



# NEWS & VIEWS



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

Home of PGER Paul Helsel

2023 - 2024

## ELKS OFFICERS

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3 Year Trustee

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2 Year Trustee

**Paul Amundsen**

1 Year Trustee

## Summer is Finally Here!

Summer is a time to relax, take some vacation, go to the beach and spend time with family. Here at Newark Elks we celebrate the summer with Flag Day (June 11th), Father's Day (June 18th), Blues Band (June 17th), Comedy Show (June 17th) and a Bluegrass Band (June 24th). Don't forget to check out the July calendar for other activities. Oh! and please mark your calendars for our 60th Anniversary Celebration on **August 20th**, look for flyers for the details. We are in the planning stages, but just a peek: we will have a water slide and dunking booth and Dave and Pat Sarver will be bringing in their smoker to serve up some of their delicious barbeque.

The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of Flag Day by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until **1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks**, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country. It was through his Elks Lodge in Independence, Missouri, that President Truman got the idea for a national observance of Flag Day. This year we will have the Vets involved, unfortunately no Boy Scouts due to a prior commitment out of state. We plan to perform the Elks ritual for retirement of the flags. A meal will be served after the ceremony, please sign up in the lobby so we can plan on enough food for everyone.

As you know I have been very diligent over the past few years upgrading the infrastructure and equipment of the Lodge. Most recent improvements include: a new fryer (purchased by the PERs), glass washing machine for behind the bar, a new wine glass rack, a new dart machine (championed by Jack Simon and JR) and a new pool table (championed by Pat Sidell). Capital projects for the coming year include: new camera surveillance system (completed), outside lighting, parking lot expansion and bathroom renovations.

Enjoy a safe and joyful summer,

Rich Mayes, ER, PER

302.290.1402,

rtmayes1@verizon.net



NEWARK ELKS LODGE 2281

# JUNE

*Live*  
*Music*

## LINE-UP

FRIDAYS 8 - 11PM & SATURDAYS 2 - 5PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND — RICK & CONNIE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH — RAISING CAIN

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH — JIMMY PRITCHARD BLUES DUO

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH — AROUND THE BEND BLUEGRASS BAND

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH — R&B TRIO

*Plus* >>>

3rd Friday of every month — Country Line Dancing with Eric Mosley

4th Friday of every month — Karaoke with Chris Birch





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 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

- July 1 - 4th of July bonfire at our new fire pit
- July 2 - Crafting Needle Felting patriotic Gnomes
- July 7 - Acoustic Jam 8p
- July 14 - Frank & Michell
- July 15 - Jazz Trio
- July 29 - Live music TBA



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

*Thirsty*  
THURSDAYS

50 cents off  
drinks



**JIMMY PRITCHARD BLUES DUO**

*Saturday* **JUNE 17** *Blues*

**2-5pm**

**NEWARK ELKS LODGE**

Newark Elks Lodge 2281  
- PRESENTS -

**Around the Bend**  
Bluegrass & More

**Saturday, 2-5pm**  
**JUNE 24TH**



**Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.**



#### Your Lodge's May Fundraising Statistics

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

Donation Deadline: 3/31/2024

**Total Donations** \$2,183.12

**Per-Member-Giving:** \$ 4.68

**Renewal Rate:** 40.52%

**Membership Support:** 26.98%

**Fidelity Club Members:** 12

**2023-2024 ENF in your State:** \$ 1.62

**2023-2024 Lodge Grant Funds:** \$0.00

Updated through 05/22/2023

#### Our Current Standings:

State: 6th  
District: 1st  
Chair Challenge: 1st

With nearly 800,000 members and nearly 1,900 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities across the United States. The Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work.

I encourage all members to donate to **ENF** as this is the funding source for our Grants and Community Investment programs.

Community Investment Grants are now open for the 2023-24 year! Ask your Secretary or Grants Coordinator how you can help make a change in your community.

*The Elks National Foundation allocated nearly \$16 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit [elks.org/CIP](http://elks.org/CIP).*

Looking for an easy way to support the Elks National Foundation year-round and ensure that you are always helping to build stronger communities? Look no further! It takes just a few minutes to sign-up for the ENF Fidelity Club and give a monthly gift that will really make a difference. Learn more about the Fidelity Club and monthly giving at [enf.elks.org/FidelityClub](http://enf.elks.org/FidelityClub).

