

MAY 2024

Lawrence Lodge #65 B.P.O. Elks

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Hello to the Members of Lawrence Lodge #65,

They say April showers bring May flowers. We have seen our share of rain in April, and in true New England fashion, we also saw snow! Now that April's weather is behind us, we will welcome May with open arms and hit the ground running! And that's exactly what the new 2024 officers have done!!

Although we still have lots of activity planning in the upcoming months, April has started our year off active and positive. Some of our Lodge's April highlights include:

- Installation of the 2024-2025 Officers to Lawrence Lodge 65
- Increased member attendance and participation highlighted our first BOD, lodge, and house committee meetings as new officers. Everyone's voice matters and needs to be heard. Please join us at the next meeting!
- During our "Sports Night" activity, we are honored one of our Beacon Award recipients, Clear Path of New England, a Veteran Non-Profit that provides resources, services, and support to Veterans as they reconnect and reintegrate back into their community.
- Special note:

As the New Exalted Ruler of the Lawrence Lodge during that event, I was honored to meet a table filled with Vietnam-era veterans. With the help of Lecturing Knight Dave Tavares, I could pin seven Veterans, one of whom was our very own Rich Kenney, from all military branches. The Vietnam War Veteran Lapel Pin that was given is inscribed on the back with "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You."

This was done through a partnership with The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Partner Program and on behalf of The City of Lawrence and Lawrence Lodge #65. It was an honor to be able to do what was not done for them so many years ago, assist a grateful nation to respectfully thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States. Welcome Home!

Moving into May, there is much more to recognize, support, and honor. We have so many more activities planned in addition to the recurring ones. Please join us.

- On May 4th, we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo while playing some Music Bingo!!
- B.P.O.E. Youth Week is May 1st – 7th
- We will initiate new members on Wednesday, May 15th, at 6:30 pm. Please come down and show our new members what Elkdom is about!
- May 16th is Mother's Day Dinner – Please come out and honor a mother in your life. Please sign up with the secretary or in the Member's lounge.
- Make sure to thank a nurse on May 12th for International Nurses Day.
- May 18th is Beautification Day. In partnership with the City of Lawrence, I am asking all Lawrence Elks to sign up and volunteer to place a flag and honor our fallen heroes. If you want to participate and honor our fallen, please contact our Lecturing Knight and Fraternal Committee Chairman, Dave Tavares, at Dtavares2000@hotmail.com for more details.
- May is National Health Awareness Month, and it is a time to raise awareness of and reduce the stigma surrounding behavioral health issues, as well as highlight the ways in which mental illness and addiction can affect all of us.

Lastly, we need members to serve on our various committees and to help by volunteering at special events and activities. Please reach out to me if you are interested in joining a committee. Please remember your involvement is essential for the continued success of this grand lodge and your voice is important and that you need to be heard, so please join us in more lodge meetings.

Fraternally,
Laura Alefantis, Exalted Ruler



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Lodge Meetings

The 3789 & 3790 regular Lodge sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday, May 7, 7:00pm
- Tuesday, May 21, 7:00pm

For the transaction of necessary business of the Lodge.

The May House Committee Meeting will be held Saturday, May 18th at 10:30am.

Members are encouraged to attend all meetings!

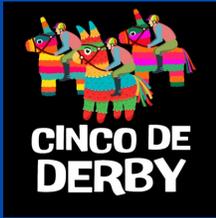
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May 2024 Events



Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Party

Saturday, May 4
Party: 3:00pm - close

This will be a potluck in the Member's Lounge. There will also be racing, a hat contest, taco bar, and more! Refer to the flyer for more info!



Music Bingo

Saturday, May 4 @ 1:00pm
Saturday, May 18 @ 5:00pm

Music Bingo is back! Hosted by DJ Edna in the Member's Lounge, for members and guests.



Meat Raffle

Saturday, May 18
1:30pm

Come on down to the Member's Lounge for this fun and exciting event. This month 12 prize packages or gift cards will be raffled off.

**SPORTS NIGHT DINNER: Thursday, May 16th at 6:30pm
\$10 - Moms eat free!!**

May 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30p 45s	3	4 1:00p Music Bingo 3:00p Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Party
5	6	7 6:00p Board of Directors Meeting 7:00p Lodge Meeting	8	9 6:30p 45s	10 6:00pm 3 Card Bingo	11
12	13	14	15	16 6:30p Mother's Day Ceremony & Sports Night Dinner 6:30p 45s	17	18 10:30am House Committee Meeting 12:30p Saturday Lunch 1:30p Meat Raffle 5:00p Music Bingo
19	20	21 6:00p Board of Directors Meeting 7:00p Lodge Meeting	22	23 6:30p 45s	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Have an idea for an event? Attend the next House Committee Meeting or email elks65secretary@gmail.com!

