NEWARK ELKS LODGE #2281



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Home of PGER Paul Helsel

Fall is Finally Here!

November is our time to slow down and take a break from the hustle of Summer and Fall activities. Thanksgiving is a time to think about what we are grateful for in our lives. These past few weeks I have been very grateful for many volunteers who have step up to the plate. We have had some volunteers with medical issues and volunteers: Peggy Morris, JR Biddison, Billi Banning and others have stepped up to fill

the void and perform very important roles in our Lodge. Don't forget to thank the kitchen team on Friday's and the Bingo gang on Thursdays. Their efforts are what makes the Lodge hum and hopefully provides a great experience when you participate in the Lodge.

This month Pat Sarver has lined up a great group of entertainers, stop in Friday's to listen to the bands and don't forget Saturday afternoon music genres, check the calendar and mark you own, come on out for a relaxing afternoon. Pat works hard to provide the schedule, come on out and show your appreciation for all her hard work.

On the charity side, we will have the turkey dinner give away for New Castle area K -5 schools. I has been a great success with 150 dinners provided last year. Paul Amundsen has done an excellent job with getting ENF grants to support this effort and is currently apply for a \$10,000 grant to support food pantries throughout the K-5 schools in New Castle.

I am looking forward to December we have the Memorial Service remembering all our past Elks who have past. If you have not attended one, please do, it is a very moving ceremony and a catered dinner to boot.

If you are traveling for Thanksgiving, have a safe trip!

Sincerely,

Rich Mayes, 302.290.1402, rtmayes1@verizon.net

2023 - 2024 ELKS OFFICERS

Richard Mayes Exalted Ruler

Margaret Morris Leading Knight

Jean Amundsen Loyal Knight

Patricia Davis Lecturing Knight

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William Grayson Treasurer

Michael Franchetti Tiler

Thomas Smith Esquire

Marylou Kokoszka Chaplain

Joseph Rollo, Sr. Inner Guard

TRUSTEES

Thomas Snyder 5 Year Trustee

James Morris 4 Year Trustee

Florian Gargula 3 Year Trustee

John Viola 2 Year Trustee

Paul Amundsen 1 Year Trustee



Benefiting our Veterans "ARMY OF HOPE"

Saturday, November 4th, 2023

9:00 AM - 3:00PM *Newark Elks Lodge*

42 Elks Trail New Castle, DE 19720

Contact: Beth Biddison 302-983-9120

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ELKS 2281 ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT







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The Adopt-A-Highway Committee is having another litter pickup on **Saturday November 4**. 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.

REALLY NEEDED!

Charles

Bailey

Bill Grayson

PLEASE *****ELKS HOURS OF PARTICIPATION REALLY,

Chairman Adopt A Highway Committee

Boy Scouts participating need mentoring ELKS for good citizenship.

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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Kathleen	Dickerson	02		William	Barber
Lillian	Feliciano	02		Joseph	Brown
James	Hunt	02		Harold	Cleal
Renee	Pak	02		Frank	Gillen
Karen	Marion	03		Helen	Hickam
Dora	Mills	03		Estelle	Murray
Nancy	Rife	04		Ralph	Satterfield
Karen	Setting	05		Janet	Rankin
Christo-					Tokash
pher	Birch	06		Eric	
Joanne	Smith	07		Nicholas	Fina
Paul	Amundsen	09		Mary Ann	
Marilyn	Evanowsky	09		Daniel	Krygier
, Robert	, Harrity	09		Charles	Parks
Harry	Wolkind	09		Daniel	Tucker
Patricia	Beach	10		Ryan	Verrecchio
David	Marion	11		James	Haubrich
Susan	Timko	11		Donna	Maglione
				Daniel	McIntosh
Kyle	Watkins	11		Miriam	Rieg
Gabriel	Alvini	12		Albert	Rose
John	Simon	13		Rosemary	Wolfe
Diane	Franchetti	14		Paul	Davis
Janet	Grebe	15		Robert	McVaugh
Kenneth	Hardy	15		Albert	Tomme Jr
Linda	McCall	15		Albert	TOUTINE J



November 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Winter Shuffle Board	2 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	3 Flip Five 7p PJ's Pub Tour 8-11	4 Craft Show 9a-3 Randy Zim- merman 2-5 Adopt a High- way 9a
5 Daylight Savings ends	6 CLOSED	7 House Com- mittee 7p	8 Winter Shuffle Board	9 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	10 Flip Five 7p Double Play 8- 11	11 Veteran's Lunch 11-1 Traveling Woodbury's 2-5
12 Kids Friends Giving 1:30-2:30	13 CLOSED	14 Lodge Meeting w Initiation 7:30p	15 Winter Shuffle Board	16 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	17 Flip Five 7p Line Dancing 8p	18
19	20 CLOSED	21 Board Meeting 7p	22 Winter Shuffle Board canceled to- night.	23	24 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	25
26	27 CLOSED	28 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	29 Winter Shuffle Board	30 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League		

