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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 March! This year has been one of the most exciting years in my life. It has been an honor serving you as Exalted Ruler. You all have been absolutely wonderful, and it was such a joy getting to know you! I pray you continue to support your Lodge and continue Elksdom wherever you may go. Our Lodge has the honor of seeing Lori Bump get IEA Lady of the Year! Congratulations Lori, it was so well deserved, and we all appreciate everything you do! And the good news just keeps on coming...Loyal Knight, Abel Herrera and Tiler, Lucianna Herrera had a future elk (a Boy) Bruno Santino Herrera, congratulations! Welcome to the world of Elksdom baby Bruno!

A reminder of what Elks do and why we joined, Elks serve hundreds of thousands of veterans each year in VA Medical Centers, State Veterans Homes, homeless shelters and clinics. Our members provide these veterans with supplies, support, and time. Elks operate camps, hospitals, clinics, training centers and in-home services for the care of children and adults with physical disabilities. Through our Lodge, district, state and national programs, Elks provide assistance to millions of girls and boys every year. Elks fund scholarships, summer camps, athletic teams and drug education programs. Practicing the virtues we have held sacred for over 150 years, CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE and FIDELITY. I am proud to be an Elk and blessed to be a part of Joliet Elks Lodge #296 and even a bigger blessing to work so close with our wonderful Officers and members. We always need volunteers so we can continue to serve our community and help others. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Much love and God Bless.

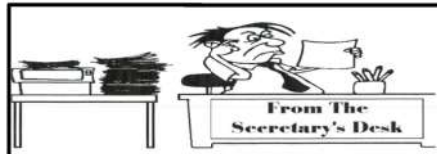
Fraternally yours,

Debra Bruno-Newin
Exalted Ruler

2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Debra Bruno-Nevin
Leading Knight.....Karen Johnson PER
Loyal Knight.....Abel Herrera
Secretary.....Mark Bump PER, PDDGER
Treasurer.....Barb Schoppe
Tiler.....Lucianna Herrera
1 Year Trustee.....Andy Lopez

2 Year Trustee.....Chris Marry
3 Year Trustee.....Larry Burns PER, PDDGER
4 Year Trustee.....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
5 Year Trustee.....
Chairman.....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
PER President.....Karen Johnson , PER
Editor.....Karen Bellot



Members All:

Membership renewal statements for the 2024-25 lodge year will be EMAILED to those members the lodge has an email address for and MAILED to those members who receive their Elk Call via mail. Please send in your renewals by March 31st. Questions, please contact the Lodge Secretary.

Remember, we are a member driven organization. YOU as members are the heart of this lodge. Member participation is crucial for us to survive!!

See you all at the dinners during the Lenten season!!

“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” Aristotle.

Fraternally yours,

Mark Bump, PDDGER
Lodge Secretary

Membership News

Membership as of 4/1/2023: 204

Membership as of 2/19/2024: 206

Delinquent as of 2/19/2024: 14

Propositions for membership:

Mercedes Valentina Bruno, proposed by
Member Debra Bruno-Nevin, ER

Katherine Poppewell, proposed by Member
Lynette Ranallo

James Nevin, proposed by Member Debra
Bruno-Nevin, ER

Rick Chapman, via reinstatement, proposed
by Member Tony Ragusa

John M. Kelly for Life Membership

We will voting on these applications at the
March 12th 2024 Lodge meeting.

As of March 1, 2024, the lodge still has 14 members unpaid for the 2023-24 lodge year. Section 14.160 of the Laws of the Order requires the lodge to suspend for non-payment of dues all members who are as much as one year arrears in dues. These members are as follows: James Darguzis, Mark Frost, Cliff Hamilton, Cynthia Hamilton, James Hineline, Kirk Humphrey, John Lucas, Jason Merriman, Paul Onderisin, Dianne Peterson, Ron Schelling, Rob Tatar, John Turner, John Vallrugo.

Payment in the amount of \$95 must be received by March 31, 2024 to the lodge secretary. Remember the lodge has already paid \$34.25 each to Grand Lodge per capita at the beginning of the current lodge year.





NEWS of the CCC:

Once again it is that time of year when the Illinois Elks Children's Care Program starts to prepare for the 2024-25 Physical/Occupational Therapy Scholarship and the two year Physical/Occupational Therapy Assistant Programs. The applications will become available only online, starting December 1, 2023 at <http://www.illinoiselksccc.org> and will remain online through March 1, 2024. The students will have until March 8, 2024 to submit their applications to the lodge. Any questions please call the CCC at 800-272-0074, Monday thru Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Old Timers Report

The following lodges honor their 100 year anniversary this 2023-2024 fraternal year:

Palo Alto, CA Lodge 1471
 Pittsburg CA, Lodge 1474
 Orange CA, Lodge 1475
 Bergenfield NJ, Lodge 1477
 Plymouth MA Lodge 1476
 Lancaster NY, Lodge 1478
 Breckenridge TX, Lodge 1480
 Westfield-West Springfield PA, Lodge 1481
 Kelso/Longview WA, Lodge 1482
 Ossining NY, Lodge 1486
 Middlesex NJ, Lodge 1488
 Susanville CA, Lodge 1487
 Brookings SD, Lodge 1490
 Whitehill NY, Lodge 1491
 Ticonderoga NY, Lodge 1494



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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**Jeff Sterr- District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the IEA
 East District-jeffsterr@hotmail.com 815-325-9731**

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.



John Daniel Henkel Jr.

Born: 4/1/1947

Initiated: 6/22/1999

Deceased: 2/7/2024

Elk Years: 25

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face: the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.



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.



ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION 74TH ANNUAL STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

April 6th and 7th, 2024 and April 13th and 14th 2024 are this years 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.

