

BEREA ELKS BULLHORN

A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

DECEMBER 2022



FROM THE STATION OF
FIDELITY

THE STAR OF FIDELITY CONTINUES EVER TO BURN...

Exalted Ruler's Message

Holiday Gala December 10th

Dear Fellow Elks,

Happy Holidays! It is the Season for giving and our members have been a shining example of just that. 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.

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.

It all starts with the annual Alia Bailey Gift Drive on Sunday, December 4th. Be sure to bring unwrapped children's toys to the lodge prior to, or during the event so all of the volunteers can wrap and deliver them to Cleveland Metro Children's Hospital.

December 10th marks our 2nd Annual Holiday Gala. Last year was a rousing success and we hope to see everyone back again this year for amazing cocktails, food and live music by local artist Chris Donley.

The following day is our annual Winterfest event that is open to the public with fun activities for kids and a visit by Santa himself!

We finish the year with our annual Festivus celebration and of course, our New Year's Eve party. Bring in the new year with your fellow elks at the lodge in a fun and safe place. And, of course, we will serve eggs and brats after midnight which is free to all who are there.

Finally, we will be performing our annual memorial service during the first meeting of the month (December 7th). This is a somber and solemn affair, but an important one for us to remember those Elks we have lost over the last year and a reminder to embrace our friends and family around us, for *"our time upon the stage of action is but brief"*.

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...Pete Wieneke

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Friends of Alia Bailey Gift Drive

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 4th** 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.

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

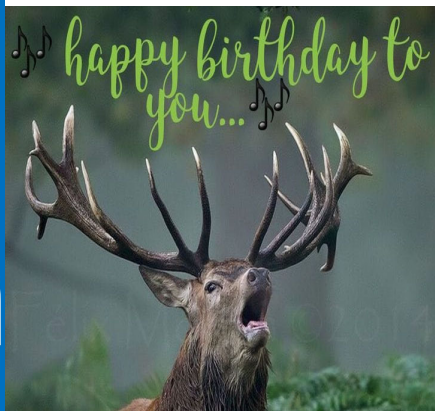


VETERAN DONATIONS NEEDED!

Gary Farkas who has been visiting our Veterans at the VA Hospital Wade Oval is collecting personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant as well as gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, etc.

Additionally, we are collecting to fill the bags for Veterans across Ohio who are also needing personal hygiene items, socks, and shirts. These bags will be delivered at the Spring Convention. Feel free to grab a Veterans bag in the lounge and return it filled by mid-April so we can take it to convention in Columbus.

Any questions please contact any of the officers of the lodge.



Leonard Oliveri, PER	December 1
Carl Auvil	December 1
Lora Volpe	December 2
Kevin Maloney	December 5
Greg Hammond	December 10
Pete Wieneke	December 13
Michael Kiser	December 25
Carla Moore	December 29

BEREA ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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Holiday Gala

Saturday, December 10 at 6:30 PM

Please join us at the lodge for a special, semi-formal evening as we celebrate the holidays with good cheer and friendship at the lodge. The evening will open with an hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour followed by a formal dinner featuring your choice of braised short ribs or halibut en papillote.

Music performance by Chris Donley (<https://www.facebook.com/chrisdonleyofficial>) all evening and the bar will be featuring special holiday-themed cocktails throughout the night.

Cost is \$50 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and a complimentary glass of select wine, beer, or spirit and a champagne toast at the end of the evening. We are also asking all guests to bring an unwrapped children's toy for the Alia Bailey Gift Drive.

Tickets may be purchased in the lounge or online at <https://www.bereaelks.com/lodge-store/holiday-gala>

This is a semi-formal event (gentlemen jacket & tie, ladies evening attire)

BEREA ELKS WINTERFEST!

Sunday, December 11, 2022
Noon to 3:00 pm

626 North Rocky River Drive | Berea, OH 44017

Family friendly event with children's games for prizes, fun holiday treats, cookie decorating, holiday music, and a special appearance by Santa himself! Admission is a toy donation to benefit the Alia Bailey Holiday Gift Drive

Open to the public!



