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We are off to a great start!

The transitional month of April is over, with new officers, board, budgets and planning for the new year.

I am very encouraged by the excitement and enthusiasm I am seeing among the membership. This reminds me of the importance of the need for



human connections. Recent studies from Harvard suggest that the key to happiness is being able to connect with other people. When we do not have those connections we become depressed, angry and may even develop health issues. I believed this is what we all experienced with the Covid-19 shutdowns. We became isolated from our friends (Elks) and family for such a long time that we lost the ability to connect with each other, intolerant of personal behaviors and became just plain unhappy. I am happy to report that is all behind us; the connections are being re-connected and the Lodge is a happy place again! Thank you.

As we move into May and June we have a lot of activities planned. The Annual Car Show, Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, Camp Barret Picnic (if you have never been, come on out it is a great time), Flag Day, Father's Day. Don't forget all the entertainment we have planned as well for your enjoyment and time to re-connect with your fellow Elks.

Sincerely,

Rich Mayes

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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



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Music by DJ

Dash

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Breakfast

And

Lunch

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Lou Costello

Newark Elks # 2281

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 5 Just Roses 8p
- May 6 Car Show
- May 6 Kentucky Derby
- May 12 Lost Train 8p
- May 13 Adopt a Highway pickup
- May 14 Mothers Day Breakfast 9-12a
- May 20 Bill Triolo @ 2

uled events. Please watch your email & Lodge Facebook page for details

- June 2 Rick and Connie 8p
- June 9 Raising Cain 8p
- June 11 Flag Day Ceremony 10:30a
- June 17 Blues Duo 2p
- June 17 Comedy Show 6p
- June 18 Fathers Day Barbeque 12-4
- June 24 Blue Grass 2p
- June 30 R&B Trio 8p



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





Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 14th 9:00 am la Maan

Mothers & Children under 12 eat free! all Others: \$7.00

Lots of Choices/Omelets Made-to-Order Mimosas and Bloody Mary's available for purchase

Reserve your time slot today...sign-up sheet in the lobby





Experience the Race on the Big Screen



Congratulations to Billie Banning Newark Elks came in 2nd in the State

Newark Elks ranked 226 in the Nation out of 5548 participants



Nationwi de Rank =	State Abbreviati on =	State ▼	Group ID =	Group Name	Wreaths Sponsored in 2022
35	DE	Delaware	DE0016	Teresa Ziegler Townsend	4907.60
226	DE	Delaware	DE0068	Newark Elks Lodge 2281	1386.00
478	DE	Delaware	DE0052P	The Greater Harrington Historical Society	751.50
852	DE	Delaware	DE0074	Barratt's Chapel Cemetery Board	407.50

Awards to Elks for VA Volunteer time and Hours.



Barbara Perri - 9 yrs, 2417 hrs.

Tim Perri - 13 yrs, 4848 hours





Donald (Dave) Hodgkins Jr. -5000 hours



ELKS 2281 ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT



The Adopt-A-Highway Committee is having another litter pickup on Saturday May13 with a rain date on May 20. We will meet in the lodge

parking lot at 10:00 am. and pick up litter along Christiana Rd (Hwy 273) along both sides, from Appleby Rd to Dupont Hwy. I have a limited number of grabber tools available so bring your own if you have one. Gloves are also provided but are not very comfortable so bring your own if you have them. The Boy Scouts may be helping us depending on their activity schedule that day. Anyone interested is in participating please get in touch with me. Let's have a good turnout and show that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Bill Grayson

Chairman Adopt A Highway Committee

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May 2023

Lodge hours on page 13

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	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 6p
7 Initiation 12n DARTS 4p	8 CLOSED Initiation 7:30p	9 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	10 Shuffleboard 7p	11 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	12 Flip Five 7p Lost Train 8p	13 Adopt a Hwy 10a
14 Mothers Day breakfast 9 -12 DARTS 4p	15 CLOSED	16 Board Meeting 7p	17 Shuffleboard 7p	18 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	19 Flip Five 7p Line Dancing8p	20 Bill Triolo 2-5
21 Bingo DARTS 4p	22 CLOSED	23 Lodge Mtg 7:30 p	24 Shuffleboard 7p	25 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	26 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	27
28 DARTS 4P	29 CLOSED	30 Memorial Day	31 Shuffleboard 7p			



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	2 Deck opening Flip Five 7p Rick & Connie 8 Deck	3
4 Bingo	5 CLOSED	6 House Committee 7p	7 Shuffleboard 7p	8 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	9 Flip Five 7p Raising Cain 8p	10
11 Flag Day Ceremony 10:30a	12 CLOSED	13 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	14 FLAG DAY Shuffleboard 7p	15 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	16 Flip Five 7p Line Dancing8p	17 Blues Duo 2p Comedy Show 6
18 Fathers Day Barbeque 12-4p	19 CLOSED	20 Board Meeting 7p	21 Shuffleboard 7p	22 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	23 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	24 Bluegrass 2p
25	26 CLOSED	27 Lodge Mtg 7:30 p	28 Shuffleboard 7p	29 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League 6:30p	30 Flip Five 7p R&B Trio 8p	

