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of the United States of America

Jacksonville Lodge No. 682

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MARCH 2026

ELKS BULLETIN

CLUB NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler: **Sheryl Hansen**

Esteemed Leading Knight: **Peggy West**

Esteemed Loyal Knight: **Reg Ankrom**

Esteemed Lecturing Knight:

Secretary: **Susie Pennell**

Treasurer: **Alan Symons**

Election of Officers will take place at the
March 4th meeting

MARCH MEMBERS NIGHT

Served by your Past Exalted Rulers

Wednesday, March 11th, 6:15 p.m.

**CORNER BEEF, CABBAGE
& POTATOES**



PER Meeting immediately preceding the dinner.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Janet Roach proposed by Deb Krueger
Samuel Fromme proposed by Brent Milnes
Laura Kennedy proposed by Annie Baker
Amanda Allen proposed by Jennifer

QUEEN OF HEARTS IS BACK

**Drawing every Thursday at 7:00
and continuing every week until
the Queen is found**



**BUY A TICKET FOR \$1 AND PICK A NUMBERED CARD TO
GET A CHANCE TO FIND THE QUEEN OF HEARTS AND
WIN THE MONEY. POT WILL START AT \$500**

Must be present to win the entire pot.

*Tickets may be purchased anytime during the week to members in good standing,
spouses, widows and candidates. Ticket sales will cease at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.*

ELKS CLUB COMING EVENTS

CHILI COOK OFF AND BAGS TOURNEY: Sunday,
March 1st - 12:00 p.m.

CANDIDATE ORIENTATION: Monday, March 2nd –
6:30 p.m.

**LODGE MEETING/INITIATION/ELECTION OF
OFFICERS:** Wednesday, March 4th – 7:00 p.m.

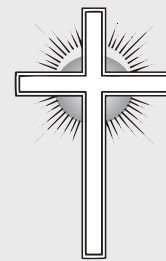
**DEADLINE FOR PT/OT SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS:** Friday, March 6th [https://www.
illinoiselksccc.org/scholarships.html](https://www.illinoiselksccc.org/scholarships.html)

PER ASSOCIATION MEETING: Wednesday, March
11th - 5:30 p.m.

MEMBERS NIGHT: Wednesday, March 11th - 6:30
p.m, Corned Beef Dinner served by your PERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Wednesday,
March 18th – 6:00 p.m.

**LODGE MEETING/INSTALLATION OF NEW
OFFICERS:** Wednesday, March 18th – 7:00 p.m.



Lodge of Sorrow

*“The faults of our members we write upon sands:
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.”*

Hello to all!

First of all, thank you to James for serving as Exalted Ruler. We accomplished so much during your reign!



You did an outstanding job serving us and I hope you will stay just as active as you take on PER status.

As you are aware, the dues statements were sent out last month and I would kindly ask all our members to please be prompt in getting those dues paid before April 1st. You are considered delinquent after April 1st, plus you are not eligible for any drawings until your dues are paid. The new membership cards have now been printed. If you have paid or sent in a payment (BTW - thank you to the 63 who paid in advance of the mailings), you can pick up your card the next time you are in. Those paying in person at the club, your new membership card will be handed to you as you pay.

It also needs to be said that after you receive your dues statements, if for any reason you are considering dropping your membership – now (the month of March) is the time to do that. The Lodge has to pay a per capita fee, Grand Lodge insurance and other GL fees for each member on the roster as of April 1st so if this applies to you then please let me know of your wishes to take an absolute dimit before March 31st.

On a final note, I recently sent out letters to the spouses of our deceased members that I have in the system with an ID card so they may use it at any Lodge they wish to visit. If you did not get a letter from me or you know a widow/widower that did not, and they want to be included in the mailing list then please send me an email or text with that information.

Susie Pennell, Lodge Secretary
Phone: 217.370.8689 | E-mail: jaxelks682@live.com

Meal Winners: Meal Numbers drawn for February were Jan Leveque, Chuck McNeeley, Hallie Mayner and John Little. Check this month's bulletin for your hand-written club number and win a free Lunch Special or Tuesday Night meal. (Must be paid up on dues). Dining must be done during the month drawn. Next month's (April) drawing will be the new written member number on your card.

ER'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters.

Spring is coming! The arrival of spring brings new and wonderful things. Robins start chirping, baby calves start appearing, Major League baseball begins, flowers start to bud and grass begins turning that beautiful green.

