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Exalted Ruler's Message

Hello Fellow Elks!

My year in service as your Exalted Ruler will soon be coming to an end and it has been a great honor. I have been privileged to serve alongside you in our charitable efforts, lodge improvement, membership engagement and growth. I'm happy to make room for and witness additional people jump into leadership and onto committees and excited because we get tremendous things done when we come together. Don't be shy to jump in like so many of your fellow Elks. You will continue to see me as I work in the kitchen, on the newsletter, a few committees, and of course around the bar, so feel free to ask me anything!

Grand Lodge renewal notices were mailed out the first week of February. Please mail your renewal form or renew online as soon as possible. Email Secretary@alleghenyelks.org if you have not received the renewal notice yet. Membership cards will be mailed after the first week of March. If you do not intend on renewing at all (gasp! *tears*), we need to know before 4/1 because we need to automatically pay Grand Lodge portion of dues in advance for anyone on our roster. Please renew.

We're now into the best time of the year: Fish Fry season! We cannot do any of this without our volunteers and still have some critical volunteer spots to fill so please let us know if you can help – but at the very least tell a friend or social-media stranger about our food and community work; bring people with you to enjoy the food and the live banjo music.

All the best,
Alisha Crose



SCHOLARSHIPS NEWS

Our Lodge is pleased to announce that we are offering a \$4,000 Scholarship for the September 2023 Semester. (\$500 per Semester for 8 Semesters)

The son, daughter or legal ward any Allegheny Lodge member in 'Good Standing' is eligible to compete. Applications are available by calling the Lodge and must be returned on or before Friday, June 30th 2023.

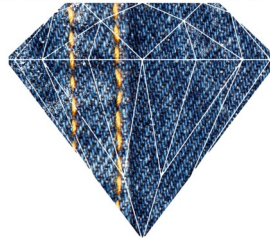
RULES GOVERNING THE SCHOLARSHIP FOLLOW:

1. Applicant's parent/guardian must be an Allegheny Lodge member in good standing since 4/1/22.
2. Applicant must be a 2023 high school graduate.
3. Applicant must give proof of acceptance in an accredited college or university.
4. Applicant must attend college/university on full-time basis.
5. Once accepted into the Lodge program the student must maintain a "C" average and submit an official grade transcript at the end of each semester.
6. The award is available for up to four continuous years providing funds are available*

The Lodge Scholarship award is based on scholastic achievement, school activities and civic involvement. Please call the lodge for additional information (412-321-1834) or to get an application for your child.

Kathleen Bernard, Student Aid Committee

**THEME ANNOUNCED
125 Club Celebration
DENIM & DIAMONDS**



**DRESS THEME, SPECIALTY
DRINKS, DINNER, CASH
PRIZE DRAWING**

The 125 Club offers a chance to win \$50 monthly then at the Celebration, every number is called for chances to win up to \$500 in Cash Prizes. Get your ticket(s) today - invite a friend or get another; limited to 125 chances! Email to reserve: 125club@alleghenyelks.org.

**BOURBON
TASTING
SATURDAY
MARCH 18TH**
7pm Allegheny Room
\$35 to participate
Purchase at bar

April 2023 Lottery Calendars will be sold throughout the month of March. This fundraiser provides participants 30 chances to win at least \$25. The winners are based on the evening 3 digit drawing of the PA Lottery. Calendars are only \$5 each. Purchases must be completed by March 31th. Contact chairpersons Heather Somerville (heasomer@hotmail.com) or Lance McFadden (Lanceux1@gmail.com) if you would like calendars to purchase or sell. Calendars are also available at the lodge behind the main bar and the bowling alley bar.

