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Greetings Fellow Elks

We made it! Summer is here and doesn't our Lodge look great; from the new tables and chairs in the grill room to the comfy and modern-looking patio furniture adorned by the blooming flowering baskets? Kudos to all who ordered, assembled, disassembled, sold, painted, planted, watered, etc., and work is just getting started in the bowling alley!

By the time you read this, I will be attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis (July 2-5), and what an honor it is! I will have the opportunity to network with other lodges and brag about ours. The amendments we voted on last Lodge meeting will be presented, works of committees will be discussed, and plans for furthering our endeavors on a national level shared. I hope to return with lots of news!

That's where I'll be on the 4th, how about you? Our Lodge will be marching in the Westlake 4th of July Parade, bearing our beautiful Elks banner. This parade honors our country, pledges our patriotism, and supports our Americanism. Be a part of it if interested. Contact our Trustee, Rick Grane, who is organizing the parade. The parade will start at Burneson School and continue to Clague Park, where there will be food, fun, and festivities. Stick around until dusk for the fireworks, and don't forget to wear your Elks shirts!

With the 4th of July upon us, the convention coming near, and new members being initiated, I can't help but ponder the meaning of Elkdom. What sets us apart from other organizations and why do we work so hard at making it work? This Lodge 1350 is more than a grill room, a hall, or a bowling alley; it is a community pledged to preserve the patriotism so deserved by our country. It is a brotherhood of like-minded individuals who believe in feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and sheltering the homeless. It is a place to fellowship with those who are not there for monetary, material, or ambitious aims, but there to contribute to the well-being of each member. Elkdom is a family of sorts with each member having their own skill-set, and looking to use it for the "Good of the Order".

The more I learn about the Elks, the prouder I am about the impact it has made throughout the world. The more Elks I meet, the better I understand how this was accomplished; seeing a need, having an idea, staying diligent (as in "Rome wasn't built in a day"), and working with congenial associates who know how to combine work and pleasure! I thank everyone for what has been done, and the fun we have doing it!

Speaking of fun, Christmas in July is around the corner. July 22nd not only reminds us there are only 186 shopping days until Christmas but supports a great grassroots charity, The Gathering Place. If you are not familiar with The Gathering Place, one of its facilities is located here in Westlake. Its mission is to provide support, education, and empowerment to those individuals and families coping with cancer, addressing the mind, body, and soul. Check out their Website touchedbycancer.org. This event will host great food, 50/50 raffles, basket raffles, and great music by The Frank and Dean Show. Relive the smooth Rat Pack era with a few surprises! Basket donations are needed. Drop-off location TBD.

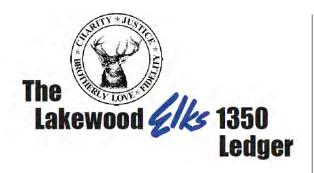
It's good to see our parking lot being used for RVs. Many members don't know that many lodges furnish this service and is helpful for summer traveling. Also, some good friends pull up from time to time. It was good to see you, Vern and Stan!

Last but not least, welcome to our family, Bonnie! It's hard not to notice the epicurean delights coming from our kitchen. Happy cook, happy meals! We welcome and respect your talents.

Have a fun, safe summer!

See you at the Lodge

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
Sundau	1 PM - 6 PM



SPOUSE/WIDOW IDENTIFICATION CARD

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

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

MONTHLY DRAWING

Saturday, July 1st 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, July 14th at 7:00 PM

Come down and enjoy fun times with great people!

June Applicants

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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!

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do it asap. We don't want to lose you! Your keycard is currently disabled and you are on a lapsation list in the Grill Room and the Lodge.