FRIDAYS

May 5 - Just Roses

May12- Lost Train

June 2 - Rick & Connie

June 9 - Raising Cain

June 30 - R&B Trio



SATURDAYS

May 20 - Bill Triolo

June 17 - Blues Duo

June 24 - Blue Grass

GRATITUDE GRANT







Pleasantville School Principle, Rene' Griffith, thanks the Elks 2281 for awesome food donations. Elks members had super fun shopping and spending \$2500 of the available \$3500 to add to this food pantry. Lodge 2281 is hoping to add 3 more pantry's for donations in 23-24. Yippee more shopping to do!!!!



SECRETARY'S REPORT





Are you up to date on your dues? Lost track of your account statement?

Wait... did you even get one for this year?

Yes you did... but where did you put it?????

It's been a while..... Can you still fix this? YES YOU CAN!

DO YOUR **DUE** DILIGENCE AND SEND IN YOUR **DUES**. It's NOT too late!

Send in your dues: Check or cash to Newark Elks 2281: 42 Elks Trail, New Castle, DE 19720

Pay at the bar: Credit Card, check or cash.

Not sure how much they are? Contact Maria Beaton: cell: 302-605-0360

Office: 302-328-2281

E-mail: Newark2281@comcast.net

AED for safety of our lodge coming soon with training classes offered.

Jean AF Amundsen Organizer



ELK LODGE 2281
provide free
haircuts for our
senior and disabled CLC veterans. WE NEVER
FORGET!!



Crafty Ladies





Wire Pictures







ELKs LODGE 2281Sickness and Distress

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

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Havard	Copeland	03
John	Raleigh	06
Dominique	Spencer	06
	Lukasze-	
Stanley	wicz	07
Kevin	Hollerman	10
Ricky	Milewski	10
Olutayo	Ogundare	11
Sharon	Forestieri	12
Jason	Johnson	12
Theresa	Tomczyk	12
Christiana	Anthes	13
Richard	Mayes	13
Stephanie	Johnson	14
Stacey	Carter	15
Beyan	Kesselly	15
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Zaborowski	15
Davis	16
Birch	21
Dick	21
Stout	22
Dickerson	23
Wright	24
Riley	25
Rodriguez	25
Cael	26
Gargula	27
Cinclair	28
Goodman	28
Emory	31
Mitchell	31
	Davis Birch Dick Stout Dickerson Wright Riley Rodriguez Cael Gargula Cinclair Goodman Emory









This past fundraising year has been another record breaker, thanks to your decision to join the Fidelity Club! Since surpassing 5,000 members in the fall, the Fidelity Club has become a MILLION-DOLLAR-a-year giving club for the first time in ENF history! We cannot thank you enough for your committed generosity. It empowers the growth of programs Elks are most passionate about. Read on for details of more news about the Fidelity Club recognition program, the Elks Hoop Shoot, and the Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program.

Updating Your Gift

You can make changes to your sustaining gift online by visiting the Fidelity Club Gift Service Center. Your login information for the Fidelity Club Service Center is not the same as your elks.org username and password. If you haven't logged into the site before, enter your email address as your username and click on "Forgot username or password." You will receive an email prompting you to create a new password. Once logged in, navigate to the "Gift Service Center" toward the top right of the page. Or, please feel free to call us at 773/755-4764 or email fundraising@elks.org and we can help update your gift.

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







NEWS from the Grants Committee

Final reports Are Done! In 2022, the Grants Committee successfully received four grants totaling \$12,500. Final reports for the Beacon Grant (Thanksgiving Dinners - \$4,000) and the Freedom Grant (special meals for veterans at the VA CLC nursing home - \$3,000) have been submitted and approved. We just completed and await approval of final reports for the Spotlight Grant (Welcome Home Kits for Veterans - \$2,000) and the Gratitude Grant (Pleasantville School Food Pantry - \$3,500).

We have already re-applied for the **Freedom Grant** to continue to provide special occasion meals and pizza parties to the elderly veterans at the VA nursing home. Applications were due on April 20 with decisions to be announced in mid-May. This is a competitive grant: nationwide, only 200 lodges will be approved. So, cross your fingers! We hope to announce a successful application in next month's News & Views!

Meanwhile, I will be providing updates on this year's grant activity. In the coming weeks, the committee will be looking at our options for the Gratitude, Beacon and Spotlight grants and how to apply for and best use these grants for the betterment of our community and to help our veterans.

Grants Committee members are Paul Amundsen, J.R Biddison, Pat Clarke, Michelle Rhoads, Bob McIntyre and Anita Viola. Many other Elk members make these community projects a success through their volunteer efforts and contributions to the Elk National Foundation.

