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NEWPORT ELKS #273

MESSAGES FROM THE EXALTED RULER DAN BRAY PDDGER, PER ER

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As per usual the month of July has been very hot and had lots of humidity, making it difficult for all of us to breathe easily.

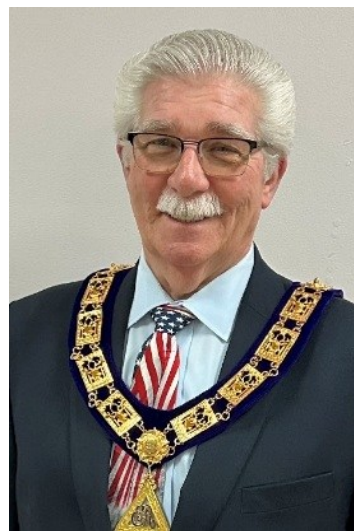
The Golf outing is set to go off on July 30th, thanks to Debbie Rawe and all her helpers. There will also be a Bourbon Raffle run by Margaret Twehues, I'd like to thank her for all the work she has done to help collect funds for our lodge. We will notify everyone in next month's edition of the results of the Raffle and how well the Golf Outing went over. So far, it's a sold-out event, hopefully it won't be too hot for the golfers to have a good time.

The July Elks National Convention was well attended. However, it was also very hot and humid in Kansas City and the hotel we were in wasn't very close to the convention center so, walking to the buses wasn't very pleas-

ant in the heat and humidity. We did receive lots of information and enjoyed seeing our old friends again from different lodges.

The upcoming Mid-year convention is coming up on Aug first through the 3rd. Sunday the 3rd of August is also the District Deputy Meeting. All information for that meeting you can obtain from Linda Caldwell, our secretary. It's a little late at this point to make reservations to go, but meeting details will be brought up in our August lodge meeting, which will be Aug 14th and the 28th. The meetings will also be casual since the summer heat is still going on.

I also wanted to mention that the Ladies held a Chicken Dinner and White Elephant Auction. It was also very well attended, and everyone had a great time and had some great laughs and wonderful food. It also made a good



profit, and the proceeds will be added to the Ladies Auxiliary year end numbers.

I'm hoping the weather breaks at some point soon, and this heat starts going down. Have a good month. Please stay safe and look out for your elderly neighbors regarding the high temperatures. Thanks.

Fraternally,

Dan Bray, Exalted Ruler,
PER, PDDGER.



SECRETARY'S CORNER

We presently have 4 candidates ready to be initiated. They will be initiated on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025. Please welcome them to our lodge when you see them.

- Linda and Walter Stewart – sponsored by Dan Bowman
- Carol Stephenson – sponsored by Patty Perry
- Darlene Berning – sponsored by Patty Perry

Applications for membership and reinstatement are behind the front bar for anyone who wants to become a member. Have them complete the application and either leave it behind the bar, give it to a trustee to put on my desk, or slip it through the slot in the door. Reinstatement fees are \$25, and membership fees are \$30. These are one-time fees.

In order for the mail to reach you, make sure addresses and phone numbers are updated and current. I am still having mail returned, so please contact me as soon as you can to get this taken care of. If there are any questions or concerns, contact me anytime. For members who are delinquent, I will be sending letters in August as a reminder.

We have had a few students who have received scholarships helping with bingo and fish fries lately. If you know of a student who needs hours, contact someone and we'll see what they can help with. It would be a good way to earn community service hours if they need them.

For anyone who has been sick or has passed, contact Patti Hess.