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





- 1 James A Rogers
- 2 Heather J English
- 2 Robert L Gildner
- 2 Martin Kilbane
- 2 Robert B Stratton
- 3 Gordon J Hewitt
- 3 Anthony L Manning
- 3 Barb Masterson
- 4 Robert Kowza
- 4 Ron Lavender
- 4 Margaret J Long
- 4 Shannon R McIntvre
- 5 Chris Deibel
- 5 Fred Herzog
- 5 Jeffrey Kline
- 5 John J Morgan
- 6 Robert F Aerni
- 6 Eric M Dudziak
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- 6 Rvan Pettit
- 6 Robert M Torok
- 7 Frank P Fatsie
- 7 Michelle Ragazzo
- 8 Donnie A Obrycki
- 8 Kimberly Pless
- 8 Robert H Ruebsteck
- 8 Lisa Klempner Zamrzla
- 9 William G Carlisle
- 10 Lawrence G May
- 11 Wendylee P Dimario
- 11 Dennis J Sarik

- 12 William J Faup
- 12 Edward A Hasinski
- 12 Robert August Jorgensen
- 12 Robert Mihna
- 13 Theresa Hess
- 13 Gerald Kubiak
- 13 Sheryl L Scheckel
- 13 David J Stark
- 13 Robert John Villwock
- 14 Donald Graham
- 14 James Pollock
- 15 Cheryl Cook
- 15 Norma Erdely
- 15 James P O'Malley
- 15 Louis A Ramunno
- 16 Bridget Ermlich
- 16 Richard J Sinatra
- 17 Karen Cimo
- 17 Lisa Csire
- 17 Leslie Lahr
- 17 Denise M Pawlitsch
- 17 Ryan Wilson
- 18 Alfred J Feronti
- 19 Eugene C Dewerth Jr
- 19 Paul D Miller
- 19 Michael Sheehan PER
- 19 Brian M White
- 20 Christopher Cogan
- 20 Kenneth W Knab
- 20 Michael Pandoli

- 21 Brent P Henry
- 21 Matthew L Kennedy
- 21 Ellen Lusardo
- 21 Eric Allen Palker PER
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- 22 Gary Blatter
- 22 Patricia Henry
- 22 John C Russell
- 22 Laura L Sutera
- 23 Barbara E Taylor
- 24 Eileen Fox
- 24 William G Freed
- 24 Susan Todd
- 24 Michael A Zenker Jr
- 25 Brian C Dew PER
- 26 Kathy George
- 28 Anna Kaye Haas
- 29 Thomas Forlini
- 29 Lori Ann Kennedy
- 29 Jeffrev C Medves
- 30 Dave Gould
- 30 James W Riedl
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- 31 John N Gardner
- 31 Mark E Nissel
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July 22, 2023

Raffle Baskets • 50/50 • Great Food Entertainment by Frank and Dean

Raffle Baskets Needed

All proceeds to benefit The Gathering Place

Elks Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, August 13th Noon - 6:00 pm

Irish American Club 8559 Jennings Road Olmsted Township, OH 44138

Cornhole Tournament • Kids Scavenger Hunt • DJ & More... 50/50 • Sideboards • Booze Wagon Raffle • Kids Raffle Basket

Burgers • Hot Dogs • Chicken • Sausage & Peppers • Pasta Salad • Potato Salad • Corn on the Cob • Baked Beans • Iced Cold Beverages

WE NEED VOLUTEERS FOR THIS EVENT

(Sign-up sheet in the Grill Room), please consider donating a bottle for our booze wagon or an item for the kids basket

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Soxie at 440-454-4264 or wahoo941@aol.com

JULY 2023 Sun Mon Tues Wed Fri Sat Thurs 25 27 28 30 Monthly Drawing 7:00 P.M. 2 5 6 8 Lodge Closed 9 10 12 13 14 15 Orientation 7:00 P.M. Lodge Meeting Trivia Initiation 7:00 P.M. Cruise-in 7:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 16 20 17 19 21 22 Christmas in July 6:00 P.M. Investigation 5:00 P.M 23 26 27 29 B.O.D. Meeting Cruise-in 6:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M. 30 3

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Family Picnic • Clambake

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