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Elks Lodge 158 Springfield Illinois



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Message from Exalted Ruler

Sandra S. Begué



Members All,

I can't believe this is my last month as the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge. It has gone by so fast, and I wish I'd had a two-year term to see some additional projects "happen." It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve the lodge in its highest capacity of leadership. I look forward to continuing to help the Lodge in other capacities, and where needed. I have enjoyed getting to know so many new members throughout the year and appreciate all the support everyone has given to the lodge, and me. This past year has been a great one for our lodge, which is due to everyone's commitment to the causes we as Elks support. I have many people to thank starting with the officers of the lodge; many members have no idea how much they do to make sure everything runs smoothly. I have to thank The Elk's Ladies for all of their support to the lodge in many different ways. I have enjoyed working with so many of you, including the officers with Joan Shea-Rogers as President. Thanks for everything.

I would like to thank the Past Exalted Rulers (PER's) for their support; I received good advice and was mentored by many great men and women in this group. I would like to thank Glenda Cassens for her support and for installing me through several of my chairs, and proving that women are good leaders. A special thanks to Kirk Newenham who installed me in the last two chairs - Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler. Kirk's guidance throughout the year has been great and I appreciate all he has done and continues to do for Elkdom. I want to send my sincerest Congratulations to all the winners this year; Elk of the Year Bill Winchester, Lady of the Year—Alice Beck, Family of the Year – Matt Willis & family, Officer of the Year – Christi Sullivan, Outstanding members – Adam Church and Becky Matthys for all they do for the lodge and the members. They are always there to help our

members, employees, and officers. Thanks to our Citizen of the Year - Adam Pallai, President of the Council of Lake Springfield Clubs. I also want to thank my husband and "Past Exalted Ruler of the Year" John N. Begué, Jr. I couldn't have done this job nearly as well without the support of my spouse and family. A special thanks to Dave Cassens who was given a new and deserving award entitled "Man of the Year." Dave has always been the voice of reason, and I appreciate that quality. I also have to thank John Phillipich (Veteran of the Year—new category) for his service in WWII and his dedication to the lodge, Erica Thompson & the Pool committee for their commitment to the successful operation of the Pool, Ray Bensko & Becky Matthys for taking care of our landscaping & lawn, PER Bobby "Chief" Edwards for his commitment to our Veterans, and especially with his role at our Veterans Day luncheon, Flag Day Ceremony, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony, & others. Thanks to Ali Mikels for chairing the Christmas Basket Program each year, PER

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MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun.	March 5	Chili Challenge Finals, noon setup / 2 pm Tasting, 4 pm announcement of winners
Tues.	March 7	Men's Shuffleboard League, 6:00 pm
Sat.	March 11	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown, noon
Wed.	March 15	Orientation/Initiation & Meeting, 5:30 & 7 pm
Fri.	March 17	St. Patrick's Fish Fry & Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 5 -7:30 pm
Mon.	March 20	PER Dinner & Meeting, 6 :30 pm
Tues.	March 21	Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, 6:00 pm
Sat.	March 25	INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 3:00 pm
Mon.	March 27	House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
Tues.	March 28	Board of Directors' Meeting, 6:30 PM

RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH:

Every Monday:	Wing Night Special, 6:00-9:00 PM
Every Friday:	Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7:30 PM (ends April 7th)
Every Monday:	Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7:00 PM

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Exalted Ruler

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LODGE OFFICE
Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (217) 529-0158
HALL RENTALS
217-529-0158

WALNUT ROOM FALL/WINTER HOURS:
MONDAY-FRIDAY: 11:00 AM TO CLOSE
SATURDAY: 3:00 PM TO CLOSE
SUNDAY: 11:30 AM TO 10 PM
Diane Holler, Bar Manager
(The bartender reserves the right to close
earlier if no customers are present.)
KITCHEN-FALL/WINTER HOURS:
Monday - Friday
11 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday - Closed
**POOL & POOL KITCHEN ARE CLOSED
UNTIL MEMORIAL DAY / WEEKEND 2023**



SECRETARY'S CORNER

by Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER



The end of the 2022-2023 Elk year is coming to close. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding with the change in the dues statement process. With over 1100 members, this is a timely task. Also, thank you to everyone who has paid their 2023 - 2024 Elks dues.

On February 15th, the Officers of the Lodge Initiated 3 new members. Please welcome Dean Schreiner, Jesse Guzman, and Joe Zock. With one month left in the year, the Lodge has Initiated 76 new members, reinstated 10 members, and 3 members have transferred into the Lodge. We need to keep up the momentum and continue growing our Elk family.

