

JANUARY 2020

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LODGE MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm*

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm*

*August Lodge meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of the month only; November and December Lodge meetings are the 2nd Wednesdays of the month only. See calendar for exceptions. Lodge and Board meetings are open to all Elk members.

Hilltop Hospitality Newsletter—Lodge 2277

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler:		
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Joe Pulkowski (Carol)		908-500-3084
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Christy Landsman		443-375-7129
Presiding Justice		
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Dale Sears PER, PDD	5 year	443-789-4676
Greg Ackerman	4 year	443-821-8114
Jim Aumiller	3 year	410-948-4282
Les Mariner	2 year	410-259-6746
Tom Hayes	1 year	410-984-0231
Committee Chairs:		
Americanism	Junior Davidson	410-857-8085
Antlers Club	Betty Ketterman	443-279-8189
Bingo	John Shuey	410-984-0040
Camp Barrett	Tim Eaton	360-509-0899
Catering	Joyce Slaughter	443-438-0728
Drug Awareness	Mike Meltzer	443-285-9501
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Events	Christy Landsman	443-375-7129
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Golf Committee	Mike Lanahan	717-359-0744
	Tom Osborne	717-359-0257
House	R. Gordon Hinton	410-916-5408
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Membership	Tim Eaton	360-509-0899
Newsletter	Brad Eichhorst	443-618-1858
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Scholarships	Gary Youngworth	443-280-0336
Veterans	Don Culbertson	443-789-0925

EXALTED RULER'S LETTER

Happy New Year! Another year has gone by and as Elks we have many things to reflect upon over the past year. Without a doubt, one of the most memorable months was December. We had the Elks Annual Memorial Day Service, Breakfast with Santa (thanks to **Brad Eichhorst, Christy Landsman, Sharon Landsman, Fran Taylor, Mary Calloway, Gordon Hinton, Steve & Cindy Potter**), the children's Hoop Shoot at McDaniel College (thank you **Phil Popielski** and **Wes Cook**), Live Hope Laugh (thanks to **Caroline Ross, Greg Ackerman, Jim Aumiller, John Shuey, Rich Gnall**, the entire **Golf Committee** and **every volunteer**), and the Eggnog Party to end the month. There are so many names of members and volunteers who have helped all year long that it is impossible for me to list them. I hope you had an opportunity to attend at least one of these events.

Just remember that an event is not possible without volunteers. If you are an Elk, please consider helping at one event per year. Part of becoming an Elk is to help our community. We cannot accomplish this if you do not volunteer. Just a warning—it could be addicting after seeing the wonderful smiles on everyone's face, not to mention, it does your heart good.

On a serious note. I have been going around the lodge speaking to members about becoming an Officer or Committee Chair (or helping on a committee) for the next lodge year which begins April 1st. We will have nominations for Officer's on Wednesday, February 12th at the regular lodge meeting. Our lodge cannot continue to go on recycling the same Officer's over and over. Members need to consider taking an active role in the lodge in order to present new ideas in order to sustain longevity in the lodge. There are openings on the Board of Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight and Esteemed Leading Knight. If you have questions, feel free to stop any current officer to discuss exactly what the position entails. As always, you may call me at any time. I'd love to hear from you.

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Secretary's News & Notice

Membership /Lapsation

726 Beginning Membership 4/1/2019

Increases

- 28 Initiated
- 1 Affiliated
- 2 Reinstated

Decreases

- 1 Dropped
- 11 Deaths
- 0 Absolute Dimit
- 2 Transferred out

Calculated Membership Tot

- 743 CLMS Active Members
- 63.07 Average Age
- 17 Gain (Loss)

Delinquency

- 0 6 mo.
- 62 1 year
- 0 Over one year
- 62 Total
- 8.54% Lapsation Rate

Applications on Hand

- 3 To be read at next mtg
- 0 Investigating committee
- 0 Ready for Balloting
- 0 Ready for Orientation
- 1 Ready for Initiation
- 0 Ready for Affiliation
- 0 Ready for Reinstatement
- 4 Total

Life Members

- 108 Life Members
- 1 Honorary Life Members
- 109 Total
- 15.01% Life Percentage

Lodge Hours

Monday	Closed
Tues & Thurs	11:00a—9:30p
Wednesday	11:00a—10:30p
Friday	11:00a—midnight
Saturday	3:00p—midnight
Sunday	See calendar

MVS Scholarships

The judging has begun! A total of thirty-one Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications were received this year. Each application will be reviewed and scored based on the guidelines from the Elks National Foundation.

This year the Westminster Elks Lodge will be awarding a total of \$22,000 to our local students. The three top-scoring males and the three top-scoring female applications will be forwarded to the District for further judging. Letters will be sent out to these applicants informing them of their advancement. Individual letters will also be sent out to all of the other candidates informing them of their status

The ENF Legacy scholarship is still available to high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. To begin the Legacy application processes go to <https://enf.elks.org/leg>. The deadline for Legacy applications is January 31, 2020.

