Members all,
I’m slowly getting better. It’s going to be a long road to recovery.

Labor Day is coming up with a chance to win a two year pool membership. Need not be present to win.

On a sad note, my dad Robert Church passed away on 8/18/20 from complications with cancer.

Robert was a Elk for more than 55 years. Over the last several years he was the lodge grant writer. The lodge received thousands of dollars that was used to help homeless veterans, children in foster care & children with developmental disabilities.

Fraternally yours,
Adam Church, Exalted Ruler

As a reminder, we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis. During these times we are taking extra steps to maintain the health and safety of our employees and members. We are taking extra precautions in sanitizing the lodge. In addition, our employees are required to wear masks while on duty, this includes bartenders, servers, and cooks. We would also like to remind you that social distancing is still in place in the Lodge and on the grounds. We are requesting that our members wear proper PPE if a safe distance cannot be maintained while at the lodge. While the lodge is open at half capacity, we want members to be aware that there are still risks despite the extra steps we are taking to ensure the lodge is clean and safe. If you are feeling ill or have been around someone that has tested positive for Covid-19, please stay home. In addition to this, new guidelines will be enforced per the Governor, that masks will be required any time you come in contact with a server or bartender.

Phase 4 Guidelines: https://dceocovid19resources.com/restore-illinois/restore-illinois-phase-4/

The Board of Directors and the House Committee have made the difficult decision to change the Lodge hours, the Lodge is now open 4 pm to close everyday. This is in response to the Lodge’s current financial situation. Unfortunately, this year has not been a year that anyone envisioned. We are doing the best that we can and need our members more than ever. We welcome your ideas and your assistance in making the Lodge the great place we all know it to be. Please come out and support the Lodge but also please volunteer. We can get through this but we can only do it together. Team 158, let’s go! Thank you,

Ali Mikels, Esteemed Leading Knight

Remember to check your email for updates throughout the month.
Good Morning, Good Afternoon and Good Evening...depending on when you read this. I hope everything with you and your family is doing well.

The Officers of the Lodge held an Orientation and Initiation on August 19th. Please wELKome Springfield Elks Lodge #158 new members: Lorie Brown, Eric Campbell, Salli Chernis, Elizabeth Conaway, Sarah Disney, Melanie Dodd, James Evans, William Evans, Shannon Hughes, Terisa Lingafelter, J D Lipe and Connie Knoles. Even though things are a little different, the Lodge continues to grow. members of the Lodge are the reason it is still here. Continue to contribute and keep the Lodge strong!!!

It is never too late to pay your dues. You can mail in your membership dues, drop them off at the office or pay online at www.elks158.org

Century Club Winners for August 2020
August 5th - Kevin Hocking
August 12th - Joe Rieger
August 19th - Dixie Taylor
August 26th - Jolene Matthews

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. Fraternally yours, ENF Chairman 2020

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.

PER ASSOCIATION. The next meeting of the PER Association will take place on Monday, September 21, beginning with cocktails in the Walnut Room at 6:00 pm. Dinner, cooked by a surprise guest chef, will be around 6:30 pm with the meeting commencing at 7:00 pm. Annual dues will be collected and the current state of the Lodge will be among the discussion points at the meeting. Those wishing to attend should contact Association Secretary Jeff Rodier at 652-7570.

Connect with us on Facebook!
With the current raising of ‘positive’ testing being reported, we are converting back to having donations dropped here at the house for our mailing which is scheduled for July 21, 2020. (2 Island View Lane). Bill and I will pack the boxes, and once again have the Post Office pick up the packages, eliminating anyone having to go to the post office. We’re hoping that all is safe and staying healthy. If you would like to help with the Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, please contact Alice Beck at alicef819@aol.com

**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

**One Brick per Order Form**

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**Your Information**

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**Children’s Care Corporation Clinic Schedule for September 2020**

- **Mt. Carmel Clinic** September 4th at Wabash General Hospital: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- **Champaign/Urbana Clinic** September 8th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- **Effingham Clinic** September 10th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- **Robinson Clinic** September 16th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

**From the Editor:**

**ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE BY THE 21st 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 529-0158 or email: springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com
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We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
### SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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The 2021 MVS contest will open August 5, 2020.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

Eligibility:

Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.

Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.

High school graduates are not eligible to apply.

Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.

The MVS application link can be found at enf.elks.org/MVS. Applicants need to click the big, blue “Apply Now” button to get started!

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**SUNDAY FUNDAY NEEDS YOU!**

We are looking for a cooks for every Sunday in September. If you and your family or friends want to help out, just give Glenda Cassens a call or text at 217-971-8598. You can choose what you would like to cook, or just grill out hamburgers and hot dogs. That is totally up to the cooks. After Labor Day, the times for Sunday Funday will be 3-6pm. Joel Honey is playing September 6th(4-7pm) and the Tangents will be back on September 13th. Look at FB or your e-mail blasts for the rest of the music. I want to thank all of you who have stepped up and cooked this summer. The food has been marvelous. We can't keep going without the help of members like you!!!

