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Elks Lodge 158 Springfield, Illinois



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Message from Exalted Ruler Jan Cimarossa



To All Members,

This is my favorite time of the year, Fall. With the leaves changing colors, cool nights and warm days, it just makes it relaxing to me. If you are a High School football lover, then you have to enjoy this to me with the state playoffs, ending on the weekend following Thanksgiving with the State Finals. We have two area teams going to the Finals, the Athens Warriors in the 2A class and the Rochester Rockets in the 4A class. Good luck and congratulations for making it this far!

Another part of the Fall is the annual holiday Thanksgiving. In 1621, the Plymouth colonists from England and the Wampanoag people shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. (by History.com/editors) Although this is the real short version of Thanksgiving, it has grown into a full-blown commercial Holiday.

However, as Americans we must back off and reflect on what really happened in 1621. We must sit down with our families and loved ones and give thanks to God for all that has been given to us, Thessalonians 5:18 "Give Thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," not just take for granted the things we have; that some of it is earned, and some given. Be thankful for your health, your family, and friends. A learned quote: "A thankful attitude is an inside job."

With the close of November, we start a new month, the month of December. This month can be bittersweet. For some the dreaded season of Winter starts on the 21st, and for others not so much. In this month we have another glorious holiday, Christmas, in which we celebrate the birth of Christ.

Certain members of our government would like to eliminate the name Christmas and replace "Merry Christmas" with "Happy Holidays" so as not to offend people who don't believe in God. We celebrate CHRISTMAS because Christ was born on this day. If you don't believe in God, then don't celebrate that day or the season leading up to it. I, on the other hand,

love the meaning of Christmas; not all the Black Friday hoopla, or see what I got my kids for Christmas, but the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I share the birth of Christ with my family and close friends, to me that is what this day is all about. Believing in God is not just a one-day thing, but an everyday thing, shown by doing good for our fellow man.

As these seasons come upon us, let us show good will to our neighbors, and people in need who don't have the gifts we have been bestowed. Share a smile, a good morning, a hand shake, or whatever you feel comfortable with portraying. Give thanks from within, from your heart, not just words, but really mean it. We, as Elks, are a community of giving, and we try day in and day out to accomplish this task, so keep on giving, my fellow Elks.

Have a very Merry Christmas, and a safe & blessed New Year.

Fraternally,
Jan M. Cimarossa, Exalted Ruler

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Dec 2	Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade, 5:30 PM
Sun	Dec 3	Elks Memorial Service, 2 PM
Wed	Dec 6	Lodge Meeting, 7 PM
Wed	Dec 6	Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Drawing 7 PM
Thur	Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, 11 AM
Thur	Dec 7	Elks Ladies Christmas Party, 6 PM
Sat	Dec 9	Children's Christmas Party, 10 AM - 12 PM
Mon	Dec 11	PER Christmas Party, 6 PM
Wed	Dec 13	Deadline for Angel Tree Gift Returns
Sat	Dec 16	Lodge Christmas Party, 6 PM
Mon	Dec 18	House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
Tues	Dec 19	Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 PM
Fri	Dec 22	Setup for Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Program
Sat	Dec 23	Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Pack & Deliver Food Baskets, 8 AM
Sun	Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
Mon	Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS (Lodge Closed)
Sun	Dec 31	NEW YEARS EVE - Happy New Year

(All dates subject to change as needed; watch for e-blasts and Facebook posts.)

Kitchen Fall/Winter Hours of Operation 2023-2024

Monday through Friday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Full menu items available.

**BENEVOLENT AND
PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
SPRINGFIELD LODGE #158**

Jan Cimarossa
Exalted Ruler

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HALL RENTALS
217-529-0158
WALNUT ROOM HOURS:
MONDAY-SUNDAY: 11:00 AM TO CLOSE

FALL/WINTER KITCHEN
Hours of Operation 2023-2024
Monday through Friday:
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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POOL KITCHEN - CLOSED



SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER



On December 3rd at 2 pm, the Lodge will be holding their Annual Memorial Service for absent members. The following members will be remembered: Richard T Mattsson PER, Connie Knoles, Charles H Gouveia, Max Morgan, Donald E Cox, Kenneth L Shewmaker, Francis P Conway, Ross W Buie, Gayle Newenham, Francis J Owens, Michael O Ducey and James Steven Bradford.

Regardless of the paths their lives may have taken, they are never forgotten, never forsaken.

Remember the time you have with your loved ones is unknown. Always cherish the memories.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

CENTURY CLUB

Nov. 1st - Jerry Parsons	Nov. 22nd - Dena Flesner,
Nov. 8th - Gary Vogt	sold by Robert Miller
Nov. 15th - Thomas Spada	Nov. 29th - John McDonald

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

We are happy to report No Sickness and Distress this month.

