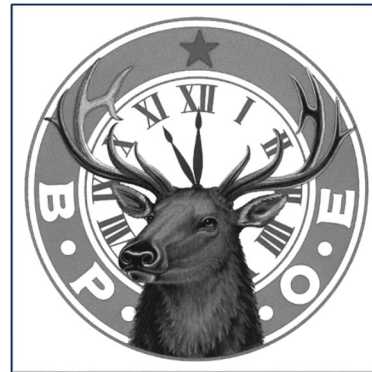


JULY NEWSLETTER

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**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
4TH OF JULY**

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK FUNDRAISER FOR MEMORIAL GARDEN PROJECT

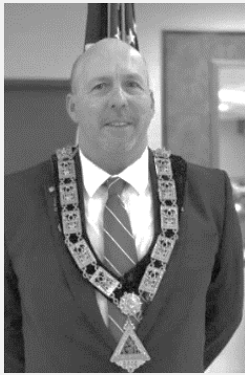
Our Lodge is now selling commemorative bricks that will surround the beautiful new Memorial Garden at the entrance to the Lodge. The cost is \$100 for a 4" x 8" grey concrete brick, which may be personalized with names, dates, special messages, and even your choice of clip art at no additional charge.

Proceeds raised will be used to help cover the cost of building and landscaping the Memorial Garden, including the brick walkway and concrete foundation for our new life-size bronze Elk sculpture, which will serve as a magnificent centerpiece for the Memorial Garden. Please support the Lodge by purchasing a custom-made brick that will leave a lasting memory for years to come! If you have any questions, please contact ER, Chuck Myers at (470) 538-3040.

Order forms are available at the Lodge OR visit our custom donor website for easy online ordering:

<http://polarengraving.com/covingtonelkslodge1806>





EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:

I pray this letter finds you healthy and full of life! I sure have missed you guys over the last few months, some a little more and some a little less (*just kidding*)!

We had our first BINGO night in months on Thursday, June 18th, with 31 people playing. We cut our pay-out in half to reflect the low attendance, but we must stay positive because it will only get better from here. We will continue to host **BINGO on Thursdays ONLY** until further notice to keep the

overhead cost down and to make sure we are sanitizing the Lodge properly. I want to thank all the members who showed up to help!

Our Lodge will be hosting a **Grand Re-Opening** event on **July 10th**, so come celebrate with us! We're offering a **1960'S-style Fish Fry & Oyster Bar** with 1960's prices – just \$5 per person. I need a few volunteers to help shuck oysters and clean fish. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Lodge!

Mark your calendars for **July 25th & 26th** as we welcome the **Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride**. We will be hosting an overnight stay for these wonderful people as they make their way across the country. I have the Newton County Sheriff's Department giving a police escort, Porterdale City Police setting up shower stations with personal care items, mechanics on site for light maintenance needs, and care packages for riders. I'm looking forward to showing these folks what Southern hospitality is all about. We will feed them a good dinner the night they arrive and send them off the next morning with a warm hearty breakfast. Lodge members need to show up and show out to support this cause. These men and women will ride over 4,000 miles to stop and visit with families of fallen soldiers and honor them with a hero's memorial on August 2nd at Arlington National Cemetery. We, as an organization for Veterans, need to do our part and I know I can count on all of you good Elk members here at our Lodge to show your support and Southern hospitality!

Additionally, the **Fall Meeting** is coming up on **October 23rd** at our Lodge. This is a huge opportunity for us to make a lot of money, especially after the absence of our normal weekly events that bring funds into the Lodge. It's a chance for us to have fun and meet other Elks from all over the state! As with any big event though, it takes a lot of work to prepare and members to dedicate time and effort before, during, and after the event. Please mark your calendars and let me know when you're able to commit to help, whether it be a full day, or just a couple hours. The Lodge needs and appreciates your time and dedication.

Thank you, miss ya'll, and God Bless.

Chuck Myers



July 4

Happy Independence Day!

July 10

**Grand Re-Opening of Lodge
1960's-style Fish Fry & Oyster
Bar @ 6:30pm (\$5/plate)**

July 14

Board Meeting @ 10:00am

July 17

GA Elks State Convention @
Macon Marriott City Center

July 21

Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

July 25

**Tribute to Fallen Soldiers
Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride**
(Provide dinner, lodging, & breakfast)

August 11

Board Meeting @ 10:00am

August 16

**Celebration of Life at the Lodge,
In Memory of Scot Fincher**

August 18

Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR ELKS SHIRTS!

Show your Covington Elk pride, it's a great conversation starter! This is the last order we'll be placing for a while, so make sure you get yours now.



Be stylish and have your name embroidered for just **\$5.00** more!

- Haynes ComfortBlend Polo Shirt
- Hunter Green, White embroidery
- Standard Men's sizing (S, M, L, or XL) Fits true to size

To order, call Cathy Myers
(770) 880-8672



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please welcome NEW MEMBER (from June 2020) **RITA THOMAS** to the Lodge!



JOIN THE ELKS FOR JUST \$1.00 IN JULY & AUGUST!

Do you know someone that would be a great Elk? Ask them to join! Our Lodge is running a promotion for newcomers this summer by reducing the application fee to just \$1.00 in July and August. Membership applications are available at the Lodge or online at www.covingtonelkslodge1806.org

HOW DO I SPONSOR A NEW MEMBER?