Gary Youngworth
Scholarship Chairman



PEARL HARBOR CAMPAIGN

The Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. The memorial is aging and needs refurbishing and updating.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per national member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. **Will you help?**

[Make a donation today at enf.elks.org/phc!](https://enf.elks.org/phc)

Checks, payable to Elks National Foundation, may be mailed to Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614-2256. Please write "Pearl Harbor" in the memo line. You may also leave donations at the lodge attn. Tim Eaton / Pearl Harbor.

'Twas A Night of Giving

On December 17th, the Golf Committee, along with their families and Lodge members, partnered with Live, Hope, Laugh for a **"Night of Giving"**. The Lodge used the Beacon Grant to host over 40 low income families from Carroll County, who have children with chronic illnesses. Close to 110 people were in attendance. A Christmas meal was provided by the House Committee and served to the families by our volunteers. The hot meal was a traditional Christmas dinner consisting of Turkey/Ham along with all the fixings and dessert.

After dinner, the children were visited by a few special guests – Santa Clause and The Grinch. The "Senior Moments" band played Christmas carols and Roger Lindsey, Magician, entertained the group with his magic tricks. The smiles on their faces were endless. All the families were given a bag full of Christmas Gifts from their "wish" list along with some food to take home.

It was a very memorable evening for all of us in attendance, as well as a chance for these families to forget about their everyday challenges and have a joyful moment during the holiday season.

We'd like to thank all those that Volunteered and those that Sponsored families for this extraordinary event.

Greg Ackerman



JANUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>NOTE—ARTICLES for the Newsletter are due in by the 12th of the month!</p>				<p>Throwback Thursdays Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25</p> <p>Football Thursdays!</p>		
			<p>1 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p>	2 Throwback Thursday	3 Beef pot roast w/ salad bar \$12.99	4
5 Open noon-6pm	6 CLOSED	7 \$5 Burgers Trustees 6:30 pm	8 LODGE Mtg 7pm Veterans 5:30 pm Events Mtg 6pm	9 Throwback Thursday	10 Seafood platter—see ad	11
12 Open noon-6pm	13 CLOSED	14 \$5 Burgers	15 PASTA NIGHT Investigation 7pm	16 Throwback Thursday Trustees 7pm	17 Quarter fried chicken, baked beans, corn & applesauce #13.99	18 TRIVIA NIGHT 7pm
19 Open noon-6pm	20 CLOSED	21 \$5 Burgers Drug Awareness 6pm	22 LODGE Mtg 7pm	23 Throwback Thursday	24 Stuffed shells, garlic bread, salad bar \$10.99	25
26 Open noon-6pm	27 CLOSED	28 \$5 Burgers	29	30 Throwback Thursday	31 Stuffed pork chop—see ad	2 DAYS UNTIL SUPER BOWL!

<p><u>Kitchen Hours:</u></p> <p>Tues – Fri Lunch 11am – 2pm</p> <p>Tues – Thurs Dinner 5pm – 8pm*</p> <p>Fri – Sat Dinner 5pm – 8pm</p> <p>Pub Menu avail until 10pm</p> <p>Sun See calendar</p> <p>*last food orders are taken by 6pm before Wed. Lodge meetings</p>				<p>IMPORTANT CHANGES noted on Pg 5</p>	
		<p><u>SAVE THESE DATES</u></p>		<p>Sat Jan 11 Smoker Auction ends –ad pg 8</p> <p>Sat Jan 18 Trivia Night</p> <p>Sun Feb 02 Super Bowl Party</p> <p>Sat Feb 22 Scrapbook Event</p> <p>Sat Mar 07 Wine Tasting</p>	

SPECIALS

Friday, January 10th

Seafood Platter

4oz crabcake, clam strips, 3
fried shrimp, baked
potato and apple sauce

\$16.99

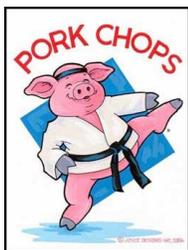


Friday, January 31st

Stuffed Pork Chops

Mashed potato, Brussel
sprouts,
baked apples

\$13.99



PASTA NIGHT

Wednesday, JANUARY 15TH

5pm – 8pm

No open menu ordering

Serving all your homemade
favorites!



Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14th

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Plated dinner of Prime Rib, Spiced Shrimp,
Baked Potato, Broccoli,

Roll and Butter,
plus Dessert

\$19.99



News from the House

Change is inevitable, operating at a loss cannot continue long term. I am happy to state that this year thus far the loss has been trimmed over 60 percent over the past few years, but it is not enough. The Board of Directors expect accountability for the Lodge's resources.

We are an Elks Lodge, not a restaurant and not a country club. The kitchen struggles with consistency and time. No one wants to wait an hour for food or receive a meal that is prepared poorly. Therefore, effective January each Friday there will be dinner special that will be the main offering. A limited pub menu will also be available on Friday nights. This pub menu will be a trimmed down version of the current menu. Other times when the kitchen is open, we will be offering the new pub menu.

What we hope is that by limiting offerings, the kitchen can keep up with the orders and prepare food consistently and in a timely fashion. Our food costs will be lowered, payroll lowered, and consistency improved.