LODGE OF SORROW

Michael O. Ducey DOB: 9/27/1947 INIT: 09/17/2008 DOD: 10/19/2023

<p>Michele Cimarossa Chaplain & Chairman Sandra Begué Service Chaplain Bill Eberhardt Keynote Speaker Special Music Scott McDonald Officers & PERS Ceremonial Participants *Refreshments follow immediately after the service</p>	<p>"MEMORIAL SERVICE" honoring our Absent Members Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Dr., Spfld 62712</p> <p><i>Remembered at this service:</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Richard T. Mattsson, PER</td> <td>Francis P. Conway</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Connie Knoles</td> <td>Ross W. Buie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charles H. Gouveia</td> <td>Gayle Newenham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Max Morgan</td> <td>Francis J. Owens</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donald E. Cox</td> <td>Michael O. Ducey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kenneth L. Shewmaker</td> <td>James Steven Bradford</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>All Members, Elks Ladies, Family Members, Guests & Friends are welcome to attend</i> Michele Cimarossa, Chaplain</p>	Richard T. Mattsson, PER	Francis P. Conway	Connie Knoles	Ross W. Buie	Charles H. Gouveia	Gayle Newenham	Max Morgan	Francis J. Owens	Donald E. Cox	Michael O. Ducey	Kenneth L. Shewmaker	James Steven Bradford
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DONATE LIFE

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ,
Eye and Tissue Donor Today: <http://donatelife.net/>



The Elk-O-Gram Newsletter is a monthly publication for members of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 East Lake Drive, Springfield, IL, 62712. It is available through email, on our website (elks158.org), and is posted on our private Facebook page, Springfield Elks Lodge #158 (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800>). Please send updated contact information to bpoe158new@yahoo.com or to steph.schwab2@gmail.com



Elks Ladies Annual Angel Tree

*We are helping to make
Christmas brighter for those
in need!*



MERCY HOUSE ANGEL TREE

- 1) PICK OUT AN ANGEL ORNAMENT
- 2) FIND YOUR ANGEL'S NAME ON THE LIST
- 3) SIGN YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER BY THE ANGEL'S NAME
- 4) WRAP ALL YOUR GIFTS AND PUT THE ANGEL'S NAME ON THE PRESENT(S)
- 5) PUT ALL THE WRAPPED PRESENTS FOR THAT PERSON IN ONE BAG
- 6) PLEASE RETURN THE BAG WITH THE ORNAMENT AFFIXED TO THE OUTSIDE OF THE BAG – NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13, 2023

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
DIANN HARBOUR AT 217-494-6136



By Joan Shea-Rogers, President

Ready or not the holidays are here! There is much to celebrate and give thanks for as we begin our holiday season. It is also a time that we remember to share our blessings with those less fortunate. Given that, the Angel Tree is up in the Walnut Room. It is decorated with ornaments that list the names of residents of M.E.R.C.Y House and what they would like to receive.

MERCY Communities is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization dedicated to addressing the crisis of family homelessness by providing housing and supportive services to foster the independence of homeless women with children and at-risk women with children. Please take an ornament tag and buy what you can on the list. When you take an ornament tag, please fill out the form by the tree. When you have purchased your items, gift wrap them and put them in a large garbage sack or gift bag. Place the ornament tag on the outside of the package as the label. Gifts should be returned by December 13. If you have any questions, please contact Diann Harbour 217-494-6136. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Children's Christmas Party - December 9, 10:00 am-Noon

This annual event is put on by the Elks Ladies for all children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews (10 and under) of lodge members. Lunch is provided free for children, and we ask that a donation be given for the adults. There will be games and even a visit from Santa. We also ask that a small gift (\$10 or so) be wrapped and labeled for each child you bring. This will help Santa out. Please call Diann Harbour 217-494-6136 or Barb Bolin 217- 787-6963 to sign up so that we have a head count for food etc.

Elks Ladies Christmas Party - December 7, 6:30pm

Please plan to attend the Ladies cocktail party. Bring a spouse or guest to enjoy the festivities. We will have entertainment and of course some special libations. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

P.S. There is also the Lodge Christmas party on December 16 ,so pace yourself ladies and enjoy a season of fun and festivities.

With the many Lodge and Ladies events this month there are many opportunities to be involved. It is in giving thanks, giving to others and socializing that we share in the joy and fellowship of the season. Merry Christmas to all of you.





