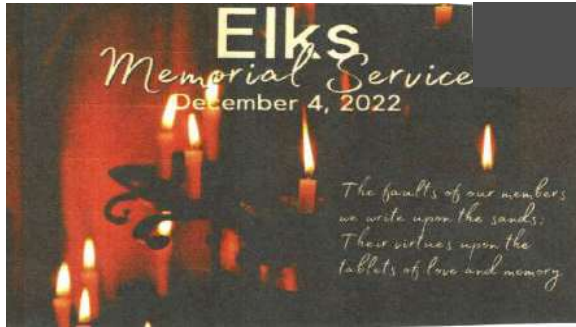


# Elk Call

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December 2022



**Sunday, December 4th 1pm**

This service is held by every Elks Lodge in the nation on the first Sunday in December. Once a member of our Order, you are never forgotten and never forsaken.

We use this day to honor and cherish the memories of those Elks who have passed to realms on high during the past year. This is one of the most moving ceremonies in all of Elksdom.

This year we will be honoring six members who have departed within the last year: **Richard Mulligan, Ronald Tatar, Ronald Plonis, Earl McGary Jr. PER, Richard Doyle, Richard M. Mejia.**

You and your family are cordially invited to attend this day of fraternal tribute.

## Elks Care - Elks Share

### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day November 25th thru December 18, 2022 we will be asking our members to donate the following items to our "contents box." Let's help our community even more! Donations will then be distributed to a local food pantry. The List is as follows:

- November 25 - box of cereal
- November 26 - peanut butter
- November 27 - stuffing mix
- November 28 - boxed potatoes
- November 29 - macaroni and cheese
- November 30 - canned fruit
- December 1 - canned tomatoes
- December 2 - canned tuna
- December 3 - dessert mix
- December 4 - jar of applesauce
- December 5 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 6 - cranberry sauce
- December 7 - canned beans
- December 8 - box of crackers
- December 9 - package of rice
- December 10 - package of oatmeal
- December 11 - package of pasta
- December 12 - spaghetti sauce
- December 13 - chicken noodle soup
- December 14 - tomato soup
- December 15 - can of corn
- December 16 - can of mixed vegetables
- December 17 - can of carrots
- December 18 - can of green beans



**Sunday  
December 18  
9-12**

**\$10 for Kids over 10.  
Visit Santa, Breakfast,  
and Games.**

**Sign up in the Lounge**



### Tom and Jerry Party

Christmas Eve

12-5

Stop in for drinks before Santa Arrives!

## EARLY New Year's Party

The Lodge is hosting a Pre-New Year's Eve Party and would like to extend an invitation to come out for a potluck dinner on Friday, December 30th! Setting up starts at 5, dinner will be at 6 and Music/Karaoke by MikeStar Productions will start at 7pm. Cash Bar. Open to all members and their guests.

Call or stop in and sign up so we know how many will be here to ring in the new year a day early. See you there!

## 2022-2023 LODGE #296 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....David Schultz P.E.R.  
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 Loyal Knight.....Mary Ann Piercy  
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Members All:

Merry Christmas to you all!



I would like to give you an update on our new floor. Tile samples were voted on and our new floor will be installed between Christmas and New Years Day. Thanks to all involved that helped to make this new floor happen.

In December, we will be having our annual Memorial Service on the 4th. On the 18th, Santa will be here and breakfast will be served. On the 24th, we will be having our Tom and Jerry party. We will be celebrating New Year's Eve a day early on December 30 with a potluck dinner and music. I hope to see you at one or all of these events.

We are asking for donations to help those in need. In December and January, we are looking for donations of new or gently used coats for the Coats for Kids program. In December, we are looking for donations of food. Check out our Reverse Advent Calendar for suggestions. We will be donating these the week before Christmas to a local food shelter.

Stay safe and warm this holiday season! See you at the Joliet Elks!

Fraternally,

David Schultz, Exalted Ruler



Members All:

It is during December that one of the two mandatory Elk services falls...”Elks Memorial Day.” The national convention of 1889 unanimously adopted a resolution to this effect. A Memorial Service, capably and conscientiously performed is one of the most impressive services in all of Elkdome. It is not a long ceremony, yet its brevity has the virtue of expressing our love of departed members in heartfelt fashion without subjecting friends, family and relatives to painful hours.

As we say in our Eleven O’Clock Toast: “It is the hour of recollection.” We recall our members virtues, we relegate their faults in limbo, we inscribe their names on the tablets of love and memory.

Season’s Greetings and Happy Holidays from YOUR lodge secretary!!

As we enter into 2023, here is a thought to ponder for the new year: We should not be discouraged by falling short of goals. Our aim should be to try harder next time. Our efforts are part of what makes this organization strong and worth becoming a member.

