



# THE ANTLER

## Words from our ER

Members All,

February has passed and March is here, and I hope everyone is staying healthy and warm. We are still looking for members willing to step up and help in the kitchen. It may seem intimidating at first, but it truly is not—we have a lot of fun, and you'll be learning from some of the best cooks in southern Illinois. Come up and give it a try!

Most Saturdays in March the club is rented. **Saturday, March 14th** is our **Club Breakfast**. If you haven't tried it before, please do. All proceeds go directly toward Lodge improvements, and right now we're working toward replacing the furnaces on both sides of the building.

On **March 21st**, we'll host our **Dues Paying Party**. The **Honky Tonk Troubadours**, a five-piece band, will provide entertainment for the evening. Details are on page 7. Come pay your dues, enjoy free food, and take in some great music. Members must be current to participate. Non-members are welcome for \$15, which includes food and entertainment.

Lodge meetings are held on the **2nd and 4th Monday** of each month at **7:30 p.m.** Join us and learn what it takes to operate this wonderful club. With over 500 members, everyone has a voice—bring your ideas. The more you put into being involved, the more you get out of it.

The lake property is coming along very nicely. We are approximately 95% finished with the bathroom area. Go check it out if you haven't already. If you don't have a key, let me know and I'll meet you there. Look for more lake events this spring and summer.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and wonderful members!

Fraternally,  
Kevin Williams  
Exalted Ruler



### LODGE HOURS

- Monday-Friday  
10:30 am-8:00 pm (or later)
- Saturday - 11 am-6 pm (or later)
- Sunday—CLOSED

### OFFICERS:

**Exalted Ruler:** Kevin Williams

**Leading Knight:** Randy Brown

**Loyal Knight:** Allen Gullede

**Lecturing Knight:** Patti Smith

**Secretary:** Jackie Welch

**Treasurer:** Wayne Corzine

**Esquire:** Thor Lindquist, PER

**Chaplain:** Kelly Saxhaug

**Trustees:**

One Year: Michelle Hamilton

Two Year: Thor Lindquist, PER

Three Year: Bobby Rongey, PER

### REMINDERS:

- Mar 4 Initiation/Orientation
- Mar 5 Dirt Water Fox
- Mar 9 Lodge Meeting
- Mar 10 Entertainment Meeting
- Mar 14 Breakfast
- Mar 18 Gospel Music Night
- Mar 19 Cody Galloway
- Mar 21 Dues Paying Party
- Mar 23 Lodge Meeting

# VA Report for February 2026

On February 10, 2026, Brett Udenstock, Rose Davidson, Debbie Bertrand, Jeannette Lamphear, Josie Strang and I made a visit to the Community Living Center on the Marion Veterans' Administration campus for an afternoon of fellowship and BINGO!!! Our Lodge also delivered a large bag of bird food. The Veteran's enjoy bird watching from their windows, especially in this chilly weather. We also provided soda to the residence of the Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP) so they can enjoy a treat occasionally.

March 18, 2026, the Elks is hosting a Gospel Night. Entry is free but we are asking those attending to donate non-perishable items for the VA Food Pantry. Suggested items include tuna, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Spam, Cream Corn, can openers & shaving cream.

Bingo is held at 2 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our committee would love to have some new faces join us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tatia Strang



**MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT**

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### 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 NIGHT SPECIAL**

- MAR 6 SEAFOOD
- MAR 13 PORK
- MAR 20 PRIME RIB
- MAR 27 STEAK

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

Dinner served  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

HELP US BUILD A  
**Wing Team!**  
We're Building a Solid Crew to Keep  
**Wing Night Soaring!**  
Join us for a lively evening in the kitchen—  
Work with **Great People**  
Serve Up **Delicious Wings**  
**Have Fun & Make a Difference!**

**Interested?**  
**REACH OUT TODAY!**  
— No Experience Necessary —  
**Just a Willingness to Pitch In!**

Together, we keep our Lodge  
**strong, welcoming & thriving!**

# Future Elks in the Making: Italian Night at the Lodge

## A Night of Food, Fellowship, and Future Elks

On February 6th, the Marion Elks Lodge was filled with the warm aromas of Italian cooking, the sound of laughter, and the spirit of teamwork as members of the **Marion Soccer Board** hosted a special Italian Night dinner.

## A Family-Focused Evening

While the adults worked hard in the kitchen preparing a delicious meal, their kids enjoyed the evening just as much—"working" in their own way with a friendly game of pool, plenty of smiles, and the kind of fun that makes the Lodge feel like home.



