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LODGE UPDATE

The lodge Board of Director's (BOD) continues to hold progress meetings (over video conference) and will continue to meet each Sunday evening to assess the current situation and will report to our members accordingly .

Member Assistance

The BOD would like all members to know that we are all part of the Elks family. As such, the board would like all members to know that the membership is here to help fellow Elks that may have needs. We are establishing an emergency fund to help members with essential needs for those who need it. If you are a member that is struggling through this difficult time, please contact the lodge secretary, Dianna Threadgill. She can be reached at dftsince73@gmail.com or by phone at 440-829-5403 (please keep in mind she works at Target until about 2:00 pm daily). Any requests for help will be kept confidential. If you need help with food, supplies, personal hygiene products, etc., please reach out to us as we are all brothers and sisters, here to help! Whatever you may need, please let us know and we will try our best to help. Conversely, if you have means to help or can donate supplies or funds, please also let Dianna know.

PER Spring Basket Raffle

As everyone may have guessed by now, the PER Spring Basket Raffle has been post-poned. We will re-work some of the baskets to better fit the timing of the event once we know when we can reschedule it. We appreciate your patience and look forward to hosting a fabulous event when we can.

We hope you, your families, friends, and co-workers are all safe and healthy.

Fraternally, The Board of Directors



Frustrated? Questions? Concerns?

The current pandemic in our country has been hard and unsettling for everyone. As Elks, we never forget our veterans. We also care for our fellow members. If you have any questions about what the lodge is doing during the closure and what we are preparing to do when it is safe and practical to re-open, please reach out to E.R. Kevin Maloney or any board member. The lodge is here for you!

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Fellow Elks!

I pray this message finds you and your family in good health and spirits. In these unparalleled times, the health and wellbeing of our members is of the utmost importance. Even as it appears the worst has passed; the storm is not over. We must continue to adhere to federal, state, and local guidelines until it is safe for us to reopen the lodge and enjoy each other's company once again.

The amazing thing about Elks is that we are more than a building. Though we cannot meet, we have still been able to get much accomplished. On April 15, myself and our incoming officers all took the oath of installation via Zoom teleconferencing, thereby providing our lodge with as seamless a transition as possible. Every Sunday evening, also through Zoom, the board meets, reviewing new information, providing updates on various activities, and preparing for future engagements. Several officers have been contacting our elderly members, making sure they are healthy, safe, and have enough provisions.

We have also created an Elks Relief Fund for any member in need during this crisis. It was graciously created from donations by our dart and bowling league participants. I thank each and every one of them for their amazing generosity. Please, if you need any assistance you can reach out to our secretary Dianna Threadgill and we will help in any way we can. It is totally anonymous and available to any member suffering through hardships brought on by COVID-19.

Finally, this situation will not last forever and as a lodge we are preparing for our eventual reopening. Once this does occur, we will again have a full slate of activities and events. The spring basket raffle will be moved to the summer. Our annual golf league will commence in early June. Dinners will be served and drinks will flow and good times will be had. Until we can socialize again in the lodge, stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin Maloney Exalted Ruler

Berea Elks Help Fight Hunger In The North End



Using our Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation, the Berea Elks made a \$2,500 donation to the People's Community Church (across the street from the lodge) to help keep the "little pantry" stuffed with food and to assist with their larger nutrition assistance program serving more than 100 local families through the Cleveland Food Bank.

This is what <u>YOUR</u> donations to ENF do to help others in our community who really need our help, even more now than ever!

Pastor CJ Harkness received the ENF check from PER Richard Threadgill representing our amazing members and recognizing the wonderful work our neighbors are doing everyday to help our fellow Bereans whenever times get tough.

2020....the year of: Wait until next week; No, wait until next month. This better not be wait until next year!

The golf league would like not to wait, but alas we are being forced to. Golf leagues fall under the organized sports banner and thus cannot take place until the social distancing mandate is lifted. Royal Crest GC is still open during this period but is limiting players(tee times only) and only allowing 1 person per golf cart. We will treat this period as a come out whenever and get some practice rounds in. If all goes well we were initially aiming for league play to begin on May 12th, but as this pandemic keeps changing so does our hopes of beginning the season. Our new goal is June 2nd.

If you have new players that haven't signed up yet, please get their information to me so that I can set them up and get emails out to them(Name, Number and email).

Any questions feel free to email me.(williams78@yahoo.com)

Stay Sane, Stay Safe and Don't Stay Sober,

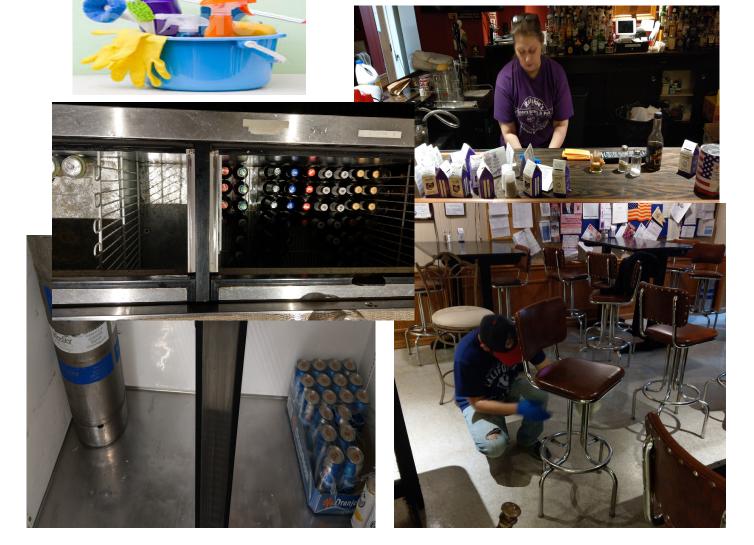
-Matt Williams





SPRING CLEANING

In late April, members in groups of no larger than four and practicing safe social distancing, came down to the lodge to deep clean and disinfect the whole building. As we hope to re-open in the near future, the health and safety of our members come first. Thank you to all who participated! We hope to see everyone again real soon!





At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"

During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated. They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

All funds raised will be used to:

- •Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- •Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten. These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. Will you help?

Make a donation today at enf.elks.org/phc

Checks, payable to Elks National Foundation, may be mailed to Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614-2256. Please write "Pearl Harbor" in the memo line.



Need a mask? Our own lodge secretary, Dianna Threadgill, is making masks for the price of a food donation to be passed along to our local food pantry at People's Community Church. Contact Dianna at 440-829-5403 or dftsince73@gmail.com to make arrangements.



Charles Nagy May 5
Devon Threadgill May 21
Murray! May 31





In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues.

***This is one of the best and most important events our lodge holds. Obviously we hope to hold the celebration of our flag and veterans but the current Covid-19 situation may prevent this.

Members will be updated as the lodge follows strict adherence to the guidelines put forth by that state and Governor DeWine.





From The Desk of The Lodge Secretary

This is a gentle reminder that if you haven't paid your dues yet, now is the time. We understand things are more than a little unusual at the moment. However, Grand Lodge stops for no one. Dues can be paid online at <u>bereaelks.com</u> or a check can be sent directly to the lodge. If you're in need of assistance with your dues, don't hesitate to contact me, for I have resources for that. I'm available by phone after 2pm (440-829-5403) or by email (dftsince73@gmail.com).







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24	25 Memorial	26	27	28	29	30
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Sunday Friday, June 14th