If you have any questions about membership, dues, fees, etc., please contact me at steph.schwab2@gmail.com.

CENTURY CLUB

March 1st - Larry Wort
March 8th - Donald Allen
March 15th - Salli Chernis
March 22nd - Theodore Tracy
March 29th - Bernie Riddle

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

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

DONATE LIFE

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



PER ASSOCIATION

The next PER Meeting will be held on Monday, February 20 beginning with the traditional cocktail hour at 6 pm in the Walnut Room. Dinner will be held at approximately 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7 pm. Please send RSVPs to Jeff Rodier, PER Secretary.

(Meetings are always on the 3rd Monday of each month.)



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/.

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Starts at the crack o' noon on Saturday, March 11, 2023
Downtown Springfield, IL.

Route:

The Parade Starts on Jefferson & 6th heading West to 5th; then heading South on 5th to Capitol; then heading North on 6th to the Reviewing Stand (This Is Our Family Friendly Area); then to Washington heading East, back to the beginning, the Horace Mann Parking Lot.

Arrival Time:

We all need to be there by 11:15 a.m. (no later than 11:30 a.m.) to "stage" and to ensure we have enough people to help carry the flag (minimum 30). We will have candy and small American flags to hand out, so bring your family to help with that task. The Garrison Flag will be located behind the Fire Truck. Parking is on your own.

Support our military and our country by helping US carry The Garrison Flag or just walk with US. Bring your family to help, and don't forget the kids! They can help hand out candy and/or small flags!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD outside the Walnut Room.

Contact Co-Coordination Jan Cimarossa or Tracy Robinson (Jan-217-741-4147 / Tracy-217-381-6715 / Lodge Office at 217-529-0158.)

*Watch for weather updates / cancellations.

*Dress for the weather, and don't forget to wear your GREEN!

Facebook Event Link: <https://facebook.com/events/s/annual-springfield-st-patricks/636646371550611/>

Parade Route: <https://stpatsdayparade.com/paraderoute/>

By Joan Shea-Rogers, President

It soon will be Spring and with the beginning of the season comes taking a fresh look at things around us. Whether it be enjoying the sprouting of plants and blooming of spring flowers or taking a look at our surroundings to assess needed changes. The Spring weather gives us a bit more energy for new tasks. It can be a time for renewal and rejuvenation. The Elks Ladies are beginning this new season with some new fundraising ideas. Our first initiative is an Indoor Garage Sale. The Indoor Garage Sale will be held on April 14 and 15. We will be collecting donated items on April 12 and 13 at the Lodge. Please consider donating items to this event. (All unsold items will be donated to area resale shops) All proceeds will be used to support our lodge and our charitable giving activities. Keep us in mind when you are doing that Spring Cleaning...Information about what can be donated and drop off times will be posted soon.

Upcoming Events:

Children's Easter Party – April 1, noon – 2pm: The Easter party is for the Elks Lodge and Ladies members' children/grandchildren ages 10 and under. The Easter Bunny is expected to make a visit. Please bring an Easter basket for each child for the Easter egg hunt. There will be games, prizes and lots of fun. Lunch will be served. (hot dogs, chips, cookies, juice) Adults are asked to give a monetary donation for their meal. Contact Barb Bolin (217-787-6963) for reservations/more information. Please RSVP no later than March 29th. (When calling please provide name, age and gender of each child as well as number of adults eating lunch. We need to make sure we have enough food and prizes)

Indoor Garage Sale:

April 12 and 13 – Drop off donated items at the Lodge, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day

Garage Sale Days: Friday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 15, 8:00am – noon

Membership Renewal/Sign Up: April is the month to renew your membership in the Elks Ladies Auxiliary Group. Our annual dues are \$20. You can get dues to Gale Call or Joan Shea-Rogers or drop them off at the Lodge. Please include contact information. (Name, Address, email, phone/text # and preferred way that we contact you.) *Please consider joining* if you are not currently a member. We would love to have all the women of the lodge be a part of what we do. We have all different levels of membership; those who pay the annual dues and provide valuable support by doing that, to those who attend most meetings and volunteer to help/chair committees. All levels of membership are needed and appreciated. We try to keep all members informed by email, social media posts and text/calls. Your support is appreciated however you choose to be involved.

Contact Joan Shea-Rogers (call/text 217-899-1325) for any additional information about our events.