Linda Caldwell, Secretary 273bpoe@gmail.com or 859-391-8936



LADIES HIGHLIGHTS



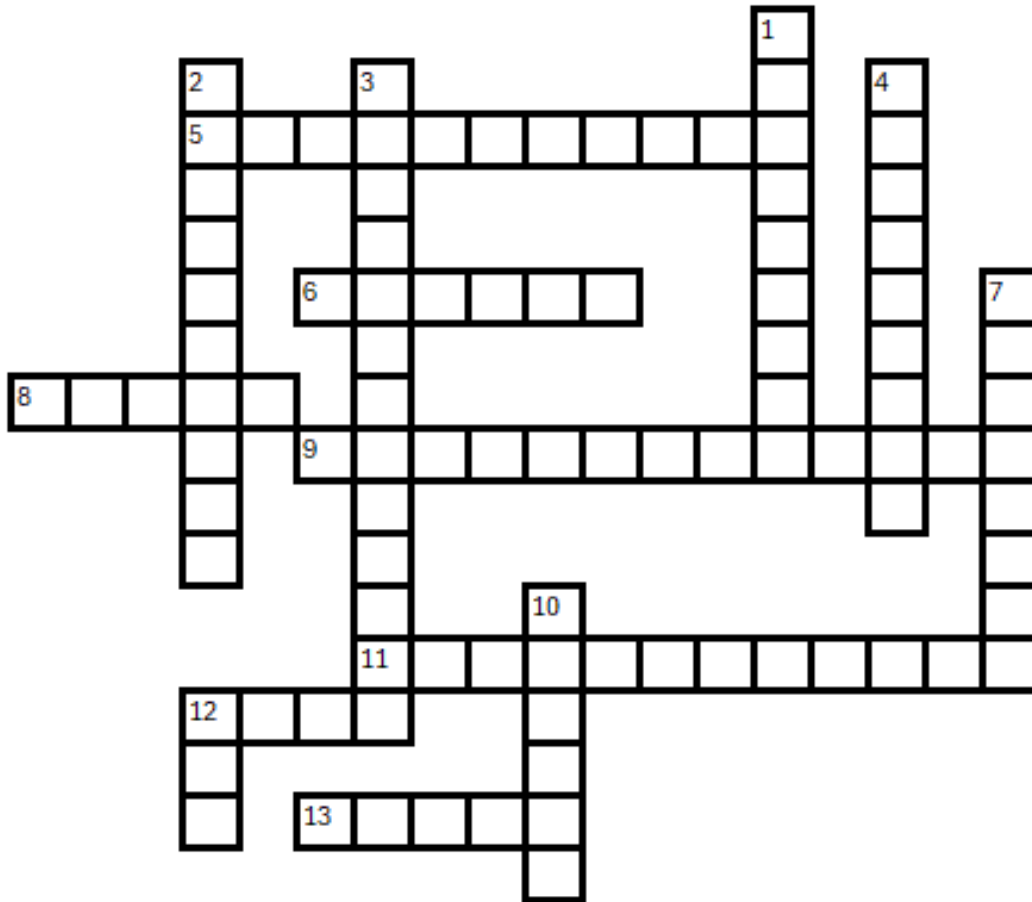
Our guest "chefs" did such a great job in the kitchen on the Wednesday night that Terry couldn't be there. Nancy and Bill Mullins, with the help of their team of John Hamilton and Deanna Inabnitt, served a delicious dinner of ham and green beans, scalloped potatoes, fried apples and corn bread. I hope everyone enjoyed it. Thank you all for stepping up and giving the "usual" chefs a night off. If anyone would like a turn in the kitchen some Wednesday night, please see Terry to make arrangements.

Next we had our chicken dinner and white elephant auction. We served 90 dinners that night and then had so much fun bidding on some crazy and really nice gifts. A big thank you goes to everyone who made this a great success. In the kitchen were Terry Amriott, Dave Zion, Linda Caldwell and John Hamilton. Patti Hess, Nancy Roell, Patty Perry, Terry and myself donated desserts. Our auctioneer was Nancy Mullins who had help from Bill Mullins and John Hamilton. Even our bartender, Dave Haverkamp, got into the groove and made a couple of special drinks, which some of us really enjoyed. Then when it was over everyone pitched in to help clean up and put everything back in place. I also want to thank all who came out for the dinner, and brought gifts to be auctioned and those whose bid on them. It was a lot of fun and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves that night.

Not much going on in August. Our next meeting is August 12th, and the quarter auction is the 19th, and as always, we will need desserts for that night.

Kathy Frommeyer, Ladies Auxiliary President

CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 5** Promoting pride in the United States through Elks programs
- 6** Kentucky Elks' major project supporting children with this illness
- 8** A key demographic supported by Elks programs
- 9** The Elks' guiding principle alongside Charity, Justice, and Fidelity
- 11** Financial aid provided by the Elks to deserving students
- 12** The fraternal organizations full name: Benevolent and Protective Order of ____
- 13** Elks' motto: Elks Care and Elks ____

Down

- 1** The Elks focus on improving local areas through service
- 2** The spirit Elks aim to quicken in American hearts
- 3** The Elks drug prevention initiative for young people
- 4** Annual basketball shooting contest for kids
- 7** The Elks commitment to helping those who served
- 10** Sport featured in Elks youth skill contests
- 12** The Elks scholarship foundation acronym (Elks National Foundation)



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KEY EVENTS

September 1

Monday, September 1 there will be no Bingo in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

September 11














Join us for our Lodge Meeting.

November 2

Save the for Sunday, November 2nd and this year's Turkey Raffle!

