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The Joliet Elks Lodge #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 articles of interest to and for our lodge members and families. Throughout the year, features include news and events, information from Grand Lodge and information on social gatherings.

## A WORD FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the beautiful month of June! As the days grow longer and the weather warms, I know many of you will be traveling near and far. I'd like to wish you all safe and enjoyable travels. Remember, wherever you go—whether out of town or out of state—be sure to carry your current, up-to-date membership card. This allows you to visit and enjoy the hospitality of any Elks Lodge across the United States.

If you're interested in joining a committee or volunteering, please don't hesitate to reach out to any officer or to me directly. We always welcome helping hands and fresh ideas!

This is also the perfect time to grow our membership. Each of us can

make a difference by sponsoring a family member or friend. When was the last time you brought in a new member? As Elks, it's part of our duty to share the spirit of our Lodge and encourage others to join in our mission.

And don't forget—our Lodge meetings are even better with your presence. We'd love to see more of our members getting involved. The more, the merrier!

GOD BLESS!

*Debra Bruno-Nevin, PER*



Give thanks. Give life.

# TRIVIA Night

**FRIDAY JUNE 12TH 7:00 PM**

Please arrive by 6:30 to get your table and something to drink. We have a good selection of both in the Lounge. Come with your own team or feel free to join one of the teams that are already here. All members and their guests are welcome.

Last month's winners—JT Pride, 2nd- Bizos, 3rd - Blue W's



QUEEN OF HEARTS:

5-2-25: Mark Bump, # 26 ( 2 of Diamonds)

5-9-25: Penny Burns, . # 38 (6 of Clubs)

5-16-25: Penny Burns, # 46 ( 10 of Clubs.)

## We wELKome New Members

wELKome New Member: David (Bosa) Goodale via reinstatement.

The Lodge encourages you to get out and use the facilities we have to offer. We have many events going on throughout the year; watch the newsletter. Enjoy the Lodge with your fellow Elks, invite your friends and family. Better yet, sponsor them, ask them to join and help make our Lodge grow.

Fraternally, The Members of your Lodge, Joliet #296



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# This Month-- An irreverant look at humor

THE JOLIET ELK CALL

## 2025-2026 LODGE #296 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Debra Bruno-Nevin PER  
 Est. Leading Knight.....Karen Johnson PER  
 Est. Loyal Knight.....Dan Ward  
 Est. Lecturing Knight.....Ricky Gray  
 Secretary.....Mark Bump PER, PDDGER  
 Treasurer.....Jan Flint  
 Tiler.....Annie Won  
 Esquire.....Slim Pickens  
 Chaplain.....Lori Bump  
 Inner Guard.....Jennifer Bellot

Trustee (2026).....Larry Burns PER, PDDGER  
 Trustee (2027).....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER  
 Trustee (2028).....Andy Lopez  
 Trustee (2029).....Clint Flint PER  
 Trustee (2030).....Chris Marry  
 Board of Directors Chair..... Penny Burns, PER, PDDGER  
 P.E.R. President.....Debra Bruno-Nevin PER  
 Editor.....Jeff Sterr PER PDDGER  
 Casting Director.....Lori Bump  
 Very Temporary Assistant Editor.....Dee Zaster

### Lodge Information

Office Hours: M-F 9am-12pm

**Lounge Hours: Mon, Wed. 4pm to 10pm**

**Tuesday , Thursday & Sunday -CLOSED**

**Friday & Saturday 4-11**

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Bob Eckhoff- District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks Website: [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

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

Illinois Elks Children's Care: [www.illinoiselksccc.org](http://www.illinoiselksccc.org)

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

### OLD (?) TIMERS REPORT

#### ELKS CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

Jay Caswell, Michael McDonald, Joe Babich, Leonard Hoffman, David Rubis, Ed Forneris, Donald Schultz, Mike Magruder, George Block, Norman Stoiber, John Harvish, and Don Reger.



