

DECEMBER 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.

Hilltop Hospitality Newsletter—Lodge 2277

Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler:

Sharon Hinton PER (Gordon) 443-986-0489

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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
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Committee Chairs:

Americanism	Junior Davidson	410-857-8085
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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
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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	Barbara Harden	410-967-5182
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Veterans	Don Culbertson	443-789-0925

EXALTED RULER'S LETTER

If I were to say the year 2020 is right around the corner, who would believe it! Another year has flown by and of course we always sit and wonder what happened this past year. Truthfully, at my age, I really can't remember it all. However, I would like to remember and enjoy December as we usher in the new year. We have many wonderful events planned starting off with our Annual Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, December 1st at 2 p.m. For the new members and those not familiar, this is a beautiful service to honor our fellow Elks who have passed away during the year and to reconnect with their family and friends. As mentioned in the Eleven O'clock Toast, "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken." So, please stop in to help peel forth the friendly message: ***"To Our Absent Members."***

Be sure not to miss our other great events this month--Santa will be stopping by the lodge on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 until noon. All are welcome to have "Breakfast with Santa" and enjoy the wonderful food and crafts Mrs. Claus and her helpers have prepared. Please see the ad in the bulletin with complete information and make sure you sign up in the lodge foyer if you plan on attending. Our Night of Giving with Live Hope Laugh will be on December 17th and our annual Eggnog/Pot Luck Festival on December 21st. Check out the details in the bulletin.

As always, I'm looking for volunteers with events. Whether this is helping with a special event, volunteering on a Raven's Football Sunday, or participating, your help is greatly appreciated. As you are aware, we had to cancel events over the past few months due to lack of participation. This lodge is here for your enjoyment and cannot sustain itself without you as a member. Everyone joins for different reasons. I'd like to think we all joined in order to help our community. Our ability to help dwindles every time an event is cancelled.

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Secretary's News & Notice

Membership /Lapsation

726 Beginning Membership 4/1/2019

Increases

- 23 Initiated
- 1 Affiliated
- 2 Reinstated

Decreases

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

Calculated Membership Tot

- 739 CLMS Active Members
- 63.09 Average Age
- 13 Gain (Loss)

Delinquency

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

Applications on Hand

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

Life Members

- 109 Life Members
- 1 Honorary Life Members
- 110 Total
- 15.15% 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

“Night of Giving” Christmas Event, will be held on Tuesday, 12/17, at 6 PM at the Lodge. The Westminster Elks Lodge and The Golf Committee will partner with **Live, Hope, Laugh** in hosting 35 Families from Carroll County who have children with chronic illnesses.

A hot Christmas meal will be served along with a visit from Santa and “The Grinch”.

If you would like to Sponsor a family or donate gifts for the children, please contact Greg Ackerman @ 443-821-8114 or email me at gackerman@concretecpr.com.



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!](http://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.

Elks Memorial Service

The Westminster Elks Lodge #2277 cordially invites you and your family to the annual Elks Memorial Service on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 2 p.m. This is a service in honor of our members lost over the past year. A reception will follow. Please R.S.V.P. to the lodge at 410-848-2277.



BIG TEN UPDATE

On November 7th, a large crowd gathered at the lodge to witness the Big Ten drawing. The officers would like to thank all who participated to help support the lodge operations through this event. Below is a list of the Big Ten winners:



Deborah Johnson	\$770.00
Jim Aumiller	\$615.00
Michael Norris	\$385.00
Rick Riesett	\$385.00
Chuck Taylor	\$235.00
Dolores J. Snyder	\$235.00
Jerry Georgiana	\$235.00
Ed Boyd	\$ 80.00
Ken Booe	\$ 80.00
Martin K.P. Hill	\$ 80.00

Congratulations!

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Unfortunately, due to lack of participation, the House Committee has enacted changes to the menu and has been forced to make substantial changes in the operation of the lounge. The lounge can no longer operate as a full-service restaurant with the local competition. Increasing food and labor costs in recent years has resulted in the House losing substantial capital. Obviously, these losses are not sustainable and the House Committee has made the appropriate changes to ensure the longevity of Westminster Elks #2277. Change is not easy. But bear in mind this lodge's current operating model was based on a 1960's philosophy. Future success of this lodge depends on you, the member. This lodge needs you to get involved—that's what Elks are about. Think about attending a lodge meeting so you are in the know!

With this year coming to a quick close, the lodge needs to start lining up those members who are interested in either becoming an Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, ENF Chair, or Event Chair. This gives everyone time to learn about the position before the new lodge year as of April 1. Without members stepping up, the lodge is at a loss for leadership and will falter. If you have any interest at all, please feel free to call me. I would enjoy meeting with you to discuss any interest you may have.

May your holidays be filled with lots of happiness, peace, and love.

Fraternally,
Sharon Hinton, PER

MVS Scholarships

The scholarship judging of the Most Valuable Student applications will take place during this month and the three top-scoring males and the three top-scoring females applications will be forwarded to the District in January for further judging. Letters will be sent out to these applicants informing them of their advancement. Also 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



DECEMBER 2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Throwback Thursdays Wings & Nat. Light bottles \$1.25 Football Thursdays!		
1 Open noon-6pm MEMORIAL Service	2 CLOSED	3 \$5 Burgers Investigation/ Orientation Mtg 6:30	4 Invest/Orient 7pm	5 Throwback Thursday Trustees 7pm Golf 6pm	6 Chicken Pot Pie w/2 sides	7 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
8 Open noon-6pm	9 CLOSED	10 \$5 Burgers Drug Awareness 6pm	11 Lodge mtg 7pm Veterans 5:30 pm Events Mtg 6pm	12 Throwback Thursday	13 Ham Buffet	14
15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17 \$5 Burgers Drug Aware 6pm NIGHT OF GIVING ad pg. 2	18 PASTA NIGHT	19 Throwback Thursday	20 Meatloaf w/ 2 sides	21 EGGNOG & POTLUCK FESTIVAL
22 Open noon-6pm	23 CLOSED	24 \$5 Burgers CLOSING 4PM	25 CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Throwback Thursday	27 Stuffed Flounder w/2 sides	28
29 Open noon-6pm	30 CLOSED	31 New Years Eve Party—see ad pg. 8 	Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! CLOSED			