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10	11	12 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	13 Winter Shuffle Board -last until Jan- uary 2024	14 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	15 Flip Five 7p	16 Members Christmas Party 6p Soul Patrol Band 7p
17	18	19 Board Meeting 7p	20	21 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	22 Flip Five 7p	23 Jimmy Pritchard Blues Duo 2p
24	25 CLOSED	26 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	27	28 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	29 Flip Five 7p	30
31 New Years Eve Party 5pm						

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 Description of the provided and the provided and	 Calebrace Band Dec 1 Frank & Michele 8p Dec 3 Memorial Sunday Dec 8 Timeline Band Dec 9 Childrens Christmas 11-2 Dec 9 Marshal Stone 2p in lounge Dec 16 Members Christmas Party 6p Dec 16 Soul Patrol Band 7p Dec 23 Jimmy Pritchard Blues Duo 2p Dec 31 New Years Eve Party 5p
HELP NEEDED	Karaoke Every 4th Friday of the Month 8:30 PM
BINGO HELP THURSDAY Evening	THURSDAYS 50 cents off drinks



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Hoop shoot chair

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Flip Five Games Every Friday

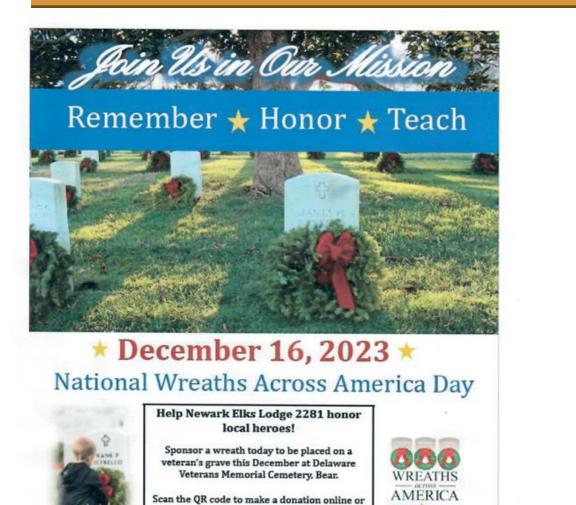
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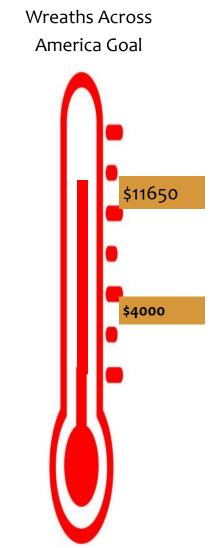
We must <u>Start Promptly</u> at 7pm.

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BINGO

Plan to Join us for Bingo!!





#ServeAndSucceed

visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/DE0068

We have about 4 weeks till we need to turn in our money for wreaths. Our Lodge has committed \$5000 to this cause. The price is only \$17/wreath. There are always more graves than wreaths. The next page is a form to submit with your donation. Also, come join us on Friday eve-



nings for the 50/50 drawing to benefit Wreaths Across America. We will hold 50/50 drawings most every Friday until time to lay the wreaths







REMEMBER the fallen...HONOR those who served...TEACH our children the value of FREEDOM.

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 10:30am, Wreaths Across America will be at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our Lodge lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by sponsoring a wreath for \$17.00 each. You may also sign up to participate in the wreath laying ceremony by calling the Lodge or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you so much for supporting the Newark Elks #2281, Delaware Memorial Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

NAME(S)_

I will sponsor ______ wreaths @\$17.00 each.







Total Donations \$4,796.14

Per-Member-Giving: \$ 10.83

Renewal Rate: 55.26%

Membership Support: 39.50%

Fidelity Club Members: 12

2023-2024 ENF in your State: \$ 1.62

2023-2024 Lodge Grant Funds: \$12,500.00

Updated through 10/16/2023

Our Current Standings: State: 10th District: 1st Chair Challenge: 2nd

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Our ENF Fundraiser Coin Board is ongoing and will continue until the board sells out. We need your participation to make this fundraiser a success! Many thanks to Billie Banning for her assistance in selling the pull-tabs as Tom Snyder has been ill and in the hospital.



Enjoy our ENF Fundraiser Coin Board!

Continue to watch for the latest ENF information on our ENF PowerPoint presentation on the tv at the back of the lounge.

