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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 May! We have some important news. Beginning in June we will be going completely digital with our Elk Call. Due to the cost of printing, paper and postage continuously increasing we are forced to go paperless, so please Email us at elks296@att.net with your email address so you can receive the Elk Call through Email. A copy can also be picked up at the Lodge.

Starting in May the new hours for the lounge will be as follows: Monday 4-10 p.m., Tuesday-Closed, Wednesday 4-10 p.m., Thursday-Closed, Friday 4-11 p.m., Saturday 4-11 p.m., and Sunday-Closed. Please keep in mind that this does not affect our Banquet Hall rental.

Join us this month of May for some refreshing drink specials, DIRTY SHIRLEY- made with vodka, grenadine, sprite and maraschino cherries and RANCH WATER - made with tequila, lime juice, soda water and a lime, cost is \$3.50.

I would like to thank Trustee, Clinton Flint PER and Maintenance Man Mike for the work they performed to get our boiler up and running, ultimately saving our Lodge \$4,000.00! Thank you, you are truly appreciated! Many members do not realize the absorbent cost of running this Lodge or how many members and officers dedicate so much of their time to keeping us open and functioning. Thank you to ALL who participate and support our Lodge!

Save the date for our Flag Day Ceremony June 9, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m. We do need volunteers for this event, please consider being a part of this beautiful ceremony, you can call me @ 708-990-1766.

Don't forget to join us for the Kentucky Derby and Cinco De Mayo party, Saturday, May 4 th , doors open at 4:00 p.m. and the race starts at 5:45 p.m. Everyone should please bring a dish, looking forward to seeing you all! God bless.

Fraternally yours,

Debra Bruno-Nevin, P.E.R.

Exalted Ruler

2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Debra Bruno-Nevin PER
Leading Knight.....Karen Johnson PER
Loyal Knight.....Dan Ward
Lecturing Knight.....Ricky Gray
Secretary.....Mark Bump PER, PDDGER
Treasurer.....Barb Schoppe
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3 Year Trustee.....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
4 Year Trustee.....Andy Lopez
5 Year Trustee.....Clint Flint, PER
Chairman.....Penny Burns PER, PDDGER
PER President.....Karen Johnson , PER
Editor.....Karen Bellot



Members All:

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE: As a reminder, per Grand Lodge Statute 14.130, Opinion 2: "Only members who are not delinquent in the payment of dues are entitled to the privileges of membership in the Order. A member who is delinquent in the payment of dues is not entitled to use the Club facilities or to attend meetings of the lodge." Questions, contact me at the lodge.

With May being Mothers Day I thought I'd share some things my mother taught me:

- 1) My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done. She would tell me and my sister " If you are going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
 - 2) My mother taught me religion: " You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
 - 3) My mother taught me about time travel: " If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
 - 4) My mother taught me logic: " Because I said so, that's why?"
 - 5) My mother taught me more logic:" If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
 - 6) My mother taught me foresight" Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
 - 7) My mother taught me irony." Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
 - 8) My mother taught me osmosis " Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
 - 9) My mother taught me contortion-ism " Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."
- And finally my mother taught me about stamina "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies members of our lodge !!!

In closing congrats to our current Exalted Ruler Debra Bruno-Nevin for finishing 11th in the state for proposing new members for the 2023-24 lodge year with eight new members!!!

Fraternally yours,

Mark Bump, PDDGER
Lodge Secretary

Membership News

Membership as of 4/1/2024: 190

Membership as of 4/16/2024: 190

Delinquent as of 4/16/2024: 67

WELkome New Member: Katherine Popplewell

Propositions for Membership: Johnathon Medley proposed by Member Debra Bruno-Nevin, ER. We will be voting on this application at the May 28th meeting.

Membership Matters:

BE a proposer of a NEW Member!

Invite others to join in being part of the Elks!

Together we can GROW our Membership and be here for decades to come for our communities, our youth and our Veterans.

What I Get For My Dues

I get the opportunity to belong to the finest Fraternal Organization in the world.

I get the opportunity to be associated with fine American men and women.

I get the opportunity to enjoy the comforts of my Lodge and Club, both socially and fraternally.

I get the opportunity of taking part in all Lodge and Charitable work my Lodge performs.

I get an opportunity to participate actively in all the programs sponsored by my Lodge.

I get an opportunity of electing by democratic process, the officers who run my Lodge.

I get the opportunity of visiting other Elk Lodges and enjoying their hospitality.

I get the opportunity of wearing my Elk insignia and showing everyone that I am proud to be an Elk.

