



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Elks Lodge 158 Springfield Illinois



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Message from Exalted Ruler Ali Mikels



Members all,

Happy New Year!! I hope you all have a joyous 2022!!

Thank you all for another successful year of our Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Baskets Program!! This program would not be possible without the support and unity of our members!

This year we raised \$8,000 for the program due to the generous donations of our members and their families!! On December 23rd, several of our members and their families came to setup the Lodge room, unload the food, and put together the boxes. On December 24th, even more members and their families came to package 75 boxes, load them in their cars, and deliver them to the community.

This year we also formed a new partnership with Humphrey's Market. Humphrey's supplied the food and the boxes as well as delivered the food to the Lodge for us. In a time of food shortages and high costs, Humphrey's worked with us to find the best deals so we could provide even more food to families in need. We cannot thank them enough for their support!!

PER Eddy Fisher was the chair of this program for many years and truly made it the wonderful program it is, through his hard work and dedication. My dad and I are honored to continue to run this program the way Eddy created it. Thank you to his wife Carol, his son Martin, and their family for their continued support!!

Last year, we were not able to deliver baskets due to the covid-19 pandemic. However, we were able to raise money for the Central Illinois Foodbank and provide over 16,000 meals to those in need in our local communities. Thanks to your overwhelming support of our program this year, we are also able to donate to the foodbank again and continue to help those in need into the new year!

Thank you to my dad, PER Bobby Orr, for being the chair of the program this year! I greatly appreciate all of your hard work and continued support!!

What a wonderful way to end 2021! Thank you all! I look forward to all the wonderful events and programs happening at the Lodge this year!! Please be sure to include participating at the #158 in your resolutions!

Anthony, Luca, Kona and I wish you all a Happy New Year!!

Fraternally,

Ali



JANUARY 2022 EVENTS

Wed, Jan 5	Lodge / Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 6	Elks Ladies Meeting cancelled
Sat, Jan 8	FROZEN OPEN, 10:30 AM (see info page 4)
Sun, Jan 9	IEA District Meeting, Jacksonville Lode #682
Sat, Jan 15	My Favorite Things Party, 1 to 4 PM
Mon, Jan 17	PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 PM
Tues, Jan 18	Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN 6 PM
Wed, Jan 19	New Member Orientation—5:30 PM / Initiation—7 PM
Thur-Sun Jan 20-23	Midwinter IEA Convention, Wyndham Hotel
Mon, Jan 24	House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Tues, Jan 25	Board of Directors' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

A Message from Glenda Cassens: The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2022 scholarship year:

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Contest:

The 2022 MVS application officially began August 2, 2021. Applications can be found online at enf.elks.org/MVS. The application deadline was November 15 2021.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. National awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year. The national awards will announced in April 2022.

MVS scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university next school year. Some important applicant details include:

- « Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- « Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.
- « Male and female students compete separately.

Legacy Awards – The Legacy Awards program begins on September 1, 2021. Legacy Awards provide \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The ENF offers a total of 350 national awards. The application deadline is February 7, 2022. Please visit enf.elks.org/Leg for more details and the application link.



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SPRINGFIELD LODGE #158**

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Sandra Begue'

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Springfield Elks Lodge #158

LODGE OFFICE

Hours: Monday - Friday
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(217) 529-0158

HALL RENTALS

217-529-0158

WALNUT ROOM FALL HOURS:

MONDAY-SUNDAY: 11:00 AM-CLOSE
(The bartender reserves the right to close earlier if no customers are present.)

KITCHEN FALL HOURS:

Monday-Friday (except 1st Wed.)
Saturday & Sunday-Kitchen is closed
Lunch 11AM- 2PM, Dinner 5 PM - 8 PM
Andrea Tainter, Chef

POOL & POOL KITCHEN HOURS:
Closed for the Fall/Winter Season



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 2021-2022 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 and 65 years old, you qualify. Please contact me if you have not turned in an application yet.

2022-2023 Dues Statements will be sent out in February. For the 2022-2023 fraternal year, on April 1, 2022, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita-\$6.50; Insurance assessment-\$12.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment-\$5.50, for a total of \$24.00. *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

*"The faults of our members we write upon the sand,
their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."*



NAME

Wendell J. Zulauf, Sr.

Date of Birth

11/21/1946

Date of Initiation

06/01/1968

Date of Death

05/06/2021

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 Happy Thanksgiving!

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

If you know of an Elk member in the hospital or suffering from an illness, please contact the Lodge Office at 529-0158. Your information will enable us to contact members needing comfort and assistance.

