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Message from Exalted Ruler

Sandra S. Begué



Members All,

The 2022 Holiday Season is over; however, we're gearing up for a great 2023 New Year. December was very busy at the lodge; we had a few holiday get-togethers, and it was good to spend time with our Elks family and friends.

First, a big thank you to Ali Mikels and the committee, and everyone who participated in the Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Food Basket program. Thank you to all who donated the needed funds to purchase food items for those in need. A special thanks to Humphrey's Market for delivering the food to the lodge which filled 115 baskets...this is what ELKDOM is all about.

The Elks Ladies held a wonderful Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1st and the Lutheran High School Band ensemble who performed some special Christmas music, was inspiring and put us in the Christmas spirit. The Ladies also had a well-attended Children's Christmas Party on December 11th, and the families had a great time eating, opening presents, and spending time with their families and Santa.

We held the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony on Wednesday, December 7th. The event was very well-attended by members, guests, and of course, veterans. A big thank you to PER Bobby Edwards and the committee for putting this together.

The Annual Elks Memorial Service was held on December 2nd, and we honored 11 of our departed members who passed away this past year. This is one of my favorite Elk's rituals...it's like no other. Thank you to members, spouses, and guests who attended; also, thanks to the PERs and Officers who assisted with the ritual; to Jen Florent for taking some amazing pictures; to our Chaplain Michele Cimarossa for the beautiful program; and to the Elks Pipe and Drums for the beautiful music to which our Lodge is lucky to have at our disposal - it truly makes me proud. To the families of the deceased members, thank you for attending the service and allowing us to properly honor your/our Elk members. Our heartfelt condolences are sent to you this Holiday season and beyond. We will never forget them.

I would like to offer thanks to those who helped carry the Garrison Flag in the 2022 Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade which was held on December 3rd. It was very cold that evening, but once again, Elks Do!

Thanks to the Elks Ladies for decorating the Christmas trees in the Lodge Room and the Walnut Room. The Elks Ladies CHRISTMAS

WISH TREE FOR M.E.R.C.Y. is provided by the Elks Ladies, annually. This tree is extra special because it provided ornaments with kids and moms' names who were, and are, in need of the essentials. Thanks to all who took an ornament and purchased items for those in need, and to those Elks Ladies who delivered the packages.

As we bring in the New Year let's continue the momentum in 2023. Coming up this month is the Annual FROZEN Open to be held on Saturday, Jan 14th, and the Annual CHILI CHALLENGES which are held at 4 locations (see more inside) with the FINALS being held at the Lodge on March 5th.

In addition to these 2 big events, we will be welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady Helen to the Illinois Elks Association Mid-Winter Convention, Thursday, January 26th through Sunday, January 29th (Convention Registration is Friday, January 27th, noon to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 28th, 7:00 a.m. to noon) at the Windham Hotel downtown Springfield. If you are interested, please pre-register before January 9th; the application is in the IEA Newsette, the Springfield Elks Lodge 158 Facebook Page, the January Newsletter and Lodge 158 Website at www.elks158.org.

By pre-registering, the tickets are \$10 for members, but if you wait until after the deadline to purchase, it's \$20. What you get for your \$10...enjoy the hospitality suites from all Illinois districts; including ours which is chaired by our own Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, District Junior Trustee (our lodge secretary).

As we close Elk Year 2022, we are looking for members to sit on many of our committees; so, if you are interested or have any questions, please contact me or Leading Knight Jan Cimarossa or one of our other officers.

In closing, we have many events scheduled in 2023 so bring your friends and family to the Lodge, and enjoy the food, friends & fun. Be sure to explain what Elkdom is all about and let them know why you joined so like us, they can enjoy everything the Elks has to offer. Happy New Year to The Best People on Earth! God bless you all!

