



What happened to the east end playground? Look inside for the answer!



Your Lodge has joined with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Grand Lodge to provide children from the ages 0-5 to receive a free book once a month at no cost to them. We are partnering with Ohio County Schools and the Children's Museum of the Ohio Valley. Sign up will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2-4 PM at the Wheeling Park Pavilion. We will be providing snack bags for the children for them to take. We are using the Promise Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

CERVUS ALCES

(Latin: American Elk)

Wheeling Elks Lodge No. 28
"A Fraternal Organization"

September/October 2019

Physical: 4706 Jacob Street

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Lounge: 562 National Rd.

All in Wheeling



Our Lodge's "Just For Kids" Program at the Greater Wheeling Soup Kitchen resumes on Wednesday, September 4, following a brief summer respite. Please contact Exalted Ruler David Robinson (304-281-5321) if you can volunteer one day a month from 3:30 to 5:30 PM to help serve a hot nutritious meal to school age youngsters. The Lodge can continue this program again this year as a result of the Impact Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

ELKS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are available for the 2020 Most Valuable Student Scholarship at www.elks.org/enf/scholars and must be submitted by November 5, 2019.

We need your email address!

DISTRICT MEETING

Member Wayne Martin, D.D.G.E.R., from Sistersville # 333, will hold a district meeting at our Lodge on Saturday, September 14, starting at 9:30 AM. Our own Trustee Elizabeth Pernel is D.D.G.E.R. Esquire. Lunch will be provided after the meeting for all that attend.



Game Night will return on Saturday, October 12, starting at 6:30 PM at the Lodge! Everyone bring your favorite games (cards, board games, etc.) as well as your friends for an evening of fun. Snacks will be provided along with a cash bar. Admission is free for all Elks and only \$ 5.00 for non-Elks. We hope to see you there.

Exalted Ruler's Message!



Greetings Fellow Elks,

I recently had the honor of representing our Lodge at the National Convention in St. Louis and the Mid-Year Convention in Charleston. Our Lodge was well represented at the recent Mid-Year Convention. After attending the business sessions and seminars, I can proudly report that our Lodge continues to do a great job

Message from G. E. R. Robert Duitsman

As was the case with most people who have joined our great fraternity over the years, it never occurred to me that someday I might become its National President. It is the culmination of a long journey, with many twists and turns. I have met and developed relationships with fine and dedicated men and women whom I am very happy to call my friends. At its core, friendships are what Elkdom is all about, and I am very proud to have been given this wonderful

with the number of programs and activities we provide for area youth, veterans and less fortunate citizens. With the start of the new school year, our Lodge will be busy over the next several months. We could always use some extra help, so please become more active in our Lodge.

Our Just for Kids Program at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen is set to resume on Wednesday, September 4th. This is the 11th year of the JFK Program. We could use some new volunteers for this program. If you have not volunteered for the

Opportunity to serve our Order.

I see the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks as an organization dedicated to doing food works, while having a good time doing them. From the countless projects our Lodges engage in within their local communities, to the help they extend to those in need, to our scholarship programs, to the support of our veterans, to supporting the values and causes that have made our country the greatest in the world, the Elks have a long tradition of service in a wide variety of areas. I've

JFK Program, please plan on attending one of the Wednesday sessions as the children and parents are appreciative of our Lodge. At the conclusion of the 11th year, the JFK Program will have contributed over \$100,000 to our community. Our Steak Fry/Reverse Raffle will be held on Thursday, October 24th at the Lodge. We need each of you to continue to support this event. The Steak Fry/Reverse Raffle presents a great opportunity to recruit new members. We will be passing out candy at our Lodge during the City of Wheeling's official time for (continued page 3)

lost track of how many times new Members have said they wanted an opportunity to get involved, to give back, and to be part of something greater than themselves. At its best, Elkdom gives its Members all those opportunities.

My motto for this year is **"Honoring the Past- Embracing the Future."** Its significance to me is that, as Elks, we need to be mindful of the many great works we have accomplished over the last 150 years, and with a spirit of optimism, move forward together to grow our (continued page 3)

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Steve Rodocker

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Membership, work our programs, and promote our brand.

