

# Hilltop Hospitality Newsletter

June/July 2025



## Lodge #2277

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Chartered in 1963

### A Message from the Exalted Ruler - Brendan Hopkins

Dear Esteemed Members of Westminster Elks Lodge,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying everything our lodge has to offer as we get into our warmer months. I wanted to take a moment to personally thank every one of you for your continued support and dedication to the Westminster Elks. Your energy, generosity, and spirit are what keep this lodge thriving. Let me tell you, we're off to a great start this lodge year!

Since April, our membership has been on a steady rise, and we are thrilled to report that we've welcomed 13 new members into our Elks family. Even more exciting are the applications are still coming in; this kind of momentum is something we should all be proud of. However, we are starting the year with over 100 delinquent members. We need your help to reach out, reconnect, and remind our members why this lodge is a place worth returning to. Let us know how we can help you succeed in this.

Our lodge is buzzing with activity again. Between family dinners and special lodge events, it's clear that members are beginning to view the lodge as their second home once again. This feeling is priceless. We have launched a new menu that blends classic lodge favorites with some exciting new flavors. To everyone's delight, yes, our bi-weekly specials have returned! (If you missed the crab cakes, you weren't alone, they sold out in just three hours! Don't worry they will be back again.)

Be sure to check the website regularly for updates and plan your next lodge visit, or maybe even a date night with your significant other. We are especially excited to announce the upcoming Lodge Loyalty Program, "Elks Inner Circle", set to launch soon. It's our way of giving back to the members who give so much. The program will offer perks and benefits for supporting our events, kitchen, and giving back to the community. Your continued patronage will help much needed capital improvements.

Looking ahead, our annual Elks Flag Day Ceremony is right around the corner. Your lodge officers are planning a heartfelt ceremony to honor this tradition, and we'd love to see a strong turnout. Please join us for this meaningful event just before the lodge opens on Saturday, June 14 @ 3:30pm.

As always, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our volunteers. Whether you serve on a committee or simply lend a helping hand around the lodge, your selflessness and commitment are what make us a true community. You are the heart and soul of this lodge.

As your Exalted Ruler, I promise to stay committed to guiding us forward, honoring our traditions, and embracing the future—with you right by my side. Let's keep this incredible momentum going and continue to grow, together.

<b>Exalted Ruler</b> Brendan Hopkins 240-393-1054	<b>Secretary</b> Junior Davidson 443-375-7168 PER, PDDGER, PSP	<b>Board of Trustees</b> Tom Anderson 1 Year Andrew Dean 2 Year Sharon Hinton 3 Year Keith Reed 4 Year Tom Hayes 5 Year
<b>Esteemed Leading Knight</b> Christy Landsman 443-375-7129	<b>Tiler</b> James Wyman	
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<b>Esteemed Lecturing Knight</b> Paul Tribles 443-414-3867	<b>Chaplain</b> Joe Lewis 717-634-0140	
<b>Esquire</b> Patrick Jacobs	<b>Presiding Justice</b> Hon. Haven N. Shoemaker, Jr., Esq.	<b>West District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler</b> Michael Collins
<b>Treasurer</b> James Jaderborg 410-790-8627		

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## *Loyalty Program* Inception Year 2025

Members Are the Heart and Soul of the Lodge!  
Without you, we couldn't fulfill our core mission:  
Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

That's why we're excited to announce a Loyalty Program; our  
way of recognizing and rewarding those who are regularly  
involved and committed to the Lodge.

Your dedication deserves to be celebrated!

If you have questions please email  
brendanhopkins@verizon.net



## Scholarships

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> time since I have been handling the MVS Scholarship applications, our Lodge has been fortunate to have another student reach the Elks National Foundation level. This year, Madeline Gassman received a \$4,000 award from the Elks National Foundation and will receive \$1,000 for the next 4 years. There were 14 recipients from the State of Maryland to receive this scholarship award.

Each year, I submit six applications to the District for further viewing. The District receives applications from other Lodges and submits their choices to the State. The State reviews and rates all of the applications received from the other Districts and then submits their choices to the Elks National Foundation for final viewing. It is a very competitive process and difficult to reach the final level. The Elks National Foundation awards 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in each year's competition. These awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year.

Written and coordinated by: Gary Youngworth



## Lodge and Board Meetings

Board of Directors meetings are 2nd and 4th  
Wednesdays - 6:30 PM

Lodge meetings are 4th Monday - 7 PM

Lodge and Board meetings are open to all Elk  
members.

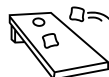


## Book Club

**Strange Sally Diamond** by Liz Nugent  
Wednesday, June 4

**The Queens of Crime** by Marie Benedict  
Wednesday, July 2

**All are welcome to attend!**



## Cornhole

Weekly Friday, 6:30 PM, tournament style cornhole  
games - coming this summer!

