



# OEAN NEWS

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## Turn the Page...

Here I am on the road again  
There I am up on stage  
Here I go playin Star again  
There I go, turn the page...

Those words were penned in one of my favorite songs by Bob Seger. It sums up the journey as a State representative and the conclusion of our State President term. We have spent many hours on the road as we attended events, visited lodges, supported our many programs, or just took time to visit with all of our new friends that we made along the way. The absolute best part of this whole thing are the friendships we make and the opportunities we are afforded!



*The Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan Elks Association's Presidents and First Ladies*

Amy and I have spent the last 7 years up on the stage, and this past year we held the ultimate spot, Leading our organization and not only spreading our theme of Guiding Association Motivating Elks, but feeling honored, humbled, and excited in this position. We cannot express our heartfelt Gratitude and Thanks' enough to the Elks of Ohio who daily make the organization a success and made us feel entirely Special every day!

In visiting Elks all over Ohio this year you did fill us with that STAR power, At each of our District visits we were afforded wonderful opportunities from the lodges we visited, Our host State Reps went above and beyond to make sure the weekend was a celebration for our year, as well as a showcase of the District! We walked away feeling even more vibrant and excited after every visit!

And like all good things, they must come to an end! It is time for us to Turn the Page! Many people of late have asked us if we were ready or disappointed that it's coming to an end. We are ready.....Ready to have time to do even more for the Ohio Elks than ever before. The Officers behind us will continue to work hard and represent our organization and this will allow us time to come visit lodges and help support all the great causes! We are disappointed.....In the fact that we had to decline some invitations due to our Amazing schedule, but we promise to see you soon again in your home lodge!

I utilized a picture taken this past May when we visited the Michigan Elks Association as guests of Michigan State President Stan and First Lady Cheryl Chubinski along with Indiana State President Randy Snellenberger and First Lady Nancy Wells. I cannot express enough how connected we become with these friends, and how special they are to us! We look forward to seeing them all again soon and spending time together now that our year is coming to an end.

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# Grand Lodge & COVID-19

Various Local Lodges are requesting information pertaining to being open or closed. As a reminder, Local Subordinate Lodges are Chartered under the 501(c)(8) umbrella of the Grand Lodge and governed by the Constitution, Statutes and Laws of the Order.

The day to day operations are overseen by the Lodge Officers, the House Committee and membership as governed by said Constitution, Statutes and Laws of the Order as well as complying with local, county, state and federal laws, executive orders, mandates, rules and ordinances. Of which, most are different for each Lodge or Lodge location. In instances of this nature, Local Lodges must also comply with any local, county, state and federal public health mandates, directives and announcements as well as using common sense during these trying times.

Attached are suggested recommendations for the Local Lodges to follow and offer guidance on other items. **For further guidance, assistance and direction, please contact your State Sponsor.**

Grand Lodge hopes each Local Lodge and State Association has implemented the following CDC guidelines on practical ways to prevent the spread of infection:

1. No shaking hands, hugging, knuckle bumps or high fives.
  2. Keep a safe distance from others. Six feet when possible.
  3. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  4. No soap? Use hand sanitizer (60–95% alcohol based).
  5. Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.
  6. Cover your cough or sneeze into the bend of your elbow or a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Encourage others to do the same.

We all need to keep in mind that the health of our Members, spouses, significant others, friends, volunteers and employees is paramount. Let's be vigilant in our efforts to keep one another healthy!

Fraternally and sincerely,



Robert L. Duitsman  
Grand Exalted Ruler



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We also would like to wish President Elect Lugene and First Lady Jennifer all the success in their upcoming year, they are ready to roll and we know they will be amazing in their new roles. One of the things that's exciting is each new lodge year brings an excitement as well as new State Officers. They are so important, as they bring an energy and fun to each group and are invaluable in their support during the year.

I would personally like to Thank Julie Crowe, John Hines, Ron Yaw, Pat McCaffrey, and Dan Beaston for being a big part of our year. They not only represented the State at the highest level, they also represented our own Northwest District this year and made everyone proud. To Ed, Pav, Brad, Keith, and Lee we wish you all the best and look forward to the upcoming years!

And finally to the spouses of the State Officers, You are amazing individuals! Jen, Jan, Kerry, Lynn, Marybeth, Mary, Lori, Jeanne, and Roger we thank you for everything and being the true backbone to the organization. We benefit from all your efforts and you never receive enough credit for all the things you do! Thanks for always keeping us in a full supply of ice cream and bread pudding!

