

NEWS & VIEWS



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1 Year Trustee

The Holidays are Here!

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving Holiday. I know 101 families in New Castle did! The Lodge gave turkey dinners to families identified by 6 elementary school social workers. The funding for this event was provided by a \$4000 ENF Beacon Grant, thanks to Paul Amundsen for writing the grant. Volunteers helping with this event, Richard Mayes (ER), Lynn-Renee



Mayes, Patricia Davis (Lecturing Knight), John Davis, Maria Beaton (Secretary), Andy Hallet, JR Biddison (PER) and Len Forestieri Jr. All meals included: Fresh Butterball Turkey 18-20lbs, aluminum roasting pan, powdered potatoes, stuffing, large apple pie, dinner rolls, one can each of: green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce and gravy.

As we move into December we Elks are reminded of our members who have left this world. The Memorial Service is December 3rd @ 12:00. Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message: "To Our Absent Members."

We have a busy month with the Children's Christmas Party, Adult Christmas Party (promises to be great experience put on by the House Committee), and don't forget our New Years Eve get together and brunch the next day. Please use the sign-up sheets in the lobby for these events so the chairperson can plan accordingly. The Adult Christmas Party is open to all members and spouse or significant other. Also look for music on Saturday afternoon, take a break from shopping and have a bite to eat and drink to relieve the stress of the holidays.

Have a safe Holiday Season.

Rich Mayes

302.290.1402

rtmayes1@verizon.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Dec 1 Frank & Michele 8p
- Dec 3 Memorial Sunday
- Dec 8 Timeline Band
- Dec 9 Childrens Christmas 11-2
- Dec 9 Marshal Stone 2p in lounge
- Dec 16 Members Christmas Party 6p
- Dec 16 Soul Patrol Band 7p
- Dec 23 Jimmy Pritchard Blues Duo 2p
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party 5p

- Jan 1 New Years Day Potluck 12:30
- Jan 5 The Acoustic Jam 8p
- Jan 6 Anthony Della Barba 2-6
- Jan 12 Lost Train 8p
- Jan 13 White Elephant 5:30p
- Jan 14 Blood Drive 9-3
- Jan 27 Braeden Means 2-6p
- Feb 2 The Amigos 8p
- Feb 10 Acoustic SinZ -2-5
- Feb 11 Super Bowl Party
- Feb 24 Magical Mystery 2-5

""HELP NEEDED""

BINGO HELP THURSDAY

Evening

Especially office &

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277-7687

Hallettguy39@gmail.com

Hoop shoot chair needed
Contact the office

Karaoke

Every 4th Friday of the Month 8:30 PM



50 cents off





Flip Five Games
Every Friday

Paid Check-in by 6:50p

We must **Start Promptly** at 7pm.

Newark Elks Lodge #2281

BINGO

Plan to Join us for Bingo!!



December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Deck the Halls 3pm Flip Five 7p Frank &	2
3 Memorial Sunday	4	5 House Committee Mtg 7p	6 Winter Shuffle Board Youth Activity Meeting 7p	7 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	8 Flip Five 7p Timeline Band 8p	9 Childrens Christmas 11- 2 Marshall Stone 2p
10	11	12 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	13 Winter Shuffle Board -last until Jan- uary 2024	14 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	15 Flip Five 7p Country Line Dancing 8p	16 Wreaths Across America 10:30a Mmbrs Xmas Party 6p Soul Patrol Band 7
17	18	19 Board Meeting 7p	20	21 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	22 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	23 Jimmy Pritchard Blues Duo 2p
24	25 CLOSED	26 "NO" Lodge Meeting	27	28 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	29 Flip Five 7p Rick & Connie 8p	30
31 New Years Eve Party 5pm						



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 TBD - N.Y. Pot Luck Brunch 12:30-1:30	2 House Committee Mtg 7p	3	4 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	5 Flip Five 7p The Acoustic Jam 8p	6 Anthony Della Barba in Lounge 2- 5
7	8	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	10 Winter Shuffle Board Resumes	11 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	12 Flip Five 7 Lost Train 8p	13 White Elephant 6p
14 Blood Drive 9-3	15 Information Meeting for Potential New Officers 7p	16 Board Meeting 7p	17 Winter Shuffle Board	18 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	19 Flip Five 7 Country Line Dancing 8	20
21	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	24 Winter Shuffle Board	25 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	26 Flip Five 7 Karaoke 8	27 Braeden Means in the Lounge 2-5
28 Chili Cook-Off	29	30	31 Winter Shuffle Board	***	THE WAY THE	SUPER BOWL LVIII Feb 11 at the Lodge!