Stay tuned on our website for more details to come.



## Flag Day

**June 14, 2025**

**3:30 PM**

*"It is to be expected that an organization dedicated to patriotic service should seek to promote a proper knowledge of, and respect for, the American Flag, and all that it represents. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has done this in many ways. Perhaps the most effective of its prescribed activities is the Flag Day Service. Each Subordinate Lodge is required to conduct this service annually on June 14th, the anniversary of the birth of the American Flag."*

**Join us in celebrating the birth of the American Flag at the lodge.**



## Father's Day

In celebration of Father's Day this June, please email photos of the special dads in your life or of you with your children along with names and relationship to Christy at [christy.landsman@gmail.com](mailto:christy.landsman@gmail.com). A slideshow of the photos will be playing at the Lodge the weekend of Father's Day!

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## Lodge Improvements

Big thank you to our volunteers and their dedication to the lodge for painting the entryway and Talmadge Hall!



### ENF News

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities  
**ONE CIP GRANT AT A TIME**

The Elks National Foundation's Community Investments Program puts

**\$16.3 million**

directly into communities where Elks live and work.

Scan the QR code below to start building a stronger community today with an online donation.



elks.org/ENF



### Freedom Grant Update

Great News! Our lodge has secured a \$1,000 ENF Freedom Grant. The Freedom Grant is dedicated to serving veterans and the military. The Grant will be used to support the America's Warriors Care Package Project (AWCPP) based right here in Westminster. AWCPP supplies nonperishable food and personal care items to American troops currently deployed. Our lodge will use the grant funds to purchase items and assist in the packing and shipping, which will be done at the lodge on June 26th. We will be providing a drop-off box along with a list of items needed in the lobby so members can also contribute. Anyone wishing to assist in the packing can contact Peggy Markovic or Al Painter, or be at the Lodge the evening of June 26th. For more information on AWCPP, visit their website (AWCPP.com).

## Committee Chairs



Activities  
Camp Barrett  
Communications  
Hall Rental  
Drug Awareness  
ENF  
Flag Day  
Jernick Fund  
Golf Committee  
Grants  
House  
Hoop Shoot  
Membership  
Newsletter  
PER Association  
Scholarships  
Veterans

Lauren Hopkins  
Jr. & Diane Davidson  
Christy Landsman  
Cindy Potter  
Ed Dannettell  
Bob Detrow, PER  
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Christy Landsman  
Jim Aumiller  
Peggy Markovic/Al Painter  
Andrew Dean  
Denny Snyder/Tom Scott  
Paul Tribles  
Peggy Markovic  
Sharon Hinton  
Gary Youngworth  
Patrick Jacobs



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Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - Seafood Fest  
Sept 20<sup>th</sup> - Trivia  
Oct 18<sup>th</sup> - Lodge Open House / Trivia  
Nov 8<sup>th</sup> - Beer, Wine, Bourbon Flight Night  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> - Trivia  
Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - Elksgiving Turkey Dinner  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - Christmas town  
Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Breakfast with Santa



## Secretary's Notes


**Notice:** Make sure your contact information is up to date. This includes your address, phone number and email. If you have a change, please contact the Secretary, by email ([Elks2277@gmail.com](mailto:Elks2277@gmail.com)) or call the Lodge (410-848-2277).

**Dues Notice have been mailed for the next Lodge year April 1, 2025, thru March 31, 2026.**

Regular Members' dues are \$105.25, and Life Members' dues are \$63.25. If you have not received your notice, you can mail a check to the Lodge or pay in person at the Lounge.

New Life Membership requirements were approved by the membership in attendance at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta. They are 30 years total as an Elk, no age limit, and a member in good standing. You need to fill out a Life member application and return it to the Secretary to become a life member at which time your request will be balloted upon at a regular Lodge Meeting.

Reminder: There is a \$10 fee for all key cards that have been lost or broken.

 <b>Membership/Lapsation Report</b> Westminster, MD Lodge 2277	
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2025:	511
<b>Increases</b>	
Initiated	13
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	0
Subtotal:	13
<b>Decreases</b>	
Dropped:	0
Transferred Out:	1
Absolute Dimitt:	0
Deaths:	0
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	1
Calculated Membership Total:	523
CLMS Active Members:	523
Average Age:	64.51
Gain/Loss:	12
<b>Delinquency</b>	
Six Months:	0
One Year:	122
Over One Year:	0
Total:	122
Lapsation Rate:	23.87%
<b>Applications on Hand</b>	
Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	0
In the hands of the investigating committee:	1
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	2
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	0
Other:	0
Total:	3
<b>Life Members</b>	
Life Members:	88
Honorary Life Members:	5
Total:	93
Life Percentage:	18.20%

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Now serving our updated menu



Bringing back lodge favorites and adding some new bites, ensuring every visit has a tasty choice for all.



