



# THE ANTLERS

NEWBERRY ELKS LODGE #1705 B.P.O.E.  
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## Exalted Ruler Statement

Greetings fellow lodge members,

We recently held our installation of officers for lodge year 2024-2025. I will be staying on for another year as Exalted Ruler, Samantha Blakely- Leading Knight, Mike Havens- Loyal Knight, Justin Neff- Lecturing Knight, Bob Edwards- Esquire, Jeanine Stephenson- Secretary, Gary Mouton- Treasurer, Jeremy Anderson- Chaplain. I would like to thank each for stepping up and taking the responsibility of being an officer in the lodge. The same night that we had our installation of officers, as Exalted Ruler I got to present 2023/2024 awards to some of our members. Join me in congratulating this year's winners.

Linus Parr- Elk of the Year, Mike Havens- Officer of the Year, Colleen Dufflo- Citizen of the Year. Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendations- Virginia Glasheen and Paul Gerardy.

Congratulations to each award winner. Your contributions and service to our lodge is what makes our organization so special. Thank you! I look forward to another great year with a great team in place. We have our annual spring banquet coming up on April 6th, and this dinner is always a big success for our lodge. Dale Duffield and Gary Stephenson have done a fantastic job with that, thank you both for all you do!!

One thing I will be pushing in every newsletter article is MORE member involvement in lodge meetings. Lodge meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month starting at 6:00 pm. There are plenty of committees that could use some people to head them, if ever interested please contact any lodge officer or attend a meeting.

Fraternally,  
Terry J. Blakely II, Exalted Ruler

## Officers of the Lodge

### Exalted Ruler

T.J. Blakely

### Leading Knight

Samantha Blakely

### Loyal Knight

Mike Havens

### Lecturing Knight

Justin Neff

### Secretary

Jeanine Blakely

### Treasurer

Gary Moulton

### Esquire

Robert E. Edwards

### Tiler

Vacant

### Chaplain

Jeremy Anderson

### Inner Guard

Vacant

## Board of Trustees

Gary Stephenson - Chair

Rich Auttersen

Buzz Medelis

Dale Duffield

Neal Davis

## House Committee

Bruce Klusmeyer - Chairman

Steve Boyer

Dave Camody

Tony Immel

Brian Stoyloff

## 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.



## In Memoriam

Please take a moment to remember :



From the Secretary	Manager's Notes
<p>Serving as your Secretary has been an eye-opening experience to me to say the least. The computer software system, CLEMS2, has been quite interesting to work with. Just when I start to think I know what I am doing, it throws a new road block my way, and my human errors do not help. I attended a virtual nationwide training in December, on the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup>, and once again we attended the Leadership Conference at the Houghton Higgins Lake Lodge #1982. Between these trainings and with help from other District Secretaries, I feel much more confident going into this new lodge year.</p> <p>Dues statements were sent out the week of March 4, with already close to 150 responses. Thank you to the group of friends that helped with stuffing envelopes. Membership cards have been sent to those that have paid. The widow cards will go out next week to the addresses on record. If you do not receive your card, likely we do not have your address. Stop by the club and they will be there for you to pick up, along with a form to update your address.</p> <p>Our current membership is 302. Of those folks, 48 are lifetime members which is just over 16% of our total membership. Newberry Lodge bylaws restrict lifetime membership to 25% or less. We initiated 16 new members this lodge year, reinstated 3, and accepted one transfer for a total of 20 new members. With the passing of 7 members, two transfers to other lodges and a few drops for non-payment we are at a gain of 4 from last lodge year.</p> <p>I now have over 200 email addresses for our membership. If you are not on our list and want to receive communications, please make sure I have the correct address. I can be reached at: <a href="mailto:newberry1705@mielks.org">newberry1705@mielks.org</a> or my personal email <a href="mailto:jlawayupnorth@gmail.com">jlawayupnorth@gmail.com</a>. As always, let me know if there is anything you need or questions you may have.</p> <p>Fraternally, Jeanine Stephenson, Secretary</p>	<p>Happy Spring...</p> <p>I would like to extend a huge thank you to Matt Nelson for cooking Valentine's Day dinner. Wow, what a night!</p> <p>Our St. Patrick's Day celebration was a great success. I would like to extend a <u>Thank You</u> to Buzz for heading up cooking, and also to all of the volunteers that stepped up yet <i>again</i>. Without your help we can't do this.</p> <p>The Elks Spring Banquet will be held Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to purchase your tickets.</p> <p>One of our house pool teams won the league championship. Tahquamenon Bed and Breakfast - Congratulations! The Club will host the league banquet Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>We will be celebrating all Moms and Grandmas again this year, on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Come on down for prime rib, shrimp, or chicken strips. Serving 12 'til 3.</p> <p>Our Summer hours will start Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will only be open for Friday Fish Fries and special occasions.</p> <p>I hope you all have a great Spring. Stacey Neff, Club Manager.</p>
<b>ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE</b>	





