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A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

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Berea Elks Recognize & Honor Local Area Youth

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks believe that we can build stronger communities by focusing on where our communities begin...our kids. As anyone know, our children are our future and it is imperative that we provide all the tools, education, and support to help our kids carry our nation forward.

In May, the Berea Elks hosted our annual Youth Appreciation Banquet where we could take some time to recognize the kids that have made great achievements in their young lives while encouraging them to continue reach high while ever practicing the virtues of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity.

This year we were able to honor winners of our Americanism Essay Contest where five of our six winners went on to also win at the district level and one of those five even went on to place 3rd overall in the State of Ohio! A truly amazing performance by these wonderful students. Pictured above (from left to right) are Lilly Higgins (8th Grader at Olmsted Falls MS and State Winner), Kelly Strang (7th Grader at Olmsted Falls MS), Elise Grant (8th Grader at Olmsted Falls MS), Breckyn Daniel (6th Grader at Ford Int.), and Elizabeth Calvis (6th Grader at Ford Int.). These winners were joined by their respective teachers who carry our greatest appreciation for the work they do everyday.

We were also very excited to honor Ryan Castelli, a graduating senior from Avon Lake High School as a recipient of the Most Valuable Student Scholarship provided by the Elks National Foundation. Ryan will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Elks for the next four years. Ryan is an Eagle Scout as well and is pursuing a degree in Information Technology. Ryan is joined in the photo by our lodge's scholarship chair, Dr. Leonne Hudson.

Finally, for many of us that have been able to get to know Jaiden Caracci, it was truly a special moment to recognize Jaiden at this banquet for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jaiden is simply a fantastic kid that worked hard for many years to achieve this rank which is the pinnacle for any scout.

We were especially pleased to host the families, friends, teachers, and mentors that have guided these wonderful kids through their young lives.

It was pretty clear that the future of our country is in good hands after spending just a few minutes with the young, bright, and energetic kids. Many thanks to all the chairpersons and volunteers who helped make this a successful event.

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I am very proud of our Berea Elks! We had six Berea Elks along with one guest visit the VA Hospital at Wade Park on Sunday, May 27th where we distributed \$600 in canteen books to an incredible group of veterans.

I'm hopeful to have another visit scheduled for sometime in November during Veterans Memorial Month, so stay tuned.

Don't forget to come down to the lodge on Tuesday, June 19th for our annual Summer Veterans Dinner banquet. We need volunteers to help with the dinner and bingo. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge.

Finally, we are also collecting personal hygiene products and socks for the Veterans. We have a collection area in the lounge, near the bowling machine. Please bring in shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, socks, and other similar items. Trial sizes are great! All items will be gathered and taken down to the Ohio Elks Fall Reunion in August and combined with all the other lodges in Ohio for distribution to those who need it most.

Let's make a huge impact this summer with our veterans. They served us, now let's serve them.

Bob Atkinson
PER, Veterans Committee Chair
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Greetings Fellow Elks!

Our Lodge has an exciting month of June ahead, as we enter the official start of the summer.

We start off with Flag Day on Thursday June 14th. Flag Day of course, has a very special connection to the Elks. It was in 1911 that Grand Lodge made observation for Flag Day mandatory for all Lodges. This perfectly aligned with the Patriotism of our order and our allegiance to the Flag. In 1949 President Harry Truman (An Elk himself, from Lodge #26 in Kansas City Missouri!) recognized national observance for Flag Day, and it has been American Tradition ever since. On Flag Day, our Lodge, and every other Elks Lodge, will be conducting the Flag Day Ceremony. We will be assisted by Boy Scout Troop 215, who additionally will hold a Flag Retirement Service after the Ceremony. I invite all of you to attend, especially those unfamiliar with this tradition.

We will be hosting a Veterans Dinner on Tuesday June 19th. PER Nate Moore will be cooking a delicious BBQ for the occasion. We can always use volunteers to help out for this event. Please contact Veterans Committee Co-Chairs Bob Atkinson or Hank Nest for further details.

On this upcoming Father's Day Sunday June 17th, Wounded Heroes will be hosting a Car Show at the Berea Fairgrounds. Wounded Heroes is an organization founded by fellow Elk Ken Volpe. They help injured soldiers and their families by providing basic living essentials and supplies. Our Lodge will be running a food and refreshment stand at the event. We can use additional volunteers for this event so please reach out to either Ken or any of our Officers for more information.

I would also like to take a moment to thank a few Elks for some outstanding work this past month. Dianna Threadgill put together a fantastic Night at the Races Event. We had a really great turn out and everyone had a blast. Putting together this event was no easy feat but was definitely worth it. Rich Threadgill has been busy running the newly renovated Elks State Website. The new website looks amazing and has tons of information. Please take a look for yourself at ohioelks.com. As if putting together a new website wasn't enough, Rich has also put together our Lodge's Ritualistic Team. The team is still looking for interested Elks to serve as alternates, so please reach out to Rich for more details. Finally, I would like to thank Nate Moore, Joe Puchalski, Kevin Maloney, and John Masterson for their recent work on the Bar. They fixed and updated our plumbing and worked on installing a much-needed new ice machine. Be sure to thank these members next time you see them, their hard work is noticed and much appreciated.