It has been an amazing journey and one we will never forget! To my Amy, please know that through this entire thing you have been right by my side, the place every successful man has for his lady. And there were times I was difficult to be around (and I know this because I have known me for 53 years), but you always supported, helped, encouraged, or told me when I was wrong and I will forever Love you for that!

To all of you, we will see you down the road, somewhere on a stage, feeling like a star, and now we turn the page!

Sincerely,

Mark & Amy Ratliff

# Grand Lodge & COVID 19 Guidelines

[ohioelks.com/advisory-council](http://ohioelks.com/advisory-council)

Grand Lodge Advisory Committee recently held a conference call to discuss the coronavirus issue and how Lodges should proceed during this unprecedented health crisis. They offer the following guidelines that may be applied to all of our Lodges in every State. Items listed below are a guide for each State Sponsor so he can establish further guidelines for the State Associations and Local Lodges he oversees.

Since every State, and even localities within a State, are issuing different guidelines on activities and closures, the Advisory Committee determined that restrictions/limitations regarding the virus should be left to each State Sponsor and that the Lodges should follow their State government directives, along with local and state health official guidelines, as overseen, encouraged and/or directed by the State Sponsors. An example of the differences is that some states have closed bars and restaurants, others have not ordered closures, but most all are limiting gatherings to groups of no more than 50, 25, 20, 10 or even 4 persons, depending on the Federal, State and Local mandate.

It was determined that if bars and restaurants are closed in your State, then your bar and kitchen must also be closed. Some Lodges, located in States which has not ordered the closures, are closing their bar and kitchen anyway, opting for on the side of caution, and that is acceptable. If the bar and kitchen are closed, most States do not prohibit access to the Lodge facility in order to conduct needed services/repair and/or to conduct Lodge business as long as the gathering exceeds the mandated total.

In some cases, where there are closures of the bar and kitchen, a Lodge may still allow Members to access the Lodge, subject to the limitation of the size of gatherings, thereby allowing Members gather in small groups for cards, gaming machines, pull tabs, and other minor activities. If allowed, these Lodges must take extra care to have hand sanitizers available at all entrances and often clean and disinfect high traffic areas. Members who appear ill should be asked to leave the Lodge immediately and to always follow best practices and CDC guidelines. If entry is allowed, it should be restricted to Members Only and no Guests may be invited to the Lodge.

***Here are some guidelines Local Lodges may or may not fall under depending on the current actions of the Federal, State or Local Executive Orders. Any further guidance, assistance and directives on how these will be applied to your State Association and Local Lodge should be directed to your State Sponsor.***

Some of the suggested guidelines below are not strictly in accordance with GL Statutes, but these are difficult times and we must proceed as best we can to conduct the business of the Lodge, treating the current health crisis as an emergency situation.

**Member Access** – Depending on the State you live in, Members may still be allowed access to your Lodge facility, but we must maintain our Lodges cannot be opened to the public, therefore Members are not permitted to bring guests into the Lodge. Many States have restrictions as to the number of Members who can gather at one time. As a suggestion and extra precaution, in deference to our older Members, it is strongly suggested that every Lodge follow the CDC recommendation of a 10-Member limitation for any gathering. Depending on the mandates or executive orders by Federal, State or Local authorities, there may or may not be food or beverage service, which may include no BYOB service. There may or may not be provisions for food or drink being consumed on Lodge property. When permitted by Federal, State or Local Law, Lodges that can operate with a profitable carry-out food service are permitted to do so, provided they exercise the utmost care for the safety of their workers.

If Member access is allowed, the Lodge must take extra steps for the safety of Members, have hand sanitizers available, and clean and disinfect high traffic areas often. Members who appear ill should be asked to stay home, and if they come to the Lodge, must be directed to leave the Lodge immediately. Of course, during this crisis, any Lodge may deny a Member's access into their facility except for official meetings and to conduct of Lodge business. If allowed, Lodge access should always be permitted in order to conduct needed services/repair and/or conduct Lodge business, i.e., for Secretaries, Treasurers, Officers, Trustees/Boards and Committees to perform their official duties and conduct meetings on behalf of the Lodge.



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# Grand Lodge & COVID 19 Guidelines *(con't)*

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**Regular Lodge Meetings** – If allowed, Lodges are urged to proceed with their Regular Lodge Meetings. Grand Lodge Statutes provide that a Quorum is 9 Members (7 in Lodges with fewer than 100 Members), so even with the 10-Member limitation, the Officers/Members can conduct the Regular Lodge Meetings. If more than 10 Members attend a meeting, then the additional Members could be seated just outside the Lodge Room in groups of not more than 10, listening to the proceedings, and invited into the Lodge Room one by one to speak, if desired. A vote of the Lodge could be taken in the same way, allowing the overflow Members to enter the Lodge Room one by one to vote.