AUGUST

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Lodge Open Fish Fry (Team 5) 4:30PM-7PM 	2 Lodge Open
3 Lodge Closed	4 Lodge Closed Bingo 7PM 	5 Lodge Open	6 Lodge Open Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	7 Lodge Open	8 Lodge Open Fish Fry (Team 1) 4:30PM-7PM 	9 Lodge Open
10 Lodge Closed	11 Lodge Closed Bingo 7PM 	12 Lodge Open Ladies Aux Mtg 7PM Trustees Mtg 6:30PM	13 Lodge Open Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	14 Lodge Open Lodge Meeting 7:30PM 	15 Lodge Open Fish Fry (Team 2) 4:30PM-7PM 	16 Lodge Open
17 Lodge Closed	18 Lodge Closed Bingo 7PM 	19 Lodge Open  Lodge Open Quarter Auction	20 Lodge Open Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	21 Lodge Open	22 Lodge Open Fish Fry (Team 3) 4:30PM-7PM 	23 Lodge Open
24/31 Lodge Closed	25 Lodge Closed Bingo 7PM 	26 Lodge Open Vets Visit 	27 Lodge Open	28 Lodge Open Lodge Meeting 7:30PM 	29 Lodge Open Fish Fry (Team 4) 4:30PM-7PM 	30 Lodge Open

NEWPORT ELKS 273 VETS VISIT

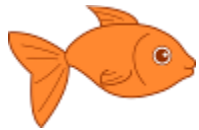
On Tuesday, July 22nd, we had our monthly Veterans Visit. We had 42 Veterans. The Vets enjoyed Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and Potato Salad Dinner and Bingo.

This Month we are planning to serve Walking Taco's...in a bowl! Come up and join us!

Paul Dickerson, VSO



Fish Fry Kitchen Teams



<i>Fish Team</i>			<i>Slaw Team</i>		
Fish Team	Team Name	Team Number	Slaw Team	Team Name	Team Number
8/1/2025	Dead Beats	5	8/1/2025	Dottie	3
8/8/2025	Amiott	1	8/8/2025	Diane & Vicky	4
8/15/2025	Taylor	2	8/15/2025	Bill & Nancy	1
8/22/2025	Reis	3	8/22/2025	Amiott	2
8/29/2025	Hildebrand	4	8/29/2025	Dottie	3



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Frank Menefee — Frank passed away 6/21/2025
Initiated on 9/1/2008
Born on 4:10/1939
Please keep the Menefee family in your prayers.

Angelo Penque — please keep Angelo in your thoughts and prayers for the loss of his son.

Sara McVickers — Sara is recovery from knee surgery. She is moving slow but looks great. Thanks Molly for taking such good care of momma.

John Mumme — John is recovering from knee surgery. So glad to see you out at the lodge and enjoying yourself.

Mary Ann Smith — Mary Ann's son had an accident on his bike. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ron Nessler — Ron took a fall at home. He needed surgery and is in re-hab. Please keep Ginny and Ron in your prayers. Hurry back, the card players miss you.

Candy Staubach — Candy's mother has stage 4 COPD and is not doing very well. Please pray for Candy and her mother at his time.

Phillip Frommeyer — Phillip has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and having surgery later this month. The outcome looks good. Please keep Phillip, Kathy and the entire Frommeyer family in your thoughts and prayer.

Patti Hess
Chairperson of Sickness and Distress



Send updates to
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Chairperson of sickness and distress
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THANK YOU

I wanted to take a moment to thank you again for your generous donations to the Trilogy Center for Women in Hopkinsville. Your support made a meaningful impact—and I'm excited to share what's been happening behind the scenes since then.

I've officially formed a registered nonprofit in Kentucky called Soap and Sobriety, Inc., and we've been granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status by the IRS! This important step will allow us to grow our mission and expand our impact on addiction recovery support.

After connecting with several recovery centers, we identified a significant need at MARC Recovery in Bowling Green—an inpatient program that provides care and recovery support for adult men battling substance use disorders.

Here's how you can help:

- Gently Used Men's Clothing & Shoes—All sizes welcome, as long as items are clean and in good condition.
- New or Unused Toiletries (Please read carefully)
- No aerosols
- No alcohol listed in the first three ingredients
- Common acceptable items include:
 - 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash
 - Toothpaste & toothbrushes
 - Razors & shaving cream/gel
 - Antiperspirant/deodorant (non-aerosol)
 - Washcloths & towels

Tax-Deductible Donations

We also gladly accept cash, check, or PayPal donations to Soap and Sobriety, Inc. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Drop-Off Deadline:

All donations should be delivered to the Lodge by Friday, August 15.

If you have questions, you can call me at 859-816-8687 or email at nambonancy@gmail.com.

Nancy Mullins

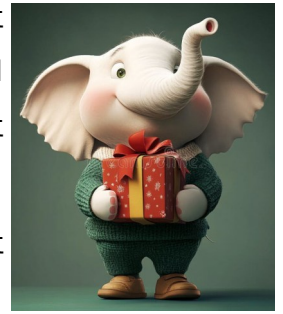
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CHICKEN DINNER & ELEPHANT GIFT AUCTION

Here are some pictures from this past Saturday's Chicken Dinner & White Elephant auction. The food was awesome & the auction was a lot of fun. This event helped raise \$2,401 in profit for the Ladies Auxiliary. There were around 50 White Elephant Gifts and 90 Chicken Dinners that were served.

Thank you to everyone that worked to make it a great evening and to all that came out and joined us for a great evening!



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