

TROY ELKS LODGE #833

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Flag Ceremony at the Farm

Welcome New Members

Shawn Rust
Daniel O'Grady
James Cruca
Seth Haley



The "Spirits" of the Troy OH Elks Lodge 833

Submitted by Maggie Vance

The private home portion of the Troy lodge seems to have some "other worldly" occupants who are likely not members in 'Good Standing' due to lack of recent dues payment!!

The home was built in 1880 by Dr. Harter. His daughter, Mary Jane, married Dr. Coleman, had four children, and got divorced. Mary Jane's oldest son died at age 14 from being kicked in the head by a horse. This caused her to move back into the home with her parents. Later, she married Mr. Hayner and left the children with her parents in the home. All members of the family were out of the home by 1920. The home was sold to the Elks about 1930 for \$1.

The stories, as told by Maggie Vance, revolve around several people's experience of seeing a man in a formal tuxedo with a tall hat and hearing little children.

Andy Pittenger, a bartender, recounted seeing a man in a tall hat in the mirror in the lounge. Of course, turning around, the man was gone!! Della Kroger, an Elks member, also reported having seen the man in the tall hat in the lounge. Maggie's husband Gordy recalls seeing such a man in his peripheral vision near the front door.

Maggie's grandson at less than two years old, looked over his shoulder in the parlor, pointed (toward a figure), and said "big hat." He also gave the person a "high 5." Maggie's oldest son Dustin, who has downs syndrome and does not read, had also

seen the apparition. When he was asked if he knew the man's name, he said "William Haines."

A little time after the oldest son had seen William Long standing member, John Lutz, relayed that there was a member called William Haines. Mr. Haines attended formal Elk meetings in a tuxedo and tall hat. Mr. Haines died in 1956 of an apparent suicide. He had a plastic bag wrapped around his head. This would be unusual since, typically after someone loses consciousness, their hands would relax. A homicide instead? Who really knows? Perhaps, Mr. Haines is visiting his favorite Elks place?

A bartender, J. D. Hoover was in the basement and felt something pass by. As that happened, he heard what was like small children saying, "tee hee."

Gordy and a friend Glen were playing pool. As Gordy addressed the cue ball, the ball moved several inches. The table was flat and firm. Gordy asked Glen if he had seen that, and Glen said he had noticed. Then both men heard small children saying, "tee hee."

A paranormal group has visited the Elks lodge and set up equipment to record video and audio. Technical problems with the audio and some participants interfered with the work. The lodge awaits another attempt to resolve the apparitions.

Derek Dunavent, who worked in the kitchen, and ex-bartender Shirley Wright have various stories of ghostly encounters taking place in the kitchen, bar, and ballroom.

On June 25, it was
5:00 all night long.
Jimmy Buffett
would have been
proud!



A few residents of Margaritaville



TROY ELKS #833 NEWSLETTER

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September/October, 2022

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

Greetings once again. What a fast 2 months and summer is passing us by. I would like to start by thanking all the volunteers who make our club so great. Membership is on the rise as we now have over 640 members. Over the July 4th weekend I attended the 157th Elks National Convention in Atlanta GA. Anyone wanting to know about my visit I brought back literature on several programs just see me. I met with club members from 26 different states and brought home lots of ideas on how we can make our lodge better.

I attended several seminars on drug awareness, veteran's support, and also on how to raise money to support our community with projects such as having a school supply day where we have our local teachers come in to pick out supplies they need to finish out their school year. This event would be held during the time frame of December as teachers have what they need to start the school. A good way to support any program that supports our community is through E N F grants. As a lodge if we contribute \$4.80 per member to the Elks National Foundation, we qualify for grant money up to \$10,000. A good way to learn about your lodge is through volunteering. We have

many needs for volunteers throughout the year such as Kitchen help on nights we serve food on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Fridays nights. We also have projects such as your Kids Christmas, Needy Kids Christmas, Veterans Day dinners and farm events.

A special thanks to our member Molly Miller for creating fun nights on Saturday nights such as our last one with the theme It Is 5 O'Clock Somewhere. To get information on all these events make sure the club has your email address on file. Linda Elliot sends out an email to members that we have them for.

I also want to thank the kitchen staff run by Paul Bryant and Bobby Rohr for the outstanding job they do with dinners and keeping prices reasonable so a family can go out to dinner.

As I mentioned, we are growing as a club and I try to meet as many of you as possible, so if you don't know me and see me come up and say Hi. I am always willing to listen to anyone's ideas on how we can make our lodge better.

Exalted Ruler Chester Bazzel

Saturday September 10th Slot Machine Tournament 5pm-7pm

There will be a buy in to play. Each person will play for 15 minutes.

Game will be Royal Jewels

Bet Amount will be \$.050

No Buying Back Winners

Bonus and free games happening at the end of 15 minutes will pay through, but must immediately cash out after they stop. All players keep your winnings!! At the end, the top 3 players with the most amount won, wins the prize money!

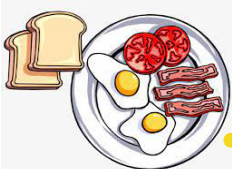


Just a little look ahead to November

we will be having the **Gobbler Gamble** again this year. It will be Monday November 21st at 7pm.

This year we will be holding a **Total Lodge 50/50- tickets** will be mailed out to all members the first weekend in September. The tickets will be \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. The drawing will be held at the Members Christmas Party. Proceeds will go towards new granite tablets for your lodge room.

The **Members Christmas Party** will be Saturday December 10th at 7pm. Watch for more details at a later date.



Bowlers Breakfast

will start back up in October. The first one will be Sunday October 9th from 8am to 12pm. They will be the 2nd Sunday of each month, November, December, January, February, and March.

Friday Dinner Specials:

September

9/2- Steak 9/9- Fish Fry

9/16- Fried Chicken

9/23- Homemade Double

Cheeseburgers

9/30- Open Menu

October

10/7- Steak

10/14- Taco Pizza

10/21- Open Menu

10/28- Homemade Double

Cheeseburgers

**Ed Wright Golf
Outing Winner
Ryan Groff** with a score of 70. He won a scorecard playoff with Kris Anderson