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TRUSTEES

#51



Lodge usually meets usually on the First & Third Wednesday of each Month at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees meet on the Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

FIVE YEAR *John Baugh*
FOUR YEAR *Doug Havens*
THREE YEAR *Dennis Dyar*
TWO YEAR *Lisa Martinez*
ONE YEAR *Jim Dillon*

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Elks,

Welcome to 2020! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Holiday with their families and friends. The Hoop Shoot is Jan. 4th at YMCA. There is a Volunteer sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the upstairs bar. Hope to see you there!

The Old Timers Luncheon has been scheduled for February 22. It always a good time and we hope to see all the old timers there.

The OSU Michigan game was a hugh success. Thanks to all who made this a success. You know who you are.

The winter months are always hard on the Lodge. Many of our members pack up and head south, so for the ones who stick out the cold winters check the Chatter, Facebook or our website, springfieldelks51.com for the entertainment we have scheduled and come and enjoy your Lodge. The Elks only works with our Members support!

In our December lodge meeting a motion was made to raise our 2020-21 dues to \$125.00. This increase will help us tremendously. Member wise we are the largest Elks in Ohio with one of the lowest member fee. There will be a special meeting on **Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00PM** to allow our members to vote on this increase.

Thank You,

Bret Mason, Exalted Ruler

Articles for the next Chatter must be turned in by **February 15th**.

If you are typing your article on a PC, please email it to sharonleach@springfieldelks51.com

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE...

NOTE:

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Remember that your dues invoices for 2020-2021 will be available for pickup in the downstairs area outside the office until February 15. Those invoices remaining after February 15 will be mailed. Please call the office at 937-325-4848 to update your address, phone or email address if *any* of these have changed.

If you do not plan on renewing your dues for 2020-2021, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can remove you from our system.

Don't forget to take a look at our website: springfieldelks51.com and Facebook for information regarding the Lodge, Social Room, Restaurant, Pool and Golf Course as I can assure you that there will be activities scheduled that are not mentioned in this issue as a result of missing the deadline for printing.

Thanks

Kris Mason, Secretary



January 7 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM

January 10 Jake Gabbard (Acoustic Music)
Downstairs 8PM - 11PM

January 15 Lodge Meeting 7PM

January 17 Ryan Mundy (Acoustic Music) Downstairs
8PM - 11PM

January 18 60's Party 7PM - 11PM with DJ Tom Murphy

January 24 Music by Blindwine Downstairs 8PM - 11PM

January 31 Music by Allison Roads w/Special Guest Leah
Crouse Downstairs 8PM - 11PM

February 1 Horse Raising 6PM

February 2 Super Bowl Party

February 5 Lodge Meeting 7PM

February 14 Valentine's Day Dinner

February 15 DJ Tom Murphy Downstairs 7PM - 11PM

February 19 Lodge Meeting 7PM

February 22 Old Timer's Day

February 29 Music by Bill Purk 7PM - 10PM

March 7 Music by Ryan Fyffe Downstairs 8PM - 11PM

March 21 DJ Tom Murphy 7PM - 11PM

Check Facebook and our website www.springfieldelks51.com for updates and changes.

PARKING is sometimes very limited at the Lodge. **Warning** – if your vehicle is parked illegally in our lot outside the lined spaces (example – at the end of the rows, etc.) your vehicle will be towed away at your expense. We are **required** to maintain a legal fire lane around the parking lot.

TRUSTEES CORNER

2020 applications for pool and golf packages are available in the lodge social room by the charter room door (upstairs), in the lodge office (downstairs) and on our website www.springfieldelks51.com. Take advantage of the reduced pool prices available until May 1, 2020. Unlimited golf pass with cart will be \$1400 effective January 1, 2020.

We have one lodge meeting the 3rd Wednesday in January at 7:00 PM and beginning in February we will have two lodge meetings per month on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. We would like to see more members attending and participating in these meetings. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the lodge, this is a good forum to voice them. We will have several committee positions to fill for the upcoming lodge year and as always, volunteers are greatly appreciated.



Hello Elks members, the Christmas season is upon us and as I am writing this update there is 2 inches of fresh snow on the ground; gets me in the mood for the holiday season! To start with, aerification during the month of October went very well. Greens were punched and cleaned by 3:00 that Monday afternoon with the help of many volunteers. Much faster than I anticipated! And with the purchase of the Toro 648 aerifier this item will pay for itself in the long run without the need to contract a company to aerify for us. Tees were completed the

following week with a heavy dose of topdressing sand which was desperately needed. This will set us up for good root growth this winter and healthy playing surfaces next season. Fairways are a different story. I used the pull-behind aerifier that hasn't moved in quite some time and it worked great. But starting on November 4th wasn't a good plan. As of now only fairways #1-11 are cleaned and ready. Still have plugs remaining on #12-18. We will need to approach this differently next year as the ground does not dry as fast in November, but we still had good results.

The HGT bluegrass seed trials on the Range tee, #8 fairway and the practice area established better than expected. This is a new hybrid of Kentucky bluegrass I learned about this summer and I believe will be a very good option for us to improve the playability of fairways in the future. The plan is to overseed 4-5 fairways/year with #1-2-7-18 to be seeded in September of 2020.

As of December 12th tree work is also completed with 6 dead pines removed on #4-5-18. The biggest change you will notice next year is #6. We removed the Silver maple, Sugar maple and White pine behind the green. These were 3 trees that were the result of bad planning 50 years ago and did not belong 15 feet from a putting green. 6 green had to be blown every day before maintenance and there are many roots growing into the collar and green. This problem had to be addressed immediately and will greatly improve the playability of the greens complex in the years to come.

