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Lakewood**



**LODGE #1350
Ledger**

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Greetings Fellow Elks & Hello June!

June; is the month of rejuvenation, the month of longer, warmer days, graduations, weddings, vacations, and sitting out on our patio drinking a cool one! School is out! The Guardians are in! And...the Lodge is Buzzing! You have to love it!

Welcome new Members! We so love seeing new faces at our Lodge. Many of you have approached me as well as other officers, offering to volunteer for different needs...thank you! If we have not contacted you, please understand; we are down 3 Trustee positions and are doubling up on work. Day-to-day operations are going well, but we may not have gotten back to you yet. We are organizing a volunteer contact procedure and thinking of creative ways to orient those who wish to help in the kitchen. We love and appreciate all your enthusiasm

Kentucky Derby was a blast! Many new faces were among our old friends, and who doesn't love a mint julep and a lady in a beautiful hat?

Love, love, love seeing the Moms at our Mother's Day Brunch! I want to thank ALL the helping hands for their time and efforts.

I was fortunate to attend the Elks State Convention in Columbus last month. It was fun to meet up with other Elks from around the state and hear about what is happening around Ohio. The Grand Lodge National Convention takes place in Minneapolis from July, 2nd thru the 5th. Information can be found at: <https://www.elks.org/convention>. Please, consider attending this informative and fun gathering of Elks. Minneapolis is a great place in July with temperatures ranging from the high 80s and lows in the high 60s. Having spent a little time there, I recommend The Downtown Walking Tour or River Tour. Minnehaha Falls is lovely, and for the shopper, there is Mall of America.

I love to brag about the generosity of our members. Our lodge hosted a benefit for one of our favorite charities, Connecting for Kids. Over a 2-day event, we raised \$3,125 to support CFKs

efforts to provide local families with resources for assistance with mental health, academic, and other childhood issues. Our members hosted this event and provided food, bowling services, raffle baskets, and more to ensure this event was a success. A fun time was had by all. If you have a chance, read about it in The Morning Journal.

Our monthly drawing is June 3rd. Always fun win or lose! Father's Day is June 18th. So far nothing has been planned. Perhaps a cook-out???

Flag Day, June 14th, holds a special place in Elkdom. President Harry Truman, a member of the Elks Lodge in Independence, Missouri, impressed by Grand Lodge's decision to adopt a day of national observance for patriotism, persuaded Congress to forever make June 14th a day of reverence to our flag. Come to our Flag Day ceremony. It is very informative and inspirational.

The Cruise-In Car show is June 25th. Enjoy our summer weather while checking out the numerous cars etc., and enjoy beer, soft drinks, food, and friends. Simply a lovely day and don't forget to bring a friend!

To continue our patriotism into the upcoming generation, Grand Lodge is offering the Americanism Essay Contest to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The theme for 2023-2024 is "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me:" Entries must be received by Dec 15, 2023, at our Lodge. The decision of the winners will be done by the state. \$1,000.00 to first-place winners in each category, \$500.00 to 2nd place, and \$250.00 to third-place winners. Contest details can be found at elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/americanismEssayContest.pdf. Not a bad summer project!

Enjoy the season, stay safe, God Bless, and see you at the Lodge.

Ruth Ann Witteman
Exalted Ruler



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TRUSTEES – 2023-2024

Fifth Year Keith Duffy
Fourth Year Vacant
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

June Applicants

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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, June 3rd 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.

L.I.C. GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.
All members in good standing are welcome.

Thanks
Jim Bischoff



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.

DIANNE A. ELIAS

Born: March 20, 1962
Initiated: March 2, 2017
Deceased: February 12, 2023

JOANN GARRETT

Born: October 1, 1952
Initiated: July 20, 2017
Deceased: December 15, 2022

JEFFREY MEINKE

Born: January 12, 1948
Initiated: January 3, 2018
Deceased: May 2, 2023

HUGO ZENKER

Born: August 1, 1930
Initiated: March 28, 1968
Deceased: May 17, 2023



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

CRUISE IN



for our 4th Annual Elks Open House

Sunday, June 25, 2023

4:00 p.m. - Dusk

24350 Center Ridge Road • Westlake, Ohio 44145

Music • 50/50 • Grilled Food • Drinks

Due to a lodge rental please don't come before 3:00 PM - thank you.



**For more information please contact Joe Kleinhenz at 440-567-8362
or Fredemercury55@gmail.com**



June Birthdays

1 James Dowling
1 Ray Hepner
1 William F May
1 Michael O'Donnell
1 Herb Pawlitsch
1 Phillip A Toth
2 Kurtis Bialosky
2 David S Mazur
2 Mary Nissel
3 David James Hewitt
3 Thomas Thiffault
4 Daniel Arz
4 Edward H Foland
4 Kathleen M Henson
5 Michael F McEntee
6 William J Anderer
6 Patrick T Cullen
6 Greg Elliott
6 Allison Goldie
6 Regina Hoff
8 Claudia Jackson
8 Glenn W Ryan
9 Scott Goggin