Lodge Meetings should be limited only to the business that is necessary, and the length of the meeting should be shortened as much as possible to prevent any prolonged exposure of possibly contracting the virus. While this procedure is unusual, since most Regular Lodge Meetings do not draw a large crowd, this approach should work easily. Thus, allowing the Lodges to keep abreast in handling all of the Lodge business. If deemed prudent and appropriate by the Lodge Officers, a Lodge may still apply to the District Deputy for dispensation from holding a Regular Lodge Meeting, and that request will be granted.

**Installation of Officers** - Installation of the new Lodge Officers is considered to be very important. A Lodge must have their new Officers installed, this action gives the membership knowledge of who is in charge and provides that the Lodge Leadership is in place to make necessary decisions for the Lodge. Advisory did opine that Installations may take place at a Regular Lodge Meeting, or elsewhere, and that any Past Exalted Ruler or outgoing Exalted Ruler, may conduct a modified or shortened version of the Installation, with or without other Installing Officers being involved. Whichever way installation is accomplished, we must keep in mind the most important part is the Oath of Office. If done outside of a Regular Lodge Meeting, the Installation must be recorded in the minutes of the next Meeting by the Lodge Secretary or recorded as minutes of a Special Meeting

**Initiations** - All pending Initiations should be handled quickly, prior to the end of March, and by the best means possible. Whether Initiations are during a Regular Lodge Meeting, inside or outside the Lodge Room, individually or with a group(s) of new Members; because of the virus concerns, you may use a modified or shortened version of the Ritual, which may involve one or more Officers. The goal? To make sure that each new Member does take the Obligation and signs the required documents. The new Members can then be invited back to the Lodge, at a later date, to observe a traditional Initiatory Ritual. Again, this is done to shorten the length of the meeting and in an abundance of caution. If done outside the Lodge Room, the information must be included in the minutes of the next Lodge Meeting or recorded as minutes of a Special Meeting.

**District Deputy Clinics** - Clinics should remain scheduled as planned, subject to the ever-changing conditions and further Notice. The District Deputy, in conjunction with the State Sponsor, will decide as soon as it becomes clear that the Clinic can or cannot be held safely. If not, the Clinic may be postponed to a later date. If the later date is cancelled, then the Spring Clinic will likely be cancelled. If cancelled, it will be up to the District Deputy to mail or deliver the usual GL Packets, and any other important information, to each of the District Lodges, and up to the Lodges to make sure that they receive the Packets as required.

**State Convention** - The State Sponsor and State Association Leadership is in touch with the Convention Hotel and is aware of current State government guidelines. Depending on the date of the session it may be too early to make the call, but the decision about holding the State Convention will be made as soon as circumstances allow. Until you hear otherwise, it is on.

**National Convention** - The Convention Committee is well-aware of the situation and in touch with the Maryland Convention hotels and officials. Maryland State guidelines may make the decision for us (their restaurants and bars are currently closed). It is much too early to decide, but if a decision is made to cancel, that decision will be made in early to mid-June, if not sooner. Otherwise, again, until you hear otherwise, it is on.





# State Major Project—Cerebral Palsy

[ohioelks.com/ohiocp](http://ohioelks.com/ohiocp)

Happy Spring! As we begin our new Lodge year, I am happy to report what has been going on with the CP Fundraising Committee. The Committee met at the Newark Lodge on February 28, 2020 to discuss the Grants and Camperships that had been submitted for consideration. The Committee is happy to have awarded the following Grants & Camperships:

North Central:	Children’s Development Center/Mercy Health	\$10,000
	Crawford Co. Bd of DD	\$ 5,000
	Fisher Titus Medical Center	\$22,000
	Wings of an Angel	\$ 2,500
North East:	UCP of Greater Cleveland	\$25,000
	Children’s Rehab Center of Warren	\$ 5,000
	Hattie Larlam Foundation of Portage Co.	\$ 7,600
	Robert Bycroft School/Columbia Co.	\$ 1,400
North West:	Toledo Ability Center	\$10,000
	Sunshine Foundation, Inc	\$ 8,600
	Sara’s Garden Hyperbaric Center	\$15,000
	Children’s Development Center of Lima	\$10,000
	St Rita’s Medical Center/Mercy Health	\$10,000
	Kaitlyn’s Cottage	\$ 2,500
	Campership (1)	\$ 400
South Central:	Easter Seals Rehabilitation	\$10,000
	Pioneer School (Ross Co MRDD)	\$ 4,900
	Gallia Bd of DD-Guiding Hand School	\$ 7,500
	Jackson Co Bd of DD-Hope Haven	\$10,000
	Vinton Co Bd of DD	\$ 5,500
	Meigs Co Bd of DD	\$ 6,000
	Perry Co Bd of DD	\$ 3,800
	Union Co Bd of DD	\$ 7,000
	Center for Disability Services Camperships (3)	\$15,000 \$ 1,200
South East:	Echoing Hills Village	\$10,000
	Belco Works	\$ 5,000
	Rainbow Connection	\$ 5,000
	Jefferson Co Bd of DD	\$ 3,200
	Guernsey Co Bd of DD	\$ 2,500
	Columbiana Co Bd of DD	\$ 4,000
	Bellaire Elementary Schools Camperships (2)	\$ 3,500 \$ 800
	South West:	United Rehabilitation Services
Camperships (2)		\$ 800
	Total Amount of Grants/Camperships	\$260,700

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# State Major Project—Cerebral Palsy *(con't.)*

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As Elks, we were able to help out a lot of individuals with these Grants and Camperships. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO YOUR PER CAPITA!!! This is what allows us to keep doing what we are doing.

We are in to the second year of our 150 Club. Drawings will be held this evening after the installation of Officers (right before the Charity Tickets are drawn) This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> set of drawings for the numbers purchased in August. Now is the time to renew your numbers for the August 2020/April 2021 drawings. Remember, you must be an Elk to participate. See CP Treasurer Chuck Hilyard, or your District Reps to renew. Cost is \$25/number.

The OSU Season Ticket Raffle has long been a big part of our Fundraising. The past several years have seen a decline in the sales of the tickets. These sales help your Lodges meet your Per Capita of \$4/Member. Please get your tickets from your District Reps this weekend and get busy selling them. Let's see an increase in sales!! Remember to turn in your sold tickets and money at the Fall Reunion in August. Please also make sure to pay by Lodge check so you have an accurate record.

The 2020/2021 Grant and Campership forms will soon be up on the website. Please make sure your facilities are using the current forms. These are updated each year. If you have any questions, please contact myself or your Reps. Lastly, I would like to thank your District Reps for their hard work: Rex Coldwell, NC; Jim Vasey, NE; Chuck Hilyard, NW; Nelson Dray, SC, and Rick Steffen, SE. They work tirelessly to help make this committee successful.

*Sara Dunavent  
PDDGER/CP Committee Coordinator*

## Soccer Shoot



[ohioelks.com/soccer-shoot](http://ohioelks.com/soccer-shoot)

The picture is our State Champions who represented us at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot held in York, Pa on March 13,14 and 15, 2020 They are left to right Abby Garica, Mary Garica, Megan Kirby, Gabby Garica, Wyatt Burbacher and Abby Schlegel.

We had 5 Champions who didn't come.

We had 2 first place winners, Abby and Mary Garica, 1 second place winner Gabby Garica, 1 third place winner Megan Kirby, 2 sixth place winners Wyatt Burbacher and Abby Schlegel.

A short story about Mary Garica, she wasn't scheduled to shoot but her Mom brought her shoes just in case she would be needed. Mom didn't tell Mary and she wasn't happy about it (she was prepared and didn't think she was do good) but she kicked and ended up taking 1st. Happy ending.

I wish I had a picture of Abby Schlegel of her smile when she got her 6th place trophy— priceless such beautiful joy.

I am asking all lodges to please give the boys and girls in your area and chance to experience what Mary and Abby did. Hold a soccer shoot, the district chairman are ready and willing to help.

*Larry Clement,  
State Soccer Chairman*



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# Lodge Operations

As I write this all Ohio Lodges have been instructed to close their doors due to the Coronavirus attacking our state, country, and world. For certain, it is a situation none have faced in our lifetime and we hope and pray that this pandemic will soon be over, our doors will once again be open, and all of us as individuals, families, and Lodges will be unaffected health wise or financially.

[ohioelks.com/lodge-operations](http://ohioelks.com/lodge-operations)

While closed, this can be a very good time to take a close look at your building and do deep cleaning and minor repairs. Take a walk through your facility making a list of things to do, ask for volunteers, and limit the number in your building at any one time, providing sanitary products for their use.

It is also a good time now to make use of our Elks.org website and the resources available. It is a new Lodge year with many newer members sitting in the officer chairs and heading up committees. This is a good thing and we all want things done correctly and to the advantage of our Lodge and all of Elksdom! Please take a look at all of the manuals available and make use of them.

