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# 11 O'CLOCK NEWSLETTER

## NEWPORT ELKS # 273

### MESSAGES FROM THE EXALTED RULER DAN BRAY PDDGER, PER ER

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Hello Members,

I want to start my column by thanking all my friends and family for their love and support through my father (Ken Bray's) funeral and Elks Service. It was a very difficult time for me and Fran and my brother Roger and his wife Betty and the rest of our family. He was a great man and an exceptional father. He left big shoes to fill, we loved him dearly and I will miss him every day.

I want to thank all my fellow officers (my friends) for their funeral service especially Ray Pauly who did a fabulous job. I have never had the opportunity to sit and listen to the Elks funeral service for anyone close to me. It brought me to tears hearing the loving tribute we gave to our father. I know he was smiling down at us while it was being given by the officers.

I also want to thank all our friends for their work on the family "Celebration of Life" for Dad. Specifically, Terry Amriott, Kathy Frommeyer, Patti Hess, Dave Zi-

on, Linda Caldwell, Nancy Roell and Carol Hughes, and Paul Dickerson for bartending. Plus anyone else that helped that I may have overlooked in error.

My Dad loved the Elks and dedicated a large part of his life to the Elks and the Veterans which are such a large part of the Elks community service. My dad and mom, Ruth and Ken worked hundreds of hours for the Elks community during his 50+ years as a member of this lodge. He was the chair of the Veterans Committee for many years and chairman of the Anniversary Dinner and he dedicated many hours for other Elk functions. He was an exemplary Elk member and was a prime example of a "Great Elk". I am so proud to have called him my Dad, my father, my Pop, for the past 74 years.

We have multiple events planned for next month and future months for the year. Coming up in May, there is the Derby Day party on May 3rd,



the Car Show on June 1st and many other events. Look for event flyers for added information.

The Elks National Convention is scheduled for June 29th through July 2nd. See Linda Caldwell our secretary for additional information on hotels and schedules.

Thanks for all your sympathy cards, your flowers, your love, and your support.

Sincerely,

**Fraternally,**  
**Dan Bray, Exalted Ruler,**  
**PER, PDDGER.**



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

We have initiated 8 new members this month. Introduce yourself to them and welcome them to our lodge. Congratulations to the following for joining our lodge family:

- Max Ponting – sponsored by Anthony Ponting
- Gary E. Carlisle – sponsored by Gary R. Carlisle
- Dan Bowman and Paula Unrau – sponsored by Roger Reis
- Brandi Clines and Nathan Schaefer – sponsored by Dave Orth
- Linda Schmidt – sponsored by Nancy Roell
- Tammy Thompson – sponsored by Chuck Thompson

Good job with membership dues. We are down to 97 members to go. I will be getting out a delinquent list soon. If a dropped member wants to reinstate, let me know. I will be turning off key fobs to delinquent members May 18 so please get those dues paid.

Our new Direct Billing payment system is finally up and running. It was down for a period of time in mid-April because of some glitches they didn't expect. Now members should not have a problem using it.

Jim Staubach is accepting donations for the Elks National Foundation so either leave it behind the bar or in the office if you don't see him. What we donate comes back to us through grants and scholarships for students and the community. It's a great charity the Elks offer for local lodges to help others in need.

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



## LADIES HIGHLIGHTS

Lent is over and it was very successful. A big thank you to the many volunteers that made it great. These volunteers that work the lent season are there every Friday night working. Some even are there during the week preparing for that Friday night. People like Shady Orth and her group fixing the condiments, and Nancy Roell, Linda Caldwell and myself cupping the Cole Slaw.

Thanks goes to the guys in the tent and the trustees that made sure the fryers in the tent were ready.

As you see it takes an army to put on a successful fish fry. It couldn't be done without all this help. Thank you everyone.

We are not having a flea market this year due to no one wanting to chair this event. But we are going to be busy this summer. Starting with the Derby Party, then the Car show, and there will be a casino night for the Kids With Cancer benefit in June. It all sounds like fun, so come out and enjoy yourself. Hope to see you at one of these events.