Century Club

Dec. 1 - Mike Widger

Dec. 8 - Russel Boblitt

Dec. 15 - Lamar Johnson

Dec. 22 - Maria Davis

Dec. 29 - Maribeth Oliver

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ,

Eye and Tissue Donor Today: <http://donatelife.net/>



January's Round Up for Charity is ENF
by ER Ali Mikels

The January Round Up for Charity will be the Elks National Foundation (ENF):



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Any purchase you make at the Lodge, you will be able to add \$1 or more to your order for a great cause!



Elks National Foundation (ENF) Helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, we serve our veteran's and to meet the needs in our area. Your donations help fund these programs.

We are in the planning stages for the next fundraising effort for ENF...stay tuned! If you have any ideas, please let me know. We are always looking for ideas to help raise funds for our important charities, and we are open to suggestions. 217-971-1731

Fraternally yours, Keith Glynn, ENF Chairman 2021/2022



RECURRING MEETINGS/EVENTS (see FB & e-blasts for updates)

Mondays	Kitchen Special—Wings & Burgers Wing Night Special, 5—8 PM & QOH Drawing @ 7 PM
Tuesdays	Kitchen Special—Taco Tuesday
Wednesdays	Kitchen Special—Chef's Choice
Thursdays	Kitchen Special—People's Choice
Fridays	Kitchen Special—Fish Friday
Saturdays & Sundays	Kitchen Closed
1st Wed of the month	Lodge Meeting, 7 PM (Walnut Room closed for service while meeting is in session)
1st Thurs of the month	Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM
3rd Mon of every other month	PER Association Dinner / Meeting, 6 PM
3rd Tues of the month	Springfield Cares Soldiers' Mailing, 6 PM @ TRN
4th Mon of the month	House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM
4th Tues of the month	Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 PM



Members of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158 Charity Golf Committee presented a check for \$4,000 to Prevention First, Inc. at the December 1st Elks Lodge #158 membership meeting. A portion of the proceeds of the 2021 charity golf outing were design-

ated to benefit area Drug Awareness Programs to make kids and their parents aware of the dangers posed by alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. Making the presentation to Controller Leslie Andrew of Prevention First are (from left to right) David Leonard, John Graves, Dave Cassens, Bill Coons & Exalted Ruler Ali Mikels.

Then on December 13th, members of the Charity Golf Committee presented a check for \$2,000 to the Rochester Police Department at the Rochester Village Board meeting. A portion of the proceeds of the 2021 charity golf outing were designated to benefit area Drug Awareness Programs to make kids and their parents aware of the dangers posed by alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs. The police department was also given a set of Elks Drug Awareness Program pamphlets and a flash drive presentation packet to use for the benefit of parent and community groups.



ELKS LADIES #158

By Joan Shea-Rogers, President



December was busy for the entire lodge. It is a month where we all work together to carry out a variety of charitable activities. A very heartfelt thank you to all of you who picked an ornament off the Angel Tree to purchase gifts for the clients of Mercy House. And a special thanks to Diann Harbour for leading this effort. Thank you to her helpers (Marcia and Dick Harbour, Mike and Diann Harbour, Barb Bolin and Maxine Johnson). Elks Ladies also participated in the Lodge's Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Basket Program. Many of you donated to the Illinois Veteran's Home in Quincy. Your donations will be given to their Benefit Fund which provides monies for recreational activities for the Veteran's. (Birthday cakes, entertainers and even Bingo prizes to name a few) It is through your generosity that these and other lodge endeavors are possible. Thanks to all of you for your continued support by giving of your time, talent and treasure.

Meeting Notes: Our annual Christmas Cocktail Party was held in lieu of the regular meeting. We had a great evening filled with friendship, food and good cheer (thanks to Diane Holler's holiday cocktails). Thanks to Diann Harbour for lining up our entertainment, and to the Barbershop Quartet - 4th Dementia (yes I spelled that correctly) for their song and merriment. A good time was had by all.

Upcoming Events:

January Bakeless Bake Sale: All members will receive a letter requesting a donation in lieu of bakery items. We are saving you time and calories so please save your pennies for us!!!!

February Auction: At our February Meeting (Feb. 3, 2022) we will hold our traditional auction. Each attendee brings a wrapped gift to be auctioned off. Themes in the past have been the pound auction (all gifts weigh a pound) and pamper ourselves (any gift items related to this theme). This event is really fun and the more people the more fun it is. We hope to have a big crowd. Please plan on attending.

Winery/Brewery Bus Trip: More to come soon. Sandy Begue is chairing this event. She will be setting up a meeting after the holidays for all those interested in helping with the planning. We will keep you posted.

Volunteer Opportunities AKA New Year's Resolutions.....