Fraternally yours,

Mark Bump  
 Lodge Secretary

Here is a helpful tip for those of you who are cooking for the holidays: Cooking a truly terrible meal and crying softly while serving it, is the best way to ensure that future holiday gatherings will be held at the home of someone else.

Stay tuned for more helpful tips throughout the new year.



The Lodge will once again be collecting new or used coats, hats, gloves for the Illinois Elks Association’s Coats for Kids Program. These items can be dropped off at the lodge during normal business hours of operation. Deadline for donations will be January 31st, 2022.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership as of 4/01/2022: 205  
Membership as of 11/24/2022: 208  
Delinquents as of 11/24/2022: 8

### WELKome New Members:

Clifford (Cynthia) Hamilton  
Cynthia (Clifford) Hamilton



**David J. Holton**

*Born: 11/21/1956*

*Initiated: 5/24/1983*

*Deceased: 11/14/2022*

*Elk Years: 40*

*You are not forgotten, loved one. Nor will you ever be.  
As long as life and memory last we will remember thee.*



### THE ELKS WILL BE IN THE ROSE BOWL PARADE:

After many years of trying and with renewed recent effort, the Elks have been approved to enter a float in the 2023 Rose Parade. Below is a rendition of the BPOE float that will make its debut in the 134th Rose Parade on Monday, January 2nd, 2023.



### Lodge Information

Office Hours: M-F 9am-12pm

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

Tuesday-CLOSED

Friday & Saturday 4-11

Sundays - 12-5

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

Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp: [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

### 10 Years of Membership

Cliff Erwin  
Matt Forneris  
Earl Lichtenauer  
Vince Mejia  
Colleen Miller  
Terry Robinson



Once again, it is the time of year when the Illinois Elks Children's Care Program starts the 2023-24 Physical/Occupational Therapy Scholarship and the two-year Physical/Occupational Therapy Assistant Scholarship Programs. The application will become available online, starting December 1, 2022 at <http://www.illinoiselkccc.org> and will remain online until March 3rd, 2023. The students will have until March 10, 2023 to submit their scholarship applications to the lodge. Any questions, please call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-800-272-0074 Monday thru Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm.

The Elks Legacy Awards contest kicked off on September 1, 2022. This year 350 scholarships will be given to the children and grandchildren who are college bound high school seniors of dues-paying Elks members who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2020 and is a paid up member through March 31, 2023. Submission deadline is Feb. 6, 2023. Contest details and the application will be available at [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg).



**NEWS FROM THE CCC**

The 2023 CCC Calendars are now available for purchase. Cost is \$20. They make great Christmas, birthday gifts.

The prize breakdown is as follows:

- 245 drawings for \$50
- 12 monthly drawings for \$100
- 3 special drawings for \$1000
- 1 Grand Prize drawing (Veteran's Day) for \$5000

Drawings start January 2023. Should your name not be drawn for the entire year, please know that you now have a \$20 tax donation and helped a "special kid" in need, making you a winner.

To purchase your calendar, contact the lodge office.



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

- 12/2-Raymond McShane
- 12/3-Donald Pashuta
- 12/4-Mary Ann Piercy
- 12/5-Jerrold Cashmer
- 12/7-Mark Burnett
- 12/7-John Harvish
- 12/8-David Rubis
- 12/10-George Geil
- 12/13-Ron Rosinski
- 12/15-Jay Starner
- 12/15-Janette Steele
- 12/16-Camille Willson
- 12/17-John Jun
- 12/17-Raymond Stefanski
- 12/17-Dwayne Wilkerson
- 12/18-Jerry Sterr
- 12/20-William Benoit
- 12/20-Patricia Vinsel
- 12/22-William Talaga
- 12/23-Michael English
- 12/24-Jay Caswell
- 12/25-John Metrick
- 12/27-Frances Dolinsky
- 12/31-Victoria Allen
- 12/31-John Prescott

**The Meaning Of The  
CANDY CANE**

Many years ago, a candy maker wanted to make a candy that would symbolize the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus.

The hard candy was shaped like a "J" to represent that Jesus is our rock of all ages. The candy was made of white to stand for the purity of Jesus. The red represents the blood that Jesus shed to save us from our sins.

So, next time you see a candy cane, take a minute to remember the real meaning of Christmas.



Lifeline Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless screening at the Joliet Elks #296 on Friday, December 9, 2022. The four screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

To register call toll-free 1-888-653-6411, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or go online at [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HC).



***Congratulations to our Winners!***

- 11/3-Chris Marry, #31 (King of Spades)*
- 11/10-Mary Ann Piercy, #51 (Queen of Clubs)*
- 11/17/22-Jim Domanus, #25 (Queen of Hearts)*

**The Winner Receives:**

- 2-10's = 6 tickets for the following drawing/free drink
- Jacks/Kings/Queen of Spades, Diamonds, Clubs=\$20
- Aces = \$30
- Jokers = \$50
- Queen of Hearts = 70% of the pot on night of drawing
- Tickets are available throughout the week up until 7:15 the night of the drawing. (Thursdays at 7:30)



## Burger Night is Back!

Thursday Nights  
starting  
December 1st  
5-7pm

Come for Dinner and stay for  
Queen of Hearts drawing at 7:30



## DART NIGHT

December 2nd

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.