January/February/March "The Fragile X Foundation"

Two of our grandchildren (Logan and Ethan) have this syndrome, so it's very near and dear to our hearts as family and as Elks. Our 2 sons are Elks members (Adam Lee Fowler - #158, is dad of our 2 grandkids, with his wife Lisa) and his brother Aaron Fowler - Pontiac Elks, and wife DesaRae, have all watched the children grow with this disorder. They are amazing children with sweet souls and big hearts. Fragile X children are like all kids with or without disabilities; they need encouragement, discipline, and most of all, love. The parents of these kids are also amazing. It takes strength, perseverance, dedication and continued love. God picks the right parents for these children, and vice versa. John and I are very blessed to have these kids and grandkids in our wonderful, crazy and loving family. Please give generously to this worthy cause to help these children. If you know of a child or adult who has Fragile X, and would like to know more, just contact me.



Visit the website for more information:

<https://fragilex.org/understanding-fragile-x/fragile-x-101/>

Thank you all. Elks Care and Elks Share!

Fraternally yours,

ER Sandy and PER John Begué

SATURDAYS:

- Kitchen is closed; but bartenders will serve pizzas for purchase price.
- Domestic Can (5) Buckets of Beer for \$10.00

SUNDAY FUNDAYS:

- Kitchen is closed; but bartenders will serve pizzas and other food (as available) for purchase price.
- Domestic Can (5) Buckets of Beer for \$10.00

NASCAR, BASKETBALL 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.

Kitchen serves from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. / 5 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday;
Kitchen is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.
Dine in or carry out!

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 March are eligible to receive 1 free drink during the month. Show your membership card and ID to receive it.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



February Shuffleboard Champs



Message from Belinda "Beezer" Warner:

Sunday Funday Shuffleboard is over, but it was a lot of fun. It was good to get together with friends to play a game or two, eat some good food, and enjoy iced cold beverages. We're looking forward to next year!



February 12th
New winners in the house.
Congratulation to Terry
Ooms and Bobby Edwards

February 19th
Congrats Dave Leonard and
Marilyn Miller



February 26th
Congratulations Jeff Burnett
and Greg Gumble, final win-
ners for this season's Sunday
funday shuffleboard.

*Also, Congratulations to John Graves who still has
money left over from all his Sunday winnings!*



Ladies Indoor Garage Sale is Friday & Saturday, April 14th & 15th. Setup is on Wednesday, the 12th and Thursday, the 13th.

ELKS LODGE 158 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

You're cordially invited



ELKS LODGE 158
Installation of Officers
for 2023-2024 is
Saturday, 3/25/2023
at 3 p.m. followed by
cocktails and dinner.

The new ER, as of April 1st will be Jan Cimarossa (right). He and his wife/member/officer Michele Cimarossa invite all Elks 158 members & spouses/significant others to come out and celebrate with them and the entire Elks family/officers.



Attn Officers and installing PERS: Be at the lodge at 12 p.m. in full dress for pictures.

IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICERS/PERS PICS, WE NEED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE TO COME FOR PHOTOS AT 12:00 P.M.:

1. Elk of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)
 2. Elk Lady of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)
 3. Elk Family of the Year
 4. Elk Officer of the Year (& spouse/family photo if desired)
- (Please feel free to invite your family members for the photo session and continued festivities.)

Come out and support/
meet your new officers
and enjoy the dinner and
entertainment.



Dinner provided by
AZTCA Mexican Grill;

Entertainment provided by
Robert Sampson.



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY



ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Elk's Children's Easter Party for Elks Lodge and Elks Ladies members' children and grandchildren, ages 10 and under, will be held Saturday, April 1st from 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 2 p.m.

Please bring your phone or cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Don't forget to bring a basket for the Easter egg hunt. There will be kids games and prizes.

We will have lunch - hot dogs, chips, cookies and juice boxes (kids eat free); adults are asked to give a monetary donation.

Please contact Barb Bolin 217-787-6963 or Carolyn Randall 217-824-2063 for reservations. RSVP no later than Wednesday, March 29th.

*When calling please provide name, age and gender of each child as well as the number of adults eating lunch. (We want to make sure we have enough prizes for the kids, and ample food for all the children & adults!)