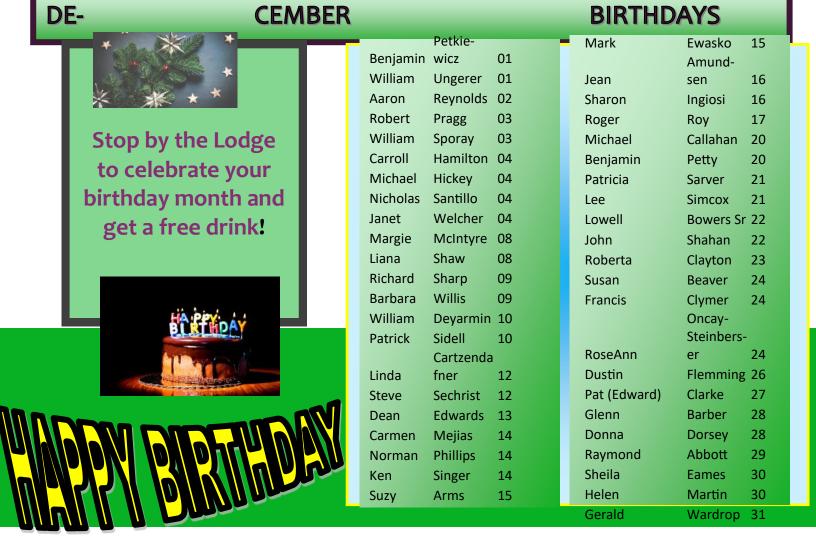


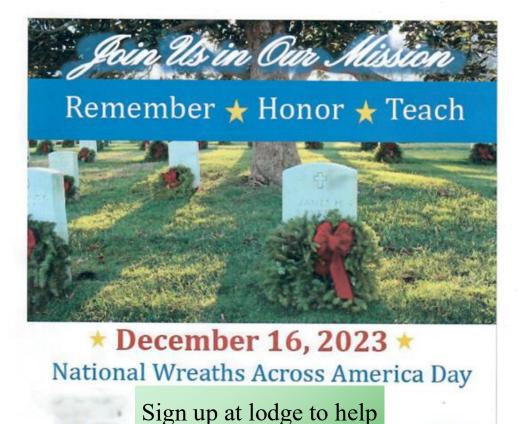




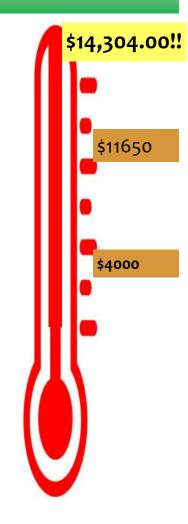








THANK YOU!



#ServeAndSucceed

place Wreaths on graves

10:30am

Dec 16

(meet earlier)

I want to thank everyone who has helped raise \$14,304.00 for Wreaths Across America this year from the Newark Elks Lodge 2281. I am so proud how everyone has stepped up to help sponsor wreaths at our Veterans' cemetery. I am at a loss for words but all I can say is THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all the 50/50 tickets you have bought all year, the wreaths that each of you have sponsored, and any other donations that have been made. Thank you to Tom Snyder for running a coin board, thank you to Steff and Nick DiMartine for the donations from the football pool and the raffle we put together and

ran on their D2 Fundraising Raffleapalooooza site. Also I want to especially thank the Lodge for their donation!!



Billie Banning





Greetings Elks!

