Members all,

As you know, the Lodge has been closed since Tuesday, March 16th due to COVID-19 pandemic. On March 21, 2020, the Governor of Illinois announced a “Stay at Home” mandate closing all but essential businesses through at least April 7th. (Extended to April 30th per Governor Pritzker’s Mandate)

Our office is open for business transactions only; such as dues’ deliveries, USPS mail, package deliveries, and for any important or emergency situations that may arise. Joy is in the office every weekday until 3 p.m. If she has to be out, I will be there to make sure the office stays open.

Please remember that the bar and restaurant will be closed. No meetings (including our regular monthly, board, house, regular membership and orientation/initiations, and ladies meetings); no rentals; basically nothing can be held at the lodge whether inside or outside (in the building or on the premises). For now, members will be allowed to work out downstairs as long as Joy is in the building. The docks are open and members are allowed to come out and use their boats.

Per IEA State President Greg Verdun, all officers will remain in their current positions until such time the lodge is reopened and we can have the installation of new officers.

In the last week, we have started an Elks COVID-19 Watch List Committee made up of volunteer members, spouses/significant others. This committee has been charged with the task of contacting 326 members (1/4 of our 1,200 members) who fall within the age range of 69 years and older. The focus is to see if anyone needs assistance of any kind. Most are doing well, some need a yard mowed or groceries delivered; and others just need to talk to someone. It’s been a wonderful outreach and the feedback from the committee has been positive and rewarding. This is what we do! This is who we are! If you, or someone you know, needs a helping hand, please volunteer to help them or contact me right away and we’ll work together to assist them. We hope that you are taking the necessary precautions to keep yourselves safe. We are all in this together.

If you have any questions, contact me at 217.494.2998 or email seasharp1@gmail.com.

Fraternally yours, John N. Begue, Jr., Exalted Ruler

ALL APRIL EVENTS CANCELLED!

May Events in the “Spotlight”
(subject to COVID-19 Mandates)

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April 2 Elks Ladies Meeting & Kids Raffle Basket Drawing
April 3 Fish Fry
April 4 Children’s Easter Party & ER Roast
April 6 Board of Directors’ Meeting
April 10 Fish Fry and Friday Night Live w/Robert Sampson
April 15 Orientation/Initiation for New Members
April 18 Ladies Style Show
April 25 Foolin’ Around the Lake
All April Sunday Big 10 Drawings & 50/50’s
All April CCC clinics

New Officers for 2020-2021 will be installed in the near future; no date announced as yet, but we’ll keep you updated as plans are finalized.

Adam Church, Exalted Ruler
Ali Mikels, Leading Knight
Sandy Begue’, Loyal Knight
Jan Cimarossa, Lecturing Knight
Matt Willis, Esquire
Erica Hasselbring-Thompson, Chaplain
Jim Florent, Inner Guard
Mitch Connolley, Tiler
Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, Secretary
Malinda Church, Treasurer
Terry Ooms, 1-Year Trustee / Chairman of the Board
Ray Bensko, 2-Year Trustee
Dave Cassens, 3-Year Trustee

The Elk-o-Gram newsletter is a free monthly publication to members of the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, 409 East Lake Drive, Springfield, IL. 62712
April has arrived and that means one thing, it is a brand new Elk year. Think of it as a New Year’s Day for Elksdom. Take this time to set goals for yourself that you want to accomplish this 2020-2021 Elk year. It may be as simple as coming to the Lodge more, using the facilities that are offered, volunteering at one of the many functions the Lodge offers, or donating to the many charities we have. It may also mean to check on an Elk member especially during this time. Dues statements have been coming in steadily. Thank you so much. And thank you for being patient while it is being processed. If you are a widow, please remember to request a Widow card. These are not printed out in advance. The cost of the card is $1. You may call the Lodge or email me at steph.schwab2@gmail.com.

The next Orientation and Initiation will be announced once the Lodge is back in full function. Take this time to be with your family at home or call up an old friend to catch up. Be safe and stay healthy.

Century Club Winners for March 2020
March 4th - Larry Stack
March 11th - John Bartels
March 18th - Eric Naughton
March 25th - Judy Nesbit

Elks National Foundation (ENF) Helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, we serve our veterans and to meet the needs in our area. Your donations help fund these programs. Fraternally yours, Terry Ooms, ENF Chairman 2019-2020

LODGE OF SORROW
“The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.”

NAME DATE OF BIRTH DATE OF INITIATION DATE OF DEATH
George Standefer March 19, 1942 Oct. 21, 1998 March 9, 2020
Ralph S. Chambers, Past Exalted Ruler June 6, 1936 May 15, 1968 Feb. 29, 2020

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.

