



# NEWSLETTER

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## Officers, members fulfill the work of our Elks charter

The Columbus Elks' Lodge #1195 has been around since 1921, and initial members joined as a way to serve their community, honored veterans, and local area youth.

In the 1960s, when lodge members built the golf course and clubhouse, the lodge became the "Elks Country Club," and the lodge's membership grew. Over time, membership has declined, as it has for a lot of philanthropic organizations, yet the Columbus Elks remains one of the largest Elks organizations in the state.

### The 2026-2027 memberships:

- 147 Family Golf
- 11 Single (unmarried) Golf
- 46 70-Plus
- 13 Under 35
- 14 Out-of-Town
- 2 Founding Members
- 3 Junior Golf
- 113 Lodge & Social

As you can see, a vast majority of members - both Columbus residents and out-of-town patrons - join to play golf; yet Elks' clubs exist for the purpose of serving communities philanthropically. Research indicates there are very few Elks' clubs that operate a golf course the size of the Columbus Elks.

### YOUR 2026-2027 LODGE BOARD AND OFFICERS



*Exalted Ruler Jon Faltys and wife, Nicki*



*Leading Knight Justin Laudenklos, wife, Julianne and family*



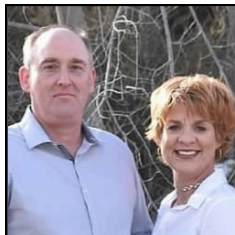
*Loyal Knight Chase Piel and wife, Ashley*



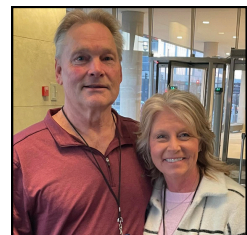
*Lecturing Knight Troy Hlavaty and fiancée, Kaitlynn*



*Esquire Sam Hogeland and wife, Alyssa*



*Treasurer Craig Mickey and wife, Roxanne*



*Secretary Jeanne Schieffer and husband, Tim*



*Chaplain Marty Divis and wife, Tami*

This means your membership dues are two-fold: they provide enjoyment for your family and charitable support in your community.

It also means, in order to fulfill our charter as an Elks lodge, we must stay current in initiating our members and ask them (YOU) to participate in honoring veterans, recognizing our youth, and financially supporting our community's needs.

We will soon be reaching out to those individuals not currently initiated and invite them to a special event.

We also ask ALL members  
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# Fulfilling our charter, cont.

to consider contacting one of the officers on the previous page and ask how you can get more involved in the lodge and help us with our philanthropical work in the community:

- **awarding scholarships to local youth.** Esquire Sam Hogeland and his wife, Alyssa, have assumed that responsibility for many years and do a great job. At high school honors and award banquets this May, Elks' Lodge #1195 will award six, local youth with \$6,800 in scholarships.
- **hosting an annual Veterans Outing each year.** Marty Divis organizes and which is a complimentary day of lunch, 18 holes of golf, and a steak banquet. This year's event is scheduled for August 14, and help is needed to make the day special for nearly 100 of our local, military heroes.
- **conducting Hoop Shoot contests for aspiring youth athletes.** This past fall, orchestrated by Past Exalted Ruler Chris Nahorny, new Exalted Ruler Jon Faltys, and Loyal Knight Chase Piel, our Lodge's Hoop Shoot attracted 70 students from CHS, Scotus, Lakeview, and Immanuel Lutheran schools.
- **supporting the needs of our community** via financial grants applied for and awarded by the national Elks organization. In 2025-2026, the Elks awarded \$9,000 to local causes (\$7,000 to the Columbus Rescue Mission and \$2,000 to Women United for mental health vouchers and the United Way's student health program which pays the medical, dental, and vision costs for qualifying students.

Even if you are not actively involved, you support the community programs the Elks sponsors, the student scholarships we award, and the state and national Elk obligations we pay as a chartered Elks lodge.

Over the past 10 years, the Columbus Elks Lodge has awarded more than \$66,000 in grants for community and veteran needs and \$40,000 in student scholarships.

Next month, the newsletter will include information about the Board of Trustees, which is a "house" committee of the lodge, and how its purpose is to oversee the operational functions of the club, the course, restaurant, pool, etc.

*Save the Date*  
Columbus Elks Lodge #1195  
**VETERANS OUTING**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026  
*Registrations will open in June.*

## SINCE 2016

The Elks has awarded

# \$100,000+

in community grants and student scholarships.

GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

A Place at the Table Backpack Program  
Center for Survivors  
Columbus Rescue Mission  
Habitat for Humanity  
Imagination Library  
Platte Valley Literacy Association  
Sammy's Superheroes  
Simon House Food Pantry  
Teammates  
United Way and its various programs including:  
Marigold Lane  
Women United  
Veterans Employment

# Message from Elks'

# MANAGEMENT

Elk Members,

This year, the Board of Trustees introduced a new corporate membership program designed to foster professional networking, employee wellness, and memorable experiences for employees of area businesses and corporations.

The program is a win-win for companies that want to utilize the Elks' premier facilities, including an 18-hole championship golf course, pool, golf lounge, fine dining, and event spaces, while also enhancing client entertainment, teambuilding, and their employee benefit packages.

I am proud to recognize the following businesses as our first corporate sponsors of this program and appreciate their commitment to making the Elks Country Club a priority for the Columbus community.

*-Trista*



*Now Available!*

## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS

Company benefits and membership packages for 4, 6, or 8 employees



REVIEW YOUR OPTIONS, THEN CONTACT TRISTA ENGEL TO DISCUSS HOW YOUR COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES CAN BENEFIT.



*NOTE: There are currently no Sliver level corporate sponsors.*

If you are considering a corporate membership for your company, brochures are available or you can contact Trista in the Elks office.

# Welcome to the Elks, Allan Elliott



Assistant Golf Professional Allan Elliott

teaching experience to the Elks, having coached 6 years of PGA Jr. League and enjoys teaching golf to anyone interested to learn.

“I’m look forward to having Allan on our team here at the Elks, said Elks Golf Professional Derrick Ceder. “Please introduce yourselves to him and let him know if you are interested in taking golf lessons.”

As you get to know him, you will learn he:

- is a graduate of Mullen high school in Mullen, Nebraska.
- started in the golf industry at 15 years old as a caddy at Sandhills Golf Club.
- prefers walking instead of riding in carts while playing golf.
- helped host 3 USGA Events as a PGA Professional at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (U.S Amateur Four-Ball, U.S Jr. Amateur and U.S Amateur).
- enjoys watching all Husker sports, and in addition to golfing, he likes to fish, travel, and snowboard.

Elks’ members are receiving yet another benefit of belonging to the club: Allan Elliott, our new assistant golf professional.

A Nebraska native and UNL graduate, Allan offers us 14 years of experience (8 Years as a Class 'A' PGA Professional) in golf shop management and customer service and has a strong passion for merchandising, teaching and growing the game of golf.

Most recently, Allan served as First Assistant at Eagle Point golf club in Eagle Point, Oregon, where he oversaw golf shop merchandising, youth golf clinics/camps and daily lessons on the range. Prior to Eagle Point, Allan spent 6 years at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in PGA Golf Management and is committed to bringing a high level of customer service and

A promotional flyer for "Couples Night" at the Elks. The flyer has a green and white checkered border. At the top, it says "Please join us for a" followed by "Couples Night" in a large, stylized green font. Below that is a circular logo featuring a yellow map of the United States with a golf flag on top, surrounded by green trees and the word "MASTERS" in a script font. Underneath the logo, the date and time are listed: "Friday, April 10" and "5:45 PM SHOTGUN". The pricing is "\$45 PER MEMBER COUPLE" and "\$55 PER GUEST COUPLE", with a note that "\*cart not included\*". At the bottom left, it says "FEATURING:" followed by a list of items: "Specialty Cocktails", "Pulled Pork Sliders", "Pimento Cheese Cups", "Green Jacket Salad", and "Peach Turnovers". On the bottom right, there is a QR code with a small Elks logo in the center. Below the QR code, it says "Couples Golf Night - Masters Edition".



**ELKS**  
COUNTRY CLUB  
LODGE #1195

# thank you

to everyone who attended this year's Easter Buffet. We were peased and excited to serve 135 people!



Columbus Elks' Event Calendar for

# April



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Easter Brunch

9

Finance Committee Meeting / Bridge

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Couples' Golf Outing

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Lodge Meeting - Installation of Officers

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Uncork A Cure - Private Event

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Tuesday Men's League Starts / OFC / Bridge

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Thursday Men's League Starts

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FAC - Sponsored by the Wild Elks

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Columbus Cup

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Cactus / Behlen Event

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Board of Trustees Meeting