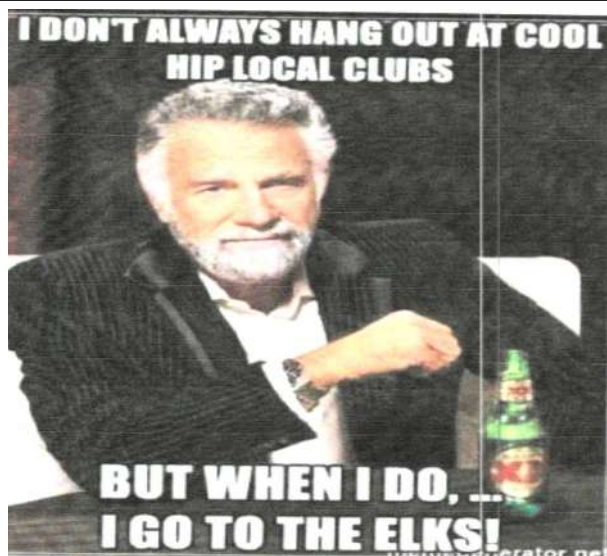


Old Timers Report

Members with over
50 Years of Membership:

James Hearn
Dan Ward
Joe Wedic

You are a living legacy and our history; a testament to dedication, hard work and perseverance to continue the traditions and principles of the order.



Elks
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Foundation, Inc.

Lodge ENF Totals for the 2023-24 Lodge Year

Total donations-\$2,659
Per capita-\$13.03/member

State rankings:

1st in East District
14th in the IEA

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Just two years ago, the ENF received more than 7 million in donations for the first time ever. In the 2023-24 fiscal year the ENF received more than 8 million in donations.

Thank you to all our donors who make it possible to build stronger communities.

Lodge Information

Office Hours: M-F 9am-12pm
Lounge Hours: Monday and Wednesday 4-10
Friday and Saturday 4-11

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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.

60 Day Reinstatement Info: All secretaries are required by GLS 14.180 to send 60 day reinstatement notice letters to members dropped in March for non-payment of dues. These members may be reinstated as a member in good standing with payment of the delinquent and current year dues. Questions, contact your lodge secretary.



In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week.

Honor.
Respect.
Remember.



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.

As we begin another Elk Year, we are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter, The Elk Call. Postage and printing rates continue to raise the costs to our lodge. The price is only \$75 for the year and we can use your business card for your ad.

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TRIVIA NIGHT

May 10th

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 food is available for purchase.

Last month's winner: The Birds

Past Trivia Question: In the Sue Grafton alphabet novels, what is the name of the 8 letter "D" mystery that stands for a disreputable person?

Deadbeat



Wii Bowling

Saturday, May 25th

No experience necessary!

Starts at 7pm the fourth Saturday of the month!

Come join the fun!



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

DRINK OF THE MONTH



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

5/1-Michael Fichter
5/2-Edward Forneris
5/5-Thomas Cole
5/5-Michael Fazio
5/5-William Thomas
5/8-Jose Olvera
5/9-George Block
5/10-Lynette Ranallo
5/13-Joe Medveskas
5/14-Kenneth Kurtz
5/16-Leonard Narug
5/18-Bryan Kasprisin
5/20-Jerry Galick
5/22-Donald Schultz
5/23-Jennifer Bellot
5/24-Terry Allison
5/24-Alexander Munroe
5/26-Mark Bump
5/31-Fran Smego

New Lounge Hours

Monday and Wednesday 4-10

Friday and Saturday 4-11

Closed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

Lounge will stay open later as needed.



Food at the Lodge

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS

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

Steak Sandwiches

EVERY NIGHT

Pizza (\$7-\$12)



Last Month's Winners

3/29-Celeste Minarich #29 (J of Diamonds)

4/5-Chris Marry #2 (8 of Spades)

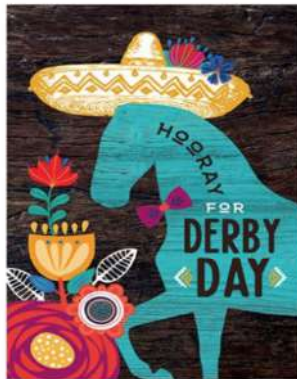
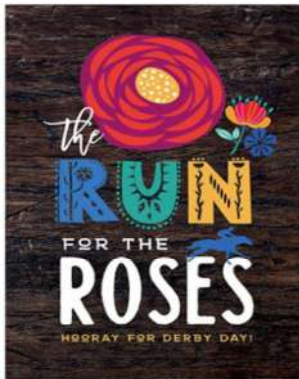
4/12-Joe Petroski #41 (Jack of Hearts)

4/19-Larry Burns, PDDGER #15 (7 of Clubs)

4/26-Chris Marry #5 (2 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.



May 4th, 2024

Come out and Celebrate the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo. Wear your favorite derby hat, vote for your favorite horse and enjoy some mint juleps or the drink of your choice. We will also be having Elk Races in the Lounge. Doors open at 4:00 pm. Race starts at 5:45. See you there!