I hope each of you and your families have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Coyle, Exalted Ruler

UPCOMING EVENTS



SATURDAY
JUNE 9
6:00 PM

Join us in the lounge Saturday, June 9th as the lodge holds our 3rd annual Big Lebowski Party. Many of us are pretty big fans of this quirky and hilarious film so each June we take some time to properly pay tribute to this great piece of American art. We'll play the movie in its entirety in the lounge and will have plenty of "Caucasians" at the bar (White Russians for those who haven't seen the film). There will be bowling machine tournament and light snacks to enjoy. The event is free and silly fun. Come as your are, or dressed up as your favorite character if you wish, either way we'll have a great time, and The Dude *will* abide.



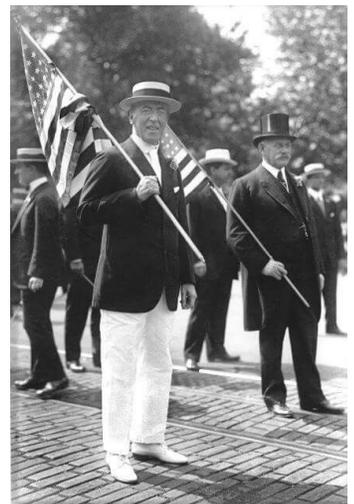
There is nothing more "Elk-y" than Flag Day. The celebration of our flag that is the beacon of light and symbol of freedom around the world is distinctly tied to our Order. While Harry Truman, an Elk himself, signed the Congressional Act in 1946, it was the Elks who prompted President Woodrow Wilson to proclaim Flag Day back in 1916. Coincidentally, our current President was born on Flag Day, 1946.



THURSDAY
JUNE 14
7:00 PM

By Order of Grand Lodge, the Berea Elks will perform our Flag Day Ceremony on Thursday, June 14th promptly at 7:00 pm. The ceremony will be held outside (weather permitting) and is open to the public. This event is open to the public and we encourage all Elks to attend and bring guests!

Boy Scout Troop 215 will be performing a flag retirement ceremony immediately following event. If you have any flags that need to be retired, please bring them to the lodge.



TUESDAY
JUNE 19
6:00 PM

The Berea Elks will be hosting a summer dinner for American Veterans from the VA Hospital at Wade Park on Tuesday, June 19th. PER Nate Moore will be cooking burgers and hot dogs outside on the patio and we'll have all the traditional side dishes too. **This dinner is free to all Veterans**, whether an Elk or not. The cost for "civilians" is only \$5. We will need volunteers to help serve our honored guests and help with some fun bingo after dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the lounge. Serving our veterans is at the core of who we are as Elks. If you able, please be sure to make some time to support this event.



Mystery? Monday

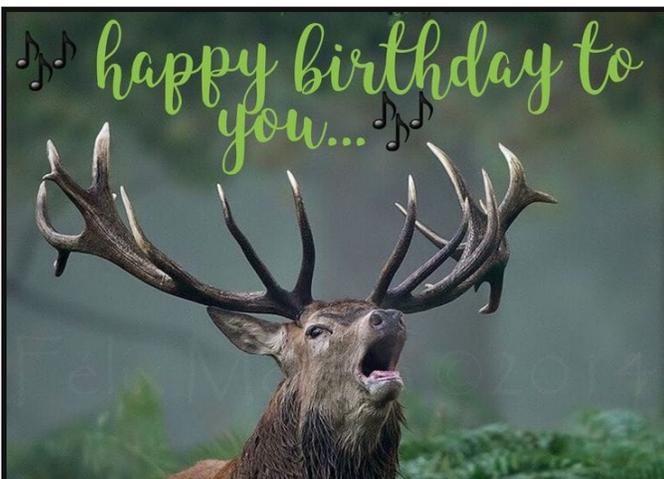
Mystery Mondays are here to stay! This is easily the best \$5 dinner around and the trivia is world-class! A different meal every Monday and always just \$5 per person. Bring a friend and get to the lodge!

CHALLENGE COINS

April's Bullhorn featured a story about a challenge coin fundraiser the lodge is starting. Coins are available to purchase in the lounge for just \$20. Be sure to read April's Bullhorn and get your challenge coin today!

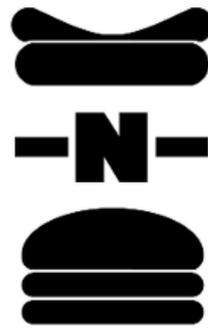
INITIATION

Please join us during the June 6th regular lodge meeting as we initiate Andrea Dezso, Mark Seme, Beth Skutnik, and Greg Hammond into our Order. Following initiation will be a free dinner to all who attend. Let's pack the hall and welcome our new members!