Pictured L to R: Tyler Young, Doug Corzine, Brad Corzine and Patrick Hunn



## Elk Spirit in Action

In the kitchen, volunteers cooked side by side, showing true Elk values through service, dedication, and teamwork. Their efforts created not only a wonderful meal but also a warm and welcoming atmosphere that brought everyone together.

## The Next Generation

One of the most heartwarming parts of the evening was seeing the next generation enjoying the Lodge. These young guests are truly **Future Elks in the Making**, learning early what fellowship, service, and community are all about.

## Thank You

A heartfelt thank-you to the Marion Soccer Board members and their families for a memorable evening. Events like this remind us that the Elks Lodge is more than a building—it's a place where friendships grow, families connect, and traditions are passed on.



**Elks Care — Elks Share**

### Beacon & Spotlight Grants Support Local Families

Thanks to this year’s Beacon and Spotlight Grants, Marion Elks Lodge #800 provided 80 full Thanksgiving meals to families in need. The Marion Ministerial Alliance helped identify households for the dinners, ensuring the meals reached those who needed them most.

The remaining \$1,800 from the grants was donated to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry to support their ongoing fight against hunger

Through the combined power of ENF grants, dedicated volunteers, and strong community partnerships, Marion Elks Lodge #800 continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors



Pictured is Jackie Welch, Lodge Secretary, presenting a \$1,800 check to J.R. Russell of the Ministerial Alliance, supporting their local food pantry through the Elks Grants.

**Elks Lodge**

**BREAKFAST!**

**MARCH 14, 2026**

**7:00 - 10:30 AM**

**ONLY \$10**

**Marion Elks**

**ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MARCH 10, 2026 ♦ 5:30 PM**

**Always looking for volunteers!**



See you at the lodge!



## Why is this important to our lodge?

- Dues fund lodge activities, community service, charity work, and operations.
- **Timely payments** (especially by **April 1**) help lodges meet reporting deadline, such as the annual membership report to Grand Lodge by **May 1**.
- **Delays** can affect lodge finances and standing.



## How can I pay?

- At the Lodge Dues Paying Party on **March 21st**.
- **Cash, Check or Charge** at the lodge or mail your check to the lodge.
- On our website at [www.marionelks800.com](http://www.marionelks800.com) under Membership:

## Not planning to renew or behind on dues?

- If you choose not to renew, please contact the **Lodge Secretary** **before April 1** so we avoid unnecessary Grand Lodge fees on your behalf.
- If you're behind and want to stay current, reach out to the **Secretary**—we'll work with you to bring your account up to date.





# MARCH MADNESS

**TOURNAMENT WATCH PARTY**

*Join Us for **ALL** the Games!*



**Big Screens**



**Great Food**



**Great Company**



**Wall-to-Wall Tournament Action**

**Catch every buzzer beater, bracket buster, and championship moment right here at the Lodge!**

**Marion Elks Lodge #800**

**All Members Welcome**



**March 1**

Mike Droge  
Randy Koster  
Cody Rector

**March 2**

Kevin McConnell  
Jason Rector  
Lloyd Sollers  
Beverly Stewart  
Donald Trombetta

**March 4**

Ralph Brocker  
Steve Emery

**March 5**

William Gentry

**March 6**

Lori Shannon

**March 7**

Wayne Corzine

**March 9**

Darrell Ross

**March 10**

Mike Hamilton

**March 11**

Rob Cash  
Pamela Pearson  
Mitchell Strang, PER  
Beth Williams

**March 12**

Libby Bailey  
Tommy Janes

**March 14**

Mikey Thomas

**March 16**

Stan Diggs  
Allison Hasler

**March 17**

Pat Dugger  
Shannon Edwards

**March 18**

Carroll Basham

**March 19**

Tony Korando  
Dorothy Petersen  
Carolyn Place  
Nicholas Taylor

**March 21**

Jonah Houge  
Chris Nordmeyer

**March 24**

Linda Brown  
Scott Gregge  
Donald Norris  
Eric Wildgrube

**March 25**

Brad Corzine  
Trent Kimberley

**March 26**

Robert Avripas  
Christopher Fritz  
Mathew Strobel

**March 27**

David Corzine  
Stephen Mattox

**March 29**

Steve Venable  
Alvin Ward

**March 30**

David Eichhorn

**March 31**

Dewey Clemens  
Emma Garrison  
Brett Umdenstock





# GOSPEL Music Night

— An Evening of *Uplifting* —  
 — Traditional and Southern Gospel Music —

Bring Your Friends, Family and Neighbors for a  
**POWERFUL NIGHT** of Music, Encouragement  
 — and Community Fellowship! —

**MARCH 18, 2026 • 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Marion Elks Lodge #800**

204 S Market St • Marion,



*Featuring*

Dave Clark • Cody Galloway • Delbert “LefD” Clugston

**The Event Is *FREE!***

But Donations of **Non-Perishable** Items Are Appreciated

**Proceeds go to the VA Food Pantry**

- Coffee • Peanut Butter • Tuna
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew • Spam
- Cream Corn • Can Openers • Shaving Cream



DONATIONS

*All Are Welcome!*



# DUES PAYING PARTY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 ★ 5-7 PM

Food Provided!

