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LODGE HOURS

- Monday-Friday
10:30 am-10:00 pm (or later)
- Saturday
3:00 pm-10:00 pm

OFFICERS:

Exalted Ruler: Bobby Rongey
Leading Knight: Kevin Williams , PER
Loyal Knight: Randy Brown
Lecturing Knight: Allen Gulledge
Secretary: Jackie Welch
Treasurer: Wayne Corzine
Esquire: Thor Lundquist, PER
Chaplain: Patti Smith
Trustees:
 One Year: Heather Davis
 Two Year: Michelle Hamilton
 Three Year: Thor Lundquist, PER

REMINDERS:

Apr. 6 Initiation/Orientation
 Apr. 14 District Meeting
 Apr. 15 Lodge Meeting
 Apr. 22 Lodge Meeting



THE ANTLER



Words from our ER

Members All,

I hope everyone is doing well, please continue to keep all our members and their families that are dealing with illness in your prayers.

April is the start of a new year for the lodge and its officers. Welcome our new officers for 2024-2025, Kevin Williams, Thor Lindquist, and Jackie Welch. I would like to thank Mike Reel, Sheri Patchett and Billy Robinson for all their help and dedication.

With the start of a new year, the lodge will begin April 1st to have the entrance door locked. Please have your key card on you when coming to the lodge to gain access. On April 1st the lock at the Lake property will change as well. So, if you do not have a new key, please come by the lodge to pick one up if you paid for one or pay for one then. Please remember when using the lake property to lock the gate behind you after entering and leaving.

Please continue to Facebook, the calendar, and the sign on the front of our building for updates.

We continue to have our Queen of Hearts drawing on Tuesday, come see us and try your luck.

Initiation of new members will be on Saturday April 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. along with a potluck dinner following. Please join on to welcome our new members and bring your favorite dish. Hope to see you there.

Lodge meetings this month will be on Monday the 8th and the 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Our South District meeting is at the Benton lodge on Sunday, April 14, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Once again
 thanks to all
 the support
 the Marion
 Elks Lodge
 #800 and your continuing support and patience, we look forward to
 another successful year.

Elks Care — Elks Share

Bob Rongey

VA Report

The usual monthly supplies of coffee, various sodas, and individual treat bags cookies and/or chips was delivered to the CLC and RRTP areas.

During 2024, when the Saturday breakfast is served from 7 to 10:30 am, residents from the RRTP and Haven House are invited. Some of our veterans join us at the lodge and carry outs are provided for those unable to do so.

The Goreville house for one homeless veteran is progressing. Even a bit slower because a grant promised them for the internal furnishings, is no longer available. To make up for this loss, they are planning a Haven House Picnic on the lawn. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1101 Pentecost Drive in Marion from 10 am—5 pm. There will be music, food, fun, and tours of the premises. Looking forward to seeing many of our Elks members there supporting this project. A flyer is posted on our lodge bulletin board for more details.

While the 30 Fidget throws for the VAMC and CLC were delivered on February 20th, our Carolyn Place is working on another 30. The VAMC inpatient Veterans and the CLC and RRTP residents take the throws home when they are released. So, Carolyn's work is never really finished.

We will be making our monthly VA visit to the VA Medical Center and CLC. Anyone interested in joining this group, just leave your name, phone number, and email address at the lodge or send it to rmcdc1@frontier.com

Just want to share a little success story with you. Our member, Randy Brown, called to tell me he had a new recliner with a lift, his old one was still in excellent condition, he would be happy to donate it to someone in need and would even be able to deliver it. Since the VAMC is only allowed to accept new items, I asked him to give me a day to make some contacts and I immediately called Shawnee Alliance of Marion because I know they do home visits. They called the next day and I put them in touch with Randy. They were thrilled to be able to provide the chair to one of their home patients who has only one leg, and while he had a recliner, it didn't have a lift and he had difficulty getting in and out of the chair without assistance. Then to make a good story even better, I learned that he was also a veteran. A very sincere THANKS RANDY BROWN for your donation and assistance. Elks Care! Elks Share!

