

# BEREA ELKS BULLHORN

A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

March 2021



## FROM THE STATION OF **FIDELITY**

THE STAR OF FIDELITY CONTINUES EVER TO BURN...

### Exalted Ruler's Message

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY - MARCH 17

*Greetings Fellow Elks,*

The old adage goes "March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb." As March begins, the days are still short and the cold and snow of winter still makes life miserable. As the month ends, the days have lengthened and the weather has turned, with warming temperatures and more sunshine. March is when we usually shake out of the winter blues and anticipate spring's return.

We will be very busy in March. Our legendary fish fries will continue throughout the month. Our dart league is coming to a close, while our bowling league is going strong. There will be many events, including tastings, movie nights, and cocktail nights. Wednesday, March 17th we will be hosting our annual St. Patrick's Day party. There will always be something to do all month long!

The restoration of the women's restroom has been completed, and the transformation is astonishing. This could not have been done without the help of many, but special thanks go out to Joe and Margie Puchalski for their countless hours spent updating and decorating the restroom. The barrel ceiling in the lobby has been installed and now the finishing part of the job has commenced. If you like to paint, mud, tape or sand drywall, we could always use your help. We are finally nearing the home stretch of our remodeling process.

March is also a time of change for the Elks, it signifies the end of another lodge year. We look back with fondness at all we accomplished the past year, while at the same time, we excitedly look forward to all we can expand upon in the new year. However, to continue operating, and be a force in our communities, benefitting veterans and youth, we need your help. Lodge dues need to be in by April 1st. They are the lifeblood of our organization and are an important resource for our lodge.

At our second lodge meeting, we will be installing our new officer corps. I know all of our incoming officers and incoming Exalted Ruler will do a wonderful job continuing on all the great work we have achieved. I hope you help me congratulate them and thank them for stepping up and volunteering, which is at the core of Elkdom.

It has been an unprecedented year, and as my tenure as Exalted Ruler is coming to a close, it has been an honor and privilege serving you all. Through all the lockdowns, shutdowns, and curfews, we have been able to stay afloat, and to date have had zero cases. This is a credit to all of you, who have continued to show all other lodges how great Berea 1815 is! As always be safe, remain healthy, and I cannot wait until I see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

*Kevin Maloney*

Exalted Ruler

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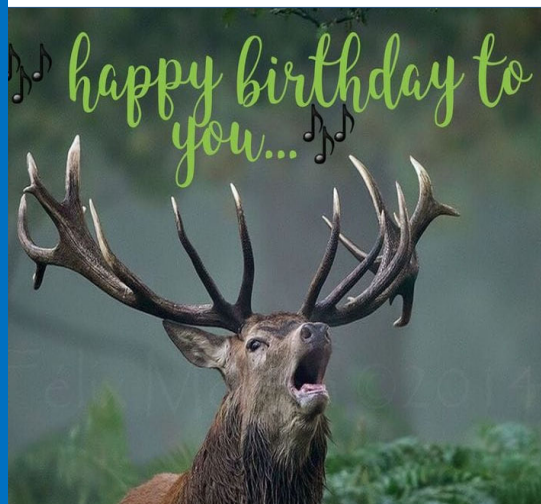


### You must have a mask on when entering the lodge.

Your mask can be removed when seated or when you are enjoying the weather on the back patio. Please continue maintaining social distancing and respecting the rules. The health and safety of our members and guests always takes top priority.

## DUES ARE DUE

A friendly reminder to all that 2021/22 Elks Lodge Year dues are due by March 31st. Cost is \$122 per member (\$72 for Life Members). Dues can be paid by mail with a check, in the lodge, or online at [www.bereaelks.com](http://www.bereaelks.com). As the saying goes..."A good Elk is a current Elk". In all seriousness, please remit your dues on-time and help the lodge secretary do her job while also keeping our lodge financially solid.



Lisa Montalvo	March 2
Robert Porter	March 4
Michael Dalessandro	March 8
Mark Seme	March 10
Wayne Spraggins	March 10
Jack Topeka P.E.R	March 12
Clay Matthews Jr.	March 15
Joe Caracci	March 19
Matthew Jacko	March 28
William Strippy	March 29

# BEREA ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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## Saturday, March 6th

Join us in the lounge Saturday, March 6th 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 March 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). 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.



## Tuesday, March 9th

Another successful dart season is winding down. The dart banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 9th. The banquet will start at 6pm with awards starting at 7:15pm. All league darters are invited! Prize presentation will follow, every darter wins something!



