



Elk Call



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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 September. Our fall Illinois Elks Association meeting is September 20 - 22, 2024 in Springfield, Illinois. Consider attending, there is so much to learn and its always a great time, never a dull moment!

Don't forget our Lodge Picnic September 28, starting at 1:00 P.M. Members, their guests and family are all welcome to attend. Please sign up at the bar or call with how many will be attending. We are in need of volunteers and gift baskets for the raffle. Please consider helping out! Also we currently have a benefit raffle for the Lodge, tickets are \$10.00 and first prize is \$500.00; AND, if you are present at drawing you get \$100.00 bonus (first prize only). Second prize is \$200.00; third prize is \$100.00; and fourth and fifth prize is \$50.00. There are only 200 tickets and the winner will be drawn when all tickets are sold. We will notify you when the drawing is. You can still purchase tickets at the bar.

Great news, we are having Elks **Friendsgiving** (Thanksgiving) here at the Lodge this year! So plan your Thanksgiving Day with family and guests right here at the Lodge! Date is November 28, 2024 starting at 12:00 Noon. We ask everyone attending to bring a dish to share. If you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact us. We really need a headcount, so please call or sign up at the bar.

In addition to receiving the Elk Call this month, you will be getting

an email with a Member Survey, please fill the survey out so we can better serve our members.

Looking for a change? Join us for a BLT sandwich the third Saturday (September 21) this month. (we will not be serving steak sandwiches) Our special will be a BLT with chips and a pickle for \$10.00, 5-8p.m. Also for the month we have a special Bloody Mary with all the fixins! Come try our Ultimate Bloody Mary that you can also snack on! (regular prices apply).

A huge THANK YOU to James (Jimmy) Nevin for cutting our lawn. A huge THANK YOU to Chaplin Lori Bump, Kool Katie, and Gizmo for all the extra work you have put into keeping our Lodge beautiful and members happy! YOU ARE ALL GREATLY APPRECIATED!

We had a great turn out for the cross town classic, what a great time with family and friends, and the food was AWESOME! It is so joyful to see our members enjoying our Lovely Lodge! Thank you all! Support your Lodge, Enjoy your Lodge!

GOD BLESS!

Debra Bruno-Nevin, PFR



 [Click here to learn more](#) 

Member Benefits and Discounts


FINAL PICNIC MEETING FOR ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP. MEET AT THE LODGE Sept 17 6:30 P.M.



Property sale negotiations nearly complete
Vote on 9-24?
See page 4 for details

QUEEN OF HEARTS:

- 7-26-24: Johnathan Medley, #14 (Jack of Clubs.)
- 8-2-24: Mike Kelly, #4 (3 of Spades)
- 8-9-24: Chris Marry, #26 (4 of Hearts)
- 8-16-24: Chris Marry, # 28 **QUEEN of Hearts**



I'm thinking of getting into elk taxidermy. I hear it's how you make the big bucks.

COATS FOR KIDS

COATS FOR KIDS. ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT THE LODGE AT 815-744-3355.

Our Lodge is collecting new or gently used coats, hats, and gloves to be given to those in need. Donations can be left at the Lodge. Monetary donations are also accepted for us to purchase coats. You can drop off your donation or mail it to Joliet Elks #296, 250 SE Frontage Road, Joliet IL 60431, marked COATS FOR KIDS.

2024-2025 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.....Barb Schoppe
 Tiler.....Annie Won
 Esquire.....
 Chaplain.....Lori Bump
 Inner Guard.....Wyenot Hugh

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 Trustee (2027).....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
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 Trustee (2029).....Clint Flint PER
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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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/Joliet-ElksLodge-296

Bob Eckhoff- District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks Website: www.elks.org

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

Illinois Elks Children's Care: www.illinoiselksccc.org

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

WELCOME !

We w**ELK**ome new member Morris (Barbara) Campbell who was initiated at September 27th Lodge meeting.

When a clock is hungry, it goes
back four seconds.

OLD TIMERS REPORT

MEMBERS WITH 30 YEARS OF ELKDOM:

George Albright; Mark Bump, PDDGER; Clint Flint, PER; and John Roche.



ARE YOU MOVING...even if it is just temporary? 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.

MEMBERSHIP-MONTHLY REPORT

JOLIET ELKS LODGE #296

Number of Members on April 1, 2024—190

Number of Members on August 14, 2024—193

Delinquent as of August 14, 2024—15

Mark Bump, PER, PDDGER, Lodge Secretary

Illinois Elks Association, BPOE News

Some of our Elks combine with the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services yearly in August at the Du Quoin State Fair to provide a fun and carefree day for southern Illinois Foster families.

