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We had a great group of volunteers to make this possible and many visitors to our lodge. We even had an application for membership filled out during that time.  I'm happy to share a few insights from our successful trip to the Elks National Convention in Minneapolis last week.   * A standout moment was participating in an 11 o'clock toast alongside more than 100 fellow Elks members. This joint celebration with the Illinois delegation was truly an unforgettable experience. * We now have a new Grand Exalted Ruler for the Elks, Randy P. Shook. His powerful slogan for the 2023–2024 term is “We Are THE Elks.” He intends to increase our visibility and recognition by vigorously promoting Elks programs within local communities. * We had several visitors to our lodge that came in for the National Convention. It was great to give tours to these visitors and share what makes the Superior 403 Lodge special.   Our next big event is the upcoming State President's Visit, Dinner, and Program on August 5th. The event will kick off at 5:00 PM. If you're able to attend, please contact Karly Caven, the event chair, to sign up. She can be reached at [karlycaven@yahoo.com](mailto:karlycaven@yahoo.com) or by phone at 612.747.3800, or you can sign up in person at the Club using the provided signup sheets.   * Dinner will be $25 per person, and the menu is posted at the lodge. * Our theme for the evening is Havana Nights-tropical clothing, and an amazing menu with drink specials will be yours to enjoy. * We have State President Karl Hanke, his 1st Lady: Annie, WEA president-elect Carl Moran and his spouse, and other Elks from around the state coming in for this special visit.   \*The sales of the raffle tickets got off to a great start during the 4th of July parade. If you'd like to help sell tickets, please stop by the Club or ask a current officer. Sold tickets must be brought in by September 9th before the drawing at 7:30 PM.  \*A special thank you to The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA) for their generous $200 donation to our summer raffle, which features cash prizes of $600, $400, $200, and $100. This means the total $1300 prize pool has been almost entirely donated!  \*Bingo night is going really well. Come on in and join in the fun; it takes place on the last Wednesday of each month.  I would like to wish everyone a great rest of the summer. Please remember to sign up for the President’s Dinner and “It’s a great day to be an Elk!”  Lance Caven, Exalted Ruler, Superior Lodge #403 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/1484556/d4f820239e10856058c4292d3b97e59f.png** | | | |  | | --- | | Upcoming Events | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **https://staticapp.icpsc.com/icp/resources/mogile/1484556/18a49f1664f7fb7c7b13faf1cb31876c.png** | | | |  | | --- | |  | | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  | | --- | | **News from the Elks National Website**  Setting an effective meeting agenda  By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager  Follow these 12 steps to establish an effective Membership Committee meeting agenda.  1. Must meet regularly — we suggest weekly April through June, then monthly.  2. Set goals to initiate 10% more Members.  3. Set goal of 5% dropped for non-payment of dues.  4. Review and study the membership manual.  5. Discuss initiatives to publicize membership efforts.  6. Use bulletins, social media, and websites to encourage Members to bring potential candidates to the Lodge.  7. Publicize membership classes.  8. Discuss incentives and contests.  9. Discuss reinstatement opportunities and strategies.  10. Review stray Elks and delinquents.  11. Review and evaluate the Orientation program.  12. Review membership numbers and compare to goals. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click Here for a Virtual Tour of the Elks National Memorial](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__click.icptrack.com_icp_relay.php-3Fr-3D33680865-26msgid-3D213566-26act-3D9I0J-26c-3D1484556-26pid-3D1175199-26destination-3Dhttps-253A-252F-252Fwww.google.com-252Fmaps-252F-254041.9323054-252C-2D87.640045-252C3a-252C82.2y-252C57.43h-252C85.73t-252Fdata-253D-25213m7-25211e1-25213m5-25211sAF1QipOU3SZVjO-5F78oIgOBEix093gw1mSrvP21k5Z95v-25212e10-25213e12-25217i8192-25218i4096-253Fentry-253Dttu-26cf-3D256-26v-3D9b66b8bf37a369f19d04ebb7c296f3683e3dda96a95f12d1f54f996a0043ee9b&d=DwMFaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=oxnYfvQt64zGkWnxG48MOBTGKso4M7KFDXuVkW29Jr8&m=O2E2P3usdWBjcU1unnMOm4s7qO_6fAEispVJA-6VcNFEcPf7onPPOPLaUP2tp8qw&s=EApGGH8nzU48wfTlZZXsQvFHxpORG8PVIOTXSB7Rv-U&e=) | | |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | 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