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The Joliet Elks Lodge No. 296 newsletter is a monthly newsletter distributed electronically and in limited print to its membership, district lodges and state association officers. This publication brings invaluable article of interest to and from our lodge members and their families. Throughout the year, features include lodge news and events, information from Grand Lodge and information on social gatherings.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to April, the new year for our Lodge and our new Officers. Thank you all for your support, I am honored to serve you again, for this new year as Exalted Ruler. We are so thrilled to have new faces on our board! Welcome Esteemed Loyal Knight, Daniel Ward, a 50-year member and last year's Elk of the Year. Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Ricky Gray, Five-year Trustee and PER, Clinton Flint, we are so excited to have you on board, thank you for your commitment to our Lodge! It is with great pleasure to announce the recipients for the following awards- Officer of the Year, Andy Lopez, Elk of the Year, James (Mike) Hogan and Citizen of the Year, Katherine Popplewell. Much deserved to all, thank you for your outstanding performance and dedication to our Lodge.

The kids Easter bunny party was awesome, we had a full house and super happy kids, last year's Citizen of the Year, Bob Kobe was a terrific DJ and had the kids rocking & rolling, Esteemed Leading Knight, PER Karen Johnson, had the kids hopping and was a spectacular Easter Bunny, thank you both! Lori Bump did an outstanding job in planning, organizing and running the party, everyone had a great time, thank you Lori Bump!

Don't forget to join us for our Kentucky Derby/Cinco De Mayo party for food, fun and drinks on Saturday, May 4th, doors open at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. We have the following positions available, Inner guard, Tiler and Esquire, please consider taking a position, it does not take much time and your Lodge needs you! Bartenders are also needed, please call me if interested or have any questions at 708-990-1766. Let's make this year memorable, we certainly can make that happen with your support! GOD BLESS

Fraternally yours,

Debra Bruno-Newin

Exalted Ruler

2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Debra Bruno-Nevin
Leading Knight.....Karen Johnson PER
Loyal Knight.....Dan Ward
Lecturing Knight.....Ricky Gray
Secretary.....Mark Bump PER, PDDGER
Treasurer.....Barb Schoppe
1 Year Trustee.....Chris Marry



Members All:

Thank you to the members who have submitted your membership renewals for the 2024-2025 lodge year before April 1st and to those members who donated to our charities. New membership cards went into effect on April 1, 2024. **DO YOU HAVE YOURS?!**

Thank you to the members who have supported our dinners during Lent.

Congrats to our newly elected officers for the year and thank you to those who served last year. As we enter the lodge's 129th year in the community, I know the membership will keep on continuing to make a difference for our communities.

Fraternally yours,

Mark Bump, PDDGER
Lodge Secretary

2 Year Trustee.....Larry Burns PER, PDDGER
3 Year Trustee.....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
4 Year Trustee.....Andy Lopez
5 Year Trustee.....Clint Flint, PER
Chairman.....TBA
PER President.....Karen Johnson , PER
Editor.....Karen Bellot

Membership News

Membership as of 4/1/2023: 204

Membership as of 3/19/2024: 206

Delinquent as of 3/19/2024: 14

WELKOME New Member: Rick Chapman via reinstatement, James Nevin (Debra) and Mike Darcy (Jen) transfer from Oak Lawn Lodge #2254.

Propositions for Membership: Robert Eisenhammer proposed by Member Debra Bruno-Nevin, ER. We will be voting on this application at the April 9th lodge meeting.



Don't Forget to follow the official Elks social media pages to stay up-to-date on Elks News!

Old Timers Report

New Members for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year

Jacqueline Tyler Divecchio

Rachel Doyle

Susan Hawkins

Michael Fichter

Abel Herrera

Lucianna Herrera

Sean Hopkins

Daniel Loughran

Enzio Mannaioni

Kimberly Feeney-Mitchell

James Nevin

Renee Parzgnat

Karen Plyman

Greg Wietting

Via Reinstatement

Rick Chapman

Mark Loomis

Via Transfer

Mike Darcy-Oak Lawn Lodge #2254



Scholarship News: The IEA has concluded its judging for the 2024 MVS Contest. The lodge has two winners at the state level: George Werderich and Alena Schertz. Cameron Delpage was a district award winner. Congrats to all three and good luck to both George and Alena.



