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# The Lakewood



LODGE #1350  
**Ledger**

## BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS

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### Greetings Fellow Elks

December already?? Summer always goes by so fast but with all that has happened here at our Lodge, I feel I blinked and missed a month. Our Wi-Fi and security have been updated. We have added many new members, made many new friends, supported many organizations, and hosted numerous events. None of this could have happened without you. No matter if you come for the food, the friends, the games or to get involved with our projects and events, I thank you for being part of our Elks Family and making all of this possible.

How bout that Turkey Trot?

Hats off to Hank, Kellie, Brian, and our fabulous kitchen crew (Butch, Bonnie & Stephanie), all the fantastic volunteers and all who donated to make this event a success! It's amazing what we can do as Elks. Next up is our Christmas Project. Be sure to complete and submit an application if you know of someone who could use a little help this year by December 9th. Forms are available in this ledger and the Grill Room. On Dec 15th we will transform into little Elks elves while everyone wraps and packs for our Christmas Cheer delivery. Saturday is Santa time when we deliver our gifts. Be part of the fun! By thinking outside ourselves we stick closer together and together we can do much!

Get that sweater Auntie Martha made you and wear it to our Ugly Christmas Sweater Party. How about those Browns? The PERs know we need nourishment to survive our Brown's season by whipping up those omelets and waffle breakfast on Sunday away games. Mmmmm good!

Just a reminder there will be no spaghetti dinner this month. All December birthdays will be recognized in January. A shout out to Steph & Dan, and all the kitchen staff, those who cook, serve, and clean up. Thanks also to those who donated those wonderful desserts.

The Veteran's Dinner was a success! Thanks, Eric, Pete, Danielle Mahany, Jeff Coyle (from Berea Lodge #1815), and all who were involved in this special event. It is an honor to be part of this great organization. I'm able to be a part of things I've always meant to be a part of. (And have fun doing it!)

Elks never forget. On Sun Dec 3rd at 1 pm, we will conduct a memorial service honoring members who have passed over the past year. The service will take place in our hall with a reception following in the Grill Room. This special ritual is open to all members and to families of the deceased.

Our neighboring lodges and those not so close are always welcome. Stop in, say Hi, and brag about our lodge. I guarantee you will feel welcome. Keep abreast of what is happening at other lodges by checking their monthly newsletters or their websites.

We still have Trustee positions open. I encourage anyone who has ANY interest in contributing to the good of the lodge to step forward, speak to an officer or trustee, and find out how you might contribute. Right now we are running 2 Trustees short and despite this, we are moving forward. What might we be able to do with YOU involved? By each member sharing their skill set, we can make a difference.

Holiday time is here. Christmas music, holiday lights, shopping, cooking, baking, gathering with loved ones. What is our hope for Christmas? Whether our gatherings resemble a Norman Rockwell, MAD magazine, or National Lampoon Christmas, I pray you to eat a cookie, open a present, sing a carol, and hug a loved one.

Peace and Love!

Ruth Ann Witteman  
Exalted Ruler



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## “A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION” OFFICERS – LODGE YEAR 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler ..... Ruth Ann Witteman  
Est. Leading Knight..... Anthony Tarone  
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Est. Lecturing Knight ..... Christine Soxie  
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Treasurer..... Herb Pawlitsch  
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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.

✂

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

# MONTHLY DRAWING

**Saturday, December 2nd 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.

## Chicago Tribute Band Dinner & Dessert

**January 13, 2024**

Dinner 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Show 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

**\$30**

All tables will be reserved for ticket holders

# December Applicants

Kimberly Knauss  
2231 Garden Drive  
Avon, OH 44011-2601

**SPONSOR: SCOTT LANEY**

Jonathon D. Smith  
2645 Wallace BLVD.  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039-1937

**SPONSOR: DAVID J. TURNER**

Gunar Auzenbergs  
1090 Stonewood Court  
Westlake, OH 44145-2807

**SPONSOR: PAM RICE**

Robert & Geraldine Hollingshead  
23345 Stoneybrook Drive  
North Olmsted, OH 44070-1159

**SPONSOR: MIKE ZAMRZLA**

Gerald Suttmiller  
2389 Wood Mill Drive  
Westlake, OH 4145-6518

**SPONSOR: GARY HAAS**

Thomas F. Gannor  
6381 Ridge Plaza Drive  
North Ridgeville, OH 44039-3029

**SPONSOR: ROBERT BONENFANT**

Juanita Henkel  
2888 Pease Drive  
Rocky River, OH 44116-3239

## L.I.C. GENERAL MEETING

December 5th, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.

