of the three areas of focus our grant allows for—providing CPR training for the community.

We taught eleven separate CPR classes with 240 participants. One of these classes included our most recent Safe Sitter Class.

Snacks and Gatorade were provided to Camp Fury, which is a week-long camp which allows girls in 6th-12th grade to experience careers in Police/Fire/EMS.

We also assembled/delivered snack baskets to several local police departments. The extra snacks were utilized at Camp Fury and Safe Sitter events.

Bill Sweeney presented CJcares with a clip-on CO monitor and 96-9 Volt batteries for use in the smoke detectors they provide to the community. Tasha Grotenhuis presented one of our CPR instructors with a tourniquet. Virginia DeBoard presented Grandview Lodge #2088 with a Stop the Bleed kit, two boxes of Narcan and a new set of AED pads to replace the expired ones in their Lodge.

We are currently planning another Hands-Only CPR class to be held at the Lodge sometime in August. Watch the bulletin board for the exact date. Submitted by Tasha Grotenhuis, Grants Coordinator

If you have any questions about the grant or wish to become a member of the First Responder committee, please reach out to Virginia DeBoard or email or firstresponder2509@gmail.com



Blue Springs School District Public Safety



Blue Springs Elks Lodge No. 2509



## **Honorable Lifetime Membership for Frank Kerby, PDDGER**

### **Voting will be at the July Elks Meeting**

Frank was initiated into the Elks on October 19, 1991 in Irving, Texas #2334 with a temporary dropped membership in 1996 for medical reasons. Frank was reinstated with a certificate of release to Blue Springs #2509 in 2003. Frank has served the Blue Springs Lodge in the following positions: Esquire, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, Exalted Ruler and has been the Lodge Secretary since 2009. He was Metro West Director, Metro West Vice President and the DDGER twice. Awards that Frank has received include Lodge Officer of the Year four times, State Elk of the Year twice and National Online Elk of the Year and a major contributor to the Elks forum with over 8481 contributions to the forum. Frank has been chairman of numerous Lodge committees. He helped start the 1st Responders Committee and helped to start the Antlers Program. Frank is currently on the Membership Committee. Chairman of the Lodge PER Association (four years), District ENF Chairman for Metro West (sixteen years), Chairman of the District Drug Awareness Program for three years, Coordinator of the District Drug Trailer for five years and State Coordinator for CLMS in MO for thirteen years are just a few more positions Frank has held. At the State Convention, Frank set up a table and manned it for several hours the last six years. Frank is also a teacher, leading CLMS classes at the State Conventions for the last 13 years. He has also taught CLMS and FRS classes many times throughout the state when needed and goes to Lodges to help when needed. Frank also helps Lodges via phone and team-viewer. Being a coordinator for FRS in the state of MO is also one of the many jobs Frank handles. Frank has been instrumental in his help with setting up FRS, designing the FRS PowerPoint and other FRS training. He has received a citation for his work with the FRS. Frank is on the State Officer training committee working with CLMS/FRS. He is also the DD training for MO. Frank, along with Sharon Gillpatrick received a Life Saving award for saving a members life with the defibrillator.

### **Veterans News**

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**NO Meeting in July**

**Next Meeting August 7, 2024 5:00 P.M.**

**See Ed Rieck for questions**



Curt Zollers and Ed Rieck delivered a donation to the Fisher House after dropping off supplies to St. Michael's Veterans Center.



Alice Holloway, Phyllis Clevenger and Ed Rieck serving birthday cake and ice cream at St. Michael's Veterans Center.



**W"ELK"OME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

### **INVESTIGATION REPORT JUNE 20, 2024**

#### **2 TO BE READ FOR INITIATION**

Kyle Wilson  
Alice Holloway

#### **1 TO BE INVESTIGATED/INTERVIEWED**

Rachelle Brummel

#### **9 TO BE VOTED ON FOR INITIATION**

Phyllis Clevenger Kathy Embree  
Terrie Richard Mark Wingate  
Vincent Vigliaturo William Bowen  
Justin Darnel Christopher Meyer