ELKS & LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHT JOINED FORCES & REACHED THE GOAL

A message from Seth Bowers:

To say I'm humbled and blown away is an understatement. For the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight fundraiser we met our goal of raising enough money to send veterans next year. We raised a total of \$3,165 for the event. I want to send a hug and shout out to K&K Trucking and Bobcat & Snow Removal for being sponsors, the Springfield Elks Lodge #158 for letting us use the hall, and Eric Grable, Kelly Unser, Christi Sullivan, and Tracy Austif Robinson for helping out so much with this event. To Christa, Ann, Deanna Fulton Barnes, and Sarah Smith for coming out as well as John and Sandy Begue, Jason Gould, and Debbie Yeaman. Everyone that showed up, donated money. Anyway you are why we could do what we did. So thank you.

Fraternally yours,

Seth Bowers

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WALNUT ROOM: Monday - Sunday: 11 a.m. to Close

FALL/WINTER KITCHEN:

Monday through Friday:

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

****Full menu items available****



**NASCAR, BASEBALL, AND MORE
ALL ON THE BIG SCREENS!**

50/50 Drawing at 7 p.m. Need not be present to win, but please write your name and phone number on the ticket.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy some great food, fun and drink specials. We look forward to seeing you at the lodge.



DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

Monday - Draft Beer Pitchers - See daily ads for prices
 Tuesday - 50c off Bourbon and Scotch drinks
 Wednesday - 50c off Wine, Seltzers, & Gin drinks
 Thursday - 50c off Whiskey and Rum drinks
 Friday - 50c off vodka; \$1.00 Draft Beer, 12 oz glass
 Saturday & Sunday - \$10.00 for a Bucket of 5 domestic beer selections

(We reserve the right to change our product's prices at any time without further notice.)

Members who were born in December are eligible to receive 1 free drink during that month 2023. Show your membership card and ID to receive it.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

158 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Celebrate the holiday season with your Lodge family!
The House Committee is hosting a Christmas Party for our members, spouses, significant others, & all Elks Ladies.

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Where: The Lodge Room (aka Banquet Room)

Time: 6 p.m.

Live Music with Jerry Setnicky starts at 6:30 p.m.

Drink Specials

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share

For more information, contact 217-529-0158 (Lodge Office)
or springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com. Facebook event link:
<https://facebook.com/events/s/lodge-christmas-party-2023/860231248683624/?mibextid=Gg3lNB>



PER Association Christmas Party/Meeting

PER Association's Christmas Party

December 11th @ 6 p.m. /

Dinner 7 p.m. / \$15.00 per person

(PER Association Members & Guests).

RSVP to Jeff Rodier by 12/04/2023.



The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on January 15, 2024, beginning with the customary cocktail hour at 6 pm in the Walnut Room. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. Meeting will begin around 7 pm. PERS are asked to RSVP to Jeff Rodier, Association Secretary.



Round Up For Charity



October / November / December

Illinois AMVETS Headquarters

2206 South Sixth Street

Springfield, IL 62703

(217) 528-4713



Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Food Baskets



(For needy families in our community)

Contact Ali Mikels

Elks Office at 217-529-0158

Members are asked to sell four raffle tickets for \$5/ea.

December 6th, members are encouraged to come to the Membership Meeting at 7PM for the Drawing for winning tickets

December 22nd: Unload & set up food in the Lodge Room

December 23rd: Pack and deliver boxes to those in our local communities

(See page 7.)



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Have you checked our Facebook page?

Visit our Facebook page to check out the latest

happenings at the Elks #158! Springfield Elks Lodge #158
(Private page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800/>);
Elks Lodge 158 Public page at www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/.



BUTCH'S PIZZAS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
Contact Belinda Warner
@ 217-494-1294
for more information!

**2023 EDDY FISHER
CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM**



2023 Christmas Basket Application

THE 158'S LARGEST FUNDRAISER
Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Program 2023 -
the dates for the Christmas Baskets this year are:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - raffle ticket winners drawn during the Lodge meeting. Prizes for the raffle will be one \$500 cash prize, three \$100 cash prizes, and five \$50 cash prizes.

Friday, December 22, 2023 - unload and setup food in the Lodge room.

Saturday, December 23, 2023 - package and deliver the baskets.

Adjacent is the application for members to fill out for families in need.

Note: You should have received your green tickets in the mail (or will soon), along with a letter explaining the program.

If you have any questions, contact the lodge office phone number (217-529-0158) or email address (springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)

Thank you all!!
PER Ali Mikels, Chairperson

Facebook event link:
<https://facebook.com/events/s/eddy-fisher-memorial-christmas/729207462370011/?mibextid=Gg3lNB>

If you know of a family in need, please complete the information below and return it to the Lodge no later than November 30, 2023.

Christmas baskets will be packaged and delivered on Saturday, December 23, 2023.

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Number of Children: _____

Elks Member Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please Check One:

☐ Will Deliver

(For Will Deliver, you must be at the Lodge at 8 am on December 23, 2023 as we will package these first.)