By “honoring the Past” my goal is to emphasize the richness of our traditions, the things we have accomplished, the importance of our rituals, and the quality and character of our Members, that together have made the Elks the premier fraternal organization in the United States. There is a lot of history that every

Elks to be aware of and take pride in, it is what makes us special.

By “Embracing the Future” I want to share my optimism that our Order is capable of great things. As a result of our history, the benefit of our experience in so many areas, the good-hearted men and women, who are involved in their Lodges and care to deeply for their success, and with the financial support of our Great Heart of Elksdom, The Elks National Foundation, we will continue the journey together toward an even greater future.

To our friends, Mike and Barbara Luhr, Beth and I extend our sincere appreciation for your friendship and the year of service, and your steady leadership that has seen our Order achieve many successes. You both are truly the best Elksdom has to offer.

Beth and I look forward to the coming year as we travel around the country, hearing about and sharing in the great works being done every day by Elks. Again, thank you for this unique opportunity.

ELKS ONLINE

Get your password at www.elks.org/register.

District Deputy Visit

District Deputy Wayne Martin will make his official visit to our Lodge on Thursday, October 3, 2019. He will be accompanied by Deputy Esquire Elizabeth Pernell of our Lodge. The Lodge will host a dinner in honor of his visit at 5:45 PM. Contact either ER David Robinson or Secretary Marty Haynes should you wish to attend dinner.

(continued from page 2) **E.R. Message**

Halloween trick-or-treating. As we approach the halfway point of the Lodge year, we are still in need of new members and need your help. Give people a reason to join our Lodge by spreading the word about our programs and good deeds. If you know someone that used to be a member, please ask them to rejoin. Finally, please share the videos on your social media accounts from the Grand Lodge marketing website - <https://virtualmanuals.elks.org/marketing-guide/>.

I look forward to seeing you at a Lodge meeting or an upcoming event.

Fraternally,

David Robinson

REMEMBERING 9-11

Our Lodge's Americanism Committee will be once again setting up a display of the Elks Parade of Flags in the lobby of Main Street Bank in downtown Wheeling on Wednesday, September 11, in celebration of Patriotism Week.

Americanism Committee Chairperson Pat Duffy and the committee Members will be at the patriotic display at the bank starting at 9:00 AM



until 4 PM. They intend to remind all of us of the destruction that occurred on that terrible day in our country's history.

ENF UPDATE

As of August 16, 2019, the Lodge had donated \$ 1,274.75 to the ENF for the current Lodge year. That comes to \$ 6.10 per Member. This year's goal has been set by GER Duitsman at \$ 4.75 per Member. We have already passed the goal but still accepting any donations. Chairperson of our ENF Committee is Jeff Miller.

Veterans' Stand Down

Upper Ohio Valley Veterans' Stand Down Program, presented by IC Cane, will be held October 9th from 10-3 at West Virginia Northern Community College. We have received a grant for this project and we will be using our Elks tent at the College. We will be handing out items to the homeless veterans in attendance. We can always use more Elks that want to be involved, so please reach out to Elizabeth Pernel at 304-780-1180 for more information. We can participate in this through a new grant from the Elks National Foundation called the Spotlight Grant.

LEATHER & HIDES

Your Lodge will once again be collecting deer hides. The collection box will be available on the side of our Lodge building at 4706 Jacob Street. These hides are salted and taken to a tannery where they are made into fingerless gloves for our veterans. If you are a hunter, why not donate the hide to help this great cause. Happy hunting! Elizabeth Pernel is the Chairperson of this committee.

WEB PAGES

WV Elks—www.wvelks.org
Grand Lodge—www.elks.org

REVERSE RAFFLE STEAK FRY



The house committee has selected Thursday, October 24, 2019, starting at 5:30 PM for our next Reverse Raffle Steak Fry. The cost is \$ 25 a ticket and includes a full steak dinner, an open bar, and a ticket in the reverse raffle. Only 150 tickets will be sold, so make arrangements to get yours now!

The payout will be \$ 50 for the first ticket pulled, \$ 50 for the 25th pulled, \$ 50 for the 50th, \$ 50 for the 75th, \$ 50 for the 100th, and \$ 600 for the last ticket pulled. For tickets contact Exalted Ruler David Robinson, 304-281-5321, or Jeff Miller 304-233-3511. Come join us on October 24th for a fun-filled night at the Lodge.