William Carangio	June 1
Lawrence Spraggins	June 1
Alex Rozak	June 2
Sharon Roncagli	June 8
Mark Haas	June 9
Peggy Hammond	June 19
Ross Chrisman	June 23
Kaitlyn Caracci	June 26

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



DOG & BURGER FRIDAYS!

For the month of June, the 11th Hour Grille will be suspending the regular menu and will instead be cooking fresh dogs and burgers out on the patio grille.

Come down and enjoy fabulous, flame grilled burgers made with fresh ground beef and cooked to order by PER Richard Threadgill.

If you're hankering for a hot dog, well, we'll be grilling up fresh, all-beef 1/4 pound hot dogs too.

Each can be topped off with all the fixings at the veggie and sauce bar and we'll have all the best sides to go with them. Only \$5 for either.

Come down every Friday for a great cookout meal, an ice cold beer, and relax on our fantastic patio with our great looking cook!

(I posed for hours to make this incredibly realistic picture of me)



Berea Ritual Team

It is with great pride and enthusiasm to introduce our lodge's new Ritual Team which will (hopefully) compete in January at the Northeast District meeting for a chance to compete (hopefully again) at the State Convention in April next year.

Many of you reading this may not know what a ritual team actually is. For those of you that don't know, it is a team of officers and members that perform the ritual of initiating a candidate into the Order. This performance is done completely from memory and requires an incredible amount of dedication, practice, determination, and patience from all of those involved. As an Elk, remember your initiation and imagine if that entire ceremony was performed by all the officers who had every movement and line memorized. What an impressive experience that would be!

The team will be practicing every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the hall from 6:30 to 7:30. If you have interest in joining the team, please contact PER Richard Threadgill. Here is your team:

Exalted Ruler	Richard Threadgill, PER
Leading Knight	Jeff Maloney
Loyal Knight	Jeff Coyle
Lecturing Knight	John Masterson
Esquire	Lenny Oliveri, PER
Chaplain	Bob Bickford
Candidate	Danielle Mahany
Alternate	Kevin Maloney
Coach	Bill Maloney

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee meets every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 and is open to all members. If you have an idea for an event or fundraiser, be sure to attend this meeting so that all lodge activities can be properly coordinated. Contact Dianna Threadgill with any questions or to join the committee!



From The Desk of The Lodge Secretary

Unfortunately, Grand Lodge discontinued the "Friends of the ENF" stickers about 4-5 years ago, and we do not have any available to order.

We do have several other recognition programs which include membership stickers. Upon giving one's first recurring gift in the [Fidelity Club](#), donors earn a membership sticker.

The [Leading to Loyalty Club](#) recognizes donors who have been giving between 2 and 10 consecutive years with membership stickers that include the number of years they have been giving.

Once a donor has been donating for 10 consecutive years, they are welcomed into the [Loyalty Club](#), for which they receive a membership card sticker.

Finally, the Foundation Fellowship (our annual giving program) has been updated this fiscal year and we send membership card stickers which correspond to their level of annual giving directly to donors through their acknowledgement letters. More details on this program can be found at [elks.org](#).

As of this writing, the Berea Elks rank #3 in the stat of Ohio in ENF per capita giving. Our lodge has had an amazing start to the lodge year at \$4.34 per member. Last year we raised nearly \$18.50 per member (which was up from \$14.50 the previous year). Our goal is to make the \$25 per capita mark and finish #1 in Ohio. We can do it!



Father's Day Car Show

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
JUNE 17 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		 	6 LODGE MEETING 7:30 INITIATION! <i>Officer Bartender</i> <i>Rich Threadgill</i>	 7 PLANNING COMMITTEE 7:00		9 The Big Lebowski Party
		 	13 BOD MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! <i>Officer Bartender</i> <i>Nate Moore</i> RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30	 14 FLAG DAY		16
17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY WOUNDED HEROES CAR SHOW		 	20 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! <i>Officer Bartender</i> <i>Ross Chrisman</i>	 21		23
		 	<i>Officer Bartender</i> Jim Joyce RITUAL TEAM PRACTICE-6:30	 28		30



WEDNESDAY OFFICER BARTENDERS!

June 6—Richard Threadgill, PER
 June 13—Nate Moore
 June 20—Ross Chrisman
 June 27—Jim Joyce



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
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22 	23 Mystery? Monday	24  Lodge Golf League 	25 RITUAL PRACTICE-6:30	26 	27 	28 Cigar & Brandy Tasting	
29 	30 Mystery? Monday	31  Lodge Golf League 	The lodge will be closed July 4th. No Lodge Meeting July 4th.				