9 Michael J Karas
11 Daniel T Moore
11 Mary M Phillips
11 Katheline Santos
12 Tara M Pierce
12 Frank Udovic
12 Gary C Weiss
13 Robert J Kozub
13 Christopher Obrycki
15 David Coleman
15 James P Reilly III
15 James Rigda
16 Lynda Marie Appel
17 Dennis Boddy
17 Philip Tagliaferro
17 Joseph Valore
18 Rosemarie T Cipra
18 Kevin L Corrigan
18 Katrina Poremsky
19 Carl J Ditzel
19 Anne Fleming
20 Robert W Curry
20 Robert Schroeder

21 Floyd M DePhillips
21 Walter C Smith
21 Ann C Taylor
22 Raymond J Krakowski
22 Kathleen L Nash
24 Tami Stoyka Kordel
24 Brian P Mooney
24 Daniel Rutt
25 Marc Asmar
25 Rachel Medlen
27 John Belliveau
27 Gary Funk
27 Mark Joseph Sedlak
28 Robert W Grebenc
28 Kathryn Hiendlmayr
28 Robert J Wiersum
29 Bruce N Baunach
29 John Cotleur
29 Michael C Rath
29 Jenna Nicole Zappa
30 Rebecca Lash
30 Jack Sullivan
30 David Zinram

Flag Day Ceremony

June 14, 2023

Celebrate Old Glory! – Join Us for Flag Day

The Stars & Stripes...Flag of the United States of America

On behalf of the Lakewood Elks Lodge, we invite you to join the Elks members and guests for our annual Flag Day Service on June 14, 2023 beginning at 6:30 at our Lodge.

The purpose of this service is to honor our country's Flag, to celebrate the anniversary of its birth, and to recall the achievements attained beneath its folds.

Old Glory reminds us of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces around the world. Our flag represents the symbol of freedom, liberty and opportunity as the world-wide hope to all who would be free to live and do his will. This is the heritage of the American people.

Willingly our brave men and women have carried our Flag and the honor of the American people through many battles as our American Armed Forces have defended our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Today, American Armed Forces carry our Flag wherever terrorism is sponsored. This struggle against world terrorism is our hardest battle yet. It is a threat to our Nation and menace to our way of life.

The greatest significance of our Flag lies in the influence it has in the hearts and minds of millions of people, both at home and abroad. It stands as a promise that the under-privileged will not be forgotten. It has served as a beacon for millions of refugees who traveled to our shores.

Please remember to fly your own Stars and Stripes on Wednesday, June 14th as we celebrate Flag Day.

God Bless you and God Bless America!



Save the Date

Christmas
IN JULY

July 22, 2023

Raffle Prizes

50/50

Great Food

Band- TBD



Elks Family Picnic

August 13th

**Irish American Club
Olmsted Township**

From the Secretary's Desk:



Just a reminder - The new lodge year has opened, and, with it, also the opening of the new Elks National Foundation grant year. Because our members are always so generous in supporting ENF, we have been able to qualify each year for the grants available through ENF. If you have any ideas for projects we can do around our communities, please let me know so we can write a grant proposal as soon as possible. We have experienced grant-writer members who are waiting to get going! We have done a variety of activities in the past with veterans and with kids. We know there are groups out there who are helping veterans, the homeless, women and children in distress, building playgrounds, getting books and coats into the hands of kids and adults, helping seniors around their homes, collecting items for our active duty military members, etc. If you are involved in these types of activities, please reach out to me or any officer. We can help!

Westlake Meals on Wheels is still looking for more drivers. They don't deliver on weekends, only M-F. If you think you can help out, even on a limited basis, let me know!

We are still short a few Trustees. DO NOT BE AFRAID! When there are five Trustees, each doing their own job, you don't have to be at the lodge "all the time!" Chairman Keith Duffy is working on a list of the things that the Trustees are responsible for doing. It should appear in the ledger and on the Lodge's Facebook page shortly. Some responsibilities involve budgeting, staff and supply management, gaming management, applying for annual licenses, and end of year inventory. Take a look and see if there is something you have a talent for doing and come on board! We need you!

Welcome to all our new members!

That's all I have. Thanks for reading all the way to the bottom!

Maria Gregg, PER
Lodge Secretary

We will have the band, Smarty Jones on June 17th (Saturday) playing from 7 pm to 10 pm. Playing all your classic rock favorites and some "B" sides you just don't hear anymore. Food special is steak night! Come on down the show is free.

Check out their Facebook page [Smarty Jones Band](#)







Attention Members

Members, if you have visiting guests it is your responsibility to open the door and have them sign the guest book. Every guest is to sign our book. No guests can be in the Grill Room unless you are there. They may wait in the foyer until you arrive. We encourage you to invite them to become a member after three visits.

Also, if you are sponsoring a member, please try your best to be there for the process, especially during orientation and initiation. It's nice for them to see a familiar face who can show them the ropes.

JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				Lodge Meeting 7:30 P.M.		Monthly Drawing 7:00 P.M.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		L.I.C 7:00 P.M.  Startint at 6:00 P.M.				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		 Startint at 6:00 P.M.	Flag Day 6:30 P.M.		Trivia 7:00 P.M.	Smarty Jones Band 7:00 P.M.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		 Startint at 6:00 P.M.				
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Car Show 4:00 P.M.		Investigation 5:00 P.M.  Startint at 6:00 P.M.		B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 P.M.		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas in July • Family Picnic