All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

We will review 2023 Actual to Budget figures, as well as the forecast for 2024.

Elections of the 3 At-Large Officer positions (3 year term) will be held.

Any member in good standing can run for a position.

Thanks - Jim Bischoff

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.lakewoodelks1350.com](http://www.lakewoodelks1350.com)



Here you will **FIND** all the **LATEST INFORMATION** about our Lodge.

**Events • Ledger • Calendar • Scholarships  
Menu • What Elks Do • Contact Information  
Elks History • Grand Lodge Information**

**Due to the Holidays  
there will be NO  
Spaghetti Dinner  
or Trivia Night**

# *Memorial Service - December 3rd* at 1:00 P.M.

Each year we gather together on the first Sunday in December to honor those members who have passed on during the previous year. It is the last thing we can do to show our friendship, our love, our appreciation for them. This year's Memorial Service will be on Sunday, December 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception afterwards in the Grill Room.

## *In Memoriam*

We shall meet but we shall miss them.

There will be the vacant chairs.

Though we no more possess them,

Still our hearts their memory bear.

But a while ago we gathered,

Friendship beaming in each eye.

Now the golden cord is severed,

They have passed to realms on high.

## **Our Honored Departed Members**

Name – Initiated – Entered Into Rest

George L. Everden – 9/22/1966 – 12/7/2022

Frank Spoth – 9/6/2007 – 12/15/2022

Joann Garrett – 7/20/2017 – 12/15/2022

David Dusek – 3/18/2004 – 2/4/2023

Dianne A. Elias – 3/2/2017 – 2/12/2023

Peter P. Tovtin – 1/15/2015 – 4/17/2023

Jeffrey W. Meinke – 1/3/2013 – 5/2/2023

Anthony J. Comella, Jr. – 5/16/1996 – 5/4/2023

Hugo A. Zenker, Jr. – 3/28/1968 – 5/17/2023

Mary M. Phillips – 3/6/2014 – 7/28/2023

Julius Skerlan – 3/6/2014 – 8/11/2023

Joel M. Tomkalski – 7/14/2022 – 10/26/2023

*To Our Absent Members*

# Christmas Cheer Delivery

In the true spirit of Christmas giving, our Lodge has a long tradition of delivering Christmas baskets to families in the **Western Cleveland Suburbs**. These baskets contain a complete Christmas dinner, warm hats and gloves, and a toy for each child in the family under 16 years old.

Remember that sometimes families suddenly face an unexpected illness, loss of work, crisis, or some temporary setback which may abruptly change their circumstances, and they then find themselves unable to provide a happy holiday for their family. A large house in an affluent area can sometimes disguise a family whose children would otherwise not have a special Christmas dinner or a gift on Christmas morning.

If you would like to recommend a family to receive some Christmas Cheer, please fill in the application form completely (located as a page insert). There are also many ways to lend a hand. Whether helping to wrap gifts, loading the food boxes into cars or using your vehicle to help deliver the cheer on Saturday, December 15th, your assistance is welcomed.

Please feel free to show up at the dates and times listed. Following delivery on December 15th the Elves (volunteers) will enjoy food, drink, and share our own Christmas spirit in the Grill Room!

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

### **Saturday, December 9th – Deadline for Applications.**

Applications must be received (placed in the box) in the Grill Room prior to 6:00 pm.

No emails will be accepted, must turn in a hand written sheet.

### **Friday, December 14th – Gift Wrapping & Assembly**

We will welcome any and all volunteers to help assemble and gift wrap! We'll start at 6:00 pm. in the Lodge Hall. Extra wrapping hands are welcome.