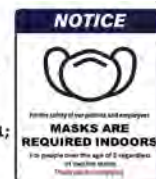
How about making a resolution that you want to keep.....consider being involved in the Elks Ladies' activities. Afterall, we plan fun things to do to make money that supports our charitable giving. What could be better...It is a great way to meet more people while doing good work. Our next meeting is January 6, 2022 at 6:30pm. Even if you can't make meetings, we want you to be a part of us. You can participate electronically through our emails, texts and facebook pages. Contact Joan Shea-Rogers if you want more information.

If you are interested in helping to plan the winery/brewery bus trip, please contact Sandy Begue at 217-494-8792 or seasharp2@gmail.com; or contact Diann Harbour at 217.494.6136 or dharbour55@yahoo.com



**NEW LAPEL PINS
AVAILABLE
NOW!**
\$5.00/each
Designed by
Tiler Christi Sullivan
(in Walnut Room)

A Message from
Ali Mikels, E.R.
"The State of Illinois
has reinstated the
mask mandate
INDOORS, effective
Monday, 08/30/2021;
regardless of
vaccination status"



22nd Annual
Frozen Open
 Springfield Illinois
Saturday January 8, 2022

to benefit

Special Olympics Illinois

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
 \$2.50 canned beer


KC Lake Club
 141N Lakewood Dr. Chatham, IL 62629

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://m.facebook.com/KCLakeClub>
 Website: <https://kclakeclub.com/> Email: steve.warren5@comcast.net

The good times continue at the
AFTER PARTY
 Starting at 5:30 pm
 with Music from
"TRIPLE BOGEY BAND"
 at the
KC LAKE CLUB
*** PRIZES ***
 Get Tickets early to be eligible for prizes.
 Tickets are available at all participating clubs
 Grand Prize given away after Event @ The KC
 (Must be present to win)

For additional details, click on the Facebook Page link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/609717863810101>

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED ADDITIONAL INFO, CONTACT KC Rep - Steve Warren at 217-899-3694, Frozen Open Committee Chairman Carl Fryman at 217-638-4862, Frozen Open Committee Members Sandy Begue at 217-494-8792 or John Begue at 217-494-2998.

13th Annual Lake Council Chili Challenge - East Regional Cookoff will be held at the Elks on Sunday, February 6th. We need "Elks" chili cooks. Registration form/Rules form are at the lodge (behind the bar), posted on the Springfield Elks Lodge #158 & Elks Ladies Facebook Pages, and are shown below.

Contact Regional Chili Chairpersons John (217-494-2998) or Sandy Begue (217-494-8792) for additional information.

If you plan to cook, please leave completed form in the Chili Challenge envelope (behind the bar) with check or cash (\$10 entry fee); or you may return form/money directly to either John Begue, Sandy Begue or Glenda Cassens.

Let's take home the win & the Trophy! GO ELKS!
 (See Flyer next column)



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Visit our Facebook page to check out the latest happenings at the Elks #158!
[Springfield Elks Lodge #158](#)

My Favorite Things Pajama Party

hosted by Christi Sullivan & Committee



Saturday, January 15, 2022
 - 1 to 4 p.m.

Ladies, let's get to know each other better and do something fun while we beat the January blues! Come in your pajamas and have some fun! There will be prizes for the best pajamas and most spirit! This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend and introduce them to the ladies of the Lodge.

MY FAVORITE THINGS
 PAJAMA PARTY
 JANUARY 15, 2022 1-4 PM
TICKET

Tickets are \$15
 Only 50 tickets will be sold !!
 (in Walnut Room)

Ticket price includes entry for door prizes, popcorn bar, & coffee/hot cocoa table (with toppings)

Contact
 Christi Sullivan
 at 217-553-6678

Tickets are on sale now in the Walnut Room and are \$15 each; only 50 tickets will be sold. Ticket price includes entry for door prizes, popcorn bar, coffee/hot cocoa table (with toppings). If you want to add a little something "extra" to your coffee/hot cocoa, Boozy Beverage/shot tickets will be available for purchase for \$2 per shot. Other beverages can be purchased in the Walnut Room.

Here's how it works:

Each guest will purchase 3 of their "favorite" thing (item should be under \$5). Purchase three of the same item.

Bring your 3 wrapped gifts and don't tell anyone what it is. We don't want to spoil the fun!

Names will be drawn randomly. When it is your turn, you will introduce yourself and tell us why this is your "favorite" thing. You will draw three names and they will receive the gifts you purchased. You arrive with 3 gifts and leave with 3 gifts.

50/50 drawing will be held. Proceeds will go to January's "Round up for charity."