And finally, let's all remember: 'Charity is the greatest of all virtues.'

Paul Amundsen, **Chair ENF Grants**Life Member and Trustee

ENF Grants Committee

J.R Biddison (PER), Pat Clarke, Bob McIntyre (PER), Michelle Rhoads (PER), and Anita Viola.



FATHER'S DAY BBO

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 12-3

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken Fathers eat free + a free breverage Kids 12 and under free, others \$8.00

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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*	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday 6 PM - 11 PM	
Thursday	
Friday	
4 PM - 1:00 AM	
Saturday1 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.	
Lodge Phone Number	

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Committee Chair/Co-Chairs for 2023 - 2024

Accident Prevention Mgr:
Open **Children's Parties: Grants:** News & Views:
Donna Crossland Christmas:
• Renee' Pak • Paul Amundsen, (Chair) Adult Christmas:

House Committee Presiding Justice:
• Paul Amundsen Easter:
• Rene' Pak Hoop Shoot:
• Jason Johnson Halloween
• Pat Sarver House Committee:
Richard Mayes (Chair)
Pat Clarke (Secretary)
Andy Hallet
Richard (KoKo) Kokoszka
Pat Sarver
Marian Goslin PR & Promotions:
• Pat Sarver
• Donna Crossland Comedy Shows:
• Open Auditing & Accounting:

• Jack Davis Community Activities/Projects:
 Chairperson, Open
 Michelle Rhoads, PER Bingo: • Andy Hallet(Chair) Relief:
• Chair Officers Permits & Reports: Scholarship:
Christine Riley (chair)
Peggy Morris Crab Feast:
Open Roseann Cinclair Tom Smith Building & Grounds:

Len Foresteri (Chair)
Rich Mayes Jernick Fund:
• Michelle Rhoads, PER **Craft Show:** Sickness & Distress:
• Pat Davis TBD Kentucky Derby:

Jack Davis Soccer Shoot
• Ed Clark (Chair) Bylaws:
Paul Amundsen
Peggy Morris Delinquencies:

• TBD Lodge Activities:
Pat SarverRichard Mayes •Drug Awareness:
• Tom Smith, (Chair)
• Marion Smith Video Lottery:
• Tom Snyder (Chair) Camp Barrett:
 JR Biddison PER
 Richard Mayes
 Beth Biddison Wreaths Across America
Billie Banning Lodge Mediator:
• Paul Helsel, PGER Elks National Foundation: Jean Amundsen Car Show:

 Ken Banning (Chair)
 Bob McIntyre, PER
 Billie Banning
 Tom Snyder Memorial Service:
• Lindsay Brown, PER Fathers Day Barbeque: Mother's Day Breakfast:
Andy Hallet (chair)Joe RolloJohn Davis Flag Day: • Serge Yow **Government Relations** John Viola Tom Snyder National Veterans Services:
• Ray Abbott

*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.

63-64 Utley Crane *	1980-81 Raymond Grill	1996-97 Joseph Cain	2012-13 Dan Monte Carlo
964-65 Otis Jennings *	1981-82 Andrew Zimmermann	1997-98 Joseph Cain	2013-14 Robert McIntyre
965-66 John Boeheim * 966-67 Andrew Zimmermann 967-68 Howard Duncan * 968-69 Melvin Melancon * 969-70 Walter Gonce * 970-71 William Cassidy * 971-72 Richard Burg 972-73 Joseph Pierson * 973-74 Donald Doutt *	* 1982-83 Nathion Noble * 1983-84 John Hardy * 1984-85 Michael Alpaugh 1985-86 Barry Taylor 1986-87 William Sporay 1987-88 Harvey Scott III * 1988-89 James Brehony * 1989-90 Francis Waraksa * 1990-91 Sherm Colbert*	1998-99 Lindsay Brown 1999-00 George Williams * 2000-01 Mary Anne Colbert 2001-02 William Costigan * 2002-03 Serge Yow 2003-04 William Costigan * 2004-05 Robert Lindfors 2005-06 William Costigan * 2006-07 William Costigan *	2014-15 Margie McIntyre 2015-16 Valerie Huot 2016-17 Valerie Huot 2017-18 Valerie Huot 2018-19 JR Biddison 2019-20 JR Biddison 2020-21 Brenda Presley 2021-22 JR Biddison 2022-23 Richard Mayes
974-75 John Benson *	1991-92 Harvey Scott III *	2007-08 Robert McIntyre	
1975-76 Paul Helsel 1976-77 Ronald Zuka 1977-78 Irving Hochstein * 1978-79 James Landis 1979-80 Daniel McIntosh	1992-93 Ronald Zuka 1993-94 Frank Borst * 1994-95 Ronald Zuka 1995-96 Lowell Bowers	2008-09 Robert McIntyre 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads 2010-11 William Rhoads 2011-12 Gina Semonelle	

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