Donate 24/7 at [ENF.elks.org/support](http://ENF.elks.org/support).

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



**Bob McIntire, PER**  
has received the  
honor of being cho-  
sen to be the Grand

Inner Guard at the Elks National Convention in Minneapolis in July. Bob has been a long term contributor to our lodge and responsible for many of our successes. He more than deserves this honor.  
**Congratulations Bob.**



#### Grant Committee

*'Charity is the greatest of all virtues.'*

#### Freedom Grant Approved for Our Veterans!

**Good News!** This **\$3,000** grant enables our Lodge to provide a series of special, catered meals to elderly veterans at the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital in Wilmington. It is the only "competitive" grant, with only two hundred such grants available nationwide. We are fortunate that ours was among those chosen.

Elsewhere in New & Views you will see some photos of the birthday party on June 30 with the veterans!

Many thanks to **Pat and Debi Clarke** and **Tim and Bobbi Perri** for their great work on this. Also, **Bob and Margie McIntyre**, and **Ray Abbott** also help make these things happen!

This is Elkdom at its finest.

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

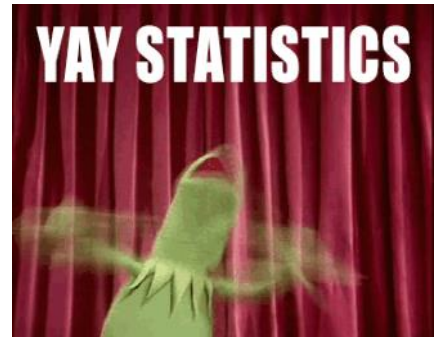


**Message from the Secretary**

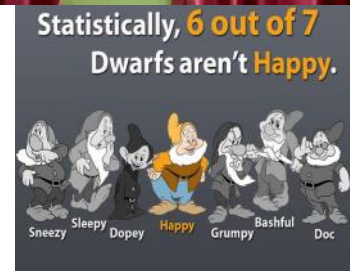
**Please contact the Secretary, Maria Beaton if you have ANY questions! 302-605-0360 or Newark2281@comcast.net**



## **MEMBERSHIP FUN FACTS! Can you guess the right answer? How well do you know your fellow Newark Elks!**



- 1) What is the average age of our Newark Elks Lodge 2281 Members: Is It:
  - A: 38.5 years
  - B: 49.8 years
  - C: 64.2 years
  - D: 72.6 years
- 2) What was the Elks Lodge 2281 membership on **March** 31, 2023? Was it:
  - A: 530 members
  - B: 792 members
  - C: 322 members
  - D: 443 members
- 3) What was the Elks Lodge 2281 membership on **May** 31, 2023? Was it:
  - A: 443 members
  - B: 469 members
  - C: 425 members
  - D: 329 members
- 4) As of May 31, 2023, how many members of the Elks Lodge 2281 are still delinquent in paying their dues? Is it:
  - A: 150 members
  - B: 200 members
  - C: 115 members
  - D: 12 members
- 5) How many LIFE Members are at this Lodge? Is it:
  - A: 31 members
  - B: 45 members
  - C: 22 members
  - D: 17 members
- 6) How many squirrels were recently caught in the Lodge so far this year? Was it:
  - A: 5 squirrels
  - B: 3 squirrels
  - C: 6 squirrels
  - D: 0 squirrels: they all escaped!
- 7) What Anniversary milestone is the Newark Elks Lodge 2281 celebrating this coming **August 20, 2023**? Is it:
  - A: 50th Year Anniversary
  - B: 100th Year Anniversary
  - C: 60th Year Anniversary
  - D: 40th Year Anniversary



**See next page  
for answers**

Answers: 1) **C.** The average age of Newark Elks Lodge 2281 members is **64.25** years,

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2) **D.** Membership on March 31, 2023 was **443** active members

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3) **B.** Membership on May 31, 2023 was **469** active members.