If you know any veteran who lives alone or is in need of anything, please contact us. Thank you for your interest and continued support of our Veterans' programs.

Never Forget Their Service



Tuesday Nights

**Queen of Hearts
Drawing**



**Drawing at 7 pm
Food will be available**

Thursday Nights



**Wings served
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

(Smoked wings available on the third
Thursday of the month only.)

Friday Nights

- Apr. 5 LOBSTER/
CHOP STEAK
- Apr. 12 PORK
- Apr. 19 PRIME RIB
- Apr. 26 RIBEYE

All dinners are served
with baked potato, salad,
and a roll.

**Dinner served
6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Thursday Night Music

- Apr. 4 Max Dalton
- Apr. 11 Tim Crosby
- Apr. 18 Dave Clark
- Apr. 25 Eli Tellor

Music begins at 6:30 pm



**Marion Elks #800
WING NIGHT**

APPETIZERS

- Clam Strips.....\$5.00 Breded Mushrooms.....\$5.00
- Corn Nuggets.....\$5.00 Mozzarella Sticks.....\$5.00
- Poppers.....\$5.00 Jalapeno Cheesesticks....\$5.00

ADDONS

- French Fries.....\$3.75 Beer-Battered Fries.....\$3.75
- Onion Rings.....\$3.75 Sweet Potato Fries.....\$3.75
- Carrots & Celery.....\$1.00

**6 FOR
WINGS \$6**

Mild, Hot, Garlic Parm, Sweet BBQ, Asian Zing, Naked,
Cajun Dry Rub, Lemon- Pepper, Shane's Hot Asian Zing

**6 FOR
SHRIMP \$5**

**CHICKEN
STRIPS**

5 FOR \$9.00 OR 3 FOR \$6.00

Mild, Hot, Garlic Parm, Sweet BBQ, Asian Zing, Naked,
Cajun Dry Rub, Lemon- Pepper, Shane's Hot Asian Zing

Extra Sauces and Dips...\$.50
Ranch, Blue Cheese, Cocktail Sauce, Honey Mustard, Hot, Mild
Garlic Parm, Sweet BBQ, Asian Zing, Shane's Hot Asian Zing



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 6 Initiation/Orientation
- Apr. 14 District Meeting
- Apr. 15 Lodge Meeting
- Apr. 22 Lodge Meeting

We are in **URGENT** need for volunteers to help keep our kitchen open. We need one team for a Thursday night.



On March 13-14, 2024, a few of our lodge members manned the Marion Elks vendor table at the Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference at SIU Carbondale. They distributed Elks Drug Awareness Program information to over 450 area social works, teachers, law enforcement, lawyers and medical staff. Pictured left standing (L to R) are Michelle Hamilton, Heather Davis, and Jackie Welch; (seated L to R) Bailie Welch, Payton Windell and Carol Conley. Not pictured: Ray and Paula Eaton.

2024-2025 Officers

On March 25, 2024, the 2024-2025 Officers were sworn in. Pictured L to R are Wayne Corzine, Treasurer; Randy Brown, Loyal Knight; Alan "Bears" Gullege, Lecturing Knight; Heather Davis, Trustee; (hiding) Kevin Williams, Leading Knight; Patti Smith, Chaplain; Michelle Hamilton, Trustee; Jake Welch, Tiler; Jackie Welch, Secretary; Thor Lundquist, Esquire and Trustee; and front and center, our Exalted Ruler, Mr. Robert Rongey.