Total Donations \$5,036.14

Per-Member-Giving: \$ 11.37

Renewal Rate: 55.78%

Membership Support: 39.73%

Fidelity Club Members: 12

2023-2024 ENF in your State: \$ 1.62

2023-2024 Lodge Grant Funds: \$12,500.00

Updated through 11/16/2023

Our Current Standings:

State: 10th District: 1st

Chair Challenge: 3rd

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Tis the Season of Giving! A great way to renew your commitment to our First Cardinal Principal of Charity is to donate to **ENF** and join the **Fidelity Club**. Your donations fund our Grants programs which are the main source of our charitable funding.

As we look forward to Christmas and the celebration of the holiday season of giving your gift of a donation will benefit the many needs of our community. Your donation is also tax deductible.

PLEASE DONATE TO ENF AND BECOME A FIDELITY CLUB MEMBER!
PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S ENF COIN BOARD FUNDRAISER!!
IT IS ONGOING AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE BOARD IS SOLD OUT.
SEE ALL OUR UPDATED ENF INFORMATION ON OUR DEDICATED TV IN THE LOUNGE!!

ENF Chairperson Jean AF Amundsen Esteemed Loyal Knight Jafancy97@icloud.com



Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts, prayers and Condolences to families of members who are sick or have recently passed.

Member James Unsworth passed.
Life Member Frank Gillen passed.
Member Pat Sidel was hospitalized and is now home.
Member Billie Banning underwent outpatient surgery
Member Janet Welcher's nephew passed.
Trustee Tom Snyder is in the Hospital.
Trustee Florian Gargula sustained an injury and is recovering.

If you know of a member who is out a card on the SICK and lounge or email Patty Davis at:



sick, or has passed away, please fill DISTRESSED Board located in the pat.hagelstein@yahoo.com



Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we shall miss him

There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess

Still our hearts his memory bear.

But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high.



Still our hearts Their memory bear.

Member James Unsworth passed. Life Member Frank Gillen passed

New Members (Alpha order): 12 new members on 11/14/2023!

Michael Callahan, Donald Hammond, Scott G. Davis, Leann Marie Gregg, Kathleen Johnston, Joann Taylor Marshall, Stanley W. Poustus, David <u>Victor</u> Sarver, Brian J. Smith, William (Willy) Werts, Jr., Christann Williams and Gary W. Wilson.

We are now at 493 members!



Congratulations to our newest #2281 members. They were initiated on November 14th. Be sure to give them a big Elk welcome when you see them in the lodge.

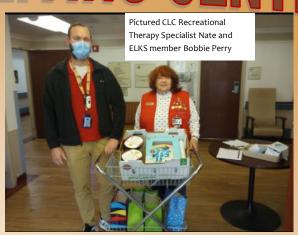


VACOMOUNTY-LIVING CENTER Pictured CLC Recreational

November 28th, The ELKS Lodge provided birthday presents, ice cream, and cake for the monthly birthday celebrations. Elks members interested in participating in

CLC events contact Pat Clarke at 302-650-3709.

Your ELK donations at work



GRANTMONIES USED

On November 20-22, Newark Elks Lodge 2281 provide 101 turkey dinners to children and their families from Delaware's Colonial School District. This year we had six K-5 schools participate.

Carrie Downie Elementary
Castle Hills Elementary
New Castle Elementary
Pleasantville Elementary
Harry O. Eisenberg Elementary
Wilmington Manor Elementary

The funding for this event was provided by a \$4000 ENF Beacon Grant.

Volunteers helping with this event, Richard Mayes (ER), Lynn-Renee Mayes, Patricia Davis (Lecturing Knight), John Davis, Maria Beaton (Secretary), Andy Hallet, JR Biddison (PER) and Len Forestieri Jr. All meals included: Fresh Butterball Turkey 18-20lbs, aluminum roasting pan, powdered potatoes, stuffing, large apple pie, dinner rolls, one can each of: green beans, corn, yams, cranberry sauce and gravy.



Message from the Secretary

Please contact the Secretary, Maria Beaton if you have ANY questions! 302-605-0360 or Newark2281@comcast.net

Delinquency...Delinquency...