Come and join us for a fun day!
Thanks! Barb and Carolyn



SUNDAY FUNDAY 2023 Lineup

Music will be 4-7pm, except 7/9*

5/21 Stefan Huffman	7/16 Drew Cooper
5/28 Rod Grant	7/23 Dallas Whittaker
6/4 Joel Honey	7/30 Dave Littrell
6/11 Robert Sampson	8/6 Jay Larson Trio
6/18 Guilty Boys	8/13 Tony Lindsay
6/25 Steve Rothenberg	8/20 JJ Moffett
7/2 The Tangents	8/27 Elle Gibson
7/9 Kortney Leatherwood	9/3 After School Special
1-4pm*	9/10 Adam Maletich

The Lodge is once again serving fish through the Lenten Season (every Friday starting February 24th through Friday, April 7th. Dine in or carry out - A generous portion of fried walleye, coleslaw, and fries. You can also choose a fish/shrimp combo or shrimp, only. Prices coming soon!

Happy Friday - wear RED for our troops
"until they all come home."

Serving 5:00 to 7:30 PM. Volunteers will be cooking the fish dinners. We will need help with prep, serving, cooking, and cleanup at all Lenten fish fries. Please volunteer! Contact Ray, Becky, John or Sandy, reply here, sign up on bulletin board, or just show up. We need member's help to make these successful. Thanks in advance!

50/50 drawing every Friday. You do not have to be present to win but if you aren't going to be there when we draw at 8pm, you must write your name and phone number on the ticket(s) in order to claim your winnings. If a ticket is drawn and there is no name, we draw again.

The Elks Ladies will host a bake sale for those who need a sweet treat after dinner! Proceeds go to the Ladies' charitable efforts.

See you there!

ELKS LODGE 158

ANNUAL

FISH

FRY

Choose from our Lenten Dinner Menu:

- *Walleye
- *Shrimp Dinner*
- *Shrimp & Fish Combo*
- *Fish Dinner
- *Hot Dog Meal

Every Friday
February 24th
thru April 7th 2023
Serving from 5:00 p.m.
to 7:30 p.m.

409 East Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, IL 62712
Questions, contact the lodge @ 217-529-0158
Credit cards accepted
(Sign-up Sheet on Bulletin Board
for Team Cooks/Volunteers)

Membership Drive Series



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



APPLICATION OVERVIEW

This is a COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for students currently enrolled in, or planning to enter, the Physical or Occupational Therapy fields. This is an open scholarship program. No current or past affiliation with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is required. APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO SPONSORING LODGE – MARCH 10, 2023

2023-2024 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJORS APPLICATION

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2023-2024 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT APPLICATION

LYDIA MILLER ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION

Return Completed Application to: SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP College Scholarship Application 2023-2024 School Year SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: OFFICIAL APPLICATION 3 Junior's \$2,500.00 Each; 3 Senior's \$3,000.00 Each; 3 Graduate Students \$3,000.00 Each. Application and all information must be submitted to Chatham Office by Friday, March 24, 2023. (Chatham Office address is listed below.)

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Proposed Bylaw Change

Proposed Bylaw change read on the floor and approved on March 1st to go to the membership for approval at the March 15, 2023 Membership Meeting at 7 p.m.

LOCAL LODGE 0158 BYLAWS 2021 ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY Section 4. Paragraph 6, last sentence. Current bylaw: "For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$3,000.00 per annum, payable every two weeks." Proposed change: "For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$4,500.00 per annum, payable every two weeks."

OF THE TREASURER ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES Section 5. Paragraph 1, last sentence. Current bylaw: "...for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$3,000.00 per annum, payable every two weeks." Proposed change: "...faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$4,500.00 per annum, payable every two weeks."

March 2023 Clinics

- Mt. Vernon: March 2nd; Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute; 2:00-4:00 pm
- Bloomington: March 3rd; Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic; 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- Champaign/Urbana: March 8th; OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center; 8:30-10:30 am
- Effingham: March 9th; Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic; 8:00 am
- Mt. Carmel: March 13th; Wabash General Hospital; 2:30-4:30 pm
- Robinson: March 15th; CMH Bone & Joint Center; 9:00-11:00 am

2023-2024 LYDIA MILLER SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP

If you know of a child in need of our assistance, please provide the family with a Patient Referral form. Have the completed application and any documentation submitted to the address on page 2 of the form. If you have any questions, you may call our toll free number 1-800-272-0074. Get the PATIENT REFERRAL REQUEST FORM here: <http://www.illinoiselksccc.org/forms.html>

Faternally yours,
Bill Block, Administrator
Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation
P.O. Box 222
Chatham, Illinois 62629
Phone: (217) 483-3020; Toll Free: (800) 272-0074;
Fax: (217) 483-2131; Email: helpkids@elksccc.org

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Website: www.elks158.org

PER Association Dinner/Meeting

The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on Monday, March 20, 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 with the election of Association officers. PERS are asked to RSVP to Jeff Rodier, Association Secretary.



