

September 2024

NEWS
FROM
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OF

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CHARLEVOIX ELKS

Lodge #2856

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Terry Largent,
Manager

“Jolly Cork Room”

Summer 2024 Hours.

Monday-Thursday
4-12 pm

Friday & Saturday

4-2 am

Sunday

12-8 pm

\$7 Burger Night Friday's
(See Calendar-Almost
every Friday)

\$1 Chicken Wings/Thighs
every Sunday

SEE CALENDAR FOR
SPECIAL EVENTS/HOURS



GOLFER OF THE MONTH

The Iron Maidens Golf Outing/Fundraiser was a big success this year, surpassing last year's event in participation and money raised for charity. There was no bigger winner than Laura Oliver. On this picture-perfect Northern Michigan day Laura did what every golfer wishes they could do, but few accomplish. As she teed up her ball on the #6 hole at the Charlevoix Country Club, she knew she needed a good shot to help her team. After a few practice swings to loosen up, she stared down the pin picturing her shot placement. As she approached her ball, she took one final practice swing to relieve any nervousness. With the concentration of a seasoned golfer, Laura brought her driver back and with the smoothness any golfer would be proud of. Laura launched her ball into the morning sun. As it arched towards the green all eyes were on her ball. As it landed on the green there was a brief silence of anticipation and as the ball disappeared into the cup her entire team erupted into hoots and hollers as Laura beat the odds of 25,000 to 1 of a player hitting a Hole-In-One!

CONGRATULATIONS LAURA!

Hello fellow Elks!

I can't believe the summer is almost gone and it's been 5 months since the beginning of our fiscal year. We do have some members who have not paid and renewed their dues this year. This is a reminder to all who may have overlooked their dues this year, please consider paying. Your dues go to helping in the community. We have a great outside area and plenty to do most of the time. If you are having financial issues, please call and let me know. We may be able to help.

If you have a new address, email or phone number please let me know as soon as possible so it can be changed in the Elks system.

Sincerely,

Vicki Koteskey

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From the Exalted Ruler

The September Newsletter... this came up fast! It's hard to believe. As I look back over the summer there is a word that I feel best describes the Charlevoix Elks, "UNITY". Unity is the state of being joined. If there is one thing that is for sure, our lodge comes together and makes things happen. Between our weekly burger nights, the queen of hearts, our bands, meetings and other events, the #2856 gets it done. I can't wait to hear the number of volunteer hours we racked up.

One of the recent highlights was the amazing Vetstock and the Veteran's Workshop that helped many of our local vets, plus some from other counties. Way to come together.

We will be having our Winfall fundraiser this September and once again many kudos to people organizing this amazing event and to the many hardworking helping hands that will work together to make it a success. Now this is Unity!

Fraternity Yours,

Jerry Willis



**BARTENDERS
WANTED**

If you're looking for a way to giving back to your lodge, please consider this....

We are looking for volunteer Bartenders.

Our Food and Beverage Manager, Terry Largent, is looking to add to our team of amazing bartenders.

Flexible schedule.

No experience necessary. But a positive attitude is a must.

This is a great chance to meet our members and make some side cash all while having a lot fun.

If you're interested or have any questions, contact Terry at the lodge.

What an August for the Veterans committee.

I hope you didn't miss Vetstock 2024. What a great event! We had a horse at the Lodge!! Wesley, from Reining Liberty Ranch was there to help support our Veterans. Mission 6 service dogs were there! Phil Muma was in a special place working with those dogs. Mid-Michigan Honor Flight, Quilts of Valor, The Fallen outdoors and Major Jonthan Turnbull. What a line up!!! We were able to donate \$5700.00 to these outstanding charities.

Along with a private donation and Vetstock we put over \$19,000 into our Veterans fund. We did that because of the hard work put in by our committee and our Lodge members. I would use up this entire newsletter if I had to name all the members that contributed. THANK YOU ALL!!