***Kathy Frommeyer, Ladies Auxiliary President***



## A TRIBUTE TO KEN BRAY



My father-in-law Ken Bray was a phenomenal person. He was born on 3/30/1930 and he died on 4/03/2025, a few days after turning 95 on 3/30/25.

He spent his life helping people, especially veterans. He was one of the Best People On Earth, BPOE in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was a 52 year member of Newport Elks Lodge #273, in Cold Spring, KY.

He was also my dad for 47 of my 72 years, after I married his son Danny. He was actually my friend prior to meeting his son. We rode the city bus TANK together everyday for months and we sat together and chatted daily before I arrived at my job in Cincinnati.

He was the best father-in-law ever, never a harsh word was said between us. In the past year of his life after we lost Mom, Ruth his wife of 73 years in January of 2024, we became closer. Since he was staying alone in his condo, and became more dependent on me and his sons Danny and Roger. He started learning how to cook for himself and would call me often for recipes. He became very proficient with his crockpot and crockpot recipes. He was often my official taste tester since I often fixed him more difficult recipes. I would bring them over to him for dinner with extra containers full, to freeze. I loved cooking him special dishes.

He was my dad and I was the daughter he said he never had. He loved me unconditionally and I loved him dearly.

I will miss him forever and never ever forget him. He was the epitome of a good and loving father.

*Fran Bray*



## KEY EVENTS

### Derby Day—151st Running

May 3rd, 2025 starting at 3:00PM The main event, the Kentucky Derby race, will kick off at 6:57 PM.

Come out and have lots of fun and bet on the Derby right here at the lodge.

Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy the cash bar.

Not open to the public

### June 1

Car Show at the Lodge. Registration at Noon, Car Show 1PM-4PM. Lunch available.



### June 8

Flag Day



### June 14

Kids with Cancer Casino Night Benefit

# MAY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Lodge Open	2 Lodge Open  Fish Fry 4:30PM-7PM 	3 Lodge Open  Derby Day 3PM 
4 Lodge Closed	5 Lodge Closed  Bingo 7PM 	6 Lodge Open	7 Lodge Open  Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	8 Lodge Open Lodge Meeting 7:30PM 	2 Lodge Open  Fish Fry 4:30PM-7PM 	10 Lodge Open
11 Lodge Closed  	12 Lodge Closed  Bingo 7PM 	13 Lodge Open  Ladies Aux Mtg 7PM  Trustees Mtg 6:30PM	14 Lodge Open  Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	15 Lodge Open	2 Lodge Open  Fish Fry 4:30PM-7PM 	17 Lodge Open
18 Lodge Closed	19 Lodge Closed  Bingo 7PM 	20 Lodge Open Quarter Auction 7PM 	21 Lodge Open  Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	22 Lodge Open Lodge Meeting 7:30PM 	2 Lodge Open  Fish Fry 4:30PM-7PM 	24 Lodge Open
25 Lodge Closed	26 Lodge Closed NO Bingo  Memorial Day 	27 Lodge Open Veteran's Visit 4:30PM 	28 Lodge Open  Member Dinner 5:30PM-7PM	29 Lodge Open	30 Lodge Open  Fish Fry 4:30PM-7PM 	31 Lodge Open

## NEW MEMEBERS



# Welcome

## New Members

On April 23, the Newport Elks 273 inducted 8 new members.

Please welcome Max Ponting, Gary E. Carlisle, Dan Bowman, Paula Unrau, Brandi Clines, Nathan Schaefer, Linda Schmidt and Tammy Thompson.