What does this mean? A delinquent member is a member whose dues have not been paid for that Elk Year. The delinquent member is in danger of being dropped from the membership if dues for the current year are not paid by March 31, 2024. If a member is dropped, there is a reinstatement fee, he/she must be proposed and elected and there may be residual dues that must be paid. (Article X, Section 4 – By-Laws) It's best to stay current!

Why do I keep getting an Invoice in the mail for my dues? If your membership is not current for this year, Grand Lodge sends an invoice to the listed address to remind you to pay your dues.

"I requested that my membership be dropped. Why am I still getting a monthly invoice for dues?" Even if you requested to be removed from membership, we do not automatically drop you as you requested. Why? You might change your mind! It happens. It really does!

What is an Elk Year? An Elk Year is your membership year, from April 1 of the current year to March 31 of the following year.

Notice of Two Meetings

First Meeting is to Formally <u>Propose</u> and <u>Discuss</u> By-Laws and House Rules Amendments: <u>December 12, 2023</u>

Second Meeting is to Formally <u>Vote</u> upon Proposed Amendments: **CORRECTED - JANUARY 9, 2024**

MEETINGS WILL BE AT 7:30 PM both Dec. 12, 2023 (Proposal and Discussion) AND Jan. 9, 2024 (Vote) at the Lodge, 42 Elks Trail, New Castle, DE

Amendments and House Rules changes will be proposed at the December 12, 2023 Regular Lodge Meeting. A discussion is scheduled for the proposed articles at this meeting.

Please see the mailed flyer for the exact changes proposed. Flyers are also available in the Lounge and upon demand.

Heads up Grand Lodge Dues Increasing Next Year

Grand Lodge dues will increase from \$17.00 to \$22.00 per member. This increase is a result of high cost losses across the country, hurricane damage, fires, alcohol related liability. Just a reminder the Newark Lodge #2281 dues will remain unchanged at \$58.75 (does not include State or Grand Lodge assessment) as disclosed in our By-Laws which was approved by the membership. The breakdown of the Grand Lodge dues is as follows:

Grand Lodge expenses and operations	\$ 6.50
Subscription to Elks Magazine	\$ 5.50
General Liability Insurance Assessment	\$ 22.00
Total Grand Lodge Dues	\$ 34.00

On the Lodge front we have continued to reduce cost over the past few years which allows us to maintain the low cost Lodge dues (as compared to other lodges across the country). Installation of the new HVAC system for the Hall has yielded a 17% decrease in electricity cost (July, Jun, Aug compare to same time last year), in April we will have a clearer picture of yearly savings. Electricity costs have also improved due installation of LED bulbs throughout the entire Lodge and signing a 3 yr contract with an electricity supplier fixing our per KWh price in an environment of increasing energy cost. These are the kinds of investments in our Lodge that keep our Lodge dues in check. We all know prices are increasing everywhere and yes we have to increase food and beverage prices selectively. Another way to look at our bargain dues, at a total cost of \$95, this represents less than \$8.00/month.



If you have an idea, submittal, question or comment about Lodge activities, email or text it to me by the 17th of the month. As usual, we reserve the right of review for appropriateness of content and revision as necessary in accordance with editorial policies and oversight by the Exalted Ruler.

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Elk of the Year 22-23 Brenda Britt Officer of the

Year 22-23 Pat

Davis

 Monday
 CLOSED

 Tuesday
 6 PM - 11 PM

 Wednesday
 6 PM - 11 PM

 Thursday
 4 PM - 11 PM

 Friday
 4 PM - 1:00 AM

 Saturday
 1 PM - 1:00 AM

 Sunday
 1 PM - 10 PM

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION*

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*Note: Bartender may close 2 hours early any night there are fewer than 4 customers present.