**July 25 and 26**

**Enjoy the games, food and fun at the Lodge!**

**Please bring a dish to pass**

**First pitch Friday—25th @ 6:40**

**Saturday— 26th @ 6:10**

**Feel the desperation as the Sox look to win a series**

### MEMBERSHIP-MONTHLY REPORT

#### JOLIET ELKS LODGE #296

Membership as of 4/1/2025: 192

Membership as of 5/20/2025: 193

Delinquent as of 5/20/2025: 61

Applicants and sponsors please note:

Applications for membership must be filled out in their entirety, including the correct information, i.e. birth date, email address, sponsor, contact info. etc. or they will not be read on the floor of the lodge.

Mark Bump, PER, PDDGER, Lodge Secretary

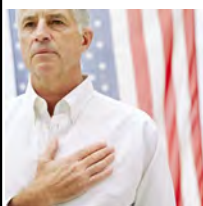
### JUST A REMINDER...

According to Section 14.160, Members who are delinquent in their dues and/or are dropped for non-payment of dues are not entitled to the privileges of Membership (i.e. use of the Club or Lodge facilities) until they are properly reinstated in the manner provided by the of the Order.

Fact of Fiction? The only place where a flag flies all day at full mast but does not get saluted is the moon.

Fact - Neil Armstrong planted the American flag on the moon, near the Sea of Tranquility. There are actually six American flags placed on the moon, one for each lunar mission.

As we begin another Elk year, we are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter, the *Elk Call*. The price is only \$75 per year, and we can use your business card for your ad.



Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member.

In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues.

The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

Editor reserves the right to edit the submissions for Grammar, Punctuation, and Content as space allows.





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**2024 Relay For Life  
of Joliet IL**  
**Saturday, June 7th**  
**2:00PM-10:00pm**  
**Busey Bank Field at**  
**Joliet Memorial Stadium**

One day. One night. One community. Relay for Life is about celebration, remembrance and hope. By participating, you honor cancer survivors, pay tribute to the lives we've lost to the disease and raise money to fight it all right here in your community. You won't want to miss one moment of this life- and community-affirming event!

As usual Joliet #296 will be presenting the colors to open this Relay. Stop out and see us. There are many different activities going on during the real. Many teams sell food and have raffles. All money raised goes to the Joliet community for cancer research, early detection and prevention education, and a suite of free information, programs and services to help people that have cancer. For more information ask Julie Sterr, wife of member Jeff Sterr.

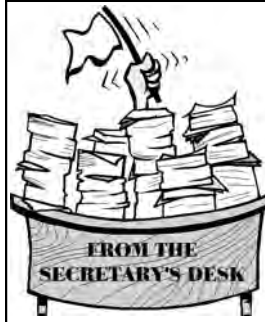
**WEAR YOUR BEST HAWAIIAN SHIRTS  
AND COME JOIN US FOR  
TROPICAL FUN**



**AT THE  
LODGE LUAU  
SAT. JULY 19TH  
5 PM/ DJ AT 7**

**WOMEN IN BIKINI'S,  
MEN IN GRASS SKIRTS ????**

Please bring a dish to pass



**SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:** Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes new opportunities for the lodge. As we continue to grow and evolve as a lodge, I encourage each of you to stay involved. Whether it's attending events, volunteering, or simply reaching out to fellow Elks, your participation is what keeps our lodge vibrant and strong. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that you remain an active member of our

lodge.

We still have 61 members who have not paid their dues. Please get them paid ASAP so that all of us can see your bright smiling faces at the lodge. Whether you are a longtime member or new to the lodge, there's a place for you here. I look forward to seeing you around.

Happy Fathers Day to the men of the lodge!!

In closing, I've always wondered if songbirds get mad at hummingbirds for not knowing the words?

Sincerely and Fraternally submitted,

Mark Bump, PDDGER Lodge Secretary

**Think of your favorite joke and write it in here**



If Snoo Dogg married Winnie the Pooh, he'd be Snoop Dogg Pooh.

How about a baseball marriage? If Boog Powell married Felipe Alou, he'd be Boog Alou.