Kitchen Hours:

Tues – Fri Lunch 11am – 2pm
 Tues – Thurs Dinner 5pm – 8pm*
 Fri – Sat Dinner 5pm – 8pm

 Pub Menu avail until 10pm
 Sun See calendar

*last food orders 6pm before Lodge meetings



SAVE THESE DATES

Sun	Dec 01	Memorial Service
Sat	Dec 07	Breakfast with Santa
Tue	Dec 17	Night of Giving
Sat	Dec 21	Eggnog & Potluck Festival
Tue	Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party
Sun	Feb 02	Super Bowl Party



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 7th
10 a.m. – noon
Adults \$10

For all Members' children and grandchildren
through the 5th grade

Kids eat free with paying adult

Menu

Scrambled Eggs, French Toast Sticks
Home Fries, Muffins
Bacon & Sausage
Milk, OJ & Coffee

Please sign up in the foyer so we can plan
accordingly.

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!

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.



Potluck and Eggnog Festival

Please join us for a Potluck Eggnog Festival on
Saturday 12/21 starting at 4pm.

We will also be collecting donations of non perishable
food items to deliver to those in need in our local
community. The Lodge will provide the Eggnog for
this potluck feast and the bar will be open as well. So
please... bring a dish to share and a canned good that
you can spare!

PASTA NIGHT

Wednesday, December 18th

5pm – 8pm

No open menu ordering



Hot soups, hot
meals, warm company!
Why cook at home and eat alone
when you can sit with friends at
the Lodge?

Come in out of the
cold!



FOOD DRIVE





BAGS OF PROVISION

The Westminster Elks Lodge will be collecting bags to be distributed at local shelters. These can be gently-used or new bags. This year we would like to collect **toiletry bags for the men** and **purses for the women**. To receive such a basic gift like this could mean the world to someone in need. There will be a box placed in the foyer of the Lodge. If you would like to donate a bag, please place them in the lobby box by **Saturday, December 14th**. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Hinton at 443-986-0489. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all who will receive.

Suggested Items to Stuff in the Bag

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Comb/Hairbrush | Hand Lotion |
| Lip Stick/Chapstick | Notepads/Pens |
| Small Hand Sanitizer | Tissues |
| Nail Clippers | Emery Boards |
| Pocket Calendar | Socks |
| Gloves | Scarves |
| Shaving Cream | Disposable Razors |
| Deodorant | Toothpaste/Brush |

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



**YOU ATTENDING PLANNED
EVENTS IS CRITICAL!**

**When too few people make
reservations in advance, events get
cancelled.**

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 313313 to receive text alerts.

**Want to keep up with the latest
information, specials, events?**

**Go online to elks2277.org Select "contact" and
add your information. Then hit "sign up."**



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.

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Committee Meeting Schedules

Meetings are open to all Elks members and **generally**, take place as below.

Veterans	2nd Wednesday of the month; 6pm (before Lodge mtg)
Investigation	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month; 7pm
Golf	Thursdays before the 1st Lodge meeting of each month; 6pm
Drug Awareness	3rd Tuesday of the month; 6pm

Exceptions to the schedule are noted on the monthly calendar.

Golf Committee

The Golf Committee is most notably involved in the annual golf tournament, raising money to provide funds for many Lodge causes, college scholarships, and charitable events throughout the year.

Contact **Mike Lanahan 717-359-0744** or **Tom Osborne 717-359-0257**

House Committee

This committee manages and oversees the bar and kitchen, and most Club events. Want to plan, attend and oversee events, or perhaps help in the kitchen at times? See **Gordon Hinton (PER)** interested in getting involved. **410-916-5408**

Veterans Committee

We are helping Carroll County Veterans in Nursing and Assisted Living homes. We also work with the Vets in the Martinsburg VA Center.

Always looking for more people to help us on our committee!

Don Culbertson 443-789-0925

Investigation/Orientation

New members are investigated and then go through an orientation prior to initiation. If you want to become a part of this team contact **Tim Eaton (PER) 360-509-0899** or **t_m_eaton@hotmail.com**.

Camp Barrett

Our State project is Camp Barrett. Sharing the responsibility with some other lodges, we make sure "our" cabin in the camp grounds is well maintained and cleaned. We meet with the other lodge representatives monthly on a Saturday.

Please contact me, **Tim Eaton (PER) 360-509-0899** or **t_m_eaton@hotmail.com** if you can help.

Drug Awareness

Looking for more members to serve on the committee. Help us help combat drug problems in our community.

Mike Meltzer 443-285-9501

Membership

Looking for more members! We are supposed to have 1 committee member for each 100 Elk members. We need several more people to be on the committee.

Please contact me, **Tim Eaton (PER) 360-509-0899** or **t_m_eaton@hotmail.com** if you can help.

Who do I contact, and how can I help?

AMERICANISM	Junior Davidson	410-857-8085
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	Mike Lanahan	717-359-0744
	Tom Osborne	717-359-0257
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

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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)



All Members & Guests

December 31, 2019
6:00 p.m. – Until the Ball Drops

Let's get together on New Year's Eve to ring in the new year as Elk Family. Who needs big crowds and admission fees.

Everyone bring a dish to share. Bar will be open.

Please call the lodge for reservations