Fraternally yours,
Sandra Begué, Exalted Ruler

JANUARY 2023 EVENTS

Wed. January 4 - Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.
Thur. January 5 - Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Sun. January 8 - IEA District Meeting, Carlinville, 11 a.m.
Fri. January 13 - Friday Night Live, 7-10 p.m.
Sat. January 14 - Frozen Open, 10:30 a.m.
Mon. January 16 - PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m.
Mon. January 23 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tues. January 24 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Thur-Sun, January 26th-29th - IEA Mid-Winter Convention



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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



Happy New Year Springfield #158 Elk Members!!! This may be the beginning of a new year but it is not the beginning of an Elk year. We are three-fourths of the way through the 2022-2023 Elk year and there is so much still to do.

Beginning in February, the Lodge will have two meetings a month until April per Grand Lodge Statutes. During the two meetings in February, there will be nominations for new Lodge officers and balloting for Lifetime Membership. If you have been an Elk for 30 years which include the last ten years at Springfield Lodge 158, you qualify. Please contact me if you have not turned in an application yet.

2023-2024 Dues Statements will be sent out in February. For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, on April 1, 2023, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita - \$6.50; Insurance assessment - \$17.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment - \$5.50, for a total of \$29.00.

*This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year which means Springfield Elks #158 dues will increase by \$5.

LODGE OF SORROW

Richard Thomas Mattsson
DOB - 02/03/1935; INIT -
11/04/1964 ; DOD - 12/09/2022
Connie Knoles
Information remains private at the
request of the family

CENTURY CLUB

Dec 7th - Kathy Hannon
Dec. 14th - Amy Taylor,
sold by BJ Taylor
Dec. 21st - Tina Estrop,
sold by Mark Estrop
Dec. 28th - Bobby Edwards

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, January 16 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.)

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 #158

By Joan Shea-Rogers, President



Before we ring in the New Year, I want to let you know how much the Elks Ladies appreciate the support and generosity you provide for all our activities and events. December was busy with our annual Christmas Party. Our entertainment this year was provided by the Lutheran High School Band. As you know, their school building has been destroyed by mine subsidence and they are in a temporary placement this year while they determine next steps for a permanent school building. We were able to give them a monetary gift for their band program and the band director and students were very appreciative.

We are finishing up our December giving with 2 more activities. The current one being a collection in the Walnut Room for the V. F. W. – Veterans in Need Programs. This program supports those Veterans throughout Illinois who need assistance with utility bills, food, gas, membership dues for Veterans' organizations, etc. This collection will also be used for Bobby Edwards' Commanders Project providing School Supplies for Veterans families and community.

Lastly, at our January Elks Ladies Meeting we will be making contributions to area charities for our Christmas donations. If you are a member or would like to be a member of the Elks Ladies please come to have a voice in our charitable giving activities.

Again, to all of you, thanks so much for your continued support of our work. We couldn't do it without you!

Thanks to all who provided gifts for the clients of M.E.R.C.Y. Communities. This is also a very worthwhile community program to provide support to families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.



LAKE SPRINGFIELD'S ANNUAL FROZEN OPEN is hosted by the Prop Club on Saturday, January 14, 2023. **THIS YEAR'S CHARITY** is SHARE THE SPIRIT. All registration fee proceeds go to the charity.

THURSDAY, January 12, SIGN UP with payment preferred to be entered to win some great prizes!

FRIDAY - DRAWING FOR PRIZES: Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Prop Club's Pre-Party. Golfers will receive a raffle ticket when they pre-register/pay at the Prop Club or the club of their choice. Golfers must pre-register in order to be eligible to win prizes on Friday night. Food available for purchase.

SATURDAY - START TIME: The doors open at 10:00 a.m. with registration/signup at the host club (Prop Club), or the club of your choice.

TEE-OFF is at 10:30 a.m. at the Club where you signed up. The cost to play is \$12.50 per player or \$50 per foursome (team).