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

Congrats to Kylee Kennell, sponsored by Joliet #296. She is a 1st year recipient of a Children's Care Corp. PT/OT Scholarship and will receive \$600 for her schooling costs for the upcoming school year.

Now that I'm older (but refuse to grow up) here's what I've discovered...

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.
5. All reports are in, life is now officially unfair.
6. If all is not lost, where is it?
7. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
8. Some days you are the dog, some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck stopped here, I sure could use a few.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a come back when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
16. It's not hard to meet expenses...they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter... I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.



## **FINALLY!!**

**The Contract has been received by our lawyers, who made a few changes and are awaiting an updated version to be voted on by the members.**

**More to follow....**



All great programs start the same way: with a dream.

In 1928, the delegates at the Grand Lodge Convention established the Elks National Foundation with an initial grant of \$100,000 because of a dream. Then-National President John F. Malley envisioned that the ENF would “unite the forces of the Order into a mighty army for the service of mankind.” Malley’s dream inspired decades of charitable work through the ENF, but it wasn’t until more than 70 years later when his dream of a charitable army started to come into fruition. The very first seeds of the Community Investments Program were sewn at an ENF Board of Trustees meeting in July 2001.

“The Foundation supports all of the national programs, and we give money back to the states, so indirectly, we are helping out locally,” said ENF Director Jim O’Kelley in his initial pitch to the board. “But, unless a Lodge has a scholarship recipient, they don’t really see ENF money at work locally. We need to get money back to the Lodges.” Jim O’Kelley is a dreamer. The CIP was his dream, and it was a dream embraced by the then-Board of Trustees, who were eager to brainstorm, posit suggestions, and continue refining the idea. “If we’re going to impact the community and let them know what Elks are really about,” suggested Past National President Robert Sabin, “it should be a project in the community itself where the Elks can visibly participate.”

Past National President and fellow dreamer Frank Hise, who founded the Hoop Shoot program, said, “I think awarding grants to Lodges would be one of the greatest things we could do.” The board voted unanimously to direct the staff to devise a program for review. Two months later, however, a national tragedy relegated the Lodge grant program to the backburner.

“9-11 changed everyone’s focus,” O’Kelley reflects.

By July 2003, the ENF was ready to revisit the idea, and at a board meeting in St. Louis, then-Chairman Dr. Leonard Bristol appointed a task force composed of board members and staff to develop a community grant program for presentation to the board. Rapid progress followed, but by the next summer, the task force had stalled. “We were stuck in the weeds,” O’Kelley recalls.

That changed in October 2004 with the arrival of new Programs Manager Debbie Kahler Doles. “Debbie jump-started the program,” O’Kelley says. “She helped us define community and state our purpose.” “The foundation was already there for a great program that would give grants to Lodges to help in their communities,” Doles says. “Maybe,” O’Kelley acknowledges, “but if not for Debbie, we’d still be debating the name.”

At the December 2004 board meeting in Chicago, O’Kelley presented the task force’s plan for the new Community Investments Program. The board was not yet sold on the piece that would eventually become the Impact Grant, but the trustees were excited about the Gratitude Grant component. At the February 2005 meeting in San Diego, the board approved a modest budget of \$350,000 to fund the CIP. Although the larger grant component had been tabled, “it was exhilarating to be on the ground floor of something that we all believed would create lasting change,” Doles says.

The Community Investments Program launched in July at the Convention in Reno with two components worth \$200 each: the Promise Grant, which the ENF had been funding through the Drug Awareness Program since 1999, and the Gratitude Grant, which would be available to Lodges that achieved the National President’s per-member-giving goal for the ENF. “The very first day the program opened, we received 29 applications,” O’Kelley says. “In the first year, we approved applications from 695 Lodges.”

For 2025-26, when the CIP will mark its 20th anniversary, the program’s budget is nearly \$18 million, meaning the board has increased funding by more than 5,000 percent since that first year. Twenty years after purchasing items for the Ronald McDonald House with their first grant, Oakmont Lodge is still using CIP grants to build a stronger community. Most recently, the Lodge used its Gratitude Grant to partner with the Plum Area Youth Soccer Association, providing equipment and supplies for children with disabilities through the TOPSoccer program. Lodge members serve as soccer buddies for the kids and help them practice.