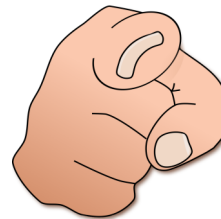
It involves a collaborative group of Elks, charitable contributions nearing \$10,000 to provide this opportunity to feed nearly 1,400 children and family members.

The IEA South District, the South Central District and the Illinois Elks State Officers have come together for 30+ years to provide all participating families transportation expenses, sack lunches, and a \$10 bill for every child as Fair spending money. DCFS then provides every child an armband to ride Fair rides.

Elks from 5 State Districts and over 10 Lodges participated this morning! Thank you all for joining in and giving back to the southern and central Illinois families!

Now serving  Ask your bartender

HAVE
YOU

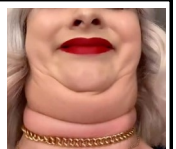


Proposed a
new member
yet?

FYI—The [IEA Directory](#) may be found online along with all of the District Directories. They can all be found on the "Member's Only" tab, then found on the District Information Tab.

What do you call a fat psychic?

A four chin teller.



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September Birthdays

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Karen Bellot | 22 Karen Johnson |
| 8 Sean Hopkins | Jacqueline |
| 10 Debra Bruno-Nevin | DiVecchio Tyler |
| Rita Keenan | 23 Jack Beloshapka |
| 12 Colleen Harvey | Richard Smith |
| Jeff Sterr | 24 Larry Mancini |
| 14 Barbara Januszewski | 25 James Hearn |
| 15 Peter Kohrt | Michael Ruth |
| 16 James Domanus | 26 James Griffin |
| 20 Penny Burns | 27 Michael Kelly |
| Richard Siegel | 28 Tom Barney |
| Norm Stoiber | 29 Phillip Braham |

Attention readers—

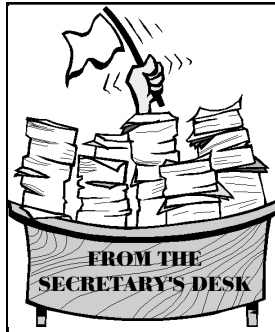
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Benefit Raffle Update

The tickets are being sold at the lodge. Please stop in, have a drink and buy a ticket. We will be drawing once all 200 tickets are sold! Remember you have five chances to win—\$500, \$200, \$100 or \$50 or \$50. If you are the TOP PRIZE winner and you happen to be present for the drawing, you could win another \$100!



Do you know someone who would like to become a member? Please get them signed up - applications are available in the Lodge lobby or in the Secretary's office. Remember that YOUR Lodge runs on membership and the more membership we have the better the Lodge runs. LET'S SOAR WITH 4 IN 2024!



We are now six month's into the current lodge year and we still have fifteen members who have not renewed their membership for the year. The names of those members are listed in this months newsletter. If you have questions about this matter, please contact me at the lodge.

Congratulations to Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt of DeKalb (Il.) Lodge No. 765 for being the endorsed candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2025-26 Fraternal Year. I have known Bryan for over 25 years and this is a well deserving endorsement!!!

To my other long time friend in Elkdom, Jerry Shapiro, Past Chief Justice of the Grand Forum from Kankakee Lodge No. 627, R.I.P., my brother. Like you always would say to me " You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough"

In closing, remember, "Sometimes the people you want as part of your story are only meant to be a chapter."

Enjoy your Labor Day, as we begin this Fall issue.

Sincerely and Fraternally submitted,

Mark Bump, PDDGER Lodge Secretary

LAPSATION

At this time we still have quite a few members who are delinquent in their dues payment. We miss "you guys 'n gals," and would really like to have you join us for the fun and purposeful journey this year has in store for us. Send in your dues today and help in supporting YOUR LODGE. Members please reach out to any member that you know is delinquent and encourage them to renew their membership and restore their active participation in the Lodge functions. Please remember this is your Lodge and it thrives on participation.

The following as of September 1, 2024 are 6 month delinquent in their membership renewals:

Joseph Babich	Earl Lichtenauer	Reble Pearce
Thomas Barney	Thomas Manos	Michael Smith
Dan Eaton	Colleen Miller	Maureen Switzer
Gregory Geil	Peggy Mitchell	William Talaga
Rita Keehan	Leonard Narug,	Camille Wilson

The lodge has already paid your Grand Lodge Per Capita for the year (\$39.25). Please submit your dues payment (\$100) or contact the lodge secretary. We really want you to remain with us!

MEETINGS, MEETINGS, MEETINGS

Lodge meetings return to twice @ month
 Tuesday—September 10 & 24
 BOD & House Committee September 17

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LENDING A HAND OR JUST WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW!



Veterans and their family members can call, text, or chat 24/7/365. 24/7 support hotline for Veterans in crisis and their supporters.