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

PER ASSOCIATION. The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on Monday, May 18th, beginning with a cocktail hour in the Walnut Room at 6 pm. Dinner will follow with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. Those wishing to attend should contact PER Secretary Jeff Rodier at 652-7570.

Message from Erica Thompson, Pool Chairman: If anyone is interested in helping open the pool or become a lifeguard, please inquire. We would love to see new and veteran members assist in any way! Contact 217-529-0158 or email springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com.

CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!
Have you checked out our Facebook page? Visit our Facebook page to check out the latest happenings at the Elks #158! Springfield Elks Lodge #158 (private page @ https://www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800/); Elks Lodge 158 Public Page (https://www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/)

SECRETARY’S CORNER
by Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER
2020 LINCOLN GREENS TUESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING GOLF LEAGUES

League play will begin on Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th. Completed League Registration Forms along with your check for $40 (1 league) or $80 (both leagues) made payable to “Tues./Thurs. Golf League”, and should be mailed to: Gus Pflugmacher, 34 North Cotton Hill Lane, Springfield, IL 62712

Questions about leagues - call Dick Williams at 415-5322 or Bill Prillmeyer at 381-6003.

ALL REGISTRATION FORMS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

### 2020 GOLF LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

Meeting for both leagues has been postponed due to COVID-19 (will be rescheduled at a later date)

- Tuesday Morning at Lincoln Greens - 18 Holes
  - Need a Partner: Yes ___ No ___
  - Partners Name: ______________________
- Thursday Morning at Lincoln Greens - 18 Holes
  - Need a Partner: Yes ___ No ___
  - Partners Name: ______________________

Which leagues would you play as a sub?
- Tuesday Morning
- Thursday Morning

Advisory Question: Should league play on “cart path only” days?
- Yes ___ No ___

Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________
Phone: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________

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An Important note from Jim Newbanks RE: Bergen Elks Men’s Golf League:

“If you are interested in playing on this 9-hole league either email me at j.newbanks@comcast.net or call my cell at 553-2950 and leave a message, especially if you did not play last year on this league. Dues will be $30. If you have any questions please let me know. It's a great group of guys enjoying fresh air and sunshine; golf just happens to occur at the same time.”

Save the Dates

Elks Lodge #158 Charity Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2020 at Lincoln Greens Golf Course in Springfield. Details coming soon!

2020 Illinois State Elks Golf Tournament will be held July 17 & 18, 2020, Lincoln Elks Lodge #914. More info to come!

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ELKS LADIES #158

By Maxine Johnson, President

First, let me say thank you to the new officers who stepped up to take on the leadership responsibilities of the ladies organization. Please welcome Vice-President Diann Harbour, Secretary Carolyn Randall and Treasurer Judy Matson. As you know, we will not be able to meet this month due to the pandemic but as soon as we are able, please plan to attend and help us kick off the year with plans for the upcoming year.

I would encourage all ladies of the lodge, whether member or spouse, to join the Elks Ladies, come to the meetings, volunteer as an officer for one (or more) year(s), help with our annual and special events; GET INVOLVED!

I would like to thank Exalted Ruler John Begué for his support of the ladies organization this past year, and wish all the best to the new Exalted Ruler Adam Church. I am confident that the ladies will continue to support the lodge, its officers and members as we have always done. Stay home, stay safe and if you need anything, feel free to contact me at your convenience. God bless you all!

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Springfield Elks Lodge #158 Memorial/Dedication Brick Order Form

Paving the Way

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

Brick 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.”
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION

Illinois Elks Annual Meeting
Registration Form
Annual Meeting May 15-17, 2020
Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre-registration - $10.00 After MAY 6, 2020 — $20.00

ELK#1  ___________ Non-Elk Spouse
ELK#2 (Only if spouse of Elk #1)

Lodge  ________ No. ________ Dist.

Title ELK#1  (To be typed on Convention Badge)

Title ELK#2  (To be typed on Convention Badge)

Registration Fee  @ $10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) $  
Ladies luncheon @ $10.00 $  
Saturday Evening Banquet @ $30.00 $  
Total Amount Enclosed $  
Cost of meal if check received post marked after MAY 6, 2020 $  
Or purchased on-site $  

City  __________ Zip  __________

Home Address  __________

Phone  ( )  E-mail  

Annual Meeting
Honoring the 2020-2021 Class of Exalted Rulers

May 14-17, 2020  • Wyndham City Centre Springfield

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**Hall Rentals:** 217-529-0158

**Walnut Room Hours:**
SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY: 11:00 AM TO CLOSE
SATURDAY: 3:00 PM TO CLOSE
KITCHEN HOURS: Tuesday - Friday (except 1st Wed.)
11 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 8 PM
Monday 11 AM - 2 PM and 5 PM - 9 PM
Saturday & Sunday: Kitchen Closed
(The bartender reserves the right to close earlier if no customers are present.)

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