# Derby Day at the Lodge

The Kentucky Derby's 151st Running

May 3rd, 2025

3:00PM

The Kentucky Derby race, will kick off at 6:57 PM

**Armchair Races** will occur every 15 minutes 3:30PM-6PM

Bring a covered dish to share

Cash Bar

Hats, Bow Ties and Dresses are optional

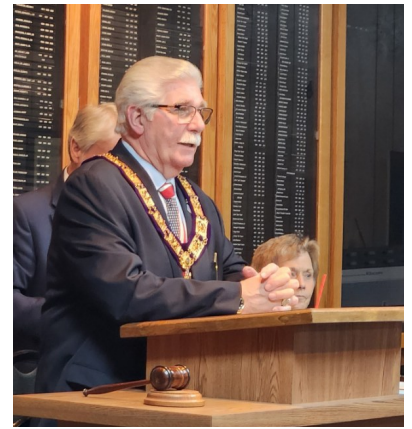
*Come out and have lots of fun and celebrate Derby Day together!*



## 2025 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On Thursday, April 3rd, we held our Installation of Officers for the 2025-2026 year.

Congratulations: Exalted Ruler- Dan Bray, Leading Knight- Jacob Lawrence, Loyal Knight- Mark Lawrence, Lecturing Knight- Don Spradlin, Secretary- Linda Caldwell, Treasurer- Lorraine Haverkamp, Esquire- Charles Thompson, Chaplain- Nancy Roell, Inner Guard- Gina Stebbins, Tiler- Season Lawrence, Presiding Justice- Kathy Frommeyer and Trustees- Dan Martin, Tom Conley, Dan Hidelbrand, Paul Dickerson, & Dave Haverkamp.



*In Loving Memory of*

**RUTH BRAY**

*A loving Wife, Mother, Grandma, Great Grandma  
and Great Great Grandma*

*Love Forever, KEN*

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Dan Bray

PER 1992-'93 & 2016-'17, PDDGER

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M. Fran Bray, PER 2008-'09, PLP

## MONTHLY VETS VISIT

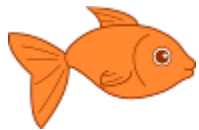
On Tuesday, April 22nd, we had our monthly Veterans visit. We had 31 Veterans, 6 Girl Scouts, & 7 volunteers.

The Veterans enjoyed a ham dinner with mac-n-cheese, sweet potatoes, green beans, and dessert and then played bingo. A good time was had by all.



If anyone would like to come up and help with the Veterans, we meet every 4th Tuesday of the month. **Paul Dickerson, VSO**

# Fish Fry Kitchen Teams



Fish Team			Slaw Team		
Fish Team	Team Name	Team Number	Slaw Team	Team Name	Team Number
5/2/2025	Taylor	3	5/2/2025	Amiott	2
5/9/2025	Reis	4	5/9/2025	Dottie	3
5/16/2025	Hildebrand	5	5/16/2025	Diane & Vicky	4
5/23/2025	Dead Beats	1	5/23/2025	Bill & Nancy	1
5/30/2025	Amiott	2	5/30/2025	Amiott	2



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

**Ken Bray** — born 3/30/1930, initiated 4/1/1974, died 4/3/2025

**Bob Staubach** — Jim's father has had a bit of up and down while Jim was visiting him in Florida. He is home now and doing much better. Hopefully Jim is home to stay for a long bit. Wynter sure missed her grandpa.

**Season Lawrence** — had surgery and is doing fine. Mark was a great nurse. Season is back at the lodge and dancing on Monday nights at bingo.

**Jim McClain** — Jim is still battling his illness. The Elks sure are sending prayers for you Jim and the family

**Dan Martin** — Dan had surgery and is doing fine. He is back at doing a great job here at the elks. Thank goodness Denise took good care of him.

**Alan Kline** — Alan had an out patient procedure done. He is doing wonderful. Alan is back to work and playing

cards. Great to know you feel better Prayers to you and your family.

**Dave Caldwell** — Dave had hip replacement surgery. He will have re-hab for a few weeks. Prayers to Dave and his family.

**Fred Wenz** — born 11/2/1936 Initiated 6/1/2008 Died 4/10/2025 Prayers for the family

**Patti Hess**  
**Chairperson of Sickness and Distress**



Send updates to  
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Chairperson of sickness  
and distress  
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## BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

On April 5th we had the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny event. There were over 100 people registered and quite a few walk-ins, thanks to the rain. Over 50 Drug Awareness packets were given out. It was a really great time. The kids had a blast at the craft table and at the photo booth. Thanks to Picture Perfect for donating the Photo Booth. I would like to especially thank the following people for all their hard work and without you this would not have been possible. You are truly amazing support!

