

THE STAG LINE



Kevin's ER Corner

Hey Y'All,

One month down for my year and it has been full of activities. On the social side, the Queens of the Past event organized by Stacey Travis was a great time. Special thanks to the ladies who put this on, as well as the King MC Steve McKay for

his escort activities! Speaking of lipstick and make-up, you may have seen some sprucing up we have been doing on the outside of the Lodge. Tandem Paving completed our parking lot resurfacing the first week of April and Apple Roofing completed the roofing job at about the same time. We also have an upcoming project for the improvement of the RV power stands. Many thanks to Jeremy Nickell for volunteering his time on the important project. Our many RV guests will truly appreciate this. Thanks to all the members who came out on April 20th to deep clean the downstairs in preparation for the 50th Anniversary Gala. This was a considerable amount of work and we always appreciate the efforts of our members to keep our home in tip top shape.

Just a reminder, one of my favorite events is coming up on May 4th, the Roger Deterding Kids Fishing Derby. There is something magical about watching kids catching fish and if you are interested in helping out, please come by. As always, please look through this newsletter for other things to get involved in.

Switching gears a bit, I want to recognize the new officers this year for really stepping into their roles, especially during the Lodge meeting. I have received many compliments from members and I want you to know your efforts are appreciated. Special call out to Eric Root and Jim McKay for going all out on their very successful officer meals in April. The food was fantastic!

As a wrap up, I want to close with a focus on one of my themes of the year, Unity. Unity is working together as one towards a goal and when we pull together we can accomplish great things. The building of our Vesper and Brizendine locations are wonderful examples of how our members worked together, volunteered their time and their funds and created something that continues to be a force for good in our community, but it wasn't always easy to do. I wanted to use these examples of unity to show current members what can be achieved under a united front. I believe unity is the heart and soul of Elksdom. One person can achieve so much. Many people can accomplish the impossible.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Etris, Exalted Ruler



**GRANDPARENT
SAFE SITTER CLASS**
May 1, 2024
5:30 P.M.
**CJCFPD Education
Training Center**
4715 SW US 40 Highway
Blue Springs Missouri 64015



**This is a 2 hour class sponsored
by the 1st Responder Committee**



Impact Grant Funded/Fees Are Waived
RSVP NEEDED: 816-379-6472 OR
email firstresponder2509@gmail.com
Contact Virginia DeBoard for any questions



W"ELK"OME NEW MEMBERS!!!

Community • Friendship • Charity

ELKS

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

JUNE 30-July 3

Austin 2024!



Spring Vendor Fair

Welcome, Spring! A season of renewal, vibrant colors, and SHOPPING has arrived.

MAY 1, 2024
5PM - 8PM

ELKS LODGE
 100 NE BRIZENDINE ROAD
 BLUE SPRINGS, MO 64014



Roger Deterding
Kids Fishing Derby
Saturday May 4, 2024
 Butterfly Park
 Grain Valley, MO
 Ages 2-15
Registration 8:00 A.M.
Fishing at 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
FUN, FOOD AND PRIZES!!!
 Contact Doug Jordan rascan1125@msn.com
 816.868.9812

FINANCIAL STATE OF THE LODGE

Presentation by
 Dana Duckworth.
 Wednesday May 8, 2024
 5:30 P.M.
 Lodge Meeting Room

This will be an in-depth look at investments, budgeting, income and spending at the Lodge. The power point presentation will include information from the past five years and a look ahead.

All officers and committee chairpersons are advised to attend. All members and Elkettes are invited to attend also!

The time has been changed to 5:30 P.M. to accommodate dinner at the Lodge.




GUYS & DOLLS GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 1, 2024
7:30-8:30 A.M. SIGN IN 8:30 A.M. TEE OFF
 COUNTRY CLUB GOLF COURSE
SPONSOR AND GOLF TEAM SIGN UP SHEETS ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE HALLWAY.
AUCTION ITEMS ARE NEEDED



LUCK OF THE DRAW DART TOURNAMENT

Saturday May 11, 2024
Sign up at 6:00 P.M.
Drawing of teams at 7:00 P.M.
\$15 Entry Fee.

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 Boards will not be covered.
April Winner: Chris States



Community Education Courses
 Taught by CJCFPD
Safe Sitter Class for Boys and Girls Ages 11-17



May 18, June 19, July 17 and August 10
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
 CJCFPD Training Center
 4715 S US 40 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO
 Fee of class is picked up by the First Responder Committee
 Please register at classreg@cjcpfd.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 4/11/2024 7:00 P.M.



