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Metro East District, State of Missouri
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THE AFFTON ELK TRIBUNE

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Welcome to our new members

Hoop Shoot Finalists moving on to District Competition held at the Troy Lodge



Jake Baretich



AgnishCharkrabortly



Thomas Florence



Diane Langeneckert



John Long



Roberto Millian



Leroy Schwent



Joann Slankard



Christopher Smith



Jeffrey Wingbermueller



Veterans Day Parade, Downtown St. Louis



Volunteer Freethrow Contest

After the kids finished their "Hoop Shoot" contest, the volunteers competed in a free throw contest of their own.

In what could only be described as a hotly contested exhibition of raw talent and athleticism, not soon to be repeated on the hardwoods, a winner emerged.

Gary Dohle posted a number early, which proved to be out of reach for the rest of the competition and ultimately held on to win by a single basket. So, "This Bud's for you" "Gary-Dohle," Champion!



Elks Care Elks Share



Elks - Helping Our Community, State and Nation through the Elks National Foundation and Missouri Benevolent Trust because of your generous donations.

Lodge Officers for 2023 - 2024

Bobbie Moon	Exalted Ruler	bjmoon@charter.net	314-277-3717
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Harry Proffitt	Trustee 5 year.....	harrytproffitt@gmail.com	314-580-8483

Past Exalted Rulers

Norvel Derickson,* P.DDGER.....	1982 & 1983
Vernon Lawrence*	1984 & 1985
Charles Crafton*	1986
Carl Svoboda, Sr.*	1987, 1991, and 1994
Barney Mattingly*	1988
Dimitri Evanoff,* P.DDGER.....	1989
Joseph Kvaternik.....	1990
Robert Munger*	1992
Harry Gaab Sr.*	1993
Chester Patrich*	1995
Jack Dedeke, P.DDGER*	1996
John Obst*	1997
Leo Fischer.....	1998
Keith Freeman.....	1999
Don Kantouth, P.DDGER.....	2000 and 2002
Bill DeLarber, P.S.P., P.DDGER.....	2001 & 2003
Robert Mertz*	2004, 2005 and 2006
Doug Buchanan*	2007 and 2008
Jim Matthes*	2008 and 2009
William Peck.....	2010
Christopher Miller.....	2011 and 2012
Kevin Kelley.....	2013 and 2014
Patrick Dolan.....	2015 and 2016
Kathy Colbeck.....	2017 and 2018
Dave C. Delfel	2019 and 2020
Jim Green.....	2021 and 2022
James M. Svoboda* (Fairview Hgts.).....	1973
Michael Beckmann* P.DDGER (Manchester Est.).....	1975
Dal Koppelman (St. Louis #9).....	1975
Robert Armstrong, Sr.* (Crestwood).....	1980
Larry Bold* P.DDGER (St. Louis #9).....	1982
Alexander Jocket* (St. Louis So.).....	1988
Bob Fairchild* (St. Louis So.).....	1991
Joseph Sulzer* (St. Louis So.).....	1993
William Dedeke* (St. Louis So.).....	1994
Ted Kaminski (High Ridge #2455)	1995
Kevin Kelley (St. Louis #9).....	2006
Michael Hacket (Lake of the Ozarks #2517).....	2007
Cis Russell (Ellisville #2664).....	2015 and 2016

50 / 50 Drawing

10/12	2173	10/22	1950	11/1	2166
10/13	2220	10/23	2132	11/2	2011
10/14	1344	10/24	1634	11/3	1775
10/15	2180	10/25	1362	11/4	2169
10/16	2191	10/26	1782	11/5	2041
10/17	1859	10/27	1587	11/6	2138
10/18	1670	10/28	2240	11/7	1486
10/19	1667	10/29	1592	11/8	2191
10/20	1942	10/30	1967	11/9	2223
10/21	1279	10/31	2074	11/10	1747
				11/11	2179

Bingo Committee

Linda Hughes, Co-Chairman.....	314-799-0824
Jill Romay, Co-Chairman.....	314-631-6427
Dan Neaf.....	314-304-1800
Keith Freeman.....	314-313-4175

House Committee 2023 - 2024

Dave Delfel, PER	314-276-2607
Barb Green, Gaming Mgr.....	314-843-7364
Mark Murphy, Member.....	314-341-3892
Beth Morrison, Member.....	314-398-5377
Lisa Vecchio, Member	314-413-9490
Dean Rahn, Member	618-340-6317
Terry Dunville, Trustee, Kitchen	314-359-2911

