

December 2021-January 2022

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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

Les Mariner 410-259-6746

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Brian Walsh 410-967-0955

Esteemed Loyal Knight

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Amy Anderson 410-785-0606

Presiding Justice

Hon. Michael Galloway

Board of Trustees

Marion Davidson 5 year

Tom Hayes 4 year

Dale Sears 3 year

Norman Anderson 2 year

Tim Eaton 1 year

West District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Ruth Collins Shaw 301-712-6032

Committee Chairs:

Activities Amy Anderson

Americanism Larry Lamon

Camp Barrett Diane Davidson (Rep.)

Deborah Frank (Rep.)

Communications Christy Landsman

Drug Awareness Karen Riesett

ENF Les Mariner

Golf Committee Mike Lanahan

Tom Osborne

Hoop Shoot Bob Detrow, Acting Chairman

House Les Mariner

Jernick Fund Dale Sears PER

Membership Tim Eaton PER

PER Association Brian Walsh PER

Scholarships Gary Youngworth

Greetings,

This year has gone quickly. With the Holidays approaching let's reflect on 2021.

It's heartwarming to see Members returning to the Lodge as people rebound from the Pandemic. Many thanks to our newly formed Activities Committee that has scheduled many events to interest members to return to the Lodge.

I'm so proud of our dedicated Committees that have worked so hard to involve our Members in community actives.

Our Veterans Committee, who obtained a Freedom Grant, is working with Nursing Home and Assisted Living Veterans to make their lives more enjoyable.

The Communication Committee obtained a Gratitude Grant to help a local organization, America's Warriors Care Package Project, to send active Service Men abroad non-perishable food and personal care items. Then they helped to pack and ship these items.

The Golf Committee for the 6th year obtained a Beacon Grant to help a local organization, Live Hope Laugh with their annual Night of Giving. Live Hope Laugh serves children with chronic illness within our community.

The Drug Awareness Community collected school supplies for the local organization Together We Own It. We also collected Winter Coats for a Westminster organization On Our Own.

Let us all be reminded of the charitable work our Lodge does to serve the Carroll County Community. Please feel free to join any of these Committees or if you have any ideas for a project please let us know.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,
Les Mariner E.R.



Membership/Lapsation Report

Westminster, MD Lodge 2277

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2021: 606

Increases

Initiated	4
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	2
Subtotal:	6

Decreases

Dropped:	8
Transferred Out:	1
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	9
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	18

Calculated Membership Total:	594
CLMS Active Members:	594
Average Age:	64.78
Gain/Loss:	-12

Delinquency

Six Months:	0
One Year:	44
Over One Year:	0
Total:	44
Lapsation Rate:	7.26%

Applications on Hand

Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	1
In the hands of the investigating committee:	0
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation:	0
Ready for Reinstatement:	0
Other:	0
Total:	1

Life Members

Life Members:	102
Honorary Life Members:	4
Total:	106
Life Percentage:	17.49%

Secretary's Notes



Message from the Secretary

Welcome to 2022. If you are delinquent in paying your dues, please get them in as soon as you can. If anyone has a problem with their membership, including address changes, phone number changes, not getting your newsletter, deceased members, wish to be dropped or any other issues, please contact me. I can be reached by email at thomaszane@comcast.net, by phone at 443-244-0290 or in person at the lodge on Wednesdays before the lodge meetings and Saturday from 6-7:30.

With membership in mind, we have been informed by the Grand Lodge that dues will be going up by \$5.00 next year due to insurance costs.

I have a question for all members. Why did you join the Elks? Most people join to support the many programs that we help. Yet many don't know how. Most of these programs don't take a lot of time. Do you have a few hours per month? The first thing you need to do is come to our meetings. They are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. There, you can get to know how and what we do help out. You can meet the people involved in those programs. Please consider joining us at one of our meetings. Soon we will be preparing for next year. If you are a member, you have a vote to determine who will be running the organization, but you need to be at the meetings.

As always thank you!!!

Tom Zane Secretary

DECEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Board of Directors Meeting		Ugly Sweater Christmas Party with music by Exit Strategy	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Memorial Service at 2pm followed by a Ravens Tailgate			Lodge Meeting at 7pm			Night of Giving Christmas Town set up at 10am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
						Night of Giving Christmas Town Event
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
						Merry Christmas!
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					New Year's Eve!	

For the past 5 years, the Golf Committee and Westminster Lodge, in partnership with Live Hope Laugh have provided an amazing Night of Giving Christmas Event for 50 underprivileged families (100+ people) who have children with chronic illness within our local community. This year, on the 6th anniversary, we are building on the success of last year's Christmas Town event and are turning the Lodge's backyard into Christmas Town again! We will have popcorn, hot cocoa, a DJ, a beloved magician, and more... and we would love for you to be a part of it! Please contact Christy Landsman at chirsty.landsman@gmail.com or Greg Ackerman at gackerman@concretecpr.com to get involved!

We have many different options for you to choose from to help out! (See the flyer on page 6 for details)

*Join our Christmas Tailgate and set up a "Tent of Cheer" inside the event. We will provide you with a marked space and you can bring your tents, coolers, etc... We encourage you to decorate your space with as much Christmas cheer as you can.

Christmas "spirits" are allowed and please feel free to hand out Christmas candy to the kids as they come by!

*Sponsor a family! Greg Ackerman and Caroline Ross will assign you a family and provide information on the number of family members, their sizes, wish list items, and instructions on how to get your gifts to the Lodge before the event.

*Contribute monetarily to the Christmas Town event, and the money will be used to help with providing 50 boxes of groceries for the families

*Helping with the decorating, event staffing, and clean up!

Additionally, we will be continuing the fun later that same night for our members and their children and grandchildren. Stop by and bring the kids to see Santa and have some Hot Cocoa!

JANUARY 2022

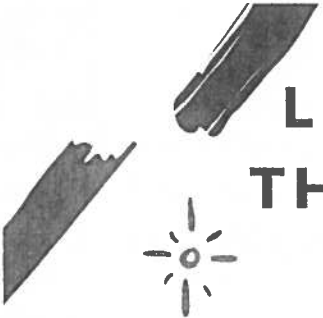
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Happy New Year!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Board of Directors Meeting			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			Lodge Meeting			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			Lodge Meeting			
30	31					

Congrats to our Big Ten winners: Dan Stoner, Neal Hoffman, William Stonesifer, Ed Seitz, Charles Cremans, Pete Samios, Gavin Bullock, Don Caple, Deb Barnes, and Gary Cofflin

The Activities Committee is working on a Let It Snow Party and the date will be announced soon on our website (elks2277.org) and our Facebook page

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our Sunday Funday last month!

Our Winter Coat Drive for On Our Own will be closing soon, so please drop off any new or gently used winter clothes to the box in the lobby!



**LIVE HOPE LAUGH AND
THE WESTMINSTER ELKS
INVITE YOU TO OUR
6TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF
GIVING**



CHRISTMAS TOWN

**TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
CHRONIC ILLNESSES**



**SATURDAY DEC. 18TH • 3:30 PM
WESTMINSTER ELKS LODGE**

We need Sponsors, Volunteers,
and Donations! If you are
interested in helping please
email Greg Ackerman or
Christy Landsman



Make plans to join us for hot
cocoa, popcorn, music, and of
course... SANTA!