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Looking for New Elks Golfers for the Men's Leagues



2023 ELKS GOLF LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

(Both team members must register.)
Sign up for one or both leagues.

With spring around the corner we are looking for new golfers for the Elks Men's Tuesday and Thursday golf leagues. We anticipate that many the last year's teams will be returning, however, we would like to see new members and teams participating in either or BOTH leagues.

The Tuesday league is at Lincoln Greens Golf Course on East Lake Drive.

The Thursday league is held at Bunn Golf Course on south 11th street.

Both leagues start at 8:00 a.m. They are both handicap leagues where golfers can choose to participate in "closest to the pin" and "skins" games each week. It is a great way to join in club activities and meet fellow Elk members.

You can sign up with a partner as a team OR as an individual where we can pair you up with a partner. The cost is \$45.00 per player for the league plus the green fees for each round. There is an end-of-year scramble with an awards ceremony to hand out prizes for the year. Each team receives an award based on points earned throughout the year.

If you are interested, please contact:

Jim Corrigan (Tuesday League)

217.899.3118

Jimdiver17@gmail.com

Elks158golf@gmail.com

OR

Bill Prillmayer (Thursday League)

217.381.6003

wprillmayer@gmail.com

What's Happening Around Lake Springfield!

Coming Up:

TRN Club: Bunny Brunch; Sun, March 19th

Sangamo Surf Club: Adult Easter Egg Hunt; Sat, March 25th

Ongoing:

Blue Ridge Club: Queen of Hearts Drawing, 1st & 3rd Fri

Sangamo Surf Club: Queen of Hearts Drawing, 1st & 3rd Fri;

Draw 8:00 p.m.

Anchor Boat: Queen of Hearts Drawing, 2nd & 4th Fri

KC Lake Club: Drawing 2nd Fri; Dinner 1st & 2nd Fri

Tuesday League: Mornings at Lincoln Greens - 18 Holes ☐

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (required): _____

Assign a new partner Yes ☐

OR

Partner Name: _____

Thursday League: Mornings at Bunn Golf course - 18 Holes ☐

NAME: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (required): _____

Assign a new partner Yes ☐

OR

Partner Name: _____

League subs If you want to be a SUB

NAME: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (required): _____

Tuesday ☐

Thursday ☐

The cost of each league is \$45.00 (per player / per league).
There is no cost as a substitute.

Please return this **form** and **payment** to:

Tuesday

OR

Thursday

Jim Corrigan
1532 West Lake Shore Drive
Springfield, IL 62712

Bill Prillmayer
3535 E. Cook St. #86
Springfield, IL 62703

Message from Exalted Ruler Sandra S. Begué



ELKS LADIES GARAGE SALE

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Bobby Orr, Sandy Orr, & John Begué for their continued commitment to the Annual Blessing of the Boats as the Committee members for the event. Thanks to Keith Glynn, Jeff Rodier, Jeff White & John Begue for their efforts to help raise our per capita funds for ENF. The Scout Leadership Recognition Award goes to Joshua Womack who was not aware of his award until this article, but I'm proud to know him and to have him as a member of the 158. Thanks to Patrick Rora for being our head cook and to Diane Holler for taking on the task of Bar Manager. I appreciate all their hard work and support of the lodge and its members. Also, I must thank our bartenders & servers...they keep members/patrons happy. Thanks to Jeff and Joy List for their support - much appreciated!

I'd be remiss if I didn't thank some of the hardest working people in the lodge, and all volunteers - The House Committee. They supported me this entire year and have done so much front and center, as well as behind the scenes to help make the lodge successful.

As I near the end of my article, I must thank OUR MEMBERS for their support...helping with events, parties, work days, and always saying, "if you need me, just call." You know who you are. I've made new friends over the years and I will always be thankful for that.

To close, I'd like to say good luck to my Leading Knight and friend, Jan Cimarossa. He'll do great and I'll be there to assist him with whatever he needs to help make his year successful. I would encourage all of our members to do the same.

Thank you all, and God Bless!