Another first was our Northwest Michigan Veterans fair, held the morning of Vetstock. The turnout was better than expected for a first-time event. All the vendors are asking for space for next year's fair. I am currently working with 2 individual Veterans that came through the fair. We will be helping both in the very near future.

I will end with words from our initiation ceremony. I believe this sums it up better than I could...

From our Leading Knight initiation instructions:

“Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed. The daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches. The value of wealth is not in having, but in sharing. The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved. The kindest feeling may vanish, the best resolve may be forgotten; but the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, will continue forever. “

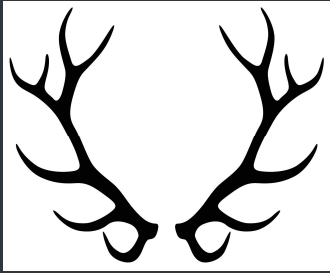
Sincerely & Respectfully,
Al Southwood
Veterans committee Chairman.



MANAGING BODY REPORT

The Managing Body / House Committee is responsible for the operation, managing and control of the Lodge (By-Laws). The members of this committee feel a responsibly to every member.... all 600 members. Our belief is that we are "One Team"! To this end, we have made a few adjustments within out Lodge. We have designated a smoking and no smoking area within our outside patio area. We did this so, to help ensure those that enjoyed smoking were satisfied, but those that did not like the smoking area, could also enjoy their outside area. Secondly, we are looking at cost and pricing. This is ours and your Lodge. We must have a vibrant and successful Lodge! The Managing Body is looking at expenses, revenues, etc. to ensure this Lodge is around for a very long time!

Please direct any questions to Don Papke, 248.514.6610



A Tip of The Antler

August proved to be a successful month that benefited our veterans. This month's Tip of The Antler has to go to Al Southwood for the tremendous leadership he gave to our Veterans Committee. Vetstock was a resounding success preceded by our first ever Northwest Michigan Veterans Fair. This well attended event brought many quality of life resources and guidance for our area vets. Thank you, Al, for your leadership and everything else you do for the #2856



HELP!

The scholarship committee needs your help. Flag sponsorship is a key to help fund scholarships for area students entering college or the trades. Last year we gave away \$12,000 in scholarships. Thank you to all of the past contributors! Please consider donating up to \$100 to have your favorite school or branch of service represented. New flags can be created and are always appreciated, as well. (Splitting cost with others is fully acceptable).

Some of the current flags adorning our walls need new sponsorship this year or they will have to be taken down. They are:

MARINES, COAST GUARD, CALVIN UNIVERSITY, MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

We would love to have all branches of service represented, so we are looking for a sponsor for the Space Force, too.

You can pay at the Lodge register through October. Just leave a receipt with the Bartender with the flag name on it for my records.

Thanks to all in advance!!!

Martha Papke

Chairman of the Scholarship Committee



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Newsletter Submission Deadlines

Oct. Issue – Sept. 25th

Nov. Issue – Oct. 28th

Dec. Issue – Nov. 27th

Of course you can always submit articles earlier. You don't have to wait until the last minute.

To Our Absent Members

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more; but their virtues are written on the tablets of love and memory.



“Charlevoix Elks Lodge #2856, Great JOB!!!

Please see below for your results from your blood drive:

Goal: 33

Successful Donations: 44

First Time Donors: 3

Milestones: Chris Larsen 3 gallons, Melissa Ostrum 2 gallons, Marijo Sensenig 2 gallons, Jay Vanderwall 16 gallons & April Wilson 1 gallon! The June drive milestones: Robert Oles 1 gallon, Martha Papke 2 gallons & Janet Stutsman 3 gallons.

Lives saved in our community: 132

I can't tell you how much we appreciate you hosting during such a tough time of the year to collect. THANK YOU, especially now when blood is so scarcely available on our shelves. We really appreciate your dedication to our community hospitals.