☐ Will Not Deliver

Elks Lodge #158
Presents
2023 CHRISTMAS Party
HOSTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16
Lodge Room // 6:00 p.m.

DRINK SPECIALS - CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
LIVE MUSIC with JERRY SETNICKY (6:30 p.m.)
BRING AN APPETIZER TO SHARE

SAVE THE DATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Call 217-529-0158 • Visit springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com

ELKS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

"Honoring our deceased members."

Sunday, December 3rd at 2 p.m.
Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Dr., Spfld 62712
Banquet (Lodge) Room
All are welcome!

Remembered at this service:

Richard T. Mattsson, PER
Connie Knoles
Charles H. Gouveia
Max Morgan
Donald E. Cox
Kenneth L. Shewmaker
Francis P. Conway
Ross W. Buie
Gayle Newenham
Francis J. Owens
Michael O. Ducey
James Steven Bradford

Michele Cimarossa, Chaplain & Chairman
Sandra Begué, Service Chaplain

Bill Eberhardt, Keynote Speaker

Special Music, Scott McDonald

Officers & PERS, Ceremonial Participants

*Refreshments follow immediately after the service.

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"MEMORIAL SERVICE"
honoring our Absent Members
Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Dr., Spfld 62712

Remembered at this service:

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*Refreshments follow immediately after the service

All Members, Elks Ladies, Family Members,
Guests & Friends are welcome to attend
Michele Cimarossa, Chaplain



LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 16, 2023, 6PM

Members all,

It's a Christmas Party for our members, spouses, significant others, including those members from the Elks Ladies. Please join us for some holiday cheer!

The event is hosted by the House Committee

When: Saturday, December 16, 2023

Where: The Lodge Room (aka Banquet Room)

Time: 6 p.m.

Live Music with "After School Special" starts at 6:30 p.m.

Drink Specials

Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or snack to share.

For more information, contact 217-529-0158 (Lodge Office) or springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com

Attire: Business Casual

<https://facebook.com/events/s/lodge-christmas-party-2023/860231248683624/>

Shuffleboard Winners



November 5,
John & Dave



November 19,
John & John



November 12,
Amanda & Dave



November 26,
John Larry



BREAKING NEWS

Book your parties with us! From graduations to wedding receptions, family gatherings and celebrations of life, our Banquet Room can accommodate large numbers.

Available to members only. Contact the lodge office for information at 217-529-0158. To see photos, visit our website at https://elks158.org/?page_id=10

From the Editor:
ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE BY THE 25th OF THE MONTH

Email content to

bpoel158news@yahoo.com

If you know of any member who is not receiving the ELK-O-GRAM, please have them contact the lodge office at 217-529-0158 or email springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



Another great mailing with the help of 40 people we packed 72 boxes, received donations of items to send from many, and a giant check from Red Ride of RED Ride of Central Illinois.

Thanks to the many who came, some first timers, some returning folks, some of the regular crew. Great night, great fellowship, all for a great cause.

These 72 "goody boxes" should be in the hands of our soldiers serving in increasingly dangerous places. Our way to remind them that we appreciate them and the freedoms they make possible.

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Thanks to everyone for your dedication, hard work, donations, support to our Troops serving overseas.
SPRINGFIELD CARES AND WILL NEVER FORGET!

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Another Big Mailing on December 13 when we will pack 82 or more boxes of Christmas cheer to our heroes. Join us on 12/13 at 5:30 to set up, packing gets underway at 6, and instead of Potluck to follow, we are gonna have pizza. So no need to bring a dish, we will have a variety of pizza for all to enjoy. Might even be a Bills pizza or two in the mix. But if you'd like to bring a dessert that would be great. Hope to see you there - we're gonna need your help again this month.

If all our family and friends would nominate Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing, Inc. on the Scheels' Facebook page, we might get some additional funding to send packages to our troops serving in harms way. We sent 72 boxes last week and another 80+ will go in December.

Postage alone for our Holiday mailings will be about \$3,000. And it runs about 600 dollars monthly. Corporate donations coupled with the generosity of friends and volunteers make this work possible.

God Bless our troops over this Holiday Season,
and protect them always! Amen.

Email: SpringfieldCaresSoldierMailing@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334759989936203/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

God Bless!
Alice and Bill Beck

WHAT A NITE!

Big, big thank you to RED Ride of Central Illinois for their very generous donation. Thank you to Dan Connolly for his generous donation. And a super thank you to all of you who came out and dedicated your goodies and and your time to help support our military. God Bless.



SPRINGFIELD CARES - CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

This is our most ambitious time of the year where we try to send boxes to as many service members as possible. We would be thrilled to have 100 names. We will need more names to accomplish the mission, BUT we will also need material to send. If you are inclined to help, please secure some of the items on the lists below, both food and non food, so we have a balance of items.

