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Exalted Ruler Lance McFadden

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Fellow Elks,

Elkdom is strong at Allegheny Lodge #339! Our membership continues to grow because of the comradery and friendships people observe when they visit our lodge. We continue to impress with our events and hospitality. Last month, we had Elks visit us from North Carolina and they brought friends all the way from Germany. They all had a wonderful time at our event. Our entertainment committee is hard at work planning many events for our membership this year. They're looking to continue many of their events from last year and incorporate new events for us all to enjoy. Remember, you don't need an event to come to the lodge. We always look forward to being around one another and enjoying each other's company. We now have an operational dart board in the bar. Come play darts with friends. Or, perhaps, play a friendly game of pool on our newly restored pool table.

Once again, we completed another successful year of fish fry's and affirmed that we are the premier fish fry in Pittsburgh. Thank you all for volunteering and spreading the word about our fish fry. Not only did we sell thousands of meals, but we were also featured in multiple news and media outlets. We look forward to next year in which we will continue our success.

If anyone is interested in being a part of a committee or if you have any ideas to help our lodge grow and prosper, please let me or any officer know of your interest. As always, I thank you for your attention and assistance.

All the Best,

Lance McFadden

SEEKING LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

We are offering a \$4,000 Scholarship for graduating high school seniors (\$500 per Semester for 8 Semesters). The son, daughter or legal ward of 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 to 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 at 412-321-1834, text me at 412-576-9193 or email me at keith.olash@verizon.net for an application for additional information.

Kathleen Bernard, Student Aid Committee



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Free Food and other great perks!

Sign Up & find out! 339 Volunteers Find the Sign Up Genius List on link below or at [elks.org/339 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAA82FA1F9CF8-volunteer](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CAA82FA1F9CF8-volunteer)

May 2023 Calendar

May

1	M	
2	T	Board Meeting 7pm
3	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Cuban Sandwich)
4	TH	Members Lounge 7-10pm
5	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm
6	S	
7	SU	Pittsburgh Marathon
8	M	
9	T	Jazzmania 7pm
10	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Grinders)
11	TH	Members Lounge 7-10pm; Lodge Meeting 8pm
12	F	Members Lounge 6-11; Mother's Day Celebration
13	S	Rental
14	SU	
15	M	
16	T	
17	W	Banjo Night 7pm (BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich)
18	TH	Members Lounge 7-10pm Shepherds Live Music
19	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm
20	S	125 Club Dinner 5:30pm
21	SU	
22	M	
23	T	
24	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Buffalo Chicken)
25	TH	Coffee with Cops 6pm; Members Lounge 7-10
26	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm; Cemetery Visit 9am
27	S	
28	SU	
29	M	Memorial Day; Service at Legion Park 9am
30	T	
31	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Hamburgers)
1	TH	Members Lounge 7-10pm; Board Meeting 7pm
2	F	First Freitag; Members Lounge 6-11pm



June 17th: Beer Tasting
Details TBD
Tickets available online
and at the bar



June 30th: Elks Night at
the Pirates
Free Luau Bucket Hat!
Scan QR Code for
Signup and details



Memorial Day

Memorial Day is one of the most sacred events on the Elks calendar. On Friday May 26th at 9 am, we will be visiting Highwood Cemetery at 2800 Brighton Road to place hundreds of flags on the graves of Veterans. On Memorial Day (May 29th) we will then visit Legion Memorial Park in Brighton Heights for a service at 9 am.

Bill and Karen Shepherd (Sarasota, FL. Lodge #2495)

Travelling musicians who specialize in playing at Fraternal Organizations for tips are playing at our lodge on May 18th! They've played at over 95 lodges so far, and are playing classic hits from Motown, Country, Rock and Blues. **Come on down to wish them a warm welcome to 339 and buy them a beer!**

May 12: Mother's Day Celebration

Make your mom or significant woman a bouquet while enjoying the company of fellow members. We will have flowers, ribbons, and possibly vases for you to create your own special bouquet. Bring some snacks or a dish to share!

125 Club at Allegheny Lodge

April's Winning Number: Nikki Pipak

The next 125 Club Celebration is May 20, 2023.

Email 125club@alleghenyelks.org to join the committee, buy your ticket or learn more.

ELKS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Henry Pyatt

By Mindy Melton

Hello fellow members! I'm coming to you to continue the work Laura started based on Hillary's idea to spotlight our members. If you recall, the goal with the member's spotlight is to help us all get to know one another a little better, and with that, to feel comfortable going up and introducing ourselves in person. If you would like to be included in this, or nominate someone, please don't hesitate to shoot me an e-mail at mindymelton@gmail.com. This month we are featuring Henry Pyatt from Henryville!

Henry became a member of 339 after a few years of discussing membership periodically with his old boss, Mayor Peduto, and other colleagues Marks Masterson and Fatla. Finally a few months ago he ran into Mark M at a banjo night and he encouraged him to join again, and he took him up on it. ...and the rest is history.



Where are you from? I'm from the Poconos in northeast Pennsylvania. I grew up in Monroe County, and in elementary and high school I lived in a village called Henryville!

What are some of your hobbies? I like to bike, walk, and check out historical sites all around the region while doing both of those things. I especially love heading down into West Virginia to ride their great bike trails on historic rail routes, check out the tunnels and bridges, and read the interpretive signage.

What is an interesting fact about yourself? From 2001 to 2006 I was the ska DJ and a volunteer engineer at WPTS Pittsburgh, Pitt's student radio station. I love ska music, especially where it blends with punk in the second and third waves.

What are you most proud of? I'm most proud of my career in public service. I love to help solve problems, and I especially love helping disadvantaged people get a fair chance at building wealth, and improving their lives. In my current job with the FDIC I teach banks how they can support the needs of low to moderate income people in their market areas. It's very rewarding to help all the great community development workers around the state get the resources they need to improve lives and neighborhoods.

What do you like most about Pittsburgh? I love that Pittsburgh is friendly, and neighborly. I lived in Philadelphia for almost 5 years and while I made great friends there, it's a stark difference from Pittsburgh where it just feels like everyone is on the same team.

What are three words you would use to describe yourself? Earnest, neighborly, and a bit weird.

When did you join the Elks? This January

How are you involving yourself with Lodge activities? I like to volunteer in the kitchen, I love to cook and I get a lot of satisfaction from feeding people.

As a member of Elks #339 lodge, which aspects of membership do you enjoy the most? Fraternity! I love being able to make new friends and chat with old ones.

Where and when can other members introduce themselves to you? In the kitchen during banjo club or other events when I'm helping cook!

What advice do you have for other new members? Just say hello! Elks members are really nice folks who are interesting to chat with, and eager to make new friends.



Sunday June 11th 2023
Allegheny Elks 110th Annual
FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Entertainment by **The Pittsburgh Banjo Club**
Complimentary Picnic Buffet
Bake-Off Contest
Raffles
Program to Honor "Old Glory"
Voter info & Flag Recycling Collection

Free & Open to the Public
Doors 1pm, Program 2pm



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We are up to 669 members!

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, has assumed the role of Elks representative to the VA Southwest Center. 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.

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.