★ ♪ MUSIC BY ♪ ★

**DAVE CLARK**

— and the —

**HONKY TONK**  
**TROUBADOURS**

— 7-10 PM —

•• Free to current Marion Elks members ••

•• Cost for Non-Members is \$15 for ••  
Food & Entertainment

**FUNDRAISER**  
*Small's Meat Market Bundle*  
FOR  
**LODGE IMPROVEMENTS!**

**TICKETS:**  
★ **\$5** EACH OR **3 FOR \$10**

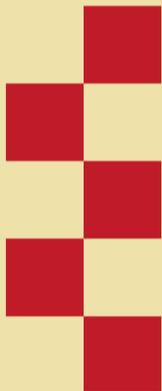
FOR TICKETS  
**ASK ANY OFFICER**  
OR  
**SEE THE BARTENDER**  
★ **ON DUTY!** ★

**DRAWING ON**  
★ **TUESDAY,** ★  
**MARCH 31, 2026**  
AFTER THE  
*Queen of Hearts!*

**Elks**  
USA

**Free  
Pool**

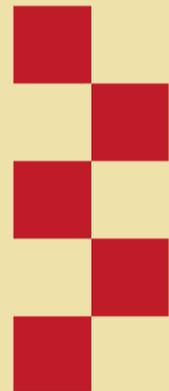
# IT'S A PIZZA DAY



## Special Offer

**PEPS PIZZA  
& A BUCKET**

Every Monday,  
Wednesday &  
Saturday!!!



Marion Elks  
Lodge #800

# '26



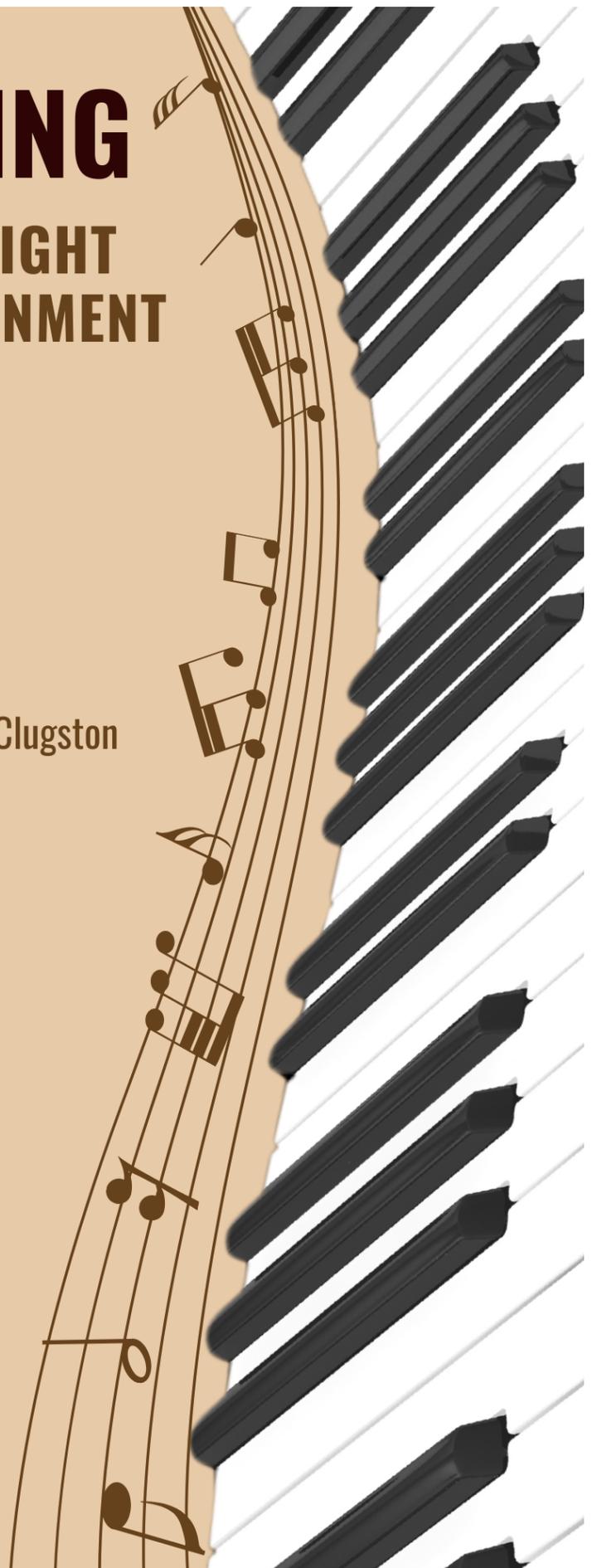
# SPRING WING NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