All Lodges should have received their Property Plus Certificates of Coverage during this past month. The Certificate of Coverage renews the existing coverage for Lodge buildings and contents effective April 1, 2020. Please review this and make sure you have adequate coverage? Contact AON at 800-421-3557 if you have questions, see discrepancies or need to make any additions or corrections.

Your auditing committee should now be actively involved in preparing the Annual Financial Report. All information should be delivered to the accountant so that the results can be presented to the Lodge no later than June 15 and then to your DD and the area Grand Lodge Committee on Auditing & Accounting by June 30. Fees will be imposed if they are not submitted in a timely manner. It is true Audits will not need to be submitted if your Lodge has completed the FRS guidelines.

The beginning of a new Lodge year is an ideal time to take an inventory of your Lodge's possessions. This can be done easily by officers or volunteers in a couple of hours. It is advised along with a written record, there also be a video record with a copy stored away from the Lodge in case of a total destruction.

*Dean Streit, PDDGER  
Lodge Operations Chairman*

# Community Service - Public Relations

We had a very good year providing funds to organizations in our community by way of the Community Service Grants. We were able to help 25 organizations and awarded a total of \$18,000.

[ohioelks.com/community-service-grants](http://ohioelks.com/community-service-grants)

This year we will be handling the process the same as last year but with two changes. You can start applying for grants on May 1, 2020. The form is on the community service web site and you can download it and fill it in.

The first change: Any application that is received by May 3 will be considered received on the first day. If more than four applications are received from one district, then we will look to see if any of the lodges did NOT receive a grant in the previous year. If so, they will get first dibs on the grants. After that the remainder will go into a hat and requests will be drawn until the 4 grants have been awarded. Any requests not filled will be put on the wait list and be eligible for any grants not awarded in other districts after July 1.

The second change: You need to email the form to [communityservicegrants@ohioelks.com](mailto:communityservicegrants@ohioelks.com) DO NOT EMAIL THE APPLICATION TO MY HOME EMAIL. Forms emailed to my msn.com account will be returned. If you hand it to me or snail mail it to me, there is a possibility that it could get misplaced or overlooked. I try not to let this happen, but it is a lot easier to keep track of emails. Also, please do not submit the grant request until May 1.

If you email it or it arrives in my mail before that date, it will be held until May 7 and processed after the grants that are submitted that week.

*Kermit Morse, III PDDGER  
Community Service/Public Relations Chairman*



# Most Valuable Student Awards

[ohioelks.com/community-scholarships](http://ohioelks.com/community-scholarships)

Congratulations to all Lodge Chairman and District Committees for submitting great kids for the competition in 2019-2020. On behalf of all the students "THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT IN SELECTING THE BEST OF THE BEST"! Your hard work made the State committee's work a tough job in selections for 2019-2020 winners. Again I say "thanks for your time". I am looking forward to seeing the results from National ENF for our semi-finalist in their judging and with the entire Finalist the best. The names are listed in alphabetical order by last name and not rank. If you have questions please contact Nevin Taylor at [ntaylor@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ntaylor@columbus.rr.com). Good luck Lodges with your finalist!

## SELECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL MVS AWARDS (to be announced in April)

### BOYS:

Trey Battin, Maumee/BG  
Nathaniel Bowman, Massillon/North Canton  
Caden Donaldson, Jackson  
David Fox, Cincinnati  
Landen Fraylick, Greenville  
Ryan Goodson, Ironton  
Trevor Minyo, Washington Court House  
Aaron Rider, Findlay  
Owen Salyer, Jackson

### GIRLS:

Jessica Hrich, Parma  
Elizabeth Radway, Cincinnati  
Alma Russell, Cincinnati  
Cecile Schreidah, Toledo/Sylvania  
Kelsey Stanfield, Kenton  
Kayla Stephensen, Xenia  
Olivia Wenzel, Parma  
Lillian Whitcomb, Coshocton

## RECEIVING STATE \$2000.00 AWARDS - 2020

Ryan Chen, Van Wert  
Simon DeBruin, Washington Court House  
Corbin Hite, Tiffin  
Derek Inskeep, Lima  
Grant Plummer, Jackson  
Ollie Saleh, Toledo/Sylvania  
Hayden Sutton, Mount Vernon  
Gavin Weaver, Newcomerstown  
Russell Zhu, Columbus/Grove City

Olivia Bergman, Toledo/Sylvania  
Elsa Bretz, Barnesville  
Genevieve Ferrari, Lakewood  
Savannah Henderson, Wilmington  
Julia Park, Athens  
Kylie Pettit, Washington Court House  
Madeleine Sanders, Xenia  
Abigail Worstell, Marietta  
Stephanie Yen, Berea

