

BEREA ELKS BULLHORN

A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

February 2020



Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Fellow Elks!

February will be a very busy and exciting month for our Lodge. We will host a chili cook off Super Bowl party on Sunday February 2nd, be sure to enter your best chili and earn the right to be this year's champion! We will host a wine glass painting party on Saturday February 8th and a wine tasting on Saturday February 15th. Finally, PER Nate Moore will kick off the fish fry season on Fat Tuesday February 25th with a delicious low country boil.

Our famous fish fry dinners are some of our Lodge's most successful nights. Nate and his crew do an amazing job each year, providing a real treat to our members and families. These dinners could not happen without our volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help out during the fish fry season. Roles vary from sous chef, to dishwasher, to server. Every little bit of assistance goes a long way to making each night a success.

We are still looking for members interested in serving as an officer or committee chair. These important positions ensure that our Lodge continues to support our community and members. If you have any interest or questions please reach out to any PER or myself. Another way for interested members and current officers to learn more about these positions is to attend the Ohio Elks Leadership Kollege on Saturday February 29th at Newark Elks lodge #391. This event features informational seminars hosted by some of our most knowledgeable members in the State. Please reach out to myself if you would like to learn more about this event.

Our Lodge will be postponing the PER Night that I had mentioned in the past bullhorn, scheduled for February 5th. A number of our PERs had conflicts with the date and we wouldn't want to hold the event without them. We will look to reschedule this night in the Spring.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Danielle Mahany on the 4th year anniversary of Mega Mondays. She has worked tirelessly these past 4 years serving many great meals along the way. I look forward to what creative ideas she'll come up with these next 4 years. In honor of the anniversary, we'll be giving her the night off on Monday February 24th and feature a guest chef. Please be sure to thank Danielle the next time you see her.

Until next time, see you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Coyle, Exalted Ruler



The Lodge will be closed on Saturday, February 22nd as we support our very own Ken Volpe for his annual Wounded Heroes reverse raffle fundraiser which has grown to be so large it will now be held at St. Mary's Church in Berea. Main board tickets can be purchased for \$40. Event runs from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

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BEREA ELKS FIRST ANNUAL FAT TUESDAY LOW COUNTRY BOIL



February 25th - 6:30pm - \$ 30

PRE-SALE ONLY!

Come help us celebrate the start of fish fry season in style.

This year's menu will consist of one Lobster tail, large shrimp, with sausage, corn and potatoes.

MUST PURCHASE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Pay at lounge or online (www.bereaelks.com)



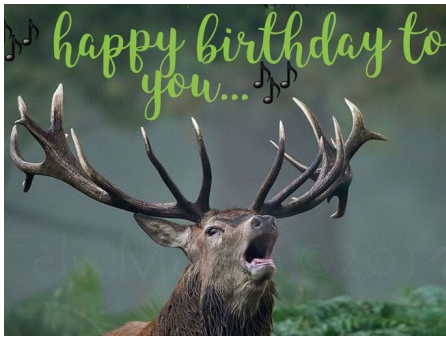
Welcome!

This past January the lodge initiated Nate Modie and Scott Smalley into our order. Please congratulate and welcome our new members when you see them in the lounge.

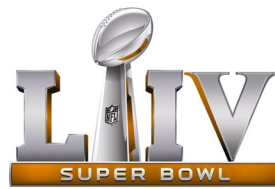
Membership is what drives our lodge. If you have a person who would be a great addition to the lodge bring them down to a beer or wine tasting. Have them participate with other members at charitable events like the Cleveland Foodbank or hosting our veterans. There is something for everyone!

BEREA ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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William Helmut	February 1
Doug Runyon	February 1
Roger Baker	February 2
Tiffany Kurtycz	February 2
Donna Wasko	February 3
Robin Tung	February 7
Elaine Plumb	February 16
Gary Farkas	February 21



CHILI COOK-OFF

The Browns aren't going to the Super Bowl and most likely never will, but one thing is for sure, we will eat like kings!

Join us for our Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-off! Bring your best chili to the lodge and see how it stacks up to the competition. Entry is free and judging will be by popular blind vote.

There will be prizes for the top chili along with Super Bowl games all night long. Join us in the lodge this year for Super Bowl.

Sunday, February 2nd - Doors Open at 5:00, Contest at 6:00

Wine Glass Painting

On February 8th we are hosting a wine glass painting event at the lodge at 7:00 pm. For just \$30 you'll be supplied with everything you need to paint a set of wine glasses. Register on our elk's Facebook events page.

Advanced registration is required.



Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 15th

Join us in the lodge on Saturday, February 15th for our annual "pre fish fry" wine tasting event! We'll preview six great wines from a local, veteran owned wine distributor ranging from light whites to full-bodied reds, each artfully paired with the best local food offerings. Price is \$30 per person. Members can bring a non-Elk guest for \$20 for each full price ticket purchased. Pre-purchase in the lounge or on the lodge website at www.bereaelks.com.

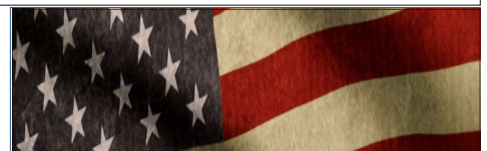


PER Basket Raffle

Saturday, April 4th

Berea's PER Association will be holding our twice-annual Basket Raffle with an Easter theme on Saturday April 4th. This is a major fundraiser for the lodge.

Once again, pre-buys for all 16 basket raffles is only \$20, a \$3 savings over individual tickets! Pre-buys are available now in the lounge, buy early and get your favorite lucky numbers while they are still available. Winners need not be present, just pre-buy your number! A Chinese Basket raffle will be going on all evening as well as a 50/50 drawing. The Chinese Raffle Baskets are all donated and are must-see to believe!! Snacks will be provided by the lodge. If you will have a large group and want to reserve a table, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lounge. Raffle starts at 7:00pm - Doors open at 6:00pm!



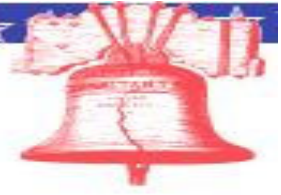
Gary Farkas and I will be visiting the Veterans at the VA Hospital at Wade Park every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month. If you would like to join us, please call me so we can coordinate with you.

Please continue to donate any loose change in the cans at the bar. We use that money to buy canteen books for the Vets.

Bob Atkinson
PER, Veterans Committee Chair
440-782-5088



“What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me”



Berea Lodge received over 750 essays from 5th thru 8th grade students this year! Essays had to be 300 words or less and reflect this year’s theme, “What does freedom of speech mean to me?” Thanks to all the teachers and students who participated! Thanks also to the dozen members who judged the essays in January. The top three essays in two divisions, 5/6 grades & 7/8 grades, will next compete at the Elks NE Ohio District. Good luck to our 6 local winners there! Hopefully some will advance to the state and national competitions as well. Here are the 6 lodge winning essays for 2019-2020.

Lacey Millhoane - Grade 6—Berea-Midpark Middle School

Freedom of speech means to me means you get to have a chance to speak out and share ideas and peacefully protest which is very important to all of us because we get to share our beliefs and ideas or opinion, whether people agree or not. This is important to me so I don't feel trapped and have the government telling me I can't say something or believe what they don't and I have to believe what they believe in. it's important to be different because it makes us unique and individuals. Kids can protest things they don't agree with or want to see change. If they peacefully protest the word gets out to the government and things might change. They could also start a program online about it and work together to help change things that they all believe in. Freedom of speech helps our country by sharing our opinions and working together to make the country a better place. It can help us understand each other and work together to get some things that you want to change in the country change little by little. If freedom of speech was taken away we would all probably feel trapped and not able to say what we really mean or believe in. People would be angry and want to have freedom of speech and move to a country where they have freedom of speech. If we said what we believed in something that the government doesn't believe in that we would probably go to jail or get killed. It's important to me that we all have freedom of speech so we can share ideas and beliefs and not feel trapped if I can say what I want it makes me myself.

Anna Cavanaugh - Grade 6 - Berea-Midpark Middle School

Freedom of speech is important to me because I want to be able to share my opinion and be heard and not get in trouble for it. I think kids should be allowed to say what they think is right at school so that other students and teachers can make changes when things are wrong. Freedom of speech is also important to our country because people of different races and backgrounds should be heard and be able to have an opinion about how the country does things. If freedom of speech was taken away, a lot of people would go to jail. Also, only one group of people would probably be making all the decisions. And that wouldn't be fair. Freedom of speech is very important to the United States of America because It helps us work out our problems and lets each of us have our own voice.

Mackenzie Roth - grade 6—Berea-Midpark Middle School

Freedom of speech means I can voice my opinion and speak what is on my mind. My voice I believe is the only way people will pay attention -or listen. In this world today, people are so caught up in social media and drama that we forget to listen. Have you just sat anywhere, closed your eyes and listen to someone speak. Just listen to someone. What if everyone’s voice was taken away with a- swift movement of a pen? What would you do? Above all, If your voice was taken, how would you feel? Act like you never had a voice, sit and be silenced? Who gives these people with higher education the right to tell us what to do? I know I sure didn’t. Just silenced completely. Like your vocal chords have been silenced and your mouth blocked. Your voice silenced and blocked just like the stuff you do on your phone. No way to speak, no voices to hear. Just silence. The one thing that is ours could be taken away. A life like that would suck for the most part. You may give up and just be silenced but we shall fight for our freedom. Giving up is just accepting that your voice is dead. I know if I only had one vocal cord working, I would let my voice be heard. To be silenced like a button on a phone, shows how we (America) as one are letting "higher" individuals tell us what to do. That is what the freedom of speech means to me.