1ST & 3RD  
THURSDAYS  
6:30 PM

## Schedule

<b>January</b>	15	Tim Crosby
<b>February</b>	5	Fire & Ice
	19	Delbert "Lef D" Clugston
<b>March</b>	5	Dirt Water Fox
	19	Cody Galloway
<b>April</b>	2	Edwin Linson
	16	Tim Crosby
<b>May</b>	7	Eli Tellow
	21	Dirt Water Fox

**OPEN JUKEBOX  
ON 2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup> AND  
5<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS**



# March 2026

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
1	2 <b>Lunch Special</b> Zaxby Salad  Pizza & a bucket	3 <b>Lunch Special</b> Taco Soup <b>Queen of ♡'s</b> 50/50 Drawing 7 pm Chicken Dumplings	4 <b>Lunch Special</b> Meatloaf  Orientation/Initiation <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pizza & a bucket Free pool	5 <b>Lunch Special</b> Philly Steak  <b>Getting Sauced</b> <b>Wing Night</b> 6 – 8 pm Dirt Water Fox	6 <b>Lunch Special</b> Blacken fish OR, Salmon  <b>Friday Night Meal</b> Seafood	7 <b>Saturday Special</b> Pizza & a bucket  Free Pool  <b>Club Rented</b>
8	9 <b>Lunch Special</b> Philly Steak Soup  Pizza & a bucket	10 <b>Lunch Special</b> Polish Dog <b>Queen of ♡'s</b> 50/50 Drawing 7 pm Smoked Bologna	11 <b>Lunch Special</b> Bang Bang Chicken  <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pizza & a bucket Free pool	12 <b>Lunch Special</b> Grilled Pork  <b>Getting Sauced</b> <b>Wing Night</b> 6 – 8 pm Open Jukebox	13 <b>Lunch Special</b> Cattfish OR Fried Sprimp  <b>Friday Night Meal</b> Pork	14 <b>Breakfast</b> 7-10:30 am  <b>Saturday Special</b> Pizza & a bucket  Free Pool
15	16 <b>Lunch Special</b> Spinach Salad  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 pm Pizza & a bucket	17 <b>Lunch Special</b> Irish Stew <b>Queen of ♡'s</b> 50/50 Drawing 7 pm Corned Beef and Cabbage	18 <b>Lunch Special</b> Shrimp Taco  <b>Gospel Night</b> Pizza & a bucket Free pool	19 <b>Lunch Special</b> Spring Salad  <b>Smokin' Wings Night</b> 6 – 8 pm Cody Galloway	20 <b>Lunch Special</b> Salmon OR Grilled Shrimp  <b>Friday Night Meal</b> Prime Rib	21 <b>Dues Paving Party</b> Food – 5-7 pm  Honky Tonk Troubadours 7-10 pm
22	23 <b>Lunch Special</b> Smothered Chicken  Pizza & a bucket	24 <b>Lunch Special</b> Chicken Rice <b>Queen of ♡'s</b> 50/50 Drawing 7 pm	25 <b>Lunch Special</b> Meatball Sub  <b>Ladies' Night</b> Pizza & a bucket Free pool	26 <b>Lunch Special</b> Club Sandwich  <b>Mother Cluckers</b> <b>Wing Night</b> 6 – 8 pm Open Jukebox	27 <b>Lunch Special</b> Gyros, Salmon OR Cattfish  <b>Friday Night Meal</b> Ribeye	28 <b>Saturday Special</b> Pizza & a bucket  Free Pool  <b>Club Rented</b>
25	26 <b>Lunch Special</b> Taco Salad  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 pm Pizza & a bucket	27 <b>Lunch Special</b> Country Fried Steak  <b>Queen of ♡'s</b> 50/50 Drawing 7 pm Meat Bundle Drawing				