## RECEIVING STATE \$1,000.00 AWARDS - 2020

Trey Ark, Springfield  
Nicholas Basile, Salem  
Jack Betz, Massillon/North Canton  
Andrew Blum, Chillicothe  
Noah Bock, Toledo/Sylvania  
Eric Daniels, Ironton  
Nitish Dashora, Columbus North  
Henry DeBruin, Washington Court House  
Jacob Hawkes, Circleville  
Michael Kuban, Lakewood  
Ryan Ripley, New Philadelphia  
Avinash Singh, Toledo/Sylvania

Cassandra Snopik, Galion  
Alexis Bergman, Toledo/Sylvania  
Deepti Naruka, Cuyahoga Falls/Akron/Barberton  
Kalor Greve, Marysville  
Megan Berry, Norwalk  
Baleigh Radune, Jackson  
Holly Sexton, Jackson  
Aubrey Schwartz, Washington Court House  
Brooklyn Fockler, New Philadelphia  
Maskin Sidhu, Lexington/Shelby  
Meranda Coleman, Jackson  
Carrie Stetler, Lima

Nevin Taylor, PSP  
State MVS Scholarship Chairperson





# Hoop Shoot

[ohioelks.com/hoop-shoot](http://ohioelks.com/hoop-shoot)

How competitive was the Ohio State Hoop Shoot event on Feb. 15, 2020 in Gahanna? The three defending National Champions in attendance at the event all finished runner-up.

The competition was amazing at the annual event, held at Gahanna Middle School West. A total of 35 youngsters competed for a chance to advance to the U.S. Great Lakes Regional in March. Defending National Champions Ava Kouri (2018), Anthony Thompson (2018, 2019) and Cameron Elwer (2019) were all defeated in a very tough State competition. Results were:

8-9 girls: Marin Howell, Troy #833, 20/25; Blaire Reed, Marietta #477, 19/25; Adelyn Everman, Mercer County #2170, 16/25; Adalyn Baker, Circleville #77, 15/25; Madison Rowland, Wooster #1346, 13/25; Shelby Odey, Alliance #467, 10/25.

8-9 boys: Jackson Earley, Wilmington #797, 23/25; Mason Beatty, Norwalk #730, 22/25, 9/10; Brady Griggs, Alliance #467, 22/25, 8/10; Leo Laaper, Coshocton #376, 21/25; Mason Malone, Jackson #466 and Marcus Bishop, Findlay #75, 20/25.

10-11 girls: Addison Martin, Wilmington #797, 22/25, 4/5; Ava Kouri, Alliance #467, 22/25, 3/5; Magnolia Holbert, Chillicothe #52, 18/25; Giana Chirpas, Ohio River Valley #231, 17/25; Bryle Bostelman, Kenton #157, 16/25; Kendra Barr, Bellevue #1013, 10/25.

10-11 boys: Andrew Elwer, Lima #54, 24/25; Anthony Thompson, Lebanon #422, 23/25, 4/5; Braxton Byers, Barnesville #1699, 23/25, 2/5; Kinston Jenkins, Ashland #1360 and Tripp Miller, Newark #391, 17/25; Sean Jordan, Ravenna #1076, 6/25.

12-13 girls: Lindse Sidon, Ohio River Valley #231, 23/25; Addison Colman, Findley #75, 21/25; Cheyenne Frady, Troy #833, 17/25, 4/5; Makaree Chapman, Ashland #1360, 17/25, 3/5; Payton Powell, New Lexington #509, 16/25; Alexa Brown, Alliance #467, 15/25.

12-13 boys: Brayden Holt, Wooster #1346, 23/25, 30/30; Cameron Elwer, Lima #54, 23/25, 28/30; Evan Hancock, Alliance #467, 21/25; Brody Clark, Circleville #77, 20/25; Caden Wylie, Coshocton #376, 17/25.

All contestants and families were given Friday night lodging, dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday, and all contestants received Elks basketballs, Drug Awareness backpacks/goodies, water bottles, goodie bags and t-shirts, compliments of the Ohio Elks Association and The Bellevue Hospital.

*Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, both the Regional and National Hoop Shoot contests were cancelled.*

*-Dennis Sabo  
State Hoop Shoot Chairperson*



# North Central District News

For full stories visit [www.ohioelks.com/oea-news](http://www.ohioelks.com/oea-news)

## Lorian Lodge #1301

Lorain Titans recognized the Lorain Elks Lodge, for its \$300 donation and its continuing support at an Lorain vs. Elyria Home game.

