Happy Back To School!



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





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LODGE MEETINGS

August 05, 2024 August 19, 2024 Initiation All members invited.



From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

The Grand Lodge was as usual a wonderful experience. This year we were in a hotel ½ of a block from the convention center. Can you imagine 1/2 block? It was wonderful. I attended as many sessions as I could. As always, I went to the drug Awareness presentation and listened to some very good presentations. One was from a Retired Marine Colonel who now oversees the young Marine program. I am familiar with this program as Chip Weber a Butler County Sheriff's

Deputy, coordinates the Young Marine program in Butler County. The Program is designed to help kids make better choices, stay Drug free, and understand the Marine Core values. They are not necessarily trying to make Marines out of these young people but prepare them for life challenges. Should they decide to enlist in the Military it is a Win-Win situation. We listened to a video from Ray Lozano who is willing to come to our schools and provide Drug Awareness presentations. His cost is paid through funding from Elks National Drug Awareness program. I attended presentations on the responsibilities of the E.R. I did meet our new District Deputy Cecil Davidson. We talked briefly; however, I don't know when he plans on visiting our lodge. I did have an opportunity to talk with Carl Lindsey. He tells me if I send in a picture with a BRIEF description of the event he will get it in the Sunflower after I returned from Grand Lodge. On July 4th the lodge provided lunch for the Military War Dog's ball team. This group of active-duty military personal take two weeks leave to become Ambassadors of our United States Military. While in El Dorado they visited our veterans in the local Nursing homes and went to the Bob Dole V.A. center in Wichita. Also, they built some wooden picnic tables at the nursing home to be used by all the families. Visiting with the group of men was a true delight. We enjoyed Lunch from Jimmy John's (Thanks John Steinbacher for making that happen) I need to say thank you to Sherri Adelsperger, (Aka Irine, Elsbeth, or whatever name I think of at the time) She is wonderful. Thanks to Stan Willis. And a Special thanks to Loren Anthony the Ice Cream Man. All the people who donated cakes. Roger Cutsinger and Rodger Decker helped as well. The celebration of freedom committee donated some leftover cookies. As always, we had more food than needed. It was a fun afternoon being of service to our Active-Duty Veterans. Later that evening we had a table set up at McDonalds Stadium where Roger C and I talked to folks about the Elks. We passed out some membership applications, (We'll see). We watched a good Ball Game and some Great fireworks after the game. It was a wonderful fourth of July. We took a team picture with us, and the War Dog's. I have sent it to Carl Lindsey. July was in fact a full month and a fun time.

I hate to end this with some negative connotations. We have lost two very valuable members due to gossip and rumors. Deb Kirkpatrick Britt has stepped down from entertainment chair for that very reason. Jim Masters has now stepped down as a Trustee and Bar Manager due to all the bickering in the Lodge. We have fought this for many years. All I can say is (STOP IT, STOP IT NOW!) At the current rate we will have to close the Lodge in a couple of years if this continues. Please be kind to one another (Ever Practice Brotherly Love) Lord Bless every one of you.

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Fraternally, Phil Wickwire, Exalted Ruler

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IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE LIKELY

Since our first lodge meeting in September is on Labor Day, the date will likely be moved to the next Monday which will be September 9. We still have to vote on the date change but please keep this in mind and plan accordingly. 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



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. I am not sure where this year is going but here is August already, and it sure has been HOT. Bring on Autumn. Saturday, August 3 is National Sunflower Day! It is also the Kansas state flower. Sunflowers are to spread joy and to remind people to share their inner sunshine. Sunflowers have been around since 1000 BC. Native Ameri-

cans valued sunflowers for a primary food source, oil, paint, textile and used them in ceremonies. Some historians and archaeologists believe sunflowers have been cultivated even before corn was. Sunflower seeds were crushed into flour for bread and cakes. You can also eat them as a snack or add them to salads. The oil from the seeds were also used to make breads. By 1830 sunflower oil was manufactured on a commercial scale. Sunflower seeds are high in calcium and considered a healthy food. Not only are sunflower seeds edible but so are the petals. You can add them to your salad. Sunflower oil was used to treat snakebites, coughs, sunstrokes and to remove warts. In today's society sunflower oil is used to treat skin injuries, psoriasis, arthritis, constipation and to help lower cholesterol. The United States is a massive producer of sunflowers. The average height of a sunflower is five to six feet tall. The sunflower head can grow bigger than a human head. When they get too big they start to fall from the weight and will loose the petals. This is when they are harvested. An average sunflower can produce 2,000 sunflower seeds per head. Sunflowers will follow the sun throughout the day, however, if it gets too hot they will turn themselves toward the East to avoid the direct sun. Sunflower enthusiasts says that "The perfect flower is not only the happiest flower, but also the most intelligent, too." The bible doesn't talk about sunflowers directly, however, people see them as a sign of faith and looking to God, like how they follow the sun in the sky. "God gave us seeds" (Genesis 1:29). August is the peak growing season for sunflowers. Happy National Sunflower Day Everyone!!!

