



Aberdeen Elks Lodge #1046

BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2017: NEWSLETTER & ACTIVITIES CALENDER

From our Exalted Ruler:



Just a quick cute story. On the way home from the Elks is a young man who was selling lemonade (both pink and yellow) at the corner by D's Fast Food and Catering. Jan always likes to stop and patronize any type of these stands where kids are selling stuff. When we pulled up Jan asked what flavor do you have, the young boy stated, "The same as yesterday". I thought we would die laughing because the day before Jan had asked for pink lemonade and the young bog gave her a cup with yellow lemonade.

The parking lot party with Acquirin Signal was great. We had a 35' trailer donated by Rick Clifford to use as the outside stage. The weather was just beautiful and we did have about 100 people listening and dancing to the music. We had many volunteers who helped with pre-set up, helped with the gate (carding people who were coming in for the party), and tear down. These "volunteers" made everything go smoothly.

NEWS FLASH!!! We have more of the world's best pickles coming in about 6 weeks. They are in the early stages and will be good to use around October 1st. Thank you Jan Steigelmeier for making these awesome pickles and selling them to the lodge for a great price. They are a big hit during our Friday night suppers. Thanks to Jan W, Angie G, Jim G, and Anita for helping Jan S get the pickles "stuffed" in the jars.

Our lodge rentals are increasing, and all the people coming through the door are very impressed with our lodge, and the things we should offer for the rental fees. We even have a booking for 2021 for my 50th class reunion. It is the perfect size for our class to get together. We may even get Central High to come out with our Roncalli class at this reunion.

Halloween is coming up soon, we have invited our new State President to attend. Last year Lori Pogany (past State President) did come to the event and had a great time. So, get some good ideas for your costume and mark your calendar for October 27th at the lodge. **Remember Elks Care, Elks Share!!!**

Jim Weismantel, Exalted Ruler



The Elks Summer Horseshoe League has ended. Congratulations to team Cowboys for not only winning the summer league but also placing first in the Summer League Double Elimination Tournament. They had to battle back from the losing bracket to win the tournament. They were a tough team throughout the year.

Our Fall Horseshoe League will start after the Brown County Fair. We will follow the same format as the summer league. The only changes will be the fall league we will throw half games and we will throw against two teams per night. The cost of the fall league will be \$40 per team. Please sign up right away so we can start making the schedules. We hope to have the fall league completed by the first part of October. Registrations can **be** found at the Elks Lodge. If you know of anyone that would like to play please reach out to them.



New ATM installed!

At last, we can accommodate those who use credit and debit cards. This has been a huge issue with rentals and those coming to the lodge to patronize a special event or just coming out to enjoy the evening's activities.

Notes from the Secretary:



Just a few items to report on.

We still have 14 members that are delinquent as of June 1, 2017. I did mail out a notice to each delinquent member to remind them that we haven't received their dues payment.

One of our members Henry Nikolas passed away in July. We have several reinstated members, Lee Schinkel, Justin Goetz, Douglas Eilers and Donald A Schaunaman. Also, we have several members that will be voted on at our August meeting. Welcome Randy Kutter who was admitted to membership in June.

The Queen of Hearts game is gaining in popularity. The pot is getting larger each week since we haven't had the ticket winner pick the Queen of Hearts yet. If you are a paid-up member, be sure to stop out and try your luck at the game.

We still have some Football Books that need to be sold. This is a great fundraiser for the club, in the past has raised a good amount of money. If you don't have one, get in touch with me or Jim and we will try to get you a book as soon as we can. Remember they are only \$20.00 per book. Each week a check is mailed to the winning numbers for that game.

I applied for the Beacon Grant for the Children's Christmas Party held on December 9, 2017. There is a new program that can be added to this grant (competitive grant) if we qualify. Remember that your ENF donations make this grant program possible, so if you did contribute to these funds, A HUGE THANKYOU!!! Also in this newsletter, I have a donation letter that you can return if you care to donate directly to the party. **ANY donation amount will be helpful!** We will again try to include up to 80 children. It is amazing what we can do for these kids, I am referring to a party, gifts, Santa, games, and a great pizza lunch. **No lodge funds are used for this party-** only donations from members, local businesses, and the grant.

