

Springfield, Ohio

1536 Villa Rd.



Elks

Lodge

MARCH 2025 CHATTER

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2024/2025

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Bret Mason

Loyal Knight

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Kris Mason

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John Curtis

Tiler

Larry Longo

Esquire

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Inner Guard

Richard Bracken

Chaplain

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TRUSTEES 2024/2025

Five Year

David Lee

Four Year

Mike Elliott

Three Year

Dennis Dyar

Two Year

Steve Kearns

One Year

Bill Hoffman

Please use the following phone number, 937-325-4848 when calling the Lodge and you will be directed to the department you would like to contact.

Lodge usually meets on the First & Third Wednesday in Feb., Mar. & April and every 3rd Wednesday of all other Months at 7:00 PM

Hello Fellow Elk's Members

We will be voting on the ER position during our March 5 Lodge meeting. The meeting starts promptly at 7PM. The candidates are myself, John Baugh, current ER, & former ER, Alice Fent. Please bring your signed membership card or you will not be permitted to vote. All other Officer and Trustee positions are running unopposed.

Your renewal letters are available for pick-up at the lodge. If you would like to have it mailed, please contact Kris Mason at 937-325-4848. 2025-26 dues are due April 1, 2025. Your blue key card will no longer work after this date and you will be unable to enter the lodge until dues are paid. If you have paid your dues your new key card should be available at the upstairs bar.

The golf course will be opening soon and the leagues will be starting at the end of April. If you wish to play in our golf tournaments you must have a GHIN membership and have the right number of rounds recorded to play in each tournament. You can purchase your GHIN membership at the golf shop.

Golf and Pool membership applications are available at the lodge or you may download them at springfieldelks51.com. Please turn these in at the office.

We have Trivia and Family Feud scheduled thru March and we will continue Bar Bingo on Thursday, throughout the summer, as long as there is interest.

We will be scheduling the Children's Easter Party soon. The information will be displayed on the information TV's at the Lodge as well as our website.

I am ready and I am sure you are ready for some warm weather. Spring and Summer are always busy times here at the lodge. Please plan on participating in all the great activities we have planned for you.

See you at the Lodge,
John Baugh, ER



Questions?

Give us a call

937.325.4848

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Members: New dues statements are available for pick-up at the Lodge. If you are not able to pick them up please let the office know ASAP. Call Kris at 937-325-4848

NOTE: If you do not plan on renewing your dues for 2025-2026, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can remove you from our system.

LODGE DRAWINGS

DAILY DRAWINGS

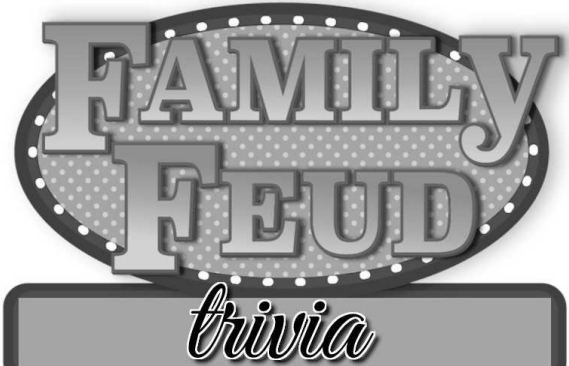
6:00 Daily

BUILDING FUND DRAWING

Saturday at 6PM.

Must be present to win 100%

SUNDAY WEEKLY 2:00 PM



FRIDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7PM

with Gibby

RULES ABOUT SIGN-UPS

You need to be present when signing up at the Lodge. If you are injured or sick you can remain in the

car and have the person transporting you sign you up. No Exceptions.

The Trustees

GOLF NEWS

We will be using the GHIN handicap system this year with thoughts of having our own handicap system next year.

You will have one week from the Tournament date to claim pari-mutuel

money. The winning numbers will be posted on the Lodge bulletin board.

You can pick up your winnings in the office or make arrangements with a Committee Member to get your funds.

Epix
Music Quiz Game
presented by: Epix Karaoke

What is the title of this song?

Animal

Pour Some Sugar on Me

Love Bites

Photograph

NEW

Karajun

Play and Answer Directly From Your Phone!

7th
MARCH 2025

START
7 PM
UNTIL 9 PM

ELKS LODGE #51
1536 Villa Rd.
Springfield, OH

Elks' Dan Switzer Memorial Tuesday 9-Hole Golf League

Will hold a meeting on March 11 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.

Last season we had 6 divisions with Div. #1 starting at 2:30 pm and Div. #6 at 5:00 pm. All six 10-team divisions were full. A

waiting list, carried from last season, exists; thus, openings may or may not be available for new-to-league individuals.