GOLFERS will have the opportunity to play 12 holes at the following participating clubs:

Prop Club (HOST CLUB), Anchor Boat Club, Aqua Sports Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge #158, Firefighters/Postal Lake Club, KC Lake Club, Lake Press Club, Prop Club, Sangamo Surf Club, Ski and Boat Club, Motor Boat Club and the TRN Club. Register in advance at your favorite club!

FOOD AND DRINKS: All clubs will have food and drink specials throughout the day. Each Club will have their own specially-designed putting green.

SHUTTLE SERVICE will be provided - transportation between the clubs is free, but tips are encouraged (Tip buckets will be available in the vans for the drivers).

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COME BACK TO THE Prop Club by 5:00-5:30 p.m. for the party and awards!

ENTERTAINMENT: Drew Aschenbrenner performs at 5:30 p.m. at the Prop Club.

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QUESTIONS: Contact Prop Club by emailing propclubnews@gmail.com or Frozen Open Committee members at frozenopen2000@gmail.com

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - PLEASE SHARE!
<https://fb.me/e/27Nu8mtql>

Round Up For Charity



IT'S ALL AT THE 158!

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

ATTENTION PERS: The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on Monday, January 16th, beginning with the customary cocktail hour in the Walnut Room at 6 pm. Wing dinner from the Lodge will be served around 630 pm. The meeting will begin at 7 pm. This is a very important meeting as we will be taking volunteers for the lodge meeting that the PERs will chair on February 1st.

Please let me know if you will be attending and what your wind order will be so I can get these to Patrick early on Monday. Thanks and Happy New Year!!!!
PSP/PER Jeff Rodier, Secretary

Message from Glenda Cassens:

Council of Lake Springfield is hosting Springfield Junior Blues night Saturday, January 21. Doors open at 5:20 and the game is at 6:05. Presale Tickets ONLY are available for \$20 from me or by contacting Adam Pallai at apallai@martinengineeringco.com. Tickets include admission to the game, food and drink (while supplies last).



SATURDAYS:

- Kitchen is closed; but bartenders will serve pizzas, hot dogs, and chili for purchase price.
- Domestic Can (5) Buckets of Beer for \$10.00
- Servers are Belinda "Beezer" Warner in the afternoon, and Gia Desai in the evening.

SUNDAY FUNDAYS:

- Kitchen is closed; but bartenders will serve pizzas, hot dogs, and chili for purchase price.
- Sunday Funday Bloody Mary Bar with your choice of toppings... "a meal in a glass!" (Prices may vary each week due to toppings.)
- Domestic Can (5) Buckets of Beer for \$10.00
- Serving you in the afternoon is Amy Snow, and in the evening is Leslie Beatty.



NASCAR, NFL 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!

Happy Hour Drink Specials served from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., except for Sundays.

WALNUT ROOM RINGS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH 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.)

Remember to Round Up For Charity - "The Fragile X Foundation"

JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR 3:30 - 7pm



Happy Hour Drink Specials served from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., except for Sundays.

2022 Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Baskets Program

By: PER Ali Mikels, Chairperson

Thank you all so much for helping with the Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Baskets Program this year!! We couldn't do this without your time, donations, and nominations!!

We filled and delivered 115 boxes in just over an hour! Baskets were then delivered in Springfield and several surrounding communities. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the Lodge Room on Friday the 23rd and everyone who came to package and deliver the boxes on Saturday the 24th. We could not have done this without YOU!

I want to also thank Humphrey's Market for providing the food items as well as all the already-assembled boxes, and for delivering them to our doorstep; they saved us a lot of extra work and time. Thank you to the Lanphier High School AVID classes and their teacher, Erica Thompson for their help this year!! A special thank you to John Graves and PER Bobby Orr for their assistance every year!! Thank you to Patrick Rora for the wonderful breakfast!!

PER Eddy Fisher truly made this program a success and I am very grateful for his family's continued support! It's an honor to chair this program, thank you all!!

Happy New Year!! Many Blessings to you and your families in 2023!!