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Committee Chair/Co-Chairs for 2023 - 2024

Accident Prevention Mgr:

Tom Snyder Comedy Shows:
• Open Hoop Shoot:
• NEED HELP! Adult Christmas:

• House Committee News & Views:
Donna Crossland Community Activities/Projects: House Committee:

Richard Kokoszka (Chair)
Pat Clarke (Secretary)
Andy Hallet
Pat Sarver
Marian Goslin Michelle Rhoads, PER Permits & Reports: Americanism: Ed Clarke Peggy Morris Roseann CinclairTom Snyder Crab Feast:
• JR Biddeson Auditing & Accounting:

Jack Davis Membership/Investigations:

Rich Mayes (Chair)

Maria Beaton Presiding Justice:
• Paul Amundsen Craft Show: Bingo:
Andy Hallet(Chair)
Pat Davis, Co chair Beth Biddison Roseanne Cinclair PR & Promotions: Jernick Fund:
• Michelle Rhoads, PER Pat SarverDonna Crossland Building & Grounds:

Len Foresteri (Chair)
Rich Mayes Delinquencies: Kentucky Derby:

Jack Davis Relief:
• Chair Officers •Drug Awareness:
• Tom Smith, (Chair)
• Marion Smith Bylaws:
Paul Amundsen
Peggy Morris Lodge Activities: Scholarship:
• Karen Marion
• Peggy Morris Pat SarverRichard Mayes Elks National Foundation: Camp Barrett:
 JR Biddison PER
 Richard Mayes
 Beth Biddison Jean Amundsen Lodge Mediator:
• Paul Helsel, PGER Sickness & Distress:
• Pat Davis Fathers Day Barbeque: Soccer Shoot

• Ed Clark (Chair) Pat Davis Memorial Service:
Lindsay Brown, PER Car Show:

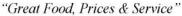
Ken Banning (Chair)
Billie Banning
Tom Snyder Flag Day: Serge Yow Video Lottery:
• Tom Snyder (Chair) Mother's Day Breakfast:
Andy Hallet (chair)Joe Rollo Government Relations Children's Parties: John ViolaTom Snyder Wreaths Across America
Billie Banning John Davis National Veterans Services:
• Ray Abbott Paul Amundsen, (Chair) Michelle Rhodes JR Biddisin PER Pat Clarke Anita Viola Easter:
• Patty Beach Halloween Patty Beach

*If you'd like to volunteer to help on a committee, contact any officer or trustee who will direct you to the committee chair of your choosing. The Lodge and its committee chairs are always looking for help.

63-64 Utley Crane *	1980-81 Raymond Grill*	1996-97 Joseph Cain	2012-13 Dan Monte Carlo
64-65 Otis Jennings *	1981-82 Andrew Zimmermann	1997-98 Joseph Cain	2013-14 Robert McIntyre*
965-66 John Boeheim * 966-67 Andrew Zimmermann 967-68 Howard Duncan * 968-69 Melvin Melancon * 969-70 Walter Gonce * 970-71 William Cassidy * 971-72 Richard Burg *	* 1982-83 Nathion Noble * 1983-84 John Hardy * 1984-85 Michael Alpaugh 1985-86 Barry Taylor 1986-87 William Sporay 1987-88 Harvey Scott III * 1988-89 James Brehony * 1989-90 Francis Waraksa *	1998-99 Lindsay Brown 1999-00 George Williams * 2000-01 Mary Anne Colbert 2001-02 William Costigan * 2002-03 Serge Yow 2003-04 William Costigan * 2004-05 Robert Lindfors 2005-06 William Costigan * 2006-07 William Costigan *	2014-15 Margie McIntyre 2015-16 Valerie Huot 2016-17 Valerie Huot 2017-18 Valerie Huot 2018-19 JR Biddison 2019-20 JR Biddison 2020-21 Brenda Presley 2021-22 JR Biddison 2022-23 Richard Mayes
973-74 Donald Doutt * 974-75 John Benson * 975-76 Paul Helsel 976-77 Ronald Zuka 977-78 Irving Hochstein * 978-79 James Landis	1990-91 Sherm Colbert* 1991-92 Harvey Scott III * 1992-93 Ronald Zuka 1993-94 Frank Borst * 1994-95 Ronald Zuka 1995-96 Lowell Bowers	2007-08 Robert McIntyre* 2008-09 Robert McIntyre* 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads 2010-11 William Rhoads 2011-12 Gina Semonelle	*Past ERs

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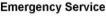
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