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Petunia Festival Bingo



July 1st, 3rd, & 4th

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo starts at noon. Lots of fun for 3 whole days. Lunch served at 11:00 a.m. Mark your calendars.

Why Your Dues Are Important

Do you know how your dues help the Lodge, our communities, our State and our country? Yes, a portion of the dues goes to per capita fees for Grand Lodge, Illinois State Association & our Northwest District - but do you know how the rest of the dues help right here at the Lodge? The dues help keep this building in proper condition allowing us to hold events for our membership and help charitable entities in our community.

How, do you ask? We donate or rent the hall for fundraisers, training sessions, dances for those with disabilities, a place for schools or sporting groups to hold award banquets, blood drives, polling place, and Christmas parties for children, police departments, and fire departments. What else does your dues help the Elks do? Through donations we are able to meet the Elks National Foundation goals and receive a total of \$3,500 back to donate to local entities. Our donation to Elks National Foundation helps Veterans programs and programs for the youth in our nation through the Hoop Shoot program and scholarships. Re-

member, the Legacy Scholarship is open to all Elks for their children and grandchildren.

Our per capita to the Illinois Elks Association allows the State to help veterans by donating to the honor flights across the state, conduct programs at Veterans Homes in Illinois and most recently, helping with the service dogs program.

The community still needs the Elks, and the Elks still need people who care. People like you.

Even if you're not as active as you used to be or like to be, your dues still make our charitable and philanthropic work possible. We need you, and the community needs you!

You are an important part of our team! You are a member of one of the greatest organizations in the world! Your dues enable Dixon Elks Lodge #779 to continue making our community, state, and country a better place to live!

CANCELED

*Johnny R. Orchestra
for July 23rd*

May reschedule in the fall

Congratulations to

David Neel, Jr.

on being

State Chaplain!

Inside Sale at Lodge

July 14 & 15

Do you have any goodies that you want to get rid of but don't want to go to the trouble of having your own sale? Well guess what the Lodge is having? On the 14th and 15th of July, the Lodge will be holding an inside sale. Anyone interested should contact Ronda at 815-288-3557 or 815-440-4206. The charge will be \$10.00 for an eight foot table and \$5.00 for extra tables. Everyone will be in charge of their own items to sell and remove at the end of the day on Saturday. Times are 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. on both days. All items need to be removed on Saturday. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!



Auxiliary News

The Dixon Elks Lodge, Auxiliary, and Kreider Action Club will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 26, here in the 1990 room. Please consider donating blood. We also appreciate cookies or an hour or two of your time to work. Please contact Earlene Wolfe at 652-4837 if you can help out or call the Red Cross to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

A reminder the Auxiliary does not hold regular meetings in June, July, or August. Hope to see everyone on the second Monday of September.



**\$1.50 Domestic
Beer Night
every Tuesday!**

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Summer is finally here! In June, we had our annual Father's Day Brunch, and it was a success, as usual. I also hope that all who attended the WWII re-enactment at Elks Page Park had a great time.

We're starting off July with the Annual Fishing Derby on July 1st. Then we'll have Bingo here at the Lodge for 3 days over the July 4th weekend – check the calendar for exact dates. Also, come join us for the Elks Annual Golf Outing – there is still plenty of time to sign up since it will be held on August 5th.

My husband and I have the honor of representing our Lodge at the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, NV this year in mid-July. I'm looking forward to an educational and fun week.

Don't forget, with this summer heat, the Lodge is a great place to cool off, have a cold beverage, and lunch or dinner (without heating up the house!). Thanks to all who help with the Lodge activities such as Father's Day Brunch and the Fishing Derby; these events wouldn't happen without our volunteers.

Kim Weidman

Exalted Ruler, 2017 - 2018

New Members • May 18



Front Row (L-R): Seated are Shirley Mooney, Debra Garber; Back Row (L-R): Leading Knight Kenneth Berogan, Marvin Blixt, Lecturing Knight Thad Day, Purdue Blackburn, Kirk Hudson, Roger Williams, Tiler Theodore Luckey, Exalted Ruler Kimberley Weidman



SAVE THE DATE

The annual Chili Cook Off date is Sunday, September 17th. Mark your calendars and get your teams ready for a family fun filled day. Sign up sheets are available for pick up at the Lodge.

