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To Our Stone E Lea Family,

There are some letters you hope you never have to write.

For our family, this is one of them.

After **72 incredible years**, the 2026 season will be the final season at Stone E Lea Golf Course.

This has been one of the most difficult decisions our family has ever faced. With David's recent health struggles, we know the third-generation legacy he has dedicated his life to will simply be too much to carry on without him giving it everything he has always given.

Even as we write these words, they still don't quite feel real.

Before we say anything else, there is only one thing we can say...

Thank you.

Not just for golfing here...

Thank you for making Stone E Lea a part of your weekly routine.

When people ask us what made Stone E Lea so special, the answer has never been the golf course itself. It has always been the people.

Thank you for choosing us year after year, season after season—and for many of you, decade after decade, even generation after generation.

Since opening our doors in 1954, the Lapierre family has always strived to make everyone who walked through our doors feel at home. Some golf courses know your tee time. We were fortunate enough to know **you**.

We knew if you preferred to walk or ride. We knew your favorite beer before you even had to ask. We knew exactly how you liked your hot dog or burger cooked.

But those aren't the things we'll remember most.

We'll remember the conversations. The laughter. The friendships. The feeling of walking into the clubhouse and seeing familiar faces every single week.

We knew your spouses, your children, and eventually your grandchildren. We celebrated birthdays, retirements, anniversaries, championships, and hole-in-ones. When someone missed a week, we noticed. We'd ask about them the following Thursday or Monday because that's what family does.

Somewhere along the way, you stopped feeling like customers.

You became our friends.

You became part of our extended family.

And that has always been the greatest privilege of all.

Thank you.

Thank you for your loyalty.

Thank you for your friendships.

Thank you for trusting our family to be part of your weekly traditions for so many years.

Thank you for every laugh that echoed through the clubhouse... every story shared across the counter... every handshake... every smile... and every heartfelt, "See you next week."

Those are the moments we will miss the most.

From the bottom of our hearts...

Thank you.

Every single time you chose to golf here instead of somewhere else, you helped keep our family's dream alive.

You weren't simply filling tee times.

You were filling this place with life.

You became part of our family, just as we hope we became part of yours.

That is a gift we can never truly repay.

Years from now, we hope you won't simply remember Stone E Lea as the place where you played golf.

We hope you'll remember it as the place the Lapierre family always tried to make it...

A Place Where We Put the "HOME" in Your "Home Course."

As we begin this final season together, we ask just one thing.

Come see us.

Play your round.

Order your usual drink.

Grab your favorite burger or hot dog.

Stay a little longer.

Laugh a little louder.

Shake a few extra hands.

Make a few more memories.

Because this final season isn't just about saying goodbye to a golf course.

It's about celebrating 72 years of friendships, traditions, and a community that became family.

We are still working through what the future holds for Stone E Lea, and we sincerely appreciate your understanding, your kindness, and your respect for our family's privacy as we navigate this incredibly emotional chapter together.

Thank you for being part of our story.

Thank you for allowing us to be part of yours.

We love and appreciate every one of you more than words could ever express.

Let's make this final season one we'll all remember forever.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Lapierre Family

David, Rachel, Kayleigh, Georgia, Steven, and all of our current and former staff