BEREA ELKS NIGHT AT THE MONSTERS



Join your fellow Elks for Elks Night at The Monsters! We have a limited number of tickets available for \$65 per person to attend the Monsters AHL hockey game against the Rochester Americans on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Puck drops at 3:00 PM. Ticket includes premium seat in the Champions Club and all-you-can eat and drink beer, wine, and soda.

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY FEBRUARY 14th ONLINE OR IN THE LOUNGE

Americanism Essay Lodge Winners - Continued

Katherine Errington - Grade 7 - Berea-Midpark Middle School

To me, the freedom of speech means that I am free to speak my mind without the fear of persecution. I'm allowed to voice my own opinions about politics, religion, and various other things. I grew up thinking that my freedom of speech was a universal right, but I now see that isn't so. I am proud to live in a country that lets its people express themselves. I use this freedom all the time and I really couldn't imagine my life without it. I talk freely, not even thinking about how lucky I am to be able to do that. In our country, we can voice out against the government if we don't agree with something they're doing. Expressing your political views is a driving part of our lives and a way to bring about change. The freedom of speech is one of five that was in the first amendment. Life without this amendment would be very different from what it is today. I've pondered over the question of what would happen if this amendment was never made. Where would we be? I love my country and I am thankful for my rights. Without my freedom of speech I wouldn't be able to say half the things I do today. I can still disagree with my government and I am extremely grateful for that fact. My freedom of speech truly means a lot to me.

Safi Candow - Grade 7 - Olmsted Falls Middle School

Freedom of speech is a gift that I'm really grateful for. On the year of 1791 freedom of speech began. I think that it is very important to have a voice. And I believe that everyone should be confident in speaking up. When I see something wrong I definitely speak up. And I wish everyone had that confidence. But they don't so I try to help people. By letting them talk and giving them the floor. If you ever see something wrong speaking up could solve it. For say being bullied, if you speak up you can show the bully that you have a voice and your going to use it. Also using your voice can be so useful, just by telling a teacher that something is wrong. I see freedom of speech as a helpful gift that we fought for. Another example is if something is going on in your or someone else's world. You can change your world and or someone else's world. Just by speaking up. Freedom of speech has also changed history. Because freedom of speech also comes with freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of assembly, and many more. Freedom of speech is connected with everything. And that's why it's so important to me. With freedom of speech you can see stronger and you will be stronger. There's just something about having a voice that can make you feel like your on top of the world. And because it's so important to me. I feel so grateful that people felt the same way as me. People stood up and made us have freedom of speech. They used their voice to stand up for what's right. In conclusion Freedom of speech is so much more than just saying something, it's about standing up for what you believe.

Kristina Fedorova - Grade 8 - Olmsted Falls Middle School

Freedom of speech means a lot to me. It has come a very long way in the history of the United States. In many other parts of the world, freedom of speech is not allowed. For example, my parents came from a country where freedom of speech was not allowed. So, I am very thankful that I live in the United States where we have freedom of speech. Freedom of speech first appeared in Greece in the fifth century B.C. The Greek word "parrhesia" means "free speech". In the United States, freedom of speech is part of the First Amendment. The First Amendment was passed on December 15, 1791. It is part of the Bill of Rights. The First Amendment protects all forms of communication. As a student, I am very thankful for the freedom of speech. For example, we are allowed to wear almost anything that we want to school that shares our beliefs. The First Amendment protects this in public schools. Also, freedom of speech is very good if we have an opinion about the school, teachers, classes, etc. We can share those opinions because we have freedom of speech. Freedom of speech does not only benefit students. It also benefits teachers. If teachers do not agree with what the state is making them teach the students, they can share their opinions. The state actually welcomes this so they can make changes that the majority of the teachers agree with. So, the students and teachers can express their opinions and change the learning process to make more beneficial for everyone. Overall, those are some ways that freedom of speech affects me during my everyday life and what it means to me.

