



Wilkins Elks 577

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May, 2012

Derby Day

Join us for the Kentucky Derby on Sat. May 5. Pre race festivities start at 4 pm. Wear your favorite derby hat and you could win a prize. Race starts at 6:30. There will be a southern style buffet. Drink specials include mint juleps and whiskey punch until the race is over.

Donations of food and money will be greatly appreciated.

Clean up

We are requesting volunteers to help us clean up the property surrounding the lodge. Granted, it will be a dirty job, but your efforts will improve the appearance of the lodge.

Drink Chips

Drink chip will no longer be honored or given out. The House Committee is looking into alternatives to the drink chips.

If you accept a plastic cup for a drink, you must drink the drink or lose it.

It is unfortunate that we have had to take these measures, but the program was being abused.

We will keep you informed when we come up with an alternative solution.



ER Message

Spring is in the air. We have been doing some Elks spring cleaning. The office has received a facelift with new furniture; at no cost to the lodge. The new Secretary, Derek Kerfoot and the Treasurer Paul Tumolo are working well together setting up a system of checks and balances.

We need volunteers for outside cleanup and cleaning and redoing the kitchen. If you are available, please let an officer know.

Membership is the key to the lodge's survival.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Your dues are a necessary part in meeting our obligation to Grand Lodge.

The new committee members will be working hard on new projects for the year. Your participation is needed to help make these projects and events a success.

The lodge meeting is the first Wed. of the month and we encourage you to attend. This is your forum, where you can express your ideas and concerns.

I have nothing but the best interest in mind concerning the lodge. We may agree to disagree at times, but communication is vital between the members and officers.

Hope to see you all at the lodge meeting on May 2.

Thanks

On behalf of the bingo committee, we would like to thank Donna, Mimi and Lisa for all you've done to make the Fri. night bingo a success.

The new bingo committee would also like to thank all the players for their continued support during the transition. Again, thank you for your patience.

2012/2013 Dues

This is the last reminder that your dues are past due and should be remitted now.

If you do not pay your dues by the end of the month, not only will you miss out on all the upcoming events, but you will be required to paid a reinstatement fee.

For your convenience, please use the form at the end of the newsletter when submitting your dues.

Red Solo Cup

We've all heard that catchy song "Red Solo Cup", well for Derby Day we are going to put it to use.

If you buy a \$2 strip ticket for May, you'll get a red solo cup and you can drink Bud Light draft beer for a \$1 a beer.

Red solo cup, I fill you up, let's have a party...

Never mind me, I can't sing anyway.



Coming Events

WII Bowling

Happy hour specials.

Daily, weekly and monthly drawings.

Friday night bingo.

Friday Oldies Dance

Derby Day

Bus Trip to Wheeling Downs

State Convention

Mothers Day

National Convention

Memorial Day

Service/luncheon

Steak Cookout

Flag Day at

Southwest

Family Picnic in July

Strip tickets for

Trustee's build fund

Elk's lodge pins are still available for \$3.

WII Bowling

Thanks to Lisa and Guido Gatti and John Biros, we are going

to have a WII bowling night on May 21.

There will be a sign up sheet with details on the bulletin board.

If there is enough interest, we will hold an in house

tournament and possibly join a WII league.

This should be a lot of laughs and also help the club out on a slow Monday night.

Elks Care - Elks Share

EXALTED RULER Craig Stevens **LEADING KNIGHT** John Weber **LOYAL KNIGHT** Dee Wilson **Lecturing Knight** Tom Herron **Esquire** John Biros **Inner Guard** Dorothy Szurlej **SECRETARY** Derek Kerfoot **Treasurer** Paul Tumolo **Chaplin** Don Albitz **Trustees** 5 years Dave Koerth 4 years Daune Clayton 3 Tom Stead 2 Jim Shento 1 year Jason Jones

V A Hospital

At this time of year, more than ever, we need to thank our Vets for all they've done for our country.

In a small way, our lodge visits and donations are a way of saying thank you.

We are still collecting items for our visits to the VA Hospital. We need white socks, notebooks, shampoo, soap, playing cards, and books. The Vet's really appreciate your donations. If you have any questions, please see Donna Swigart or Don Albitz

State Convention

The 106th State Convention is at Seven Springs, Pa. It opens on May 17 and concludes on May 19.

If you have never been to one, drive up for the day. This is a great chance to network with Elks, not only from the Metro District, but members from across the state.

Memorial Day Service

This will be the third year that the lodge has been involved in this ceremony.

Bill Wilson has done an outstanding job in putting this event together. It will be held at the Churchill Cemetery on Monday, May 28 at 10 am.

There will be a free luncheon at the club afterward. Last year we served 174 people.

Hours of Operation

Sun., Mon. and Tues., 1 pm until midnight. Last call at 11:45.

Wed., 1 pm until 1 am. Last call at 12:45.

Thurs., Fri. and Sat, 1 pm until 3:30 am. Last call at 2:45 am.



May Calendar

- 5/1 House Committee Meeting
- 5/2 Lodge Meeting
- 5/3 Weekly Drawing
- 5/4 Oldies Dance
- 5/5 Cleanup detail
- 5/5 Derby Day at the Elks
- 5/10 Weekly Drawing
- 5/12 Wheeling Downs Bus Trip
- 5/13 Mother's Day
- 5/17 Weekly Drawing
- 5/17 State Convention
- 5/18 Oldies Dance
- 5/21 WII Bowling
- 5/28 Memorial Day Service/Lunch
- 5/31 Monthly Drawing

Email

Sign up to receive the Newsletter and timely up dates by email. You can leave your name and email address at the club for Tom Herron.

You can also visit the lodge web site at elks577.org.



Dues for 2012/2013 are now due. Please return this with your payment.

Name: _____ Membership # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____ Dues: _____

Donation for ENF/CP: _____ Total Amount Paid: _____

(ENF=\$4.50 – Home Service=\$10.00) \$45 Regular \$24.50 Life member

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