NYE-2023

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Join us in the lodge to ring in the New Year with your fellow Elks! We'll have music, countdown shows, silly bingo games, and special cocktails.

A free champagne toast at midnight along with free eggs and brats after the toast.

There is no better place to be than at the lodge this year for New Years!

See you there!



Saturday
December 17
7:00 PM

REGISTER NOW!

The Berea Elks 2nd Annual Law Enforcement Dart Tournament
Saturday, January 7
Berea Elks Lodge #1815



Benefitting The Greater Cleveland Peace Officer's Memorial Society (GCPOMS) This is a double elimination tournament with two member teams competing in games of 501 and Cricket. Individual team members must be either Elks or law enforcement (active/retirees).

Entry fee for teams will be \$60 with all profits going to benefit GCPOMS.
Start time is expected to be at 9:00 am

TO REGISTER

E-mail Art Bower @ Art Bowker htciabowker@gmail.com
with your team member's names



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It is time again for the Elks Annual Americanism Essay Contest! "What is your American Dream?" is the theme for this year's contest. All 5th thru 8th grade students are invited to write an essay, of 300 words or less, sharing their thoughts on "What is your American Dream?". If your student hasn't already been introduced to this program by their teachers, please contact us for details. Each year we receive around 1,000 essays from students in the Berea, Olmsted Falls, Strongsville & local Parochial Schools. Berea Elks have routinely had winning essays at both the NE District and State levels. For the first time this year, each of the four grade levels will compete in their own division. The deadline to turn in essays at the lodge is December 15, 2022.

Volunteers Needed! Friday January 6th at 7pm!

We will be evaluating this year's Americanism Essays on Friday Jan. 6th at 7pm. 12-16 interested members are needed to select the top three essays in each of four grade divisions this year, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades. Typically, we will have up to 1,000 essays to read. The 12 winning essays will move on to compete in the NE District. This is always a FUN night! Anyone interested in helping, please e-mail Bill Maloney ASAP.

Bill Maloney - Lodge Americanism Chairman

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2023 "BUCKEYE BUCKS" CALENDARS AVAILABLE NOW IN THE LOUNGE!

For only \$20 you get a great pocket calendar with a unique 4-digit number. If that number matches any of the "Ohio Lottery's Pick-4" twice-a-day drawings, you will win \$50 up to \$500, with 728 chances to win! No work on your part - the check will automatically show up in the mail! It is also a great fundraiser for our lodge as \$5 from each calendar sold stays here. These can be sold to anyone and make great gifts as well! Help us meet our goal of selling 200 calendars this year.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3		
4 ALIA BAILEY GIFT DRIVE Noon-3	5 LODGE CLOSED	6  	7 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm All Elks Welcome! MEMORIAL SERVICE	8 LODGE CLOSED	9 	10 <i>Holiday Gala</i> 6:30pm
11 WINTERFEST Noon-3	12 LODGE CLOSED	13 	14 BOD Meeting 7:30pm All Elks Welcome!	15 LODGE CLOSED	16 	17 MOVIE NIGHT CHRISTMAS VACATION 7:00 PM
18 LODGE CLOSED	19 LODGE CLOSED	20 	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm All Elks Welcome!	22 LODGE CLOSED	23 Happy Festivus 	24  LODGE CLOSED
25  LODGE CLOSED	26 LODGE CLOSED	27 	28	29 LODGE CLOSED	30  Poker Night 7pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Calling All Poker Players!

The monthly lodge poker game is returning! The lodge is looking for a minimum 5-7 players for poker games that will be held on the last Friday of every month. The start time is around 7pm and all players regardless of skill level are welcome as these are friendly games! Come down and enjoy a dinner from the 11th Hour Grille and test your luck against fellow members.





Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



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