ELKETTE NEWS

Guy's & Dolls Golf Tournament:
We are looking for tournament sponsors,
golf teams and auction items.

Elkettes work hard raising money for charitable donations and supporting the Elks.



Kegs and Eggs Team-Great Job Ladies!!!

Queens of the Past Event: Looking Good!!!



2024 CAR AND BIKE SHOW
 A great way to get involved-
JOIN the Car Show Committee!
 For more information contact
Jim McKay
jandsmckay16@gmail.com



COOKING TEAMS

May 3
 Christina Ward Miller
 Beef & Chicken Kabobs



May 8
 Kerri Robinson
 TBA

MARCH MEETING

WINNERS
 Cash Drawing:
Connie French
 Gift Card:
Laurie Doutt
50/50:
Gina Lee

CONGRATULATIONS ELKETTE
OF THE MONTH
Rhonda Sullivan

HAPPY MAY ELKETTE BIRTHDAYS!

5/2 Barbara Bitnoff, 5/2 Jennifer Walsh, 5/4 Missy Spero,
5/6 Tammy Stansfield, 5/10 Roxy Herman, 5/10 Gina Lee,
5/15 Dawn Sweeney, 5/16 Nichole Jonte,
5/20 Katherine Keck, 5/21 Renee Shalon,
5/22 Carlentina Scharfenkamp, 5/23 Cindie Biner,
5/24 Lori Mock



Women's HaHa Golf League
 Monday, June 3rd at 5:30
 Sign Up With The PRO Shop
 (No later than Sunday June 2nd)
 HaHa Golf League is for all skill levels and
 designed for everyone to have fun.
 See Betty Deterding for more information.
 816-229-1194

CHRISTMAS BASKET COMMITTEE
HELP NEEDED FOR 2024

The Christmas Basket Committee is still
 looking for someone to help with the
CALLING portion of the process.
 This person will need to be available from mid-
 dle of September until the week of **DELIVERY**.
 October will be your busiest time.
 If interested, please contact Debby Aliff at
 816-456-7760 or daliff1967@gmail.com

First Responder News

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, Tony Lopez, Bill Sweeney, Tosha Grotenhuis or email

firstresponder2509@gmail.com

Please join the First Responder Committee.

Next Meeting April 30, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M.



Veterans News

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Next Meeting Wednesday May 1, 2024

5:00 P.M.

See Ed Rieck for questions



**Community
Investments
Program**

1st Responders Committee Raffle

1ST PRIZE

44 ELOCK BUCKMAN GUN SAFE

2ND PRIZE

MAGNUM QUICK ACCESS PISTOL SAFE

3RD PRIZE

ALLEN RANGE BAG

Partly donated by Buchheit

(Do not need to be present to win)

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

**See Virginia DeBoard, Bill Sweeney,
a committee member or bartender for raffle tickets
Drawing on June 12, 2024**



FIRST RESPONDERS FUNDRAISER

**Cold Fire Extinguishers are for sale at
\$40 each. These are small and
put out an amazing fire.**

**Contact any member of the First
Responders Committee and they will
point you in the right direction
so you can get yours.**

Virginia DeBoard virginiadeboard@gmail.com



GRANT UPDATES

Beacon Grant:

We finished the 2023-2024 Beacon grant at the end of March. This grant was used to provide supplemental pantry items not available through Harvesters or affordable with residents' food stamps for 2 Section 8 senior apartment facilities in Blue Springs. A total of 109 Elks volunteered 286 hours to serve 1185 residents this past grant year.

Our application for \$4000 to continue with this project was approved.

Gratitude Grant:

Our application for the \$2500 Gratitude grant to provide school supplies for FosterAdopt Connect was approved.

Freedom Grant:

Our application for the \$1000 Freedom grant to purchase, fill, and distribute backpacks to homeless Veterans in our area was approved.

Spotlight Grant:

Our application for the \$2000 Spotlight grant to supplement the Freedom grant to purchase, fill and distribute backpacks to homeless veterans in our area was approved.

Tosha Grotenhuis, Grants coordinator



**LOOKING FOR A
PERSON OR A
GROUP OF PEOPLE TO BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR
INTERIOR
MAINTENANCE**

Please see
Frank Kerby or
Kevin Etris if you are interested

CINCO DE MAYO
JOIN US ON
SUNDAY MAY 5TH
FOR A
MEXICAN BREAKFAST.
YOU WON'T WANT TO
MISS IT!!!!



