



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks - Lodge #776

FEBRUARY 2016

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Michael Nicolella	Exalted Ruler
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Doug White	Trustee
Chuck Roberts	Trustee
Bill Freiberger	Trustee
Billie White	Secretary
Bob Ranko Sr	Treasurer

AN END OF THE YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE E.R.

February is already upon us and it is important month for the the Elks Lodge. We are to nominate and elect new Club Officers for the coming year and one Trustee. Attend the meetings, nominate, and vote for the person of your choice. Also, we are going to have a Memorial Service for the brothers who have passed in the last year, your attendance very much requested.

The mantra from the National is "Increase Membership". We have been able to hold our own and while not growing much we have been able to keep a steady course and our membership has remained level to growing slightly. We initiated five new members in January; our membership totals about 760, one of the largest in our region. Do your part by recruiting a new member for what I believe is the best fraternal organization in the area and nation

February marks the last month of my duties as the E.R. I want to start a P.E.R (Past Exulted Ruler) chapter for our lodge so any of you eligible please contact me. We would meet once a month. I also hope to appoint a Newsletter Committee to take over the compilation on the monthly newsletter. I need three volunteers; you would have editorial rights. I am going to name an "Elk of the Year" shortly, I do have a person in mind but I am open to suggestions of a member who has been instrumental in the betterment of the club. Officers and employees are not eligible by statute for this award.

I would like some feedback from the general membership on how the lodge has performed in the past year and has it met your needs and expectations. If you have not received my recap of the year please contact me; the Governing Body and I have tried to improve the services of the club and I would like to know your opinion if we have been successful and give me some suggestions on how we can do even better in improving our lodge. My email is: MBN534@hotmail.com

Thank you for letting me serve you.
Mike Nicolella, E.R.

THE LADIES CORNER

We had a nice meeting last month in spite of the frigid weather. Our guest speaker, Donna Bussey, from the Washington City Mission told us about the exciting renovations and updates that are almost complete. The Mission has accomplished amazing things since the devastating fire. Thanks to hostesses Rosemary and Carol for baking some delicious cakes. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30. We will complete plans for our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner. Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13. We'll need baked goods and volunteers. I'm sure it will be a success. We always pull it together and make it happen. Happy Valentine's Day!

Michelle Leichty, President

CHARITY CORNER

The Sock & Underwear Drive is off to a very slow start. The drive benefits children, women, and men in our own community. Socks and underwear are some of the least donated but most needed items. Thursday night Bingo on February 11 will benefit our charity drive. Please bring a package of socks or underwear to "Have a Heart" Bingo and receive a free bingo card to play all night. Let's show the community once again that Elks Care. A collection box is located in the lobby, please help fill it. Thank you.

Michelle Leichty

Washington Elks Lodge

138 E. Maiden Street, Washington PA 15301

Save the Date
Saturday
March 12, 2016



Elks Annual Charity Ball

"An Affair to Remember"

Dinner
Dancing
Cash Bar

Silent Auction
Chinese Auction
50/50

Purchase your Tickets by March 7th



Doors open at 5 pm
Cocktails 5:30-6:30 pm
Dinner at 6:30 pm
Dancing and Silent
Auction Announcements
to follow

Entertainment by
The Fugitives
Photos by Russell
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Photography

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ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT

Bingo Benefit

Have a heart! Join us for bar Bingo Thursday, February 11 benefiting the Domestic Relations Shelter. Get one free card for the night if you bring a package of children or adults socks and underwear. Donations are ongoing for the Domestic Relations Shelter with multiple items needed.

New! - Hoagie Nights

Every third Wednesday of the month from 5 pm to 8 pm purchase Chef Jody's hoagies at our Club for just \$5.50 for a half and \$8.50 for a whole hoagie. Your choice of Italian; ham and cheese; club; or turkey, bacon, Swiss. Add fresh cut fries, sidewinders or baby cakes for \$1.

Monday Wing Nights!

Come enjoy wings our tasty wings every Monday from 5 pm to 8 pm. Choose from BBQ, hot, sweet chili, garlic parmesan or Sriracha sauces. Also available: chicken strips, fish nuggets, Jalapeno poppers, cheese sticks, deep fried veggies, French fries, onion rings or cole slaw.

Super Bowl - February 7, 2016 - 6:30 pm

Regardless of whether our Black and Gold is playing in the big game, please join us in our Club Room for a free buffet, raffles and door prizes. Meet up with your fellow Elks to celebrate this football season!