### **Saturday, December 15th – Christmas Cheer Basket Delivery.**

Deliver in your own vehicle to a number of homes. Starting at 9:00 am. Once ready you will pull up to the front doors and we will help you load your car. Upon completion return to the Grill Room for some Elk's Holiday Cheer & Lunch.





# From the Lodge Secretary's Office...

Happy holidays!

We are three-quarters of the way through our current Lodge year. Time flies, doesn't it?

Memorial Service is on Sunday, December 3rd, at 1:00. This is where we honor those members who have passed on during the previous year. The list of members to be honored is on the In Memoriam page elsewhere in this Ledger.

There have been some questions regarding membership application procedures lately. Here are the steps to becoming a member of the Elks: 1) A Member in good standing proposes the applicant. The proposer is expected to be able to vouch for the applicant and be with the person throughout the process; 2) the applicant's name is printed in the Ledger and read on the Lodge floor at the next Lodge meeting; 3) the applicant receives a letter stating the date and time of the investigation; 4) if the applicant is favorably investigated, they are presented to the Lodge for balloting-this is a vote of the members to allow the applicant to join or to reject the application; 5) if approved by the lodge membership at balloting, the applicant will then proceed to the orientation/initiation phase; 6) orientation is usually held two days before initiation and provides a time for discussion of what the Elks represent, as well as opportunities for involvement in activities; and, finally, 7) Initiation. This is where the applicant becomes a Member in good standing with the rights and privileges of membership. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved with investigation, please contact the ER Ruth Ann Witteman.

To those who have submitted membership applications: please read the letter you receive very carefully. It will tell you the next steps in becoming a member including dates and times for each step. If you can't make it to investigation (which is the first step) on the date stated in the letter, please call the office at the number above and we will try to make alternate plans.

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

Maria Gregg, PER  
Lodge Secretary





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| 2  | James P Riley      | 10 | Robert G Goede          | 19 | Eileen Woods           |
| 2  | Brian A Stack      | 10 | Rudolph D Najda         | 21 | Brian Gartland PER     |
| 2  | Terry A Thauvette  | 11 | Morgan Gallagher        | 21 | Bryan Schultz          |
| 3  | Nan A Baker        | 12 | John P Hildebrand       | 22 | Mike Aerni             |
| 3  | Marilyn Cowin      | 12 | Amanda Lassiter         | 23 | Tom Audie              |
| 3  | Mary Hawk          | 12 | Judith A Schwind        | 24 | Richard Corbin         |
| 3  | Robert F Meeker    | 13 | Angel Roman             | 24 | Claudia DeRosa         |
| 4  | James Deangelo     | 13 | Brent M Vasey           | 24 | Michael Killeen        |
| 5  | Benedict J Meder   | 14 | Audrey Toothman         | 25 | Beverly A Moran        |
| 5  | Christine L Soxie  | 15 | James J Bartko          | 26 | John Veverka           |
| 6  | Thomas C Cook      | 15 | Patrick W Cleary Jr     | 27 | Lesley Markievich      |
| 6  | Donald J Dragony   | 16 | Kenneth J Luke          | 27 | John F Nock            |
| 7  | Michael S Bizup    | 17 | Gary Haas               | 27 | Christina Weisenberger |
| 7  | Timothy J Bub      | 17 | Laura Anne Palker       | 27 | Corinne M Wood         |
| 8  | Darren J Clapp     | 17 | Matthew J Robison       | 28 | Jonathon G Fillar      |
| 8  | Andrew J Cox       | 18 | Corinne Gustafson       | 28 | Laurie R Sherwood      |
| 8  | Joseph D'Achille   | 18 | Lawrence J McManamon Jr | 29 | Dennis Clough          |
| 9  | Ian Atwood         | 18 | David J Turner          | 29 | Edward T Meleason      |
| 9  | Vince Didonna      | 19 | John E De Barr          | 31 | Dwan Kitko             |
| 9  | Dan C Oprea        | 19 | Edwin E Kilbourne       | 31 | Jennifer Schneider     |
| 10 | Raymond Davis Jr   | 19 | James Krava             |    |                        |
| 10 | Anthony J Donofrio | 19 | Lawrence W Krystynak    |    |                        |



KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR



January 1st from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Don't miss our annual Tom & Jerry Party! • Free "Tom & Jerry Cocktails"  
Spaetzle & Chili • Get em' before they run out!

