

## The Thought for the Month is Family

It has given me great pleasure to see the Families that are coming out to the Elks Lodge to use the Swimming Pool. It is especially enjoyable to see a Proud Father walking hand in hand with his darling 30 inch tall Daughter and she was in the lead. I have to say my favorite so far was Dennis, with his two adorable blonde haired Granddaughters leading him to the Pool. They seemed to know that they had to let go of his hand to unlock the gate, but as soon as it was open, hands were held and they led him in. Folks, as members, you are welcome to go get your Grandchildren and treat them for a swim. The pool is open from 12 Noon until 7 PM and the Bartender opens the Tiki Bar at 3 PM Weekdays, and 1 PM on Weekends. Orange Crushes are her Specialty. Sometimes the Pavilion is rented for a Private Party, but the Tiki Bar is always open to all members.

Something that we have added this year, that not many know about yet. When we redid the Pavilion with 9 new tables, we placed the old ones down by the shore in the dock area. They have been spread out among the trees to give you shade and a little privacy. When was the last time you packed an actual "Picnic Lunch"? Grab the Family and leave the cell phones in the car and enjoy some "Quality Family Time". Take it from an old dog: The Pups grow up fast and the Grandpups grow up even faster. They are on a first come basis with no phone call necessary to reserve one. One important reminder. Please take a trash bag with you. Due to Elroy and our wildlife friends, there are no trash cans in that area. If you do an actual picnic lunch, I would love to hear about your experience.

ER John Knox— Mighty proud Father and Grandfather

### Sickness & Distress—Prayers and Thoughts!

Luckily NO Lodge of Sorrows This past month  
Sympathy to Earle "Roo" Wood on the passing of his brother.

Thinking of you to Michelle Plummer.

Continued Get Well Wishes to Marion Frego, Russell Justis and Steve Williams  
If you know of anyone sick or in distress please let John Knox or Eva Bartrum know!

We Can't Wait to Initiate: Austin Ball, Marles Bianchi, Samuel Biship, Zina Brown, Brandon Cannon, Michael Dalton, Brenda Fairbanks, Tom Gebert, Tim Gormley, Heather Glove, Will Hager, Adrienne Hayes, Heather Jessee, Jenna Lecompte, Michelle Nicholas, Caroline Talarico, Jim Thomas, Sandra Waller, Justin Walters, Lorie Lee Walters, Glenn Watkins & Adam Whitaker—Yes the September Initiation Class will be HUGE! Come on out and watch!

Welcome Back thru Reinstatement: Nicole Boyce, Dennis Proffit and Ed Pridgen

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO MEMBERS

**LODGE SECRETARY**—For your questions about dues, etc. you can contact Mike Nolder at [jmiken8905@gmail.com](mailto:jmiken8905@gmail.com) or phone at 856 220 3175. He's your go-to for Cards and all that good stuff. If you are not getting LODGE EMAIL UPDATES, but would like to receive them, please contact Rich Loeffler Jr or Mike to be sure we have your correct email address.

**FOR HALL RENTAL INFO**—CONTACT JOHN KNOX—443-521-5803

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Have you heard about all the stuff that happened at Grand Lodge? We've got a new Grand Exalted Ruler—Doug Schiefer of Bucyrus, OH Lodge 156 is our new GER.

And Our Own Bill Buttrill is now a PAST GRAND INNER GUARD— being a Grand Lodge Officer is a great honor—and when you can step down with the "I know I did my best" - we give a Tip of the Antlers to Bill!

Elroy says that if you're reading this, he says Enjoy the Dog Days of August—before the "School Daze of September" get here!