Metro West Golf Tournament
Saturday July 20, 2024
Shirkey's Golf Course
901 Wollard Blvd., Richmond, MO
Two Person Scramble (1 Elk. 1 Non-Elk)
\$200.00 per team

We are looking for hole sponsors! \$100.00 per hole.
Please send sponsor information and payment to
PO Box 39, Lexington, MO 64067

Mother's Day

Elk's Lodge Annual Mother's Day Ceremony
Sunday May 12, 2024
10:30 A.M.

Complimentary luncheon to follow for all that attend.

MISSOURI ELKS VETERANS COIN



Front



Back

What a great way to honor your community Veterans by presenting these to deserving Veterans.

\$10.00 Each

Order yours now!

Forms are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

UPGRADES FROM 1ST RESPONDERS

1st Responder Committee completed the upgrade of the First Aid and AED boxes. Each box contains an AED, Stop the Bleed Kit, NARCAN, burn gel, a blood pressure cuff machine and first aid kit.

Virginia DeBoard



INVESTIGATION REPORT APRIL 18, 2024

2 TO BE READ FOR INITIATION

Tyler Rains
 Cynthia Johnson

5 TO BE INVESTIGATED/INTERVIEWED

Cani Carlton
 Niel Henriksen
 Ed Spotts
 Gene Ryals III
 John Chacon

4 TO BE VOTED ON FOR INITIATION

Keith Hupp Lori Mock
 Gene Stephens Griffin Quells

8 TO BE INITIATED

Jeremy Schaefer Joseph Brunner Jr
 Michelle Jones Frank Rodak
 Justin Wulff Jon Brown
 Jennifer Bond Timothy Olah

9 TO BE INDOCTRINATED

Marilyn Moots	Eddie Davis
Mark Shanks	Amy Shanks
Donald Browning	Matthew Browning
Charles Johnston	Brian Wilson
James Todd	Glenna Furrell
David Wertenberger	Mark Kenny
Troy Baker	Brooke Boldizs
Zachery Ferrell	Michelle Chick

Submitted by Frank Kerby

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

MAY 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
Upcoming Events: June 1-Guys & Dolls Golf Tournament June 3-6-Dental Van August 3-4-State Golf Tournament October 11-12-State Bass Tournament			1 Dinner Veterans Mtg 5PM Grandparent Safe Sitter Class 5:30 Vendor Fair 5PM-8PM	2 Lodge Meeting 7PM	3 Dinner Christina Ward Miller-Beef & Chicken Kabobs	4 ROGER DETERDING KIDS FISHING DERBY 8 AM
5 Cinco De Mayo Special Breakfast YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!	6	7	8 Dinner FINANCIAL STATE OF THE LODGE PRESENTATION BY DANA DUCKWORTH 5:30 PM	9 Elkette Meeting 7 PM	10 Dinner	11 Dart Tournament
12 NO Breakfast Mother's Day Ceremony 10:30 Complimentary Luncheon to follow	13 	14	15 Dinner	16 Lodge Meeting 7PM	17 Dinner NEWS DUE	18 SAFE SITTER CLASS 9AM-4PM ARMED FORCES DAY
19 Breakfast Omelets	20	21	22 Dinner PER's Chicken Fried Chicken	23 PER Baby Back Ribs PRE ORDER- Pick up: 5/23 4-7 5/24 4-7	24 Dinner Rib Dinner	25
26 NO Breakfast Memorial Day Holiday	27 MEMORIAL DAY 	28	29	30	31	

MAY BREAKFAST —Breakfast served 8:30-11:00 A.M.
 5/5: Cinco De Mayo Special Breakfast!!!
 5/12: NO Breakfast-Mother's Day Ceremony
 5/19: Omelet Team-Omelets (Cinnamon Rolls \$2 Each)
 5/26: NO Breakfast-Memorial Day Holiday
ALL BREAKFASTS INCLUDE JUICE AND COFFEE

NEWS ARTICLES for the JUNE newsletter are due **Friday MAY 17, 2024**
 Articles may be left in the newsletter mailbox in the Lodge Secretary's office or sent via email to **louechee@sbcglobal.net** or **bpoe2509news@gmail.com**



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



Thinking of You
 John Ward
 Jolene Brugman
 Avan Solomon
 Gloria Rose
Sympathy
 Family of Gerald Mendralla