Are you Moving?

Even if it is just temporary Please don't forget to include the lodge in your list of people to notify. As we use non-profit bulk mail rates, if you move and do not notify us, we are charged a fee for returned mail. Please help us save money and just give the lodge a call or send us an email to let us know your new address.

Lodge Information

Office Hours: M-F 9am-12pm

Lounge Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Thursday 4pm to 10pm
Tuesday-CLOSED

Friday & Saturday 4-11

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Elks National Website: Elks.org Grand Lodge : Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA: www.elks.org

Illinois Elks Association: <http://www.illinoiselks.org/>

Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp: www.illinoiselksccc.org

For lodge updates as it relates to lodge functions, check out the lodge website and/or Facebook page.

60 Day Reinstatement Info: All secretaries are required by GLS 14.180 to send 60 day reinstatement notice letters to members dropped in March for non-payment of dues. These members may be reinstated as a member in good standing with payment of the delinquent and current year dues. Questions, contact your lodge secretary.

Congratulations to our Award Winners at Lodge #296

2023-2024

Officer
Of
The Year

Andy
Lopez

2023-2024

Elk
Of
The Year

Mike
Hogan

2023-2024

Citizen
Of
The Year

Katie
Popplewell



In 2023-24, the Community Investment Programs (CIP) approved 4,192 Beacon, Gratitude and Spotlight Grants; this amounted to nearly \$12.5 million granted. Eight five percent of the lodges received at least one grant (including JOLIET #296).



ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION 74TH ANNUAL STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 6th and 7th , 2024 and April 13th and 14th 2024 are this year's dates for the Illinois Annual Elks Bowling Tournament. This year is it will be held in Bloomington IL at the Pheasant Lane Family Fun Center. All tournament information including times and fees are on the Illinois Elks bowling website: elksbowlillinois.com.



In Illinois, it is illegal
to warn other drivers
of a deer in the road.

As we begin another Elk Year, we are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter, The Elk Call. Postage and printing rates continue to raise the costs to our lodge. The price is only \$75 for the year and we can use your business card for your ad.

**THANK YOU TO OUR CURRENT
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At the February meeting of the G L Board of Trustees, held in San Diego, CA , the eight member committee approved a budget of 45.3 million for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

TRIVIA NIGHT

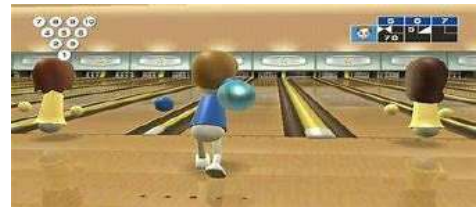
April 12th

Join us for a fun night of Trivia on the second Friday of every month. Trivia starts at 7 but arrive early to get your table and something to drink. You can bring your own snacks or food is available for purchase.

Last month's winner: The Birds

Past Trivia Question: What is the one ingredient that turns regular mustard into Dijon mustard?

Wine



Wii Bowling

Saturday, April 27th

No experience necessary!

Starts at 7pm the fourth Saturday of the month!

Come join the fun!



The Officers and Members join in extending best wishes and forever happiness on your birthday and in the upcoming year!



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Proceeds benefit local charities through Kiwanis.
Find out more about our club at jolietkiwanis.org

**SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 2024**

Joliet Elks Lodge
250 SE Frontage Rd, Joliet

Doors open 2 pm
Trivia starts 3 pm

\$200/TEAM

up to 10 people per team
Cash Bar (Table Snacks Allowed)
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CASH PRIZES

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4/3-Michael Smith
4/14-Jennifer Bertino Tarrant
4/15-Michael Bernik
4/16-Tom Manos
4/16-Nick Minarich
4/16-Peggy Mitchell
4/19-Bob Kobe
4/21-Anthony Christos
4/22-Daniel Loughran
4/22-David Schultz
4/24-Colleen Miller
4/26-John Pearson
4/28-Paul Onderisin
4/30-John Roche



