

NEWS & VIEWS



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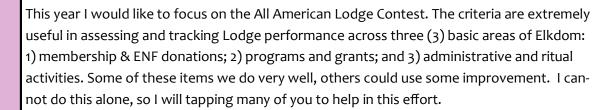
Paul Amundsen
1 Year Trustee

A New Year a New Start

As we move into the next Elk fiscal year you can expect to see more changes. We will have a new pool table, dart machine, expanded parking lot, new bathrooms and granite countertops for the new cabinets that were installed, glass washer/sanitizer under the bar, and an under bar wine cellar cabinet that will keep red and white wines at their ideal temperatures. It will be a busy year.

The new Board of Directors will have a full year of experience un-

der their belt by year-end. In their responsibilities, they will be responsible for investing our building fund monies, delivering quarterly financial reports, financial budgets and forming a new Charitable Giving Committee that will identify and distribute charitable monies (with membership approval of course) to organizations that need our help.



Keep an eye on the calendar. We are planning many activities: 60th Lodge Anniversary in August, Annual Crab Feast, Craft Show, Car Show, Comedy Show, Elvis, Big Band Event and others. These events succeed only when you participate, so come on out and enjoy a day out socializing with friends and fellow Elks.

So with that said let this year be full of brotherly love, justice, fidelity and charity. Get committed to volunteerism, the Lodge needs your help, if you don't know what to do you can come talk to me and I will find something you can do with in your skillsets and experience.

Sincerely,

Rich Mayes

302.290.1402

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April 2023

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat CLOSED 6 PM - 11 PM 6 PM - 11 PM 4 PM - 11 PM 4 PM - 1:00 AM 1 PM - 1:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Easter Faster	1 Officer Installa- tion 3-6p
2 Bingo 12-3	3 CLOSED	4 House Committee 7p	5 Shuffleboard 7p	6 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	7 Flip Five 7p Acoustic Jam 8p	8 Jazz @ 2
9 CLOSED Easter	10 CLOSED	11 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	12 Shuffleboard 7p	13 Thirsty Thurs Hall Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	14 Flip Five 7p Amigos 8p	15 Bill Triolo @ 2
16	17 CLOSED	18 Board Meeting 7p	19 Shuffleboard 7p	20 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	21 Flip Five 7p Line Dancing8p	22
23	24 CLOSED	25 Lodge Mtg 7:30 p	26 Shuffleboard 7p	27 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	28 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	29 Soul Patrol @ 2
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May 2023

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	1 CLOSED Pull Tab Bingo	2 House Committee 7p	3 Shuffleboard 7p	4 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	5 Flip Five 7p Just Roses 8p	6 Car Show Kentucky Derby
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 1 Officer Installation 3-6p
- April 7 Acoustic Jam 8p
- April 8 Jazz in Lounge @ 2p
- April 14 Amigos 8p
- April 15 Bill Triolo @ 2p
- April 29 Soul Patrol @ 2p

- Mary 5 Just Roses 8p
- May 6 Car Show
- May 6 Kentucky Derby
- May 12 Lost Train 8p
- May 20 Bill Triolo @ 2

NOTE: Where events appear on the Lodge calendar, factors may arise that can impact the Lodge and scheduled events.
 Please watch your email & Lodge Facebook page for details



Newark Elks Lodge #2281

BINGO

Plan to Join us for Bingo!!

Every Thursday

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Please watch your email or the Lodge



Flip Five Games
Every Friday
Start Promptly at 7pm.

Karaoke

Every 4th Friday of the Month

8:30 PM



50 cents off drinks







FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT PAT SARVER AT 302.743.3212



Elk Thoughts

Faults, Virtues, and Brotherly Love By

Paul Amundsen Life Member and Trustee

At the March 14 Lodge meeting, I addressed a House Committee issue and brought up the motto of our Order, "The faults of our Members are written upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

It is a perfect motto for us Elks because all of us are different; all of us have our own faults; and perfection is impossible. Our Lodge, like all other lodges, has challenges—yes, faults—to deal with. We will surely deal with those things.

But here, I want to take this opportunity to talk about VIRTUES – those things that belong "on the tablets of love and memory."

We can all be proud of the recent successes that our Lodge has enjoyed. And those successes have been the product of a team effort by our Lodge officers, PERs. the House Committee, many other committees, and members--all volunteers. This has all happened under capable, hands-on leadership by ER Rich Mayes, working alongside many other Elks--for our Lodge.

For example:

The Lodge has made and continues to make charitable contributions in increasing amounts. We are doing more things for our community, our youth, the needy, and our veterans that ever before. And we continue to be among the leading Lodges in our area for donations to the Elks National Foundation.

There have been continuous and significant capital improvements to our Lodge premises, inside and out; notably the HVAC and big improvements in our lounge and kitchen. And there is more to come.