Note: donated items are mailed in the Large Flat Rate Box provided by the USPO so you can imagine how much content is needed to fill 150-200 of these boxes. Keep in mind the "sizes" as packing requires smaller sizes of most items.

FOOD

Jerky, coffee and filters, boxes drinks, protein bars, dried fruit, canned meat and fruit, nuts, noodles, sardines, gum, hard candy, and items of these sorts, but no bagged chips or crackers as they disintegrate in transit

NON FOOD

Razors, sunscreen, panty liners, tampons, toothpaste and brushes, dental floss, stationary, games, playing cards, travel size shampoo, cream rinse, body lotion, foot and body powder, baby wipes, lip balm, and other items of this sort.

ITEMS WE CANNOT SEND include batteries, aerosol canned items, anything containing alcohol, lighters, matches, any glass containers, tobacco, cash, etc.

More comprehensive list can be found on our website as needed. Please help us to support our troops with gifts of Love from home. Include season cards, and letters of support and we will see that our hero's get your messages.



CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION

Your Donations at Work. Without Your Support None of This Would Be Possible. These are a few cases approved this past six months.

Case #1 – Is an 8 year old female diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and non-ambulatory. Family was seeking assistance with a van conversion for their daughter confined to a wheelchair. \$5,000.00

Case #2 – Is a 3 year old male diagnosed with an Autistic disorder and nonverbal. Family was requesting a communication device. Cost \$1,196.

Case #3 – Is a 2 year old female CP and lower limb defect, mother is asking for our assistance the purchase of a Galileo Plate which is a special vibration table which is experimental and alternative treatment. Cost \$2,600.

Case #4 – Is a 4 year old female diagnosed with Autism and nonverbal. Family are seeking our assistance for \$700.00 to cover the cost of a communication device not covered by insurance.

Case #5 – Is a 15 year old female diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1, optic glioma and mobility dependent. Family is seeking assistance for a stair lift as her bedroom is on the 2nd floor. Cost of the stair lift is \$13,898 and they are asking for \$4,000.00 in assistance. \$4,000.00 was approved

Case #6 – Is a 9 year old male diagnosed with Duchenne/ Becker MD which is a muscular disorder. He is confined to a wheelchair as he is non-ambulatory. Mother is seeking assistance for a Hoyer Lift for everyday lifting care. We will be sharing the cost of \$9,013.00 in the amount of \$4,000.00

Case #7 – Is a 12 year old female diagnosed with a CP and non-ambulatory. Family is asking assistance with a van conversion, approval of \$2,000.00 was awarded

Case #8 – Is a 3 year old male diagnosed with many severe developmental deficiencies. Such as neonatal encephalopathy, hearing impaired, hip dysplasia and club. Mother is seeking assistance with a gait trainer cost \$3,619.27, approval was given.

Case #9 – Is a 16 year old female diagnosed with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia (blind). Single mother of three is asking us for assistance for a Perkins Braille machine for home schooling. \$810.00 approved

Assisting these families and many more not included in this writing, is only made possible by you and your contribution to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. On behalf of myself and my Board Members thank you for all you do for the KIDS.

Order Your New and In Full Color 2024 Children's Benefit Calendar

Want to be a winner? 262 chances to win your portion of \$21,500.00 in total prize money to be drawn all year long. There will be 246 weekly drawings Monday – Friday for \$50.00, 12 monthly drawings for \$100.00, 3 special drawings for \$1,000.00 and 1 Grand Prize drawing for \$5,000.00 and your ticket cost only \$20.00 with a free full color calendar. Think about it, \$20.00 will get you \$50.00 and your name goes back in the barrel and you are still eligible to win again all year long. Help the Kids with your purchase of our Benefit Calendar. Calendars can be purchased at your Lodge, online at www.illinoiselksccc.org or fill out the form below, make check payable to the IECCC and return to IECCC, P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629 and we will enter you into the drawing (see pages 11 & 12).

You could be a winner as well as the Kids. Thank You!

UPCOMING CCC MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 2024 Clinic Schedule

January 3rd Lincoln Clinic at Lincoln Memorial Hospital:
1:00 to 3:00 PM

January 18th NW District @ Rockford Clinic at OrthoIllinois:
2:00 to 4:00 PM

January 19th NW District @Morrison Clinic at Morrison
Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

Find out more about the CCC by visiting our website at <http://www.illinoiselksccc.org/>

Fraternally,
Bill Block, Administrator



Children's Care Corporation

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September 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

As the 2023 year comes to a close, the IECCC is preparing for the new 2024 Illinois Elks Children's Care Benefit Calendar and we ask for your continued support. Should you choose to participate in this **2024 Illinois Elks Children's Care Program Benefit Drawing Calendar** please know that there is no better way to promote our State Major Project, our Lodges and the Children that we provide with medical assistance and scholarships. This calendar showcases some of the children that we have helped throughout the year, as well as a few of our Doctors who have been providing their medical skills for many years. With your continued support to our "**Kids**", we can provide the necessary medical assistance and equipment to facilitate their needs. Your donations also maintain our Free Orthopedic Diagnostic Clinics, by providing funding for diagnoses to treatment should the child need it after their examination.