Christopher Lacy

#### **1 TO BE VOTED ON FOR**

#### **AFFILIATION**

Carol Kershner Lodge #1515

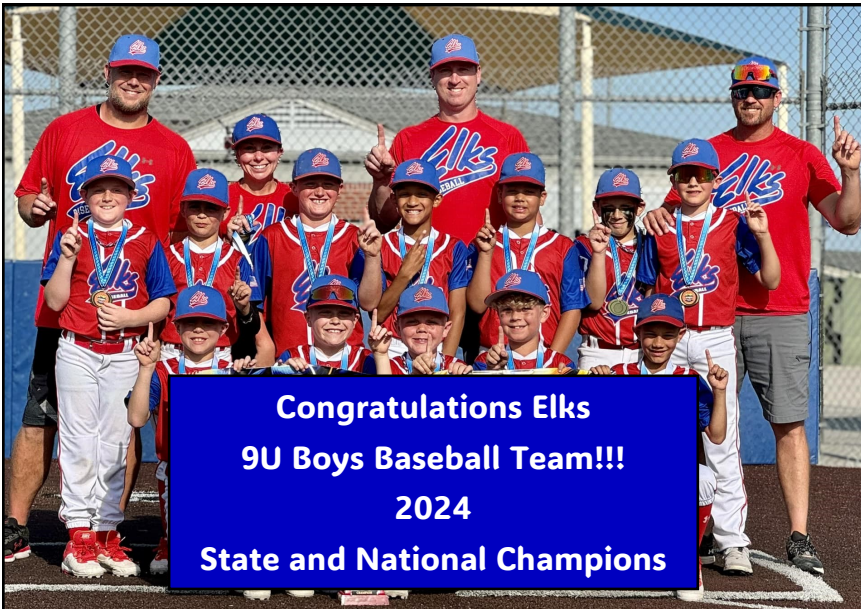
#### **13 TO BE INITIATED**

Michelle Jones Timothy Olah  
Jeremy Schaefer Cani Carlton  
John Chacon Gene Stephens  
Niel Henriksen Ed Spotts  
Tyler Rains Cynthia Johnson  
Jared Farmer Gregory Brickhouse  
James Howerton

#### **1 FOR AFFILIATION**

Craig Luebbert Lodge #0236

Submitted by Frank Kerby



Don't forget to purchase your 50th Anniversary Lodge pin!  
 \$5 Each. See Frank Kerby  
 Makes a great trade item at the  
 National Convention.



**JIM BUTLER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**Saturday September 7, 2024**  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP**



Dear Fellow Elk and Elkette Members,

As most of you are aware, one of the largest fundraisers and community projects of which Blue Springs Elks Lodge 2509 participates is the Elks Christmas Basket Program, which provides food and Christmas gifts to over 200 families and over 500 children in our own community during the holidays. The Memorial Golf Tournament, scheduled for September 7th, is one of the events that funds this program.

The tournament fees and Calcutta auction funds go to pay for the tournament and the auction winners. The actual funds that support the families are the sponsorships we receive from community businesses and personal sponsorships.



Because this is an Elks charitable event, the golf committee would like to bring the focus back **inside the Elks** to fund this activity versus raising most money from community businesses, which already have their own charitable causes. In this vein, we are asking you, our members, to dig deep into your heart and your pockets to help feed and provide gifts for families that otherwise would not have it at Christmastime. **No donation is too small. Any member that donates at least \$100 will receive recognition on the Sponsorship board and your name printed in the October Elks newsletter as a special thank you for your sacrificial giving. Your contribution is also tax deductible. Another way to contribute is by recognizing one of our departed members on the Memory board with a \$100 donation. The name of the departed member will go on the Memory board next to the sponsorship board and your name will go on the sponsorship board. The departed member will also be listed on a Memorial board at the tournament, as well as, their name printed in the October newsletter. This fundraising golf tournament is in honor of our departed members.**

To support this worthy cause, please complete the form below and enclose a check made out to "Elks Lodge 2509". Your sponsorship can be left in the Elks mailbox at the lodge or mailed to the lodge: "Jim Butler Memorial Golf Tourney, 100 NE Brizendine Road, Blue Springs, MO 64014." Thank you in advance for your generosity and for answering the call to care for your less fortunate neighbor.