## Lorian Lodge #1301

The Lorain Lodge #1301 and the Cleveland based DEA 360 Strategy Group held a Halloween Trunk Trick or Treat Event keynoting Drug Awareness & Prevention. 200-250 children with their parents attending were treated to "Elroy the Elk", Local Law Enforcement & Dea staff.

## Lorian Lodge #1301

Lorain Lodge #1301 feed the the Clearview Clippers football team a Spaghetti Dinner at the Lodge

## Lorian Lodge #1301

Used a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant to give the Lorain Male & female Valor Home residents a great Christmas. In addition to gift giving, Christmas Eve dinner for all was also provided.



Lorian Lodge #1301 Recognized For Community Work



Lorian Lodge #1301 Feeds Local Football Team

# Northeast District News

## Berea Lodge #1815

The lodge dart league decided to donate all proceeds of the league to a new Emergency Member Relief Fund to help any lodge members struggling as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. In all, the league donated \$3,195 to the fund!

## Salem Lodge #305

Americanism Essay winners were awarded their plaques on Saturday, February 8th in the Lodge room with family and friends in attendance. The theme was "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me" Front is Kim Chapman, Leading Knight and co-chair; 5-6th grade Division I: 1st Elise Bender; 2nd Ryan Folger; 3rd Macey Troy and Pam Gerace, Americanism Chairman. Back row is Connie Smith, ER; 7-8th grade Division II: 1st Olivia Hoffman; 2nd Megan Miller and 3rd Emmitt Harkleroad. All 6 essays were sent into the NE district level.

## Salem Lodge #305

Drug Awareness Essay and Poster Contest Winners were awarded their plaques on Saturday, February 8th in the Lodge room with family and friends in attendance. The theme was "Life does not rewind, choose life not drugs" Pictured are Connie Smith, ER; Essays are 6-7th graders: 1st Roxanna Beck; 2nd McKenzie McCallister. Poster was 3-5th graders: in 3rd Ava Dowd. Not pictured were: Essay 3rd place winner Madelyn Manley and Poster winners 1st Charity Hodgson and 2nd Cassidy Wallace. All essays and posters were sent onto the NE District level for judging.

Willoughby - Cleveland Lodge #18 and Painesville Lodge #549 combined efforts to distribute over 75 bags of warm clothing to help battle the elements to homeless veterans in Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga and Cuyahoga Counties in Northeast Ohio. Funds to purchase the bags were made possible thru a ENF Freedom Grant. Willoughby Emblem #508 as well as Willoughby American Legion Palmer Lodge post 214 also helped with this very worthwhile project.



Salem Lodge #305 Americanism Winners



Willoughby Cleveland & Painesville Lodge's Homeless Veterans Project



Salem Lodge #305 Drug Awareness Poster Winners



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## Fremont Lodge #169

A partnership between the Fremont Elks Lodge #169, Link/Interact Club-Fremont Ross High School and Wynn-Reeth Inc. made a lasting affect within the Fremont community. On 4 different occasions Elk's members, Link/Interact teens and Wynn-Reeth individuals with developmental disabilities gathered for lunch and to make tie-blankets. 40 tie-blankets were made in all and put in to cinch drawstring backpack which had all 3 organization logos printed on each.

## Van Wert Lodge #1197

Selected Megan Garrity and Emma Witten, both seniors at Vantage Career Center as the recipients of the Students of the Month for January. They also selected Lana Carey, senior at Lincolnview High School and Madelyn Lamb, senior at Crestview High School as the recipients of the Students of the Month for February.



Van Wert Lodge #1197 Students of the Month (January)

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## Athens Lodge #973

Held a Texas Hold'em Charity Tournament with the proceeds benefiting Cerebral Palsy, the state major project. With the fundraiser we were able to generate over 800 dollars in donations.

## Gallipolis Lodge #107

The Gallipolis Elks purchased and distributed 168 dictionaries for all the third grade students of Gallipolis City Schools, Washington, Green and Rio Grande Elementary Schools. The students were very excited with their new dictionaries and sent personalized thank you notes to the Lodge.

## Newark Lodge #391

Helping veterans is a big part of Newark Lodge 391. Kathy Wise, lodge ENF chairman, procured a Gratitude Grant and with the money the lodge was able to put together 12 Welcome Home Baskets for veterans transitioning to housing.

## Newark Lodge #391

CP Breakfast – Still a Big Hit for 391 Nothing stops this crew getting out the monthly CP Breakfast!!! Happily serving the Elks faithful who continue to support our lodge!



