

August 2019

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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.

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity In God We Trust and God Bless America

Hilltop Hospitality Newsletter

Lodge Officers

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--|
| Exalted Ruler: | | |
| Sharon Hinton PER (Gordon) | 443-986-0489 | |
| Esteemed Leading Knight | | |
| Joe Pulkowski (Carol) | 908-500-3084 | |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight | | |
| Brad Eichhorst (Lisa) | 443-618-1858 | |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | | |
| R. Gordon Hinton PER (Sharon) | 410-916-5408 | |
| Esquire | | |
| Beth Dodson | 443-799-1668 | |
| Secretary | | |
| Lee Fitzpatrick HLM PER (Linda) | 443-277-2926 | |
| Treasurer | | |
| Donald Lipscomb | 410-848-2277 | |
| Tiler | | |
| Robert Detrow (Maura) | 410-971-8236 | |
| Inner Guard | | |
| Margie Jones | 703-675-3974 | |
| Chaplain | | |
| Christy Landsman | 443-375-7129 | |
| Presiding Justice | | |
| Hon. Michael Galloway | 410-848-2277 | |

Board of Trustees

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------------|
| 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 |
| ENF | Barbara Harden | 410-967-5182 |
| Events | Christy Landsman | 443-375-7129 |
| Jernick Fund | Dale Sears | 443-789-4676 |
| Golf Committee | Greg Ackerman | 443-821-8114 |
| House | R. Gordon Hinton | 410-916-5408 |
| Hoop Shoot | Phil Popielski | 410-599-1319 |
| Membership | Tim Eaton | 360-509-0899 |
| Newsletter | Barbara Harden | 410-967-5182 |
| PER | Brian Walsh | 410-967-0955 |
| PR Specialist | Brad Eichhorst | 443-618-1858 |
| Scholarships | Gary Youngworth | 443-280-0336 |
| Veterans | Don Culbertson | 443-789-0925 |

EXALTED RULER'S LETTER

Hello everyone! Here we are in the hot lazy days of summer. As sweltering as August can be, it is also one of the most memorable months of the year. August brings vacation time, loads of fresh vegetables, carnivals & festivals, and cherished time with family and friends. As you make your plans, don't forget to check out the Elks calendar of events. We would love to see you at the Family Picnic on Saturday, August 24th. Check out the flyer in the bulletin for details. After all, we consider ourselves your extended Elk family.

I'd like to take this time to congratulate our brother Elk, **Tim Eaton** who is a PER. He was installed at Grand Lodge National Convention in July as our West District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. This is a huge accomplishment for Tim and an honor for our lodge. Way to go Tim!

I'm sure many of you have noticed the changes in the menu offerings for lunch and dinner. In order to ensure the long-term viability of our lodge, steps have been taken to streamline our menus. For the first time ever, the House is working closely with the Board of Directors to ensure losses are minimized. With the many restaurants that surround our lodge in Westminster, it has become very difficult to compete with local offerings. We need to remember that we are **FIRST** a lodge of Elks and not a restaurant. We are very privileged to be able to provide a lounge with kitchen service. Many other lodges do not have kitchen service at our level. So, as always, your support is needed as a member to ensure the success of our lodge. We are open to any suggestions you may have.

I hope that as an Elk, you remember the wonderful works and contributions our lodge provides to the community. Elkdom is about caring and sharing. Yes, without a doubt, we also love the camaraderie amongst ourselves. However, the lodge does need more volunteers. There are many ways to get involved. This can be just volunteering to help at an event, join a committee that is close to your heart, or going through the chairs to become an officer. I urge every member to give it some thought. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Think about attending a lodge meeting. This is where you can hear more of what is happening at the lodge and voice your opinion.

Have a great time this summer and stay safe!

Fraternally, Sharon Hinton, PER



Secretary's News & Notice

Membership /Lapsation

726 Beginning Membership 4/1/2019

Increases

- 6 Initiated
- 0 Affiliated
- 0 Reinstated

Decreases

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

Calculated Membership Tot

- 727 CLMS Active Members
- 63.12 Average Age
- 1 Gain (Loss)

Delinquency

- 0 6 mo.
- 90 1 year
- 0 Over one year
- 90 Total
- 12.40% Lapsation Rate

Applications on Hand

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

Life Members

- 116 Life Members
- 1 Honorary Life Members
- 117 Total
- 16.12% Life Percentage

Prefer reading the newsletter online? No problem. 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 313 313

Join to get the latest information and reminders to stay "in the know"



Get timely notices about specials and events!