Fraternally yours,
PER Ali Mikels, Chairperson



14th Annual Lake Council

CHILI CHALLENGE



Annual Chili Challenge Committee Co-Chairpersons Sandy and John Begué

Council of Lake Springfield Clubs Annual Chili Challenge is once again hosting the 14th Annual Event at 4 locations this year:

Jan 22 - West Region - Firefighters/Postal Club

940 W Lake Shore Dr., Springfield, IL 62712

Participating Clubs:

Aqua Sports Club
Firefighters/Postal Club
Lake Press Club
Springfield Motor Boat Club
Lake Shore Improvement Association

Feb 5 - South Region - Ski & Boat Club

268 Maple Grove Ln, Springfield, IL 62712

Participating Clubs:

KC Lake Club
Prop Club
Ski & Boat Club
TRN Club
SUSART

Feb 19 - East Region - Sangamo Surf Club

405 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

Participating Clubs:

Anchor Boat Club
Blue Ridge Club
ELKS Lodge #158
Sangamo Surf Club
Power Squadron

3/5 - FINALS - Elks Lodge #158

409 East Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

Proceeds will be donated to Fishing Has No Boundaries.

Doors Open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Public welcome. Admission fee of \$5.00 will entitle attendees to taste chili samples and vote five times for their favorite chili recipe or the 'What the What?' category. Additional votes (tickets) can be purchased for \$1.00 each. 'What the What?' is a newer food category that attendees may sample and vote on; such as, side dishes, appetizers, desserts, theme/decorations, etc. (non-alcoholic)

All entrants (cooks) must be members of a Lake Springfield club, SUSART, Power Squadron, Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association, or the Charity of choice this year, "Fishing Has No Boundaries." Completed entry forms and fees must be received one week before each regional date.

Contact bpoe158news@yahoo.com or the Lake Council's Chili Challenge's email address, clscchilichallenge@gmail.com, for additional information.



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



Welcome home, Soldiers!

Kaytlyn, Kendell, Aaron, Jordan, and Alexander have returned from Army Training for the holidays! Enjoy this time with your families!

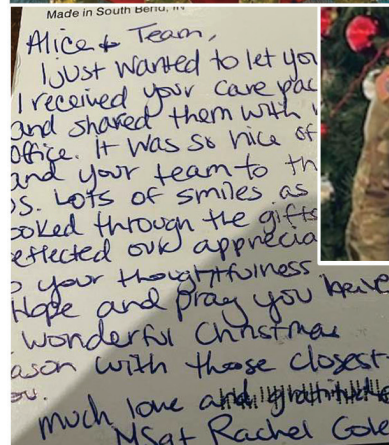
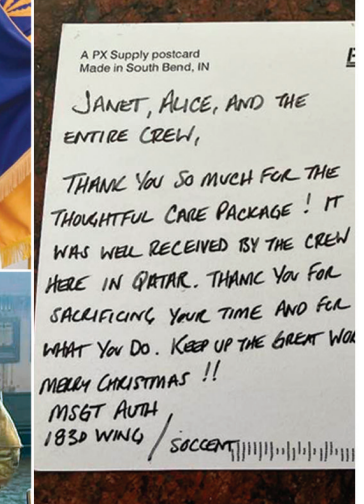
On December 14th at the TRN, we enjoyed the company of one of our largest groups of volunteers ever, with newbies from Chatham, and UIS Veterans Club, friends from the Pier, TRN, Elks, and Blue Ridge members, and our own family, we were over 30 strong.

The saying that many hands make light and fast work is so true. The room was buzzing with conversation, and looked like a whirlwind of activity, but in less than an hour, all boxes were filled, taped, labeled, and stacked for pickup. In addition we broke down and stored the tables, emptied the trash, and consumed 8 extra large pizzas.

