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Exalted Ruler Lance McFadden

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings Fellow Elks,

It is that time of year once again when the leadership torch for our lodge is passed to a new administration. I am truly humbled and honored to have been elected to this position. For the past several years, I have served in all of the Esteemed Knight positions, assisted in several committees, and volunteered in many lodge events. These actions have allowed me to be visible in our lodge and get to know many of our members.

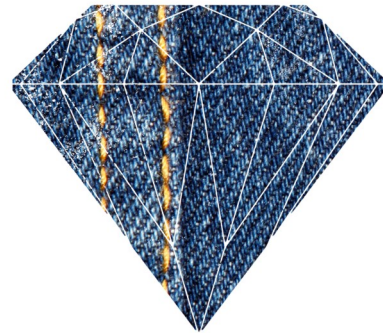
For those who do not know me, I was born and raised on the Northside of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After attending Penn Hills Senior High School, I earned my B.A. in Political Science and a M.S. in Law and Public Policy at California University of PA. I attended Appalachian School of Law located in Grundy, Virginia, and returned to Pittsburgh where I currently practice law for Reed Smith LLP. Currently, I reside in Perry Hilltop with my dog Bragi.

In the past year, we have seen our lodge go through a wonderful transition as we emerged from the height of the COVID pandemic. Through the leadership of our most recent Exalted Ruler, Alisha Crose, our membership has continued to increase which helped us to further strengthen our fraternal bonds of friendship. I look forward to continuing her success and leading the lodge to even greater heights with the assistance of all of our members. The lodge is always looking for more volunteers and new ideas that can improve the enjoyment of our lodge. If you know of someone who may enjoy being an Elk, bring them to the lodge to enjoy some of our many activities and meet our members. If you have an idea that you believe can improve the lodge, never hesitate to present that idea because we want our lodge to be the best it can be. Finally, always remember, Elkdom is based on the virtues of Charity and Brotherly Love. Let us continue to work together and look out for each other and our communities.

Fraternally yours,

Lance V. McFadden, ER Elect

TICKETS AVAILABLE 125 Club Celebration DENIM & DIAMONDS



DRESS THEME, SPECIALTY DRINKS, DINNER, CASH PRIZE DRAWINGS

May 20th with a cocktail hour at 5:30pm, then dinner and the drawings at 6:30pm. \$50 entry to the 125 club includes a number, dinner and 2 drinks during the celebration. Limited to 125 tickets, 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 number. We're mixing High Class and Country with this year's dress, decor and drink theme: Denim & Diamonds. We can't wait to see how creative you get. Email to reserve: 125club@alleghenyelks.org.

March's 125 Club Winner: Jeff Moore

2023-24 LODGE OFFICERS

ALLEGHENY LODGE #339

EXALTED RULER:

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT:

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT:

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT:

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

ESQUIRE:

INNER GUARD:

CHAPLAIN:

ORGANIST:

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PRESIDING JUSTICE:

1 YEAR TRUSTEE:

2 YEAR TRUSTEE:

3 YEAR TRUSTEE:

4 YEAR TRUSTEE:

5 YEAR TRUSTEE:

LANCE V. MCFADDEN

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SHAWN MELVIN

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RAYMOND LINK III, PER

FRANK RANDZA JR.

MARK MASTERSON

KEITH OLASH, PER, PDDGER

TIMOTHY ZINN, CHAIR

April 2023 Calendar

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

		30th March: Capital Campaign Event Planner Open House
1	S	
2	Su	
3	M	
4	T	
5	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Pasta e Fagioli Soup) [B]
6	Th	Members Lounge 6-10pm; Board Mtg 7pm
7	F	the last Fish Fry 6-8pm; Happy Good Friday!
8	S	
9	Su	Happy Easter!
10	M	Board Budget Meeting 7pm
11	T	Jazzmania Live Jam (2nd Tuesday) Prix fixe dinner optional, reservations encouraged
12	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Italian Beef Sandwich) [B]
13	Th	Entertainment Cmte Meeting 7pm; Lodge Meeting 8pm; Members Lounge open before & after Lodge Mtg.
14	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm Accordions Likely [B]
15	S	
16	Su	West District Meeting Beaver Falls Lodge
17	M	Trustee Meeting 6:30pm
18	T	<i>Reminder: Tax Day</i>
19	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Chicken Salad Croissant) [B]
20	Th	Members Lounge 7-10pm Game Night—Come play board games!
21	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm Accordions Likely
22	S	
23	Su	
24	M	New Member Orientation 7pm
25	T	Tech Committee Meeting 6pm; Zoom
26	W	Banjo Night 7pm (Fried shrimp basket) [B]
27	Th	Lodge Meeting 8pm; Members Lounge open before & after Lodge Mtg.
28	F	Members Lounge 6-11pm; Accordions Likely
29	S	
30	Su	New Member Initiation 2pm

Pool Tables and Games: We have a collection of board games in the service bar back by the kitchen and pool available downstairs and members are welcome to play! Ask the bartender if the door isn't open.

Reminder: Members get 1 free drink in the month of their birthday!



Thank you volunteers for all of your hard work on Fish Fry. It has been a very fun and rewarding season so far! We continue every Friday up to and including Good Friday April 7th.

