

BEREA ELKS BULLHORN

A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

DECEMBER 2018



Berea Elks Helping Those Who Need It Most This Holiday Season



In November, Berea Elks members volunteered at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank helping sort and re-pack over 10,500 pounds of frozen meat which will be distributed to over 900 agencies across six counties in Ohio.

The Cleveland Food Bank depends on volunteer organizations like the Elks to help close the “food gap” across these six counties helping more than 58,000 people get the critical nutrition support they need.

The work included identifying, sorting, and repacking frozen meat products including beef, poultry, pork, and seafood which was then re-packed in 25 lb. crates

and then shipped across the network of agencies, partners, and pantries that the food bank serves.

The need for donations of food, money, and labor is a constant need, with daily pressures to meet the continued needs of our community.



This Holiday season, let’s be thankful for what we have and continue to help those who are less fortunate.

Thank you to all who volunteered, because Elks Care, Elks Share.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Elks Hoop Shoot
December 1

Winter Family Fun Fest
December 8

Alia Bailey Gift Drive
December 9

Ugly Sweater Party
December 15

Festivus Party
December 21

Christmas
December 25

New Year’s Eve Party
December 31

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Letter From The Editor

Greetings Fellow Elks!

It's the last month of the year, but not the last month of the Elk's Lodge Year. The lodge year ends March 31st.

The officers of the lodge, along with the PER Association will soon begin the process of reaching out to members interested in leadership positions within the lodge for the 2019/20 lodge year that will begin April 1.

If you have any interest in becoming a lodge officer or becoming a committee chairperson, please speak with any officer or PER. Voting on these positions will occur in late February.

Fraternally Yours...
-Rich



The Veterans dinner in November was great. Nate and the team did another outstanding job preparing a top-rate meal featuring individual Cornish game hens!

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with serving the Veterans from the Louis Stokes VA Hospital at Wade Park. We had 36 Veterans at the dinner, some of them were blind.



I am so proud of the Berea Elks for the great work they continue to do with the Veterans.

We were able to give away \$125 in canteen books during the bingo that followed the dinner. The money for the canteen books came from the cans at the bar. Your donations mean a lot and go directly to the Veterans!

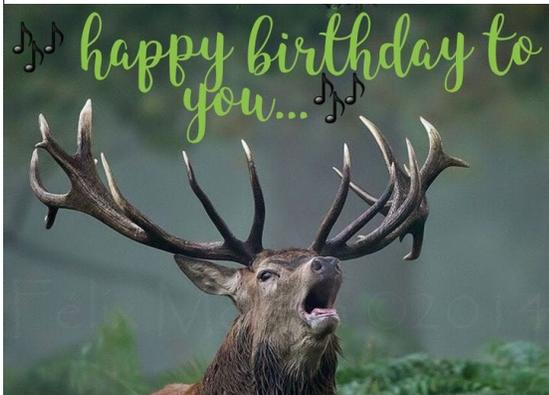
Additionally, many thanks to all the members who donated t-shirts, socks, and other personal hygiene items. Keep up the great work Berea Lodge!

Bob Atkinson

PER, Veterans Committee Chair
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P.S. I'd like to thank my two sons, Steve and Mike for bringing me to the dinner and helping me throughout the night.

Remember to celebrate everyone's birthday the first Friday of each month with free cake and ice cream in the lounge!



Leonard Oliveri, PER	December 1
Kevin Maloney	December 5
Barb Caracci	December 7
Greg Hammond	December 10
Brian Redmond	December 12
Pete Wieneke	December 13
Cheryl Latto	December 24
Carla Moore	December 29
Richard Wright, Jr.	December 29



FROM THE STATION OF
FIDELITY
THE STAR OF FIDELITY CONTINUES EVER TO BURN...
Exalted Ruler's Message

UGLY SWEATER X-MAS PARTY—DEC. 15

Greetings Fellow Elks!

Happy Holidays! It is the Season for giving and our Members have been a shining example of just that. These past couple of weeks have shown the tremendous work that our Lodge is capable of. We hosted a very successful dinner for the Veterans from the Wade Park VA Hospital. The event featured great food and games, and the feedback was wonderful. Many thanks to our Veterans Committee Co-Chairs Bob Atkinson and Hank Nest, as well as PER Nate Moore for coordinating this event.

We also hosted our annual PER Holiday Basket Raffle last month. We had a really good turnout for this successful fundraiser. Many thanks to all of our Past Exalted Rulers, Dianna and Danielle, and all of the other volunteers for pulling off this event. Finally, our Lodge had a very strong showing for our first trip to the Cleveland Food Bank. Together, we sorted and packed over 10,500 lbs. of food for those who most need it! I'm very proud of those that came out, thank you very much. Keep up the good work everyone!

As we navigate through the shopping, crowds, traffic, work functions, and family gatherings, remember to take a break from it all and stop by the Lodge! We have a month full of fun events to celebrate the Season.

