



# The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks - Lodge #776

December 2016

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*From the Governing Body  
A very Merry Christmas to All*



*And a Happy New Year!!!*

## THE LADIES CORNER

Our Christmas party is on Sunday, December 18th. Dinner will be served at 5:30. On the menu: garlic Parmesan chicken, beef, country green beans, roasted red potatoes, salad, rolls, and dessert. Please rsvp by the 11th. Don't forget to bring your auction items. The auction is always a lot of laughs and so much fun! Our next meeting will be on January 17. Have a very Merry Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year!

Michelle Leichy, President

## CHARITY CENTRAL

The Resident Wish Tree is in the lobby. Please take a tag or two and help us provide a Merry Christmas to some very special residents at the Washington County Health Center. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag with the tag attached. All gifts must be at the Lodge by December 6th. Thank you for your generosity. Merry Christmas!!!

Michelle Leichy

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## DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Armstrong, Stacy

Bergman, Linda Anne

Bradwell, Michael

Budnick, Norm

Bunner, Allan R

Crawford, Joseph

Day, Scott R

Draucker, Reed

Edgar, Robert I

Elliott, Ellen

Fitch, Colin E

Fulmer Jr, Donald W

Gower, Robert

Heckman, Paul J

Insana, Samuel P

Johnson, Scott D

Jungo, Clark T

Klempay-McNary, Glenda D

Koon, Dennis W

Kubincanek, Debra A

Kucherawy, David A

Lilley, Jack R

Luppino, J Scott

Manning, Joseph M

McMurtry, John F

Mera, Stephen L

Mowl, Ashley

Nardis, Ronald J

Nolen, John T

Plants, Raymond W

Polito Jr, Edward J

Potts, Christopher L

Schuler, Milton J

Seifert, Eileen J

Stiffler Jr, Harry A

Sweany, Jordan

Taylor, Jason A

Thomas, Robin

Turner, Hugh H

Williamson, Jeffrey

Wise, James T

Wood, Bryan J

**If you paid your 2016-2017 dues, please ignore this!**

**If you didn't pay:**

**Membership dues for the 2016-2017 year are now overdue.**

Please submit your dues as soon as possible.

### Washington Elks Lodge 776

#### Dues Payment Submission

2016-2017 Regular Member \$65 \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member \$31 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Service \_\_\_\_\_

National Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

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**Make Checks out to: Washington Elks Lodge 776**

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## Adopt A Platoon

We are still are gathering items for our Platoon!

This month we are collecting protein supplements and bars, jerky, chap stick, socks, magazines, and wet wipes.

## **BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO OUR PLATOON!**

**RECENTLY THEY RECEIVED OUR THIRD CARE PACKAGE  
AND SENT US THIS EMAIL IN RESPONSE!**



**SUBJECT: CHECKING IN!**

**Hello Elks!**

**We just got back from a mission and to our surprise we received your most recent box! Thank you! The jerky is already gone and the wet wipes are going fast. It's really windy and sandy on our missions so we use the wet wipes for EVERYTHING from equipment to ourselves. Yall are too generous. The Halloween decorations were a fun touch- the guys hung them up above the bunks. The magazines are always a hit. Yall must be big golfers! We keep going through the socks like crazy. We have a friendly football poll going here and the terrible towel you guys sent gets pulled out and waved in all our faces every time we check scores.**

**An odd request that we are running short of- chapstick. Apparently our host country's base doesn't carry it and you guys have been quicker than the US government recently. We also love all the protein supplements and bars. They go quick.**

**The funniest thing yall sent us was the coloring books - some of the guys have gotten very competitive with who can color the best when we are off mission and have downtime. Never thought I would see grown men getting competitive on who can draw between the lines the best.**

**I have a few more emails to respond to but just wanted to check in with you guys and say thanks again. Looking forward to the next box! -Matt**

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## ELS SHARE, ELKS CARE

To the right is Tom Olzer, Exalted Ruler, Billie White, Secretary, Michelle Larson, Leading Knight and Doug White, Head Trustee at WJPA radio station on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> along with Karen Mansfield from the Observer Reporter, Tim Solobay, State Fire Commissioner and Dave Rome, Mayor of Canonsburg from 2000 Turkeys, and WJPA's Pete Povich, giving a check for \$500 for WJPA's 2000 Turkeys - benefiting the Washington County Food Bank serving all of Washington County.



Above is a picture of Doug White, Head Trustee (right) of the Washington Elks Lodge 776 giving \$500 on November 11<sup>th</sup> to Jerry Coleman, Captain, Chuck Norigot, firefighter, and Scott Ferris, firefighter (left to right) from the Washington Fire Department's IAFF Local 2218 for their fundraising drive for Operation Warm/Coat for Kids – to supply warm coats to needy children at Washington Elementary School.

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## Elks National Foundation

### ENF MISSION

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

### ENF IMPACT

Since inception, the ENF has contributed \$455.4 million toward Elks charitable projects nationwide. These funds enable programs that support youth, honor veterans, and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. Our programs continue to grow each year, allowing Elks to do even more to build stronger communities. Go to [elks.org](http://elks.org) for details on all ENF programs.

This year, the ENF allocated \$9.77 million to fund the **Community Investments Program**, investing in Elks communities through grants for Elks Lodges. Community Investments Program grants—which include Beacon, Gratitude, Promise and Impact grants—offer your Lodge an opportunity to serve your community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.