Thanks to Beth Ogilvy and her Irish dance troupe. Beth and her team started the Christmas Stocking thing seems like forever ago. They have assembled some of the most amazing stockings over the years, and we love the tradition. Feedback from the recipients supports how wonderful the stockings make them feel. Thank you Beth for starting something so awesome, more importantly, thank you for continuing, even when things were not so great for you, you persevered. I'll never make it as a dancer of any kind, but if I were inclined to learn, Beth would be my teacher!

The good folks at Starbucks put donation boxes out as well at Porta Schools via the Springfield Senior Center of Central IL, and others. And of course these love packages wouldn't go anywhere without our friends at USPS. Who said customer service is dead! Not us!

Thanks to all of you who filled out Christmas Cards for the 41 men and women. Letters and cards from home mean so much to them, and it means so much to us that you took the time to write to them.



ELKS MID-WINTER



THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

10:30am - 5:00pm	Convention Office	Plaza 4
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Executive Committee	Conference Ctr 3

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

7:00am - 5:00pm	Convention Office	Plaza 4
8:00am - 10:00am	Executive Committee	Conference Ctr 3
10:00am - 11:30pm	Convention Committee	Rendezvous
10:30am - 11:30am	Initiatory Ritual Individual Competition	Embassy
12:00pm - 7:00pm	Convention Registration Mezzanine - Registration Desk	
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Advisory Committee	Rendezvous
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Past State President Dinner	Illinois

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

6:30am - 6:00pm	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:00am - 12:00pm	Convention Registration Registration Desk	Mezzanine
7:30am - 9:00am	Board of Directors Meeting & Training Continental Breakfast	Plaza 3
8:00am - 10:00am	District Deputies & Esquires Continental Breakfast	Conference Ctr 2
8:00am - 12:00pm	Leading Knights Training	Rendezvous
8:30am - 10:30am	Initiatory Ritual Competition	Embassy
9:00am - 10:30am	Exalted Rulers Meet w/ Executive Committee	Ambassador
9:00am - 10:30am	Secretaries Association	Plaza 3
10:00am - 11:00am	Athletic Commission	Conference Ctr 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Easter Bunny Committee	Conference Ctr 3
10:00am - 11:00am	Elks National Foundation	Plaza 1
10:00am - 11:00am	New Lodge	Conference Ctr 1
10:00am - 11:30am	Lodge Trustees Training/ Accident Prevention/Insurance	Capitol
10:30am - 11:30am	Americanism	Conference Ctr 4
10:30am - 12:00pm	Lodge Treasurers	Plaza 3
11:00am - 12:00pm	National Veterans Service	Plaza 1
11:00am - 12:00pm	Scholarship	Conference Ctr 2
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Luncheon - Lady of the Year	Illinois
	Entrée: ½ Club- Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss, Cheddar, Lettuce and Tomato on a Small Croissant with Chicken Noodle Soup	
	Dessert: Brownie Blondie- Chocolate chip with walnut pecan	
	Cost: Pre Reg - \$21.00/ Onsite \$ 24.00	
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Government Relations and Judiciary Discussion	Conference Ctr 2
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Hoop Shoot / Soccer Shoot Program	Plaza 1
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/ Orientation	Ambassador
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Ritual 11 O'clock Toast Competition	Embassy

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1:30pm - 2:30pm	Youth Activities & Antlers	Conference Ctr 4
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation	Plaza 3
1:30pm - 4:00pm	PGER Meet with Lodges and Individuals	Conference Ctr 3
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Bowling Association	Plaza 1
2:30pm - 3:30pm	Drug Awareness Program	Conference Ctr 4
2:30pm - 4:30pm	Website Monitoring/Publication Corporation/Public Relation	Conference Ctr 2
5:00pm - 9:30pm	Illinois Elks Association - Reception/Dinner	Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
	Menu: Garden Green Salad, Entrée: Chicken Marsala with garlic mashed potatoes and green beans	
	Dessert: Vanilla Cheesecake	
	Price: Pre Reg - \$31.00/ Onsite - \$34.00	

Members are encouraged to attend the Banquet in Honor of the Grand Exalted Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady Helen on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

6:30am - 11:00am	Convention Office	Plaza 4
7:30am - 8:00am	Room Reservations for the May 2023 Convention	Capitol/Illinois
8:00am - 10:30am	General Business Session	Capitol/Illinois

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

All Elks, Male & Female, Must Register for Convention Functions.

