

The Barker



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July 2023

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Bloomington Lodge #446

* Volunteers Needed * Volunteers Needed * Elks Fish Fry on July 4th

Mark your calendars, the Elks Fish Fry is Tuesday, July 4, 2023. We will start serving at 10:30a and go until 1:30p or until the fish runs out. This year the parade is going by the front of the lodge. The parade will kick off at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 4, 2023. The route starts at 10th Street and College Avenue, heads south to Kirkwood Ave, turns and heads east to Walnut Street, and then turns back north until it ends at 10th Street.

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We need **volunteers** to make the fish fry a success. We have a variety of jobs that need to be done, keeping the serving line stocked, dish washing, servers, busing tables, trash, clean up, and a variety of other tasks. So please come down and help make this a successful event. If you can help volunteer please be at the lodge by 10:00a.

Acoustic Night with Oso Blues

Come to the lodge **Friday, July 14, 2023 at 6:00p** and listen to Oso Blues. Oso was born in land far, far south, and he has lived the life of a rolling stone in over a dozen places. He is currently based in Bloomington with his wife who is a dyed-in-the-wool Hoosier. Oso Blues will be playing a variety of blues songs and some of his own original music.

Gary Black and the Playboys

Join us at the lodge on **Friday, July 21, 2023 at 6:00p** for our very own Gary Black and the Playboys. They will be playing a variety of classic rock and country for your entertainment pleasure.

Axe and Knife Throwing in July

Axe throwing in July will be the **9th and 23rd**. The throwing starts at **Noon** at the Fluck Mill Property. There will be a \$2 entry fee and each round will be \$1. The entry fee will be used for trophies and a dinner at the end of the season. If you have any questions you can ask the chairman Stan Nickless. If you don't have an axe, there are plenty of people who will let you throw their axe. So come on down and enjoy the fun.



***** The Barker is going Electronic only (September 2023) *****

In an effort to reduce costs (\$4000/year) of printing and mailing, *The Barker* will be available via **email only** with hard copies available at the lodge. The last mailed version of *The Barker* will be August 2023.

The preferred method to get your email address on the list is to create an Elks.org account. This will allow you to manage your contact information (email, address and phone numbers). Go to <https://elks.org/register> and fill out the registration form to create the account. You will need to enter the lodge number (0446) and your membership number (which can be found on your membership card).

*** **Widow(ers)** since you can not create an Elks.org account, you will need to send an email to elks446@gmail.com. Please make sure that you put your full name in the email so we can verify your account.

Slingshot Sling Ding

Have a slingshot and want to show you skills? Never used a slingshot and want to try your hand at a using slingshot? Then come on down to the Fluck Mill property on Sunday July 16, 2023 at Noon for our Slingshot Sling Ding.



From the Exalted Ruler



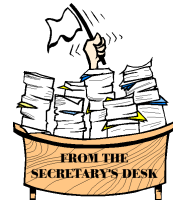
Our Lodge just keeps getting better! Thanks to the generosity of numerous volunteers and donors, we have witnessed a multitude of improvements within the building in just the past month. The kitchen now boasts new lighting that is so brilliantly bright, you can hardly step inside without sunglasses! Beautiful new cabinetry has been installed in the southwest corner of the bar area, complete with a custom stainless steel countertop that is the perfect home for our popcorn and hot dog

machines. All the lighting both inside and outside the front of the Lodge has been either restored or upgraded, alongside a complete overhaul of the HVAC system in the front room, granting us a plethora of new possibilities for utilizing that space. As I write this, the final touches are being put on the lighting in the Lodge Room upstairs. And behind the bar, we are currently in the process of installing a soda gun, which will significantly reduce our expenses for various mixers while ensuring that every drink served is perfectly carbonated and fresh.

I will be representing our Lodge at the Elks National Convention in Minneapolis over the Independence Day holiday which means I will have to miss the annual fish fry, but that doesn't mean that you have to! I encourage you to stop by the Lodge and indulge in the delicious fish as is tradition. In addition in July, we'll be having our monthly Acoustic Night on Friday, July 14th, and don't miss a special performance by our very own Gary Black and the Playboys performing on Friday, July 21st! The best way to relish the summer season is by seeking refuge from the heat in our fantastic Lodge, surrounded by your fellow Elk friends both old and new!