I know that I add this next information to the newsletter each time, but it is so important. If you know a student that may want to apply, be sure to have them research the scholarship requirements for applications. Juniors should be thinking about this so they can apply when they are in their senior year. These are competitive grants, but it is well worth the effort to apply. All the information is available on the Elks.org website. **The 2018 contests for these scholarships become available on September 1.**

There is also a Legacy Scholarship available to students if they are related to an Elks member. The scholarship is for \$1000.00. Please take advantage of these scholarships!!!

Your secretary, Jan Weismantel

Sister Strong



Sister Strong of Aberdeen is a local organization of women dedicated to improving the lives of children. The group was established in April 2015 by the current President, Heidi Van Steenwyk, with only handful of people and have grown to 13 members. We have an application based system for assessing a child's need for support. We review each application and discuss/vote on what is best for the child. For example, immediate need funds or a full benefit at a later date is determined based on the information from the application and subsequent discussions with the person nominating the child and/or their family.

Join us at our Poker Run Sept 16, and our rummage sale Oct 7, both at the Elks. Check our Facebook page for more information!!

Below is a breakdown of our donations to date; over \$8K in a short amount of time! These are through various channels: Benefits, Poker Run events, Rummage sales, etc. We have been very lucky to have the support of our local Elks lodge to allow us to use their facility for the events we host. We meet at 6pm on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Elks Lodge. If you have any questions please check our Facebook Page or contact us by e-mail at sisterstrongaberdeen@gmail.com

Total donations \$9597.48 (check out the chart) THANK YOU ELKS LODGE!!!

Year	Donations to Children	Items for Events	Total
2015	\$840.00	\$586.36	\$1,426.36
2016	\$3,025.00	\$972.30	\$3,997.30
2017	\$3,605.00	\$568.82	\$4,173.82

Manager's Thoughts: Rentals are an important aspect of the Elks success and income. The board has had to make some changes to our rental practices and contracts.



Rental changes have been made that Elks members need to be aware of.

- Rental prices have increased slightly. In contacting 'like' venues, we offer more and have been charging less. Those who had contracts at the old rate, will still be honored. Contracts after August 1st will be charged the new rate.
- Contracts have also been revised to note that if a member wants to rent the Elks for the member rate, they need to assist. Assistance is considered being at the lodge for the set up and/or tear down of the event and should be in attendance of the event itself. If the Elk member who rented the facility at the reduced rate does not attend at any capacity, they will be charged the full non-member rate.
- Another change that has been added to the contract limits the amount of times that are given for set up and tear down of the event. Going over the time limit of 2 hours per is an extra fee. An exception to this would be if the renting Elk member takes responsibility for being there during the set up and/or tear down and no other volunteer/staff person needs to be present. Reasoning/example: we have had rentals who wanted to come in and set up at 9 am for an event that started at 7 pm. They would come and go due to needing to get supplies—be gone for 2 hours, come back for an hour or two and leave again—etc. All that time, an Elks volunteer/staff person had to 'babysit' the building for the entire day for no compensation.

I personally love having rentals along with working them; however, we only have a limited amount of people willing to work rentals. These people work full time jobs and have limited time for their own personal use with family and home. Yet, they give of their time to the Elks.

Everyone who works an event works very hard at set up, providing good customer service, keeping the Elks stocked and cleaned during the event as well as cleaning up after. Many go beyond the call of duty to ensure our guests have a great experience at the Elks Lodge.

Those who work deserve to be compensated. The additional funds will provide \$25 to each person working. The stipend is a nice 'Thank you' above splitting the tips between those who work. **Georgia Smith**

NEWS FLASH!!!! West Lake Events is hosting a tribute to Johnny Cash on October 9, 2017 at Holgate Junior High School at 7:00 P.M. Special guest appearance by June Carter Cash. Tickets are available at the Elks Lodge or by calling 605-225-5474. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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