

NEWS & VIEWS



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1 year Trustee

Faithful Elks of 2281

As We enter November, we should reflect on what we are Thankful for, our families, our friends, our neighbors, our community, our Veterans, our Country. We are lucky to live in a country where we can worship and vote how we please.

I'm thankful for all the help in October with our annual Trunk or Treat and both Halloween Parties, the Lodges and Bingos. To

Roseann and Rick Cinclair for spending a windy Saturday at Delcastle High School's Touch a Truck event to pass out Drug Awareness/ Red Ribbons and Americanism applications.

I especially like to thank the officers and members who gave up time to help with Paul Helsel's funeral. Paul was a member, Past Exalted Ruler, State Vice President, State President and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler. He served in many other offices as well. He has also been a mentor to many of us at our lodge. He will truly be missed.

Looking into November I would like to encourage everyone to attend our Lodge meetings this month for our special visits by Lou Muller our State Vice President on the 12th and with Colleen Ford our District Deputy on the 26th. Please come and show them what Elkdom means to you!

I would also like to encourage you to sign up your children and grandchildren for our annual Friendsgiving. Patty Beach and her committee have been working hard to prepare another delicious meal for them and some fun games and activities too.

Also we need all hands on deck on Monday November 25th to prepare the Thanksgiving dinners that we provide to needy families at 5 local schools through our **Beacon grant**. When you donate to **ENF** you help us to receive grants like this so that we can provide for our Veterans and our community.

Finally, I would encourage all our Veteran to stop by the Lodge on November 11^{th} for lunch for Veterans Day. We are all truly thankful to you for your service to our country!

Fraternally Your,

Peggy Morris Exalted Ruler Newark Lodge 2281













The Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we shall miss him
There will be the vacant chair,

But though we no more possess him
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.



Paul Helsel PER 2281

Member, Past Exalted Ruler, 2281 Mentor, State Vice President, State President and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

Sickness and Distress

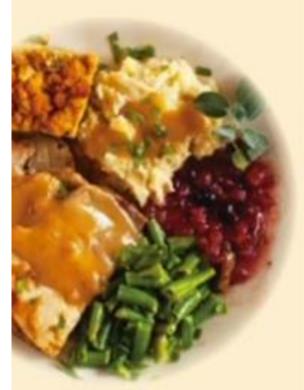
Our thoughts, prayers and Condolences to families of/and members who are sick.

If you know of a member who is sick, or has passed away, please fill out a card on the SICK and

DISTRESSED Board located in the lounge or email Patty Davis at: pat.hagelstein@yahoo.com

ELKs LODGE 2281

Ells Care Thanksgiving Thanksgiving Dinners for Families in Need



Newark Lodge 2281 is excited to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 150 families identified by local schools. This initiative is made possible through the Gratitude Grant funds we received. Over the next few weeks, committee members will be shopping for turkeys, pies, and all the necessary accompaniments.

We are seeking volunteers to help assemble the dinners on Monday, November 25th in preparation for school and family pickup.

Contact Roseann Cinclair or Peggy Morris if you are interested in helping





ENF Fundraising Dashboard

Your Lodge's November Fundraising Statistics

2024 -25 Per Member Goal: \$5.00

Donation Deadline: 3/31/25

Our District of Maryland, Delaware & Washington DC Lodges with 301-450 members = 13

ELKS 2281 is 4th in giving of 13 lodges.

Total Donations: \$4,152.48

Per-Member-Giving: \$9.8

Lodge # 2281 Fidelity Club

Members: 13

ENF Fundraising

Why Join the Fidelity Club?

- GRANTS: The more ENF funds we make the more Grants we qualify for. Example ~ the Gratitude Grant we are using for Thanksgiving dinners for 150 families in need at our area schools. We give, the ENF Foundation gives back in GRANTS!
- *See the ad for Monday, November 25 assembly volunteers needed on page 2 of this News & Views issue.
- An ELK is about

Charity~ Justice ~ Brotherly Love ~ & Fidelity.