ELKS

Every Member Begins as a Guest!!
NEW MEMBER RECRUITING



1. Ask a friend to join the Elks
2. Invite your friend to the Lodge
3. Ask them to apply on-line
4. Follow-up with the application
5. Schedule an initiation

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And they're always glad you came



R.E.D. Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them. People across the country wear red every Friday to serve as a reminder and spread the message of how important it is that we keep our troops in our thoughts.



Before Bill Murray's Groundhog Day debuted in 1993, about 400 people showed up to Punxsutawney's Gobbler's Knob for the annual Groundhog Day Celebration. By 1995, more than 8000 revelers descended upon the town. Punxsutawney itself was only home to 7000 people at the time.



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

3/3-Margaret Shannon
3/8-Keith Rademacher
3/8-Ronald Wells
3/10-Marsha Boyd
3/11-David Castleberry
3/13-Ignacio Guzman
3/13-John Kelly
3/18-Greg Geil
3/19-Alan Horvath
3/23-Mike Priesbe
3/24-Clint Flint
3/26-Dave Rubino
3/31-Gerald Tadej

TRIVIA NIGHT

March 8th

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 purchase a pizza at the bar.

Last month's winner: The Corner Bar

Past Trivia Question: What is the only Top 5 hit of Simon and Garfunkel has a one word title?

Cecelia:



Wii Bowling

Saturday, March 23rd

No experience necessary!

Starts at 7pm the fourth Saturday of the month!

Come join the fun!



Join Us on March 24th

12-3pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Lunch

Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Games

Crafts

**For Families and Guests
of the Joliet Elks Members.**

Sign up in the lounge!

DART NIGHT



Friday, March 1, 7pm

Dart Night will be held every month on the First Friday at 7pm. Bring yourself and your friends for a friendly game of darts. We will be playing 301, 501, and 701.

Need to brush up on your game? Stop on out during the week to sling a few drinks and then take aim at the board.



Join us March 16th

Corned Beef and Cabbage and all the fixings

4:30-7:30

\$15 a person

Carry-outs available

Entertainment to follow

Drink specials and 50/50.



Food at the Lodge

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS (April)

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

Corned Beef (March)

Steak Sandwiches (April)

EVERY NIGHT

Pizza (\$7-\$12)

176 West Catering

Friday Fish Fry Menu 2024

4:00-7:00

1 pc. Baked or Fried Cod Dinner	\$12.00
2 pc. Baked or Fried Cod Dinner	\$15.00
3 pc. Baked or Fried Cod Dinner	\$18.00
2 pc. Fried Walleye	\$15.00
6 pc. Fried Shrimp Dinner	\$18.00
Combo 1pc. Fried Fish & 3 Shrimp	\$15.00
Cheeseburger or Hamburger	\$12.00
Chicken Fingers	\$12.00

All Dinners include French Fries or Baked Potato, Salad, Bread, Butter unless noted otherwise.

Carry outs: Call (815) 955-4968



176 West will once again be catering our Lenten fish fries starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Good Friday. (Feb 14th-March 29th). Bring your family and friends for a delicious meal.



February Winners

2/2-Enzio Mannaioni #6 (3 of Diamonds)

2/9-Penny Burns #46 (3 of Clubs)

2/16-Enzio Mannaioni #1 (7 of Hearts)

2/23-Mike Hogan #30 (9 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.

The Irish Coffee was created by Irish chef Joe Sheridan in 1942 at the Foynes airbase (replaced by today's nearby Shannon International Airport) near Limerick, Ireland. The story goes that a flight returned to the airport after attempting to reach New York during a winter storm one evening. Sheridan ran the airport's new restaurant and mixed up the first round of Irish Coffee for the stranded passengers and the name came about with the following exchange...

"Hey Buddy," said a surprised American passenger, "is this Brazilian coffee?" "No," said Joe, "that's Irish Coffee."

The Irish Coffee was a huge success and became a regular drink to have at the airport. In 1952 a travel writer by the name of Stanton Delaplane brought the recipe to the United States, drawing its attention to a bartender of the Buena Vista Hotel in San Francisco by the name of Jack Koeppler. The cream kept sinking when Koeppler tried to make the drink so he traveled to the source to learn the correct way to make this new coffee drink. As the story goes, he ended up offering Joe Sheridan a position in the American Buena Vista Cafe where you can still get a great Irish Coffee.

As witty as the Irish tend to be, this is how Joe Sheridan explained how to make a true Irish Coffee...



Cream - Rich as an Irish Brogue
Coffee - Strong as a Friendly Hand
Sugar - Sweet as the tongue of a Rogue
Whiskey - Smooth as the Wit of the Land.

The drink of the month for March is a favorite of Trustee Larry Burns, PDDGER, Irish Coffee.

Bid Euchre is canceled on March 16 due to the St. Patrick's Day Dinner



MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Darts 7pm 176 Fish Fry 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	2
3	4 Euchre 6:30	5	6 Euchre 6:30	7	8 Trivia 7pm 176 Fish Fry 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	9
10	11 Euchre 6:30	12 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	13 Euchre 6:30	14	15 176 Fish Fry 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	16 Corned Beef and Cabbage 4:30-7:30
17	18 Euchre 6:30	19 Board and House Comm. Mtg. 7pm	20 Euchre 6:30	21	22 176 Fish Fry 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	23 Wii Bowling 7pm
24 Kids Easter Party 12-3	25 Euchre 6:30	26 Lodge Mtg. 7pm Installation of Officers	27 Euchre 6:30	28	29 176 Fish Fry 4-7 Queen of Hearts 7:30	30

APRIL 2024

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				



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