

# Elk Tracks

## Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks - Columbia City Lodge #1417

*"With lack of fun and functions, a Lodge fails" - PER: John R. Stanley*

### EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Greetings,

Thank you fellow Columbia City Elks and especially to all who go above and beyond.

Many of you have no idea how much some of our awesome dedicated members do for our great organization and local lodge. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep everything going especially with the trying times we've all endured. But we're still going strong as we enter into our second hundred years. Wow! A hundred years we've been caring and sharing with and for our community.

As I pass the gavel off to our new incoming Exalted Ruler Bert Wilkerson and his new officers I encourage all of you to support your local Elks lodge. There are many ways. One easy and very important way is to pay your dues on time. Then come in regularly, visit with us and bring your family and friends. Encourage them to consider become an Elk too. Remember....Elk's lodges are where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up. It's YOUR lodge. The Indiana Elks state convention is at The Grand Wayne Center in Fort

Wayne this year June 2nd to the 5th. It's a blast to get so many Elks together. If you've never attended here's your chance without having to drive for hours. Please consider joining us. Go to [IndianaElks.org](http://IndianaElks.org) for details.

We will be following that a month later by traveling to Atlanta for the national convention. I was told I would be amazed at the National convention in Tampa and they were right. I understand why so many Elks travel every year to attend this magnificent event.

Thanks again to each and every one of you for your support this past year and please consider stepping up a notch if you can. Elks Care, Elks I look forward to be joining the great distinguished group of P.E.R.'s of Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks - Columbia City Lodge #1417.

E.R.

Gary Hively



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#### CLUB HOURS:

**M—Thurs. 4:00—8:00**

**Friday 4:00—9:00**

**Sat. 11:00—6:00**

**\*HOURS ARE  
SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE**



#### Special points of interest:

- Lodge meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (except for the months of July & August 1st Tuesday only)

The Weekly Drawing is held at 7:30 pm every Monday.

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000521

Queen of Hearts is drawn every Monday at 7:00 pm. All sales stop at 6:45

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- Elk Tracks is published monthly

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

As of the last of February we still have 30 delinquents that will be deleted from our roster on March 30th. You can reinstate within 60 days if you still would like to be an Elk.

The 2022/2023 dues notices have been sent out and a few payments have started to come in.

Keep me busy by paying your dues, please.

Happy spring

Hugs

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## MEMBER/GUEST FISH FRY TO GO!

Starting with the February 17th Member/Guest Fish Fry you can now call in your order to go. All that you need to do is call the Lodge 260-244-7351 and schedule a pick up time. You won't need to leave your car, we will deliver it to you!



## 2021/2022 LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER:

GARY HIVELY

LEADING KNIGHT:

BERT WILKERSON

LOYAL KNIGHT:

ANDREW NORRIS

LECTURING KNIGHT:

CHRISTINE NICKOLSON

SECRETARY:

TERESA DOWELL

TREASURER:

VICKI HAIFLICH

TILER:

VACANT

CHAPLIN:

ANDY BANKER

ESQUIRE:

SCOTT ELSTEN

INNER GUARD:

SCOTT TURNER

TRUSTEES:

1 year JEFF MULLENDORE

2 year JON SHEW III

3 year MARK BURNWORTH

# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

- March 1st: Board Meeting at 6:00 pm, Regular Lodge Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- March 2nd: ASH WEDNESDAY.
- March 6tg: Corn Hole for Autism 1:00.
- March 12th: Northeast District Spring Meeting at Fort Wayne.
- March 13th: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS.
- March 15th: Regular Lodge Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- March 17th: SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.
- March 17th: Member/Guest Fish Fry.
- March 19: Great Lakes Regional Hoop Shoot at South Bend.
- April 5th: Board Meeting at 6:00 pm, Regular Lodge Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- April 9th: District Deputy Clinic at Wabash
- April 10th: PALM SUNDAY.
- April 15th: GOOD FRIDAY.
- April 17th: EASTER.
- April 19th:: Regular Lodge Meeting at 7:00 pm.
- April 21st: Member/Guest Fish Fry.
- April 30th: National Hoop Shoot—Chicago.
- Queen of Hearts—Every Monday at 7:00 pm and the Weekly Drawing—Every Monday at 7:30 pm  
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## PLEASE NOTE:

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED.



## TRIVIA NIGHT

On January 21st the Lodge hosted Trivia Night! Joe Slacian member of Wabash Elks Lodge 179 was our host for the evening along with his lovely wife. We so appreciate both of them for such a fun evening. We had 10 questions for each round and each round was a different category. We played a total of 10 rounds! Information Station took the win, Babs Brown, Jody & Kevin Alexander and Teresa Dowell! Congrats guys! Everyone who participated had a blast! We served a hot dog and chili bar that evening, thank you to Babs Brown for her homemade Mac & Cheese and her sinful chocolate dessert "yummy" and thank you to everyone for making the first Trivia night a huge Success! We plan on having another one soon so Information Station watch out!



## NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

After 18 years of putting together and editing this newsletter, I will be stepping down as your editor effective with the completion of the May, 2022 issue. If you or someone that you know would be interested in taking over this position, please contact me at [sgates1417@embarqmail.com](mailto:sgates1417@embarqmail.com) or let one of the officers know.

The newsletter is not a time consuming job, but it is time for me to do some traveling and enjoying my retirement.

I will get you all of the Elks logos and any other materials that I use and if you have the program Microsoft Publisher I will give you the template for both the newsletter and the monthly calendar. I also will walk you through the process of getting it to the printer and emailed out.

Faternally,

Scott Gates

# MESSAGE FROM YOUR INCOMMING EXALTED RULER

It's time to get the lodge year started!!!

Hello, Bert Wilkerson, the new Exalted Ruler for the 2022-23 year. First thanks to Gary H., and the team for the great year he has provided through this difficult pandemic.

Would like to tell you my goals and plans for this lodge year. Will be working on adding some internal activities e.g. dart boards, pool tables, shuffle boards. If you have any lead on these items, please reach out to my team or I. Next will be having some awesome functions and activities for the lodge. "With the lack of functions a lodge will fail" J.R.S.

If you have any recommendations, suggestions, or would like to volunteer and help run a function please let us know. It's always much needed to have a successful event. The more we support the lodge, the more we can support the community. ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE!

Will also be working on building membership and lowering lapsation. We are open to suggestions on what you would like to do and see this lodge year. Don't be afraid to reach out. We will work together as a team for a successful year!

Fraternally, Bert W.





## VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE ELKS

Valentine's Day fell on Monday this year and Monday nights are a busy night at the Lodge. After taking a census on what everyone would like a breakfast buffet was the winner! Bert Wilkerson along with Scott Turner & Gary Hively served a awesome buffet with all the breakfast goodies you would expect, and Babs Brown made a amazing fresh fruit platter, everything was delicious. A basket full of goodies was won by Teresa Dowell who in turn gave it back to the lodge which caused a bidding war, it was filled with DeBrands chocolate, wine and Poptique popcorn. Jeff Brunner was the lucky winner and all proceeds were donated back to the lodge. Thank you to Teresa Dowell, Konnie Lutz & Gary Hively for donating the items for the basket! Love was in the air in the lodge that night and it was a fun time for all! The Queen is alive and well along with her side kicks the Jokers! Queen of Heart Drawing 7:00pm all tickets must be purchased by 6:45pm and Weekly Drawing is 7:30pm most he signed and paid by 7:30pm!





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**FOR** **AUTISM**  
**a w a r e n e s s**