Seen above, Gail Glasheen presents a \$2000 Gratitude Grant for the monthly community meal sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (Nick Derusha family Picture), and for the Feeding America Beacon Grant merged with a Spotlight Grant for a total of \$6000 (Pastor Kuehl and child), from Elks National Foundation.

*Newberry Elks 1705*  
**Spring Fundraiser Banquet**  
*Saturday April 6th, opens at 5 pm*

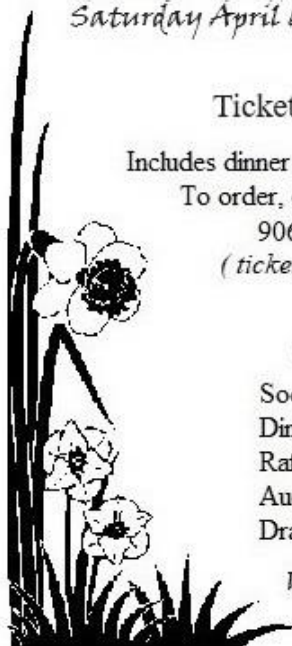
Tickets - \$70 each

Includes dinner and one door prize entry  
To order, call Nancy Duffield at  
906-291-0192  
( tickets are limited )

*(Cash bar available)*

Social Hour	5:00 pm
Dinner	6:00 pm
Raffles	7:00 pm
Auction	8:00 pm
Drawings	9:00 pm

*Visitors are welcome!*



Join us  
**for Mother's Day dinner**  
Sunday, May 12 from 12 to 3 pm

Prime rib  
Shrimp  
Chicken Tenders  
Wing Dings



**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**

A P R I L    2 0 2 4	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:00 House Mtg. 6:00 Lodge Mtg.	3	4	5 <b>Shrimp</b>	6 Elks Spring Fundraiser Banquet
	7	8	9	10	11 Co-Ed Steak Night	12 <b>Perch</b>	13 Pool League Banquet
	14	15	16 5:00 Trustee Mtg. 6:00 Lodge Mtg.	17	18	19 <b>Surf-n Turf</b>	20
	21	22	23	24	25 Co-Ed Steak Night	26 <b>Fish Combo</b>	27
28	29	30					

**\*\* Please Note: Friday Night Specials are subject to change \*\***

M A Y    2 0 2 4	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Co-Ed Steak Night	3 <b>Bluegill</b>	4
	5	6	7 5:00 House Mtg. 6:00 Lodge Mtg.	8	9 Co-Ed Steak Night	10 <b>Shrimp Scampi</b>	11
	12 <b>Mothers Day Dinner</b>	13	14	15	16 Co-Ed Steak Night Last of Season	17 <b>Baked 1/2 Chicken</b>	18
	19	20 <b>Closed</b>	21 5:00 Trustee Mtg. 6:00 Lodge Mtg. Meetings Only	22 <b>Closed</b>	23 <b>Closed</b>	24 <b>Perch</b>	25 prlvate party
26 prlvate party	27 <b>Closed</b>	28 <b>Closed</b>	29 <b>Closed</b>	30 <b>Closed</b>	31 <b>Shrimp</b>		