Speaking of the kitchen, I think it is accurate to say that the quality and variety the food we offer to members and guests is better than ever. The same is true the snacks and beverages offered in the lounge.

Grants to our Lodge from the Elks National Foundation and the National Veterans Service Commission were the highest ever in 2022, topping \$11,000. Those grant dollars were all spent for charitable purposes, like feeding the hungry by way of Thanksgiving dinners to needy families; the Food Pantry at Pleasantville Elementary School; and special occasion meals for our Veterans at the VA hospital.

There are more social opportunities, events, and fun things going on at our Lodge than ever before. Look around this newsletter and the Lodge calendar. One very notable success is the variety of Saturday afternoon live music genres along with a special kitchen menu. If you haven't had the pleasure of attending, there is jazz, blues, country, bluegrass and more. You should stop by.

Almost every Friday night there is live music in the lounge. Karaoke is the 4th Friday of every month and I have been known to sing (again, perfection is impossible).

Late last year our Lodge became a Delaware not-for-profit corporation. Every Elk Member is a member of the corporation. Very recently, the corporation acquired ownership of the Lodge property.

These are just a few highlights -- some of the **virtues** for which we can thank our leadership, committees, PERs and so many Elk volunteers--too numerous to mention by name. We can all be proud to be a part of it.

Finally, one more **virtue**. Several months ago, Exalted Ruler Rich Mayes spoke to the Lodge about **Brotherly Love**. His comments were also published in the July 2022 *News and Views*. I think those remarks should be revisited by all of us, and especially this:

"Our Lecturing Knight says -- "Ever practice Brotherly Love."

Not "sometimes,"

Not "just when you feel like it."

And while we EVER Practice Brotherly Love, remember that the faults of our Members are written upon the sand...

FRIDAYS

April 7-Acoustic Jam

April 14 - Amigos

May 5 - Just Roses

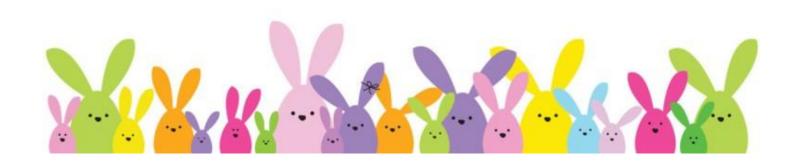


SATURDAYS

Apr 8 - Jazz

April 15 - Bill Triolo

April 29 - Soul Patrol



Past Exalted Rulers 10 Week Club Raffle

You do not need to be present to win!

You should have received your 3 tickets in the mail. Please return the 3 ticket stubs with your name, phone and address filled out on each along with your check for \$20.00 payable to "PER Assn. of Newark Elks". All Monies raised stay in our lodge to help do all the great things we have done in the past.

Please contact Brenda Presley, PER if you did not receive you're your tickets.



2 drawings each week x 9 weeks, \$25 & \$50

First drawing at the lodge on 02/17

10th & final drawing 4/21

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!!!



SECRETARY'S

REPORT



As the latest Secretary to the Newark Elks Lodge 2281, I stand on the shoulders of a giant. Roseann Cinclair has graced our ranks for many years and worked very hard to to fill her responsibilities as the Secretary to us all. Roseann, I salute you for a job well done and I can only hope I will follow successfully in your footsteps.

My name is Maria Beaton and I am a native Delawarean, born in Wilmington, raised in Europe and returned to my native state for my teenage years and early adult life. Life, I am constantly reminded, offers us many opportunities at all stages to build solid foundations, expand on those foundations as well as keeping worth while endeavors going. The Newark Elks Lodge 2281 has been built on a solid foundation, continues to grow well on that solid base and provides so many opportunities to keep successful community programs going. I am excited to be more involved in keeping that solid foundation healthy, knowing that I follow others who gave many hours and countless effort. This Elks Lodge exists because of its members and it benefits the community in so many ways. In order for that solid foundation to continue, it is imperative that everything remain in good order. I am reminded that no one person can do this work alone and that we all work together, with communications and documentation as well as process and ethical work being key as well.

I am committed to maintaining the impressive work so well done by so many other members. In the coming weeks, as I sift through the many tasks that Roseann performed so flawlessly, I ask for your support and patience while I navigate, organize and process new information. I am not new at supporting people in multi-level organizations, and I expect to figure things out quickly.

This is a beginning for many of us, and like all first steps, they may be tentative. Before long, however, I expect to step confidently into the role that Roseann filled so well. I am thankful to her for her positive support and to everyone I have spoken to. Your confidence in the role I have committed to is very helpful and I am humbled and honored.