Fraternally yours,
Sandy Begué, Exalted Ruler

From the Editor:

ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE
BY THE 22ND 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

Elks Ladies Indoor Garage Sale

April 14: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

April 15: 8:00 am – noon

April 12 and 13: Item Drop off Days at the Lodge, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Please consider donating your unwanted items. All proceeds go to the support of the Elks Lodge and area charities.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Children's Clothing (up to size 10)

Shoes

Accessories (handbags, belts, scarves, hats, etc..)

Small Furniture

Clean Linens

Collectibles, Media (DVD's, CD's, Records)

Housewares (dishes, picture frames, decorative accessories, etc.)

Hardware

Chandeliers, Lamps, etc.

Toys

Electronics

Computers, Printers, Cables, Speakers, Hard Drives, PC

Monitors, etc.

Flat T.V.'s

Hand and Power Tools

Small to Medium size appliances

Hangars

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Products Recalled by the Consumer Product
Safety Commission

Used Mattresses/Box Springs

Used Carpets

Dome Hair Dryers

Electric Wheelchairs, Medical Equipment, Car Seats

Torn or Broken Furniture

Commercial/Industrial Equipment

Paint, Toxic Chemicals, Firearms, Ammunition or Fireworks

Automobile Tires or Large Parts

Pet Food, Used Litter Boxes

Food or Alcohol

Box T.V.'s/CRT (Tube) Televisions

Large Appliances

Florescent Bulbs

Pianos

Adult Clothing

Large Furniture Item

Notes: All unsold items will be donated to charity/community resale shops. We reserve the right to accept/decline any items. Contact Joan Shea-Rogers with any questions. (217-899-1325)



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



What a way to start the day!

"Dear Alice,

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for the care packages you and your fellow volunteers sent me on behalf of Springfield Cares. Your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our nation make a significant impact on the lives of so many of our service members serving abroad. Your dedication to volunteering your time, resources, and expertise have helped countless service members feel a little closer to home and continue to directly impact our mission. Thank you for being such an integral part of our community and for your continued support to us, your defenders of freedom. We couldn't do it without your support."

A big shout out to our local Starbucks franchise as we received a donation check through them today, and to Solomon Grinding Colors who enable their employees to nominate charitable causes at Christmas to which the company makes a donation. Matt Brown has named us again this year as the charity to which his company would send a donation. Thank You Star-Bucks, Solomon Colors, and Matt Brown, without your continued support we could not do what we do.

Great turn out with old friends and new folks who will be friends for a long time. On February 21st, we put together 30 boxes to mail to 15 service men and women who are serving in dangerous places. We so appreciate their service and sacrifice, sending a little love is the least we can do.

Inventory is nearly depleted, particularly the toiletries, so as you plan for our March mailing, keep in mind that we need everything, God Bless you all.

As you can see, our mission must continue for them! We'd love to have you join us; here are the remaining 2023 dates:

March - 21st	April - 18th
May - 16th	June - 20th
July - 18th	August - 15th
September - 19th	October - 17th
November - 21st	December - 13th

TRN CLUB: 5:30 P.M. FOR SET-UP, 6:00 P.M. FOR PACKING)

Thank you all and God Bless! Alice and Bill Beck

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/334759989936203/?ref=sha_re&mibextid=NSMWBT

Website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com/> <http://www.springfieldcares.com/Home/Donate>

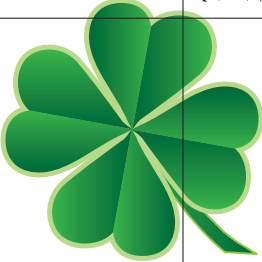



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MARCH 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.	2 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	3 Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m. (every Friday)	4 Special Olympics Polar Plunge, Noon
5 Chili Challenge Finals, Noon setup / 2 p.m. tasting, 4 p.m. announcement of winners	6	7 Men's Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.	8	9	10 Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m. (every Friday)	11 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Downtown, noon
12 Sunday Funday	13 PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m.	14 Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	15 Orientation/Initiation & Meeting, 5:30 & 7 p.m.	16	17 St. Patrick's Fish Fry & Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, 5 -7:30 p.m.	18
					ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
19 Sunday Funday	20 PER Dinner & Meeting, 6 :30 p.m.	21 Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, 6:00 p.m. Mens Shuffleboard, 6 p.m.	22 	23	24 Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m. (every Friday)	25 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 3:00 p.m.
26 Sunday Funday	27 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	28 Men's Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Board of Directors' Meeting, 6:30 p.m	29	30	31 Lenten Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m. (every Friday)	April 1



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