**We are approaching 500!!!!**

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4) **C.** 115 members were delinquent as of May 31, 2023.

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**Help bring this down! Pay your dues!!!!**

5) **A.** Newark Elks Lodge 2281 has 31 Life Members.

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6) **B.** Three squirrels were caught.

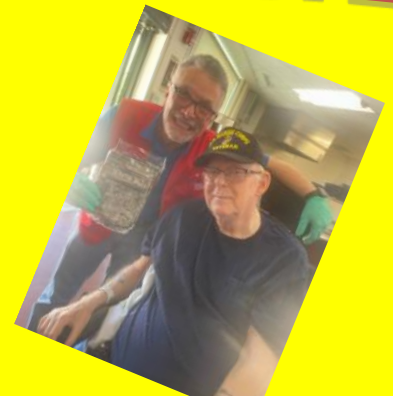
All three are doing well somewhere .....in Lower Delaware.....

SOURCE: May 2023 Lodge Meeting

Answers to quiz  
on previous page.



# VA COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER



Above photo's taken from the Monthly Birthday Celebration at the CLC. Bobbi and Tim Perry delivered the Ice Cream and cake. Debi Clarke personalized the shoulder packs and I served the food. My photo's are with CLC veteran's Ron Whitehead and Wayne Wilson.

Submitted by Ed Clark



**Children and Families  
Fund raiser. 2281  
donated \$2000**



**LODGE 2281 Donations At work**

**Initiations in May 2023 - welcome to our  
new members.**







# *Comedy Night*

## *Jay Boc*

### *June 17th*

A native Delawarean, Jay Boc is a graduate of St Mark's High School. His past endeavors include: professional stuntman, actor and stand-up comedian. He has appeared in TV shows/movies such as, Escape from NY, Octagon, Little House on the Prairie, Chips to name a few. He also appeared in the hit come-

Doors open @5:00, Dinner served @6:00  
\$25/person advance ticket purchases  
required, tickets available at the bar,

## Opening Act:

**Corey Alexander** A 5 time comedy contest winner, Corey Alexander is a Philadelphia native that travels all over the country. He was recently named one of the top 500 touring comics by the award winning Merryfield podcast. Corey has played such top clubs as Carolines, Broadway, and Gotham in NYC. He has also played top clubs like the Improv, Flappers, and the World Famous Comedy Store in LA. He had his debut comedy album in 2020 produced at the Funny Bone in St. Louis. He has his own comedy special on MiND TV and was featured on this past season's "Sell This House" on A&E.







Newark Elks Lodge 2281

# FATHER'S DAY BBQ



SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH, 12-3

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

302.328.2281



4<sup>th</sup>  
OF  
July

# BONFIRE

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST AT 6PM



Come christen the new  
firepit built by our very own  
Boy Scout Troop #2281.

Bring a chair and a friend!

*Kids welcome!*



# Troup 2281







# Needle Felting Workshop

**Sunday,  
July 2nd**

*1 - 4 pm  
in the Lounge*

**\$35**

Includes Materials & Expert Instruction

Beginner Friendly



***Patriotic Gnome***

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP,  
CONTACT PAT SARVER AT 302-743-3212

# ELKS' CRAFTING EVENT



***Sickness and Distress***

Our thoughts, prayers and Condolences to families of

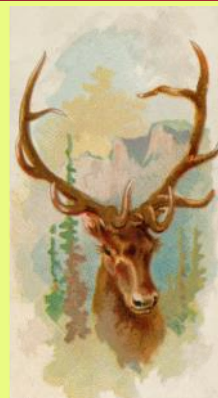
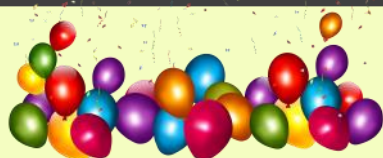
⇒ JR Biddison PER & Beth Biddison on the loss of Beth's father - Albert Kastner

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

LOVE

Respect

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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



HAPPY  
HAPPY!