Our first annual Family Winterfest will take place Saturday December 8th. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring down some younger future Elks to the Lodge for a day of fun, food, games, and a picture with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

Saturday December 15th will feature our annual Ugly Sweater Party. This event is always a blast and will feature a pot-luck dinner, cookie decorating, ugly sweater contest, as well as a white elephant gift exchange.

Friday December 21st will feature our second annual Festivus Party. Come on down for some Seinfeld trivia, feats of strength, airing of grievances, and to marvel at our beautiful Festivus pole!

Finally, Monday December 31st will feature our New Year's Eve Party. Come on down to celebrate the end of the year with your friends at the Lodge and skip the crowds of those lesser establishments

With so many events to choose from there's surely one that will stand out to you, and as always remember to bring a friend or family member and introduce them to the Elks!

Lastly, allow me to continue to wish you and your family the very best this Holiday Season, and a very safe and memorable New Year.

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Coyle, Exalted Ruler

BEREA ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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TRIVIA NIGHT

Mystery Mondays are changing to Trivia Night!

Our very own Jeff Maloney will continue to host Trivia Night in the lodge on Mondays.

The \$5 dinners will be suspended in December as the cook has a new "real" job that needs more attention.

Depending on the crowd, we may order pizza or, if someone is interested in cooking, let us know.

Elks Night At The Monsters!



For the second year, the Berea Elks have partnered with the Cleveland Monsters for a special night of hockey and hijinks!

This year the Elks Night At The Monsters will be Wednesday, January 23rd against the Toronto Marlies at Quicken Loans Arena. The puck drops at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are only \$65 per person and include the game, access to the VIP club, special new seats, all-you-can-eat buffet, and an open bar! The lodge has reserved 20 tickets and they can be purchased in the lounge and must be purchased in advance! This is open to all Elks and their guests.

Tickets MUST be purchased by December 14th.

Like last year, we will work on arranging group transportation for a small extra cost. If you didn't make it last year, you missed a great time. Don't miss it this year!

Berea Elks Expand Visitations to VA Hospital To Twice A Month

The Berea Elks Lodge will be making twice monthly visitations to the Louis Stokes VA Hospital at Wade Park beginning in December. These are daytime visits where Elks members visit with Veterans living at the hospital, handing out canteen books, and engaging with our nation's Veterans who deserve our appreciation.

Visits will happen every 2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturday of the month. Please contact Hank Nest if you have interest in joining.

PER Basket Raffle

Many thanks to all who attended the PER Association Holiday Basket Raffle.

The event raised over \$2,000 for the lodge! This is much needed funds to help with day to day lodge operations.

Even greater thanks goes to all those who volunteered and donated items to the event (you know who you are and so do we!).

Details regarding the Easter Basket Raffle will come out in the March issue of the Bullhorn.

Friends of Alia Bailey Gift Drive

For the second year, the Berea Elks will be hosting a Gift Drive for the Friends of Alia Bailey. Alia was a student at Grindstone Elementary who passed away in a car accident in January of 2017. Last year this event collected over 1,000 gifts!

All gifts will be wrapped at the Elks Lodge on Sunday, December 9th from noon to 3:00 pm. This is open to the public and all are encouraged to join friends and family of Alia as we wrap gifts and make ornaments on this day.

Suggested items to bring include rattles, infant toys, sippy cups, plastic mobiles, baby swings, baby bouncers, small balls, infant/toddler musical toys, musical aquariums for cribs, small bubbles, art supplies, coloring books, journals, rainbow loom, playing cards, Uno cards, Xbox360 games, ear buds, DVD's rated G & PG, small matchbox cars, multi-cultural baby & Barbie dolls, Play-doh, gently used & new books, action figures, headphones and toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, nail polishes).

All gifts collected will be donated to Cleveland Metro Hospital's Children's Ward.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

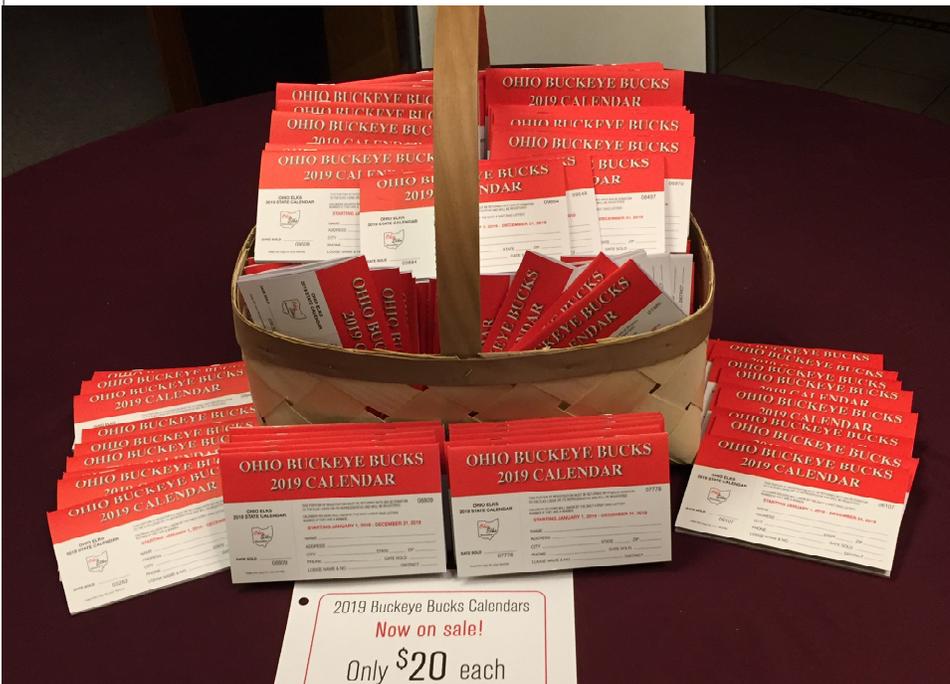
In November, The Berea Elks Lodge welcomed three new members! Pictured, from left are Mark Bowker, Patrick Greenhill, and Mark Medvick.

