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Greetings Fellow Elks

Another year has come and gone, another year upon us; with this said, why is the contemplation, reflection, and anticipation associated with the closing of one year or the start of another? Is it because Christmas is so close, time spent with family and fellowship, carols sung, Hallmark stories, or looking at the world through colored lights? Every new year, we focus on happy memories or losses, accomplishments or regrets, the anticipation of the future or fear of it, but always with the hope that the New Year will bring about positive change. I sincerely wish you blessings in 2024 and good memories from 2023.

Here at the Elks, we are changing! 2023 has blessed us with an influx of wonderful, new faces. We have seen changes in revenues, leadership positions, as well as responsibilities. With these added enrichments comes additional work. I have learned that additional work often comes with added fun. Many of our new members have stepped forward to volunteer for these various events, and I foresee some great opportunities for our Lodge in 2024. Being a member is more than being a patron in a bar. Our Elk family is stronger when we work together, moving this great Lodge along!

Start slow if that's your style. Offer to bake desserts for spaghetti dinner, learn to help in the kitchen or bus tables. If you see people setting up tables in the hall, offer to help (if your back is okay). Come to meetings, both Board of Directors and Lodge Meetings. Your ideas and solutions carry as much weight as mine, and they are always welcome. Trustee positions remain open.

As we enter this New Year, let us consider the virtues that we stand for and affirm our devotion to them; Charity is portrayed in our initiation ceremony as simple. Mother Earth enters a banquet attended by gods and goddesses who are not very warm and cuddly but critical and self-serving. Not trying to impress as the others are, charity argues for the cause of the distressed. We are proud of our donations to many worthwhile causes, but charity demands more. The highest call of charity is of mercy in thoughts, words, and kindly deeds. Make all members feel welcome. Let not our words be overly critical but reflect thoughtful consideration of problems and solutions we may encounter in our Lodge. As a club,

we know that mindless gossip, criticism, swearing, profanities, and poor manners gnaw away at integrity and violate our principles.

Justice is integral to our Elks philosophy. Justice rids us of the burden of prejudice and entitlement. Justice teaches us to accept the integral role of every member in our decision-making process, advocating for those with weaker voices, whether on our team or not. Justice allows for the voices of others without us speaking over them and guides us through our obligation to have common goals and rules of conduct. Let us use Justice as our moral compass in our relationship with ourselves and others.

Brotherly Love - is not the same as Charity. Brotherly Love is exemplified by our motto "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." This motto is so beautiful. We all have many faults, some more than others. As Elks, we celebrate each other's virtues, acknowledging our humaneness, weaknesses, and differences in a non-judgmental way. We celebrate individuality

Fidelity - a call to loyalty. Fidelity strengthens our pledge to uphold social and personal morality in all situations relating to our Lodge, as well as our work, family, faith, and friends. Fidelity calls us to resolve issues while respecting the dignity of others. It guides us in times of indecision. Whether our promise is to our Lodge, spouse, friends, or family, fidelity guides us in upholding our vows and promises. Let not pride interfere with our promise of fidelity.

Let's have fun in 2024! The monthly drawing is up there! See you at the Lodge for the Chicago tribute dinner, trivia night, Bonnie's cooking, spaghetti dinner, Elks Day with the Cavs (information in this ledger), and more. Bring it on 2024!

So, in closing, I wish you all a Healthy and Happy 2024 rich with God's Blessings.

We are the Elks!

Ruth Ann Witteman
Exalted Ruler



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Chaplain Bill May
Organist Maria Gregg, PER
Tiler Sonia Juhasz, PER
Inner Guard Brian Gartland, PER

TRUSTEES – 2023-2024

Fifth Year Keith Duffy
Fourth Year Tom Thiffault
Third Year Rick Grane
Second Year Vacant
First Year Vacant

GRILL ROOM HOURS

Monday – Saturday 3 PM – 10 PM
Sunday 1 PM – 6 PM

Elks Care - Elks Share

SPOUSE/WIDOW IDENTIFICATION CARD

Please return the following information with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your 2023-2024 card.

