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LODGE MEETINGS

July 08, 2024
July 15, 2024
Initiation
All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

As I sit tonight and reflect on June, All I can think of is HOT! After all it's Kansas and we have all seasons to the extreme. So, we learn to deal with it. June has brought us some very positive things as well. Flag Day was once again a success. My thanks to all that helped make it happen. I was asked to be the guest speaker. My best guess Commander Seymour had got to the bottom of the barrel turned it upside down and my name fell out, As the saying goes (Phil will do it). When I

got up on the stage to be directed where to sit out of the way, John Templon told me if my talk was longer than six minutes, I would need to pick up an instrument and play with the band. I told John I would do the Readers Digest Version. John started playing with the City Band when he was fourteen years old. Back then one had to audition to determine if you had talent. He has been with them since that time. The people of El Dorado owe him a debt of gratitude for his years of service. He is indeed a true legacy in El Dorado. I did manage to keep my presentation in the six-minute time allotment. I knew the people did not want to hear the noise I would make out of a trumpet. I told the crowd present the meaning of the flag colors. Why RED, White, and Blue? RED is for bravery and Valor Paid by every American Soldier, WHITE stands for innocence and purity in tribute for all the families left behind, BLUE defines perseverance, Vigilance, and Justice for all Americans. I explained to the attendants that Elks are the only fraternal organization in America Mandated to host a formal observance of Flag Day. On June 14, 2024, Elks Lodge across America, Puerto Rico and Panama Canal held their Flag Day Ceremonies. We cooked our traditional 300 hot dogs and passed out flags to every Veteran and Toddler we could find. All in all, I think the evening went well. As I write this article, I'm getting things packed to head out to Austin Texas in the morning. I will be representing us at The Grand Lodge Annual Convention. I have been reading through the articles of proposed by law change. I haven't seen much that is going to change our order much. Mostly word changes. I'm sure once I pick up my packet I will see the real things. I hope to get an opportunity to talk to someone from ENF about the Americanism Essay Contest. My teachers from Flinthills thought it was a difficult essay for the fifth and sixth grade students. Knowing those teachers I would have to agree. I know they teach and coach those students. I'm also looking forward to several of the breakout sessions. I know when I leave my head will be spinning with ideas. Upon my return to El Dorado on July 4, we will host the War Dogs Ball team once again this year. Our Member John Steinbacher has managed to get thirty-five box lunches donated by Jimmy John's. The Celebration of Freedom committee will once again host a free night at the ballpark and a Fire Works Display after the game. 5:30 PM is a pre-concert with Shannon Book. Then the Benton Pilots Fly Over. First Pitch is by Colby Thornton (USAF). Game starts at 7:00 PM Plenty of other activities going on that evening. It's going to be a great night so come on out and enjoy (it is FREE). With that I will close for now. I truly hope everyone has an enjoyable fourth as we celebrate our Independence. Lord Bless you all and God Bless America!

Fraternally,

Phil Wickwire, Exalted Ruler

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GAME NIGHT

Loren Anthony
hosts our monthly
game nights. All
members and
guests are
welcome to play.
This past month
they played on
Monday June 10.
They play again on
Tuesday July, 09
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. July is upon us. The long and very hot days come with July. Fourth of July celebrations, picnics, spending time at the lake, and who needs an excuse for some good food? Did you know that Saturday July 6 is National Fried Chicken Day? What a better time to celebrate one of my favorite foods. Fried Chicken has been a staple in many