FEES: Pre-Registration \$10.00/ Onsite \$20.00

Pre-Registration deadline is January 11, 2023.

Registration badges will not be handed out at registration until the COVID Acknowledgment Waiver has been signed. Waiver can be found on the website www.illinoiselks.org or in the Newsetter.

REGISTRATION BADGES ARE NECESSARY TO ATTEND ALL FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING HOSPITALITY ROOMS.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room Cancellation cut off was December 20, 2022. Rooms cancelled after the above date will forfeit their deposit.

Important Message!!!

The MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION PARTY has been moved to Saturday, February 25, 2023.



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MID-WINTER CONVENTION • 2023 COVID GUIDELINES



Attendance at the Illinois Elks State Convention Mid-Winter meeting in Springfield, Illinois will require a signed Registration acknowledgment waiver to attend. Please be aware that attendance at convention may pose a risk of exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and its potential variants. While preventative measures aimed at reducing exposure to infectious diseases have been taken for this event and may reduce the risk of exposure and infection, the risk of illness does exist.

Convention COVID-19 Guidelines and Precautions

Safety measures and plans are constantly evolving to provide the safest event possible; however, please be aware that the convention will observe Centers for Disease Control (CDC) plus local government recommendations and guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety measures and precautions.

All Convention attendees will be recommended to:

- Wear face masks when in public convention spaces.
- Practice effective social distancing by remaining six feet from others at all times.
- Wash their hands frequently during the convention.
- Monitor their own health on a daily basis to be alert for known symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Do not attend convention events if you feel any of these symptoms.

It should be noted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends If you are attending a gathering, think about the steps you need to take to protect yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19.

- Make sure you are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines.
- In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.
- If you are sick and need to be around others, or are caring for someone who has COVID-19, wear a mask.
- If the COVID-19 Community Level where you live is
 - ♦ **Low** - Wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk.
 - ♦ **Medium** - If you are at risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about wearing masks indoors in public. Or if you live with or will gather with someone at risk for severe illness, wear a mask when indoors with them.
 - ♦ **High** - If you are 2 or older, wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status or individual risk (including in K-12 schools and other community settings).
- If you are at risk for severe illness, wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.
- Stay home if you are sick or experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Please monitor the Illinois Elks Association website
<https://illinoiselks.org> for updates to these guidelines.

MID-WINTER CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

January 26-29 • Springfield, IL • Wyndham Hotel

MUST HAVE CREDENTIALS TO ENTER MEETINGS OR HOSPITALITY ROOMS

**Pre-Registration
Deadline
January 11, 2023**

**MAIL TO:
Scott Flota
Chairman of the
Credentials Committee
PO Box 1484
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Deadline
January 11, 2023**

**Pre-Registration - \$10.00 After January 11 - \$20.00
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JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	4 Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.	5 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	6	7
8 IEA District Meeting, Carlinville, 11 a.m. Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Tournament, 2 p.m.	9	10 Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	11	12	13 Friday Night Live, 7-10 p.m.	14 Frozen Open, 10:30 a.m.
15 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Tournament, 2 p.m.	16 PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17 Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Tournament, 2 p.m.	23 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	24 Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	25	26 ★ IEA Mid-Winter Convention	27 ★ IEA Mid-Winter Convention	28 ★ IEA Mid-Winter Convention
29 ★ IEA Mid-Winter Convention Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Tournament, 2 p.m.	30	31 Mens Shuffleboard League, 6 p.m.	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4



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