We have also reserved a few pages to promote those Elks Members, Elks Lodges and their functions that have supported the State Major Project this previous year. The calendar also provides additional space for your personal notes, lines for important phone numbers, a list of the year's most important dates and of course our toll free number for those seeking assistance for a child. When you donate to any Elks fundraiser you are proof that: ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE.

Here is how it works: There are daily **Drawings Monday-Friday** for \$50.00, **12 Monthly Drawings** for \$100.00, **3 Special Drawings** for \$1,000.00 and the **Grand Prize** of \$5,000.00 in November. Please see the calendar for those special dates and as a reminder your ticket is reentered for multiple wins. This calendar also makes a great gift.

Please complete the calendar order form on the reverse side of this letter and send in your tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope.

From all of us at the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, thank you for all you do for the "**Kids**" and we look forward to a great 2024 Lodge Year.

Fraternally,

William J. Block, Administrator
Illinois Elks Children's Care Program



IL Elks Children's Care Corporation 2024 Benefit Calendar
Price of calendar is \$20.00 each
Make checks payable to IL Elks Children's Care Corp. (IECCC)

Please put a check mark next to your choice for the 2024 Benefit Calendar.

- _____ I would like to receive a 2024 Benefit Calendar and be entered into the daily drawings.
_____ I only want to be entered into the daily drawings. I do not want a 2024 Benefit Calendar.
_____ I would like to order a 2024 Benefit Calendar as a gift and enter their name into the drawings.
_____ Donation only.

Fill the form out below to indicate the way you would like your benefit calendar drawing card to be filled out by our office. If you are ordering a larger quantity of calendar(s) you may use a separate sheet of paper using all the information that is on this form. Make sure you place a check mark by mail directly to me or mail directly to individual so we know where to send the calendar. **Thanks!**

BELOW ARE ORDER FORMS FOR THE BENEFIT CALENDAR/DRAWING FOR YOU, FRIENDS & GIFTS.

1.
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Mail directly to me _____ Mail directly to individual _____

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Lodge Name & Number _____
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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
Lodge Name & Number _____
Mail directly to me _____ Mail directly to individual _____

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony will be held on
Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

Please join us in support of our men and women of the
Armed Forces and the organizations who have helped
those who served, and continue to help those who are still
serving.

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in partner-
ship with the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, Veterans of
Foreign Wars, the Illinois World War II Memorial
Committee, Interveterans Council of Sangamon County,
Interveterans Burial Detail, the Lincoln's Challenge
Academy, Illinois National Guard, Sons & Daughters of
Pearl Harbor Survivors, and a host of others will assemble
to honor the memory of those who lost their lives that
fateful December day, as well as those who lived to tell
the story.

*"As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*



82nd Anniversary

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

Please Join us

December 7, 2023

11:00 am

Springfield Elks Lodge #158
409 E. Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62712



24th Annual
Frozen Open
Springfield Illinois
Saturday January 13, 2024

SUSART

Tee off begins at 10:30 am from
the club where you registered

Cost: \$50 / foursome or \$12.50 / person

Food available for purchase at most clubs
\$3.00 canned domestic beer

This year's Host Club is...
Sangamo Surf Club
405 E. Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, IL 62712

Tickets available at all participating clubs:

Anchor Boat Club	Lake Press Club
Aqua Sports Club	Prop Club
Blue Ridge Club	Sangamo Surf Club
Elks Lodge 158	Ski & Boat Club
Firefighters/Postal Club	Springfield Motor Boat Club
KC Lake Club	TRN Club

Free Shuttle Service will be available between Clubs
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FrozenOpen_2009/
Email: frozenopen2000@gmail.com

The good times continue at the
AFTER PARTY
Starting at 5:30 pm
with Music from
"DJ Bryan Kane"
Sangamo Surf Club
* PRIZES *
Get Tickets early to be
eligible for prizes.
Tickets are available at
all participating clubs
Grand Prize given away
after the event @
Sangamo Surf Club
(Must be present to win)

See page 18 for details!

Elksgiving 2023

Great time at Elksgiving 2023

Thanks to all those who brought dishes to share, as well as the
cooks and servers. Winners for the favorite dishes were: Pam
Johnson for side; Cathy Long for appetizer; and Belinda Warner
for dessert. Donations will go towards the Polar Plunge 2024.

