NEWARK ELKS LODGE #2281

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Home of PGER Paul Helsel

#### 2023 - 2024 ELKS OFFICERS

Richard Mayes Exalted Ruler

Margaret Morris Leading Knight

Jean Amundsen Loyal Knight

Patricia Davis Lecturing Knight

Maria Beaton Secretary

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

Vacant 2 Year Trustee

Paul Amundsen 1 Year Trustee

#### A Time of Change

Every year at this time we Elks experience a change in leadership guiding our way through Elkdom. Please look to see who will be your newly elected officers and ER appointees.



Peggy Morris is your new Exalted Ruler for the 2024-25 fiscal

year. I ask you to support her as you have supported me in managing the lodge. As your next Lodge Treasurer I will give Peggy my full support in helping her with the finances of the Lodge.

My last two years as ER has been a rewarding yet challenging experience as other PERs will tell you. I do encourage all of you to run for office, without officers the Lodge does not function. I will not be going away, my Treasurer duties will take a bit of time (not as much as ER) and I will still be working with Len on the maintenance and capital projects of the Lodge. So when you see things broken or not working right tell Len or I and we will get fixed.

The Volunteer Luncheon is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00. If you have volunteered during the year, put your name on the signup sheet in the lobby and enjoy a nice lunch and give me the opportunity to recognize the good work that you do.

I also encourage you to participate in the Installation of Officers Ritual. We serve a great meal and present Elk and Officer of the Year awards. When you attend this important ceremony, it shows your support for the new officers which helps to make them feel welcomed.

Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Rich Mayes, 302.290.1402, rtmayes1@verizon.net



# INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS April 6, 2024 3:30-6:30 (dinner included)

#### 2024-2025 OFFICERS

#### **ELLECTED:**

EXALTED RULER:	Margaret (Peggy) Mo	ris Nominated by James Morris			
ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT	T: Marylou Kokos	zka Nominated by Richard (Koko			
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT:	Jean A.F. Amun	dsen Nominated by Paul Amundse			
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIC	HT: Patricia Davis	Nominated by John C. Davis			
SECRETARY:	Maria Beaton	Nominated by Patricia Davis			
TREASURER:	Richard Mayes	Nominated by Florian Gargula			
FIVE-YEAR TRUSTEE:	Paul Amundser	Nominated by Jean Amundse			
ONE-YEAR TRUSTEE:	Carrie Barber	Nominated by Roseann Cincl			
ALT. REP TO GRAND LODGE:	: Richard Mayes	Nominated by Florian Fargula			
APPOINTED:					
ESQUIRE:	Thomas Smith				
CHAPLAIN:	Joseph McDonough				
INNER GUARD: Annalisa Emory					
TILER:	ER: Rick Cinclair				
The following Trustees move up one year:					
FOUR-YEAR TRUSTEE:	Thomas Snyde	-			
THREE-YEAR TRUSTEE: James Morris (current Chair of the Board)					
TWO-YEAR TRUSTEE:	Florian Gargula				





# Wreaths Across America an VA Hospital All-In Paddle Raffle

# SATURDAY, MARCH 9. 2024

# NEWARK ELKS LODGE 2281

42 ELKS TRAIL, NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

# 2:00-5:00PM

DOORS OPEN AT 1:30PM

SPECIAL DRAWING FOR A \$50 GIFT CARD! JUST BRING A TOY OR GAME FOR A CHILD IN NEED AND RECEIVE A TICKER FOR EACH ITEM. SA5 PER PADDLE

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'NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS WILL BE ALLOWED' FOR TICKETS OR TO MAKE A DONATION CONTACT ANGELA WILLIAMS 302-983-6609 - AWILLIAMS828@GMAIL.COM

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ENDORS

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#### WHAT IS A PADDLE AUCTION!

- When you arrive you will be given 1 numbered paddle(s) and a corresponding numbered ping pong ball(s) and place them in the raffle drum. Any request for a specific number and paddle must be done in advance.
- Review the items to be auctioned.
- Visit the vendor tables to shop, enter raffles, book shows and inquire about joining their team.
- Purchase 50/50 tickets and/or Tricky Tickets (Chinese auction tickets) if available.
- Purchase food, drinks and sweets and find a comfortable spot to enjoy the event.

#### DIRECTION ON HOW TO PLAY

- As we begin we will hold up an item for auction, please read the description card provided by the vendor describing the item up for bid and the value of the basket. The event chairperson (or designate) will spin the raffle drum and pull a number. The number pulled and announced will be the winner for that round. Your ping pong ball will be placed back in the raffle drum and the process is repeated until all items have been raffled.
- If you are interested in finding paddle (quarter) auctions, craft fairs or other events please like my page on facebook at Delaware Quarter Auctions!