Veterans Committee

The Veteran's committee has **lunch with 15-20 veteran's** that live at the Atrium Assisted Living in Owings Mills the third Wednesday of every month from 12:30-1:30. If you would like to attend and simply have lunch and hear the stories of our veteran's please contact :

Don Culbertson
 443-789-0925 Cell
don@dandjculbertsonins.com

The Veteran's Committee will having a bus trip to **Charles Town Casino** October 12th. See ad on page 8 for details.



Lastly 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. Any amount will be taken with great thanks.

Don Culbertson
 910 Lorraine Dr.
 Finksburg, Md. 21048
 443-789-0925



Secretary's Note

Members, check the delinquency list that is posted on the bulletin board. If you know a friend on the list, contact them and get them to pay their dues.

If your dues are not paid, you are not permitted in the lodge until your dues are paid and up to date.

Lodge Hours

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 11:00am—9:30pm |
| Wednesday | 11:00am—10:30pm |
| Friday | 11:00am—midnight |
| Saturday | 3:00pm—midnight |
| Sunday | See calendar |



Westminster Elks Memorial Walkway

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to see the beautiful brick walkway that was recently laid around the Elks statue by the flagpole. Since this project has finally come to fruition, many members have asked how to purchase a brick or paver. You can dedicate a brick or paver in memory of a loved one or have your name inscribed. **We will be taking orders through the end of September.** These make great gifts for birthdays or Christmas!

If you would like to purchase a brick or paver, please fill out the following information and send the form, along with a check made payable to the Westminster Elks #2277. You can either drop it off at the lodge or mail to:

Westminster Elks #2277
Attn: Sharon Hinton
538 Gorsuch Rd.
Westminster, MD 21157



\$50 Brick (4 x 8)—Total of 3 lines, up to 18 characters per line.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

\$75 Paver (8 x 8)—Total of 6 lines, up to 18 characters per line.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Basket of Cheer Raffle



\$400.00 value
of select whiskeys



1 ticket for 5.00 or 3 for 10.00

Contact Don Culbertson 443-789-0925 to purchase tickets.

Drawing will take place on September 2nd, at the Lodge.

Please help raise money to support our local veterans in need of food for their families.



We have 2 more scheduled Bingo Saturdays: **9/14 is the Veterans Bingo; doors open at noon and games start 1pm. Bag Bingo will be November 2nd.**

Looking for more committees and groups to assist with bringing additional Saturday bingos to the Hall. See John Shuey, 410-984-0040

**SPREAD
THE
WORD**

AUGUST 2019

| SUN | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT |
|---|---------------------|--|---|---|-----|---|
| <p>NOTE—ARTICLES for the Newsletter are due in by the 12th of the month!</p> | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 CLOSED | 5 CLOSED | 6 \$5 Burgers | 7 Invest/Orient 7pm | 8 Throwback Thursday Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 CLOSED | 12 CLOSED | 13 \$5 Burgers Membership Mtg 6:30 - all are welcome | 14 Veterans 5:30 pm Events Mtg 6pm | 15 Throwback Thursday Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 CLOSED | 19 CLOSED | 20 \$5 Burgers | 21 Invest/Orient 7pm | 22 Throwback Thursday Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25 Trustees 7pm | 23 | 24 Summer Family Picnic 11am-3pm |
| 25 CLOSED | 26 CLOSED | 27 \$5 Burgers | 28 LODGE Mtg 7pm *last food orders 6pm | 29 Throwback Thursday Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25 | 30 | 31 |

SAVE THESE DATES

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|-----|--------|-----------------------------|
| Sat | Aug 24 | End of Summer Family Picnic |
| Sun | Sep 08 | Chicken Feed & Ravens Game |
| Sat | Sep 14 | Veterans Bingo (1pm-4pm) |
| Sat | Sep 14 | Senior Moments Band |
| Sat | Sep 21 | Crab Feed |
| Fri | Oct 04 | Denim & Pearls Wine Night |
| Sat | Oct 12 | Casino Bus Trip |
| Sat | Oct 26 | Chili Cook-off |
| Sat | Nov 02 | Bag Bingo |
| Sat | Nov 30 | Paint Night |

Kitchen Hours:

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| Tues – Fri | Lunch 11am – 2pm |
| Tues – Thurs | Dinner 5pm – 8pm* |
| Fri – Sat | Dinner 5pm – 8pm |
| | Pub Menu avail until 10pm |
| Sun | See calendar |

NOTE NEW HOURS:

Lodge closes at 9:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, unless otherwise noted.



Members' Family Picnic

Saturday August 24th



See Flyer on page 6 for details!