March 2023 Calendar

[B] = Bowling Open from 7pm, lanes available for member use

1	W	Banjo Night 7pm (<i>Meatball Sandwich</i>) [B] Members Lounge 7-10pm, 125 Club Mtg 6pm,
2	TH	Board Meeting 7pm
3	F	Fish Fry 6-8pm
4	S	
5	SU	Initiation 2pm
6	M	
7	T	
8	W	Banjo Night 7pm (<i>Sausage Sandwich</i>) [B] Entertainment Cmte Meeting 7pm; Lodge Meeting 8pm; Members Lounge open before & after Lodge Mtg.
9	TH	
10	F	Fish Fry 6-8pm [B]
11	S	
12	SU	
13	M	
14	T	Jazzmania Live Jam (2nd Tuesday) Speakeasy Theme, prix fixe dinner optional, reservations encouraged
15	W	Banjo Night 7pm (<i>Veggie Rice Bowl</i>) [B] Members Lounge 7-10pm Capital Campaign Members Open House: Come see the building renovation study reveal!
16	TH	
17	F	Fish Fry 6-8pm Happy St. Patrick's Day!
18	S	Bourbon tasting 7pm
19	SU	
20	M	
21	T	Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
22	W	Banjo Night (<i>Buffalo Chicken Sandwich</i>) [B] Lodge Meeting 8pm; Members Lounge open before & after Lodge Mtg.
23	TH	
24	F	Fish Fry 6-8pm [B]
25	S	
26	SU	Rental
27	M	
28	T	New Member Orientation 7pm
29	W	Banjo Night 7pm (<i>Chili Cheese Hotdogs</i>) [B]
30	Th	
31	F	Fish Fry 6-8pm

POOL TABLES: We have pool available downstairs and members are welcome to play! Ray is also working on re-felting the 2nd table with that awesome purple felt. If the door isn't open, ask the bartender.

Brunch & Bingo



LOTS OF FUN
GREAT FOOD
CASH PRIZES

SATURDAY MAR 25



Brunch 12PM; Bingo 1PM
Allegheny Room, Elks 339
Limited Space: Reserve at Bar - \$15
Members & Registered Guests



FREE PERKS! Sign Up & Find Out!

Did you know there are some great free benefits when you volunteer?

FISH FRY - VOLUNTEER - BOWLING

Find the Sign Up Genius list:
or
elks.org/339 & click:



SIGN UP!



Allegheny Elks Merchandise Shop: Get your fish fry or volunteer shirts, apron, etc.
elks339.myspreadshop.com



Welcome to our new members! We have another Orientation set for February 28th 7pm and Initiation will be March 5th 2pm.

22-23 ENF Grants

Spotlight & Impact

Grants with goal of shining light on pressing issues facing American families, at a combined \$4500. We use the Impact Grant to provide hygiene products for distribution through Northside Common Ministries Food Pantry. We use the Spotlight Grant to purchase microwaves that will be added to future Welcome Home Kits, allowing us to make a bigger impact despite the rising prices of goods. We have distributed 306 Welcome Home Kits to veterans since getting involved in the program; for more info on this program: www.elks.org/vets/welcomehome.cfm

Freedom

We have used this \$3K grant to purchase and distribute an average of 100 reusable bags of cleaning & hygiene products for the monthly Military Share Food Distribution organized by Veteran's Leadership Program. When finances are tough for veteran families it helps to not have to choose between food or hygiene items. Watch out for volunteer bag packing events.

KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING: Elks Lodges give back thanks to Elks National Foundation funded Community Investment Grants, Veterans Programs, Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Scouting, Drug Awareness and our State Project-The Home Service Program. Per this list above you can see how we have been using the \$15K in grants! Please consider making a donation of at least \$10 to ENF. You can also join the ENF committee to help with grant writing or to implement a charitable project. THANK YOU, Kate Bernard, ENF Chairman

Beacon

\$4K grant is split between 2 projects focusing on youth and people with disabilities. First, in December we provided gifts and wrapping assistance during the annual Holiday Gift Shoppe at the Bradley Center. This is a school/housing facility for children and teens who experience trauma, mental illness, and behavioral challenges. Students get to choose gifts for their loved ones, feel empowered and experience & learn the joy of giving. Second, we'll be working with a Life Skills teacher from Shaler to take their students on a field trip to a local accessible bowling alley. These children typically cannot participate in the normal 'out of classroom' activities or sports that other students do, they require special buses, teachers & aides.

