

Elk Call

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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 Brother and Sister Elks:

Sometimes in our busy schedules, we just don't have time for everyone or everything we had planned on. Sometimes we take for granted our fellow Brother and Sister Elks and think 'oh I will see them next month or the month after that' and then before you know it the next time you see them is in the hospital or at their funeral. Sometimes we lose sight of why we joined the Elks and what we stand for and what good we do for our community, children and veterans. Sometimes people think all there is to coming to the Lodge is sitting at the bar. I'm here to remind you that we are Elks and we are Brothers and Sisters here for each other and for others who are in need.



Our Mission Statement: "To inculcate the principals of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, th3 Benevolent and Protective order of the Elks of the United states of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share."

I urge you to come to the Lodge, partake in the Lodge meetings, share what is on your mind, volunteer for our many dinners, fundraisers or activities. Come and see how your Brother and Sister Elks are doing. Take part in helping our Lodge run. Socialize at the Club, Play Wii, Trivia, Darts, Euchre, Queen of Hearts, etc. Please come and meet your new Exalted Ruler.

I am proud to be here and serve you , our Lodge and the community. Please support your Lodge by simply coming in and participating at the Lodge. I truly look forward to meeting many of you and seeing you all this beautiful summer. Let's make this a great year and see all your old and new members.

Fraternally yours,

Debra Bruno-Nevin

Exalted Ruler

Join us for our Flay Day Ceremony

Sunday, June 11th 2 pm

Refreshment will be served

Bar Open 12-5

2023-2024 LODGE #296 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....Debra Bruno-Nevin
Leading Knight.....Karen Johnson PER
Loyal Knight.....Abel Herrera
Lecturing Knight.....
Secretary.....Mark Bump PER, PDDGER
Treasurer.....Barb Schoppe
Tiler.....Lucianna Herrera
Esquire.....Tom Hummel PER, PDDGER
Chaplain.....Lori Bump

Inner Guard.....Enzio Mannaioni
1 yr Trustee.....Andy Lopez
2 yr TrusteeChris Marry
3 yr Trustee.....Larry Burns PER, PDGGER
4 yr Trustee.....Penny Burns PER, PDGGER
5 yr TrusteeDavid Schultz PER
ChairmanPenny Burns PER, PDDGER
P.E.R. President.....David Schultz PER
Editor.....Karen Bellot



Secretary's Message

Members All:

The Elks have a saying “The Elks Do.” Not to be funny, but this does not mean we do what we want when we want without following certain rules and regulations. The Elks website (www.elks.org) provides a listing and download capability of the manuals that give advice on how to perform certain roles and responsibilities. The main ones include: Manual on Protocol, Parliamentary Procedure, Constitution and Statues, Robert’s Rules of Order and Statutes Annotated.

Besides these, the lodge has its own laws and House Rules. A copy of these are available through the Secretary’s Office and on the lodge website (www.jolietelks.org). Two things to keep in mind are GLS 12.070, op.1 and GLS 12.070, op.2. Opinions are rulings made by the GL Judiciary Committee and are considered as the final decision.

As a closing comment regarding this matter “*It’s easy to judge. It’s more difficult to understand. Through judging we separate. Through understanding we grow.*”

Happy Fathers Day!!

Fraternally yours,

Mark Bump, PDDGER
Lodge Secretary

Grand Lodge Convention

July 2-5, 2023
Minneapolis Convention Center
Minneapolis MN

Pre-registration for the Minneapolis 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 onsite 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.



Life Line Screening will be at the Joliet Elks on Friday, June 9, 2023 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventative health screenings. To register: Call toll-free 1-844-591-7160 *or* online <https://llsa.social/HC> *or* text the word circle to 216-279-1607.

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 Justice
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 Fidelity

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Membership as of 4/01/2023: 204

Membership as of 5/31/2023: 206

Delinquents as of 5/31/2023: 55

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Via May initiation:

Kimberly Feeney-Mitchell (Michael)

Daniel Loughran

Looking forward to seeing you at the Lodge.



Patrick McCabe

Born: 10/4/1939

Initiated: 2/28/1989

Deceased: 4/25/2023

Elk Years: 36

*We miss you now, our hearts are sore.
As time goes by we'll miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face.
No one can fill your vacant place.*

OLD TIMERS' REPORT

MEMBERS WITH 40 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP:

TOM HUMMEL, PDDGER

MIKE MAGRUDER

MIKE MCDONALD

STEVE RANDE, PER

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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Joliet-ElksLodge-296

Jeff Sterr- District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the IEA
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Elks National Website: Elks.org Grand Lodge : Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks of the USA: www.elks.org