HOW TO DRESS FOR SPRING IN ILLINOIS



Food at the Lodge

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

Fried Fish with Fries (\$10)

Shrimp with Fries (\$10)

Burger with Fries (\$8/\$8.50-cheese)

Onion Rings (\$5)

Fries (\$3)

Mozzarella Sticks (\$5)

THIRD SATURDAY

Steak Sandwiches

EVERY NIGHT

Pizza (\$7-\$12)



March Winners

3/1-Tony Ragusa #13 (2 of Clubs)

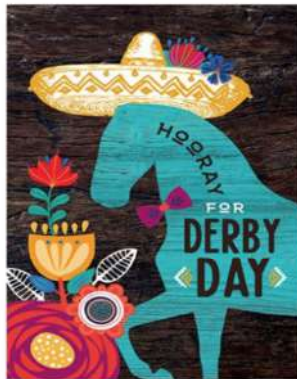
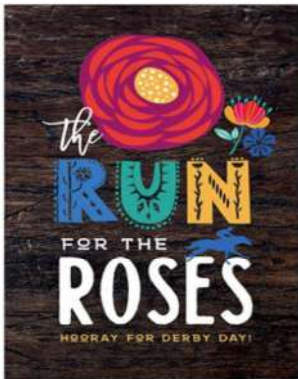
3/8-Carol Voigts #18 (Ace of Diamonds)

3/15-Joe Petroski #38 (7 of Diamonds)

3/22-Terry Allison #53 (Q of Diamonds)

Ticket Prices will now be \$5 a piece
or 3 for \$10

Drawings will now be held on Friday
nights at 7:30.



May 4th, 2024

Come out and Celebrate the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo. Wear your favorite derby hat, vote for your favorite horse and enjoy some mint juleps or the drink of your choice. We will also be having Elk Races in the Lounge. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Race starts at 5:45. See you there!



Third Saturday Dinners At the Elks

Starting April 20th we will be changing our monthly Saturday night dinner from Chili to Steak Sandwiches and the fixings. Bring your family and friends out for another yummy meal from Chef Andy!



April's Drink of the Month is the favorite of Trustee Penny Burns, PPDGER. She has chosen the Amaretto Fizz. This concoction is made with Amaretto, club soda and lemon juice. Cost is \$4.00 during the month of April. Come in and try one!



Don't forget we have a gaming room here at the Elks Lodge. Try your luck today!



Pizzas are available every day! We have three sizes and many kinds to choose from. The bartenders will be happy to serve you and your friends a hot pizza from our pizza oven.

APRIL 2024

Why did the cross-eyed teacher lose her job?

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Euchre 6:30	2	3 Euchre 6:30	4	5 Darts 7pm Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of H 7:30	6
7	8 Euchre 6:30	9 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	10 Euchre 6:30	11	12 Trivia 7pm Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of H 7:30	13
14	15 Euchre 6:30	16 Board and House Committee Mtg. 7pm	17 Euchre 6:30	18	19 Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of H 7:30	20 Bid Euchre 7:00 Steak Sandwich Dinner 6-10
21 District Mtg. Chicago South 9:30	22 Euchre 6:30	23 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	24 Euchre 6:30	25	26 Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of H 7:30	27 Wii Bowling 7pm
28	29 Euchre 6:30	30				

MAY 2024

She could not control her pupils!

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Euchre 6:30	2	3	4 KY Derby Cinco DeMayo 4-11
5	6 Euchre 6:30	7	8 Euchre 6:30	9	10 Trivia 7pm Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of Hearts 7:30	11
12	13 Euchre 6:30	14 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	15 Euchre 6:30	16	State Convention Springfield thru Sunday	
19	20 Euchre 6:30	21 Board and House Committee Mtg. 7pm	22 Euchre 6:30	23	24 Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of H 7:30	25 Bid Euchre 7:00 Steak Sandwich Dinner 6-10
26	27 Memorial Day Lodge closed	28 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	29 Euchre 6:30	30	31 Fri Dinner 4-10 Q of Hearts 7:30	



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