Lodge Still Negotiating

Our Lodge is STILL in negotiations with **HOLLADAY PROPERTY SERVICES MIDWEST, INC.**, 3454 Douglas Road, South Bend, IN, 44635. to sell our property. It is anticipated that at the last Regular Lodge meeting in September, a purchase agreement will be brought to the floor of the Lodge. The terms of the sale will be put forth in a resolution to the floor of the Lodge for a vote by all of the members in good standing as per GL Statutes 16.050.

The written proposal will be read on the Lodge floor at least two but not more than eight weeks prior to the scheduled date for a vote of the Lodge on the proposal setting forth the following applicable information:

1. Purpose of project.
2. Any amount to be expended.
3. Any amount of indebtedness to be created.
4. The Person(s) to be authorized to act for the Lodge.
5. Amount to be received by the Lodge.

AND— The proposal read on the floor of the Lodge, together with a Notice setting forth the date, time and location of the regular or special meeting at which the proposal will be voted upon, will be provided to each Member of the Lodge in accordance with the provisions of Section 1.115 at **least ten (10) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.** Note that Section 1.115 provides that any notice required to be sent or mailed to all Members of a Lodge may be included in the Lodge Bulletin or sent electronically to any Member who has given written authorization to receive notices electronically.

Joliet Elks Lodge #296 would seek to retain the income from the cell towers and the billboards by means of a permanent easement.

Joliet Elks Lodge #296 will retain the proceeds to pay regular expenses while seeking a **temporary** lease location prior to locating a permanent facility. Please attend all Lodge meetings to learn the latest in the negotiations. Also note that the completion of the sale, if approved by all parties would not occur in the immediate future. Discussions will also be ongoing as to where our Lodge should temporarily reside, and what next steps should be undertaken to secure a location.

The Elks Magazine Online

Are you a subscriber? If you are not yet an online subscriber, [opt-in now](#). Your postal mailings will be discontinued, and you will have online access to the current edition, as well our recent archives.



District Deputy Bob Eckhoff will be visiting our Lodge on October 8th at 5 pm.

ENF SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Applications for the 2025 Legacy Scholarships will open on September 1, 2024. Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Illinois will have a possibility of 7 Legacy Scholarships. Eligibility requirements are outlined below.

Eligibility:

- For the 2025 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2022, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.
- The applicant must be a high school senior.
- **The applicant must apply online only.** The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time.
- If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
- We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2025 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
- Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.) winners of the 2024 contest in April 2024.
- If you are selected as a 2025 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information about serving with the Elks.

Please contact the office if you have questions or Email scholarship@elks.org or call 773/755-4732.

MORE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Hailey Wang. She is the top scoring student in the CCC's Speech Pathology Scholarship contest and is sponsored by Joliet Lodge No. 296. Ms. Wang will be recognized for her achievements at the IEA Fall State Meeting in September during the State President's Dinner.

And from last month....

The 2025 MVS contest and application deadline is November 12, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time. For information/application <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>



I was born by Caesarean Section, but you really can't tell, ... except that when I leave my house, I always go out the window.

TRIVIA Night

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 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 were the ever-famous Kolton's Krew.

CASHTRATION (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

Membership Drive Builds Strong Lodges

By RICK GATHEN, Membership Marketing Manager

In honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer, candidates initiated during the months of September and October will be specially recognized. These candidates will be recorded separately in the November 1st Mid-Year Membership Report on line 21. This initiative aims to honor both the GER and the new candidates with gold frames!

By actively engaging new Members and providing opportunities for involvement, we not only honor our GER but also build a stronger, more cohesive Lodge and community. Together, we add Members. Together, we grow. *Let's Soar with 4, in 2024!*

Bryan Klatt GER Fund News



The Northwest District will be selling shirts to raise money for Bryan R. Klatt's GER Fund. Please see attached Flyer & Order Form. They will be placing the first order for shirts August 30, 2024. They also have been assured that they will have the shirts from the first order and will be able to wear the shirts to promote them at the September Meeting. The Northwest District will have a table on the Mezzanine Level to take orders

for the next order. If you would like to get in on this first order of shirts please get your [order](#) to Sharon Kay Dirck by 8/29/24. You can [email](#) the [order](#) and then get the money to me later since this is a tight turn around time-table.

Golf is like marriage:

If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Constitutional resolutions up for ratification

At the 159h Grand Lodge Session in Austin, TX, 18 resolutions were adopted and must be ratified by the membership of the Local Lodges: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THEM.](#)

Bring the entire family, your friends, your enemies and enjoy the day at the Lodge!

SEPTEMBER 28TH LODGE FAMILY PICNIC



FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



The Fun begins at 1 pm and we'll go 'til we drop. Food served until 4 pm

Special appearance by the comedy team of the Bumpkins



KARAOKE from 7pm to 10pm



Music

Games for Kids & Adults

Test your skills at our games and possibly win a prize to boot!

