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A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

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Elks Share, Elks Care...And So Does An Entire Community

Many of us Elks have heard the phrase “Elks Care, Elks Share”, but sometimes that saying really belongs to an entire community and not just the Elks. The turnout for the Alia Bailey gift drive in December was truly remarkable and, for some, even a little overwhelming.

As many of you know, Alia Bailey was a student at Grindstone Elementary in Berea and passed away in late January of 2017 from a car accident. Those close to Alia, wanted to honor and remember her this year through a community gift drive to benefit the pediatric unit at Cleveland Metro Hospital, where Alia was born and also cared for after the accident.

Amy Murray, wife of member Brian Murray was Alia’s teacher when she passed and spearheaded the project with the Elks. The lodge donated the use of the hall and several members volunteered to wrap presents, assist with visitors and provide general assistance wherever needed.

In all, the gift drive brought in well over 1,000 gifts in a two-hour period which were wrapped and delivered to Metro over several days and many van loads. Over 100 people from across our great community came to help.

It’s worth noting that this was not a typical “Elks Led” event that would be used to promote Elkdom. Not everything we do as Elks needs to be such an endeavor.

Instead, this was simply a great cause being led by good people trying to honor a child that was taken from the world too soon. It was easy to get behind such an effort and without any need to self-promote our Order.

It is the support of our lodge membership that enables things like this to happen. The ability to support a cause because it is simply right to do, even when it isn’t something that directly benefits our Order is what being an Elk is all about. Thank you to all of our members for the support during 2017. Your continued support, be it financial, physical, or spiritual makes a difference every day!

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I would like to thank everyone that volunteered to help at the Veteran's Dinner in November at the lodge. Our Esquire Lenny Oliveri told me the event was great. I'm sorry I was unable to make it. Bingo was funded by a \$180 grant from Elks National Foundation.

On December 13th, four Elks and two helpers passed out about \$600 in canteen books to over 120 Veterans at Louis Stokes VA Hospital at Wade Park.

I would like to thank everyone who donated socks for the Veterans as well. They were handed out and were much needed.

Bob Atkinson
PER, Veterans Committee Chair
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P.S. We could always use more volunteers to visit with the Veterans. If anyone is interested in joining us, please call me.



2018-2019 LODGE OFFICERS!

In March, the lodge will be voting on Lodge Officer positions for the 2018/2019 lodge year. These positions are open to any member in good standing and all positions are available. Experience is not necessary and each position has different commitments requirements. If you are interested in being a Lodge Officer, talk to a P.E.R. and let them know your interest! It's more fun than you think!



Membership

Steven C. Hokky has been proposed to join our lodge by member Anthony Tarrone. Steven is 21-years old and an active-duty soldier in the United States Army. He will be voted on in the second regular lodge meeting in January.



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Greetings and Happy New Year Fellow Elks!

It's hard to believe that 2018 is already upon us! While 2017 was certainly a year full of challenges for our Lodge – some expected and some not expected – it was a great year and we achieved more than I think many of us thought we would.

The exterior building renovations are complete, and we have a completely remodeled, upgraded, and health code compliant commercial kitchen. For the first time ever, we have a functioning back patio where we can enjoy the great Cleveland weather and a drink with each other.

Many of our members donate a significant amount of time away from friends and family to make these projects come to fruition at a fraction of a cost that we would incur otherwise needing to hire outside contractors, painters, laborers, etc. I hope that the next time you're down at the Lodge, you take a moment to look around and admire everything that teamwork and dedication can accomplish, and carry that spirit with you into 2018.

While the exterior renovations are complete, we still have much work to do inside, and in the near future will be needing anyone willing and able to assist. Please see any of the Trustees or myself with any questions on how you can assist in placing your mark on our next phase of renovations!

Looking forward to 2018, I can't help but be excited about the things we are going to accomplish. Aside from physical transformation of our building, I foresee us also being able to increase some of our efforts towards community engagement and support of critical causes that desperately need our attention. We arguably do more than any other fraternal organization in our community, but let's raise the bar and challenge ourselves to do even more.

While our national and state level organizations certainly have some worthwhile and notable entities that they need support for, I also want to ensure that we keep focus on the issues that plague us right here in our own immediate community, such as the heroin and drug epidemic, homeless veterans, and families suffering from poverty. I encourage everyone to find your passion and donate a few hours this year towards whatever cause you like at our lodge, and let's make it an epic year for giving back to our great community!

Lastly, I would like to encourage everyone to patronize and support the Lodge this upcoming year. Without our lounge and food operation, the Lodge would simply not be able to keep the doors open. Instead of going to a chain restaurant or grabbing some fast food after a long day of work, make a stop at the Lodge for what is unequivocally a much better meal at either the same or even less of a cost. Grab a drink and a good conversation with some fellow Elks, relax, and play some darts or a game of Golden Tee.

Come to a meeting and voice your opinion, ideas, and get involved. Bring in a friend or family member and show them what we're about so we can increase our membership. Make a pledge in 2018 to do just a little bit more for your community, your Lodge, and you fellow Elks to make it the best year ever!