“Oakmont, Omaha and some of the other early adopters are still doing great work,” Doles says. “It’s inspiring, and we’re giving them even more resources this year.”

This year, in celebration of the anniversary, the board increased the base Gratitude Grant to \$3,000 from \$2,000.

“John F. Malley’s foresight is unfathomable,” O’Kelley says. “Especially in the context of that time. The stock market crashed a year after he founded the Elks National Foundation. He kept his focus through the Depression, investing money that was needed then so that the Elks could do much more in the future.

“Debbie and I, our colleagues on the staff, and the board members we’ve worked with, our contribution is the CIP, and it’s the CIP that turned Malley’s dream into reality. The CIP has united the forces of the Order into a mighty army in service of mankind.”



"Old" is when...  
 ...your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot.  
 ...a sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door nearest your car.  
 ...you remember when the Dead Sea was only sick.  
 ...going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.  
 ...you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.  
 ...when it takes longer to rest than to get tired.  
 ...when you are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.  
 ..."getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.  
 ...the porn movie you bring home is "Debby Does Dialysis."



**GOD GRANT ME THE SENILITY TO  
 FORGET THE PEOPLE I NEVER  
 LIKED ANYWAY.**

**THE GOOD FORTUNE TO RUN INTO  
 THE ONES THAT I DO.**

**AND THE EYESIGHT TO TELL THE  
 DIFFERENCE.**

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a scale.

And that's how the fight started.....

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream.

And that's how the fight started.....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?' 'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife. 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And that's how the fight started.....



## Grand Lodge Convention

June 29-July 2, 2025  
 Kansas City Convention Center  
 Austin TX

Pre-registration for the Kansas City Grand Lodge Convention is available at <https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm> through June 28. The online pre-registration fee is \$50 for all Members, while the on-site registration fee will be \$60. A current credit card for PayPal will be needed. There is no fee for a non-Elk spouse or guest.



## Resources for Veterans

First, [find your local VA.](#)

Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless can call or visit their local VA Medical Center or Community Resource and Referral Center where VA staff are ready to help. Ask to speak to a social worker and let them know if you are falling behind on rent, mortgage, or utilities.

If you're not sure where to start, veterans and their families may call 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) to access VA services. It's free, confidential, and available 24/7. You'll get access to trained VA counselors and get info about VA homeless programs, health care, and other services in your area.

Flag Day  
 Ceremony  
 June 22nd  
 2 PM

@ the Lodge  
 Refreshments to  
 follow



## FIGHTING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS WITH ELKS GRANTS

By EMILY CRUZ ENVSC Programs Associate

Is your Lodge still planning what to do with grant funds this year? Take a cue from these Focus Grant Lodges and plan a project to serve veterans experiencing homelessness.

Many veterans facing homelessness are in dire need of food, bedding, hygiene supplies and first aid kits. Thankfully, veterans in need can easily obtain these necessary supplies with the help of Lodges like Merritt Island, FL Lodge No. 2650.

Merritt Island Elks have been working with their local Volunteers of America housing facility for eight years to provide Bay Lakers basketball game, put together by the Lodge. Project Manager Fiona Engler said the onsite veterans' pantry with basic necessities. Members also had their annual "Burger Burn" at their local VOA transitional facility for resident veterans to enjoy a warm meal and companionship.

For some veterans facing homelessness, having consistent companionship with others within their community can help embolden them as they transition out of homelessness. Elks of Westchester, CA Lodge No. 2050 have been a longtime partner with U.S. VETS Inglewood and have established a strong relationship with the veterans by attending social outings, such as a South Bay Lakers basketball game, put together by the Lodge.

Project Manager Fiona Engler said "The veterans really enjoyed not just the trip but the time with the Elks. This has led to an invitation to the Veterans Day activities at US VETS Inglewood as well as an invitation to the graduation of eight of the veterans from the program!" Lodges in the 13 areas with the highest number of unhoused veterans are eligible for Focus Grants. (Denver is a new addition this year) You can read Focus Grant guidelines, FAQs, and access the grants dashboard by visiting [elks.org/vets](https://elks.org/vets).