Matt Willis and Christi Sullivan, Co-Chairmen



JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Wed Jan 3 - Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.
 Thur Jan 4 - Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun Jan 7 - IEA District Meeting, Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Sat Jan 13 - Frozen Open, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon Jan 15 - PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m.
 Wed Jan 17 - Tentative Orientation/Initiation
 (watch eblasts/FB for updates)
 Sun Jan 21 - East Regional Chili Challenge, Blue Ridge,
 setup noon / tasting 2 p.m.
 Mon Jan 22 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Tues Jan 23 - Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 Wed-Sun, Jan 24th-28th - IEA Mid-Winter Convention

RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH

Every Monday: Wing Night Special, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
 Every Monday: Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7:00 p.m.
 Start Date TBA
 3rd Monday: House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
 4th Tuesday: Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

What's Happening Around Lake Springfield!

Saturday, January 13th - Annual Frozen Open 2024

Winter Chili Cookoff:

- January 21 - East Regional @ Blue Ridge Club (Sangamo, Anchor, Elks, Blue Ridge)
- February 4 - West Region @ Motor Boat Club (Firefighters, Aqua, Lake Press, Motor Boat)
- February 18 - South Region @ KC Lake Club (KC, TRN, Prop, Ski & Boat)
- March 3 - Finals @ Prop Club

Ongoing:

Queen of Hearts Drawing - Anchor Boat - 2nd & 4th Fri
 Jokers Wild - Aqua Club - 2nd & 4th Fri
 Queen of Hearts Drawing - Blue Ridge Club - 1st & 3rd Fri
 KC Lake Club - Drawing 2nd Fri, Dinner 1st & 2nd Fri
 Queen of Hearts Drawing - Sangamo Surf Club - 1st & 3rd Fri,
 Draw 8:00 PM

Children's **Christmas** Party - Saturday 12/09/2023 - 10am to 12pm

Note to Parents, Grandparents, or Guardians: Please bring 1 wrapped gift (\$10 or less) per child with their name on a tag or on the gift, itself!

Kids (10 years old and younger), bring your parents/grandparents or guardians out to the ELKS LODGE #158 for lots of Fun, Food and Games! Santa will arrive with presents for all the children!



15TH ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE

15th Annual Chili Challenge hosted by the Prop Club

COOKS NEEDED...GET YOUR RECIPES READY! The East Regional Challenge is Sunday, January 21, 2024 at the Blue Ridge Club, 411 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712. This is our region!

East Regional's Participating Clubs are: Anchor Boat Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge #158, Sangamo Surf Club, & Power Squadron.

Please contact John Begué, Sandy Begué or Glenda Cassens and let us know if you would like to cook chili and if you're interested in competing for the "What The What" challenge as well.

Let's have a good Elks showing!

John - 217-494-2998; Sandy - 217-494-8792; Glenda - 217-971-8598

Registration forms (and rules) will be available at the lodge in the Walnut Room next week. Posters with additional details will be placed on the bulletin board outside the Walnut Room.

We hope to see you at the challenge!

15th Annual Lake Council CHILI CHALLENGE

1/21- East Regional - Blue Ridge Club
 2/4- West Regional - Motorboat Boat
 2/18- South Regional - KC Lake Club
 3/4- **FINALS** Prop Club

Proceeds will be donated to
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DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade, 5:30 PM Menu: Fish Special Sandwich	2 Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade, 5:30 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed
3 Elks Memorial Service, 2 PM Sunday Funday Shuffleboard - Cancelled Menu: Kitchen Closed	4 Menu: Wings, Honey BBQ	5 Elks Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	6 Lodge Meeting, 7 PM Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Drawing, 7 PM Menu: Gyro Sandwich w/ House Tzatsiki Sauce	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, 11 AM Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Elks Ladies Christmas Party, 6 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	8 Menu: Fish Special Sandwich	9 Children's Christmas Party, 10 AM - 12 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed
10 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:30 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	11 PER Christmas Party, 6 PM Menu: Wings, Boom-Boom Sauce	12 Elks Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	13 Deadline for Angel Tree Gift Returns Menu: Lasagna w/Garlic Bread	14 Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	15 Menu: Fish Special Sandwich	16 Lodge Christmas Party, 6 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed
17 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:30 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	18 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM Menu: Wings, Hatch Green Chili Ranch Dry Rub	19 Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 PM Elks Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	20 Deadline for EOG articles to Editor Menu: Chicken Fajitas	21 Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	22 Setup for Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Program Menu: Fish Special Sandwich	23 Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Pack & Deliver Food Baskets, 8 AM Menu: Kitchen Closed
24 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard - Cancelled	25 CHRISTMAS DAY (Lodge Closed)	26 Elks Mixed Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	27 Lodge Meeting Menu: Taronis Shepherd's Pie	28 Ladies Shuffleboard at 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	29 Menu: Fish Special Sandwich	30 Menu: Kitchen Closed
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY					