BACK-PACK PROGRAMS

Your Lodge will once again be participating with the McMechen First Church of God to provide for Center McMechen School and with Hope Methodist Church to provide for Ritchie School. Funds were provided by the Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation.



David L. Johnson

Lodge of Sorrow was held at the Lodge meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2019

Our sympathies are extended to the family

ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE

When a Member passes, they are entitled to an Elks Memorial Service either at the funeral home or the gravesite. The immediate family must contact either the funeral director who will contact the Lodge Secretary or they can call the Lodge Secretary directly. But if need be, they can contact any Lodge Officer. These are very warm and touching services that will be performed by the Officers of the Lodge.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Legacy Scholarship for children or grandchildren of Elk Members are due by January 31, 2020.

WV STATE MAJOR PROJECT

Camp dates for 2020 will be July 15-19 for the first camp and 20-24 for the second camp at the Princeton 4-H Camp facility. We had a wonderful camp this year as we normally do even though it was a hot one. Thank all of you who donated gift cards, gifts, pillows, or financially to our camps. It means a lot to our campers and without your support we would not be able to continue. If you know of anyone who would like to be a camper or a counselor next year let me know and I will be happy to get information to them. Elizabeth Pernell is the President of the WV State Major Projects.



LODGE MEETINGS

Lodge meetings are currently held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7 PM at the Lodge, 4706 Jacob Street.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We will once again be packing and delivering our annual Christmas baskets on Saturday, December 21st, starting at 10 AM.



DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE

We were at the Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival and handed out materials, meth brains, airplanes, beach balls, etc. We went through a tank of helium on Saturday in 3 ½ hours. We have signed up for next year. Chairperson Marty Haynes wishes to thank everyone that helped and/or stopped by. The committee has also provided the Wheeling Police Dare unit with materials on tobacco, drinking, vaping, and coloring books.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Please contact Secretary Marty Haynes to make arrangements to pay your dues; William Bailey, Scott Blass, Landers Bonenberger, James Burns, Thomas Castilow, William Deaton, Sr., Stacy Jones Dietz, Grant Dorman, Ryan Ferns, Eric Freeman, Thomas Hazlett, Larry Helms, Roy Jenree, Robert Jewell, II, James Kepner, Cathy Miller, John Noventory, Thadd O'Becky, Charles Polley, James Powell, Caitlin Rodocker, and James Vosvick.

DICTIONARY PROJECT

Your Lodge is once again gearing up for another year of providing third grade students in Marshall and Ohio Counties with their own dictionary and drug awareness goodie bags. Last year and again this year we will be visiting the following schools: Wheeling Country Day, Corpus Christi, Center McMechen, Glen Dale, West Liberty, Bethlehem, Steenrod, Sand Hill, Woodsdale, Washington Lands, and St. Michaels. We may add another school to this list this year, but we are waiting to find out.

Madison, Ritchie, Center, and Cameron are taken care of by the Retired Telecommunications Club. Elm Grove Lions Club visits Middle Wheeling Creek, St. Vincent's, and Elm Grove. Hilltop and Our Lady of Peace gets their books from the Mt. Olivet Lions Club. Lodge Tiler Jeanne McKeets is the Chairperson of this Committee.

FOUR OF CLUBS DRAWING

\$ 504.00 is the pot thus far on the card drawing. The drawing is held at the conclusion of every Lodge meeting. You can purchase as many tickets as you want for \$ 1 a ticket. There are 25 of the 52 cards remaining.

WIN-A-BUCK DRAWINGS

\$ 63.75 is the pot total for the daily which costs .25 during Lodge meetings. You do not need to be present to win the entire pot should your name be pulled. The names of Churck Monfradi and Bob Joseph were recently pulled but they were not signed up.

The Weekly pot, \$ 146.00, costs \$ 1.00 to sign up. A name is drawn each Lodge meeting. The names of Roy Jenree and Tom McCulloch were recently pulled but they were not signed up.

The pot for the Monthly is 662.50 dollars. \$ 5 is the cost to sign up. A person is drawn on the first Thursday or Lodge meeting of each month. Again, you do not have to be present to win. The names of John Novotney and Jeremy McCamic were recently pulled but they were not signed up.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

Exalted Ruler David Robinson, P.S.P. Jeff Miller and Debbie, and P.G.E.R. Ted Hess and Becky represented Wheeling Lodge at the Elks National Convention June 30-July 3, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri. Some 7,000 Elks from nearly 2,000 Elks Lodges from throughout the country were represented.