**Message  
from the  
Grand  
Exalted  
Ruler**

**Big June weekend celebrates  
the US flag, fathers**

It's Grand Lodge Convention time! We will be getting together from June 29 to July 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. I hope to see you at the convention.

DOUGLAS A. SCHIEFER

Please take advantage of all the wonderful seminars, meetings, and ceremonies. Visit the exhibit halls and booths and spend time with other states' gatherings and events to meet Elks from across America. States come together to discuss and swap their best ideas. Elks Care — Elks Share is our motto.

Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, is an important mandatory service for Elks. It's a great way to involve local Scout groups and JROTC teams to participate in your ceremony. Invite veterans to attend and participate during the ceremony. Pass out flag pins. Our flag is precious to us as Elks, and we need to display it with reverence USPS vs. e-mail, and dignity.

Our fathers are also precious to us. Father's Day is on Sunday, June 15. My father and my grandfathers were Elks, and they started the legacy for me and my son and sons-in-law. I am proud to say that I got my dedication to service from what I saw my father and grandfathers do. Thank the dads in your life.

It's been an amazing honor and privilege to serve you and our great Order as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025.

Thank you all. God bless you, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

**Life isn't like a box of chocolates.  
It's more like a jar of jalapenos.  
What you do today,  
might burn your butt tomorrow!**



**Why do we wash bath towels?  
Aren't we clean when we use them?**

Some of you probably took the original, but here is a reprint of a small sample of the 8th Grade Final Exam - Salina, Kansas, 1895. See if your capable of passing.

**Grammar**

1. Give nine rules for the use of Capital Letters.

**Arithmetic**

1. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
2. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.

**History**

1. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, and 1865?

**Geography**

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco.

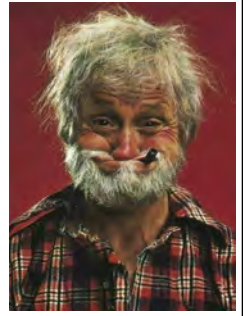
**Health**

1. Where are the saliva, gastric juice, and bile secreted? What is the use of each in digestion?

Answers next month!

***You're Probably From Way South of I-80 If...***

- ☐ Your front porch collapses and more than six dogs are killed.
- ☐ You've ever used lard in bed.
- ☐ Fewer than half of your cars run.
- ☐ Your family tree doesn't fork.
- ☐ Your hairdo has ever been ruined by a ceiling fan.
- ☐ You think a Volvo is part of a woman's anatomy.
- ☐ Your dog and your wallet are both on chains.
- ☐ You take your dog for a walk and you both use the same tree.
- ☐ When a sign that says "Say No To Crack!" reminds you to pull up your jeans.



**Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee**

**KEEP IN MIND THE 'WHY' OF WHAT WE DO**

By ROBERT E. WAMBACH, Committee Member

As leaders in this great organization, we must always remember we need to be teachers as well. Far too often we find ourselves forgetting the importance of that role and we don't realize we have many new Members getting involved quickly and without explanation of why we do what we do. In setting expectations, we must always remember the "why." We cannot just ask someone to fill out a Charity Report without explaining to them why it is important that we report the great charity work that we are doing every day.





Lodges are now required to have a Government Relations Committee consisting of no less than three members. Since this is new, Lodges are teaching the significance of our job to those who are being appointed to these committees. Do these members know that one of the primary reasons for our reporting is to protect our status as a 501(c)(8) organization? Have they been provided with a copy of the Government Relations Manual and, if not, do they know where to find it at Elks.org? Has the Exalted Ruler met with this committee to present them with goals and expectations?