Any questions, contact Christi Sullivan at 217-553-6678

13th Annual Lake Council CHILI CHALLENGE

1/23- South Region - Ski & Boat
 2/6- East Region - Elks
 2/20- West Region - Motorboat
 3/6- **FINALS** Fire Fighters Postal

Proceeds will be donated to
 Doors open at 12pm
 \$3.00 at the door
 Tasting begins at 2pm


\$250
 BUD FAM CANS/BTLs
 Support Your Lake Clubs!


See Page 10 for Rules & Registration Form and contact information.



ELKS Men's Shuffle Board League



The League plays on Tuesday nights and will begin on January 4, 2022 and ends on or around the last week in March 2022 (approx. 12 Games).

Play at 6:00 pm, 2 games each night, and usually end around 8:30 pm.

Entry fee of \$30 includes board fees and prize money.

We need a few subs, so if you are interested please call Bill Winchester, cell 217-836-9771.

A message from the House Committee



2021-2022 House Committee

L to R: Paula Reichen, Rich Riedesel, Tom Trees, Theresa Martin & Sarah Disney-Chairman

The Sunday Funday Shuffleboard is still going strong! At 2:00 pm the lodge hosts a Sunday Funday Shuffleboard day. A \$5.00 entry fee will be collected with a blind draw for partners. Games will proceed with the 3 top pairs taking home the money and bragging rights, until the next week. You can participate as much as you want or play one and done! For additional information or questions feel free to contact Dan and Paula Reichen.

December winning teams were John Graves & Jeff White, Paula Reichen & Dave Leonard, and Dave Leonard & John Graves. CONGRATULATIONS!



Hot from the kitchen... The lodge is still offering a roaster full of homemade favorites on Sunday afternoons. Each Sunday the lodge will have a hot entrée for members to enjoy for \$6.00 one trip or \$8.50 for 2 trips.

Elks Lodge #158 is now hiring part-time cook(s) to join our kitchen staff. If you, or someone you know, is seeking employment, please contact Sarah Disney or Paula Reichen by calling the Lodge Office or emailing springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued support...we can't do it without you!



What's Happening around

Lake Springfield!

Coming Up:

Frozen Open: Jan 8, 2022, @ 10:30 a.m. at the KC Lake Club

Chili Cookoff Dates:

South Regional—Ski & Boat—01/23/22

East Regional: Elks Lodge #158—02/06/22

West Regional: Motor Boat Club—02/20/22

Finals Event: Firefighters/Postal Club—03/06/22

Ongoing:

KC West Iles Queen of Hearts Drawing – Firefighters Postal – Every Thursday, Draw 7:00 PM

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

Queen of Hearts Drawing – Sangamo Surf Club - 1st & 3rd Fri, Draw 8:00PM

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



PER ASSOCIATION. The next PER meeting is currently scheduled for January 17, 2022 with cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner immediately following. Please RSVP to Association Secretary Jeff Rodier if you wish to attend. Email: jeffrodier13@gmail.com



QUEEN OF HEARTS by Chairman Christi Sullivan

The drawings are held at 7 p.m. every Monday night; tickets are on sale now in the Walnut Room. Thank you to everyone for purchasing tickets and coming out to support the lodge.



IT'S WHAT WE DO, IT'S WHO WE ARE!

I would like to take this time to thank EVERYONE who helped carry the Garrison Flag for this year's parades. Although we only had to carry it for two parades, The Veterans Day Parade, and the Jaycee's Twilight Christmas Parade, it still takes a lot of commitment from the Elks members and their families.

The Twilight Christmas Parade was a huge success, we had more than enough people show up to carry the flag, and I am truly thankful for all your help. The meaning of Christmas is not about Black Fridays or huge dinners, it is about the Birth of Christ and family. As members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, one of our prerequisites to becoming an Elk member is to "Believe in God and Country," By showing up and helping to carry a flag that represents our country, in a parade that celebrates the Birth of Christ, is very heart warming. I thank you ALL from the bottom of my heart.

We are done with the parades this year; the next parade will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be held sometime in March of 2022; so, keep your calendar open for that one.

Again, thank you all for a great year, and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Jan M. Cimarossa

Esteemed Loyal Knight and Parade Coordinator

Photos on page 10...



Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Basket Program: by Bobby Orr PER Co-Chair



On December 24th at 8 a.m., Elks 158 members, families and friends came out to help pack boxes of food for the community's needy families. There were 75 families who received much-needed items from our fundraising efforts.

Thanks to all who donated items, financial support, as well as their time to make this another successful year.