YOU ATTENDING PLANNED EVENTS IS CRITICAL!

When we have too few people make reservations, events get cancelled.

Be part of the solution!



The Patio is OPEN

The weather is finally warm! Come sit and eat outside and enjoy a glorious evening. Play a game of horseshoes or croquet, or sit around a fire. Firewood is available for your use.

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Please remember that NO drinks may be carried out to the parking lot.

WINGS WINGS WINGS

Hot, delicious wings are served every day, but they are only 75¢ on Thursdays!

Hot, Mild, Old Bay, Teriyaki, Thai Chile



Events Corner

Family Funday!

It's almost back to school time and that means it's time for one last summer blowout! Join us on August 24th for a family picnic to celebrate the end of summer.



Volunteers Needed:

We are always in need of extra hands to make these events run seamlessly. If you are interested in helping out please contact Christy Landsman.



ELKS FAMILY FUN DAY

**AUGUST 24TH
11AM TO 3PM**



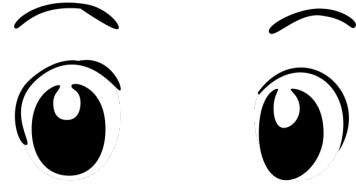
Join us for food, fun, games, and prizes!

Menu to include Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs,
Salads, and Dessert

Music on the patio

\$10 for ages 11 and over
Under 10 free

Watch for email and
Facebook notices for
upcoming events and
dinner specials!



COME IN OUT of the HEAT!



Want to host solemn occasions, or parties, reunions and business meetings? Contact Elks #2277

Delicious, affordable menu packages are available for meals and refreshments following Services for your loved ones, and for parties, corporate events, and weddings.

Unlike at a public restaurant, at ELKS 2277 you can show home movies or a slide show of photos on our large screens while enjoying the private room, comfortable atmosphere and exceptional food served in Talmadge Hall.

Call or text Joyce Slaughter, Catering Manager, at 443-438-0728 or by email Joyce.s2277@gmail.com for menus and prices.



PLEASE PLEDGE! PLEASE DONATE TO ENF so Elks 2277 can continue to sponsor organizations such as those in the article above.

ENF = Elks National Foundation

ENF is the charitable arm of our national organization. Money sent to ENF comes back to us in the way of **grants** that we use to help our community. Our State President has set our goal at **\$10.00 per capita**. When you make a *minimum* \$10 tax-deductible donation, the lodge per capita increases, and Lodge 2277 becomes eligible for bonus grant money! You can easily pledge a donation amount and set up recurring donations on a schedule that suits you. Your generosity will get us needed funds for our community charity needs.

THANK YOU to the following members who have pledged regular donations to ENF for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 years. If you have not received yours already, your pin is available at the bar.

2nd Year Donors Great Heart Pins

Charles Carter
Stephen Collins
Brenda Dell
Ronald dragger, Jr.
Katrina Hartzog
Robert Keffer
Alwyn Painter
Philip Popielski, Jr.
Jeffrey Zumbrun

3rd Year Donors Youth Pins

Carrie Eaton
Patricia Moffitt
Gary Toth
Brian Wolf

Renewed Donors Veterans Pins

William Bond Jr
Michele Calp
Robert Donovan
Barbara Harden
John Harden
Eleanor Nave
Stevenson Yingling
Thomas Zane



How can you make a recurring donation?

- Go to www.elks.org/members
- Sign in
- Click "Make a donation"

How can you make a one-time donation?

- Go to www.elks.org/members
- Sign in
- Click "Make a donation"

Grant money for our community

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21158
Permit number 274

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WESTMINSTER LODGE 2277
*Benevolent & Protective
Order of Elks
538 Gorsuch Road
Westminster, Maryland 21157*



CRAB FEED

Saturday Sept. 21st
5 – 10 p.m.
(Doors open at 4 p.m.)

Hot Steamed Crabs
Mussels

Homemade Crab Soup
Fried Chicken
Corn on the Cob

Salads & much more

Includes Draught Beer & House Wine

Music By: DJ Lonnie Pryor

\$45 per person

See Bartender, Lane Lee or Kevin Rill

CASINO BUS TRIP

The Veteran's Committee will be having a bus trip
to **Charlestown Casino**

October 12th

Tickets - \$50.00



Beer and refreshments will be provided on the
bus.

Please contact Don Culbertson to reserve your
spot ASAP so we can determine if we will need
one or two buses.

Please send your check to
Don Culbertson
910 Lorraine Dr.
Finksburg, Md. 21048
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