We need to take advantage of every opportunity to teach the importance of the Government Relations Committee. State meetings and District Deputy clinics are the perfect opportunity to provide training on the proper reporting of our charitable works. We should also be holding discussions on the importance of developing relationships with our local lawmakers so we can keep informed on any legislation that will affect our Lodges. District Deputies should be having conversations with the Exalted Rulers during their pre-visits to the Lodges inquiring on the progress of their Charity Report and the activities of their Government Relations Committee.





Let's make the work of the Government Relations Committee important through teaching what our expectations are and never forgetting the "why." Never lose sight of "why" we do what we do as Elks!



## JOLIET ELKS CALENDAR FOR June, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Euchre 6:30 pm	3	4 Euchre 6:30 pm	5	6 Dinner 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	7
8	9 Euchre 6:30 pm	10  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	11 10 AM Food Pantry Euchre 6:30 pm	12	13  Dinner 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	14 .
15	16 Euchre 6:30 pm	17 House Com & BOD meeting 7 pm	18 Euchre 6:30 pm	19	20 Dinner 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	21 Bid Euchre 7pm
22 Lodge Flag Day Ceremony	23 Euchre 6:30 pm	24  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	25 Euchre 6:30 pm	26	27 Queen of Hearts 7:30	28 Wii Bowling 7pm 
29 <b>Grand Lodge Convention, Kansas City</b>	30 Euchre 6:30 pm	July 1	July 2	<div>Two men walk into a bar. The first one goes "ouch".</div> <div>You can lead a horse to water, but a pencil must be lead.</div>		

## JOLIET ELKS CALENDAR FOR July, 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Family planning has many misconceptions.		1	2 <b>Grand Lodge Convention, Kansas City</b>	3	4 Queen of Hearts 7:30	5
6	7 Euchre 6:30 pm	8	9 Volunteer 10 AM Food Pantry Euchre 6:30 pm	10	11  Queen of Hearts 7:30	12
13	14 Euchre 6:30 pm	15 House & BOD meeting 7 pm	16 Euchre 6:30 pm	17	18 Queen of Hearts 7:30	19 Luau 5pm Bid Euchre 7pm
20	21 Euchre 6:30 pm	22  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	23 Euchre 6:30 pm	24	25 Xtown Classic 6:40 Queen of Hearts 7:30	26 Xtown Classic 6:10
27	28 Euchre 6:30 pm	29	30 Euchre 6:30 pm	31	 	





Beer: Helping ugly people have sex since 1862!

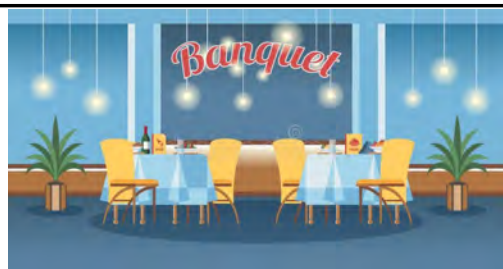
A woman drove me to drink -  
and I didn't even have the decency to thank her.

A roman walks into a bar and raises two fingers....  
"I'll have 5 beers." he says.

*AP Newswire.* The Senate is investigating deceptive sweepstakes practices. These companies target the elderly and make them think they will receive a bunch of money, but in reality they never see any of it.



The most popular of these scams is called Social Security.



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| * Dinner Parties     | * Fundraiser Outings |

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## Relay for Life of JOLIET

Sponsored by  
WMC, Inc. & Duly Health and Care

**JUNE 7th 2 pm-10 pm**  
**Busy Bank Field at**  
**Joliet Memorial Stadium**



So what is Relay for Life at Joliet all about? Well, Relay For Life is the premier peer to peer fundraising event for the American Cancer Society! We raise money all year long to raise awareness and fund ACS research and programs to help cancer patients and their families.

Our event always includes:

Celebrating Survivors during things like our Opening Ceremony and Survivor Lap

Remembering those we have lost during our Luminaria Ceremony

Fighting Back all night long so that no other person has to hear the words "you have cancer"

We Relay Rain or Shine!

We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary!!

Event parking: Parking is FREE and is on-site

Strollers are welcome and our event is family-friendly.

Upon arrival, either head to your teams campsite or stop by our information tent if you have questions about where to begin!

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