Activities Committee for 2023 - 2024

For information or to volunteer for our events call
314-374-0299 or email kristan.cardwell@gmail.com

Investigation Committee

Rick Seratti Ivan Mills Beth Morrison

Public Relations Committee

Lynn Petersen, JoAnn McLaughlin, Debbie Rohrich -Tyler

Fraternal Committee Americanism

Sharon McCrory, Sandy Singer and Harry Proffitt

Veterans Committee

Harry Proffitt

Auditing and Accounting Committee

Bob Swanger Craig Wicker Keith Freeman

Ladies of Elks for 2023 - 2024

Cathy Kinstler	President	314-581-7907
Mary Lou Miller	Vice President	314-952-1626
Denise Dolan	Recording Secretary	314-570-6194
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Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg & Historic Norfolk	June 2 - 8, 2024	\$1174
Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard & Plymouth	Aug. 24 - Sept. 1, 2024	\$1314
Niagara Falls & Toronto	June 16 - 22, 2024	\$1164
Chicago	Aug. 5 - 9, 2024	\$819
Pigeon Forge & Smoky Mountains Show Trip	Sept. 9 - 13, 2024	\$880
Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, Black Hills of South Dakota and Yellowstone National Park	Sept. 14 - 23, 2024	\$1949
Albuquerque & Santa Fe	Sept. 29 - Oct. 5, 2024	\$1124
Christmas in New York	Dec. 1 - 7, 2024	\$1545



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*The Affton Elk's Lodge #2635
Respectfully Requests Your Presence at our
Annual Memorial Service to Honor
Our Departed Brothers and Sisters.*



*Service will be held
Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 7:00p.m.
in the Affton Elk's Lodge Hall
St. Louis Missouri 63123*

*Friends and Family Members are asked
to arrive by 6:30p.m.*

Refreshments will be served after the service.



R.S.V.P. Kathy Colbeck 314.313.5128 or colbeckbarkbusters@sbcglobal.net



MEMORIAL SERVICE

This is a very moving service and is so important to the families of our deceased members. Please plan on attending. Family and friends welcome. Complimentary dinner and drinks served immediately following ceremony. Show your support for those who have lost their loved ones and for all of us who have lost members of our Elk family.

Roll call of our departed members



Frank Scalise	1233
Mike Morard	734
Ray Heinsohn	1757
Bob Dittmaier	1621
Scott Bruenger	1290
Bob Kramer	1815
Bob Panick	1986
Connie Wright	1857

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 14 Fisher House Dinner 5:30 pm
 Dec 15 Christmas party in the club room 6 - 10 pm
 Dec 16 Christmas basket program 8 - 10 am
 Jan 13 Meat shoot 12 noon 
 Jan 20 Chili Cookoff
 Jan 27 Meat shoot 12 noon 
 Jan Blood drive
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day Dinner 5 p.m. 
 Feb 24 Meat shoot 12 noon
 Feb 16 Fish Fry 4 pm to 7 pm 
 Mar 30 Installation of officers 7 pm
 Mar 15 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Live Music 
 Mar 29 Good Friday last Fish Fry & Raffle Drawing
 April 4 Cardinal's Opening Day Tailgate Party 

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINE

The 15th of the Month

Email pictures (j-peg format), typed copy, advertisement, articles saved as PDF and send to dcdelf@gmail.com

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READ THE NEWSLETTER ON THE INTERNET

Our Newsletter is now available at the Grand
 Lodge Web Page. <http://www.elks.org/>

- 1). Click on Local Lodges
- 2). Type in our Lodge number 2635
- 3). Click on Lodge News

**You must register and get a password to view the Newsletter on line.*

CANNED GOODS WANTED

Don't forget to drop off your canned goods for the **Forces For Food** (formerly the Jefferson Barracks Military/Veteran Food Pantry.)



Affton Ladies of Elks

In this season of thankfulness and joy please remember to be grateful that we live in a wonderful country, and that we owe our veterans our gratitude for their part in keeping our country free.

The season is also a time for God, family, and friends. Reach out to those who may not be as fortunate.

We have 2024 all planned out with fun events for all. We thank all that came to our various activities throughout the year and contributed to our mission to help those that are in need of help or donations.

Our numbers are few (always looking for new members) but we manage to get a lot done.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024.



President,
 Cathy Kinstler



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

I have been advised that the Grand Lodge insurance portion of our yearly dues for the up-coming 2023-2024 Elk year will again be raised by \$5.00. So, this change will be reflected on the renewal notices that should be prepared and mailed out in mid-January, 2024.