John	Viola	01
Kathy	Hoisington	04
Angela	Baker	06
Jason	Burns	08
Anne	Hollerman	08
Terry	Madden	08
Robert	Schade	08
Barbara	Stepp	08
Gary	Proud	11
Bruce	Michalski	12
Thomas	Cochran	13
H	Landis	13
Steven	Leonard	17
Rita	Skinner	17

Joseph	Rollo Sr	18
Karen	Triolo	18
James	Childs III	19
Kimberly	Satterfield	19
	Banning	
Kenneth	Jr	21
Joseph	Beach	21
Steven	Dick	22
Rachel	Hess	22
Robert	Lindfors	22
Richard	Swain	23
Scott	Swartz	25
John	Moore	27
Denise	Wittmeyer	29
Linda	Auerbach	30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**ATTENTION ALL ELKS 2281 VOLUNTEERS!**  
**Kitchener's; bingo facilitators; Wreaths**  
**Across America, VA & VA CLC volunteers;**  
**maintenance helpers, pick up & delivers, par-**  
**ty & activity planners, events planners, Beer**  
**& other purchasers, along with all the seen**  
**and unseen workers that help our Lodge grow**  
**and prosper.....**

**T H A N K**  
**Y O U !**



**We couldn't do it without you!!!!**



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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**Elk of the Year**  
**23-24 Brenda**  
**Britt**  
**Officer of the**  
**Year 23-24 Pat**  
**Davis**

**LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION\***

Monday.....	CLOSED
Tuesday.....	6 PM - 11 PM
Wednesday .....	6 PM - 11 PM
Thursday .....	4 PM - 11 PM
Friday .....	4 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

**Halloween**

- Pat Sarver

**Comedy Shows:**

- Open

**Community Activities/Projects:**

- Chairperson, Open
- Michelle 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:**

- TBD

**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

**PR & Promotions:**

- 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 Utey Crane \*  
 1964-65 Otis Jennings \*  
 1965-66 John Boenheim \*  
 1966-67 Andrew Zimmermann \*  
 1967-68 Howard Duncan \*  
 1968-69 Melvin Melancon \*  
 1969-70 Walter Gonce \*  
 1970-71 William Cassidy \*  
 1971-72 Richard Burg  
 1972-73 Joseph Pierson \*  
 1973-74 Donald Douth \*  
 1974-75 John Benson \*  
 1975-76 Paul Helsel  
 1976-77 Ronald Zuka  
 1977-78 Irving Hochstein \*  
 1978-79 James Landis  
 1979-80 Daniel McIntosh

1980-81 Raymond Grill  
 1981-82 Andrew Zimmermann \*  
 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\*  
 1991-92 Harvey Scott III \*  
 1992-93 Ronald Zuka  
 1993-94 Frank Borst \*  
 1994-95 Ronald Zuka  
 1995-96 Lowell Bowers

1996-97 Joseph Cain  
 1997-98 Joseph Cain  
 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 \*  
 2007-08 Robert McIntyre  
 2008-09 Robert McIntyre  
 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads  
 2010-11 William Rhoads  
 2011-12 Gina Semonelle

2012-13 Dan Monte Carlo  
 2013-14 Robert McIntyre  
 2014-15 Margie McIntyre  
 2015-16 Valerie Huot  
 2016-17 Valerie Huot  
 2017-18 Valerie Huot  
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 2021-22 JR Biddison  
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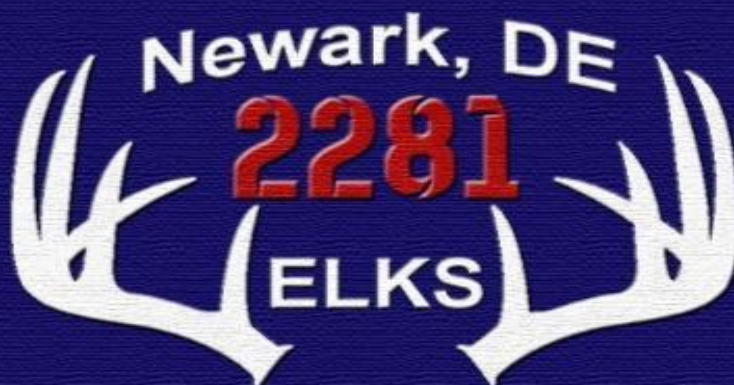
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