With Gratitude,  
 Jim Butler Memorial Golf Tournament Committee

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Donated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

# JULY 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
ALL MENUS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	1 House Committee Mtg 6PM  Car Show Mtg 6:30PM  NATIONAL CONVENTION	2   NATIONAL CONVENTION	3 Dinner  NATIONAL CONVENTION	4 NO Lodge Meeting  Independence Day  NATIONAL CONVENTION	5 Dinner Fried Chicken Dinner \$11 This is NOT a Pot Luck night.  Fireworks at Dark Thirty	6
7 Breakfast \$7 Officer Team TBA	8 	9	10 Dinner Julie Henke Chicken Spiedini	11 Elkette Meeting 7 PM	12 Dinner	13 9 PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT
14 Breakfast \$7 Sandi's Crew Eggs & Sides	15 House Committee Mtg 6PM  Car Show Mtg 6:30PM	16	17 Dinner  Safe Sitter Class	18 Lodge Meeting 7PM	19 Dinner  NEWS DUE	20 Metro West Golf Tournament  Dart Tournament
21 Breakfast \$8 Omelets  Cinnamon Rolls \$2	22 	23	24 Dinner PERS Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans	25	26 Dinner PERS Steak Baked Potato Salad	27
28 Breakfast \$7 Team Barnett TBA	29 Blood Drive 6-9  Car Show Mtg 6:30PM	30	31 Dinner	Upcoming Events: August 3-4-State Golf Tournament September 6-Jim Butler Memorial Golf Tournament October 11-12-State Bass Tournament		

**JULY BREAKFAST** —Breakfast served 8:30-11:00 A.M.

7/7 \$7: Officer Team-TBA

7/14 \$7: Sandi's Crew-Eggs, B&G or Toast, Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns

7/21 \$8: Omelet Team-Omelets (Cinnamon Rolls \$2 Each)

7/28 \$7: Team Barnett TBA

**NEWS ARTICLES** for the AUGUST newsletter are due **Friday JULY 19, 2024**

Articles may be left in the newsletter mailbox in the Lodge Secretary's office or sent via email to [loueechee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:loueechee@sbcglobal.net) or [bpoe2509news@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe2509news@gmail.com)

**Thinking of You**

Brad Weddle  
 Stan Wells  
**Sympathy**  
 Family of George Lafal  
 Family of Jim Tegtmeier  
 David McCune & Family (David's wife, Angela passed away)



**BACK ROOM RENTAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE: BACK ROOM RENTAL  
 PRICE CHANGES  
 (ALL PRICES INCLUDES CLEANUP)**

**MEMBERS**

**Sunday \$100  
 Monday-Thursday \$80.00  
 Friday or Saturday \$220.00**

**NON-MEMBERS**

**\$340 Every Day Rental Fee  
 Contact Kevin Huff 816-256-6800**



**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

Get your newsletter by email  
 quicker and in color!  
 The cost of postage is skyrocketing!!!  
 Contact Frank Kerby  
 fmkerby@netzero.net

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

	7-Jennifer Munoz	11-Todd Walters	16-George Powers	20-Justin Zimmerman	26-Jeremy Mansfield
	7-Edward Rieck	12-Perry Clark	16-Justin Wulff	21-Chad Fry	26-Kevin Newton
	7-Mark Smith	12-Leo Danaher	16-Sandra Zollers	21-Charles Rawlings	26-Chester Piotrowski
1-Kyle Westerhold	7-Michael Smith	12-Travis Martin	17-Charles Boyd	21-Eric Swartz	26-Barton Prather
2-John Haynie	8-Kevin Billups	13-Steven Bremerkamp	17-Shane Johnson	23-James Bauch	26-James Riechers
3-Kenneth Adkins	8-Pat Bryant	13-Andy Tidrow	18-Tom Cooper	23-Aaron Beisly	27-David Bollman
3-Steven Thurman	8-Robin Floyd	14-Cole Doult	18-Pete Mejia	23-Glenna Furrell	27-Michael Ingram
4-Steven Harms	8-Paul Groff	14-Brad Johnson	18-Mark Wilt	23-Larry Gordon	27-Mattison Myers
4-Robert McKinney Jr	8-Lynn Smith	14-Rocky Thompson	19-Gregory Bino	23-Robert Taylor	28-Teddy Ferrell
4-Thomas Pierce	9-Andrew Marcarelli	15-Richard Bridgewater	19-Bryan Haupt	24-Gary Buchanan	28-Scott Thomas
4-Gregory Weems	9-James Schultz	15-Tyler Byrd	19-Matt Havard	24-Darryl Clark	28-John White
5-Gary Dusenberg	9-Doug Suthoff	15-Alexander Pendleton	19-Russell Wyman	24-Leslie DeMoss	28-Stanley Willis
5-Bob King	9-Wayne Taylor	15-Frank Rodak	20-Tim Biondo	24-Kenneth Heathman	29-Curtis Gregory
5-Scott McKinley	9-Adam Wood	16-Donald DeBoard	20-Ryan Buckallew	24-Blaine Mueller	29-Gerald Vogel
6-Thomas Dwyer	10-Lee Christina	16-Butch Ehler	20-Harry Cowart	25-Jeffrey Brugman	30-Kevin Barker
6-Jay Perry	10-Katharine Lochman	16-James Mauer	20-Tyler Follis	25-Fred King	30-Renee McKay
7-James Griffin	10-Steven Moore	16-Martin Meyers	20-Raymond Green	25-Jeffery Sandy	30-Gary Starks
7-Mike Hightower	10-Ted Supplee	16-Alan Michelson	20-Jim Jones	26-Jeff Blobaum	31-Robert Jones
7-Chris Kelley	11-Craig Luebbert	16-Edward Morgan	20-Matthew Sullivan	26-Douglas Erickson	31-Roy Lednovich