A final reminder to members that as of **April 1**, your purple membership card will <u>not</u> work in the entry system for members. If you paid your dues, you should have received a beige card that should be used from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024. Please call Maria Beaton at 302-605-0360 or the Newark Elks Lodge at 302-328-2281, and leave a message if you have any questions. I will get back to you as quickly as I can. You can also email me at newark2281@ comcast.net

My wish is for Roseann to enjoy a well-deserved retirement from years of caring for our members. Thank you for your priceless contributions!

Maria R. Beaton Secretary, Newark Elks Lodge 2281 302-605-0360 newark2281@comcast.net



2023-2024



Elk of the year - Brenda Britt

Officer of the year -Patricia Davis



ELKs LODGE 2281Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts and prayers and Condolences to families of members who passed over last few months

William Lewis passed 3/15/23

William Hendricks passed 12/23/22

If you know of a member who is sick, or has passed away, please fill out a card on the SICK and DISTRESSED Board located in the lounge or email

Patty Davis at:

pat.hagelstein@yahoo.com



The Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we shall miss her
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess her
Still our hearts her memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
She has passed to realms on high.

William Lewis
William Hendricks

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Brandon

Stop by the Lodge to celebrate your birthday month and get a free drink!



Dianaon	raicy	02
Daniel	Slipetsky	03
James	Nolan	05
Michelle	Rhoads	05
Susan	Hammond	07
Michelle	Helfrich	07
Michele	Restucci	09
Edwin	Wortham Jr	09
Michael	Meano	10
Joseph	Zimmer	10
Nancy	McConnell	11
Aubrey	Myers	11
Michael	Vermillion	12
Peter	Sacchet	14
Anthony	Forestieri Jr	15

Jim	Unsworth	15
Eugene	Lestardo	17
Timothy	Walls	17
Elizabeth	Biddison	18
Etta	O'Connor	18
Ginamarie	Davis	20
Debra	Snyder	21
Thomas	Chance	22
Serge	Yow	22
Maria	Bedolla	23
Kawika		
(David)	Takayama	23
Charlie	Bryan	24
Linda	Liechty	25
Steven	Beck	26
Donna	Burg	29
Richard	Jester	30



ELKS 2281 Installation 2023-2024

























ELK 2281 CRAFTERS



















2023-2024 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80

Donation Deadline: 3/31/2024

Total Donations \$7,284.75

Per-Member-Giving: \$15.60

Renewal Rate: 48.91%

Membership Support: 37.69%

Fidelity Club Members: 12

2022-2023 ENF in your State: \$ 1.771

2022-2023 Lodge Grant Funds: \$12,500.00

STATE: 9th

DISTRICT: 3rd

CHAIR CHALLENGE: 1ST

Updated through 03/18/2023

HAPPY ELKS NEW YEAR!

Thank you to our Lodge members for your commitment to our first Cardinal Principle **Charity** with your generous donations to **Elks National Foundation**. **Let's make the new year even greater!**

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the **Elks National Foundation** helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the **ENF**, visit **elks.org/enf**.

Join the Fidelity Club

Do you donate to the **Elks National Foundation** often? Did you know there's a club for members who donate monthly called the **Fidelity Club**? The **ENF Fidelity Club** recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Sustaining givers have a recurring monthly payment (minimum \$5) that is automatically debited from a bank account or charged to a credit card. Monthly giving is safe, reliable, and allows the **ENF** to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not to mention, members receive **Fidelity Club** stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving. Visit **enf.elks.org/recurring** to enroll today.

Remember to check our ENF PowerPoint presentation on the tv in the lounge for the latest ENF information!

I am always available to answer your questions and assist with donations!

Jean AF Amundsen Lodge ENF Chairman Esteemed Loyal Knight Jafancy97@icloud.com









15th Annual

CAR SHOW

Saturday

May 6th, 2023

Rain Date * May 7th, 2023

Registration: 9am - 1pm

\$10.00 pre-registration by April 28 or \$15.00 day of show

Awards: 3pm

BEST of SHOW

Top 20 Trophies

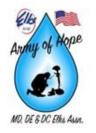
> Door Prizes

Best of Show 2022



1957 Chevy

All Bake Sales & 50/50 Proceeds will Benefit



MD. DE. & DC
Elks Veterans Army of Hope

Breakfast And Lunch

Sandwiches

Dash

Plaques

First

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Music by DJ Lou Costello

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If you have an idea, submittal, question or comment about Lodge activities, email or text it to me by the 17th of the month. As usual, we reserve the right of review for appropriateness of content and revision as necessary in accordance with editorial policies and oversight by the Exalted Ruler.

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LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION*

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Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	6 PM - 11 PM
Wednesday	6 PM - 11 PM
Thursday	4 PM - 11 PM
Friday	
2	1 PM - 1:00 AM
Saturday	1 PM - 1:00 AM
Sunday	
	1 PM - 10 PM

*Note: Bartender may close 2 hours early any night there are fewer than 4 customers present.