MAY BIRTHDAYS

	3-Brad Robinson	8-Thomas Biondo	14-Danny Karst	19-Benjamin Mitchell	24-Thad Noland
	3-Johanna Rogers	8-Dennis Leonard	14-Billy Roberts	19-Paul Richard	25-James Gargotta
	3-Tim Smith	9-James Lauderdale	14-Richard Walden	20-Paul Hawkins	26-Jason Shockley
	3-John Walker	9-Donald Marshall	15-Ronald Lichte	20-Katherine Keck	27-Eric Campbell
	4-Ronnie Alery	10-Donald Fannin	15-Skylar Lichte	20-James Rhodes	27-Chad McGregor
1-Randy Billing	4-Pamela Ayers	10-Roxanne Herman	15-Jeffrey Quibell	20-Stephen Smith	27-Rick Salerno
1-Donald Bowlen	4-Melinda Spero	11-Christopher Ary	15-Dalton Tubbs	21-James Collier	28-Kim Cooper
1-William Buckallew	5-Richie Butler	11-Ronald Ayala	16-Garry Cunningham	21-Allison Jordan	28-Robert Mueller
1-Jared Cada	5-Frank Carroll	11-Kenneth Ballinger	16-Gary Dawson	21-Keri Olson	28-Jeremy Nickell
1-Edward McCanless	5-Rachael Fell	11-Sue Ruhling	16-Michael Spero	21-Shawn Stark	29-Ryan Martens
2-Barbara Bitnoff	5-James Kissner	11-Bradley Walden	16-John Weigel	22-Steven Johnson	29-Christopher Martin
2-Erin Kelley	5-David Lambert	12-Lester Eisenmann	16-Allen Wright	22-Bob Williams	29-Reinhart May
2-Dave Kraemer	5-David Postlethwait	12-Michael Melching	17-Thomas Lauderdale	23-James Haynes	30-Ronald Butler
2-Cody Krause	5-Daniel Sundberg	13-James Benny	17-Marshall Vaughn	23-Jeff Stanley	30-Erik Grotenhuis
2-Karl Porter	6-Thomas Cleaver	13-Nick Huff	18-Laura Danner	23-Suzanne Trowbridge	30-Sue Wanbough
2-Donn Tharp	6-Jenny Cloonan	13-Jeremy Martin	18-Thomas Herman	24-Jimmy Heinrich	31-Michael Grandgenett
2-Terry Winter	6-Susan Sarna	14-James Jones	19-John Dwyer	24-David Longstreet	31-Kevin Harrill

MAY SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

1-Karen Link	6-Tammy Stansfield	9-Rebecca Meyer	15-Marietta Billups	22-Carlentina Scharfenkamp	27-Debby Dilks
1-Pam Moody	6-Sue Vasholz	9-Taylor Norman	15-Dawn Sweeney	23-Mary Bergquist	27-Chase Grube
1-Amanda Simmons	7-Michelle Floyd	9-Glenna Rehkow	16-Linda Badgett	23-Cindie Binder	27-Aynsley O'Brien
2-Joyce Freels	8-Stephanie King	9-Cindy Salerno	16-Anita Reddell	23-Michelle Mead	27-Melissa Yates
2-Lisa Martin	8-Megan Tharp	10-Gina Lee	17-Michele Clark	23-Donna Lee	28-Terri Franke
2-Mikel Newman	9-Susan Delap	10-Mary Mullins	17-Judy Vaughn	24-Jessica Huwar	31-Lynette Pouncil
2-Jenny Oehlschlaeger	9-Terry Easley	11-Julia McDaniel	20-Jody Dillon	24-Lori Mock	31-Anna Smith
4-Grace Mrowka	9-Linda Filer	12-Dana Willetts	21-Renee Shalon	25-Caitlynn Elliott	
4-Kara White	9-Susanne Hester	13-Kim O'Hare	21-Heather Sweeney	25-Kimberly Moriconi	
5-Jeremiah Creed	9-Jaque Hilderbrand	14-Audrey Frederico	22-Nancy Monahan	26-Peggy McAfee	

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Blue Springs Lodge #2509
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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 Elkettes Officers	
President	Gina Lee
Vice President	Lee Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary	Patty Dresser
Treasurer	Roxy Herman
Corresponding Secretary	Laurie Doust
Historian	Renee McKay
Sgt.-at-Arms	Rhonda Sullivan
2024-2025 House Committee	
House Committee Chair: Steve McKay	
House Committee: Kevin Doust, Alan Moody, Todd Hardesty, David Bosworth, Chris States & Tony Guinn	
Bar Manager: Jeremy Nickell Meeting Room: Kevin Huff	
Kitchen Manager: Chip Miller	
Entertainment Committee: Julie Musgrove, Christina Miller, Gina Lee, Kim Lichte, Kylene Hefley, Lissa Stark, Lori Bukaty, Roxy Herman, Sammi Schmidt, Toni Eckman, Tricia Sharp & Renee McKay	
Downstairs Elks Charities: Logan Sousley	