Thanks goes to Humphrey's Market for donating the boxes and for delivering the food to the Lodge.

A special thanks to Committee Chairman Bobby Orr, and ER Ali Mikels for spearheading the program!



A Message from Children's Care Corporation - Bill Block



Illinois Elks State Charity is the CCC and is funded through contributions of individual Elks, the Illinois lodges and ladies' groups associated with lodges. Additional funding comes from memorials, gifts and bequests in remembrance of deceased members, as well as matching funds from participating donors' places of employment. Each year the IECCC also conducts three state-wide fundraisers. Our operating expenses are extremely low, especially when compared to many national charities. The Illinois Elks Association also makes a generous annual donation to the Children's Care Corporation. Every donation counts—<http://illinoiselksccc.org/donate.html>

PDF forms for patient referral requests, physical or occupational therapy majors or assistant applications, and special education major scholarship are located on our website at: <http://illinoiselksccc.org/forms.html>

Catalog & Merchandise link below has ties, scarves, pins, magnets, accessories, calendars and shirts available for purchase. Proceeds help fund the organization - <http://illinoiselksccc.org/catalog.html>

January 2022

Lincoln Clinic January 4th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

NW District @ Rockford Clinic January 19th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

NW District @Morrison Clinic January 20th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

Website:

<http://www.illinoiselksccc.org/> / Phone: 1-800-272-0074 / email: helpkids@elksccc.org



Extra Extra Read All About It!

If you have an ad in the EOG and haven't paid your annual fee, please remit a check in the amount of \$100 to Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 East Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712. Contact 217-529-0158 or 217-494-8792

Call the office at 217-529-0158, bpoe158news@yahoo.com, or 217-494-8792 if you have any questions or need assistance.

From the Editor

ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE BY THE 23rd OF THE MONTH.
Email content to: bpoe158news@yahoo.com

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

**Springfield Elks Lodge #158 Memorial/Dedication
Brick Order Form**

Paving the Way

*Initial installation to be completed by fall of 2019, then
twice per year thereafter*

Personalized memorial/dedication bricks are a great way to create a lasting legacy for your Elk and their Spouse in good standing. Each sponsored brick will be a permanent part of the outdoor memorial at the entrance to our lodge.

Engraving Information:

- Bricks are 4" by 8" in size
- Cost per Brick is \$100.00
- 16 characters per line (this includes spaces and punctuation)
- Text will be automatically centered
- We cannot accept logos or non-text symbols
- Commercial sponsorship and/or displays are not allowed
- Please print clearly
- Please make certain all information is spelled correctly

One Brick per Order Form

1st Line (16 Characters) _____

2nd Line (16 Characters) _____

3rd Line (16 Characters) _____

Your Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Forms with payment need to be returned to the Lodge office @ 409 E. Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712.

Make checks payable to the "Elks 158 PER Association/Brick Fund."



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing

Sharing this letter from one of our soldiers' mom after her son received boxes from the Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing program.

"My son received your packages the other day that you sent! He shared it with the other soldiers! They were all very appreciative!

Thank you so much for your kindness!"

If you know of someone currently overseas or going overseas to serve our Country, please provide me with their name and address; also let me know what branch they are in, where deployed, and an estimated date of return. Please PM me this information. We're always looking for new troops to mail packages.



Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing CONT'D from previous column...



A very Happy New Year to all of Springfield Cares, both volunteers and to all of our troops overseas serving our Country.

I have GOOD NEWS to start our new year !!

POSTAGE HAS DROPPED !! YEAH YOU READ THAT RIGHT !!
POSTAGE IS NOW \$20.40 - USPS DROPPED THE 75 CENT
THAT THEY INCREASED IN OCTOBER OF 2021.

Who know why or what the heck their doing, but we'll take it.

2021 SCSM Christmas Mailing 12/21/2021

68 boxes were packed and mailed to 17 men and women serving in harm's way! Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time to help pack and then help deliver to the post office the next day.

Thank you to all those who donated items and helped with financial support. We couldn't do this without YOU!

Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing - Presentations 12-14-2021

At the TRN Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m., the Black Tiger Honor Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the meeting, and kicked off what was to be a memorable evening for the Alice Beck and the Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing organization. Monetary donations were given on behalf of the Mattoon Patriot Guard, Illinois Vietnam Vigil Committee, Bull Frogs and Bull Dogs, Dynacare9 Military Ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, Carpenters Union Local 270, and the Black Tigers. In addition, Alice received a commendation from the Vietnam Veterans Black Tigers Honor Guard, a presentation from the City of Springfield Mayor Jim Langfelder's Office, and was made an honorary Lady Tiger given the code name "Angel." A soldier by the name of Scott D in South Korea had received packages which he shared with his buddies. So touched by all the packages, he and his crew hand-made a flag which was presented to Alice by the Black Tigers on the soldiers' behalf. Congratulations to Springfield Cares, Alice and Bill Beck, and all the SCSM volunteers for their continued support for all our men and women serving in harm's way. As Alice said, "My heart is full and I can't stop shaking and crying, but this means so much and I'm overwhelmed. Thank you all."