VALENTINES DINNER AND NAME THAT TUNE



Saturday, February 13 from 5 pm to 9 pm in our Dining Room. Reservations recommended. Call the Bar or Kitchen to reserve at 724-222-0776. Full menu available and our special sweetheart meal of Surf and Turf.



Follow up dinner with Name That Tune at 8 pm. No sign up needed. Bring your sweetheart.

A BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you and a "Tip O' the Antlers" to:

To Ron Foil and his family for donating their time and effort to start and man the Monday Night Wing Night. It has been a big success!!

To Larry Jones for donating his expertise with the Christmas decorating of the Club.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held February 21 at 2:30 pm in the Ballroom for our absent members of the past year. Please try to attend this solemn event. Appetizers and refreshments following the service.

Our absent members for 2015/2016:

James J Falosk Sr	Richard H Piatt
Edward W Forsberg	Melvin L Polen
Robert C Hammond	Fred Tracanna
David R Johnston	Raymond F Schuler
Robert W Jordan	James L Smith
Robert Longstreath	Gerald L Wamsley
Thomas R O'Shell	Leonard 'Dutch' Williamson
Stanley Pliska Jr	

ELKS NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT

Join us for the Washington Elks Hoop Shoot scheduled for February 6 at 12:00PM at the Washington High School gymnasium. The Athletic Director Joe Nicoletta who agreed to have some varsity players assist us with rebounding and also in hope of increasing turnout in the Washington school district. We are also reaching out to Trinity, McGuffey, and JFK students, as well as the Brownson House and the LeMoyné Center. If you know of any little hoopers between the ages of 8 & 13 (as of 4/1/16), please recruit them to come and shoot foul shots, have fun, and maybe make a new friend or reconnect with a friend from another school.

We are going to need at least 6 volunteers to act as score keepers. Please let me know if you can help out.



Thanks,
Ryan King
Hoop Shoot Coordinator
724-747-8809

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL "AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER"

The Annual Elks Charity Ball will be held Saturday, March 12 in our Ballroom. "An Affair to Remember", a black tie optional evening of dining and dancing to benefit the Elks charities. Tickets and sponsorships available. Please see your bartender or call Michelle (412-997-6469), Missy (412-417-2080), or Billie (724-255-5550). Silent Auction and Chinese Auction, Music by the Fugitives, and photographs to capture your memories taken by Russ Culbertson. You may also sponsor a table at the Charity Ball

- **GOLD SPONSOR - \$450.00** - Full page recognition in the Program, Table Sponsorship Sign, 8 Tickets to event, Bottle of Champagne at table
- **SILVER SPONSOR - \$300.00** - 1/2 page Recognition in the Program, Table Sponsorship Sign, 4 Tickets to Event
- **BRONZE SPONSOR - \$100.00** - 1/4 page Recognition in the Program

Individual Tickets - \$55.00 per person - \$100.00 per couple

*All levels of sponsorship receive recognition on Elks website, newsletter, social media, and Event Program.

FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR

	1 Wing Night 5:00-8:00 pm	2 Around the World Jamaica 6-8 pm	3	4 6:30 pm	5	6 Hoop Shoot February 6 at 12 noon
7 Super Bowl 6:30 pm	8 Wing Night 5:00-8:00 pm	9 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11 Benefit Bingo 6:30 pm	12	13 Valentine's Dinner specials Name That Tune 8 pm
14	15 Wing Night 5:00-8:00 pm	16 Ladies of the Elks Meeting 6:30 pm	17 Hoagie Night 5-8 pm	18 6:30 pm	19 Trivia 8 pm	20 Coors Light Girls 3-5 pm
21 All you can eat Breakfast 9 am-1 pm Memorial Service for Our Absent Members 2:30 pm	22 Wing Night 5:00-8:00 pm	23 Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm	24	25 6:30 pm	26 Live Music with Tom Terling 9 pm-12 am	27
28	29 Wing Night 5:00-8:00 pm					Mark your Calendar: March 12 Charity Ball "An Affair to Remember"

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DUES NOTICES FOR THE 2016/2017 YEAR HAVE BEEN SENT OUT.

They are due by March 31, 2016. If you did not get yours by mail here is the form.

If you have not paid your 2015/2016 dues by March 31, 2016, you will be dropped from our roles.

DUES PAYMENT SUBMISSION

2015-2016	2016-2017
Regular Member \$65 _____	Regular Member \$65 _____
Life Member \$31 _____	Life Member \$31 _____
Home Service _____	Home Service _____
National Foundation _____	National Foundation _____
Total _____	Total _____

Name _____ 4-Digit Member Card No. _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (Print Legibly) _____ (Print Legibly)

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Mail New Membership Card OR Will pick up at Bar

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