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Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

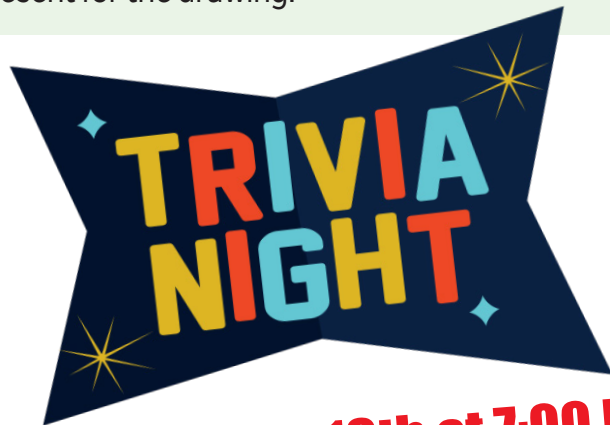
Circle One:
Spouse Widow

MONTHLY DRAWING

Saturday, January 6th at 7:00 P.M.

RULES

- You HAVE TO BE PRESENT to win 100%.
- Must be a current member of Lakewood Lodge #1350 to qualify and in good standing.
- Signed up members that are not present will receive 50%.
- Another member/officer/employee may NOT sign you up.
- If you are attending an Elks sanctioned event, such as a convention or a tournament, you will be considered present for the drawing.



Friday, January 19th at 7:00 PM
Come down and enjoy fun times with great people!

January Applicants

Reagan Alan Brooks
13509 Detroit Ave.
Lakewood, OH 44107-4612
SPONSOR: JIM RIEDL

Reese Alan Brooks
2019 Wyandotte Ave..
Lakewood, OH 44107-6135
SPONSOR: JIM RIEDL

Mary Courtney McMullen
590 Huntmere
Bay Village, OH 44140-2540
**SPONSOR: THOMAS McMULLEN
(LODGE 1938)**

Cynthia Quiring
4330 Bentley Drive
North Olmsted, OH 44070-2805
SPONSOR: BENEDICT MEDER

Lillian Tovtin
4574 Parkedge Drive
Fairview Park, OH 44126-2570
SPONSOR: BEVERLY FISCHER

Sharon M. Tovtin
19636 Henry Road
Fairview Park, OH 44126-1642
SPONSOR: BEVERLY FISCHER

When at the Lodge please refrain from profanity and be respectful of each other. Remember we are a fraternal organization and not your corner bar.



We Need Volunteers at the Lodge

WHEN: Saturday, February 24 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

WHAT: We need to sort fliers and assemble kits for families with children with disabilities. The kits will contain fliers of adapted summer camps and therapies. We need 10-15 volunteers to create an assembly line and put one flier in each kit.

RSVP: Sarah Rintamaki, Executive Director of Connecting for Kids at 216-570-4326 or sarahrintamaki@connectingforkids.org



SPAGHETTI DINNER!
JANUARY 17TH
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Adults are \$9.00 • Kids are \$4.00
To go containers will be .25 cents

The Spaghetti Committee is always looking for volunteers.
If interested please call Dan Scardina at 440-465-6541.

L.I.C. General Meeting

February 6, 2024 at 7:00pm

All Lodge members in good standing are welcome to attend.
Elections for 7 director positions will be held.

WHAT IS THE UC (LAKEWOOD INVESTMENT COMPANY)

The UC is the sister company of our Lodge that owns the building we occupy on Center Ridge Rd, Westlake, Ohio.

UC MEMBERSHIP

The members of the company consist of all duly confirmed Members of Lakewood Elks Lodge 1350. Therefore, any member in good standing can be nominated for director position.

LIC PURPOSE

The 7 Board of Directors manage the property on Center Ridge Rd which includes the following Tenants; Lakewood Elks lodge, Bella Capelli and Yoga studio. The UC is responsible for maintenance of the exterior portion of the building along with the entire premises.



Connecting for Kids • Multiple Breed Rescue • The Turn • Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland
Farrell Foundation • Momentum • Special Spaces Cleveland • Westlake Police Department

Giving Back to our Community

Our Lodge presented close to \$78,000 in checks to local charities in our community. It's moments like these you should feel proud to be an Elk. Elks Care - Elks Share!