Our next mailing is January 18th, we'll be meeting at the TRN Club. Packing will start at 6:00 p.m. with a post luck dinner afterwards.

We have plenty in inventory, so please DO NOT bring any donations.

Contact me at alicef819@aol.com
Thank you ALL & God Bless
Alice Beck, Coordinator
Website: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334759989936203>
website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com/>



Santa Claus Visits the 158!

On Sunday, December 19th, Santa came to visit the kids at the lodge during the Christmas Brunch. Santa was a big hit not only with the kids, but the adults as well..

Thanks to Chef Andrea for cooking a great meal for all to enjoy, and to her helpers including, but not limited to, Patrick Rora, Diane Holler, Belinda Warner, Paula Reichen, and Jeanette Schneider. A very special thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to pay the 158 a visit.

A special thanks to Santa...hope he comes back next year! HO HO HO!



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS



Springfield Illinois Elks Lodge #158 held it's Annual Memorial Service on Sunday, December 4, 2021. The Lodge honored 32 members who passed away during 2020 -2021.

Chaplain Patrick Rora chaired the event and the ceremony was led by Exalted Ruler Ali Mikels.



TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS—NEVER FORGOTTEN!



Randall Austiff
Date of Birth: 10/13/1936
Date of Initiation: 01/21/1976
Date of Death: 05/03/2020



Michael Bensko
Date of Birth: 08/30/1952
Date of Initiation: 05/15/2019
Date of Death: 05/02/2020



Lindel Kern
Date of Birth: 02/26/1926
Date of Initiation: 01/18/1961
Date of Death: 02/29/2020



Donald E. Kissel
Date of Birth: 08/08/1931
Date of Initiation: 06/19/2013
Date of Death: 09/13/2020



William C. Brewer, Jr.
Date of Birth: 07/30/1943
Date of Initiation: 06/03/1981
Date of Death: 09/09/2020



John E. Brownback
Date of Birth: 02/23/1940
Date of Initiation: 01/29/1966
Date of Death: 02/27/2020



John Livingstone
Date of Birth: 08/25/1963
Date of Initiation: 06/04/1986
Date of Death: 07/16/2020



Clement F. Lyoch
Date of Birth: 12/04/1932
Date of Initiation: 09/19/1973
Date of Death: 12/18/2020



Thomas K. Cavanagh
Date of Birth: 09/20/1955
Date of Initiation: 03/18/1982
Date of Death: 10/17/2021



Ralph S. Chambers, PER
Date of Birth: 06/06/1936
Date of Initiation: 05/15/1968
Date of Death: 02/29/2020



Fredrick L. Mammen
Date of Birth: 05/16/1933
Date of Initiation: 03/16/1983
Date of Death: 07/30/2020



Charles R. Martin
Date of Birth: 11/27/1931
Date of Initiation: 02/11/1969
Date of Death: 06/15/2021



Marion A. Charles
Date of Birth: 01/31/1938
Date of Initiation: 06/01/1988
Date of Death: 01/26/2021



Robert Church
Date of Birth: 03/30/1944
Date of Initiation: 06/02/1965
Date of Death: 08/18/2020



Harry Parson
Date of Birth: 03/04/1928
Date of Initiation: 06/02/1993
Date of Death: 03/29/2021



John "Bobby" Peet
Date of Birth: 01/17/1954
Date of Initiation: 03/16/2016
Date of Death: 07/30/2020



Richard DeRosa
Date of Birth: 02/08/1943
Date of Initiation: 05/21/1966
Date of Death: 01/08/2021



Andrew J. Dhabalt
Date of Birth: 05/01/1966
Date of Initiation: 06/06/2002
Date of Death: 10/24/2021



Mark T. Reynolds
Date of Birth: 08/16/1961
Date of Initiation: 10/01/1988
Date of Death: 06/25/2020



Joseph Rieger
Date of Birth: 04/19/1980
Date of Initiation: 02/20/2019
Date of Death: 10/03/2020



Frederick S. Frank
Date of Birth: 09/02/1927
Date of Initiation: 11/21/1956
Date of Death: 08/03/2020



John E. Gorsek
Date of Birth: 05/05/1930
Date of Initiation: 01/19/1955
Date of Death: 04/14/2020



