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Brothers and Sisters,

The 2020 year was very challenging and trying around the world. As we say goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021, we are hopeful this brings happier days for all.

We suffered some trying and sad days during the last year. It was nice to end the year with our Annual Basket delivery, allowing us to reach out and assist families experiencing hardship. We provided food gift cards and cookie trays to 60 families, and the Lakewood Emblem club provided presents for over 80 children. We thank Ruth Anne Witteman and her committee for organizing this and organizing a plan to keep our volunteers safe. We would also like to thank the Lakewood Emblem Club for providing the presents that were delivered.

We welcomed in the New Year with our annual Tom and Jerry on New Year's Day. It was nice to see our Members attend this event and enjoy themselves at the Lodge again. We thank Stan and Vern Soja for organizing this and providing the Tom and Jerry drinks along with the food they cooked.

In December, the Lodge closed for a short period of time, allowing the Trustees to make

changes and do some extensive cleaning. Their efforts further improve the safety of our Members and our staff. I thank the Trustees for the amount of time and devotion they put in, not only to comply with the regulations put in place but to go above in some areas and still maintain the daily tasks required to operate the Lodge.

I'm hoping to start having our monthly Lodge meetings back in our Lodge hall this month, with our nominations for Officers starting at the first meeting. There are a few vacancies that need to be filled for the upcoming Lodge year. Let us know if you want to get involved and be a part of this great corps of Officers.

During the last year, we saw many Members step up to support our Lodge in different ways. Whether it was purchasing take out, volunteering to help in the Grill room, or just by vocal support and encouragement, because of you, we were able to get through this and feel good about the upcoming days. THANK YOU!

Respectfully,

Robert F. Geiger, PER Exalted Ruler



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OFFICERS – LODGE YEAR 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler	Robert Geiger, PER
Est. Leading Knight	Brian Gartland
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Esquire	Vacant
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Organist	Maria Gregg, PER
Tiler	Kak Anzalone
Inner Guard	Bill Luke

TRUSTEES - 2020-2021

Fifth Year	Dave Hensen
Fourth Year	Mike Vasey, PER
Third Year	Keith Duffy
Second Year	Dan Scardina
First Year	Brian Kahanca

GRILL ROOM HOURS

Tuesday – Saturday	3 PM - 9 PM
Sunday	1PM - 6 PM
Monday	CLOSED



SPOUSE/WIDOW IDENTIFICATION CARD

Please return the following information with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your 2019-2020 card.

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Last Name:
First Name:
Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
Telephone Number:
Circle One:
Spouse Widow



Friday, February 12th at 7:00 PM

Social distancing must be maintained. No more than 10 people at a table.

Thanks for your cooperation!





- 01 John Fillinger
- 01 Jerome D Juhasz, PER
- 02 Donald C Fernald
- 02 Paul Erik Thorne
- 03 James M Costello Jr
- 04 Patrick W Kearney
- 06 David Brindza
- 06 Daniel T Geiger
- 06 Rick Matvija
- 06 Marty Mooney
- 06 John Schmucki
- 06 Chuck Sisson
- 07 Dustin Lowry
- 08 Kevin Koehl
- 08 Janice Zajac
- 09 Brian W Mckendry
- 09 James W Thomson
- 10 Carol Dorsey
- 10 Lori O'Neal
- 10 Michael J Spisak
- 10 Larry J Stalter
- 12 Anthony J Comella Jr

- 12 John Jolliffe
- 12 Thomas A Koenig
- 13 John H McKee
- 13 Gregory J Soeder
- 15 Andrew John Harlan
- 15 Matthew Harlan
- 16 John Ryan Curry
- 16 Maria Gregg, PER
- 16 Shannon M Long
- 16 James M O'Connor
- 17 Daniel Colleran
- 17 Louis Kiss
- 18 Daniel Bernath
- 19 David Libbey
- 20 George W Birsic
- 22 Frank Joseph Fuseck
- 23 Stan Zeager
- 25 Marc A DeWerth
- 26 Paul Brcak
- 26 Barbara Gilbert
- 27 Jackie Borer
- 28 Michael Steven Mocarski

L.I.C. GENERAL MEETING

March 8, 2021 7:00 P.M.

All members in good standings are welcome to attend.

L.I.C., Board of Directors



THE VACANT CHAIR

We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess him,
Still our hearts his memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the gold cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high.

James J Moore

Born: 8/20/1944

Initiated: 03/27/1980

Deceased: 12/30/2020

Leonard P Novak Sr.