Want to thank the many volunteers that have helped in the past 3 months. Your time is greatly appreciated!! I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and also.....hopefully the Buckeyes can figure out how to beat Clemson this time!

Shawn DeWitt, Golf course superintendent

Elks' Dan Switzer Memorial Tuesday 9-Hole Golf League Meeting

March 10th at 7:00 PM at the Lodge. Anyone interested in playing in the Elks #51 Tuesday Golf League, please attend this meeting. The league is open to all Elks in good standing; there are several openings for new-to-league players. The league usually begins play in mid-April. Last season we had 6 divisions with Div. #1 starting at 2:30 pm and Div. #6 at 5:00 pm. Returning teams, please have at least one member attend this organizational meeting. If you have concerns, please call or email Fredrica Devine.

Elk's #51 Scholarship

It is time once again to fill out your 3 X 5 index cards to enter your child or grandchild in our scholarship drawing. There will be three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to girls and three \$1,000 scholarships awarded to boys.

The drawing will be held at the lodge meeting on January 15, 2020. Members' children and grandchildren only are eligible for the drawing.

How to Apply: On a 3 X 5 (or any size) index card, list the name of the student and the relationship to the member, the school currently attending and the current year of school, i.e. high school senior or college level, name and number of member submitting the card. You must be a paid up member in good standing for at least a year as of November 1, 2019. Only one entry per student will be accepted. Secretary, Kris Mason must receive all entries by December 27th in order to verify eligibility.

Hoop Shoot Contest

The Springfield Elks #51 will hold their annual Hoop Shoot contest on January 4, 2020. The event will be held at the Springfield YMCA, 300 Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio 45505. Registration begins at 9:30AM. The competition will start once registration is complete.

For questions or information contact Allen Hart at 937-215-2803 or email him at aharthbsi@gmail.com

Valentine's Day Dinner

Make plans to celebrate February 14, 2020. Menu will include Prime Rib, Baked Potato Salad & Brownie Parfait for dessert. \$45 per couple or \$25 a single.

Time and sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

Old Timer's Day

On Saturday, February 22, 2020, we will have our Old-timer's Elks luncheon, celebrating the many years of service and milestones for many of our members. Social Hour will be 11:00am-12:00pm. Lunch Served 12:00, Presentation of recognized years to follow.

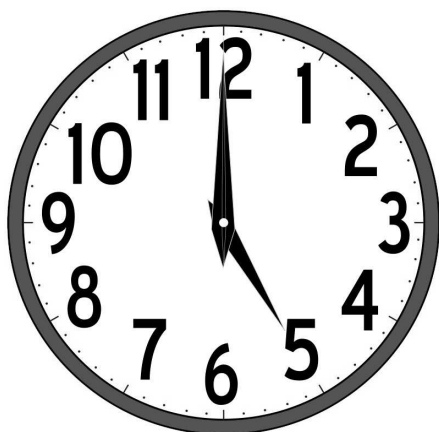
This day is a celebration for those who have been members of Springfield Elks Lodge #51 for 25 or more years.

More information and a sign up form will be posted at the Lodge in early February.

The Americanism Essay Contest

The contest is open to students in the 5th through 8th grades in our local schools to promote patriotism among young people. This year's theme is "What does Freedom of Speech mean to me?"

The deadline for submission is January 6th. Please contact Sam Ridder if you have any questions or a copy of the rules and guidelines at 937-408-6630 or the lodge office at 937-325-4848.



Lodge Hours for the Winter

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Mon. Thurs. 10AM - 9PM;
Fri. 10AM - 12AM; Sat. 9AM - 12AM; Sun 9AM - 10PM

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JANUARY 2020 ELKS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Progressive Euchre Every Sunday @7PM			1	2 Birmingham Bowl 3PM Boston College vs Cincinnati Taxslayer Bowl 7PM Indiana vs Tennessee	3 Idaho Potato Bowl 3:30PM Ohio vs Nevada	4 Armed Forces Bowl 11:30 AM Southern Miss vs Tulane
Sunday 5  Funday	6 Lending Tree Bowl 7:30PM Louisiana vs Miami (OH)	7 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	8	9	10 Jake Gabbard (Acoustic Music) Downstairs 8PM - 11PM	11
Sunday 12  Funday	13 2020 College Football Championship Game TBA	14 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	15 Lodge Meeting 7PM	16	17 Ryan Mundy (Acoustic Music) Downstairs 8PM - 11PM	18 60's Party 7PM - 11PM with DJ Tom Murphy
Sunday 19  Funday	20	21 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	22	23	24 Music by Blindwine Downstairs 8PM - 11PM	25
Sunday 26  Funday	27	28 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	29	30	31 Music by Allison Roads w/Special Guest Leah Crouse Downstairs 8PM	

KITCHEN CLOSED THE MONTH OF JANUARY

FEBRUARY 2020 ELKS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Progressive Euchre Every Sunday @7PM						 1 Horse Raising 6PM
 2 SUPER BOWL PARTY	3	4 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	5 Lodge Meeting 7PM	6	7	8
Progressive Euchre Every Sunday @7PM	10	11 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	12	13	 14 Valentine's Day Dinner	15 DJ Tom Murphy Downstairs 7PM - 11PM
Progressive Euchre Every Sunday @7PM	17	18 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	19 Lodge Meeting 7PM	20	21	22 Old Timer's Day
Progressive Euchre Every Sunday @7PM	24	25 Elk's Bingo 6PM - 8PM	26	27	28	29 Music by Bill Purk 7PM - 10PM

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