Third Saturday Dinners At the Elks

Starting April 20th we will be changing our monthly Saturday night dinner from Chili to Steak Sandwiches and the fixings. Bring your family and friends out for another yummy meal from Chef Andy!



Join Us

Sunday, June 9th at 2pm

Elks Annual Flag Day Ceremony

Refreshments to follow



Don't forget we have a gaming room here at the Elks Lodge. Try your luck today!



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.

History of Mother's Day

The majority of countries that celebrate Mother's Day do so on the second Sunday of May. On this day, it is common for Mothers to be celebrated with presents and special attention from their families, friends and loved ones. But it wasn't always this way.

The traditional practice of honoring of Motherhood is rooted in antiquity. Ancient rites had strong symbolic and spiritual overtones, as societies tended to celebrate Goddesses and symbols of motherhood, rather than actual Mothers. From the 6th century B.C. onwards the Ancient Greeks honored Rhea or Rheia as the Magna Mater, the great mother of everything, including the gods. She was the wife of Chronos (Saturn) and the mother of Hestia, Hera, Demeter, Poseidon, Hades, and Zeus. Her father was Uranus or the heavens, her mother Gaia or Gaea, or the earth, with whom she was often identified. In 205 B.C her cult was introduced in Rome, where she was celebrated as Cybele during the Hilaria. Mothers day started out as a day to honour Rhea.

This tradition was brought to England where it is Celebrated In March which was the Roman festival of Hilaria to honour Cybele. No one is quite sure when the celebration became to celebrate all mothers rather than the diety.

In America the first Mother's day was brought about by a woman called Ann Jarvis, who was a suffragette, she wanted a day to celebrate mothers and women in general, having seen Mothering Sunday in Europe. She fought and protested for the day for a long time, but it was finally Granted as a public holiday by then president Woodrow Wilson in 1908 who signed the bill setting aside the second Sunday of May as a special day to celebrate Mothers.

Ann Jarvis was disgusted at the commercial way Mothers day was treat and she said she regretted making the day. As florists began to advertise flowers for Mother's Day, and even hold Mother's Day events, Anna Jarvis began to decry the shift into commercialization of such an important day. She protested saying, Mother's Day is to be a day of sentiment, not profit. Standing idly by was not her way. She took action. Jarvis sued sponsors of a Mother's Day events in an effort to prevent it from taking place. In 1930, she was arrested for disturbing the peace by trying to prevent the sale of flowers at a Mother's Day event. Not to be beaten, in 1938, Jarvis attempted to get a copywrite for Mother's Day, enabling her to control use of both the term and the holiday itself. In her attempts, she failed.

Most prolific mom

The most children born to any woman in recorded history is 69, according to Guinness World Records. The mother was a peasant from Shuya, Russia, identified only as the wife of Feodor Vassilyev. Mrs. Vassilyev lived during the 18th century, and had 27 pregnancies, including 16 pairs of twins, seven sets of triplets and four sets of quadruplets, according to "The Guinness Book of World Records 1998" (Bantam Books).



Beginning in June, the Elk Call will no longer be mailed out. We will be sending them via email only. This is due to the high costs of postage along with necessary budget cuts.

If we do not have an email address for you please send it to us at elks296@att.net or call us at 815-744-3355.

Copies of the Elk Call will be available at the Lodge.



Did you know that the Elks has their own library in the gaming room? We have two shelves of books available to Elk Members. Authors at the present time include James Patterson, Tom Clancy and Nora Roberts along with many other fiction and non fiction authors. Check it out!!



I just realised why this month is called May.
It May rain,
It May snow,
It May be 70 degrees.
It May be 20 degrees.

MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Euchre 6:30	2	3 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	4 KY Derby Cinco DeMayo 4-11
5	6 Euchre 6:30	7	8 Euchre 6:30	9	10 Trivia 7pm Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	11
12	13 Euchre 6:30	14 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	15 Euchre 6:30	16	17 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30 State Convention Springfield thru Sunday	18 Bid Euchre 7pm Dinner 5-8
19	20 Euchre 6:30	21 Board and House Committee Mtg. 7pm	22 Euchre 6:30	23	24 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	25 Wii Bowling 7pm
26	27 Memorial Day Lodge closed	28 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	29 Euchre 6:30	30	31 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	

JUNE 2024

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2	3 Euchre 6:30	4	5 Euchre 6:30	6	7 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	8
9 Flag Day Ceremony 2 pm	10 Euchre 6:30	11 Lodge Mtg. 7pm	12 Euchre 6:30	13	14 Trivia 7pm Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	15 Bid Euchre 7pm Dinner 5-8
16	17 Euchre 6:30	18 Board and House Committee Mtg. 7pm	19 Euchre 6:30	20	21 Fri Dinner 5-8 Q of Hearts 7:30	22 Wii Bowling 7pm
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