Ham and Cabbage

Come join us for dinner on <u>MARCH 17TH</u> Menu: Boiled Dinner of Ham, or Corn Beef Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Carrots and a Dinner Roll

#### Cost:\$10.00

Doors open at 4:00, dinner served at 5:00

Newark Elks Lodge 2281 BOD Presents

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L PATTI @ 302-981 BB GAMES · CRAFTS · LUNCH · EGG HUNT 3/23 LUNCH WILL BE SERVED **11 AM** > MEET THE EASTER BUNNY <</p> 200

March 2024

#### NEWARK ELKS LODGE #2281



On Saturday, February 17, **Patricia Davis** (Lecturing Knight) and **Richard Mayes** (ER) presented **Jeff Benson** (General Manager of Bowlerama) with a \$500 check in support of children from the community who would not otherwise be able to participate due to a lack of funds. These funds help with shoe rental, game fees and potential travel for those children that attain champion status. <u>This is another example of how you, an Elk, sup-</u> <u>port your community through Charitable Giving</u>





Its twisted wire time with Chris. We've done twisted wire trees in the past, but now it's time to up our game and do one with gemstones. You will mount your tree on a stone or wooden base. There is also a choice of wire colors and gemstones to use. Date: March 20th 6-9 Charge: \$55 for all materials and instruction



You can sign up directly at <u>https://square.link/u/</u> <u>cPjb41qz?src=sheet</u> or contact Pat Sarver at



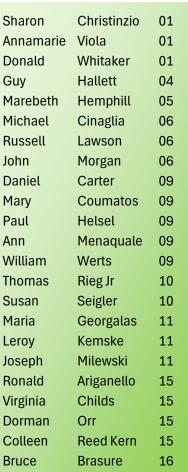
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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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



Nicholas	DiMartine	16
George	Niskala	16
Douglas	Landers	19
Vicki	Williams	19
John	Kastner	20
Janet	Toulson	20
Charles	Butz	21
Susan	Hoskins	21
Patricia	Lukaszewicz	21
John	Griffith	22
Cari	Stigler	22
Jane	Helsel	23
Stella	Markel	23
Jerry	McClure	24
Robert	Baker	26
Nancy	Bosman	26
Claire	Currey	26
James	Presley	28
Patricia	Hagan	29
David	Parkinson	30
Michael	Pierce	30
John	Zakutny	30
Kim	Dancik	31
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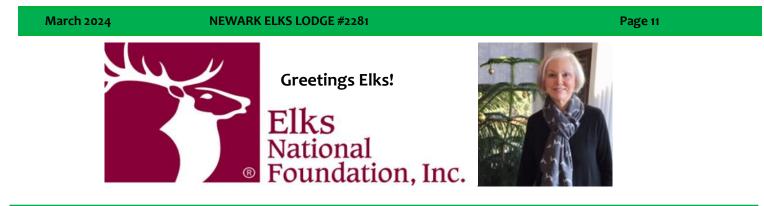
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50/50 raffles have started again for 2024 Wreaths Across America

HELP NEEDED

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

#### Donation Deadline: 3/31/2024

Total Donations \$7,353.37 Per-Member-Giving: \$16.60 Renewal Rate: 57.36% Membership Support: 44.02% Fidelity Club Members: 12 2022-2023 ENF in your State: \$ 1.62

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

STATE: 10th DISTRICT: 2nd CHAIR CHALLENGE: 5th

Updated through 02/19/24

#### 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 **Fideli-ty 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 looking for a member to take over as **ENF** chairperson this Elks fiscal year. I will train whomever volunteers and they will need to register as the new chairperson early in April. You do not need a fundraising background.\*\*

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

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



#### **NEWARK ELKS LODGE #2281**

#### Sickness and Distress

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

Members with recent family losses

Paula Williams - mother

Darlene Elliett Denton - mother

Richard (KoKo) Kokoscyka - father

**Member Hospitalized** 

Jean Williams-Jones

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



Vacant Chair

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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.

# COMMUNITY LIVING CEI

On Sunday, February 11, 2024, the Elks Lodge #2281 sponsored a NFL pre Super Bowl party in the dining room of the Community Living Center at the Wilmington Hospital. The residents were served ice cream, cake, snacks and boneless wings. Over 25 residents participated. We also played fantasy football games where 15 Canteen dollars were awarded as prizes.

On Monday, February 12, 2024 the Elks Lodge #2281 sponsored a root beer float party in the CLC dining room. Our Elks National Veterans Commission Team served 30 root beer floats to patients in the dining room and their rooms

On Tuesday, February 13, 2024, the Elks Lodge #2281 ENVSC team member Bobbie Perri dressed up as a clown and handed out Valentine cards made by Caravel students.

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the Elks lodge #2281 sponsored a Valentine social. the Elks ENVSC team purchased and served 3 dozen cupcakes and ice cream to over 20 residents.

On Thursday, February 15, 2024, the Elks Lodge #2281, created a partnership with Bank of America to set up a bowling and snack bar in the CLC dining room. We donated 2 pizzas for the event.