**JULY SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS**

1-Kristy Kincart	4-Amy O'Neal	13-Patty Clark	18-Theresa Davidson	26-Holly Ary	27-Lacy Greco
1-Beth Steel	4-Janet Weaver	13-Jessica Laddish	18-Dennis Evans	26-Mary-Jo Callahan	27-Morgan Martens
1-Kathy Rosen	6-Dawn Knox	13-Denise Tomlinson	21-Barbara Dwyer	26-Laura Cash	29-Dawn Anderson
2-Marcy Garland	6-Carol Pittala	14-Valerie Becker	21-Sara Richards	26-Monica Griffin	29-Shellie Wolfenbarger
2-Debbie Nager	8-Christin Bamman	16-Donna Fain	22-Joyce Jackson	26-Sammi Medina	30-April Johnson
2-Becky Perkins	8-Julie Short	16-Julie Robinson	23-Valerie Gooch	26-Lynn Thomas	30-Amy Roth
3-Kim Johnson	10-Rebecca Gilbert	17-Kathleen Burks	23-Susan Prater	27-Janet Anderson	30-Brandi Salley
3-Winnie Shockley	13-April Cairer	18-Connie Blevins	24-Kim Taylor	27-Lynda Creswell	31-Merial Kinnison

3-Angela Hicks

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks  
**Blue Springs Lodge #2509**  
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**BLUE SPRINGS, MO**  
**PERMIT #16**

Instituted: March 11, 1974  
 Lodge Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays Monthly at 7:00 p.m.  
 Lodge Opens: 2:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Monday—Friday  
 Lodge Opens: 11:30 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



2024-2025 Lodge Officers	
Exalted Ruler	Kevin Etris
Esteemed Leading Knight	Erik Grotenhuis
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Shane Stiles
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	James McKay
Secretary	Frank M. Kerby, PDDGER/PER
Treasurer	Jennifer Atkinson
Esquire	Eric Root
Chaplain	Nina Bosworth
Inner Guard	Ed Rieck
Tiler	Tammara Devine
5 Year Trustee	Robert McCullough, PER
4 Year Trustee	Steve Solomon, PER
3 Year Trustee	Ken Billups, PER/PDDGER/PST
2 Year Trustee	Buzz Atkinson, PER/PDDGER
1 Year Trustee	Dana Duckworth

2024-2025 Elkette Officers	
President	Gina Lee
Vice President	Lee Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary	Patty Dresser
Treasurer	Roxy Herman
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Doutt
Historian	Renee McKay
Sgt.-at-Arms	Rhonda Sullivan
2024-2025 House Committee	
<b>House Committee Chair:</b> Steve McKay	
<b>House Committee:</b> Kevin Doutt, Alan Moody, Gregg Feightner, Todd Hardesty, David Bosworth, Chris States & Tony Guinn	
<b>Bar Manager:</b> Jeremy Nickell <b>Meeting Room:</b> Kevin Huff	
<b>Kitchen Manager:</b> Chip Miller	
<b>Entertainment Committee:</b> Julie Musgrove, Renee McKay, Laurie Doutt, Karey Feightner, Gina Lee, Kylene Hefley, Lissa Stark, Tricia Sharp, Kim Osborne, Sherri Haupt, Janice Cunha, Sarah Nickell and Christina Miller	
<b>Downstairs Elks Charities:</b> Logan Sousley	