- Kitchen Team: Terry Amriott, Dave Zion, Kathy Frommeyer, John Hamilton, Patti Hess and Linda Caldwell
- Craft Table: Donna Hanson, Symantha Caperton and Yasmin Fossit
- Photo Booth: Jacob Lawrence
- Easter Bunny: Tim Weimer
- Bar: Paul Dickerson
- Door: Patty Perry







**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
Kids with Cancer  
Car & Bike Show**

**June 1, 2025  
1PM – 4PM**

Registrations begins at 12PM

**Prizes will be awarded to Best in Show, Best Modern and Best Classic  
Come out and have lots of fun, lunch and see some Classic Cars!**

**Contact Jim Staubach 859-866-8655**




## KIDS WITH CANCER KENTUCKY PROJECT

The Kentucky State Major Project is **Kids with Cancer & Jim Bob Kevil Kids With Cancer Fund**, both of which aid families with children affected by cancer. Each year, Kentucky Elks raise funds to help support two camps in Kentucky. **Camp Quality Kentuckiana** and the **Kids Cancer Alliance Summer Camp** both provide a week of fun and relaxation for children who have been diagnosed with cancer. The camps focus on the values that Elks members support including: citizenship, family values, teamwork and responsibility, community and giving, respect, fairness, and tolerance. It is the belief that each camper will hopefully leave camp with a life-enhancing experience and a concrete example of the "Elks Care, Elks Share" philosophy.



### The goals of the camp:

- To create stress-free environments that offer exciting activities, foster new friendships, and give children courage, motivation, emotional strength, and hope.
  - To give the families of children with cancer a much-needed rest, knowing that the highest quality programs will be selected and the finest medical supervision will be provided to ensure a happy, fun, and, most importantly, safe camping environment.
  - To pair each camper with his/her own caring companion so that the special experiences of the camping week can be shared and to further expand the camper's support system.
  - To give our campers hope for the future in that the camping experience will be such fun, they will look forward to and anticipate the next camp, and that the memories from their special week will sustain them in the weeks and months ahead as they continue their medical treatment.
- And last, but not least... TO LET KIDS WITH CANCER BE KIDS AGAIN!

**ELKS NEWS**



The Elks 160th Grand Lodge Convention, will be in Kansas City, MO. On June 30th – July 2nd, 2025 This year Kentucky will be housed at the Embassy Suites Plaza. Room rates are \$187 per day. All reservations must be made prior to May 1st. Please see Linda Caldwell if interested in attending.



The 2025 State Mid-Year Convention August 1-3, 2025 will be at the Ashland KY Elks #350, 900, Carter Avenue Ashland KY 41101.

See Linda Caldwell if interested in attending.

For more information visit [www.kentuckyelks.org](http://www.kentuckyelks.org)



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**Exalted Ruler:** Dan Bray  
**Leading Knight:** Jacob Lawrence  
**Loyal Knight:** Mark Lawrence  
**Lecturing Knight:** Don Spradlin  
**Esquire:** OPEN  
**Chaplain:** Nancy Roell  
**Inner Guard:** Gina Stebbins  
**Secretary:** Linda Caldwell  
**Treasurer:** Lorraine Haverkamp  
**Tiler:** Season Lawrence  
**Presiding Justice:** Kathy Frommeyer  
  
**Newsletter:** Season Lawrence

### Ladies Aux Officers

**President:** Kathy Frommeyer  
**Vice President:** Terry Amriott  
**Treasurer:** Patti Hess  
**Rec Sec:** Nancy Mullins  
**Corr Secretary:** Cathi Hildebrand  
**Publicity:** Candy Staubach  
**Birthday:** Jenni Woodruff  
**Chaplain:** Patty Perry  
  
**Entertainment:**  
 Connie Steffen  
 Lisa Steffen  
 Deanna Inabnitt

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