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PER Association Basket Raffle

This Year's baskets, listed in order

Fruit Basket & Chocolates - \$1.00

½ Ham & Bottle of Wine - \$1.00

Kids Easter Basket - \$1.00

\$60 Lottery Tickets - \$2.00

Fruit Basket & Chocolates - \$1.00

Mikes Bar & Grille \$50 gift certificate - \$1.00

Candy Bar Basket - \$1.00

Super Basket (Ham, Wine & Fruit) - \$2.00

½ Ham & Bottle of Wine - \$1.00

\$60 Lottery Tickets - \$2.00

Craft Brews, Sausages & Cheeses - \$2.00

Fruit Basket & Chocolates - \$1.00

Adult Easter Basket - \$1.00

\$60 Lottery Tickets - \$2.00

Large Chocolate Basket - \$2.00

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Chinese Raffle drawing held last. \$1 & \$5 chances available all evening

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE FISH FRIDAY CHEF

On February 28th the Legendary Berea Elks Fish Fridays will return to the lodge. This year, to improve service, we will be implementing a few changes. Our hopes are that you find your dining experience to be the best in Elkdom (and probably anywhere else!).

This year we have upgraded our point-of-sale systems to a commercial-grade product that will allow us to better serve our customers. Orders will now print directly to the kitchen to help improve order accuracy and preserve order entry integrity.

Our operating hours will be changing this year to allow for more relaxed and flexible dining options. We will now operate our fish Friday kitchen from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



Also new for this year we will be instituting a reservation system for groups of six (6) or more. There will be reservations available every half hour for large groups. Please make a reservation by calling the lodge or signing up in the lounge.



Reservations are first come first serve. If you don't want to make a reservation your large group will be accommodated as quickly as possible but there will be a wait. Take your time coming down to the lodge and help alleviate the pressure on our 100% volunteer cook and wait staff!

We will continue to offer specials that rotate weekly as well as our ala cart menu that we have added in the past. We will continue to offer non-meat and non-fish offerings for those that prefer it.

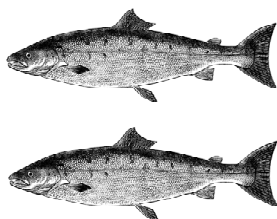
Your patience and patronage to the lodge and all the volunteers during these dinner nights are appreciated and by all as these are our busiest nights every year!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>NATIONAL PUBLIC SLEEPING DAY 28TH FEBRUARY</p>		 <p>National Toast Day February 23</p>				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
 <p>Chili Cook Off 5:00 PM</p>	 <p>\$5.00 Dinner</p>	 <p>eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>5 LODGE MEETING 7:30</p> <p>Officer Bartender Jon Elias</p>			<p>WINE GLASS PAINTING</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	 <p>\$5.00 Dinner</p>	 <p>eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>12 BOD MEETING 7:30</p> <p>Officer Bartender Art Bowker</p>		 <p>Happy Valentine's Day MONSTER'S TICKETS PURCHASE CUTOFF</p>	 <p>WINE TASTING</p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
 <p>LODGE OPENS 1:00 PM</p>	 <p>\$5.00 Dinner</p>	 <p>eleventh hour GRILLE</p>	<p>19 LODGE MEETING 7:30</p> <p>Officer Bartender Tylor Mahany</p>		 <p>LOW COUNTRY BOIL PURCHASE CUTOFF</p>	 <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	 <p>\$5.00 Dinner</p>	 <p>Low Country Boil Dinner</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Officer Bartender Jeff Coyle</p>		 <p>Fish Fry!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>LEAP DAY PARTY FANCY COCKTAIL NIGHT</p>

Friday Fish Nights - Begin February 28



The 11th Hour Grille launches our much anticipated Friday Fish Nights this month beginning February 28th. This year, the Grille will have a number of new, fresher options as we continue to bring the best dinners to our members and guests.

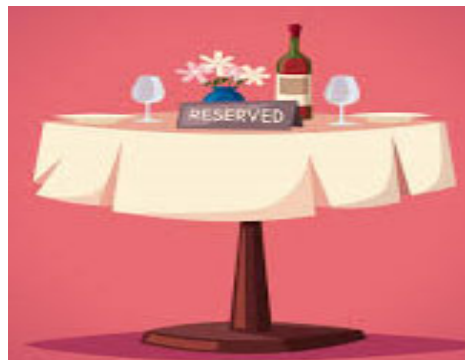
Some of the tried and true classics will also still be available along with an exciting lineup of creative dishes sure to please everyone.

These evenings aren't possible without the continued support from lodge volunteers. This year will be no exception. A sign-up sheet is the lounge and your help is always appreciated!



Every Friday, Feb 28 - April 10th

- ◆ February 28
- ◆ March 6
- ◆ March 13
- ◆ March 20
- ◆ March 27
- ◆ April 3
- ◆ April 10



Now taking reservations! Call the lodge to reserve your table today!. (440)-234-1604