Athens Lodge #973 Hold Charity Hold 'em Tournament



Newark Lodge #391 CP Breakfast

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**Ohio Elks Association**  
 Quarterly Newsletter Publishing Schedule - 2020

	<b>SPRING</b> PRE-STATE CONVENTION ISSUE March 22, 2020 March 29, 2020	<b>SUMMER</b> PRE-NATIONAL CONVENTION & FALL REUNION ISSUE May 30, 2020 June 7, 2020	<b>FALL</b> BUSINESS OPERATIONS ISSUE August 29, 2020 September 6, 2020	<b>WINTER</b> NEW LODGE YEAR PREP ISSUE December 12, 2020 December 20, 2020
<b>LEADER ARTICLES</b>				
State President	President's Message & Lodge Highlight	President's Message & Lodge Highlight	President's Message & Lodge Highlight	President's Message & Lodge Highlight
District Activity Chairs	District Meeting & Events Information	District Meeting & Events Information	District Meeting & Events Information	District Meeting & Events Information
District Deputies to the Grand Exalted Ruler	DD Clinic Information	DD Clinic Information	DD Clinic Information	DD Clinic Information
District Public Relations Chairs	OEA News Lodge Activities	OEA News Lodge Activities	OEA News Lodge Activities	OEA News Lodge Activities
<b>STATE COMMITTEE CHAIR ARTICLES</b>				
Advisory Council	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary
Americanism	District Winners Report	State Winners Report	National Winners Report	Theme & Local Lodge Information
Bowling		Tournament Results Due	Tournament Dates & Location Due	Tournament Schedule Due
Calendar Project	2020 Calendar Sales Update	2020 Grant Award Report	2021 Calendar Program Article	2021 Calendar Program Update
Community Service Grants	2020 Program Announcement			
Conventions & Reunions	Prelim State Convention Schedule National Convention Registration Info	Prelim Fall Reunion Schedule Post Spring Convention Report National Convention Update	Post Fall Reunion Report Post National Convention Report	
Cerebral Palsy Fundraising	Grants & Campership Award Report & 150 Club Update	OSU Ticket Reminder - 150 Club Update	General CP Update	Grants & Campership Submission Reminder Report
Credentials & Registration	Convention Pre-registration Info	Fall Reunion Pre-registration Info & Spring Convention Attendance Report	Fall Reunion Attendance Report	
Drug Awareness	Quarterly Report DEA Drug Takeback	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report DEA Drug Takeback	Quarterly Report
Elk of the Year & Hall of Fame For Our Grand (F.O.G.)	As Necessary	EOY & HOF Recipient Report As Necessary	EOY & HOF Application Reminder As Necessary	EOY & HOF Application Reminder As Necessary
OEA Elks Leadership Kollege	Leadership Kollege Report Committee Highlight	Committee Highlight	Committee Highlight	Leadership Kollege Date & Location Committee Highlight
Golf	State Golf Tournament Announcement	State Golf Tournament Schedule		State Golf Tournament Results
Government Relations	GL Report Due Reminder	Previous Lodge Year Report	GL Report Due Reminder	GL Report Due Reminder
Hoop Shoot	State Hoop Shoot Results	National Hoop Shoot Results	Hoop Shoot Schedule Release	Lodge Hoop Shoot Reminders
Judiciary	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary
Lodge Membership	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report
Lodge Operations	Quarterly Report - Lodge Highlight	Quarterly Report - Lodge Highlight	Special Section Report on Lodge Operations	Quarterly Report - Lodge Highlight
Memorial Services	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary	As Necessary
Elks National Foundation	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report
Ohio Elks Charity	Charity Tickets Reminder	Charity Tickets Results - Angel Pin Update	Charity Tickets Results - Angel Pin Update	Charity Tickets Reminder
Ohio Elks Endowment	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report
Past Exalted Ruler's Association (Ritual)	District Ritual Winners Report	State Ritual Winners	National Winners Report	Ritual Contest Outlines & Schedules
Scholarships	Legacy Award Report	Emergency Education Grant Schedule	MVS Scholarship & Legacy Award Schedule	MVS Scholarship Winner Report
Soccer Shoot	Lodge Soccer Shoot Reminder	District Soccer Shoot Schedule	State & Area/Region Soccer Shoot Schedule & District Winner Results	Lodge Soccer Shoot Program Reminder & Area/Region Winner Results
National Veterans Services	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report
Web Operations	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report	Quarterly Report
Youth Activities	Student Volunteer of the Year Schedule & General Report	District Student Volunteer of the Year Winners & General Report	General Report	General Report

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