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Greetings Fellow Elks

Congratulations we made it through February! We, as seasoned Ohioans, know how rough this month can be and are thankful when it's not.

But anyway, here it is March. The month of promise. The promise of longer days, flowers, warmer weather, and hope for the future. The mornings are brighter, the birds are singing, the snowdrops are blooming and Spring starts March 19th!!! It is also the final month of my term as your Exalter Ruler.

Being your Exalter Ruler has been an honor and a privilege. I mean that sincerely. An honor, because I have experienced opportunities very different than those I have had before. I have made decisions based on the clubs' needs, which is very different than managing patients. I have had the opportunity to fellowship and befriend many people because the ER is visible, and just about everyone knows your name. How sweet is that! Most of all, dialog, listening, and working beside the greatest group of people. Seeing and feeling camaraderie and true commitment to each other, our God, our community, and our Grand. My life has been enriched and this position has taught me that when stuck, when frustrated, when confused, go back to our virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity for guidance. When disappointed, angered, or even enraged, remember our Motto. Common goals bridge many differences and even learning from failures has its rewards.

I have learned so much about the Elks, its rich history, and its mission. I have been blessed with guidance from

those who have gone before, paved the way, and kept the promise. And for that, I am grateful. I have learned "Don't fix it if it's not broken." If it is broken, where is the glitch? What has worked and what failed in the past; history is a great teacher. I have learned that criticism, if constructive, is very valuable. I have learned that personal attack tells you more about the attacker than it does about yourself. I have learned that "If you keep doing what you're doing, you will keep getting what you got." Like I said; failure teaches you where not to go next.

The only constant is change, and change keeps us fresh. Our group of Officers and Trustees for 2024-25 are smart, energetic, and hard-working. New faces, New skills, and new ideas move us forward. New challenges require new solutions. I encourage all of you to support the Officers, the Lodge, and each other by attending monthly Lodge meetings and the Board of Directors meetings. Make your thoughts known. It is your Lodge! Stay current through The Ledger and Facebook. Get involved. Have fun! And remember; "A mind is like a parachute; it only works when open."

Finally, I would like to thank all those wonderful individuals who have taught me so much about so many things! Too many names to list but you all know who you are. God Bless you all! God Bless our Lodge and Let The Good Times Roll!

Yours in Elkdom

Ruth Ann Witteman
Exalted Ruler



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Fifth Year Keith Duffy
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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, March 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

RULES

- You must be a current member in good standing of Lakewood Lodge #1350 to enter.
- You must be present at the time of the drawing to be considered eligible to win the entire pot.
- If your member number is picked and you are not present but have signed up, you will receive 50% of the pot.
- Another member/officer/employee may NOT sign you up. If it is determined that someone has signed up another member, both members will be disqualified for that drawing.
- If you are attending an Elks sanctioned event, such as a convention or a tournament, you will be considered present for the drawing. You must advise the committee or an officer prior to the drawing.

Bowling Fundraiser to Support Connecting for Kids and Help Local Families

Connecting for Kids is once again teaming up with the Elks to offer a bowling tournament this spring. Please join us to raise money for this great local organization that offers resources, support and community to families in Northeast Ohio who have concerns about their child.

Tournament Dates

- Friday, April 19, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 20, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cost

\$50/adult OR \$200 per team of four

Each Bowler Receives:

- Three games of bowling
- Use of ball and shoes
- Food & drinks including a burger, fries and two drink tickets (beer, wine, well drinks or soft drinks)

Prizes

- Top Team Score (1st= \$200; 2nd= \$100; 3rd=\$50) (with handicap)
- Top Individual Score (1st=\$50; 2nd=\$30; 3rd=\$20) (with handicap)

Raffles & Games

- Red Pin Game featuring a shot and a \$40 prize per game for the first strike! Cost: \$10 (one entry per bowler)
- Grand Raffle
- Sideboards
- Raffle baskets

Awards ceremony and raffles drawn on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 p.m.

To Sign Up

Look for the sign-up sheet at the Lodge. If you have questions, please contact Mike Anzalone at the Lodge or Tish Henry at 440-666-9742.



L.I.C. General Meeting

April 24, 2024 at 7:00pm

The L.I.C. held its annual meeting on February 6, 2024 and elected the following members as directors.

President: Bob Sepulski

Vice President: Bob Mihna

Treasurer: Arnie Rence

Secretary: Maria Gregg

Member at Large: Butch Geiger

Member at Large: Larry Gregg

Member at Large: Frank Fuseck

All lodge members are invited to attend the meeting.



Lakewood in- house league starting May 6th.

This league will consist of beginners to advance darters. The league will be 15 weeks long, playing on Monday nights at 7:00 PM, except May 27th (Memorial Day), cost is \$5.00 per week. Total cost is \$75.

We are looking for 30 darters and 5 to 7 subs (subs do not have to pay for shooting) this is a fun league so if you want to learn the game and have some fun please join. A sign up sheet will be hung in the Dart room. You MUST be an Elk or a spouse to play.