MOTION TO AMEND BY-LAWS

At a regular Lodge meeting on August 15, 2019, Esteemed Leading Knight Steve Rodocker moved for the following Amendment to ARTICLE X, Section 5 of the By-Laws of Wheeling Lodge No. 28.

NOW READS: The dues of any Member who is sick or in distress may be remitted by a vote of no less than the majority of those present at a regular meeting of the Lodge. The dues of a Member who is serving in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States may be remitted during a period of war in which the United States is engaged, or during a period when service is made compulsory by Act of Congress of the United States, or during a period when service is made compulsory by Act of Congress of the United States, or during a period of national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States.

BE AMENDED TO READ: The dues, initiation fees and reinstatement fees of any Applicant or Member who is serving as a member on active duty in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or who has separated from active duty during the proceeding twenty-four (continued on page 8)

MID-YEAR STATE CONVENTION

Wheeling Lodge was well represented at the Mid-Year Conference of the WV Elks Association, August 8-11, in Charleston. Special Guests at the Convention were G. E. R. Robert Duitsman and his wife Beth of Los Angeles, CA. Wheeling Lodge members in attendance included Ted and Becky Hess, Jeff and Debbie Miller, David Robinson, Steve Rodocker, Marty Haynes, Joe and Elizabeth Pernel, and Ruby Elerick.

ELKS LOUNGE OPEN:

The House Committee would like to remind our members that our Elks Lounge is open. The facility is located at 562 National Road, Wheeling, WV and is inside the old Hoagie Shack building. The Lounge is open from 10 am to 1 am every day. It has a very plush and comfortable machine room with 10 Limited Video Lottery machines.

Please remember our Elks Lounge is open only to Members of our Lodge, visiting Elks and their guests. All the employees at the Elks Lounge are Members of our Lodge, so anyone wishing to visit the Lounge can potentially be a guest of the employee who is working that shift. If you like to play the machines, please stop in and visit our facility. We are sure you will like what you see, and you will be supporting your Elks Lodge.

WHEELING ELKS IN STATE

Several Wheeling Elks occupy positions of leadership in the WV Elks Association. A Member of the Board of Grand Trustees, Jeff Miller, also chairs the Statutory Law and Distribution Committee and the WV Elks Hall of Fame Committee. He is Assistant Chair of the State Scholarship Committee. Presently serving as District Deputy Esquire for the North District, Elizabeth Pernel, is also President of the WV Major Projects Board. She is also a member of the Accident Prevention Committee and the Leather/Hide Committee. Marty Haynes is President of the State Past Exalted Rulers' Association and the Assistant Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. He also serves as a member of the Drug Awareness Committee. Marty Kimball is a member of the Americanism, Lodge Activities, and the Membership Committees. Exalted Ruler David Robinson is a member of the Statutory Law & Distribution Committee. Bob Delbrugge is a member of the National Veterans Service Committee. Milan Vosvick is a member of the Youth Activities Committee. P.G.E.R. Ted Hess continues to serve as Sponsor of the West Virginia Elks Association.

WHEELING HISTORY

"Thanks to P.E.R. Pat Duffy, we now know the background of how the Elks Playground in East Wheeling got its name. Pat's research disclosed the following Ordinance of the City of Wheeling adopted June 22, 1926.

June 22, 1926

AN ORDINANCE NAMING AND DESIGNATING WHAT IS GENERALLY KNOWN AS THE EAST END PLAYGROUND AS THE "ELK'S PLAYGROUND."

Whereas, Wheeling Lodge No. 28, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, have offered to equip what is known as the East End Playground, located at the corner of Sixteenth and McColloch Streets, in the City of Wheeling, in consideration of the City designating such playground as the "Elk's Playground," and Whereas, the offer of said order was accepted at a regular meeting of the Council, and plans for equipping said playground have been submitted and have been approved by the City Manager and Recreation Manger, Noe therefore, be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Wheeling: Section 1. That in consideration of the sum of (continued on page 8)

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money expended or to be expended by Wheeling Lodge No. 28 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in equipping what is generally know as the East End Playground, that said playground shall be , and forever known and designated as the “Elk’s Playground.”