# **Your ELK** donations at work







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On Tuesday February 27, 2024 Tim Perri and Pat Clarke turned over birthday gifts, a birthday cake and ice cream for the February monthly birthday celebration at the CLC of the Wilmington Veterans Hospital. They also provided books for the Library and a donated Army Jacket for A veteran.

On Thursday, February 22, 2024, the Elks Lodge #2281 hosted our second **Games Day Luncheon at our lodge**. We served 10 CLC residents, 4 staff members and sent 7 takeout platters to residents back at the CLC. The residents played pool, shuffle board, bean bag toss and the dice game LCR.

Over 30 canteen dollars were given out as prizes.

A special thanks to Andy and his kitchen staff for cooking and serving an outstanding lunch picked out by the residents.

A special thanks to JR Biddison for the opening remarks and helping to run the games and Rick Sinclair for leading the LCR dice game.





Winner winner chicken dinner!



The CLC residents left to right first row , J. Newton, C Gillin, B. Kester, C.Hoppe, J. McFarland. R. Malinowski, c. Coover,

2nd row behind Coover, E. Durant, J. Gray All others are Elks Members and VA hospital staff





March 2024



Message from the Secretary

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

NOTARY PUBLIC: The Lodge has two! Who they are, what they can and what they cannot do.

LODGE NOTARY PUBLIC: Tom Snyder and Maria Beaton. Contact the bar.

FEES FOR SERVICE: FREE FOR MEMBERS (but if you insist, we are happy to forward your donation in your name to ENF)

#### WHAT A PUBLIC NOTARY DOES:

Witness your signature as you sign a document, having established your identity to their satisfaction. You MUST sign the document in front of the Notary Public.

Do NOT sign anything until the Notary tells you.

A Public Notary establishes that you are who you say you are and nothing more.

Be ready to produce a Driver's License if asked by the Notary, even if the Notary knows you personally.

#### WHAT A PUBLIC NOTARY DOES NOT DO:

We do NOT dispense legal advice.

We do not discuss or inspect any part of the document you present to be notarized. We do not question the document, comment on the document, advise on the document or have anything to do with the document.

We do not verify the accuracy of any part of your document. We verify your identity as being the one who signs the document.

#### THE NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE HERE AND THEY ARE BLUE!!!

Can I destroy the peach one and use the Blue one? **NO!** The blue ones are in effect April 1, 2024. Not before.

Oops: I destroyed my Peach colored membership and entry card; can I use the new one? NO! The Blue key entry card will NOT work on the door until April 1, 2024. Contact the Secretary for a solution.

I paid my dues a few weeks ago and have not received my new card: Your payment is being processed as quickly as possible and will be mailed to you, usually within two weeks of receipt.

I paid my dues online and have not heard anything back. Please leave a message with the bartender with name, Member # and contact information. The Revopay system does not always tell us in a time-ly manner.

Questions? Contact the Secretary Maria Beaton at the Lodge: 302-328-2281 or her cell: 302-605-0360

Email: <u>Newark2281@comcast.net</u>

#### 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\*

\*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

1979-80 Daniel McIntosh

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

## Presiding Justice:Paul Amundsen

PR & Promotions:

Pat Sarver
Donna Crossland

Relief: • Chair Officers

Scholarship: • Karen Marion • 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*
1965-66 John Boeheim * 1966-67 Andrew Zimmermann	1982-83 Nathion Noble *	1998-99 Lindsay Brown 1999-00 George Williams *	<ul><li>2014-15 Margie McIntyre</li><li>2015-16 Valerie Huot</li></ul>
* 1967-68 Howard Duncan *	1983-84 John Hardy * 1984-85 Michael Alpaugh	2000-01 Mary Anne Colbert 2001-02 William Costigan *	2016-17 Valerie Huot 2017-18 Valerie Huot
1968-69 Melvin Melancon * 1969-70 Walter Gonce *	1985-86 Barry Taylor 1986-87 William Sporay	2002-03 Serge Yow	2018-19 JR Biddison
1970-71 William Cassidy * 1971-72 Richard Burg *	1987-88 Harvey Scott III * 1988-89 James Brehony *	2003-04 William Costigan * 2004-05 Robert Lindfors	2019-20 JR Biddison 2020-21 Brenda Presley
1972-73 Joseph Pierson * 1973-74 Donald Doutt *	1989-90 Francis Waraksa * 1990-91 Sherm Colbert*	2005-06 William Costigan * 2006-07 William Costigan *	2021-22JR Biddison2022-23Richard Mayes
1974-75 John Benson *	1991-92 Harvey Scott III *	2007-08 Robert McIntyre*	
1975-76 Paul Helsel 1976-77 Ronald Zuka 1977-78 Irving Hochstein *	1992-93 Ronald Zuka 1993-94 Frank Borst *	2008-09 Robert McIntyre* 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads 2010-11 William Rhoads	*Past ERs
1978-79 James Landis	1994-95 Ronald Zuka		I GOVERIO

1994-95 Ronald Zuka 1995-96 Lowell Bowers 2011-12 Gina Semonelle



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