Returning teams, please have at least one member attend this organizational meeting.

The league will begin play April 22.

If you have concerns, please call or email Fredrica Devine.

\$700 Pass Golf Pass (\$750.75)

18 Holes w/o pass	20 Rds. X \$39	= \$ 780.00
18 Holes w/pass	20 Rds.	= \$ 750.75
		\$29.25 Savings

(Save \$1.46/Rd.)

9 Holes w/o pass	40 Rds. X \$28	= \$1,120.00
9 Holes w/pass	40 Rds.	= \$ 750.75
		\$369.25 Savings

(Save \$9.23/Rd.)

Golf Leagues

9 Holes w/o pass	40 Rds. X \$24 b	= \$ 960.00
9 Holes w/pass	40 Rds.	= \$ 750.75
		\$ 209.25 Savings

(Save \$5.23/Rd.)

How many 18-hole rounds need to be played to pay for your pass?

Single \$1,823.25 divided by \$39/round = 47 rounds (1 person)

Couples \$2,627.63 divided by \$78/round = 68 rounds (2 people)

2025 POOL & GOLF PASSES

The 2025 golf and pool passes are available at the lodge or go to springfieldelks51.com to download them. Turn them in at the office.

A LETTER FROM A MEMBER

In April 2025, I will be paying my Elks' dues for the 27th time. I have participated in many of the Elks' activities over the years where my marital status never mattered. In 2009 The Elks sold the downtown lodge and purchased Northwood Hills Country Club. Our membership grew from 575 to over 2,200 members. Going from a modest lodge on High Street to a lodge armed with a full-service restaurant, swimming pool, and golf course was a dramatic change for members, officers and trustees.

In the beginning, we used the Northwood Hills' template for golf pricing. There were several options to choose from such as Single, Senior Single, Family, Senior Family and Junior Executive etc. A notice was sent to the members requesting a reply by January 31, 2011, regarding their commitment to purchase a golf membership for the 2011 golf season. After reviewing the information received, the golf committee decided to change the golf membership template. They narrowed it down to an Individual (Single) pass and a Family pass and reduced the rates.

This format continued with various options and rates until 2020 when they offered an unlimited golf pass with a cart and an

unlimited golf pass for walking. The "single" and "family" rates and monikers were discontinued. It was one price for all Elk members regardless of marital status. This seemed to be the fair thing to do as we didn't have "couple" rates for Elks' membership dues or "couple" rates for bowling in the Elks' league so why did we have it for golf?

For some unknown reason in 2021 the golf pricing structure returned to the single vs couple pricing again and continues to this day. My question or statement made in the February 5 Lodge meeting is as follows:

In 2020 every Elk member paid either \$1,200 or \$1,400 depending on whether you purchased your pass before or after February 1.

Now, in 2025, a single Elk golf membership fee is \$1,700 and a couples' Elk golf membership fee is \$2,450 (\$1,225 each). This is a 42% increase in the fee for singles and only a 2% increase in the fee for couples since 2020. The golf course is not profitable so how can we so easily dismiss the extra \$950 of revenue per couple that we lose by having a "couples' pass" (\$3,400 vs \$2,450 = \$950)?

My question to the Trustees, "Why do we have a couple' pass?"

I am still waiting for an answer.



AND HAPPENINGS

- MARCH 7** Epic Music Quiz Game 7PM
- MARCH 11** Dan Switzer Tuesday Golf League Meeting 7PM
- MARCH 17** St. Patrick's Day
- MARCH 21** Family Feud Trivia w/ Gibby 7-10

BAR

BINGO

6:00 PM EVERY THURSDAY

Friday **3PM to 6PM**
HAPPY HOUR 

Bottle Beer
Domestic \$2 / Import \$3

WINE DOWN
Wednesday



Happy Hour 3pm to 8pm
Wine and Seltzers
50¢ OFF

All Day . . . Every Day



CAN BEER \$2.00

If you would like to book a party contact Kathy Milam @ 937-631-2407

Elks Care – Elks Share

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 for emergency vehicles. Elks Lodge #51 is not responsible for damaged or stolen cars or theft from cars. Everyone parks at their own risk.

Reminder . . . Members, please remember, you cannot sign anyone's name other than your own for the drawings – the quarter and dollar daily and the Building Fund weekly. Also, remember, **guests of members are not permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages or run tabs. Members must make the purchase.**

Articles for the Next Chatter must be turned in by March 15th. If you are typing your article on a PC, please email it to sharonleach@springfieldelks51.com.