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**WANT TO WIN $1000**

We are starting a new drawing beginning Friday, September 4th. We are only selling 100 tickets. Each ticket will be sold for $20. The drawing will be held as soon as the 100 tickets are sold. The winner will receive $1000. Until the 100th ticket is sold, there will be a drawing held every Friday night at 8pm. We will draw one ticket from the tickets that have been sold, and the winner will be able to choose between $20 cash or adding another ticket to the big drawing. Tickets are available in the Walnut Room or in the Lodge office. If you have any questions, contact a lodge officer or Glenda Cassens at 971-8598. This is an easy fundraiser that no one really has to do any volunteer hours. Please help keep our doors open by buying a ticket. Good luck to everyone!

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**WIN A 2 YEAR POOL MEMBERSHIP**

You can win a 2 year pool membership. We are having a drawing on Sunday, September 6th at 6pm. Need NOT be present to win. In order to purchase tickets, you must show your 2020-2021 membership card. Tickets are available in the office, Walnut Room, and at Sunday Funday. They will be $5 a ticket, and you can buy as many as you would like. Hope to see you at the Tiki Bar for Sunday Funday for the drawing.
Jeff Rodier was recently sworn in as the President of the Illinois Elks Association. This is quite an honor and has taken many years of dedication and hard work to reach this level. If you have spent any time at the Elks since February, 2001, I am sure you have seen Jeff and his lovely wife Norine. They are very active at our Lodge.

Jeff was born and raised in Springfield. He attended Christ the King, graduated from Griffin High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Eastern Illinois University. He was employed at the State of Illinois for almost 30 years; 15 with the Secretary of State and about 15 with the Department of Natural Resource, retiring in 2015.

Not only has he been involved in the Elks but in many other organizations: Member and Past President, American Business Club of Springfield; Board Member and Past President, Springfield Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors; past Board Member, Executive Committee Member and Vice Chairman of Operations, State Farm Rail Classic; past Board of Directors Member, Boys & Girls Club of Springfield; member of the Blue Ridge Club.

He joined the Springfield Lodge #158 in February, 2001; sponsored by PER Dave Preston, who also encouraged him to go through the Chairs. He served in the Chairs under the following PERs: John Williams, Dave Preston, Bill Beck, Keith Wilson, Kirk Newenham and Karl Lercher. He served four years as a Trustee/Board of Directors under Mike Beall, Eric Judy, Gene Heid and Bobby Edwards.

He was Lodge Chairman for the Sunday Attendance Drawing for seven years, Golf Outing Chairman for one year and Lapsation Chairman for several years.

On the District level, he served as West Central District Americanism Chairman for two years and District Chaplain for several years. On the State level, he served as State Chaplain for one year, member of the State Credentials Committee for four years, and served as Liaison to the Illinois Gaming Commission for the State Trustees Committee for three years.

When asked about some of his best memories, he responded: Being sworn in as ER of the Springfield Lodge twice; being named Officer of the Year, appointing the first future female Springfield ER in the Chairs, the great times helping with any project to benefit the Lodge, or its charities, the new friendships, and watching every new member of the Springfield Lodge being sworn in.

His advice for those considering the Chairs: First, give it careful thought as the Elks look for a multi-year commitment, if you wish to be an Officer; then talk to either a current Officer or PER to find out what will be expected of you.

He and Norine want to sincerely thank everyone at the Springfield Lodge for the constant support and friendship through the years, whether through the Springfield Chairs or the race for State Office and all the times in between.

Again, we are thankful to have Jeff and Norine as members of our Lodge. Make sure you congratulate them when you see them at the Lodge or out and about. We are all so proud of you and thankful for all you do to help our Lodge be a great place to be.
Lodge Office: Hours: Monday - Friday
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - (217) 529-0158

Hall Rentals:

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Saturday & Sunday: 4:00 PM to Close

Kitchen Hours: Tuesday - Friday (except 1st Wed.)
5 PM - 8 PM
Monday 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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Upcoming September 2020 Events

Wed, Sept 2  Lodge Meeting, 7 PM (Masks Required)
Sun, Sept 6  Sunday Funday with Joel Honey, 4-7 PM
Mon, Sept 7  Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sun, Sept 13 Sunday Funday with The Tangents, 3-6 PM
Mon, Sept 14 House Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
Wed, Sept 16 Orientation/Initiation, 6 PM (Masks required)
Sun, Sept 20 Sunday Funday with TBA, 3-6 PM
Sun, Sept 27 Sunday Funday with TBA, 3-6 PM

Recurring Events Each Month

Mondays  Wing Night Special, 5—9 PM
Fridays  $1000 Drawing—NEW
Sundays  Membership BIG 10 & 50/50 Drawings @ 6 PM