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### 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 Gulledge

**Lecturing Knight:** Kelly Saxhaug

**Secretary:** Jackie Welch

**Treasurer:** Wayne Corzine

**Esquire:** Thor Lindquist, PER

**Chaplain:**

**Trustees:**

One Year: Thor Lindquist, PER

Two Year: Bobby Rongey, PER

Three Year: Tyler Young

### REMINDERS:

- Oct 3 Veterans on Parade
- Oct 7 Mahjong
- Oct 10 Breakfast
- Oct 12 Lodge Meeting
- Oct 17 Luck of the Lodge
- Oct 21 Orientation/Initiation
- Oct 24 Hoop Shoot
- Oct 26 Lodge Meeting
- Oct 30 Fish Fry
- Nov 4 Mahjong
- Nov 7 Chili Cookoff
- Nov 8 District Meeting
- Nov 14 Veterans Pancake Breakfast
- Dec 7 Memorial Service
- Cocoa w/Santa & Mrs. Claus

# THE ANTLER



## Words from our ER

Members All,

Another month has come and gone, and fall is officially here! As usual, it's a busy time around the lodge, and we have plenty going on.

Veterans on Parade is coming up Saturday, October 3, and we could really use some extra hands that day. If you're able to help out, please do. We always appreciate our volunteers, and events like this wouldn't happen without you.

On October 17, we have Luck of the Lodge. Be sure to ask about getting your tickets. This is a great fundraiser for the lodge and helps us continue doing the things we do throughout the year.

We're also always looking for help in the kitchen and with other events. Don't be afraid to jump in and lend a hand. I promise, it's rewarding, and it's a great way to get more involved with the lodge.

The lake property is looking good and ready for our members to enjoy, so get out there and take advantage of it! We'll also be setting up a day soon to do a little cleanup around the property, followed by a cookout as a thank-you to our members.

A big thank-you to all of our volunteers, both those who are always there and those who may be thinking about getting involved. We couldn't do what we do without you. And thank you to everyone who continues to stop by and support the lodge.

Enjoy the cooler weather, and I hope to see you around the lodge soon.

Until next time!!

Fraternally,

Kevin Williams  
Exalted Ruler



**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**

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| OCT 2  | BEEF SANDWICH<br>W/HIBACHI<br>NOODLES |
| OCT 9  | PORK                                  |
| OCT 16 | PRIME RIB                             |
| OCT 23 | RIBEYE                                |
| OCT 30 | FISH FRY                              |

*All dinners are served with baked  
potato, salad, and a roll.  
(except for the fish fry)***Dinner served from 6 - 8 pm****BUY A ROUND FOR  
OUR KITCHEN STAFF!***Show your  
appreciation!***\$20***Pitch in & Say "Cheers!"**Stay Connected with*  
**Marion Elks!****Get updates and alerts straight to your phone.****— Text —****ELKS800****★ to 618-221-0620 ★****MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT****JACKIE WELCH****secretary@marionelks800.com****WITH ANY:****• ADDRESS CHANGES****• EMAIL UPDATES****• PHONE NUMBER CHANGES**



*Hello!*



My name is **Xander Reeder**, and I am 23 years old. I was born in Nevada and raised in Central Louisiana. Growing up, I developed a lifelong passion for cooking. Having the opportunity to be raised in a state known for its incredible cuisine and rich culinary traditions helped shape my appreciation for great food and flavor.



At 18, I became a Kitchen Manager for Casey's, where I gained valuable experience and further developed my culinary skills. One of my favorite challenges is recreating dishes. Show me a picture of a meal, and I'll do my best to bring it to life in the kitchen.



I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the cook at the Elks and hope to elevate the dining experience for our members. I prepare every meal with the same level of care, quality, and passion that I would for my own family.



I plan to attend Rend Lake College's Culinary Arts program to earn my degree in Culinary Arts. My goal is to combine my experience, education, and love of cooking to create memorable meals for everyone I serve.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE XANDER  
AS PART OF OUR ELKS FAMILY!





Shane Pettigrew

A decorative graphic for a Mahjong event. It features purple flowers in the top left and bottom right corners. The title "Mahjong" is in a large, purple, cursive font, followed by "Open Play" in a green, serif font. A heart symbol is to the right of "Mahjong". Below the title, there is a calendar icon, a clock icon, and a location pin icon. The text "Wednesday October 7th" is in purple, "@ 5:30" is in green, and "Marion Elks" is in green. The phrase "Come play, learn and have fun!" is in purple, followed by a heart symbol. In the bottom right corner, there are four Mahjong tiles: one with the character "東" (East) in blue, one with "發" (Fa) in green, one with a purple flower design, and one with "中" (Zhong) in red.