Secretary's Corner

Lodge of Sorrow

In vain we call:

Laurin E. Williamson, Born Sept. 7, 1927 – Died June 1, 2017 • Initiated June 10, 1974

Gordon W. Rutt, Born Aug. 2, 1928 – Died June 6, 2017
Initiated June 9, 1975

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 upon the tablets of love and memory.

Jolly Cork via Email

If you would like to receive the Jolly Cork via email each month please fill out the form below and send it to or drop it off at the Lodge. If you are someone that goes away during the winter, this is an excellent way to be sure you continue to get the Jolly Cork each month and are able to stay current with what is happening at the Lodge.

By submitting this form I authorize the Dixon Elks Lodge #779 to send the monthly newsletter via email.

Name _____

Membership # _____

Email Address (Please Print) _____

Saturday Meals

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Order from the menu in
the Antler Lounge



Officers of the Lodge for 2017-2018:

Exalted Ruler – Kim Weidman
Leading Knight – Ken Berogan
Loyal Knight – Nate Smice
Lecturing Knight – Thad Day
Esquire – Kim Stoker
Chaplain – Jeff Kuhn
Inner Guard – Joe Coffey
Tiler – Theodore Luckey

Secretary – Sharon Kay Dirck, P.D.D.G.E.R.
Treasurer – Marilyn Weiler-Koster

Trustees – Dennis Trotter, Tom Humphrey, Dennis Dempsey, David Neel, P.D.D.G.E.R., and Matt Bonnette

Golf Outing & Steak Fry

Saturday,
August 5, 2017

It's time to get your clubs out and polished up for our annual golf outing. Shotgun start at Lost Nation Golf Course followed with the steak fry at the Elks Lodge. \$50 per golfer, extra meal \$15. Sign up now at the Lodge.



Volunteers of the Month

Jenn Vannata, Rick Fane, Nate Smice, Matt Bonnette, Dennis Dempsey, Dave Neel, Becky Vanatta, Jennifer Maves, Gwen Justice, Katie Sclavanitis, Andrea Bonnette, Sharon Murphy, Katie Schultze, Tracy Rankin, Norbert Brachle, Tim Blair, Ken Berogan, Patty Scott, Kristy Wright, Marilyn Costner, Dean Coss, Amy Wernick, Bill Bushman, Pat Sword, Chuck Langele, Ashley Mearay, Sam Echrtrea, Tom Humphrey, Betty Mayfield, John & Lanita Stiles, Tom & Donna Hale. Please accept our apology if we have left anyone out. We deeply appreciate each and every member/volunteer we have.

Volunteers NEEDED!

The Lodge needs new volunteers to help with cooking the Wednesday night meals. Just show up on Wednesday night or let Ronda Hicks or a Lodge officer know you'll be there to help out.



Secretary Sharon Kay Dirck presents Ronda Hicks & Kim Stoker the Grand Exalted Ruler's pin for bringing in 3 new members.

NEWS FROM ELKS PAGE PARK, INC.

The Board of Elks Page Park, Inc. held a regular meeting on June 5th.

The winners of the FINAL raffle were Kim L. and Craig G. May was a nice month of camping, and we had a wonderful camper's brunch on Memorial Day Weekend. If we missed you, we will do it again Labor Day Weekend!

The next few weeks are busy ones. We start with our WWII ReEnactment June 23rd to June 25th. Thank you in advance to all of those who have offered to help with this event.

We will be again riding in the PARADE on July 2nd. PLEASE, PLEASE meet at the top pavilion at 9:30 a.m. to prepare our journey to town. Have your carts decorated and your candy ready to go!

