



## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings-

Another month has flown by and it is February already. The new Elk year begins on April 1st and we are looking for members to help out. We need to fill positions as officers and committee members. Are you interested in serving on the House Committee, as a Trustee, or Loyal Knight? Please talk to me for more information about the expectations and duties involved. We also need help with our newsletter. If you could write an article or two, or help with putting everything together, it would be much appreciated.

We've had many questions about the notice you may have received from Grand Lodge concerning the annual dues, and the changes in the amount due. Here's the story. Grand Lodge asked every Lodge last year if we'd like them to send out notices that dues are now due. This saves us time and money; so we said yes. As for the change in the amount, Grand Lodge and the State have both raised the amount that we pay them. Your local Lodge dues remain the same. The breakdown is as follows: Grand Lodge \$29, State \$5, and our Lodge \$68. Total is \$102. This does not include contributions to ENF or Major Projects.

If you are wondering what Grand Lodge does with that \$29? \$6.50 is allocated for expenses and operations, \$5.50 goes for the Elks Magazine, and the general liability insurance accounts for the remaining \$17.

Stay safe and warm this month - especially those traveling to warmer climates!

Yours fraternally, Paul Golding

#### **Meeting Schedule:**

House Committee meets 5:30 pm and Trustees meet at 6:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month: Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> Lodge meetings will be on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

We have new budgets to approve and Officers to install. Please come to our Lodge meetings to get the latest scoop.

#### Officers 2020-2021

Exalted rulerPaul Golding
Est. Leading KnightBob Follette
Est. Loyal KnightDean Lannon
Est. Lecturing KnightBrad Whittaker
Secretary Lori Randolph
TreasurerPam Phillips
Esquire Bob Gnau
TilerJohn Soules
Inner Guard Mike Krebbecks
Chaplain Diana Tormey
<u>Trustees:</u>
Roger VanderMortel, Bruce Bowman, John MacTaggart, Mike Paliotti, Bonnie Decker

<u>House Committee:</u> Mark Weaver, Sean McCue, Bill Salone, Norman Herman, Delores Bush, Chuck Wirth,

<u>Club Steward:</u> Matt DeJohn

<u>Photos & Publicity</u>: Peg Mares, Carolyn Oakes

<u>Newsletter Editor:</u> Pam Phillips, Peggy Mares

# Wednesday Night Pizza Stop down to the club after 5:00 or call to order a pizza at 315-331-1249

DINNERS at the ELKS- Eat-In or Take Out \$13.00 Please try to call in advance if you plan to attend a dinner so we can plan the right amount of food.

## THURSDAY February 23rd Fish Fry

## FRIDAY March 17<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage

## HELP IS NEEDED

We have several events that volunteers are needed for: Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 27<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> March 17<sup>th</sup> March 19<sup>th</sup> March 23rd Please check the board in the kitchen to help at the Lodge. There are always ways to help.

#### GAME DINNER

<u>Saturday, February 25th</u> Tickets are available at the bar \$20.00 Come sample various game and fish Raffles: Flat Top Grill, Gun Safe, Pop-Up stand, Muzzle loader, Chain Saw, and 50/50 raffle.

### **BLUES FEST**

<u>Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup></u> Doors open at noon BANDS: Movers, Dam Dog, Rhythm and Groove Big Mike And the Motivators, Joe Beard, and Swamp Rd Jukes Donation to the bands \$5.00; food available for purchase Bring your friends

#### **DISTRICT SPAGHETTI DINNER**

<u>March 11th</u> at 5:00 p.m. Lyons Elks Lodge \$10 dinner and several raffle baskets to bid on.

## MUSIC

**Friday April 7**<sup>th</sup> DEF DRIVER will be at Elks 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for your listening and dancing pleasure

<u>200 Club Dinner Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup></u>. Cocktails at 6:00 and sign up for next year. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. **PLEASE**, call the club and let Matt know if you plan to attend. Or email <u>elks1249secretary@outlook.com</u>

## EUCHRE in the Afternoons?

Come play Euchre at the club on Thursday afternoons. Starting about 1 pm. If you are interested, come on down and join the fun!

Tell your friends and family, dinners are open to members and guests!

#### **ENF (Elks National Foundation)** ~~~ MP (Major Projects)

Please remember that we support ENF and Major Projects. Our Major Projects is

cerebral palsy; we help many families who are living with this. ENF supports many things such as hoop shoot, scholarships, and grants, of which Newark has received many to benefit our community. Your yearly donations to ENF make these grants possible. We receive more money than we contribute. So, thank you - and please keep up the good work! Newark Elks just received \$2,500.00 Gratitude Grant; \$1,500.00 to the Humane Society Spay Neuter Program and \$1,000.00 for AECC softball and baseball programs.

#### **ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**

There are collection boxes at our Lodge for the Humane Society, the VA, and the Food Closet. We have members who will deliver the items to these organizations. The Humane Society of Wayne County is working with Meals on Wheels to deliver pet food to pets in need. They are requesting small bags of dog and cat food (dry food only). Please consider donating to 1 or more of these organizations.

#### DUES ARE DUE

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 is the beginning of the Elks fiscal year with that DUES are due April 1, 2023. Grand Lodge will be increasing each Lodge's Per Capita by \$5.00 per person. The State Per Capita is also increasing by \$2.00 per person. It will be necessary for each members dues to increase to \$100.00 for regular members and to \$70.00 per person for Life members.

Total due on April	1	st:
Grand Lodge	\$	29
State	\$	5
Our Lodge	\$	<u>68</u>
Total	\$1	102

The 200 Club will now cost a total of \$166.

This breaks down to \$3.50 per week or \$14 every 4 weeks. Why belong to the 200 Club? Multiple chances to win and a free steak dinner at year's end! Are you interested in joining the 200 club? This is for members to pay their yearly dues by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. They have a chance to win money on a weekly basis and partake in a steak dinner in March 2024. If you would like more information talk to ER Paul Golding or Bar Steward Matt DeJohn.

Remember - Your dues do not include donations to ENF or Major Projects. Please contribute to these worthy causes. Last year we received \$8,500 in grant money in exchange for the \$1,600 our members invested in ENF. (Suggested amount to give - \$10 to each - more is fine!)

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To A Very Important Elk

# PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LODGE

February 23<sup>rd</sup> Fish Fry February 25<sup>th</sup> Game Dinner March 5<sup>th</sup> BluesFest March 17<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage April 7<sup>th</sup> Band- DEF DRIVER



The traditional birthday gift will be available any day during the month of your birthday.