## New in the Lounge

Simply Spiked  
Lemonade

Watermelon  
Blueberry  
Lemon  
Strawberry

Try one today!

Bar is open on Sundays from 12-5.  
Come on out and watch football at the  
Elks. The bar will now be closed on  
Tuesdays.

**BEARS**

2022 PRESEASON

1 VS CHIEFS SAT 8.13 @ 12:00P	3 @ CLEVELAND SAT 8.27 @ 1:00PM
2 @ SEATTLE THU 8.18 @ 7:00PM	

2022 REGULAR SEASON

1 VS 49ERS SUN 9.11 @ 1:00P	10 VS LIONS SUN 11.13 @ 1:00P
2 @ GREEN BAY SUN/SUN 9.2 @ 7:20PM	11 @ ATLANTA SUN 11.20 @ 1:00P
3 VS TEXANS SUN 9.25 @ 1:00P	12 @ NY JETS SUN 11.27 @ 1:00P
4 @ NY GIANTS SUN 10.2 @ 1:00P	13 VS PACKERS SUN 12.4 @ 1:00P
5 @ MINNESOTA SUN 10.9 @ 1:00P	14 BYE WEEK
6 VS COMMANDERS TUE/THU 10.18 @ 7:55PM	15 VS EAGLES SUN 12.18 @ 1:00P
7 @ NEW ENGLAND MON/TUE 10.24 @ 7:00PM	16 VS BILLS SAT 12.24 @ 1:00P
8 @ DALLAS SUN 10.30 @ 1:00P	17 @ DETROIT SUN 11 @ 1:00P
9 VS DOLPHINS SUN 11.6 @ 1:00P	18 VS VIKINGS SAT 12.7/SUN 18 TIME TBD

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## TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, January 13th

Please arrive by 6:30 to get your table and something to drink as we will start at 7pm. Last month's winning team was: **Thanksgiving Sage**.

Past Trivia Question: Who was known as the Wizard of Menlo Park?

Thomas Edison



## Wii Bowling Night

No Bowling in December

See you on January 28th

7pm

No experience necessary

Come join the fun!!



On New Year's Eve, an old Irish tradition is to open your door at midnight and let the Old Year out and the New Year in.





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






ARE YOU MOVING...even if it is just for the winter? Please don't forget to include the lodge on 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.




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### The History of the "Tom and Jerry"


A Tom and Jerry is a traditional Christmastime cocktail in the United States, sometimes attributed to British writer and professional boxing journalist Pierce Egan in the 1820's. It is a variant of eggnog with brandy and rum added and served hot, usually in a mug or a bowl.

The drink's name is a reference to Egan's book, *Life in London*, or *The Day and Night Scenes of Jerry Hawthorn Esq. and his Elegant Friend Corinthian Tom* (1821), and the subsequent stage play *Tom and Jerry*. To publicize the book and the play, Egan introduced a variation of eggnog by adding 1/2 oz of brandy, calling it a "Tom and Jerry". The additional fortification helped popularize the drink.

Tom and Jerry was a favorite of President Warren G. Harding, who served it at an annual Christmas party for his closest friends.

The famous cat and mouse rivalry from the 1940's through the 1960's bore the same name as a play on words with the drink and the literary works that inspired it.

# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	2 Dart Night 7pm	3
4 Memorial Service 1pm	5 Euchre 6:30	6	7 Euchre 7pm	8 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	9 Trivia 7pm	10
11 Bar Open 12-5	12 Euchre 6:30	13 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	14 Euchre 7pm	15 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	16	17 Bid Euchre 7pm
18 Breakfast with Santa 9-12	19 Euchre 6:30	20 Board and House Comm. Mtg. 7pm	21 Euchre 7pm	22 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	23	24 Tom and Jerry Party 12-5
25 	26 Euchre 6:30	27	28 Euchre 7pm	29 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	30 New Year's Eve Party 6pm-?	31

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Watch for the Elks Float in the Rose Bowl Parade	2 Euchre 6:30	3	4 Euchre 7pm	5 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	6 Dart Night 7pm	7
8 Bar Open 12-5	9 Euchre 6:30	10 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	11 Euchre 7pm	12 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	13 Trivia 7pm	14
15 District Mtg. here at 10 am Bar Open 12-5	16 Euchre 6:30	17 Board and House Comm. Mtg. 7pm	18 Euchre 7pm	19 Burger Night 5-7 Q of Hearts 7:30	20	21 Bid Euchre 7pm
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