For more info or questions Call Joe Kleinhenz @ 440-567-8362 or E-Mail @ kleinermuzik2000@yahoo.com

MEMBERSHIP REPLACEMENT CARD

Our current key card reader system is being replaced and new key cards will be issued. The new key cards will be mailed on or about March 15th. The targeted installation date and testing of the new system will be on or about April 1st.

In addition, some options to the new system are as follows:

- There will be a mobile app available to download for a onetime fee of \$6.00. This is payable to the Mobile App provider directly. When doing this your new key card must be returned to the lodge. Note if you get a new phone the Mobile App will need reloaded for an additional \$6.00.
- We will have key fobs available for your keyring for an additional cost of \$10.00. Again, if you select this option your new key card must be returned.
- There is an option to have a swipe device attached to your phone. This adheres directly to the back of your phone or protective case. The additional cost will be \$ 10.00.
- Any replacement cards will have a charge of \$10.00.

The reason for the changeover is that our current system will no longer be supported, and currently-ssued key cards will be discontinued soon. Additional information will be coming soon as to the above options.

This is another improvement being made for the betterment of Lodge 1350. Thank you for your support and patience during this transition.

From the Secretary's Desk:



In December, I talked about the process for becoming a member of the Lodge. Today, I would like to give you information about Life Membership.

The rules relating to Life Membership in a lodge were voted on and changed at the July 2023 National Convention. To qualify, you must have completed 30 years of Elks membership, with the past 12 years as a member of Lakewood Lodge #1350. An advantage of Life Membership is that the dues are significantly less than regular membership dues. If you wish to be considered for Life Membership, please send an email to: elks1350@yahoo.com

Once a list is generated for proper review, your acceptance will be voted on by the membership.

One last thing, Grand Lodge has begun sending out the dues statements for the 2024-2025 lodge year. Those who are still on lapsation from the current year will be dropped from the rolls in mid-March. That means they cannot come to the lodge even as a guest. As always, if there are extenuating circumstances, please talk to me or one of the other officers. We try to help where we can.

As always, thanks for reading all the way to the bottom.

Maria Gregg, PER



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March

BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Daniel J Dechagas | 10 Brigette Patton | 21 Paul Murray |
| 1 Michael F Delaney | 11 Thomas F Gannon | 21 Lisa M Zuk |
| 1 Eric Juncker | 11 William Lazar | 24 Franklin A Kilbourne |
| 2 Barbara H Leszynski | 12 Michael Whitaker | 25 Stephanie Evers |
| 3 Jane Drellishak | 13 Steven Boggess | 25 Lawrence D Gregg |
| 3 Karna Herzog | 13 Daniel C Breninghouse | 25 Michael K Vasey |
| 3 Eve Ann Klodnick | 13 Matthew Hopkins | 26 John D Hill |
| 3 Edward Norman | 13 Dennis A Kawecki | 27 Grant Ichida |
| 4 Fred Evensen | 13 Allison M Krupp | 27 James J Szell |
| 6 Mark Ramunno | 13 Twyla White | 27 Phil Weaver |
| 6 Robert F Wessler | 14 Leonard Klocek | 28 Joseph E Gannon |
| 7 Erin M Bihn | 15 Michael A Chokenea | 28 Donald A Mitzo |
| 8 Shannon Gould | 16 John M Hearn | 29 Angela Gecewich |
| 8 John Marcellino | 16 George C Newman | 29 Debra H Hacka |
| 8 Megan Moutoux | 17 Helen Kelly | 29 David R Robison |
| 9 Joseph Bancsi | 17 Cj Eric Lynce | 30 Mary Bradesca |
| 9 Colleen O'Brien | 18 Thomas J Anderson | 30 Miklos Szabo |
| 9 Renae Radigan | 18 Patricia S Kettren | 31 Suzanne Hace |
| 10 Stephen E Benko III | 19 Lisa N Carman | 31 Berta Keine |
| 10 Christine L Gray | 19 Erin Morris | 31 Paul F Tremblay |

Join Us for
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, April 6th

Installation of Officers Ceremony: 4 PM

Cocktail Reception: 5 PM

Dinner: 6 PM

TICKETS \$25
SEMI FORMAL DRESS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

DEADLINE IS MARCH 24TH

7 PM







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MARCH 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	1  Fish Fry	2 Monthly Drawing 7:00 P.M.
3	4	5 Orientation 7:00 P.M.	6	7 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 P.M.	8  Fish Fry	9
10	11	12	13	14	15  Fish Fry	16
17 St Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30 P.M.	22  Fish Fry	23
24	25	26 Investigation 5:00 P.M.	27	28 B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 P.M.	29  Fish Fry	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 6 - Installation of Officers • May 4 - Kentucky Derby • May 12 - Mother's Day Brunch

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-RENTALS-

The Hall and Bowling alley are now open for rentals.
Call the Lodge at (440) 617-9653 and press #4 to leave a message.

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