The most significant way to experience the richness of the Elks Initiation is to sponsor a friend into our organization. Our order is selective, to maintain the quality of our membership and thereby perpetuate the good works that stem from our rigorously guarded character. *To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the person must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God.*

The proposed member can be sponsored by any current member in good standing from any lodge in the country. They'll also need two other Elks to be their references. The Elk who proposes an individual for membership should provide them with a copy of the Membership Application, or email them a link to the online version of the form. If they are applying via hard copy, they can return their completed application to the Lodge Secretary.

Their application will be read at a regular Lodge meeting. It will then be forwarded to the Investigating Committee, who will call the proposed new member and set up a time for the new member and sponsor to meet with the committee so that they can interview the proposed new member.

After the interview is concluded, the committee will report to the Lodge concerning the membership. The members will be given a notice not less than 10 days nor more than two months before the vote will be taken. When the vote is concluded, the proposed member will be notified and asked to present themselves and their spouse for indoctrination. During indoctrination, they will learn more about the Order's programs and charities. They will also be told during the program the date they will be initiated. After initiation as an Elk, they can take part in all meetings and social functions of the Lodge.

If for any reason their application is rejected, they can submit a new application for membership after six months from the date of rejection.

TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS MEET & GREET AT LODGE

Join us at the Lodge on **Saturday, July 25th from 5-7pm** for a Meet & Greet with the riders We'll be providing the riders with a hot meal and overnight accommodations before they make the next leg of the journey on their way to Arlington National Cemetery.



MEETING REMINDER

We are only having ONE meeting per month in JULY and AUGUST:
Board Meeting - second Tuesday of the month @ **10am** (July 14th, Aug. 11th)
Lodge Meeting - third Tuesday of the month @ **7:30pm** (July 21st, Aug. 18th)

FISH FRY & OYSTER BAR



SERVED with COLE SLAW,
HUSH PUPPIES, FRIES and a DESSERT

FRIDAY
JULY 10TH
6:30-9:00PM

Covington Elks Lodge
135 Crowell Road
Covington, GA 30014

1960'S Style Pricing
\$5.00/Plate

COCKTAIL BAR
opens at **5:00PM**



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Debbie Andrews

Lyle Arnold

Pat Barnes

Joe Collins

Melvin Detrick

Doug Patterson

Laura Queen

Lloyd Queen

Dawn Knight

Abe Wilkinson

John Womack

Unfortunately, we are not able to host our monthly Birthday Dinner at this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We'll make it up to you just as soon as we can!

YOUR DUES will help
get us through the tough months

Because we are not Open we are unable to raise money; we've turned the lights off, the heat off, cleaned freezers and refrigerators, but we still have bills to pay



If you are able
Please remit your DUES.
It is greatly appreciated

**Stay Safe,
Stay Strong
Stay Healthy**

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK: DIANFEGLEASON



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please continue to pray for our fellow Elks. A friendly call, visit, or card would help them know we are thinking of them.

Pat Telley

John Krueger

Jimmy Monk

Tony Bowden

The Lord welcomed home a fine Elk last month and said, *“Well done my good and faithful servant.”* Please pray for Scot’s family during this difficult time.



Scot Fincher

May 8, 1962 - June 2, 2020

A Celebration of Life will be held in memory of Scot Fincher at the Covington Elks Lodge on August 16, 2020.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so that we may prepare enough food for all.

FIREWORKS AS A JULY 4TH TRADITION

(Credits: Olivia Waxman, TIME Magazine and Sarah Pruitt, History.com)



It’s hard to imagine Independence Day without fireworks. But how did this tradition get started? The earliest forms of pyrotechnics can be traced to around 2,000 years ago in China. People are said to have roasted bamboo stalks until they would turn black and sizzle, and the air inside the hollow stalks would explode. Between 600-900 A.D., Chinese alchemists took that idea to the next level by filling bamboo shoots with gunpowder made from saltpeter (potassium nitrate, sulfur, and carbon acquired from charcoal), and throwing them into a fire pit. Steel dust or cast-iron shavings were added to make them sparkle. These firecrackers were often used during New Year Festivals and weddings to scare off evil spirits. As the ingredients for gunpowder spread to the West, so did fireworks. They became a part of official celebrations, from the annual fireworks display in Rome to the 1533 coronation of Anne Boleyn as Queen of England. So it was no surprise that, as soon as July Fourth began to be celebrated as America’s Independence Day, fireworks were part of the plan. After all, John Adams did say he hoped the anniversary of independence would be marked for years to come by “guns” and “bonfires” and “illuminations.” Because the first July 4 fireworks display happened in the middle of the Revolutionary War, some historians believe they were supposed to be a “morale booster.” The celebrations at the time would have also included the firing of cannons and guns, adding to the explosive nature of the festivities. With the war’s end and increasing concern for public safety, those firearms were eventually phased out of the celebrations and replaced almost entirely by the fireworks. Today, Americans spend somewhere around \$1 billion on fireworks each July 4, allowing for a nationwide celebration of independence John Adams would surely have appreciated.

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS? A PICTURE OF HISTORY: THE OLD COVINGTON ELKS CLUB

(photo courtesy of The Covington News)