Get in on the raffles and 50/50 drawings!

Hot Dogs & Brats WILL BE PROVIDED
Admission is free with a dish to pass—

If your last name begins with:

- A—G Bring a delicious Hot Dish
- H—R Bring an appetizing Salad
- S—Z Bring a tasty Dessert





The Elks National Drug Awareness Program strives to teach all children and parents about the dangers of illegal drug use and prevent the abuse of legalized and prescription drugs. As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States, the program relies on state, district and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug-free lifestyle. By taking pride in America's communities and youth, the program takes action against youth drug use through education and inspiration.

Every year, the Elks Drug Awareness Program hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. The brochures are primarily distributed through the program's 90 drug education trailers, which travel to community gatherings, such as fairs and sporting events. The Elks have also teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements. Click [the banner](#) for more information.

Alternate meanings to common words:

Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.

Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly, adj. Impotent.

Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.

Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.



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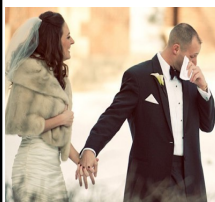
The [Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation](#) generates direct assistance to physically challenged children and scholarship assistance to physical/occupational therapy students in Illinois.

Over 75 years ago, the Elks of Illinois recognized the special needs of physically challenged children. During the early years, much of the work consisted of helping children injured in accidents and suffering from the dreaded disease polio. As times progressed and medical treatments developed for many children's diseases, the focus of the program has evolved to meet new needs and challenges. One constant always remained the guiding question, "What can we do to help this child?"

Many cases are very complex and require custom designed braces, wheelchairs and treatment programs. Others may simply be the provision of corrective shoes or physical/occupational therapy services for three to six months. In all cases, the IECCC works to make certain that appropriate insurance and state benefits are applied before they provide assistance. In this manner, they stretch their available dollars to help as many children as possible.

Conversely, where no insurance or government benefits are available, they will provide assistance in the cost of treatment as needed. Many times they help parents pay the high deductible of their health insurance. They also help with continued treatments costs which can overwhelm a family's budget. On many occasions the IECCC has been told that they've helped when no one else seemed to care.

If you'd like to donate, call the lodge or [click here](#).







**A Sad day in history:
September 12, 1922**

In what would become a major change in the marriage ceremony, the House of Bishops of the United States Protestant Episcopal Church voted 36-27 to delete the word *obey* from the marriage service. It's been downhill ever since.









The House Committee/BOD's are distributing an important survey to you by email. We ask that you take the time to complete and return it. If you are having trouble with email, hard copies are available as well. This is a timely opportunity to let yourself be heard regarding Lodge matters. (Of course, you're always invited to attend a Lodge meeting!)

JOLIET ELKS CALENDAR FOR **September 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2  Labor Day LODGE CLOSED	3	4 Euchre 6:30 pm	5	6 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	7
8	9 Euchre 6:30 pm	10  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	11 Euchre 6:30 pm	12	13  Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	14
15	16 Euchre 6:30 pm	17 Picnic mtg 6:30 House & BOD meeting 7 pm	18 Euchre 6:30 pm	19 <i>IEA Fall Meeting</i> ↓	20 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	21 Bid Euchre 7pm BLT Sandwich Dinner 5-8
22 <i>IEA Fall Meeting</i>	23 Euchre 6:30 pm	24  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	25 Euchre 6:30 pm	26	27 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	28 LODGE PICNIC
29	30 Euchre 6:30 pm	LODGE MEETING NIGHT JACKPOT: Jackpot drawings occur on Lodge meeting nights. Winning holder of 50/50 ticket eligible to draw. Winner must be present.				

JOLIET ELKS CALENDAR FOR **October 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	5
6	7 Euchre 6:30 pm	8 DD Visit 5 pm Lodge Meeting 7 pm	9 Euchre 6:30 pm	10	11  Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	12
13	14 Euchre 6:30 pm	15 House Com & BOD meeting 7 pm	16 Euchre 6:30 pm	17	18 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	19 Bid Euchre 7pm Mystery Sandwich Dinner 5-8
20 District Mtg Kankakee 9:30 am	21 Euchre 6:30 pm	22  Lodge Meeting 7 pm	23 Euchre 6:30 pm	24	25 Dinner 5-8 Queen of Hearts 7:30	26 Wii Bowling 7pm 
27  Kids Halloween Party 12-3 pm	28 Euchre 6:30 pm	29	31 Euchre 6:30 pm	31	This Halloween, please be alert— the world needs more lerts 	



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POSTMASTER: This Publication is of vital interest

**My last summer joke:
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guy in sandals?
A: Phillippe Phloppe.**



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