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

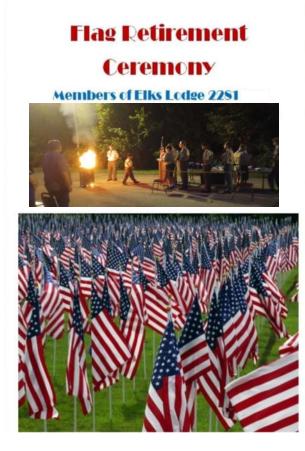


Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN BUT CLOSE NOV 14!

The Most Valuable Student & Legacy Awards are accepting applications at "www.enf.elks.org/mvs. Lodge 2281 will award boys and girls, **3 each** of <u>\$2000, 1000 & 500!</u> The MVS scholarship is open to all high school seniors who are U.S. Citizens. The Legacy Award is available to qualified children & grandchildren of dues-paying Elks who have been a member since April 1, 2021 . Deadline for applications is November 14, 2023.

Questions to: Karen Marion: Kmarion@gmail.com or 302-561-5185







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TRUNK OR TREAT





The Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we shall miss him

There will be the vacant chair, But though we no more possess him

Still our hearts his memory bear. But a while ago we gathered, Friendship beaming in each eye, Now the golden cord is severed, He has passed to realms on high.

Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts, prayers and Condolences to families of members who are sick or have recently passed.

Active member Tom Snyder has recently been ill, hospitalized and transferred to a rehabilitation facility. He is missed and we look forward to his "return to duty."

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

ELKs LODGE 2281





"KIDS FRIENDSGIVING"

Bring your kids and grandkids to the lodge for lunch, crafts and a Thanksgiving movie!

Sunday, November 12th Noon – 2PM

Please sign up in the lodge lobby or call Pat Sarver (302) 743-3212

Cut off for sign ups will be November 9th



NEW MEMBER ALERT!

Please welcome our newest member to the Newark Elks Lodge 2281!

Kimberly A Manuel



The Editors sincere apology for not entering Kimberly's name in the last issue

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

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Check the lobby information board for newly proposed applicants for membership. It is updated Frequently. <u>UP TO THE MINUTE</u>

Lodge Meetings are held twice a month, on the **second and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 pm** in the Lodge Hall. All members are welcome. Get engaged...know what your lodge is doing...voice your ideas.... find out where you are needed... become involved... We would love to see you! The Bar is closed during Lodge meetings and re-opens when the meeting has officially ended. **From the October 10, 2023, Approved Minutes (compiled):** for a complete report, please ask the Secretary for the filed copy. Thank you.

MEMBER STATISTICS: Delinquency Member Count continues to fall, now 84 (in mid-October).

WELCOMED GUESTS: District Deputy Colleen Ford attended the Lodge regular meeting, reminding attending members of the Grand Lodge Motto: WE ARE... THE ELKS! (shout it out!) and encouraging members to show our communities what Elks stand for, to keep up the great work and tackle this lodge's delinquency rate. If you know someone on the list, help your committee by reaching out to the person. The Newark Lodge has donated \$10.48 per member to the Elks National Foundation for a grand total of \$4,645.38, receiving the Beacon, Gratitude, Freedom and the Spotlight Grants as well as the Impact Grant. Deputy District Colleen Ford concluded by thanking everyone.

Cape Henlopen Transfer <u>James Detzi</u> attended the Lodge meeting ahead of his formal transfer to Newark Elks Lodge #2281. Welcome home James!

PER ASSOCIATION: Meetings will resume after a summer break.

<u>CAMP BARRETT</u>: The Ocean City Camporee will be held November 17-19 at Camp Barrett (Beth Biddison reporting). Both Biddisons plan on attending. PER JR Biddison reported that Camp Barrett needs help for the Camporee.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: Fidelity membership seems stuck at 12 for over two years now. Our lodge is growing, and we need more Fidelity Club members for eligibility for our Grant-to-Grant bonuses. This is percentage-rated, with calculations at Grand Lodge, depending on the members we have and if we meet the percentages, to receive bonuses.

<u>October is ENF month</u>, and our fundraiser is the coin board. The ENF TV features the program and can be viewed in the lounge.

<u>OTHER COMMITTEES</u>: Member Beth Biddison announced the <u>**Craft Fair**</u> is <u>**November 4, 9-3**</u> almost all 30 tables are reserved. People will be expected to set up on Friday night and need a few people to help.

<u>READING OF COMMUNICATIONS</u>: Secretary Maria Beaton read the Deputy District Colleen Ford's reminder of the Delaware Alcohol Control Commissioner Bill for packaged goods limits.