Change is hard, no one wants their favorite item removed, but we must push forward and take the necessary steps to preserve our Lodge for all the good we do in our community.



R. Gordon Hinton, PER

Events Corner

Be sure to sign up for the email notices and join our "Westminster Elks #2277" Facebook page to get timely alerts about events, dinner specials, and breaking news on happenings on the hill!

The Wine Night scheduled for January 18th has been rescheduled for March 7th. Instead on the 18th we will be hosting Trivia Night.



We have so much going on this winter and we look forward to seeing you at the Lodge for food and fun! If you would like to help out with any events, contact Christy at 443-375-7129.



Secretary's Notes

NOTICE: After the first of the year, we will be sending out the annual dues letter for 2020. It is very important that you make sure your contact information is up-to-date. This includes your address, phone number and email. If you have a change, please either call the lodge at 410-848-2277 or email Sharon Hinton at scrapgurl13@comcast.net.

Life Membership requirements are: 30 years total as an Elk, not less than 65 years of age and a member in good standing. You will need to send in a request to the Secretary to become a life member at which time your request will be balloted upon at a regular lodge meeting. The years as an Elk and age do not automatically make you a life member. We welcome your request.

REMINDER--There is a \$10 fee for all card keys that have been lost or broken.

Veterans Committee

We are looking for **donations for local vets in need**. Please help our veterans in the form of gift cards to Walmart or Aldi's grocery stores, or drop off monetary and non-perishable donations at the lodge. Any amount will be taken with great thanks.

Don Culbertson
443-789-0925



Prefer reading the newsletter online? Our calendar and complete newsletter are available on both of our websites each month.

As posted on page 1, see:
www.elks.org::Lodge#2277
www.elks2277.org

Text "Elks2277" to 313313 to receive text alerts.

We also send notices to Facebook page **Westminster Elks #2277**

Exalted Ruler's Letter cont. from Pg 1 Even though I am now a short timer, we still have a couple of events planned. Check the bulletin for the information. Currently, we are in the process of scheduling events for this coming year. If you have an idea or suggestion, please call Brad Eichhorst. He is trying to put a calendar of events together. Your suggestions and teamwork are what makes everything successful. I hope to see you at one of the events to join in the spirit of Elkdom and friendship!

Fraternally,
Sharon Hinton

"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal."—Steve Maraboli

SCRAPBOOK/PROJECT DAY

Saturday, February 22, 2020

(8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)



It's time to catch up on scrapbooking our 2019 (or in some cases older) memories and working on upcoming projects. Come join us for a day of fun and socializing. *All proceeds will be donated to the Westminster Elks Lodge #2277. We are one of the largest charitable organizations in our community. Help us continue to help others!*

Location: Westminster Elks Lodge

Cost: \$30 (includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch)

Table Space: 6-8 foot tables **ONLY 30 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

FLEA & SWAP TABLES AVAILABLE

Sign Up sheets are available at the lodge or contact Sharon Hinton via email at scrapgurl13@comcast.net for reservations. **Payment is due at time of reservation.** Cash or checks only please.

Make checks payable to: Westminster Elks Lodge #2277

Mail to: Sharon Hinton, 2727 Mt. Carmel Rd., Parkton, MD 21120 or drop payment off at the lodge.



Santa, Mrs. Claus, an Elf, Gifts, and Food!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to our Breakfast with Santa this year. We had about 30 children visit with Santa and some even hand delivered their letters to him. Special thanks to **Cindy Potter, Steve Potter, Sharon Landsman, Rick Landsman, Shelley Calp, Fran Taylor, Landon Shiloh, Brad Eichhorst, and Mary Callaway** for their hard work in creating a fun and enjoyable time for all.



Thank you to **Santa Jean Kirchensteiner** and her elves **Sharyn Smith, Sandy Parks, Theresa Boyd, Ella Washington, Shelley Calp and Barbara Harden** for the amazing job they did with the **“Warm and Fuzzy”** clothing drive! Due to the generous donations from members of Lodge 2277, the ladies collected and distributed cartons of jackets, blankets, hats, snow pants, scarves, earmuffs and gloves to our community neighbors through the **Shoemaker Center Rehab, Shepherd’s Staff, Westminster Police, Human Services Program’s** cold weather shelter, **Family and Children’s Services, and Second Chances**. Thank you everyone!



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Sunday, February 2, 2020
5:00 p.m. until End of Game

\$25 per person

\$15 per person (Under 21)

MENU

Wings (3 ways)

Pulled Pork Sausage & Peppers

Loaded Potato Salad Meatballs

Plus more to come!

Draught Beer House Wine

Soft Drinks

(Food Served through 3rd Quarter)



**Lodge Smoker Grill
Surplus Sale**

After many years of service, the Lodge's smoker no longer meets current Health Department requirements for commercial food preparation. The Board of Directors has elected to have a silent auction to dispose of the smoker. **The smoker is being sold without title for the trailer; as is and where is.** It is parked in the outside fenced area if anyone would like to see it.



A bidding sheet, with a starting bid of \$20, will be posted in the lobby and will run from January 4 through 7:00pm January 11. Winning bidder shall pay and