Gratitude

We will work with 2 local schools to distribute summer activity backpacks to 3rd & 4th grade students. The backpacks will contain reading books, puzzles, games, brainteasers, potting soil & seeds and 3 STEM projects thanks to this \$3500 grant. This is the 2nd year for this project, which has the goal of keeping children mentally stimulated and learning while on break from classes.

125 Club

February's Winner:
Annie Seeke #13
Celebration is May 20th
125club@alleghevelks.org

SOUPER BOWL event was a great success in February. There were lot of amazing soups (and a chicken dip that somehow beat a few soups in the contest #PittsburghLife). Since TC's recipe won the Soup Bracket, we asked him to share the recipe. He says it's super easy—so give it a try!

TC's Sausage Tortellini Soup

- 1lb ground Italian sausage
- 1 Yellow Onion, minced
- 6 cloves garlic
- 4Tbs Tomato Paste
- 1 14oz can Crushed Tomatoes
- 4 Cups Chicken Stock
- 1 pack fresh Tortellini
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 Bunch of Kale or Spinach

Sautee the onion, sausage and garlic. Drain excess fat. Whisk in crushed tomatoes, chicken stock and tomato paste. Add salt to taste and bring to a boil, then simmer for 15 minutes. Stir in the Kale, Tortellini and Cream then cook until the kale is wilted and pasta is tender, 3-5 minutes. Serve with sprinkled parmesan cheese and/or red pepper flakes. Enjoy!

ELKS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT Larissa Zorn



What are some interesting facts about yourself? I'm left handed, can't roll my tongue and my last name translates from German to *Angry Man*.

What are your hobbies? I like working out, hiking, biking & running. I ran cross country in high school.

Besides our lodge, what do you consider a Pittsburgh hidden gem? Riggs: It's a low key dive bar with velvet walls and the nicest restrooms in Pittsburgh.

What do you like to read? Everything from Nicholas Sparks romance to James Patterson murder mysteries.

If you could be any animal, what would it be & why? I'd love to be able to jump very high and only be expected to lounge around all day, so I'd be a cat.

What advice do you have for new members? Come down to members nights! Even if you don't volunteer come make some friends, that's still a way to help out the lodge.

Where and when can other members introduce themselves to you? You'll see me around the bar on banjo nights, when I volunteer as bartender, and at most of our themed events. (She won a prize last movie themed Halloween for her Ariel costume!)



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Current Number of Members: 666—invite/sponsor your friends to join. More info at join.elks.org. We have 53 delinquent members that will be dropped before 4/1/23 unless 2022 dues are paid.

News between Newsletters: Latest, greatest info is usually found on the members-only Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/groups/364028793788216> so ask a friend to add you, or request an invitation from the group.

Donations for Veterans: Bill Dold from Wilkins Lodge #577, is the Elks representative to the VA Southwest Center and PA Elks Veterans Assistance Program. VA hospitals gladly accept donations, including: personal care items, PPE, fleece blankets, reading glasses, headsets, puzzle books, checkers and other items. <https://va.gov/pittsburgh-health-care/work-with-us/volunteer-or-donate> online for complete list. Furniture donations are sometimes also needed for fulfilling Welcome Home kits.

LEGAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: Laws enforced by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board require ALL members entering our lodge at any time MUST have proper ID as proof of age and show it upon request. All Elks members in good standing should NEVER enter any lodge without their current Elks membership card AND valid ID. Your membership card does not serve as both. We reserve the right to deny you service if proper ID is not shown upon request. Please keep us legal by always carrying both forms of identification when entering the lodge. And please pass this along to your fellow Elks for their protection as well as the lodge.