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Committee Chair/Co-Chairs for 2023 - 2024

Accident Prevention Mgr:
Open

Adult Christmas:
House Committee

Americanism:
Ed Clarke
Peggy Morris

Auditing & Accounting:
Jack Davis

Bingo:
Andy Hallet(Chair)

Permits & Reports:
Roseann Cinclair
Tom Smith

Building & Grounds:
Len Foresteri (Chair)
Rich Mayes

Bylaws:
Paul Amundsen
Peggy Morris

Camp Barrett:
JR Biddison PER
Richard Mayes
Beth Biddison

Car Show:

Ken Banning (Chair)

Bob McIntyre, PER

Billie Banning

Tom Snyder

Children's Parties: Christmas:
Renee' Pak Easter:
• Rene' Pak HalloweenPat Sarver Comedy Shows:
• Open Community Activities/Projects:
Chairperson, OpenMichelle Rhoads, PER Crab Feast:
Open **Craft Show: TBD** Delinquencies:

• TBD Drug Awareness:Tom Smith, (Chair)Marion Smith **Elks National Foundation:** Jean Amundsen Fathers Day Barbeque: Flag Day: Serge Yow **Government Relations** John Viola Tom Snyder

Grants:
Paul Amundsen, (Chair)

Hoop Shoot:
Jason Johnson

House Committee:
Richard Mayes (Chair)
Pat Clarke (Secretary)
Andy Hallet
Richard (KoKo) Kokoszka
Pat Sarver
Marian Goslin

Membership/Investigations:
TBD (Chair)
Maria Beaton

Jernick Fund:
Michelle Rhoads, PER

Kentucky Derby:
Jack Davis

Lodge Activities:
Pat Sarver
Richard Mayes

Lodge Mediator:
Paul Helsel, PGER

Memorial Service:
Lindsay Brown, PER

Mother's Day Breakfast:
Andy Hallet (chair)
Joe Rollo
John Davis

National Veterans Services:
Ray Abbott

News & Views:
Donna Crossland

Presiding Justice:
Paul Amundsen

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• Pat Sarver

• Donna Crossland

Relief:
• Chair Officers

Scholarship:
Christine Riley (chair)
Peggy Morris

Sickness & Distress:
• Pat Davis

Soccer Shoot
• Ed Clark (Chair)

Video Lottery:
• Tom Snyder (Chair)

Wreaths Across America
• Billie Banning

*If you'd like to volunteer to help on a committee, contact any officer or trustee who will direct you to the committee chair of your choosing. The Lodge and its committee chairs are always looking for help.

1963-64 Utley Crane * 1980-81 Raymond Grill 1996-97 Joseph Cain 2012-13 Dan Monte Carlo 1964-65 Otis Jennings * 1981-82 Andrew Zimmermann 1997-98 Joseph Cain 2013-14 Robert McIntyre 1998-99 Lindsay Brown 1965-66 John Boeheim * 2014-15 Margie McIntyre 1982-83 Nathion Noble * 1999-00 George Williams * 1966-67 Andrew Zimmermann 2015-16 Valerie Huot 1983-84 John Hardy * 2000-01 Mary Anne Colbert 2016-17 Valerie Huot 1967-68 Howard Duncan * 1984-85 Michael Alpaugh 2001-02 William Costigan * 2017-18 Valerie Huot 1968-69 Melvin Melancon * 1985-86 Barry Taylor 2018-19 JR Biddison 2002-03 Serge Yow 1969-70 Walter Gonce * 1986-87 William Sporay 2003-04 William Costigan * 2019-20 JR Biddison 1970-71 William Cassidy * 1987-88 Harvey Scott III * 2004-05 Robert Lindfors 2020-21 Brenda Presley 1971-72 Richard Burg 1988-89 James Brehony * 2005-06 William Costigan * 2021-22 JR Biddison 1972-73 Joseph Pierson * 1989-90 Francis Waraksa * 2006-07 William Costigan * 2022-23 Richard Mayes 1973-74 Donald Doutt * 1990-91 Sherm Colbert* 1974-75 John Benson * 1991-92 Harvey Scott III * 2007-08 Robert McIntyre 1975-76 Paul Helsel 2008-09 Robert McIntyre 1992-93 Ronald Zuka 1976-77 Ronald Zuka 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads 1977-78 Irving Hochstein * 1993-94 Frank Borst * 2010-11 William Rhoads 1978-79 James Landis 1994-95 Ronald Zuka 2011-12 Gina Semonelle 1979-80 Daniel McIntosh 1995-96 Lowell Bowers

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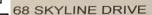
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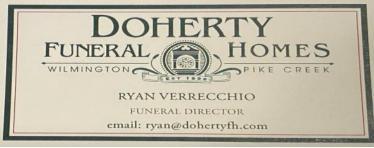
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