Born: 01/08/1925

Initiated: 03/26/1970

Deceased: 01/02/2021



Widows/Widowers or survivors of Absent Members may request an Elks Memorial Service by phoning the Lodge office.

FEBRUARY, 2021 APPLICANTS

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Join Us bor Valetine's Day



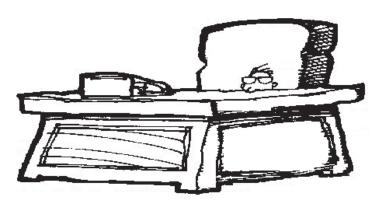
Valentines Day Menu

Saturday Feb 13th · 4pm to 8pm

- Preorders Welcomed -

Dinners

Salmon Over Rice served with a veggie or side salad and a roll				
Soups				
Tomato Bisque	0			
Clam Chowder3.5	0			
Desserts				
Strawberry Shortcake with toppings3.5	0			
Cheesecake with toppings3.5				
Apple Pie\$2.5	0			



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hello, All. First, you may or may not know by now that I am currently filling the position of Lodge Secretary. If there is anything with which you need help that is related to your membership, please let me know. If there is news about members or events that you would like passed along to the general membership or to the officers, please let me know.

Second, we are participating in a new program where Grand Lodge will be sending out our dues statements. This program represents a significant cost savings for our Lodge. To that end, if you have moved recently, please let me know so that I can update your information in the system and we can avoid returns. When you pay your dues, please make sure to include the breakdown of your payment so we can apply the amounts where you intend them to go. For example, we have ENF (Elks National Foundation) listed as a possible donation category. When you make a donation to ENF it can come back to our Lodge in the form of grants. This lodge year we received Beacon, Gratitude, and Spotlight grants in the amount of \$8,000 to support our local community service efforts!

Also, just a quick note about unpaid Lodge dues. If you have not yet paid your dues for the current lodge year, please do so as soon as possible. The current lodge year ends March 31st. The dues statements for the coming year will be sent out before too long. As always, if there is a reason why you haven't paid your dues, please let me know so we can work something out.

At your service!

Maria Gregg, PER Lodge Secretary

Grand Lodge News

RECOGNITION GREASES THE WHEELS OF ELKDOM

By John D. Amen, PGER Commission Chairman

The Elks have a long and storied history of serving the community. We operate with only a handful of paid positions among our hundreds of thousands of Members nationwide. We accomplish our mission with volunteers. How do we accomplish the great things we do and keep our hard-working volunteers coming back for more? We do not pay them with money. We pay them with gratitude for the jobs well done. If volunteerism is the engine that drives our organization, then recognition for worthy and diligent Members is the fuel for meritorious accomplishments.

We don't perform our charitable services to seek recognition. But when a job well done is recognized by our peers and leaders it becomes an unsought reward that helps validate the time, work, and passion that we have invested.

Recognition is extremely important in all phases of what we do. Veterans service is no exception. We are motivated by love of country and the desire to help and serve those who have defended our beloved freedoms. Our nation owes an unpayable debt to our servicemen and women: a helping hand from an Elks volunteer goes a long way toward making a veteran feel that they are truly thanked for their service.

It is now time to ponder a most appropriate form of recognition for outstanding service to veterans. I am talking about the Veteran Volunteer of the Year Awards. You can write your own letter to nominate a worthy candidate, or you can use the nomination form available in the Volunteer Resource Center at elks.org/vets. There is meaningful recognition in simply being nominated for the prestigious award. Who knows? You may be the one who nominates your State's winner!



Support our Foundation by donating online. You *could* give through the Lodge, but the *only* difference when you donate online is how quickly your gift helps others.

Donate to the Elks National Foundation online at enf.elks.org/MyLodge!

FEBRUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31	1 Closed	2	3	Lodge Meeting Nominations 7:30 P.M.	5	6
7 Sunday Funday	8 Closed	9	10	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 P.M.	12 Live Trivia 7:00 P.M.	Valentine's Dinner 4:00 P.M 8:00 P.M.
Sunday Funday	15 Closed	16	17	Lodge Meeting 7:30 P.M.	19	20
21 Sunday Funday	22 Closed	23	24	25	26	27
28 Sunday Funday	1	2	3	4	5	6

UPCOMING EVENTS:

St. Patty's Day Celebration • Installation of Officers - April 10th

Please note all events and meeting dates are tentative pending the Covid-19 Mandates!

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-RENTALS-

The Hall (current capacity is 100) and Bowling alley (current capacity is 28) is now open for Rentals. Just call the office to book your event. The State Distancing rules apply for all events.

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