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



ARMED FORCES FLAG

On behalf of the Lodge, we want to thank Stan Willis for the brand new Armed Forces Flag. It is a beautiful addition to the lodge. The flag is proudly displayed in the Event Hall of the lodge.

Sean Cuttinger





- Aug 02 Monterrey Night
- Aug 23 \$ tacos and adults only horse races.
- Sept 07 Ken
 Schaffer Golf
 tournament
 Junction City
- Sept 14 Golf
 Tournament
- Sept 21 Bi-annual steak feed
- Oct 19-20 Mid
 Winter meeting
 Junction City
- Oct 26 Rusty
 Rierson concert
- Nov 8 Essay
 contest
- Nov 10 Chicken & Noodle Feed
- Dec 1 Annual



Happy
Sunflower Day!



NEW REINSTATEMENT

Please help me welcome our new reinstatement Tom Veasey. Gean Cutsinger

BI-ANNUAL STEAK FEED

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Mark your calendars. September 21 the lodge will be having our second Steak Feed for the year. Don't miss it. Get your tickets from any Elks Member.







Yahtzee
tournament!
Prizes will be
given and
bragging
rights.

El Dorado Elks Lodge 121 E Pine Ave August 12 6:00 pm. \$5.00 to

enter

If you plan to attend please call Loren Anthony to make reservations so we know how many tables to set up.

For reservations call Loren at 316-322-5789





- 03 Aspen Adlesperger
- 03 Mark Hutto
- 08 Karen Andersen
- 10 Shiela Brown
- 14 Tom Burkowski
- 15 Phil Wickwire
- 16 Tony Allison
- 16 Mary Burkowski
- 20 Gary Dennett
- 24 Stephanie White
- 25 Carol Argyle
- 27 Megan Boone
- 27 Glenn Robinson
- 27 Sandra Zieman

PILLBOX DRAWING

Must be present at meetings to win. 07-08-24 \$10.00 Michael Walters 07-15-24 \$20.00 Thomas Kathy 08-05-24 \$30.00



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



US MILITARY WARDOGS LUNCHEON

Thursday July 4 the lodge hosted the US Military War Dogs for lunch. Thank you to John Steinbacher, he managed to get Jimmy Johns to provide

thirty-five boxed meals. Thank you to Phil Wickwire, Stan Willis, Loren Anthony, Roger Cutsinger and Sherri Adlesperger for helping out. A big thank you to Jackie Anthony for making her famous pumpkin cake. After the meal Phil gave them a tour of the lodge and gave them a bit of history of the lodge. Thank you to Phil and Roger C who ran the Elks booth outside the ballpark gates, to hand out information on the Elks. Jean Cutsinger



LUAU PARTY

Saturday, July 13 the lodge hosted the Kewpie Ohana Dancers. They performed several Hawaiian dances and explained what the movements mean. They also gave us a little history about their family and Hawaii. A huge thank you to Marsha Cutsinger, Karen Andersen, Barbra Trent and Sean Cutsinger for the meal. Polynesian rice and

pineapple chicken were served, along with Hawaiian meatballs, pineapple Fluff and Pistachio salad. Thank you to Roger Cutsinger for arranging the Dancers to come perform for us. Sean Cutsinger



- # 01 **Overland Park** at \$12.39
- # 02 **El Dorado** at \$10.88
- # 03 **Garden City** at \$8.98
- # 04 **Iola** at \$7.38
- # 05 **Russell** at \$7.07
- # 06 **Chanute** at \$6.89
- # 07 **Goodland** at \$5.76
- # 08 **Pratt** at \$5.47
- # 09 **Abilene** at \$5.41

- # 10 **Parsons** at \$4.64
- # 11 **Hoxie** at \$3.02
- # 12 **Atchison** at \$2.54
- # 13 **Ottawa** at \$1.80
- # 14 **Junction City** at \$1.43
- # 15 **Clay Center** at \$1.24
- # 16 **Osawatomie** at \$0.61
- # 17 **Fort Scott** at \$0.43
- # 18 **Salina** at \$0.00

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Thank you everyone for your continued support. As of 07-23-2024 the State of Kansas as a whole has donated \$20,355.18 to date. That is \$4.89 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. **Gean **Cutsinger**



August 2024



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Lisa	2 Monterey Lunch or Dinner 11:30-1:30 and 5:00-7:30 Bar Open	3
4	5 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	6	7	S Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Deb	9 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	10
11	12 Game Night 6:00 p.m.	13	14	15 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Barbara	16 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	17
18	19 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Yevonne	23 \$ Tacos Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	24
25	26 Main St Meeting 12:00 p.m.	27	28	29 Lodge BINGO 6:00 p.m. Kitchen: Men	30 Bar Open 6:00 p.m.	31







LODGE OFFICERS

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