# Mahjong ♥ Open Play

 Wednesday  
**October 7th**

 **@ 5:30**

 *Location*  
**Marion Elks**

*Come play, learn and have fun! ♥*



**Marion Elks  
Lodge #800**

204 S. Market St.  
Marion, IL

# BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026**

**7:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**\$10**  
PER  
PERSON

INCLUDES:

Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Eggs, Sausage and Hash Brown Casserole



**Marion Elks Lodge #800**

## "Luck of the Lodge" RAFFLE



**Saturday, October 17th, 2026**

**Drawing to take place at 5:00 pm.**

Present signed ticket for party at the  
Marion Elks Lodge  
**from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.**

Need not be present to win –

**\$20 per ticket.**

Only 600 tickets sold.

All tickets must be returned  
by October 13th, 2026.



To purchase tickets, contact the **Lodge** or any **Lodge Officer**.



# CALLING ALL YOUNG SHOOTERS!

The Marion Elks Lodge #800 Hoop Shoot is coming up!  
This **FREE** free-throw competition is open to  
children **ages 8–13**.

## SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS!

Test your free-throw  
shooting and see  
how far you  
can advance!

## HAVE SOME FUN!

Enjoy a great day  
of friendly competition  
and make new  
friends!

## OPEN TO ALL!

No experience  
necessary—just  
bring your  
best shot!

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ALL!

No experience is necessary—  
**JUST BRING YOUR BEST SHOT!**

**CONTEST LOCATION:** Marion High School

**HOSTED BY:** Marion Elks Lodge

**LODGE NO.** 800

**DATE:** October 24, 2026

**TIME:** 10am Registration @ 9am

**DIRECTOR:** Becky Bourland

**CONTACT:** 618-993-3151

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2027. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit [elks.org/hoopshoot](https://elks.org/hoopshoot).



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Foundation, Inc.

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usa  
Marion  
#800

**MARION ELKS LODGE**  
#800

**HALLOWEEN**  
**FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**FOR \$15**

**TREAT BAGS FOR THE KIDS!**

**Everyone Welcome!**

**FISH**  
**SIDES**  
**BAKED BEANS**  
**HUSH PUPPIES**

**October 1**

Aimee Griffith  
Quent Hamilton  
Cole Moss

**October 3**

Daniel Petska

**October 5**

Drew Donelson  
Joy Wilcox  
Graham Young

**October 7**

Larry Schafer

**October 8**

Terry Klusmeyer

**October 9**

Roger Ellis  
Daniel Gentz, Sr.

**October 10**

Garrett Bourroughs  
Amber Fike  
Scott Isaacs

**October 11**

Greg Clutts  
Andrew Garrett

**October 12**

Jeff Donahue  
Mike Dugger  
Dale Poole

**October 13**

Jeff Moore

**October 14**

Lacey Young

**October 15**

Jami Hodge  
Ed Thompson

**October 17**

Chris Blue  
Josh Foster  
Carol Lindquist  
T.C. Mueller

**October 18**

Paula Eaton  
McKager Ferrell

**October 20**

Tony Eaton

**October 21**

Pat Schipper

**October 25**

Donna Carter  
Troy Dishner  
Keith Griffith

**October 26**

Jeff Diederich  
Mark Schleck  
Kevin Tondini  
Mark Wilcox

**October 27**

Tim Bailey

**October 28**

Bud Salzman

**October 29**

Conner Chamness  
Chris Larrison





# MARION ELKS LODGE #800



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**OCTOBER 3**

**Veterans on Parade**



**OCTOBER 10**

**Breakfast**



**OCTOBER 17**

**Luck of the Lodge**



**OCTOBER 21**

**New Member Orientation  
& Initiation**



**OCTOBER 24**

**Hoop Shoot**



**OCTOBER 30**

**Fish Fry**



**NOVEMBER 7**

**Chili Cook-off**



**NOVEMBER 8**

**District meeting**



**NOVEMBER 14**

**Veterans Pancake Breakfast**



**DECEMBER 6**

**Memorial Service**



**DECEMBER 6**

**Cocoa with Santa**

ELKS CARE



ELKS SHARE



TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**JOIN. GIVE. VOLUNTEER.**





**★ 17TH ANNUAL ★**  
**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS**  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
 ★ AND ★  
**BLOODY MARY CONTEST**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2026**  
 (Application deadline is October 30, 2026)

TEAM THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS  
 ★ **“UNITED STATES MILITARY”** ★

Visit the Southern Illinois Chili Cook-Off  
 Facebook page for application and more details!