WE STILL NEED ENF CHAIR PERSON

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- Nov 1 The Acoustic Jam 8-11p
- Nov 2 P.J. s Pub Tour 2-5p
- Nov 8 Rick & Connie 8-11p
- Nov 9 Craft Fair 9a 3p
- Nov 16 Randy Zimmerman 2-5
- Nov 17 Kids Friends Giving 11:30
- Nov 29 Double Play 8-11p
- Nov 30 The Amigos 2-5p

- Dec 1 Memorial Sunday
- Dec 5 Wood Xmas Craft night 6:30p
- Dec 6 Blue Sky 8-11p
- Dec 7 Magical Mystery 2-5 Kitchen open, Donation Wreath
- Dec 8 Children's Christmas 10a
- Dec 11 Wire Xmas Craft night 6:30p
- Dec 14 Member's Christmas dinner & Party 6-
- Dec 28 Meeta Parker 2-5
- Dec 31 New Years Eve Party



Newark Elks Lodge #2281

Sunday Bingo Nov. 24 @ 4pm

Plan to Join us for Bingo!! **Every Thursday** Doors Open at 4:30pm Kitchen opens 5:00pm

Please watch your email or the Lodge Facebook Page for the latest updates!

Help Needed to facilitate Bingo

Karaoke **Every 4th** Friday of the Month 8:00 PM



Every 3rd Friday of





50 cents off drinks





Flip Five Games **Every Friday** Paid Check-in by 6:50p

Starts Promptly at 7pm.



12/5/24 ~ 6:30-8:30 PM

~Work Shop—Layered Wood Art ~

Holiday/Christmas @ Elks Lodge Newark (Delaware)

\$48.00



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Watch for the Angel Christmas Tree set up the Lounge. Tags to take will be on the tree for gifts from you to needy

Children. Gifts must be in by December 13, 2024.

They will be sorted and delivered by ELKS Volunteers December 22.







Message from the Secretary

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

The Elk Year in review April 2024 to date

Start of Elk Year: April 1, 2024

Membership at start: 423

Initiated new members since start: 33

New memberships pending: 11

Reinstated: 1

<u>Reinstatements pending:</u> 4. (Two have been re-elected into the membership, waiting on dues payments, two have expressed interest, waiting on applications)

Transfers out: 1

Transfers in: 0

Deceased: 3 (Paul Helsel, member 55 years, Rick Presley, member 9 years, Diana

(Dee) Roe, member 8 years)

Current Delinquency: 47

Current membership: 453

Current membership card color: Blue

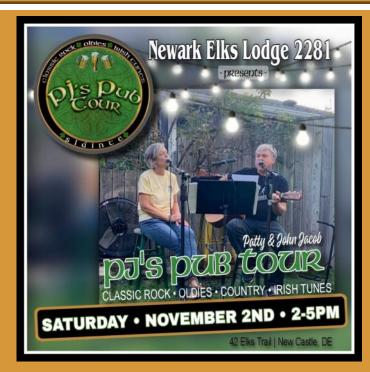
New Elk Year membership card color: Yellow

New Elk Year Start: 4/1/2025

Dues: TBA (To Be Announced) due on or before April 1, 2025.

Currently at \$95.00.

If members have any questions, please contact Maria Beaton, Secretary at 302-605-0360 or email: newark2281@comcast.net.







TO THE WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM AND VETERANS COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER.





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REMEMBER the fallen...HONOR those who served...TEACH our children the value of FREEDOM. We are doing a Pull Tab Board to help raise funds for Wreaths Across America. 2 top prizes, a pair of tickets plus \$50.00 for the December 22nd EAGLES AT COMMANDERS game in Washington, also \$200.00 in cash. There are also money prizes to be won, see the flyer next page!

We only have a couple of months left to raise money. Don't wait, now is the time to sponsor wreaths. The cost is \$17.00 per wreath. Make checks payable to Newark Elks Lodge #2281. I have sponsorship forms for you to fill out. We also still have the jar for loose change or loose bills. Every little bit helps.