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
Hank Nest, Exalted Ruler

UPCOMING EVENTS

**PRIME RIB
DINNER!**
THURSDAYS
6:00–8:00 PM

The 11th Hour Grille will be serving up amazing **Prime Rib Dinners** every Thursday in January! These dinners will be available while they last and include a generous portion cut of slow roasted prime rib, a baked potato, steamed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and a dessert. All of this for just \$18.15 per person. Our very own P.E.R. Nate Moore will be serving up these amazing dinners through January. Reservations are not required, but recommended.




**BOURBON
TASTING**
SATURDAY
JANUARY 20
7:00 PM

“Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough.” said Mark Twain. Join us Saturday, January 20th for another bourbon tasting extravaganza, hosted by Exalted Ruler, Hank Nest. Sample six of America’s finest bourbons thoughtfully paired with light snacks and even better company. These tastings are always popular so be sure to buy your ticket in advance. Admission to the event is only \$25 in advance, or \$30 the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased in the lounge or on the lodge website at www.bereaelks.com



**GAME
NIGHT**
SATURDAYS
6:30 PM

From January through the end of March, Saturdays will be Game Night at the lodge! Avoid cabin fever and come down for a night of fun with friends. The lounge tables will have a variety of games to choose from, or bring your own. Doors open at 6:30 on Saturdays. Guests are always welcome too.



**POKER
NIGHT**
FRIDAY
JANUARY 26
8:00'ish PM

On the last Friday of every month, a few Elks get together for a friendly game of “Dealer’s Choice” poker. It’s strictly a One-Two game. If you enjoy poker, come and join us. The game starts around 8:00 PM.



**5th
Wednesday
Club**
WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 31
6:00'ish PM

2018 is starting off in style with January being a 5-Wednesday month. As it has become tradition, on any month with five Wednesdays our lodge will be closed as we travel to visit another lodge. For January, we will be staying close and visiting our Lakewood brothers and sisters as we kick-off our joint venture in supporting the State Bowling Tournament! All Elks are welcome and there is no cost (other than what you eat or drink). If you’ve never been to Lakewood lodge, this would be a great night to visit!

A LOOK BACK AT 2017

Our lodge is one of the smallest in Ohio, yet we are also one of the most active. Here's a look back at just some of the accomplishments of our lodge throughout the 2017 calendar year. This is just a small list of the things our lodge works on every year. Your membership, and your support is what makes all of this possible. Show this to others thinking about becoming a member as we offer something for just about everyone!

Building Improvements

- Complete Kitchen Demolition, Remodel & Update
- Complete Roof Tear-Off & Replacement
- New Windows & Doors
- New Patio & Railings
- New Exterior Paint and Stucco Finish
- All New Plumbing & On-Demand Water Heater
- New Front Awning & Sign Restoration

Charitable & Community Projects

- Families Affected by Drugs Support Group
- Funding of Too Good For Drugs in Berea City Schools
- Twice Monthly VA Wade Park Hospital Visits
- Hoop Shoot Competition
- Americanism Essay Contest (With Nearly 500 Entries!)
- Multiple Veterans Dinners & Bingo Nights
- MVP Student Scholarships
- Youth Appreciation Dinner
- Elktoberfest!—Raising Money For Drug Awareness
- Veterans Outing to the Indians
- Flag Day Ceremony
- Top 10 ENF Fundraising Lodge in Ohio
- United Cerebral Palsy Charity Ball
- Touch-A-Truck At Grindstone Festival
- Boy Scout Troop 215 Sponsorship & Support
- Food Drives For Local Food Banks & Pantries
- School Supply Drive
- Holiday Gift Drive

Events & Entertainment

- Bowling Machine Leagues
- Cornhole Tournaments
- 5th Wednesday Club Outings
- Truffle Making Party
- Wine Tastings
- Monster Hockey Night Out
- PER Basket Raffles
- St. Patrick's Day Party
- Epic Lent Fish Fry Dinner Nights
- Dart Leagues
- Elk's Spring Garage Sale
- Rum, Bourbon, Vodka, and Gin Tastings
- Annual Golf Outing
- Big Lebowski Party
- Christmas in July Luau
- Golden Tee Golf Leagues
- Fantasy Football Contest
- Craft Beer Tastings
- Halloween Party
- New Year's Eve Party



WOUNDED HEROES
THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

REVERSE RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$500

2nd: \$300—3rd: \$200

*Food & Soft Drinks, DJ, Cash Bar,
Sideboards, Raffles, 50/50*

Saturday, February 24, 2018

7pm—11pm

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MAIN BOARD TICKET: \$35.00

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Tickets can be purchased in the lounge (cash/checks only)