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.”

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months by virtue of retirement or the receipt of an Honorable Discharge, shall be waived.

This propose By-Law Amendment will be voted upon at the regular Lodge meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2019, at 7 PM.

MEMBERSHIP GAIN

The Order ended the year with a total membership of 771,033 for a gain of 94.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Over the past few years, the Order has sought to reverse nearly four decades of declining membership.

GROW BY CHANGE, NOT BY CHANCE and ELKDOM SHINES-ELKDOM GROWS!

JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 26, 2019, the Lodge’s Youth Activities Committee held its annual Junior Golf Tournament at the Crispin and Par 3 Golf Courses at Oglebay Park. We had sixteen Elk Members assisting that day.



This year’s winners included Lakyn Parker, Girl’s 16-18 Division; Brooke Chamberlain, Girl’s 13-15 Division, Maddie Potts, Girl’s 10-12 Division, Samantha Pike, Girl’s 7-9 Division, Luke Krol, Boy’s 16-18 Division, Gavin Goodrich, Boy’s 13-15 Division, Gavin Green, Boy’s 10-12 Division, and Colton Green, Boy’s 7-9 Division.



We had players from West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania playing in the tournament. Everyone was treated to a luncheon at Haller Shelter afterwards.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Wheeling Elks Lodge 28 recently donated \$500.00 to Wheeling Area Habitat for Humanity to help continue their work. In addition to the monetary donation Wheeling Elks Lodge 28 members logged many hours of volunteer labor to help complete Habitat's most recent build on Wheeling Island.



STATE YOUTH AWARDS

At the Mid-Year Convention, it was announced that Lydia Knutsen and Angelo Gentile, both sponsored by our Lodge, had been selected as the 2nd place finishers in the Female & Male State Teenager of the Year Contests. Both will receive \$ 250 awards.

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September

04 JFK Start Up
 Soup Kitchen 3:30
 & every Wednesday
 after this date.
04 Trustees' Mtg 6
05 Lodge Mtg 7
07 Imagination Library
11 Patriot Week
11 Fly the Flag
11 Program @ Main St. Bank
14 D D Clinic 9:30
18 Youth Activities 6
19 PER Mtg 6:30
19 Lodge Mtg 7

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Save for reference

Are you an organ donor?
Sign up if not!

October

02 Trustees' Mtg 6
03 DD Visit/Dinner 5:45
03 Lodge Mtg 7
09 Veterans' Stand Down
12 Game Night 6:30
16 Youth Activities 6
17 PER Mtg 6:30
17 Lodge Mtg 7
24 Rev Raffle/Steak Fry
? Trunk 'N Treat

Mid-Year Convention



WV PER State President Marty Haynes at podium speaking at the PER Friday evening dinner. Left to right; Beth Duitsman, Elksdom's First Lady, G.E.R. Robert Duitsman, Ruby Elerick, daughter of Haynes, WV State President Bill Verelest, and WV First Lady, fiancé of Verelest, Michele Fisher-Rice.



Left to right; Ted Hess, Becky Hess, Debbie Miller, and Jeff Miller at Friday's dinner.

ORGAN DONORS WANTED!



Become an organ donor. Organ donation is the process when a person allows an organ of their own to be removed and transplanted to another person, legally, either by consent while the donor is alive or dead with the assent of the next of kin

Freedom Grant Receipt

The 2019-2020 list of Lodges was announced, and our Lodge was one of the 325 Lodges that was awarded. Actually, we were the only Lodge from West Virginia selected. Congratulations Chairperson Patrick Duffy.

ADOPT-A-PLAYGROUND



Chairperson Rosalie Kimball wanted to thank all the people that came out and helped with the painting of the fences and jungle gym. She stated that we are still waiting on the new equipment that we had purchased for Pulaski Playground. Also, once the City is done with their renovations next summer, another local agency is going to construct a shelter. The playground is getting a lot of use and they like the picnic tables we had made.



Family Picnic



Chairperson Rosalie Kimble and her committee organized, once again, our Lodge's Family Picnic. The venue was changed from Wheeling Park to Bethlehem Park and every family was asked to provide their favorite side dish. The committee had chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, water and lemonade. With a lot of door prizes.



GER Membership Class



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