



NEWBERRY ELKS LODGE #1705 B.P.O.E.

THE ANTLERS

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Dear Elk Family,

As spring winds down and the warm days of summer begin, I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and longer evenings. It is a wonderful time of year to gather with family and friends, and our lodge is buzzing with activity.

In April, I had the pleasure of attending the district meeting in Ishpeming. It was a great opportunity to receive important updates and reconnect with so many familiar faces. I always come away from these meetings feeling energized about the future of our Order.

Unfortunately, I had to miss the state meeting in Sault Ste Marie on May 16th - my birthday. Like many families in the area, we were fully immersed in dance recital season. My daughter Kennedy performed in three different dances that day, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Thank you to Gary & Jeanine for being there to represent our lodge at the state level.

Things continue to go well at our lodge. We've formed a committee to

begin planning our 80th Anniversary celebration, which will be held Saturday, July 11 at Luce County Park. Mark your

calendars! We're planning a fantastic day of family fun, fellowship, games, and good company. Our

wonderful cook, Amy, will be catering for the event, so you already know the food is going to be outstanding. If you are interested in being on the committee or helping out in any way, please feel free to reach out to me.

Amy has also been treating us to delicious lunches on Thursdays at the lodge. Be sure to stop by and enjoy a meal at the next one! And the next one after that!

And of course, I'm already looking forward to our traditional 4th of July gathering with Bloody Marys and chicken! It's one of my favorite events of the year, and I hope to see you all there.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement. Summer is the perfect time to bring family and friends to the lodge- let's make this a memorable season together.

Yours Truly,
Sam Blakely, Exalted Ruler



The Antlers Platform:

1. To keep the Brothers and Sisters informed about Lodge and Club activities.
2. To encourage formal Lodge meetings with a full slate of officers.
3. To encourage Brother and Sister Elks to attend Lodge meetings held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE & FIDELITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Greetings All!

The State Convention was held this past weekend at Kewadin Casino hosted by Sault Ste. Marie Lodge #552. Awards were given to Lodges for many of our charitable events. We heard dynamic speakers including veterans, the National Hoop Shoot winner from Grand Rapids Lodge, to the students that have received scholarships. If you have never attended a state convention, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is mandatory that the ER, Leading Knight, Secretary and Trustee Chair attend these meetings, all members are welcome. Gary Stephenson was installed as a State

Trustee at the President's dinner Saturday, May 16th. He will be representing the Upper Peninsula District #4280. The six Trustees, one from each district across the state, basically oversee the business and financial operations that support Michigan Elks committees and programs.

We have a current membership of 317. Letters will be sent early June to our 45 or so delinquent members. If you have paid and have not received your card please let me know. I have been contacted by several members that did not receive their cards that had been mailed. To access your digital membership card, sign on to

Elks.org and sign up as a member (if you haven't set up an account you will need your membership number that is on your card). I know that appx. 250 members do not have an account.

Plans are in the works to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 with a summer picnic on July 11th at Luce County Park. If you would like to join the planning committee please contact me. Watch social media for more information as the date approaches.

And as always, remember to watch Facebook (like and share), Newberry News and listen to WNBX for events and specials. Summer is relatively a quiet time at the Lodge with only one meeting in July and August but I am always available to help answer questions or address your concerns.

Fraternally,
Jeanine Stephenson
Secretary/PER
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AMERICANISM COLORING CONTEST WINNER

Michigan Elks Association has awarded Jordyn Farmer from Tahquamenon Area Schools 3rd place in the 2nd/3rd grade Division 1 Americanism Coloring Contest. Pictured is Jordyn accepting her trophy and check with the actual winning entry.



NEWBERRY ELKS LODGE #1705 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 scholarship winners Samantha Taylor (right) and Ashley Dzelak (below) being congratulated by Samantha Blakely, Exalted Ruler.





ELKS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 held its Installation of Officers on Tuesday, April 21, 2026. Pictured: Bob Edwards, Gary Moulton, Jeanine Stephenson, Samantha Blakely, Kelsey Auttersson, Jessica Golat, Blaine Transit and Gary Stephenson - not pictured Jeremy Anderson and Terry J. Blakely. Past Exalted Rulers Don Curley and Travis Freeman assisted with the installation.

UPCOMING LODGE EVENTS

NEWBERRY ELKS LODGE #1705
ANNUAL FLAG DAY PROGRAM
 SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH | 1:00 PM
 HOSTED BY
AMERICAN LEGION POST #74
 "You're invited for the patriotic program to learn about the history of the American Flag on this 250th Anniversary of America."
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Coming up!
SUMMER PICNIC
 July 11th
 12 Noon - 5pm
 Luce County Park
A cookout for members & their families!
More info to come!

CHICKEN BARBECUE
SATURDAY, JULY 4th
 10am til 2pm (or 'til gone)
Newberry Elks Lodge #1705
Outside - Rain or Shine
1/2 Chicken
 with Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Dinner Roll
 Proceeds to benefit Elks Scholarship Fund.

SAVE THE DATE: *Saturday, September 12th*
ATV - ORV - UTV
RIDE & DINNER
 JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND LAUGHS!

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 at the club.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	5 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	6
	House Committee Meetings 5pm	Lodge Meetings 6pm		Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Chicken Kababs	
7	8	9	10 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	11 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	12 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	13
			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Chicken or Shrimp Alfredo	
<i>Flag Day</i> 14	15	16	17 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	18 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	19 <i>Juneteenth Bar Opens 4pm</i>	20
Flag Day Ceremony American Legion - 1pm			Trustees Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Grilled Pork Loin & Potato	
21	22	23	24 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	25 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	26 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	27
			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Spaghetti & Meatballs	Private Party Class Reunion
28	29	30				

Please note: Friday Night Specials are subject to change

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	2 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	3 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Steak	Chicken BBQ
5	6	7	8 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	9 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	10 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	11
— July 5-8 Grand Lodge Convention, Chicago, IL —			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Fish Combo	Summer Picnic 12-5pm
12	13	14	15 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	16 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	17 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	18
			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Lasagna	
19	20	21	22 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	23 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	24 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	25
		Trustees Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: BBQ Pork Chops	
26	27	28	29 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	30 <i>Bar Open 10am-1pm</i>	31 <i>Bar Opens 4pm</i>	
			Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Lunch Menu 10:30am – 1pm	Dinner Special: Steak	