REMINDER: All guest(s) in the Member's Lounge MUST be signed in by a member in good standing and all guest(s) need to vacate once the member who signed them in has left.

OFFICER MESSAGE



Hello Members,

Thank you for electing me as your 2024-2025 Loyal Knight, I am excited to get planning and can't wait see what is in store for our future!

I'd like to use this space to acknowledge that May is Mental Health Awareness. Lodges across the US use Beacon Grants throughout the year to undertake projects dedicated to supporting the mental health of individuals in their communities. At our Lodge, we aim to break the stigma surrounding mental health by creating a supportive environment and providing resources for those in need. The world is constantly changing – for better or for worse – and it can be overwhelming to deal with everything going on around you. Myself and the other Lodge Officers hope you feel that our Lodge is a safe, welcoming place for any member in need. We also encourage you to reach out if you ever find yourself struggling in any way.

On a lighter note, I am excited to see what this year brings and hope to see you all at an upcoming event soon, such as our Cinco de Derby Party on May 4th, which is sure to be a great time!

Sincerely,
Tamara Scipione, Loyal Knight

Shout outs!

- **Happy Mother's day!** We'd like to send a special shoutout to all our Mothers celebrating this month.
- **Shout out to our 2023-2024 Lawrence Elk of the Year, Rita O'Callaghan!** Thank you for all you do for our lodge!
- **Volunteers needed!** We are looking for help with some small projects, if available, please reach out to Ray Maclean - 978-314-1116.
- **We're hiring bartenders!** If you or anyone you know is interested in applying, please reach out to Elks65secretary@gmail.com.

? Things you should know...

Grand Lodge Per Capita has increased by \$5 for the 2024-2025 year which begins on April 1, 2024. The MA State Association has not increased their fee. The Lawrence Lodge has not increased our dues.

Total Dues for the 2024-2025 Year are:
Member \$91.25 Life or Honorary Member \$56.25

Lockers are \$15. Please note your membership # and locker # on your dues submittal.

We accept credit/debit cards over the phone!
If mailing, please send to our mailing address:
Lawrence Elks Lodge, PO Box 252, Lawrence, MA 01842



Sick Members

Anyone knowing of a sick member, please contact Elks65secretary@gmail.com.



To all our members celebrating May birthdays, we wish you good health, good friends, and many more to come!



LODGE OFFICERS

- EXALTED RULER | LAURA ALEFANTIS
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- ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT | TAMARA SCIPIONE
- ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT | DAVID TAVARES
- SECRETARY | BRIELLE KEROACK
- TREASURER | TOM DINNING, PER, HLM
- TILER | PETER OUELLETTE
- ESQUIRE | VACANT
- CHAPLAIN | VACANT
- INNER GUARD | PHIL BURKHART

LAWRENCE PAST EXALTED RULERS (LIVING):

JAMES G. HAJJAR | WILLIAM D. FRANSON | ALAN W. RENNY, PDD | PATRICK DIDOMENICO | MICHAEL J. PERRAULT | VARNUM W. HOYT | WILFRED P. BELIVEAU | DAVID G. HERMAN | WILFRED R. CYR | ROBERT A. JONCAS | DAVID M CONRAD | SHAUN K. HARTY | RICHARD P. BIBEAU | THOMAS W. DINNING | DENNIS T. REGAN | CATHERINE HENDERSON | MICHAEL J. KOSTYLA | MARY LEROCQUE | IDA STRYKOWSKI | RICHARD J. RESTIVO, PDD | RICHARD KENNEY, PDD | MICHAEL BURKHART | PATRICIA HALDE | PHILIP BURKHART II | RAYMOND MACLEAN | LARRY VITALE | MICHAEL W. HIGSON | TRACY C VITALE | ERIC MACHUCA

TRUSTEES

- 1 YEAR | RICH KENNEY, PDD, PER, HLM
- 2 YEAR | RITA O'CALLAGHAN
- 3 YEAR | ALAN RENNY, PDD, LM, LHM
- 4 YEAR | RAYMOND MACLEAN, PER, HLM
- 5 YEAR | SHANE SCIPIONE

HALL RENTAL INFORMATION

FUNCTIONS | WEDDINGS | PARTIES | BIRTHDAYS | MEETINGS | MERCY MEALS

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Lodge Members receive a discount on their bookings!