****Your next drive is scheduled for Monday 10/21 with a goal of 34 units.****

Thank you,

Kate Shapkaroff

Donor Recruitment Account Representative

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

Elks Care – Elks Share

ELKS GOLF LEAGUE – General

This is a shoutout to all Elk golf league members. What a great season! Again, you, as Elks stand out as the people I personally want to have around. While in a semi-competitive league, you all have stood out as what Elkdom is about. Fellowship, comradery, and acceptance. I am proud and happy to see this. We had an influx of new golfers this season.... love the excitement. I want to complement the divisional winners, Team Dos Equis (1st Half), Jodie/Ton Bergamm (2nd half). IF anyone is interested in next year's league, please contact Don Papke, 248.514.6610

Charlevoix Elks September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LODGE CLOSED	2 LABOR DAY LODGE CLOSED	3 Veteran's Committee Meeting 6 pm	4 HAPPY HOUR M-F 3-6 PM	5 	6 BURGERS & QUEEN OF 	7 MI Football Lodge opens early..noon kickoff  6:30-8:30 PM Open to the Public
8 \$1 Chicken Remove Cemetery Flags	9 3-6 PM 	10 HOUSE MEETING 6 PM	11 6pm Board Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	12  3-6 PM	13 BURGERS  QUEEN OF HEARTS	14  4-6 PM
15 \$1 Chicken	16 HAPPY HOUR 3-6 PM	17 VFW MEETING 7 PM	18 	19 	20 NO BURGERS QUEEN OF HEARTS WINFALL SETUP	21 WINFALL CASH PARTY
22 \$1 Chicken	23 	24 HOUSE MEETING 6 PM	25 6pm Board Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	26 Events Meeting 6pm 	27 BURGERS & QUEEN OF 	28 Haley Wilson Golf Scramble/ Fundraiser – Open to the Public
29 \$1 Chicken HIGHWAY CLEANUP 11 AM	30 HAPPY HOUR 3-6 PM	JOIN US FOR HAPPY HOUR M-F 3-6 PM SATURDAY 4-6 PM			Remember to log your volunteer hours in the MyElks app!	2 8 5 6

WINFALL - CALLING ALL MEMBERS!!!

The Lodges annual fundraiser is only a few weeks away and we need your help! This fundraiser is the #1 fundraiser for the Lodge, with all moneys raised used to help keep annual dues as low as they can be and to provide donation opportunities for those in the community that are less fortunate. This event is fully supported by Elk members volunteering their time to make a difference. We are in real need for volunteers to help the night before in setting up tables and chairs. This is a perfect opportunity to give a couple hours of yourself for the enhancement of your Charlevoix Elks Lodge #2856. Please, please contact Stacey Price to sign up to volunteer for this special event. Stacey can be reached at 231.676.1475



ELKS GOLF LEAGUE - Championship

On a steamy August night, the Elks Golf League Championship was to be played. The match pitted the team known as Dos Equis (Steve Bulmann and Dave Koteskey) vs. Martha Papke and Dave Kenwabikise. It was a match for the ages. Last year's champions versus the league highest point getter. Just weeks before they played to a stand-off, playing to a tie. So here they meet on the front nine (9) of the Charlevoix County Club to determine the best of the best. The team of Dave and Martha were nursing rib/ back issues (latter to require medical treatment). Team Dos Equis may have had their own self-inflicted issues (?). LOL It was a match that recalled "Tin Cup" and the "Greatest Game Ever Played". These two warrior teams played a wonderful match.... kudos to both. In the end Team Dos Equis triumphed by 1 point.... winning a back-to -back championship. Congrats to true competitors!

Don Papke

Exciting news!

We have WinFall tickets available! We are posting to our members first for a few days, then going to the public! So, act fast!

Need not be present to win - and you can even send other family/friends on your ticket if you can't be there!

If you want a chance to win \$10k, call or text Rochelle at (616) 450-2674.