**Elks** **Marion Elks**  
 usa **Lodge #800**

**Order Your**  
**Smoked Turkey**

**WE DO THE SMOKING,  
 YOU DO THE FEASTING!**

**11-14 lbs.**  
**\$40**

**ORDER DEADLINE**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**PICK UP**  
**AFTER 5 PM ON**  
**TUESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**STOP BY THE LODGE**  
**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER AND PAY**

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Marion Elks  
Lodge #800

# Elks MEMORIAL SERVICE

DECEMBER 6, 2026

1:00 PM

Marion Elks #800

# Christmas Bonfire with SANTA

Sunday, December 6, 2026  
2:30pm - 5:30pm

Free Hotdogs,  
S'mores &  
Hot Chocolate

The poster features a festive winter scene with a bonfire in the foreground. Santa Claus is on the left, roasting marshmallows over the fire. Mrs. Claus is on the right, holding a large red mug of hot chocolate. The background is decorated with pine branches, lights, and snow. The text is overlaid on the scene, with the event name in large, bold letters.



★★★★★  
**29TH ANNUAL**  
**PENNY BAGBY**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
 ★ VETERAN'S FUNDRAISER ★

**SATURDAY**  
**NOV 14**  
 6:30 - 10:30 AM

TICKETS ARE  
**\$10**

CONTACT THE LODGE AT  
 ★ **618-993-3151** ★  
 FOR TICKETS



**ELKS STRONG**  
**TOGETHER**

★  
 OUR LODGE. OUR COMMUNITY.  
*OUR RESPONSIBILITY.*

OUR LODGE  
 CAN ONLY  
**SUCCEED**  
 WITH YOUR  
**HELP!**

Volunteers  
 DON'T  
 NECESSARILY  
 HAVE THE  
 TIME...  
 ★  
*They Just  
 Have the  
 Heart!*

*All Elks Members* **PLEASE GET INVOLVED!**

★ VOLUNTEER TODAY - MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOMORROW ★  
 GIVE YOUR TIME • SHARE YOUR TALENT • SUPPORT YOUR LODGE

# October 2026

| Sunday | Monday                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                          | Wednesday                                                                                           | Thursday                                                                                                         | Friday                                                                                                                      | Saturday                                                                                      |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|        |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                     | 1<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Italian Sub<br><br><u>Wing Night</u><br>6-8                                         | 2<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Catfish OR Salmon<br><br><u>Friday Night Dinner</u><br>Beef Sandwiches<br>w/Hibachi Noodles    | 3<br><u>Saturday Special</u><br>Veterans on Parade<br><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool       |
| 4      | 5<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Jambalaya<br><br>Pizza & a Bucket                                            | 6<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Meatloaf<br><br><u>Queen of ♥'s</u><br>50/50 Drawing<br>7 pm        | 7<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Fish Tacos<br><br>Mahjong @ 5:30 pm<br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool   | 8<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Chicken Burritos<br><br><u>Wing Night</u><br>6-8                                    | 9<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Pulled Pork OR<br>Chicken Sandwiches<br><br>HOCO '26<br><u>Friday Night Dinner</u><br>Park     | 10<br><u>Saturday Special</u><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool<br><br>Breakfast<br>7-10:30 am |
| 11     | 12<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Lasagna Soup<br><br><u>Lodge Meeting</u><br>7:30 pm<br>Pizza & a Bucket     | 13<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Beef & Noodles<br><br><u>Queen of ♥'s</u><br>50/50 Drawing<br>7 pm | 14<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Chili Dogs<br><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool                       | 15<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Chicken Alfredo<br><br><u>Smoked</u><br><u>Wing Night</u><br>6-8                   | 16<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Gyro OR Salmon<br><br><u>Friday Night Dinner</u><br>Prime Rib                                 | 17<br><u>Luck of the Lodge</u><br><br>4-6 pm                                                  |
| 18     | 19<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Italian Beef<br><br>Pizza & a Bucket                                        | 20<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Chili<br><br><u>Queen of ♥'s</u><br>50/50 Drawing<br>7 pm          | 21<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Reuben<br><br>Orientation/Initiation<br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool | 22<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Spaghetti &<br>Meatballs<br><br><u>Mother Cluckers</u><br><u>Wing Night</u><br>6-8 | 23<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Catfish OR Salmon<br><br><u>Friday Night Dinner</u><br>Steak                                  | 24<br><u>Saturday Special</u><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool                                |
| 25     | 26<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Red Beans & Rice<br><br><u>Lodge Meeting</u><br>7:30 pm<br>Pizza & a Bucket | 27<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Beef Stew<br><br><u>Queen of ♥'s</u><br>50/50 Drawing<br>7 pm      | 28<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Shrimp Pasta<br><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool                     | 29<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Chicken &<br>Dumplings<br><br><u>Wing Queens Night</u><br>6-8                      | 30<br><u>Lunch Special</u><br>Catfish OR Gyro<br><br><u>Friday Night Dinner</u><br>Fish Fry<br>Halloween Treats<br>for Kids | 31<br><u>Saturday Special</u><br>Pizza & a Bucket<br>Free Pool<br><br><b>Happy Halloween</b>  |