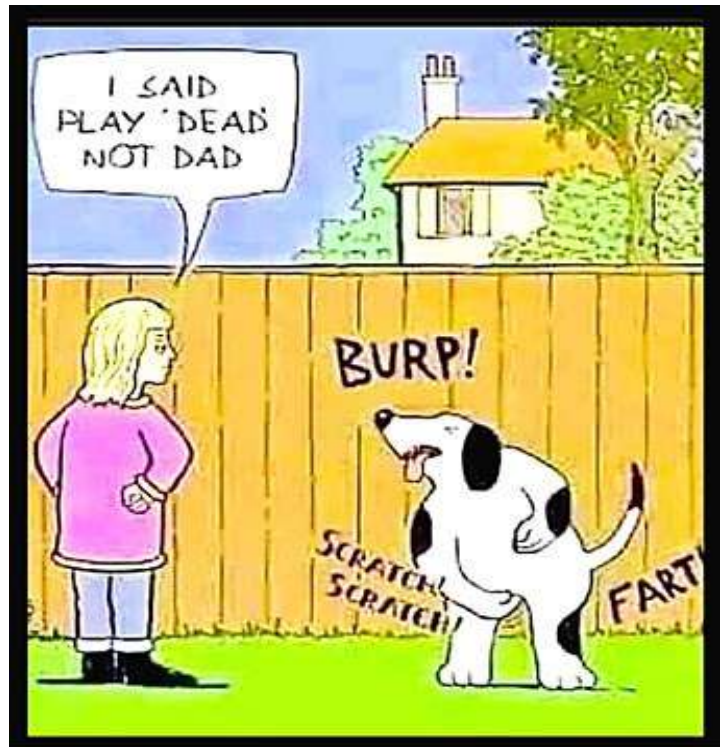
Illinois Elks Association: <http://www.illinoiselks.org/>

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.



Grand Exalted Ruler Henry A. Melvin, in his report to the Grand Lodge in 1907, recommended the observance of Flag Day by the BPOE. The Grand Lodge adopted his suggestion at this meeting and urged all to take part in ceremonies honoring our flag and its history.



Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

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

6/2-James Darguzis
6/7-Alan Zobel
6/9-Laura Baker
6/10-Alexander Bonds
6/10-Leon Witkowski
6/13-Warren Kovarik
6/13-Keith Landovitz
6/16-Gil Elizondo
6/24-Dean Vanderbaan



Computer Fundraiser

Come to the Lounge and check out our Liquor and Glassware Baskets that are being raffled off so that a new office computer can be purchased. Raffle Tickets are 6 for \$5. The raffle baskets will be available throughout June.






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The
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Your
Party
Needs!**








Congratulations to our Queen of Heart Winners in May!

May 4th-Enzio Mannaioni, #7 (Two of Spades)

May 11th-Barb Schoppe, #21 (Ten of Hearts)

May 18th-Andy Lopez, #48 (Six of Clubs)

May 25th-Chris Marry, #2 (Ten of Spades)

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)



New In the Lounge

Each month we will be having a drink special that is a favorite of one of our board members. In June that will be our Exalted Ruler's favorite drink-The Harvey Wallbanger! Drink specials will cost \$4 all day every day.

Here is a little history about the Harvey Wallbanger: The cocktail itself is credited to three-time world champion mixologist Donato "Duke" Antone of Hartford Connecticut. He ran The Bartending School of Mixology (established 1949) and worked as a cocktail consultant.



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.



Keep informed and 'Like' our Facebook page

Lounge Hours

M-W-TH 4-10

FRI-SAT 4-11

TUES/SUN-CLOSED

Lounge will stay open later as needed.

Part Time Bartender needed!

Start date: ASAP

\$13 an hour

Hours needed: 4-?

Must be available for occasional parties on weekends.

Apply at the Lodge



If you like to play Euchre, the Elks in the place to be!

Monday Nights-6:30

Wednesday Nights-6:30

Bid Euchre-3rd Saturdays at 7pm



DART NIGHT

July 7th

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.



June 9th

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: **The Beers**

Past Trivia Question: Which state hosted the first Summer Olympic games in the USA?

Missouri (St. Louis) 1904



Wii Bowling Night

See you on June 24th

7pm

No experience necessary

Come join the fun!!

**If the woman is always right,
and a man is always wrong.
Then, if a man tells a woman
that she's right.**



**Is the man right
or wrong?**



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.



Thank You!!

The Winners

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Gala a great success. Thanks to everyone who donated raffle baskets or items for the baskets, those who purchased sponsorships, those who helped in the kitchen, those who sold tickets, and especially those who attended the event. We made over \$5500 for our floor in the lounge. We all had a great time!!

The Gala Committee

- Terri Robinson*
- Tony and Tracy Ragusa*
- Chris and Dianne Marry*
- Cynthia and Cliff Hamilton*
- Rich and Tracy Chapman*


- Julie Ruchala-Side car Basket*
- Joe Van Dwyne-Old Fashioned Basket*
- Tom Kingler-Instapot*
- Linda Phillips-Wood Carved Flag*
- Amanda Robinson-Picnic Basket*
- Dave Rubino-Tom Collins Basket*
- Bryan Kopman-TV*
- Brittany Hayes-Car Wash Basket*
- Dave Schultz-Dip and Scratch Basket*
- Steve Lucas-\$100 cash*
- Eric Matteson-Golf Basket*
- Steve Lucas-50/50-\$355-donated back*

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June 2023

*Hello June
Let the summer begin!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Darts 7pm	3
4	5 Euchre 6:30	6	7 Euchre 6:30	8 Q of Hearts 7:30	9 Trivia 7pm	10
11 Bar open 12-5 Flag Day 2pm	12 Euchre 6:30	13 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	14 Euchre 6:30	15 Q of Hearts 7:30	16	17 Bid Euchre 7pm
18 	19 Euchre 6:30	20 Board and House Committee Mtg. 7pm	21 Euchre 6:30	22 Q of Hearts 7:30	23	24 Wii Bowling 7pm
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