Keith A. Sandvoss
Date of Birth: 08/13/1940
Date of Initiation: 05/18/2011
Date of Death: 04/27/2020



George Standefer
Date of Birth: 03/19/1942
Date of Initiation: 10/21/1998
Date of Death: 03/09/2020



Eugene B. Heid, PER
Date of Birth: 06/22/1958
Date of Initiation: 03/09/1987
Date of Death: 07/12/2021



William E. Herr
Date of Birth: 08/28/1947
Date of Initiation: 06/03/1983
Date of Death: 10/09/2021



Russell Thornton
Date of Birth: 04/14/1930
Date of Initiation: 09/18/1985
Date of Death: 08/25/2021



Ron Tucker
Date of Birth: 09/01/1943
Date of Initiation: 01/20/1982
Date of Death: 04/30/2020



Gerald J. Hopgood
Date of Birth: 02/17/1942
Date of Initiation: 11/14/1966
Date of Death: 12/13/2020



James Johnstone, Jr.
Date of Birth: 09/04/1935
Date of Initiation: 11/16/1966
Date of Death: 02/22/2021



Steven C. Zang
Date of Birth: 02/05/1952
Date of Initiation: 06/03/1992
Date of Death: 10/29/2021



Robert E. Schaaff
Date of Birth: 10/25/1935
Date of Initiation: 05/15/1968
Date of Death: 08/22/2020



Jaycees Holiday Lights Parade—December 4th

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Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th

Springfield Illinois Elks Lodge #158 in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, World War II Memorial Committee, Department of Illinois VFW District 10, Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, Interveterans Burial Detail, and the City of Springfield, held its annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at the Springfield Elks Lodge #158 on Lake Springfield. This date marks the 80th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We gathered to reflect on the day that will forever be remembered as "a date which will live in infamy" and to honor the memory and courage of those who served on that fateful day.

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



SPECIALS MENU FOR JANUARY 2022
 (REGULAR MENU ITEMS AVAILABLE MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)
Kitchen is closed on Saturday & Sunday

Date	Day of the Month	Special	Price
1	Saturday	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
2	Sunday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
3	Monday	WING NIGHT WINGS DINNER	\$8.00 & \$15.00
4	Tuesday	All Day: Taco Tuesday – Beef or Chicken Quesadilla w/Tortilla Chips & Salsa	\$9.00
5	Wednesday	All Day: 4-piece Chicken Dinner w/Sides	\$12.00
6	Thursday	Lunch – ½ Sandwich & Soup	\$7.00
		Dinner - Country Fried Steak, MP & Veg	\$10.00
7	Friday	Dinner - Walleye w/Baked Potato & Coleslaw	\$12.00
8	Saturday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
9	Sunday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
10	Monday	WING NIGHT WINGS DINNER	\$8.00 & \$15.00
11	Tuesday	All Day: Taco Tuesday w/either Taco Salad or 3 Soft Tacos	\$8.00
12	Wednesday	All Day: Hand-breaded Pork T w/FF	\$10.00
13	Thursday	Lunch – ½ Sandwich & Soup	\$7.00
		Dinner - Country Fried Steak, MP & Veg	\$10.00
14	Friday	Dinner - Catfish w/Baked Potato & Coleslaw	\$12.00
15	Saturday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
16	Sunday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
17	Monday	WING NIGHT WINGS DINNER	\$8.00 & \$15.00
18	Tuesday	All Day: Taco Tuesday – Beef or Chicken Quesadilla w/Tortilla Chips & Salsa	\$9.00
19	Wednesday	All Day: Mushroom Swiss Burger w/Chips	\$7.00
20	Thursday	Lunch – ½ Sandwich & Soup	\$7.00
		Dinner - Country Fried Steak, MP & Veg	\$10.00
21	Friday	Walleye, Baked Potato & Coleslaw	\$12.00
22	Saturday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
23	Sunday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
24	Monday	WING NIGHT WINGS	\$8.00 & \$15.00
25	Tuesday	All Day: Taco Tuesday w/either Taco Salad or 3 Soft Tacos	\$8.00
26	Wednesday	All Day: 4-piece Chicken Dinner w/Sides	\$12.00
28	Thursday	Lunch – ½ Sandwich & Soup	\$7.00
		Dinner - Country Fried Steak, MP & Veg	\$10.00
28	Friday	Dinner – Fish & Shrimp Dinner w/Fries & Slaw	\$10.00
29	Saturday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
30	Sunday	Kitchen Closed (Pizzas & Chili still available in WR)	
31	Monday	WING NIGHT WINGS DINNER	\$8.00 & \$15.00