Lorna Cochran	1st
Jennifer Russell	
Eric Fosse	2nd
Jonah Grassl	
Randall Stephens	3rd
Brian Ziegler	
Jay Elders	4th
Jim Kinser	
Jeff Lober	5th
Jake Byers	
Wayne Dunn	6th
Allen Gullede	
Kris Roberts	
Colin Brave	
Lisa James	8th
Rita Reeves	
Joe Campbell	9th
Douglas Bridgeman	10th
Bradley Kleckner	
Thomas Wolf	12th
Lori McClellan	13th
Bryan Adams	14th

Roger Griffith	15th
Joan Conkovich	
Donald Lingle	17th
Gregory Sullivan	
Zena Phillips	20th
Alan Blades	21st
Jeff Trego	
Christina Burns	22nd
Tory Cunningham	23rd
Lisa White	24th
Larry Bookwalter	
Carl Orlovich	25th
Dan Travelstead	
Jamie Norris	26th
Michael Ocampo	
Mike Sanders	27th
Gary Stark	
Thomas Barnoski	28th
Brandon Vaughn	
Joseph Bleyer	30th
Heather Davis	

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lunch Special Grill or Fried Chicken Caesar Salad	2 Lunch Special BBQ Pork Chop Queen of ♥'s 50/50 Drawing Cajun Sausage Shrimp Pasta	3 Lunch Special Polish Sausage & Kraut Ladies Night bucket specials Free pool	4 Lunch Special Salisbury Steak Wing Night & Music 6:30 pm Max Dalton	5 Lunch Special Breaded Catfish OR Grilled Seasoned Salmon Friday Night Meal Lobster / Chopped Steak	6 Initiation and Potluck TIME??????
7	8 Lunch Special Chopped Italian Sandwich or Salad NO lodge meeting	9 Lunch Special Chicken n Dumplings Queen of ♥'s 50/50 Drawing Burgers	10 Lunch Special Italian Beef Ladies Night bucket specials Free pool	11 Lunch Special Pork Loin Wing Night & Music 6:30 pm Miranda Wilmore	12 Lunch Special Breaded Catfish OR Grilled Seasoned Salmon OR Gyros Friday Night Meal Pork	13 Down the Leash Trivia Night TIME??????
14	15 Lunch Special Chicken Broccoli Bake Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	16 Lunch Special Taco Salad Queen of ♥'s 50/50 Drawing	17 Lunch Special Meatloaf Ladies Night bucket specials Free pool	18 Lunch Special Smothered Chicken & Rice Smoked Wing Night & Music Dave Simmons 6:30 pm	19 Lunch Special Breaded Catfish OR Grilled Seasoned Salmon OR Gyros Friday Night Meal Prime Rib	20
21	22 Lunch Special Country Fried Steak Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	23 Lunch Special Open Faced Beef Queen of ♥'s 50/50 Drawing Burgers	24 Lunch Special Chicken Carbonara Ladies Night bucket specials Free pool	25 Lunch Special Gumbo Wing Night & Music Zach Modglin 6:30 pm	26 Lunch Special Breaded Catfish OR Grilled Seasoned Salmon OR Gyros Friday Night Meal Steak	27 Breakfast 7-10:30 am
28	29 Lunch Special BBQ Basket Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	30 Lunch Special Lasagna Queen of ♥'s 50/50 Drawing Red Beans & Rice				



Join us on the “My Elk” App! It’s free!

The “My Elks” app is available now on both Android and Apple platforms and works on both smartphones and tablets. The app is free to members and can be downloaded from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store by searching My Elks. The app includes latest events, menu specials, and membership news happening at our lodge. You can also get directions, view business hours, contact and website information to locations near you.



Earn Points when you’re at the lodge!

You can earn points just by showing up at the bar or attending meetings.

Exchange points for a variety of rewards.

(More details on the rewards will be coming soon!)

Marion Chamber of Commerce

Did you know that the Marion Elks Lodge is a member of the Marion Chamber of Commerce? Members are welcome to attend luncheons, ribbon cuttings, open houses and other events held by the chamber.

Go to www.marionillinois.com for more information.

See you at the lodge!

