



NEWBERRY ELKS LODGE #1705 B.P.O.E.

THE ANTLEERS

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EXALTED RULER STATEMENT

Greetings Friends,

I became an Elk in 2019, the same year my daughter was born. My husband, Terry (T.J.), was already a member of Newberry Lodge at that point. I grew up in the Newberry Area and I was familiar with the Elks Lodge. However, I didn't really "know" who Elk were until Terry & I began our life commitment with each other back in 2017. I first got the taste for the Lodge as my, then boyfriend, attended the infamous "Stag Nights" on Thursdays with other male members. It was a night for the guys. He loved it, so I didn't mind. Not only that but we had just started a new life together, living together, starting a business together... a Thursday night apart was a welcome break from one another.

Sometime after we had Kennedy, I too, became a member of Newberry Elks Lodge BPOE 1705. And my fiancé, T.J., became an officer. By this time the Stag nights had grown into regular meetings for him and Friday night fish fry's, co-ed steak dinners and many types of events for us as a couple & family. Going down to the Lodge became a regular part of our life and I am grateful for that.

At some point in this story, I became an officer alongside my husband. The Lodge only thrives when its members take part in the duties necessary to operate. There are a lot of behind-the-scene activities that require the time and heart of its members & volunteers. I recognized this need and felt the call of duty. As an active member, who loves what the Lodge offers, I felt the need to do my part to keep it alive. I followed Terry through the officer chairs, and we have had fun with it. Attending the out-of-town meetings and conferences with Gary & Jeanine have been a blast. The amount of love and friendship that exists through the Elks is in-

toxicating. We thoroughly enjoy our time at our local lodge and all the lodges we visit when we travel. We are always in good company. Surrounded by warm, welcoming members of our community and beyond.

This year my husband steps down and I step in to the seat of Exalted Ruler for our beloved Newberry Lodge. It is an honor to take this on. Something that makes this short girl feel tall. I am proud of our Lodge and this opportunity.

I hope to make this a great lodge year! I am optimistic that it will shine! However, before we can achieve this goal, I need to ask my fellow members for a hand. Most of you know we have been eagerly seeking a new kitchen manager. With the recent, heartbreaking loss of John Styes to a chef position on Mackinaw Island, the kitchen is shorthanded. We are still actively seeking a replacement but if that is unsuccessful, we will need people to volunteer to take kitchen shifts until other arrangements are made. The Lodge needs its members to take part to survive, it needs you. Come and sign up for a kitchen shift. You will never be alone being that someone will always be there to guide you through the dinner process. I put my name down for a few shifts with T.J. and some friends. I have not done it before, but I am anticipating the experience. It's a date night with Terry and a girls night with my pals! But like you all, I can't do it every Friday. And neither can the rest of the team that commits to it time and time again.

So LETS GOOOO TEAM! Let's have some fun and fry some food! Keep this thing alive & thriving! Our Lodge is one of the best. Let's keep it that way.

Kind Regards,
Sam Blakely, ER

CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE & FIDELITY

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Happy Spring!

Our new lodge year is off to a fantastic start. With a full slate of officers, almost 1/3 of membership dues paid prior to April 1st and a busy calendar for the next month.

We will begin our new year with 299 members and 7 candidates slated for the next initiation.

You will notice a slightly different format for our newsletter, thank you Lauren Burton at Newberry News for taking on this endeavor.

Please welcome your new Exalted Ruler, Samantha Blakely. She brings to our membership years of dedication within the ranks of our knights and committees. I can't wait to see what she will come up

with next!

I am always trying to update email addresses. Currently I have 218. With only 36 members currently paying for the newsletter to be mailed (honestly most of those folks are already getting it by email) that tells me that we are not getting information to many members.

Let me know if I can help with your Elks lodge questions or concerns. You can reach me at newberry1705@mielks.org, jlwayupnorth@gmail.com or 906-450-5743.

Fraternally,
Jeanine Stephenson
Secretary, PER

Elks Care - Elks Share

TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Members All,

As we start a new lodge year, I wanted to remind everyone that we also start over on our commitment to our charities. Last lodge year we did meet our Grand Lodge commitment per member towards the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Because we did meet the commitment, we can apply for all the ENF grants again this year. Last year we gave away \$8,000 in grants to our community. Those grants help clean up our community and help feed the children, elderly and anyone in need. I would really like to be able to do more this year. These grants are for local community projects, we are always looking for new ideas, share if you have one.

