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THE AFFTON ELK TRIBUNE

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Welcome to our new members



Jake Baretich



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Thomas Florence



Diane Langeneckert



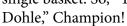
Hoop Shoot Finalists moving on to

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 exibition 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-





John Long



Roberto Millian



Leroy Schwent



Joann Slankard



Christopher Smith



Jeffrey Wingbermuelle

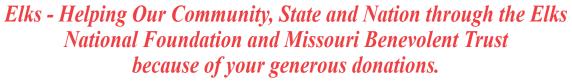


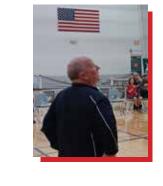
Veterans Day Parade, Downtown St. Louis













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Rick Seratti	Trustee 3 yearumberto1949ms.com	314-630-8125
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Harry Proffitt	$Trustee\ 5\ year {\tt harrytproffitt@gmail.com}$	314-580-8483

Past Exalted Rulers

Norvel Derickson,* P.DDGER	1982 & 1983
Vernon Lawrence*	
Charles Crafton*	
Carl Svoboda, Sr.*	
Barney Mattingly*	
Dimitri Evanoff,* P.DDGER	
Joseph Kvaternik	
Robert Munger*	
Harry Gaab Sr.*	
Chester Patrich*	
Jack Dedeke, P.DDGER*	
John Obst*	1997
Leo Fischer	1998
Keith Freeman	
Don Kantouth, P.DDGER	2000 and 2002
Bill DeLarber, P.S.P., P.DDGER	2001 & 2003
Robert Mertz*	2004, 2005 and 2006
Doug Buchanan*	
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 Koppelmann (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)	
Kevin Kelley (St. Louis #9)	2006
Michael Hacket (Lake of the Ozarks #2517).	2007
Cis Russell (Ellisville #2664)	2015 and 2016

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10/16	2191	10/26	1782	11/5	2041	
10/17	1859	10/27	1587	11/6	2138	
10/17	1670	10/27	2240	11/7	1486	
10/10	1667	10/20	1592	11/8	2191	
10/19	1942	10/25	1967	11/9	2223	
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Bingo Committee

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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
Jayne Veile	Treasurer	314-704-0585
Sharon Schodroski	Chaplain	314-894-9102
Gayle Eckert	Parliamentarian	314-647-1722

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The Afton Elks 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 7.00 p.m.

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

Triends and Family Members are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.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 1	233
Mike Morard	734
Ray Heinsohn 1	757
Bob Dittmaier 1	621
Scott Bruenger 1	290
	815
Bob Panick 1	986
Connie Wright 1	857

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



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



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.



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



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

Iames O'Donnell

6 Bobbie Moon

9 Gregory Wolf

12 Hazel Proffitt Don Winkler

13 Leo Fischer, Ir.



13 Garry Jiles Keith Linderer Ioanna 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



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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

DECEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Queen of He every Tuesda	•		1	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 Newsletter Articles Due	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	25 Merry Christmas	26	Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	28 Shuffleboard	29	30

Lodge Phone Number 314-481-6104

JANUARY 2024 Elks



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Ladies of Elks 7pm Meeting	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	House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	16	17 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm Newsletter Articles Due	18 Shuffleboard	19	20 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W CHILI COOK OFF
21 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	22 Board Meeting 6 pm Drink specials 4 - 7 pm	23 LODGE MEETING 7 pm	24 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	25 Shuffleboard	26	27 Social Hour 4-7 Rail, B, D & W MEAT SHOOT 12 NOON
28 BINGO Doors open 9 am 12:15 start	29	30	31 Wednesday Night Food Special 5 - 7 pm	Shuffleboard	Queen of Hea every Tuesday	O

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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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