## Saturday, March 13th

The age old debate of Irish Whiskey vs. American Bourbon continues to plague our society. The Berea Elks will try to solve the world's problems once again with an Irish Whiskey and American Bourbon Tasting. For only \$30 you can enjoy some of the finest spirits these respective countries have to offer. Prepare for St. Patrick's day a little early and join the lodge for what is always a fun, entertaining, and even educational time. Beer and liquor tastings are the perfect time for bringing a guest as these events really show how great our lodge is.



## Wednesday, March 17th

It's hard to believe that at this time last year the lodge was closed, St. Patrick's Day was cancelled and the future was truly unknown. While there is still much work to do around the world, thankfully we have been able to weather the covid storm and it's now time to celebrate a little bit with our fellow members. This St. Patty's day will surely be a much more fun time with corned beef sandwiches served all day and plenty of Guinness and Jameson for all! Doors open at 11:00 am!

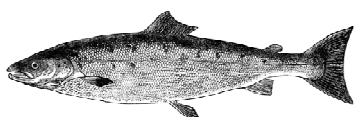


## Saturday, March 20th

Join us Saturday, March 20th for our monthly Game Night! We'll be running "Jack Box" games on the main lounge TV for anyone to play. It's fun, silly, sometimes a tad immature, but always a good time. Games start at 7:00 pm. Bring your phone or tablet to play.

## Saturday, March 27th

The final Saturday of the month is Fancy Fun Cocktail Night. This has become a great event for the lodge as you can try a variety of cocktails for a way better price than you will find anywhere else. All the cocktails use fresh ingredients and taste amazing. This event is also a great way to try different cocktails and have a fun time.



## Friday Fish Nights - Every Friday in March!

## 2020-2021 Elks Americanism Essay Contest:

As the Americanism Committee chairperson of both Berea Elks Lodge and the Northeast Ohio District, I am proud to present this year's winning essays! "How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?" was the theme for the 2020-2021 Elks Americanism Essay Contest. Each year students compete in two divisions, one for 5th & 6th graders and another for 7th & 8th graders. Due to all the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic we had far fewer essays submitted this year. I am exceedingly appreciative of the effort made by administrators, teachers and students that were still able to participate! Students from Berea, Olmsted Falls and Strongsville schools submitted essays this year.

Abby Davis, a 5th grader from St. Mary of the Falls School, was our lone local winner in the 5th/6th grade division.

Brooklyn Snyder, Elizabeth Chen and Emersyn Fleming, all 7th graders from Berea-Midpark Middle School, were our three local winners in the 7th/8th grade division.

These local winners went on to compete against the other lodge winners from the Elks Northeast Ohio District. The top three winners, in each division, at District now move on to compete at the State level. State winners will be announced in April and move on to the National level. This year's NE District winners are:

### 5th/6th Graders

Abby Davis - 5th grader from St. Mary of the Falls School  
Luke Curry - 6th grader submitted by Alliance OH Lodge #467  
Luke Stephens - 6th grader submitted by Salem OH Lodge #305

### 7th/8th Graders

Brooklyn Snyder - 7th grader from Berea-Midpark Middle School  
Elizabeth Chen - 7th grader from Berea-Midpark Middle School  
Luke Schell - 8th grader submitted by Salem OH Lodge #305

Congratulations to all these students! Good luck at the State level! Thanks also to the Lodge members who helped judge both for the local contest and in picking our District winners.

Bill Maloney

Americanism Chairperson for Berea Elks Lodge #1815 & Elks NE Ohio District



The United States form of government is Democracy where the government is run by the people for the "Will" of the people; our constitution guarantees us our rights and freedom; and it is for this cause that the American soldiers fight to preserve. The American Soldiers is a unique force for they not only fight for the rights and freedom of all American people, but are called upon to fight for the basic human rights of all people of the world as it is laid out in the declaration of human right in the United Nation.

The American soldiers are a unique beacon of light to the world, setting an example for other nations to follow and join in for the fight of human rights. I may add that the National Guards and Cost Guards are very much apart of the brave men and women of our armed services, watching, on guard protecting our freedom. Every time our soldiers fight for the rights and freedom of people of other nations, and walk away with the victory for democracy for other group of people Abraham Lincoln Gettysburg Address rings out clear and loud

*"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

As our soldiers gave there full measure for our rights and freedom, we who are left as American Citizen should give out our full measure in the care of our Veterans; to show them how grateful we are for their service. Please take the time to help our veteran's by volunteering.