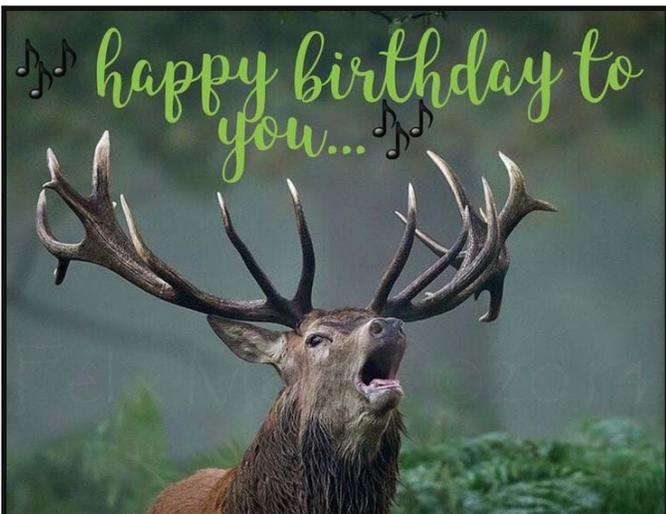
Basket Raffle Donations Wanted!

2018 Buckeye Bucks Calendars

LAST CHANCE!

The 2018 Ohio Elks Buckeye Bucks Calendars are still available for sale in the lodge! Our goal is to sell 200 of these calendars which will raise \$1,000 for the lodge.

You can win multiple times and you do not have to be an Elk. This is one of the best \$20 deals out there! Sales end January 31st. Calendars sold after December 31st are only eligible for winning numbers after the date of sale.



Corey Evaldi	January 1
Doug Rambert, P.E.R.	January 1
Nate Moore, P.E.R.	January 4
Hank Nest, E.R.	January 8
Richard File	January 9
Bob Atkinson, P.E.R.	January 11
Al Franko	January 11
Mary Sampson	January 12
David Kay	January 14
William Wayne	January 14
Thomas Butler	January 20
Dick Lehman	January 21
Steven Oliveri	January 23
Danielle Mahany	January 29
Matt Williams	January 30



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



AMERICANISM ESSAY TIME!

"Why Our Veterans Are America's Heroes"

This year's theme is "Why our Veterans are America's heroes".

All essays will be read and judged at the lodge on Friday, January 6th starting at 7:00 pm. **Volunteer judges are needed** as we have over 500 essays from the local schools. A sign up sheet is available in the lounge! Come down and help our lodge find the best essays to submit to the district!



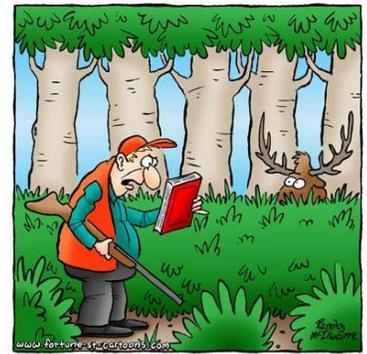
Mystery? Monday

Mystery Mondays are here to stay! This is easily the best \$5 dinner around and the trivia is world-class! A different meal every Monday and always just \$5 per person. Bring a friend and get to the lodge!



Long time member Mike Tuley and his wife Penny are proud grandparents! The lodge would like to welcome Kyle Tuley Jr. to the Elk's family. Although he decided to join us 2-months ahead of schedule, everyone is doing well, including new mom Krista and dad Kyle.

Know anyone in the lodge celebrating a new addition? Let us know!



"Health Benefits of a Vegan Diet...
How the heck did this get here?"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lodge Closed New Year's Day 	1 Happy New Year 2018	2 eleventh hour GRILLE	3 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME!	4 PRIME RIB DINNER!	5 eleventh hour GRILLE Americanism Judging—Volunteers Needed!	6 GAME NIGHT Guest Bartender Jeff Coyle
7 	8 Mystery? Monday	9 eleventh hour GRILLE Darts	10 BOD MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME!	11 PRIME RIB DINNER!	12 eleventh hour GRILLE	13 GAME NIGHT Guest Bartender Rich Threadgill Martini Specials!
14 	15 Mystery? Monday	16 eleventh hour GRILLE Darts	17 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME	18 PRIME RIB DINNER!	19 eleventh hour GRILLE	20  BOURBON TASTING Guest Bartender Danielle Mahany
21 	22 Mystery? Monday	23 eleventh hour GRILLE Darts	24	25 PRIME RIB DINNER!	26 eleventh hour GRILLE POKER NIGHT	27 GAME NIGHT Guest Bartender Eric Banks
28 	29 Mystery? Monday	30 eleventh hour GRILLE Darts	31  LAKWOOD LODGE!			

OHIO ELKS
STATE
BOWLING
TOURNAMENT



The State Bowling Tournament is coming to Northeast Ohio and Lakewood Lodge is the host, but is partnering with Berea and Parma lodges to run the event. This event will generate significant income to our lodge and we will be reaching out to all members later this month to help with volunteer efforts so that we can help pull off a great event with our fellow lodges and maximize our revenue generating potential. Watch your e-mail in the coming days for more details!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Berea Lodge Legendary Fish Fry Starts Friday, February 16				1 	2 	3 GAME NIGHT
4 	5 <i>Mystery? Monday</i>	6  Darts	7 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME!	8 	9 	10 Wine Tasting
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