Council of Lake Springfield Clubs 2022 Chili Challenge Rules

South Region – 1/23/22

At Ski & Boat Club

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

East Region – 2/6/22

At ELKS Lodge #158

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

West Region – 2/20/22

At Springfield Motor Boat

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

**The winners from each region will compete in the final challenge to be held on
March 6, 2022 at the Firefighters/Postal Lake Club.**

1. \$10.00 entry fee for each Chili Challenge participant will be used by the Lake Council to cover costs of the event.
2. Public welcome. Admission fee of \$3.00 will entitle attendees to taste chili samples and vote three 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 new food category that attendees may sample and vote on; such as, side dishes, appetizers, desserts, etc., non-alcoholic.
3. All entrants must be members of a Lake Springfield club, SUSART, Power Squadron, Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association or Springfield Cares Soldiers Mailing. Completed entry forms and fees must be received one week before each regional date.
4. NO OPEN FLAME COOKERS WILL BE ALLOWED. Crockpots that do not exceed 400 watts should be used.
5. Prep work must be done prior to the start of the Challenge.
6. Each entrant should prepare at least one gallon of chili.
7. Doors will open at 12:00 the day of the event to set up your spot / table.
8. Chili samples must be ready to serve by 2:00 p.m. on Challenge day.
9. Votes will be counted at 4:00 p.m. on the day of the event.
10. Regional and final host clubs will provide sample cups, spoons and napkins for their location.
11. Lake Council will provide voting containers and promotion for the event.
12. Each Regional winner will be awarded \$50.00 to help offset expenses for cooking twice. Money to be paid the day of the final challenge.
13. The Chili Challenge committee consists of four members (3 regional and 1 final host club reps). The committee will decide on the Charity for the year. No Charity can receive funds from Chili Challenge 2 years in a row.

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Entry forms with \$10.00 entrant's fee should be returned to your club's Lake Council delegate OR delivered to regional host club.

Checks should be made payable to: Council of Lake Springfield Clubs

Entrant name: _____

Phone: _____ Club: _____



JANUARY 2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS *(see monthly menu in EOG)*

Kitchen is open Mon-Fri - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch / Mon-Fri—5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for dinner / Walnut Room open daily 11 a.m. to close (up to 1am)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	SAT
December 26 GAME DAY STARTS AT NOON Food served Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Day—2 PM	December 27 Kitchen Open Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7 PM Wing Night 5 - 9 PM	December 28 Kitchen Special Taco Tuesday	December 29 Kitchen Special Chef's Choice	 December 31 Kitchen Special Fish Friday NEW YEAR'S EVE	January 1 Kitchen is closed HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 2 GAME DAY STARTS AT NOON Food served Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Day—2 PM	January 3 Kitchen Open Queen of Hearts @ 7 PM Wing Night 5—9 PM	January 4 Kitchen Special Taco Tuesday	January 5 Kitchen Special Chef's Choice  LODGE MEETING 7 PM	January 7 Kitchen Special Fish Friday FROZEN OPEN PREPARTY 6 PM—KC	January 8 Kitchen is closed FROZEN OPEN 10:30 AM - KC
January 9 *GAME DAY STARTS AT NOON Food served *IEA District Mtg 10AM Jacksonville *Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Day—2 PM	January 10 Kitchen Open Queen of Hearts @ 7 PM Wing Night 5-9PM	January 11 Kitchen Special Taco Tuesday	January 12 Kitchen Special Chef's Choice	January 14 Kitchen Special Fish Friday	January 15 Kitchen is closed
January 16 GAME DAY STARTS AT NOON Food served Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Day—2 PM	January 17 Kitchen Open Queen of Hearts @ 7 PM Wing Night 5-9PM	January 18 Kitchen Special Taco Tuesday SCSM Meeting @ TRN Club , 6 PM 	January 19 Kitchen Special Chef's Choice ORIENTATION / INITIATION STARTS AT 5:30 PM LODGE MEETING 7PM	January 21 Kitchen Special Fish Friday Midwinter Convention	January 22 Kitchen is closed Midwinter Convention
January 23 - Midwinter Convention GAME DAY STARTS AT NOON Food served Sunday Funday Shuffleboard Day—2 PM January 30	January 24 Kitchen Open Queen of Hearts @ 7 PM HC Mtg @ 5:30 pm January 31 Wing Night 5-9PM	January 25 Kitchen Special Taco Tuesday Board of Directors' Mtg @ 6:30 PM 	January 26 Kitchen Special Chef's Choice	January 27 Kitchen Special People's Choice	January 29 Kitchen is closed



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