EAT, DRINK AND  
BE CHARITABLE

## MENU

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### SHAREABLES

FRENCH FRIES, BASKET \$8  
ONION RINGS OR SIDE \$5.50  
TOTS

MOZZARELLA STICKS (6) \$8  
Served with Marinara.

CHEESE CURDS \$9

CHICKEN TENDERS (3) \$10

PRETZEL BITES \$8  
Served with honey mustard or cheese.

### WINGS

TRADITIONAL 6 - \$11 / 12 - \$19

BONELESS 6 - \$9 / 12 - \$17

Hot, mild, old bay, honey, BBQ or plain.

Served with blue cheese or ranch.

STEAMED SHRIMP ½ LB - \$10  
1 LB - \$18

HOT DOG \$6  
Add \$1 chili, \$1 cheese, \$1 sauerkraut.

JERK CHICKEN \$10

### SALADS

Dressings: blue cheese, ranch, balsamic.

CAESAR SALAD \$8  
Iceberg lettuces, croutons, parmesan cheese and caesar dressing.

KEEP IT SIMPLE \$10  
SALAD  
Iceberg lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, olives, hard boiled egg, shredded cheddar cheese.

Add a protein:  
Grilled Chicken \$6  
Crispy Chicken \$6  
Steamed Shrimp \$6



### BURGERS & SANDWICHES

All burgers and sandwiches are served with french fries, onion rings, tots or \$2 side salad. Gluten free wraps are available.

DENNY'S \$15

### DOUBLEDECKER

Turkey club served with bacon, lettuce, tomato, cheese & mayo.

ELK BURGER \$11

Served with lettuce, tomato, onion  
Add bacon \$1 / cheese \$1

ELKS GRILLED OR \$12  
CRISPY CHICKEN  
SANDWICH

Served with swiss cheese, bacon & pickle.

Kick it up a notch & make it spicy!  
BLT \$10

### PIZZA 10"

GF cauliflower crust is available for all pizzas.

RICH'S ROLL TIDE \$9

### CLASSIC CHEESE PIZZA

Mozzarella cheese & classic pizza sauce.

MR. FUHR'S HALF \$10  
DOLLAR

Half pepperoni, half sausage, mozzarella cheese & classic pizza sauce.

BOB'S GRAND POO-BAH \$11

Pepperoni, sausage, peppers, mushrooms, onions, olives, mozzarella cheese & classic pizza sauce.

GRAZING ELK \$10

Peppers, onions, olives, mushrooms, broccoli, mozzarella cheese & classic pizza sauce.

### DESSERT

DESSERT SPECIAL \$5  
Ask your server for today's flavor.

PLAIN NY \$5

CHEESECAKE

### KIDS

All kids meals (12 and under) are served with french fries or tots and an apple juice.

CHICKEN TENDERS (2) \$8

GRILLED CHEESE \$8

MAC & CHEESE \$8



















Visit our website for Friday night dinner specials, lodge news and events!



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	<div> Bar BINGO 7 PM</div>	<div> Book Club 6 PM</div>	5	6	<div>7</div> <div> Belmont Stakes 5 PM</div> <div> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM</div>
8	9	<div> Bar BINGO 7 PM</div>	<div>11</div> <div> Board Meeting 6:30 PM</div>	<div>12</div> <div> Cigar Night 6 PM</div>	<div>13</div> <div> Dinner Special Grilled Shrimp or Chicken Quesadillas</div>	<div>14</div> <div> Flag Day Celebration 3:30 PM</div> <div> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM</div>
15	16	<div> Bar BINGO 7 PM</div>	18	19	20	<div>21</div> <div> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM</div>
<div>22</div> <div> Golf Tournament 8 AM</div> <div> Lodge Meeting 7 PM</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div> Bar BINGO 7 PM</div>	<div>25</div> <div> Board Meeting 6:30 PM</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div> Dinner Special Smoked Pulled Pork</div>	<div>28</div> <div> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM</div>
29	30					

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# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>  Bar BINGO 7 PM	<b>2</b>  Book Club 6 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Closed Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> of July	<b>5</b>  Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  Bar BINGO 7 PM	<b>9</b>  Board Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>10</b>  Cigar Night 6 PM	<b>11</b>  Dinner Special Crabcake Sandwich	<b>12</b>  Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Bar BINGO 7 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Live outdoor concert with Craig Rosendale, his last performance ever!	<b>19</b>  Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Bar BINGO 7 PM	<b>23</b>  Board Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Dinner Special Steak Kebobs	<b>26</b>  Queen of Hearts Drawing 7 PM
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Lodge Meeting 7 PM	<b>29</b>  Bar BINGO 7 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Stay up to date by visiting our website!