*-Donations gratefully accepted-*

UGLY SWEATER

CHRISTMAS  
PARTY

December 22nd at 6:00 P.M.

Reindeer  
Games

50/50

Entertainment  
(Stevie Nicks of Rumors) &  
Lance (Lindsey Buckingham of Rumors)  
7:00 PM

Ugly Sweater  
Contest



Contact Eileen Woods with any questions

**LAKWOOD ELKS LODGE #1350**

**PRESENTS**

*Happy*  
**NEW**  
*Year*

**CELEBRATION**

**HAPPY HOUR JAM**

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER**

**WITH BRENT & ANDREW**

**1:00 - 6:00 P.M. - LIMITED HOURS**

**BRING A POTLUCK DISH**



**December 10, 2023**

**11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**

There will be food, beverages, a craft project for the kids to make. Please sign up in the Grill Room ahead of time so we can ensure enough supplies are ordered.

Santa Claus will be making a special appearance too.

Contact Kellie Roth with questions at [kellieroth524@yahoo.com](mailto:kellieroth524@yahoo.com)



**NEW IN 2024!** 

Starting with the 2024 MVS contest, every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive \$30,000—increasing the guaranteed scholarship for the Top 20 Finalists by 50 percent. The switch will cultivate better relationships amongst our scholars, create opportunities for more engaging programming, and allow for more Champions of the Order.

# Lakewood Elks Darters!

## Save the Date

Saturday: January 6, 2024

### 3rd ANNUAL ELKS LAW ENFORCEMENT DART TOURNAMENT




Berea Elks Lodge #1815  
626 North Rocky River Drive  
Berea, Ohio 44017

The tournament is a competition of two-member teams. Individual team members can be either Elks, an Elk family member, OR law enforcement/ active or retirees. Entry fee for teams is \$60 (\$30 per person) paid in cash or by check. Please include names of both team members.

All checks should be made out to: BPOE Berea #1815. Contact Art Bowker at Berea Elks #1815 by e-mail at [elks1815dartle@gmail.com](mailto:elks1815dartle@gmail.com) or by cell 216-262-2946 to get your teams signed up.



Last year, Elks used Freedom Grants to serve more than **106,000** veterans, active duty service members, and their family members.



## DID YOU KNOW?



Your ENF donation can help Elks scholars cover the cost of textbooks and other essential college supplies! As classes start, consider donating the cost of a text book through the ENF's Feel Good Giving Gift Shop at [enf.elks.org/FeelGoodGiving](http://enf.elks.org/FeelGoodGiving).



# DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Lodge Meeting Balloting 7:30 P.M.	8	9
10 Kids Christmas Party 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.	11	12	13	14	15 Baskets - Wrapping 6:00 P.M.	16 Baskets - Delivery 9:00 A.M.
17	18	19 Investigation 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.	20	21	22 Ugly Sweater Party 6:00 P.M.	23
24	25 Lodge Closed Merry Christmas	26	27	28 B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 P.M.	29	30
31 New Year's Eve Party Potluck 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	1	2	3	4	5	6

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/1/2024 Tom & Jerry • 1/13/24 - Chicago Tribute Band Dinner Show • Chili Cook off

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# Christmas Cheer

Elks #1350 Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose only one of the following delivery options:

- I will deliver this basket myself
- Please have a volunteer deliver this basket

This form **MUST** be filled in **Completely and Legible** to be accepted for **ANY** delivery!

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total # Adults and Children Living in this household:**

- There are NO Children under 16. Send a food basket only.
- There ARE Children under 16. Send food basket, plus kid's gifts.

**Please fill out the children's information completely below.**

(Please note if a child has special needs so we can gift properly)

**Notes:**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_

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**STRICT DEADLINE - Must be received in the Grill Room Box no later than Saturday, December 9nd by 6:00 P.M.  
No emails! Questions contact Kellie Roth at 602-369-8924**