# To Our Absent Members . . . & Dearest of Friends

Over the last few months, our lodge has experienced loss of members and friends at a pace not seen in our recent lodge history. This is not a topic any of us like to talk about, but every now and then it is important to reflect back on those who gave so much to the lodge, but also to each other.

Donald (Don) Hass, PER passed away December 20 last year. Many members may not know Don, but some of the older members certainly do as he was a driving force getting the lodge through some very tough times many years ago.

Life Member Jack Sheehan passed away just 13 days later. His 39 years of membership at this lodge helped get us through dire straights while also always outdoing everyone in calendar sales every year, even when he couldn't get around very easily.

Just five short days after Jack's passing we learned that PER and Life Member Bob Atkinson's son Steve had passed away suddenly and far too young. Steve was a close friend of the lodge and always made sure Bob could get out to visit the lodge and enjoy dinner out on the patio, while also helping Bob do his amazing work with military Veterans.

We then learned just three short days later that 28-year member Dave Rickard passed away on January 10th. Dave was active with the Power Squadron and remained a strong supporter of the lodge for many years.

Finally, our Lodge Esquire, PER Lenny Oliveri said goodbye to his beautiful wife Cheryl just a few days ago from this writing as she passed away on February 19th. Married for more than 50 years, Cheryl and Lenny were simply made for each other and it showed everyday.

All of these great men and women have been so important to our lodge. Their imprint on our lodge's history will be permanent and measured purposefully. More importantly though, their place in each member's hearts will forever live with humility, grace, and brotherly love.

Now, more than ever, we remember that the faults of our members are written upon the sands, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory...

...to our absent members... and dearest friends...



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The first couple of Fish Fridays have been better than we could have hoped. Thank you to all that have come down to support the lodge, either dining in-person, taking out, our ordering delivery!

We will continue to run Friday Fish Fest throughout all of March with menu changes planned each week.

Be sure to get down to the lodge before they are over and bring a friend. It is easily one of the best fish dinner nights around!

featuring  
Pan Seared Salmon  
English Style Fish & Chips  
Lobster Mac & Cheese  
Pierogi Dinner Platter  
& More!

# Golf League Fast Approaching. Sign up Now!



The weather will get warmer and our bodies will awaken, as it will be the beginning of another season the "Golf Gods" will forsaken.

Get your balls ready and your head straight for the Berea Elks golf league. We will be playing at Royal Crest again. We are shooting for a late April start with the first two weeks as practice rounds.

More Specific details to be published in next months Bullhorn. As always spread the word and recruit more golfers.

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Matt Williams

**Asst. to the Commissioner**  
Mike D

**Fashion Advisor**  
Jon with no H

Editors Note: The golf commissioner can be reached 24/7 at williams78@yahoo.com



Wednesday, March 31st

March brings us another 5th Wednesday month. This month, Berea lodge will be closed as we visit Elyria Lodge #465. Like always, this is open to all Elks in good standing. Come visit another great lodge nearby and meet some new members. Like in our lodge, please respect masking and distancing rules of Elyria lodge. See you there around 6:00 pm or so!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
							
	1 LODGE CLOSED	2  	3 LODGE MEETING 7:30	4 LODGE CLOSED Metropark Walk	5 	6  The Big Lebowski Night	
7 LODGE CLOSED	8 LODGE CLOSED	9  Dart Banquet 6pm 	10 B.O.D. Meeting 7:30	11 LODGE CLOSED Metropark Walk	12 	13  USA vs. Ireland Whiskey and Bour- bon Tasting	
14 LODGE CLOSED	15 LODGE CLOSED	16 	17  Lounge opens at 11:30am!	18 LODGE CLOSED Metropark Walk	19  	20  	
21 LODGE CLOSED	22 LODGE CLOSED	23 	24 LODGE MEETING 7:30  INSTALLATION	25 LODGE CLOSED Metropark Walk	26 	27 Fancy Fun Cocktail Night 	
28 LODGE CLOSED	29 LODGE CLOSED	30 	31  ELYRIA LODGE 6:00 PM				<b>DUES ARE DUE MARCH 31</b>



This month wraps up our biggest loser contest. Congratulations to Stage 1 winner Richard Threadgill and Stage 2 winner Kevin Maloney. Next weigh-in is Saturday, March 13th with the final weigh-in Saturday, March 27th.



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Last Friday Fish Night !  
April 2nd



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