The Board has motioned and approved a donation to a different charity each month. The month of May, we donated to the Veteran's Assistance. The month of June we donated to Shining Star. Do you have a local charity that is important to you? If so, please let me know for future donation consideration.

THANK YOU EVERYONE for having your campers and items moved out of Winter Storage on time! I really appreciate it!

Also, thanks to those who have been helping trim the trails. Gravel will be arriving soon to repair the creek trail. As far as road gravel, it is in the works.

Finally, the Board was approached by a local search team organizer who has asked permission to use the area to train search and rescue volunteers. Of course, permission was granted, so you may see a few groups of people wandering around the park in July. Feel free to ask, but they are allowed to be there.

Watch for Draw Down tickets....they will be available soon!

Our July meeting will be on July 10th at 7:00 p.m. sharp. If you have questions or concerns, please try to attend a meeting!

HAPPY CAMPING!!!

Thank you.

Wendi Schafer, President

20/20 Thank You

We sincerely appreciate everyone who helped to make the May 20/20 Dinner Dance such a success. If you have not yet purchased your new ticket or would like to become a member, tickets are available at the Lodge.

We thank the following Lodge and Auxiliary members for their generous donations to the auction: Vikki Butler, Joe & Marsha Butterfield, Sandy Crain, Janice Danekas, Dennis Dempsey, Sharon Dirck, Donna Hale, Ronda Hicks, Mary Kellen, Dorothy Kessel, Carrie King, Marilyn Koster, Jen & Bob Maves, Linda Maves, Lisa Nelson, Karen Pleskovitch, Nancy Reglin, Ramona Reglin, Allen & Connie Stephenson, Jane Thomas, Art Tofte, Evon Weidman, Jim & Nadine Wickert, Earlene Wolfe, and Susan Wolfe.

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LOUNGE HOURS OF OPERATION



Monday - Thursday

2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 2:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 12 or 1 a.m.

Sat. Lunch 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Happy Birthday Elks!

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Dan Conderman
Ehren Giblin
Jason Hermeyer
Randall Kennay

-2-

Rhonda Larson Dranter
Gerald Sellers

-3-

Frederick Zbinden

-4-

Robert Borden
James Lange
Wesley Sherman
Kim Weidman
David Youker

-5-

Jerry Bunt
Lance Gehrke
Maelyn Kim Stoker

-6-

Martin Hill
Michael Melendrez
Patricia Scott

-7-

Darrell Robbins
Darcy Wadsworth

-8-

Lisa Jacobs
Christopher Melvin
Gary Michel
Jerrold Wolfe

-9-

Kristin Buckley
Karen Coleman

-10-

Steve Clark
Dean Coss
Tom Jilderda
Arthur Tofte III

-11-

Charles Danek
Kenneth McMunn
Edward Reuter

-12-

Gene Jacoby
Scott Kennay
Catherine Schulze
Steve Szabo
Merle Topper
Harold Wendler

-13-

Diane Collins
William Harney

-14-

Gene Apple
Irene Fordham
Lawrence Haley
Jennifer Kelly

-15-

Sandra Crain
John Eich
Randall Hawn
Timothy Smith

-17-

Keith Miller
Samuel Torma
Dennis Weigle
James Wilcox

-18-

Robert Schulze

-19-

Larry Bloomquist
Thomas Duffy
Judith Williams

-20-

Steve Bieser
Priscilla Reuter

-21-

Ann Hall
Thomas Hicks
Robert Kim Pettygrove
Marian Wagner

-22-

Peter Byvick
Wayne Lapp

-23-

Donald Butler
Michelle Henge

-24-

Brian Brown
Joseph Fleming
David Kemp
Brian Willstead

-25-

Lyle Butler

-26-

Matthew Bonnette
Clifford Smith

-27-

Gilbert Leffelman

-28-

Ronald Brandau
George Maves, Jr.
Linn Perry

-29-

Suz Anne Balsler
Jeffrey Hale
Lynn Hemmert
Janice Maves

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Gerald Miller
Lawrence Shank
Kevin Stach

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Harry Cover