Donations can also be made on line directly to the Wreaths Across Americas website. Use the following link and the Newark Elks #2281 will receive credit.

https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/DE0068

Our totals so far are 50/50 \$3257.00, Donations \$637.00, 11 Wreaths sponsored for \$199.00. Total is \$4,093.00.

Remember there are far more gravesites at the cemetery than wreaths sponsored. Please help so that we can honor more veterans. Thank You!

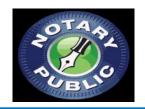
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ELKS AVAILABLE SERVICES OF A NOTARY PUBLIC

Your Newark Elks Lodge #2281 has not one but TWO Notary Public Officials, ready to assist you, free for members!

Contact the Lodge: Leave a message with name and contact: Number: 302-328-2281 or Newark2281@comcast.net

Or contact Directly:







REMEMBER the fallen...HONOR those who served...TEACH our children the value of FREEDOM.

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 10:30 am, Wreaths Across America will be at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

Please help our Lodge lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by sponsoring a wreath for \$17.00 each. You may also sign up to participate in the wreath laying ceremony by calling the Lodge or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you so much for supporting the Newark Elks #2281, Delaware Memorial Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

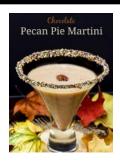
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I will sponsor	wreaths @\$17.00 each.				



November BIRTHDAYS



Stop by the
Lodge
to celebrate
your birthday
month and get
a free drink!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charles	Bailey	01	Harry	Skinner	15
Kathleen	Dickerson	02	Joseph	Brown	19
James	Hunt	02	Harold	Cleal	20
Renee	Pak	02	Jeanie	Griffith	20
Karen	Marion	03	Estelle	Murray	21
Fred	Maske	03	Ralph	Satterfield	21
Dora	Mills	03	Janet	Rankin	22
Nancy	Rife	04	Eric	Tokash	22
Karen	Setting	05	Nicholas	Fina	25
Christopher	Birch	06	Mary Ann	Izzo	26
Rosanne	Cassidy	07	Daniel	Krygier	26
Paul	Amundsen	09	Charles	Parks	26
Marilyn	Evanousky	09	Daniel	Tucker	26
Robert	Harrity	09	Ryan	Verrecchio	26
Harry	Wolkind	09	Kathleen	Johnston	28
Patricia	Beach	10	James	Haubrich	29
Leann	Gregg	10	Donna	Maglione	29
David	Marion	11	Daniel	McIntosh	29
Susan	Timko	11	Albert	Rose	29
John	Simon	13	Rosemary	Wolfe	29
Diane	Franchetti	14	Paul	Davis	30
Janet	Grebe	15	Patricia	Eriksen	30
Kenneth	Hardy	15	Albert	Tomme Jr	30



Veterans Birthdays in CLC provided by Lodge 2281





*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.

Committee Chair/Co-Chairs for 2024 - 2025

Accident Prevention Mgr:

Tom Snyder

Adopt-a-Highway

Bill Grayson

Adult Christmas:

House Committee

Americanism:

- Ed Clarke
- Peggy Morris

Auditing & Accounting:

Jack Davis

Bingo: ***

- Andy Hallet (Chair)
- Pat Davis, Co chair
- John Davis
- Pat Clarke
- Maria Beaton

Building & Grounds:

- Len Forestieri (Chair)
- Rich Mayes PER

Bylaws:

- Paul Amundsen
- Peggy Morris

Camp Barrett:

- JR Biddison PER
- Richard Mayes PER
- Beth Biddison

Car Show:

- Ken Banning (Chair)
- Billie Banning
- Tom Snyder

Children's Activities:

Patty Beach

Comedy Shows:

Open

Community Activities / Projects:

Chairperson TBD

Crab Feast:

- Nick & Steph DiMartine
- JR & Beth Biddison

Craft Show:

- Beth Biddison
- Roseann Cinclair

Cyber Assistants:

- Pat Sarver
- Rich Mayes PER
- Donna Crossland

Delinquencies:

• JR Bidinson PER

•Drug Awareness:

- Tom Smith, (Chair)
- Marion Smith



Elks National Foundation:

NEEDs Chair

Father's Day Barbeque:

TBE

Flag Day:

Serge Yow

Government Relations

- John Viola
- Tom Snyder

Grants:

- Paul Amundsen, (Chair)
- Pat Clarke
- Rosann Cinclair

Hoop Shoot:

Nick DiMartine

House Committee:

- Marian Goslin (Secretary)
- Joe McDonough
- Andy Hallet
- Pat Śarver
- Kenny Banning

Membership/ Investigations:

- JR Biddison PER
- Maria Beaton
- Roseanne Cinclair

Jernick Fund:

Pat Davis

Kentucky Derby:

TBD

Lodge Activities:

- Pat Sarver
- Peg Morris
- Richard Mayes

Lodge Mediator:

Paul Helsel, PGER

Memorial Service:

Lindsay Brown, PER

Mother's Day Breakfast:

- · Andy Hallet (chair)
- Ioe Rollo
- Tom Snyder
- Vic Sarver
- John Davis

National Veterans Services:

Ray Abbott

News & Views:

Donna Crossland

Permits & Reports:

- Roseann Cinclair
- Tom Snyder

Presiding Justice:

Paul Amundsen

PR & Promotions:

- Pat Sarver
- · Donna Crossland

Relief:

- · Chair Officers
- ER, 4 Knights, Sec, Treas

Scholarship:

- Karen Marion
- Peggy Morris

Sickness & Distress:

Pat Davis

Soccer Shoot

• Ed Clarke (Chair)

Video Lottery:

- Tom Snyder (Chair)
- Roseanne Cinclair
- Billie Banning

Wreaths Across America

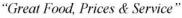
Billie Banning



Help Needed to
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1964-65	Otis Jennings *	1983-84	John Hardy *	2001-02	William Costigan *	2019-20	JR Biddison
1965-66	John Boeheim *	1984-85	Michael Alpaugh	2002-03	Serge Yow	2020-21	Brenda Presley
1966-67	Andrew Zimmermann *	1985-86	Barry Taylor	2003-04	William Costigan *	2021-22	JR Biddison
1967-68	Howard Duncan *	1986-87	William Sporay	2004-05	Robert Lindfors	2022-23	Richard Mayes
1968-69	Melvin Melancon *	1987-88	Harvey Scott III *	2005-06	William Costigan *	2023-24	Richard Mayes
1969-70	Walter Gonce *	1988-89	James Brehony *	2006-07	William Costigan *		
1970-71	William Cassidy *	1989-90	Francis Waraksa *	2007.00	D.1 .167		
1971-72	Richard Burg *	1990-91	Sherm Colbert*	2007-08	Robert McIntyre*		
1972-73	Joseph Pierson *	1991-92	Harvey Scott III *	2008-09	Robert McIntyre*		
1973-74	Donald Doutt *			2009-10	Michelle Rhoads	*DECEA	SED
1974-75	John Benson *	1992-93	Ronald Zuka	2010-11	William Rhoads		
1975-76	Paul Helsel*	1993-94	Frank Borst *	2011-12	Gina Semonelle		
1976-77	Ronald Zuka	1994-95	Ronald Zuka	2012-13	Dan Monte Carlo		
1977-78	Irving Hochstein *	1995-96	Lowell Bowers	2013-14	Robert McIntyre*		
1978-79	James Landis	1996-97	Joseph Cain	2014-15	Margie McIntyre		
1979-80	Daniel McIntosh	1997-98	Joseph Cain	2015-16	Valerie Huot		
1980-81	Raymond Grill*	1998-99	Lindsay Brown	2016-17	Valerie Huot		
1981-82	Andrew Zimmermann *	1999-00	George Williams *	2017-18	Valerie Huot		

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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.

Thank you and Congratulations Elk of the Year — Edward "Pat" Clarke

Officer of the Year — **Paul Amundsen**

ELKS YEAR 23 – 24

LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION*

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



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

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