We're excited to have these fine people join the Elks and unite with us in the great works that we do.

Next time you're in the lodge, be sure to introduce yourself to these new members.

Also, John Hozvicka will be voted on for membership to the lodge on the December 5th meeting (if approved, he will be initiated on the 19th).

2019 ELKS CALENDARS



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

It's Americanism Essay Time! "What Makes You Proud of America?" is this year's theme. All 5th thru 8th grade students should start working on their essays.

In no more than 300 words, the Elks would love to hear your ideas on the above theme. Essays must be turned in to Berea Lodge by December 15th, 2018.

Last year students from Berea, Strongsville and Olmsted Falls Schools turned in almost 950 essays. Five out of six NE District winners were submitted by our Berea Elks Lodge #1815! We also had a 3rd place winner at State!

Let's shoot for over 1,000 essays this year! Make sure all the eligible children you know get involved!

All local winners will be recognized at Berea Lodge's Annual Youth Appreciation Dinner in May.

Any students who don't receive Americanism Essay materials thru your school, please contact Bill Maloney - Lodge Americanism Chairman at maloney.w@sbcglobal.net

2019 "Buckeye Bucks" Calendars now on sale in the lounge! Each Calendar has a four digit number. If that number is pulled on the Ohio Lottery Pick-4, pulled twice a day, YOU WIN!

EACH CALENDAR HAS 728 CHANCES TO WIN!

Win between \$50 to \$500 every day, each calendar can win more than once!
Our lodge has had 8 winners in 2018 so far!

Our goal is to sell 200 calendars which will raise \$1,000 for Berea Lodge.
We can only do this if each member does their part! This is the best \$20 deal out there!

All your friends, co-workers, and relatives are eligible, you do not have to be an Elk to purchase a calendar or win and they make great stocking stuffer gifts.

Calendar #1815 will be raffled off at the November Basket Raffle.



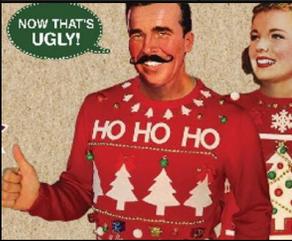
**Elks Winter
Family Festival
Sat Dec 8 11-4**

- . Make & Take Crafts**
- . Pictures with Santa & Mrs
Claus**
- . Cookie Decorating**
- . Candy Buffet**
- . Hot Chocolate Buffet**
- . Snack Bar**

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BEREA ELKS DECEMBER EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Berea Elks Annual Festivus For the Rest Of Us Party Friday, December 21 - 7:00 PM</p>						<p>1 ELKS HOOP SHOOT BEREA REC 10:00 - 1:00</p>
<p>2 LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 TRIVIA NIGHT</p>	<p>4  eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>5 LODGE MEETING 7:30 MEMORIAL SERVICE Officer Bartender Dianna Threadgill RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30</p>	<p>6 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>7 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>8 Family Winter Fun Festival</p>
<p>9 Alia Bailey Gift Drive</p>	<p>10 TRIVIA NIGHT</p>	<p>11  eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>12 BOD MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! Officer Bartender Joe Puchalski # RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30</p>	<p>13 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>14 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>15  UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER Party</p>
<p>16 LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>17 TRIVIA NIGHT</p>	<p>18 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>19 LODGE MEETING 7:30 INITIATION! Officer Bartender Jon Elias RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30</p>	<p>20 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>24  LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>25  LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>26 Officer Bartender Eric Banks RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30</p>	<p>27 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>28 eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>31 </p>	<p> NOW THAT'S UGLY!</p> <p>Berea Elks Annual Ugly Sweater Party Saturday, December 15 - 7:00 PM</p>				



From The Desk Of The Lodge Secretary

Once the holidays have been enjoyed we will be sending out renewal of membership dues letter at the end of the January 2019. Please make sure if you have moved or have a new email address that information is given to Danielle via email danielle.mahany@yahoo.com no later than January 15th.



Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY EVENTS

Americansim Essay Judging

Friday, January 4

NE District Meeting

Sunday, January 20

Elks Night At The Monsters

Wednesday, January 23

Beer & Smokies Tasting

Saturday, January 26

Fifth Wednesday Club

Wednesday, January 30 (Elyria)



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