OTHER BUSINESS: Thanks were extended to the <u>Boy Scouts</u> for conducting the Flag Retirement Ceremony. There were so many flags to be retired that preparations are underway for Flag Day next year.

- The Boy Scouts relocated to a church but wished to retain the number #2281. They are renovating their new place and need help with donations.
- State Association President's motto is **To Soar to Greater Heights**. This year, the State Association has added 1,149 members.
- Crab Feast report: \$8,669 in income, \$4,755.39 in expenses with a net profit of \$3,913.61. PER Biddison thanked all members who helped with their time and effort.
- We are finally in the BOOK! Meaning the Elks Magazine of course, for honoring Veterans at the VA Hospital and the great job done by <u>Ed Clarke</u>.

PER Biddison gave a final and solemn announcement on the passing June 3, 2023, of <u>PER Robert McIntyre</u>, who served as District Deputy for the Northeast District of Maryland Delaware and District of Columbia 2017-2018.

Heads up Grand Lodge Dues Increasing Next Year

Grand Lodge dues will increase from \$17.00 to \$22.00 per member. This increase is a result of high cost losses across the country, hurricane damage, fires, alcohol related liability. Just a reminder the Newark Lodge #2281 dues will remain unchanged at \$58.75 (does not include State or Grand Lodge assessment) as disclosed in our By-Laws which was approved by the membership. The breakdown of the Grand Lodge dues is as follows:

Grand Lodge expenses and operations	\$ 6.50
Subscription to Elks Magazine	\$ 5.50
General Liability Insurance Assessment	\$ 22.00
Total Grand Lodge Dues	\$ 34.00

On the Lodge front we have continued to reduce cost over the past few years which allows us to maintain the low cost Lodge dues (as compared to other lodges across the country). Installation of the new HVAC system for the Hall has yielded a 17% decrease in electricity cost (July, Jun, Aug compare to same time last year), in April we will have a clearer picture of yearly savings. Electricity costs have also improved due installation of LED bulbs throughout the entire Lodge and signing a 3 yr contract with an electricity supplier fixing our per KWh price in an environment of increasing energy cost. These are the kinds of investments in our Lodge that keep our Lodge dues in check. We all know prices are increasing everywhere and yes we have to increase food and beverage prices selectively. Another way to look at our bargain dues, at a total cost of \$95, this represents less than \$8.00/month.



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. NEWS & VIEWS EDITOR: Donna Crossland Email: DonnaCrosslandELKS2281@gmail.com Phone/Text: 321-960-8158



Elk of the Year 22-23 Brenda Britt Officer of the Year 22-23 Pat Davis

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION*

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
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:
 Tom Snyder

Adult Christmas: • House Committee

- Americanism:
- Ed Clarke Peggy Morris

Auditing & Accounting:
 Jack Davis

Bingo: • Andy Hallet(Chair) • Pat Davis, Co chair

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) Billie Banning Tom Snyder Children's Parties:

Christmas:Patty Beach

Easter:Patty Beach Halloween

Patty Beach

Comedy Shows: • Open

Community Activities/Projects: Michelle Rhoads, PER

Crab Feast: • JR Biddeson

Craft Show:

- Beth Biddison
- Roseanne Cinclair

• TBD

•Drug Awareness: • Tom Smith, (Chair) • Marion Smith

Elks National Foundation:

Jean Amundsen

Fathers Day Barbeque: Pat Davis

Flag Day: • Serge Yow Government Relations John Viola Tom Snyder :

Grants:

- Paul Amundsen, (Chair) Michelle Rhodes JR Biddisin PER Pat Clarke Anita Viola

Hoop Shoot:NEED HELP!

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

Membership/Investigations: • Rich Mayes (Chair) • Maria Beaton

Jernick Fund: • Michelle Rhoads, PER

• 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

Permits & Reports:

- Roseann Cinclair Tom Snyder

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Scholarship: • Karen Marion • Peggy Morris

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• 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*
1965-66 John Boeheim *		1998-99 Lindsay Brown	2014-15 Margie McIntyre
1966-67 Andrew Zimmermann	1982-83 Nathion Noble *	1999-00 George Williams *	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	2002-03 Serge Yow	2018-19 JR Biddison
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	1002 02 Popeld Zuka	2008-09 Robert McIntyre*	
1976-77 Ronald Zuka 1977-78 Irving Hochstein *	1992-93 Ronald Zuka	2009-10 Michelle Rhoads	
	1993-94 Frank Borst *	2010-11 William Rhoads	*Past ERs
1978-79 James Landis	1994-95 Ronald Zuka		

1979-80 Daniel McIntosh

1995-96 Lowell Bowers

2011-12 Gina Semonelle



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