Affton Elks Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday

2 pm - 1 am

Saturday 12 pm - 1 am

Sunday 12 pm- 6 pm

DECEMBER 2023 BIRTHDAYS

2 Robert Crusen

Mark Miner

Michael Wood

4 Tim Kramer

Kevin Mills

5 Dan Kelly

Rosie Linck

James O'Donnell

6 Bobbie Moon

9 Gregory Wolf

12 Hazel Proffitt

Don Winkler

13 Leo Fischer, Jr.



13 Garry Jiles

Keith Linderer

Joanna Otto

17 Robert Hixson

Jeff Kurth

20 Matthew Ellison, Sr

Mike Kinstler

Charlie Merx

23 Kaine Burris

Glenn Lohse

Deborah Thuernau

26 John Boushie

27 Jason Neuman



28 Jill Barlow

Ray Dupske

Wayne Eck

Patrick Fischer

Doug Schmaltz

29 Rob Coffman

Gregory Hackett

Ken Hilker

30 Joseph Doepke

Mike Klenc

Robert Pontious

Mike Romay

31 Mike Woods



Affton Elks PAGE OF HONOR



MEMBER

Service Personnel Name

Branch

Deployment

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Charlie Merx
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Brian Pulliam
Sheila Ellison*
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Edward R. Mueller
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Leon Gaddy
Bob Stewart
William R. Taylor
Jane Gabrian
Harry Proffitt
Jim Wood
Jim Hoffman

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Col. Robert Shadowens
Anthony Merx
Mark Pulliam
Rebecca Pulliam
Megan Ellison
Cody Glass
Keegan Hudler Petty Officer 1st Class
Alex Holloway
Eric Cichon, Petty Officer 3rd Class
Lt. Comdr. Craig Mueller
PFC Andrew Heller
Kimmy Kibbler
Capt. Corey Beczkala
Brig. Gen. Charles Lombardo
SGT Anthony Gabrian
SSGT Brennan Morck
Lt. Col. Chad Carlton
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Japan
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San Diego, CA
Scott AFB, IL
Warrensburg, MO
29 Palms, CA

Attention Affton Elk members. If you have a son, daughter, nephew, niece, brother or sister in the military and want their name to appear in our Page of Honor, email me with the information at dcdelf@gmail.com

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DECEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Queen of Hearts drawing every Tuesday at 6:30 pm			1	2 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W
3 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start Memorial Service 7 pm	4 Activities Meeting 6:30 pm Drink specials 4 - 7 pm	5	6 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	7	8	9 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W
10 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	11 House Meeting 6:00pm Board Meeting 6 p.m.	12 LODGE MEETING 7 pm	13 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	14 Fisher House Dinner 5:30	15 Christmas Party in the Lounge 6 - 10 <small>Newsletter Articles Due</small>	16 Social Hour 4-7 Christmas basket program 8-10 am
17 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	18 Drink specials 4 - 7 pm	19	20 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	21 Shuffleboard	22	23 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W
24 Christmas Eve- New Years Eve NO BINGO 31	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	28 Shuffleboard	29	30

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JANUARY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Ladies of Elks 7pm Meeting	3 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	4 Shuffleboard	5	6 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W
7 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	8 Activities Meeting 6:30 pm Drink specials 4 - 7	9 LODGE MEETING Initiation 7 pm	10 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	11 Shuffleboard	12	13 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W MEAT SHOOT 12 NOON
14 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	15 House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	16	17 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm <small>Newsletter Articles Due</small>	18 Shuffleboard	19	20 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W CHILI COOK OFF
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Metro East District Veterans Day Parade Participation

Thanks goes out to the Affton Elks Lodge for hosting lunch, served after the parade. Thanks to Patrick Dolan for taking care of signing up for the parade and the use of his Trolley. Fun was had by all who attended and participated in the festivities. It's a shame that out of 3,000 plus members in the Metro East there were less than 40 participants. I thought the Elk motto was "As long as there are Veterans, they will never be forgotten." I guess the word did not get out to all of the Lodges that it was Veterans Day. WOW! Maybe, just maybe we could get together as a District and show the rest of the masses that we do care!

Below is one Veterans Cemetery that is the resting place for many U.S. Veterans from WWII. This a picture of one in approximately fourteen cemeteries in France.



Above Arlington, Below Jefferson
Barracks, Rt. Normandy, France



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