We also have commitments for Michigan Major Projects (special needs children). Major projects supply's help to special needs children locally and in the state of Michigan. This is done through an application process. Anyone can apply, need not be an Elk Member, we can help with that at your Newberry Lodge #1705. Major Projects is also a very big monetary contributor to the Bay Cliff Health Camp in the U.P. I have been there, it's an amazing place, everyone should visit, the children and counselors that are there will make your heart full.

Gold Key is our other charity we are

committed to. Gold Key helps further the education of special needs children who have graduated high school. This is also done through an application process, which can be done at our Newberry Lodge.

If you have contributed to these charities with your lodge dues this year, I thank you! If you haven't, I encourage everyone to help us out, donations can be made with lodge dues or can be done separately. The Elks do wonderful things for lots of people locally and in the state of Michigan.

On another note, we are losing our kitchen manager (John Styes), to another chapter in his life. We wish John all the luck in his new adventure. Because of this, we are looking for some members to volunteer for kitchen help. You don't have to have any experience in cooking, we can show you the ropes, but of course it helps if you do. There are always 3-5 people in the kitchen at a time on a Friday night. This could be as much or as little as you want, we welcome all volunteers. It's your lodge, we appreciate your help.

Fraternally Yours,
Gary Stephenson
PDDGER, ENF Chairman,
Trustee Chairman



In Memoriam

Please take a moment to remember the Elks who are no longer with us:

Raymond J. Johnson
Karl Nurmi

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.



Elks National Foundation

NEWBERRY



LODGE 1705

With Sincere Thanks

The House Committee would like to say
THANK YOU to **Stacey & Ed Neff**
for their years of dedicated service to our
club. Thank you for keeping the club moving
forward during your time as kitchen and club
managers. Your efforts are much appreciated
- enjoy your Friday nights.

-House Committee

NEW MEMBER INITIATION



Newberry Elks Lodge #1705 initiated seven new members on February 6, 2025. Pictured are Newberry Elks Officers with new members, from left to right - Dianne Ring, Christine Zoet, Jeanine Stephenson, Daniel Allen, Justin Neff, Samantha Blakely, Mike Havens, T.J. Blakely, Jeremy Anderson, Blain Transit, Debra Holbrook, Julie Sykora, and Brad Everman.

Mother's Day Buffet

at Newberry Elks Lodge
#1705 B.P.O.E.

May 11, 2025

12 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Don't let Mom do the
cooking or dishes on
Mother's Day.

Let her sleep in and treat her
to a lunch buffet instead!



Spring Banquet

Dinner & Fundraiser
at

Newberry Elks Club #1705

Saturday, April 12th

Doors open at 4:00 PM

Limited
tickets
available!

Dinner Tickets – \$50 ea.

Prime Rib & Pork Roast Dinner. Cash bar.

To order tickets, call Nancy Duffield

906-291-0192

Open to the Public with a Special Liquor License

Live & Silent Auctions | Games | Raffles
Including Guns and Misc. Men's & Women's Items

Evening Events:

Social Hour	4:00 PM
Dinner	6:00 PM
Raffles	7:00 PM
Auction	7:30 PM
Raffle Drawings	8:30 PM

Proceeds help to
support Elks
charity programs.

Raffle License
#R78744

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 House Comm. Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	2	3 Awards Steak Fry 6pm	4 Dinner Special: Shrimp	5
6	7	8	9	10 Bar Menu 6-8pm	11 Dinner Special: Fish Combo	12 Spring Banquet 4pm
Passover Palm Sunday 13	14	15 Trustees Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	16	17 Bar Menu 6-8pm	Good Friday 18 Dinner Special: Perch	19 MEA District Meeting Negaunee 10am Private Party
Easter 20	21	22	23	24 Bar Menu 6-8pm	25 Dinner Special: Shrimp Scampi	26
27	28	29	30			

Please note: Friday Night Specials are subject to change

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Bar Menu 6-8pm	2 Dinner Special: Fish Combo	3
4	5	6 House Comm. Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	7	8 Bar Menu 6-8pm	9 Dinner Special: Perch	10 Pool League Party TBD
Mother's Day 11 Mother's Day Buffet 12 noon – 3pm	12	13	14	15 Bar Menu 6-8pm	16 Dinner Special: Shrimp	Armed Forces 17 Day MEA State Meeting – Sault Ste. Marie Kewadin
18	19	20 Trustees Meeting 5pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	21	22 Bar Menu 6-8pm	23 Dinner Special: Fish Combo	24
25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29 Bar Menu 6-8pm	30 Dinner Special: Perch	31