Elks Lodge 158 Patriotic Shirts 2023

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	Royal									\$20.00	
	White									\$20.00	
Gildan YOUTH 100% Cotton Long Sleeve Tee	Red									\$25.00	
	Royal									\$25.00	
	White									\$25.00	
ITEM DESCRIPTION	COLOR	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	COST	TOTAL
Gildan Adult 100% Cotton Short Sleeve Tee	Red									\$20.00	
	Royal									\$20.00	
	White									\$20.00	
Gildan Adult 100% Cotton Long Sleeve Tee	Red									\$25.00	
	Royal									\$25.00	
	White									\$25.00	

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Amount Enclosed _____ ☐ Cash ☐ Check

OVERSIZE CHARGES

2XL items add \$2 each

3XL items add \$3 each

4XL items add \$4 each

5XL items add \$5 each

ORDER TOTAL

Payment must accompany order. Make checks payable to **Elks Lodge 158**.

Please return orders to: **Sandra S. Begue**.

You may also order online at <https://shopsilkworm.com/springfieldelks>.





The image displays a variety of apparel for ELKS Lodge 158 Springfield, IL. The items include:

- T-shirts:** "SUNDAY FUNDAY" in green and red, and "SPRINGFIELD LODGE 158" in red.
- Long-sleeved shirts:** "SUNDAY FUNDAY" in maroon and red, and "SPRINGFIELD LODGE 158" in red.
- Polo shirts:** Available in yellow, maroon, black, navy blue, white, and light grey.
- Jackets:** Red, navy blue, and grey.
- Other items:** A white polo shirt with blue and red accents, and a white polo shirt with blue and red accents.

 Each item is accompanied by a color selection palette and the ELKS Lodge 158 Springfield, IL logo.

Contact Sandy Begue for more information: 217-494-8792
 Email: seasharp2@gmail.com

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24th ANNUAL FROZEN OPEN January 13, 2024 - Fundraiser for Charity

Message from Carl Fryman, Chairman:

It's our 24th annual charity event on Lake Springfield. We're proud to say that it's still going strong. This year's charity is SUSART (Springfield Underwater Search & Rescue Team).

The golf sign-up sheet(s) will be available next week (in an envelope in the Walnut Room behind the bar).

You'll need to submit your name(s) with registration fee in the form of cash or check (make payable to "Sangamo Surf Club"); \$12.50/each or \$50/4-some. You must pay when you sign up. You'll receive a ticket...you keep one half and put your name & phone number on the other half that you leave in the envelope along with payment at the bar (cash or check accepted; make checks payable to "Sangamo Surf Club").

Tickets will be drawn for prizes on Friday night (01/12) at the Sangamo Surf Club at approximately 6PM. You do not have to be present to win, but make sure your name & phone number are on the ticket...it's hard to track down people without that info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We need lots of help in the Lodge Room, starting at 10 a.m. until about 5:30 p.m. the day of, so please sign up on the Bulletin Board outside the Walnut Room, contact Sandy (217-494-8792) or John Begué (217-494-2998), reply in a comment to the Facebook post, reply to the e-blast email, or email bpoe158news@yahoo.com to volunteer! Even if it's only for a couple of hours, please volunteer to help out!

ELKS LODGE NEEDS A SHUTTLE DRIVER - Every club has to provide a driver or the Club has to pay \$100...so if anyone can take on this job, contact me (Carl) to volunteer and I'll explain everything, 217-638-4862. If I don't answer right away, leave a message and I'll get back to you. (1 driver per shift except the last shift, which will need 2 drivers; one to drive the van back to the drop-off location and someone to follow the van driver to the designated drop-off location and then back to their respective vehicle.)

10:30AM - 1:00PM

1:00PM - 3:00PM

3:00PM - 5:00PM

5:00PM - 7:00PM (or thereabouts)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH - PREP

HELP IS NEEDED TO SET UP THE PUTT PUTT GOLF HOLE, TABLES & CHAIRS, ETC. - 5:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH - DAY OF EVENT

GOLFER REGISTRATION (at least 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM (approximately)

GOLF CARD COLLECTOR (at least 1 to 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

GOLF HOLE ANNOUNCER - TBD

50/50 TICKET SALES (at least 1 person per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

FOOD SALES - simple menu w/sandwich & chips - (at least 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)()

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

CLEANUP (at least 4 people needed)

5:30 PM UNTIL DONE!

NOTE: Club packets with flyers, sign up sheets, instructions, etc. will be given to the clubs very soon.

Thanks everyone!

Carl Fryman, Frozen Open Chairman