Spring is a season of profound renewal, shifting towards increased sunlight, warmer weather, and vibrant new growth. Just as these changes happen in nature, they also happen within our Lodge. Within the coming month, I hand over this leadership role to incoming Exalted Ruler, Sheryl Hansen. I'm excited to watch her grow into this position for the coming year. I know she will do great, and I am happy to help her transition into this Esteemed Position.

It has been an honor to serve you all this past year, and I don't take it for granted. As most lodges have had their struggles the last few years, I feel that our Lodge has done a good job to maintain its integrity and reputation as one of the top lodges in the state of Illinois. Lodge 682's Leadership and Volunteerism consistently puts us at (or near) the top of this list year after year. I hope to maintain this reputation for years to come.

As I serve this last month as your ER, I'd like to remind you of a few things. Please continue to frequent our Lodge for meals and drinks. We also have some events coming up that we are hoping to be great successes. The coming month(s) will see:

Chili Cookoff & Bags Tournament

1 Man Band in the bar area

A Night at the Horse Races

Easter Dinner

A Murder-Mystery Dinner upstairs

And many more...

Please consider joining any or all of these, as well as other events that we may have.

Thank you all for allowing me to represent Jacksonville Elks Lodge 682 as Your Exalted Ruler this past year! It has truly been an honor to serve the greatest Elks Lodge in Illinois!

Hope to see you all soon!

Your Proud ER, James Lomelino.
God Bless.

JENN'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to give a big Thanks to everyone for coming to the Valentines Dinner. It was great seeing everyone out.

Wednesday, March 10th
Corned Beef Members Night
Starts at 6:30

I would like to Thank James Lomelino for his last year as Exalted Ruler, he has been such pleasure to work with. We will be having Easter Buffet Sunday, April 5th. We will be serving from 11am to 2 pm. Please make sure to make your reservations this tends to fill up quickly.



We also will be having drink specials.

Sundays \$2.00 Beers

Thursday Nights Happy Hour 3-8

\$.50 off all drinks

Get your Queen of Hearts tickets

Come on down and try something new!



Just a reminder that while dining in on Tuesday nights, there are no to take home boxes. Do not Forget if you need something catered for an event or need a place to host an event, we have dates available. Nothing is too big or small. Please contact me.

Phone- 217-245-5215, Text- 217-719-9737 for Reservations

Dining Room and Banquet Room

Thanks, Jennifer

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	J Damon Kenny Bobby	Bartz Sanders Sims	14	James William Michael	Newman Newman Verticchio
2	Kenneth Aaron Richard	Boston Charlesworth Klinker	15	Steve	Hembrough
3	Danny Matthew Sean Curt Andrew Nancy	Cole Gregory Haefeli Keim Lombardo Thorsen	16	Cliff	Hamel
4	James Cody	Dunn Lawson	17	Dana Charles Chad	Jokisch Sheaff Tobin
5	Ted Steven Travis	Brown Hopper Littig	18	Jeff Fred	Mossman Standley
6	Ryan Andy Larry Glenn Jason Nathanial	Elliott Frost Martin Pickens Valentine Waldon	20	Troy Drew Devin	Mitchell Slater Vaughn
7	Chuck	Frost	21	Mike Kim	Feller Smith
8	Robert Christopher James Michael	Camden Heyer Meyer Snedeker	22	James Deb George	Costello Krueger Rexroat
9	Howard Jaron Pat Alvin	Hall Peck Price Suess	23	Jackson John	Allen Atkinson
10	James Thomas	Byus Gotschall	24	David Matthew	Barber Cors
11	Monte Tom	Bergschneider Withee	25	Marc	Lahey
12	Aaron	Marshall	26	Don	Baldes
13	Jason	Schriber	27	Kurt	Heller
14	Tod	Castleberry	28	Richard J Kevin	Langdon Masten
			29	Elizabeth Jeff Mark Paul Bruce	Brackett Dawdy Hopkins Lambert Surratt
			30	Samantha Koert Adam Steve	Bobor Brown Cisne Northrop
			31	Tony Priscilla	Hall Lehnhausen

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HAPPY O'BIRTHDAY TO YA!

Hidden Numbers: Check this newsletter for hidden numbers for a free Tuesday Night meal or Lunch Special. Dining has to be during the month selected.