**LOCATION : ELKS LODGE #1417**

**SUNDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> @1PM**

**COST: \$40 PER TEAM** (\$50 DAY OF)

**BBQ PULLED PORK SERVED** (FREE FOR PLAYERS)

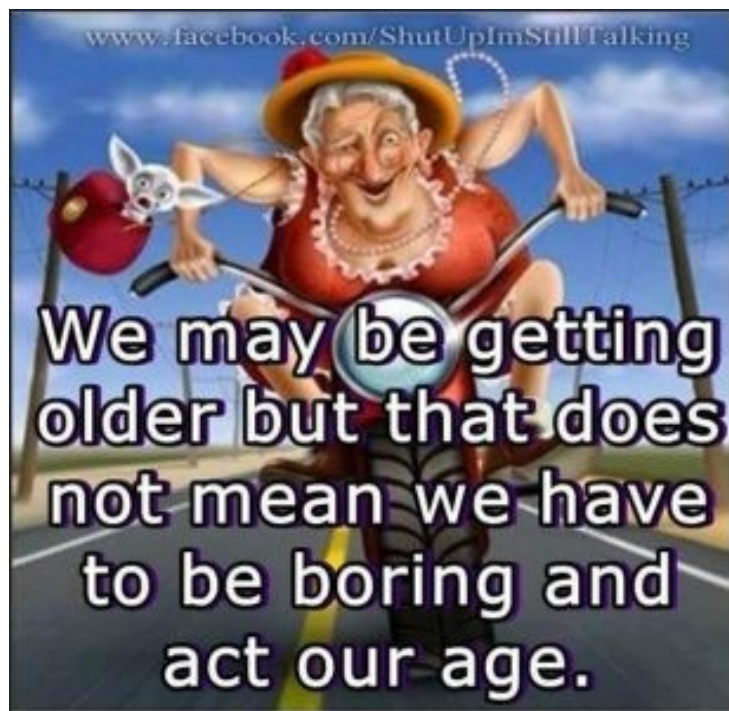
**DOUBLE ELIMINATION FORMAT • 50/50 RAFFLES • PRIZES AND MORE.....**

**PROCEEDS GO TO CHILDREN'S AUTISM CENTER IN COLUMBIA CITY**

**See Signup Sheet At The Lodge!!**

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Saum, Aaron C  
 03 Walstrom, Thomas J  
 04 Turner, Beth A  
 04 Verberkmoes, Randy  
 05 Gates, Phyllis J  
 05 Morsches, Robert Troy  
 05 Nickolson, Keith  
 06 Kauffman, Kenneth W  
 06 Kroeger, Sue A  
 07 Schnorr, Daniel  
 07 Smith, Thomas S  
 07 Watkins, S David  
 08 Adams, Kelsey  
 08 McCoy, Dennis  
 10 Keister, Barry  
 10 Majewski, Thomas C  
 11 Harker, Harrison  
 12 Cowdin, Douglas  
 12 Lutz, Konnie K  
 12 Yann, Stephen P  
 13 Goodrich, Tim E  
 16 Krider, Les A  
 16 Miller, Donald E  
 21 Howard, Janet E  
 21 Snyder, Dale  
 22 Harvey, Brian  
 25 Brunner, Jeff  
 25 Call, Joseph R  
 25 Lucas, Wilfred J  
 27 Gates, J Scott  
 28 Gerdes, George T  
 28 Roberts, John E  
 29 Wierschke, Linda  
 31 Jones, Richard  
 31 Nelson, Barry

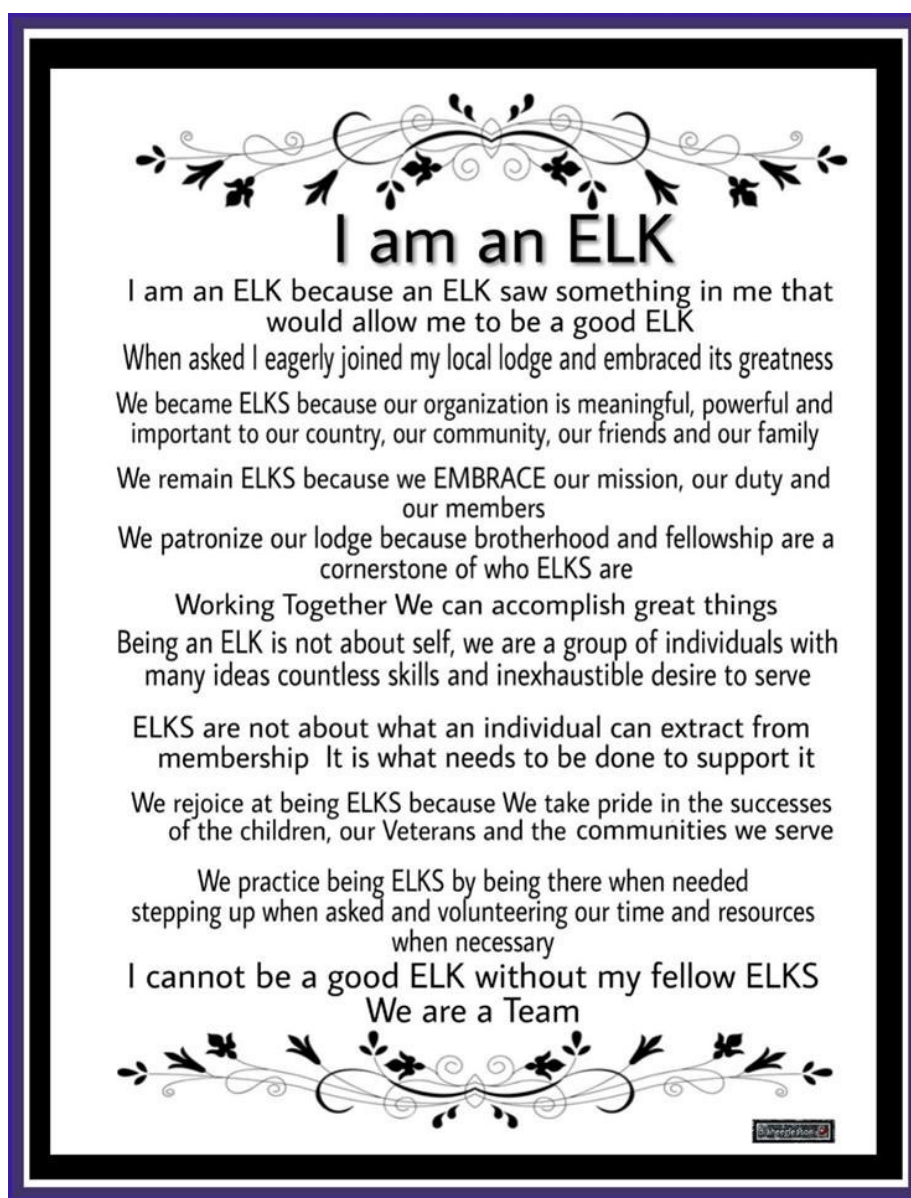




# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to give a huge shout out to Scott Gates for his dedication as our newsletter editor! Scott has volunteered years of service to our newsletter and has done a outstanding job. It's a lot of time spent creating our newsletter. Whenever you open your newsletter either by mail or email you can thank Scott, he has made sure to share all upcoming events, keep us all informed of everything that happens at 1417! Thank you Scott for your years of service not only as our newsletter editor but as a former secretary also at 1417! You will be greatly missed but you so deserve to enjoy your retirement and also to travel!

Kelly Maloy



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