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Secretary's Corner

Melissa Wallace PDDGER

Lodge Meetings (6:00pm)
Wednesday, July 19, 2023

Current membership card is **required** to attend lodge meetings

House Committee and Trustee Meetings
Wednesday, July 19, 2023
after Lodge meeting

2023-2024 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Manny Wolfe II
Leading KnightJoe Starry
Loyal Knight.....
Lecturing Knight.....
Secretary Melissa Wallace, PDDGER
TreasurerLeslie Wolfe, PER
Esquire
Chaplain..... Abel Garcia
Tiler..... Buddy Newlin
Inner Guard..... Larry Green
1 Year Trustee Ellen Rinnert
2 Year Trustee Avery Hays
3 Year Trustee Candice Crandall

Shooting Match Dinner News

The Shooting Match dinner was Saturday, June 17, 2023. Congratulations to Scott Tyree for coming in 1st place for the year and to Kyle Dugger and Joe Starry for getting 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Congratulations to Ernie Arthur for getting Rookie of the Year. Congratulations to Debra Tyree for being voted "Sportsperson of the Year"



Upcoming Events in August
8/11 - Acoustic Night w/ Mike McCartney

Dues for the 2023-2024 lodge year were due April 1, 2023. If you have not paid your dues for this year, please send them into the lodge. If you have any questions please email the lodge secretary at elks446.secretary@gmail.com

From the Trustees

We are moving right along and have been making some great progress with building repairs and maintenance. Since we last reported, we've had electricians in the building helping us get some much needed updates and repairs completed. We now have new LED lights installed in the kitchen; the lights on the roof have been repaired and are illuminating the building engraving B.P.O. Elks No. 446, the lodge room lights are being repaired; the HVAC system in the front entry is now up and running; the lights in the old coat room are now functional; and additional outlets have been added for use at our new cabinet/serving station. If you haven't had the opportunity to do so, I encourage you to take a drive past the lodge after dark, it looks FANTASTIC and alive again! All of these repairs have been funded by generous donations from our members.

We are also pleased to announce that we have been able to secure a grant from the Bloomington Health Foundation that allowed us to place an order for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to help our lodge be better prepared to aid members who may suffer a medical emergency. While the grant did not cover 100% of the cost, it did make the purchase immediately possible. Once the AED is received, we will put out a notice to do a training session with interested members.

As always, we encourage each of you to participate in the great things happening at our lodge. Please reach out to one of us if you would like to help out. If you prefer to make a financial donation, we are happy to accept those too. Check out our Facebook page **Bloomington Elks #446** to see what other great things are happening at the lodge.

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

Kitchen News * Kitchen News * Kitchen News * Kitchen News

If you have anything you would like to see prepared or have any suggestions please don't hesitate to let an officer know or to let Abel Garcia of Hoosier Bistro know.

Hoosier Bistro Hours

Lunch - Wednesday-Friday from Noon to 3:00p

Dinner - Wednesday-Friday from 3:00p to Lodge closing

Dinner on Saturday is from 2:00p to Lodge closing

BOM(Burger of the month)

\$15 The Bikini Bottom: 2 Indiana beef patties, smoked Swiss, teriyaki glazed pineapple, local greens, red onion w/choice of side

Standard menu

\$12 Smash Burger- 2 Indiana beef patties, Great Lakes American cheese, caramelized onions, pickles w/choice of side

\$12 Bistro BLTA- Local Indiana bacon, local greens, local heirloom tomato, avocado, chipotle aioli w/choice of side

\$6 Taquitos- 2 fried tortillas stuffed with seasoned potatoes and topped with cilantro and corn cheese sauce

\$8 Fried Onion Rings- House made beer battered onion rings served with Steakhouse aioli

\$6 & \$12 Summer Stir Fry- Penne pasta, sauteed summer vegetables, cilantro vinaigrette, powdered spices

\$10 Big Salad- Local mixed greens, carrot, zucchini, green apple, goat cheese, hard boiled egg, toasted sunflower seeds, served with parsley vinaigrette or ranch

\$10 Mozzarella Styx- 5 Italian seasoned panko crusted mozzarella served w/marinara or ranch

\$12 Ham and Cheese- Local gourmet Indiana ham, local greens, onion, tomato, mozzarella, pickles, and aioli w/choice of side, served HOT or COLD

Bi-Monthly specials

Available 7/12-7/22

\$15 Chicken and Rice—Braised chicken legs, roasted summer vegetables, basmati rice, toasted bread

Available 7/26-8/5

\$18 Mussels—P.E.I. Mussels, shallot, herbs, white wine and lemon butter sauce, toasted bread w/creole butter tomato, onions, jalapenos, mustard aioli w/choice of side

No Euchre Tournaments for July and August



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> <div>July</div> <div>2023</div> </div>			June 28	June 29	June 30	1
			Kitchen Open, Hoosier Bistro			
2	3	4 Fish Fry at the lodge 11a	5	6	7	8
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9 Axe Throw at Fluck Mill- Noon	10	11	12	13	14 Acoustic night w/ Oso Blues 6p	15
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16 Slingshots at Fluck Mill-Noon	17	18	19 Lodge Meeting 6p House Cmmte	20	21 Gary Black and the Playboys 6p	22
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23 Axe Throw at Fluck Mill- Noon	24	25	26	27	28	29
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