ELKS PT/OT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to direct assistance for children, the Illinois Elks became aware of the growing need for physical therapists to help handicapped children. Since 1970, the program has provided financial aid to college students in the physical therapy field. In 1992, the program was expanded to include occupational therapy.

Applications are open beginning December 1, 2025 to students majoring in these fields and seeking assistance and can be found at www.illinoiselkscc.org Deadline is March 6, 2026. Brother Jim Goldborough is available for any assistance you might need and can be reached at 217.473.5557



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FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

In order to trim postage, please use the form below to remit your 2026-2027 dues.

Please note your dues are DUE BY APRIL 1, 2026 so please remit before this date. Thank you!

**Jacksonville Elks Lodge #682
April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027**

Statement of Dues

Life Member Assessments (for those eligible) \$ 40.00
Regular Member Dues and Assessments \$125.00

NAME: _____
Please remit your dues to Susie Pennell, Lodge Secretary

Please keep in mind that as Elks, our basic principle is Charity. We ask that in addition to paying your dues, you consider contributing to one or both of the 2 charities listed below as well as our very own building fund.

(Make Checks payable to Elks BPOE #682)

Yearly Dues (as applicable above) \$ _____
Elks National Foundation (\$10, \$20, \$50) \$ _____
Children’s Care Corporation (\$10, \$20, \$50) \$ _____
Jacksonville #682 Building Fund (any amount) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

 *Cut along dotted line and return with dues.*

MEMBERS MAY SUBMIT THEIR DUES AND DONATIONS BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONVENIENCES:
***You must add \$5 to the total on the above statement before using one of these online services.**

1. USING 



2. or PayPal 



FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$5 CONVENIENCE FEE *

March Lunch Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	Closed	3 Soup & Salad Bar \$12	4 Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy- Veg \$13	5 Ham Steak Au gratin Potatoes Veg \$13	6 Breaded or Grilled Tenderloin Tots \$10	7 Pony Shoe \$12
9	Closed	10 Fried Chicken Buffet \$13	11 Breaded or Grilled Tenderloin Pub Chips \$10	12 Steakhouse Burger Steak Fries \$13	13 Ribeye Sandwich Potato \$14	14 Rueben  Onion Rings \$14 Irish Nachos \$13
16	Closed	17 Homemade Pork & Chicken Fritters Buffet \$13	18 Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Corn \$13	19 Pork Steak Potato Salad Baked Beans \$13	20 Bacon Cheeseburger Fries \$12	21 Bacon Egg Cheeseburger American Fries \$13
23	Closed	24 Breakfast Buffet \$12	25 Hot Turkey Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Green beans \$13	26 Ham & Beans Corn Bread \$7	27 Ribeye Sandwich Potato \$14	28 Italian Sandwich Pub Chips \$12
30	Closed	31 Taco Buffet \$13	1 Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy- Veg \$13	2 Ham Steak Au gratin Potatoes Veg \$13	3 Pony Shoe \$12 Horseshoe \$16	4 Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Fries \$12

LUNCH HOURS: TUESDAY- SATURDAY 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For Your Dining Pleasure: March

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 **KIDS NIGHT** Family Night \$17.95 Fried Chicken & Pork	4	5	6 Catfish Fillet \$16	7 Bourbon Glazed Beef Filet \$30
10 Family Night \$17.95 Fried Chicken & Pork	11 Member Night Corned Beef Cabbage  Red Potatoes	12	13 Chicken Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy \$16	14 Corned Beef with Cabbage Buttered Red Potatoes \$20 
 17 Family Night \$17.95 Fried Chicken, Pork and Corned Beef	18	19	20 Pork Burnt Ends With White Cheddar Mac & Cheese \$18	21 **Special Menu** Italian Night
24 Family Night \$17.95 Fried Chicken & Pork	25	26	27 Ribeye with 3 Shrimp \$35	28 Prime Rib Queen Cut \$33 King Cut \$38
31 Family Night \$17.95 Fried Chicken & Pork	1	2	3 Salmon \$19	4 Bacon Wrapped Pork Filet \$17

Reservations 245-5215

SUNDAY BEER SPECIAL!
 BEER & WELL DRINKS - \$2.00
 DAILY BEER PRICES - \$2.75

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To all who still receive this monthly newsletter by mail, please consider receiving your newsletter by e-mail to save the lodge on printing and postal costs. Additionally, most people have their e-mails on their smart phones and it would be handy to have the menus and other information to look up at the tip of your fingers at any time. We need to start moving towards the benefits of technology! Thank you!

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