American homes. I'm getting hungry just thinking about this culinary wonder of golden-brown crispy deliciousness. The exact origins of Fried Chicken Day are unclear, but it is a popular dish here in America. Especially at this time of the year. Even though Fried Chicken is considered an American dish, it didn't start here. "Fried Chicken" is an American-English phrase that was documented in the 1830s and it made it's way into American cookbooks in the 1860s—1870s. The dish actually started in Scotland and West Africa. Scottish fried chicken was fried in fat and West Africa fried theirs in palm oil and they used seasonings, where Scottish Fried chicken was more bland. They didn't like many seasonings. The Scottish immigrants brought the dish to America. The enslaved African-American women started selling fried chicken in the 1730s. It quickly became a very sought after dish. These women are the ones who added spices and other seasonings to give it flavor. Fried chicken became Americans, in the Southern US, their go to dish for a communal meal after church. When the pastors would go to their congregant's houses for dinner, he was always served the best part of the bird, the breast. There is evidence of the crispy fried chicken that people enjoyed in James Boswell's 1773 Travel Journal, where he wrote about eating the fried chicken. The first known recipe for fried chicken was written by Hannah Glasse in her 1747 cookbook The Art of Cookery Made Plain and Easy. The recipe is titled "To Marinate Chickens" and Glasse says "the seasoned and flour chicken needs to be fried in lard". Hannah Glasse was an English cookery writer. She said she wrote her book in a plain simple language so that servants could understand the recipes. Even though her book was successful as a best-seller, she fell on hard times. She declared bankruptcy seven years after it was published. She auctioned off the copyright to her book. She was consigned to debtors prison. Then there is the King of Fried Chicken himself, "Colonel Harland David Sanders". He is the one who came up with the idea of cooking fried chicken fast, using his special blend of seasonings and a pressure cooker. He sold the dish at his restaurant, Sanders Court & Café, in Corbin, Kentucky in 1930. It was not an instant success. When he turned 65 he hit the road selling his fried chicken calling it Kentucky Fried Chicken. He used his \$105.00 a month social security check. As a gimmick to sell the chicken he called himself Colonel. When he sold the business in 1964 there were 600 KFC franchises. So grab your napkins and go eat some Crispy Fried Chicken, y'all!!! Happy National Fried Chicken Day!!!

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





- July 4 Wardogs luncheon at lodge Celebration of Freedom
- July 13 Luau
- July 19 \$ tacos and kids only horse races.
- Aug 02 Monterrey
 Night
- Aug 23 \$ tacos and adults only horse races.
- Sept 21 Bi-annual steak feed
- Oct 26 Rusty
 Rierson concert
- Nov 8 Essay contest
- Nov 10 Chicken & Noodle Feed
- Dec 1 Annual
 Memorial



Happy Fourth of July!





FLOWER CART AT THE TLC HOSPICE UNIT, BOB DOLE VA MEDICAL CENTER

Loren and Jackie Anthony and Stan Willis are pictured with a couple of the vets at the hospital. They asked for new flowers for the flower cart that was purchased for them last year. The flowers are from Prairie Blossom Nursery & Garden Center. The flowers are beautiful. Thank you Loren, Jackie and Stan.

You are the best. I hope they enjoy it all season long Gean Cutsinger





4TH ANNUAL CITIES SERVICE GAS, NORTHWEST CENTRAL, WILLIAMS NATURAL GAS AND SOUTHERN STAR RETIREES AND EMPLOYEE PARTY Saturday June 08, 2024 the employees of the Cities Service Gas Co., Northwest Central Pipeline, Williams Natural Gas and Southern Star Central gathered for their fourth annual retirement party. Hosted by the retirement committee, Rick Bennett, Bill Whitehead and Stan Willis. They gathered around 3 o'clock for the social and the meal at 5 o'clock. There were around sixty people in attendance. Thank you to all the Elks Members who helped out and for all that you do. We can not do these events without your help. Thank you.



FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Friday night June 14, at 7:00 p.m., the annual flag day celebration was held at Forest Park, 900 N. Taylor, in El Dorado. Hosted by the El Dorado Elks Lodge, the American Legion, VFW and the Municipal Band. Hot dogs were served, then the El Dorado Municipal Band started the concert. Audience members sat in the shaded areas and The American Legion Color Guard presented the colors followed by the National Anthem. The special guest speaker this year was our very own E.R. Phil Wickwire, he spoke about the flag. Various songs were done throughout the evening and a special tribute to all our veterans was done. I would like to thank every single person for helping out. There are way too many to mention. Thank you, to E.R. Phil Wickwire for

putting this all together. We hope to see you all again next year. Sean Cutsinger