PROPOSED 2024 EVENTS

February

11th - Super Bowl Bash

13th - Mardi Gras

17th - Karaoke

March

17th - St. Patrick's Day Party

April

6th - Installation of Officers

May

4th - Kentucky Derby Party

12th - Mother's Day Brunch

June

14th - Flag Day

July

20th - Christmas in July

August

3rd - Family Picnic

September

TBD - Clam Bake

October

26th - Poker Run

November

2nd - Turkey Trot

30th - Ohio State /
Michigan Game

December

8th - Memorial Service

13th - Basket Delivery Wrapping

14th - Basket Delivery

15th - Kids Christmas Party

21st - Ugly Sweater Party

2024 MONTHLY DRAWING DATES

January 6, 2024

February 3, 2024

March 2, 2024

April 13, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

July 6, 2024

August 3, 2024

September 7, 2024

October 5, 2024

November 9, 2024

December 7, 2024

The **CLEVELAND CAVALIERS** *Present*

Ohio Elks Association Night **Wednesday, January 31st**



VS.



What's Included?

- [Discounted Tickets](#) for Ohio Elks members and families
- Early Entry Warm-ups experience for all attendees



Tickets: <https://cavaliers.group/Elks>





JANUARY

Birthdays

- | | | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 | Edward F Evensen | 10 | Terry R Zeager | 21 | James E Feldner |
| 2 | Patrick Cook | 11 | Arnie Disch | 21 | John M Gibel |
| 4 | Kelli Murray | 11 | R Kurt Field | 22 | Elias Domingo Diaz |
| 4 | Linda M Simon | 11 | Michael Starcovic Jr | 22 | Robert M Michael |
| 4 | Michael W Zamrzla | 12 | Robert Bonenfant | 23 | Thomas Harriman |
| 5 | Elizabeth Sheehe | 12 | William McWilliam | 23 | David F Hille |
| 6 | Robert Aleksandrovic | 12 | Betsy Robertson | 23 | Judi Klocek |
| 6 | Christopher Chambers | 13 | Edward J Lamarche | 23 | Lydia Sullivan |
| 6 | Christopher J Elias | 14 | Sarah DeGrandis | 24 | Diane C Czinger |
| 6 | Courtney Pickett | 15 | John R Dixon | 24 | Elizabeth Keaton |
| 8 | Ken P Hetman | 16 | Glenn Berns | 24 | Douglas Weisenberger |
| 8 | Stephanie Kleinhenz | 16 | Robin Geiger | 25 | Amy M Meese |
| 8 | William F Nally | 16 | John P Ruebsteck | 26 | Cathleen Breninghouse |
| 8 | William Hank Nest, PER | 18 | James F Deppert | 26 | Mark Kahanca, PER |
| 8 | Christopher Ricketti | 18 | Kenneth D Nehls | 26 | Vicki A Neece |
| 9 | Steven R Clark | 18 | Terrence L Peterson | 29 | Frederick W Anderson |
| 9 | Julie Morriss | 18 | Michael T Salopek | 29 | James Griffin |
| 10 | David W Carpenter | 19 | Donald J Dzuban | 30 | Robert G Maxwell |
| 10 | Brian Greenfield | 19 | Brian J Guercio | 31 | Lilly Anitas |
| 10 | Robert Knapp | 20 | Jeffrey D Dorsey | 31 | Robert F Geiger, DDGER |
| 10 | Phillip Parente | 20 | Christy Ann Frey | 31 | Gregory Navis |
| 10 | Sean Patrick Twining, PER | 20 | Mathew Payne | 31 | Carl J Wade |

JANUARY 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1 Tom & Jerry 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.	2 Orientation 7:00 P.M.	3	4 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 P.M.	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Chicago Tribute Band 6:30 P.M. Kitchen Closed
14	15	16	17 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	18	19 Live Trivia 7:00 P.M.	20
21	22	23 Investigation 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	24	25 B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 P.M.	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 11th - Super Bowl Bash • February 13th - Mardi Gras • February 17th - Karaoke