We have official Grand Lodge confirmation of the merger of Carnegie Lodge #831 with our lodge! As of March 16th 2023 we can officially say they are part of Allegheny Lodge #339. We have partnered with Carnegie for many amazing things over the years; it's an honor to welcome them! Official celebration date to be determined!

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:



Bowling

ALLEY WILL CLOSE IN MAY UNTIL FALL.
LAST CHANCES TO PLAY:
APRIL 5, 12, 14, 19, 26

JOIN FOR THESE FINAL MEMBERS NIGHTS: SUBJECT TO CHANGE
BOWLING@ALLEGHENYELKS.ORG



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



The Capital Campaign Committee hosted an open house and reveal of the results of the building study March 16th, which was very well attended. The presentation included an overall review of the process to date, and suggestions for future phases of the building revitalization and fundraising.

March 30th is another open house, with the goal of inviting event planners to solicit their feedback.



West District Elks / Pennsylvania Elks News

Our lodge is one of 12 lodges in the West District, which is one of 8 districts in the state. The next West District meeting will be April 16th in Beaver Falls. May 3rd-7th the Pennsylvania Elks will hold the Spring Convention at the Red Lion hotel in Harrisburg. All Elks are welcome to attend. We plan for Allegheny to be well represented again; join us and meet other Elks from around the state. Email secretary@alleghenyelks.org if you want to plan to meet us there. In addition to business meetings and committee reports, the Spring convention will include the installation of the next PA Elks State President, Carl Smith, who is from our district (Beaver Falls Lodge #348). We also look forward to the Lodges March for Home Service, which is a celebration of the success of the program, and to evenings spent with other Elks in the Hospitality Rooms. Each district has a home-base hospitality room and this convention our very own Michael Douglass, PER is hosting ours.

Ritual is an important part of Elks history and identity. Representing Allegheny Elks, **Exalted Ruler Alisha Crose placed first in the West District Eleven O'Clock Toast Competition and Esteemed Leading Knight Lance McFadden placed second in the West District Flag Charge Competition.** The contest was held at Beaver Falls Lodge #348 on Sunday March 12th. The State level Ritual contest will be April 15th at West Shore Lodge. Unfortunately Alisha will be unable to attend so the runner up from South Hills lodge, Ashley Giles PER, will represent the West District in the Eleven O'Clock Competition.

Jazzmania has 3 more 2nd-Tuesday performances before taking their summer break, April 11, May 9 and June 13. Reservations are taken for dining room, but the bar area is held open to allow for members to join. Join for a sit down dinner and support the aspiring musicians that join the band.

Committee News

Fill out this Google Form to hear more about joining a committee:



Entertainment Committee: Sarah Suiter PER, Chair, Entertainment@alleghenyelks.org. Creating and implementing members only events. Meet 7pm every 2nd Thursday, before Lodge Meeting. We're looking for new ideas & more members to join!

Tech Committee (new): Deb Dyer, Chair, dkdyer333@gmail.com. Discuss technology solutions for website design and update, volunteer management, administration tasks, security measures and future enhancements.

Redd-Up Crew and Trustees: Timothy Zinn, Chair. Redd Up Crew arranges lodge cleanup projects and beautification efforts, including cleanup before community events and front garden upkeep. Trustees manage ongoing building upkeep and maintenance. If you have an applicable interest or skill and would like to help Trustees with projects around the lodge, please reach out to Trustees@alleghenyelks.org.

Youth Activities: Constance Bowden Chair, constancebowden687@gmail.com Kathy Fear, Co-Chair Kathy.fear9@gmail.com. Organize events like youth Halloween and Christmas parties, camp and summer youth activity bags. They are raffling off prizes during Fish Fry as a fundraiser for future events.

Americanism/Flag Day: Alisha Crose PER, Chair, flagday@alleghenyelks.org. Bring in your worn U.S. Flags for recycling via a proper retirement. Our Flag Day celebration will be Sunday June 11th. Volunteers needed for decorating, making desserts and raffle baskets.

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 guardian 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 or 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 @ 412-321-1834, text me @ 412-576-9193 or email me @ keith.olash@verizon.net for an application or additional information.

Kathleen Bernard, Student Aid Committee

ENF DONATIONS NEEDED

When you submit your dues payment, please consider making a donation of at least \$10 to Elks National Foundation.

Remember that ENF Funds everything at our organization does.

That includes the Community Investment Grants, Veterans Programs, Scholarships, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness and our State Project: The Home Service Program.

Your donations will help our lodge continue the good work we have been doing in our local communities.

You can also join the Fidelity Club by setting up a monthly recurring donation at enfelks.org/recurring.

PLEASE KEEP THE DONATIONS COMING

Thank you - Kathleen Bernard, ENF Chairperson



Welcome to our new members! We have another Orientation set for Mon April 24th 7pm and Initiation will be April 30th 2pm.



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Want to Advertise with us? Want to help out with our Newsletter? Email newsletter@alleghenyelks.org

Current Number of Members: 622 (not yet counting members from Carnegie merger)—*invite/sponsor your friends to join. More info at join.elks.org. NEW ELK YEAR STARTS APRIL 1—make sure you have paid your annual dues and have a new card.*

ENF donations \$8.03/member

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.