KEA STATE FLAG DAY

Saturday, June 15 the KEA Flag Day Celebration was held in Abilene, KS at 2:00 p.m. at Little Ick Park. It was a hot day but the breeze was some relief. Look forward to seeing everyone next year. *Gean Gutsinger*



JIMMY HOLMES AS ELVIS

Saturday June 15, 2024, Jimmy Holmes was once again in the house for his fourth time. Jimmy Holmes is an award-winning Elvis Tribute Artist from Demotte, Indiana. He has traveled across the USA and abroad showcasing his authentic tribute to the King. He has won numerous awards in the ETA industry but his most cherished is when he was awarded the Dream King trophy on the Westgate stage in Las Vegas. The same stage where Elvis played his hundreds of sold-out shows during his Las Vegas reign. His dad Jim also performed. Everyone had a great time. My family and myself was sad that we could not see him this time around, as it was my company picnic at the zoo. I did talk to Jimmy a few days later and he said he always enjoys coming to El Dorado and to

perform for all his friends here. Sean Cutsinger



- 03 Samuel Kendall
- 04 Will Carpenter
- 12 Sandra Reimer
- 14 William Kaempfe
- 18 Jackie Vinson
- 20 Rick Kennedy
- 21 Richard Lemaster
- 25 Jake Myers
- 26 James Clennan
- 27 John Grange

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win. 06-03-24 \$40.00 Yevonne Martin 06-17-24 \$50.00 Rodger Decker 07-08-24 \$10.00



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

KATHY CLARK ENF AWARD

As local chairman of the Elks National Foundation, I had the honor of presenting Mrs. Kathy Clark, on Monday evening June 17, with her pin and certificate. This was awarded to one of our Permanent Benefactors in acknowledgment and appreciation of generous donations totaling \$2,000.00 or more toward the philanthropic projects

fostered by the Elks National Foundation. We like to award those members who go above and beyond their service. Thank you to everyone who donates to this worthy cause. *Gean Cuttinger*

Sign up for our monthly, sustaining giving program—the ENF Fidelity Club! Give automatic, regularly scheduled donations each month from your credit card or bank account. Receive special membership benefits and recognition pieces. Update, adjust or modify your gift any time online or by calling us. Sign up by scanning the QR code and make a sustaining difference in Elks communities today! Use the QR code to sign up today.



- # 01 **El Dorado** at \$9.08
- # 02 **Chanute** at \$6.84
- # 03 **Overland Park** at \$6.62
- # 04 **Iola** at \$6.54
- # 05 **Russell** at \$6.47
- # 06 **Abilene** at \$5.34
- # 07 **Pratt** at \$4.83
- # 08 **Parsons** at \$4.37
- # 09 **Garden City** at \$2.99

- # 10 **Hoxie** at \$2.90
- # 11 **Atchison** at \$2.03
- # 12 **Ottawa** at \$1.64
- # 13 **Junction City** at \$1.22
- # 14 Clay Center at \$1.06
- # 15 **Goodland** at \$0.97
- # 16 **Osawatomie** at \$0.57
- # 17 **Fort Scott** at \$0.43
- # 18 **Salina** at \$0.00

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of 06-23-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$16,246.24 to date. That is \$3.90 per member of the 4,162 members in the state. The new ENF goal will be announced in July. 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. **Gean **Cutsinger**



July 2024



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30 Elks National Convention Austin, Tx 2024	1 Elks National Convention Austin, Tx 2024	2 Elks National Convention Austin, Tx 2024	3 Elks National Convention Austin, Tx 2024	4 NO BINGO Wardogs Lunch 11:00	5 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	6
7	8 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Game Night 6:00 p.m.	10	11 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	12 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	13 Luau Party 6:00 p.m.
14	15 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	19 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	20
21	22	23	24	25 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne	26 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	27
28	29 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	30	31	Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	2 Montereys 6:00 p.m.	3







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