## Elks SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elks 'Legacy Awards Contests' are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. Online enrollment opened on September 1, 2016 at [elks.org](http://elks.org) under the Elks National Foundation tab, and are due online by February 3, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon).

250 students who exhibit the values of the Elks National Foundation will be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to support their college education.



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## Stromboli And Flat Bread Pizza Night

Wednesday

December 14

5pm-8pm

\$6.50

Specialty Stromboli or Flat Bread Pizza or  
Build your own: Meatball; Baked Italian; Cheese steak; Pulled  
pork; Chicken Alfredo.

Add banana peppers, bacon, ham, pepperoni or cheese.

**Try our new ones: Bacon Cheese Burger or Cuban**

Fellow Elks – Join us for the very  
moving event.

## NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY December 17

Wreaths will be placed at the  
National Cemetery of the Alleghenies  
on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>  
at 12 noon.



Please join us in remembering our  
fallen heroes, honoring those who  
serve and teaching our children about  
the sacrifices made by veterans and  
their families to preserve our  
freedoms.

## Join us for Breakfast with Santa



## Our 'All You Can Eat Breakfast'



Sunday,  
December  
18th

9 am-1 pm



Get your picture taken with Santa!  
Free craft ornaments to  
children 12 and under.

Remember all gratuities are donated to the  
City Mission at every breakfast!

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## New Year's Eve Celebration!!

Bring in the New Year with your fellow Elks in our Grill Room.

The festive evening will be filled with Noise Makers, Hats, a DJ playing your favorite dance tunes and a special balloon drop at midnight!

After ringing in the new year, Complimentary Pork and Sauerkraut will served.

Come early and enjoy one of dinner specials and stay!

If you would like to reserve a bar stool, the cost is \$10 each for the evening. 8 pm to close. Bar stools must be paid in advance and are based on first come and first serve.

Reservations can be made with your bartender. It will be open seating in the Grille and Dining Room.



Hope to see you and share a drink and blessing for a Happy New Year!

## Save the Date for Valentine's Day Ball



Saturday, February 11, 2017

For this year, the proceeds from your generosity will be divided equally between our Elks Charities and we are very proud to include the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program of Washington County as a charity partner this year!

Bring your sweetheart to enjoy a delicious Valentine's Dinner, live Musical Entertainment and much more.

Details of this special evening will be released in the very near future. Corporate Sponsorships, Special advertising and Individual tickets will be available.

We hope to see many of our members and their guests this year!

If you would like to volunteer please see our Co-Chairladies, Michelle Larson & Missy Roberts!

*Valentine's Day  
Charity Ball*

*Saturday*

*February 11, 2017*

Thank You!

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## Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held **Sunday, December 4 at 2:30 pm** in the Ballroom for our absent members of the past year. Please try to attend this solemn event. A luncheon will follow the service.



**Never Forgotten  
To Our Absent Members**

### Our absent members for 2016:

Bernard H Bachann	Edward L Krepps
Barry F Beels	Lawrence (Butch)E Lanch
Ronald R Cochran	Morton T Moore
Donald G Emery	Malcolm L Morgan
Harry E Evans	William W Roberts
Harold V Fergus, Jr	John Shultz
Clair Haas	Donald W Sprowls
Doc K Jones	Anthony P Talotta
David P Jurick	David M Weiland
Walter R Klick	

## Around the World



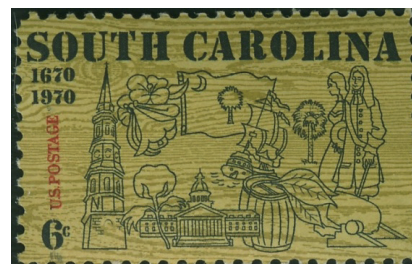
**December 6<sup>st</sup>**

**South Carolina**

6pm until 8pm

Did I take you by surprise? Let me explain why. South Carolina boasts to be the birthplace of the Barbeque! It is the home of 'sweet tea' and is one of the top three producers of peaches in the United States. So that being said, we will be having a southern style barbeque buffet with pulled pork, chicken and all the fixings, along with peach cobbler! Should be a nice change of pace between the holidays.

Hope to see you there.  
Linda Hildebrand  
Bar Manager



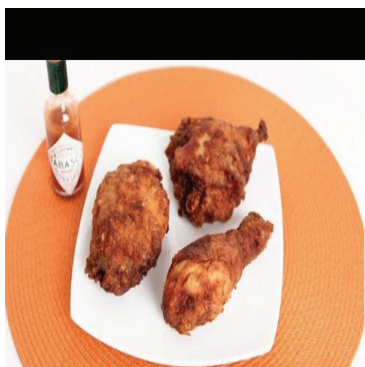
Free Juke Box  
and a  
50/50 drawing.



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### Monday Wing Nights Plus!

Come enjoy wings our tasty wings every Monday from 5 pm to 8:30 pm. Choose from BBQ, garlic parmesan, hot, sweet chili, or Sriracha sauces.

*Now added to the menu: 2 Chili cheese dogs, Double cheeseburger, ½ Meatball sub, and ½ Chicken parm sub!!*

Also available: chicken strips, fish wedges, Jalapeno poppers, cheese sticks, deep fried veggies, French fries, onion rings or cole slaw.



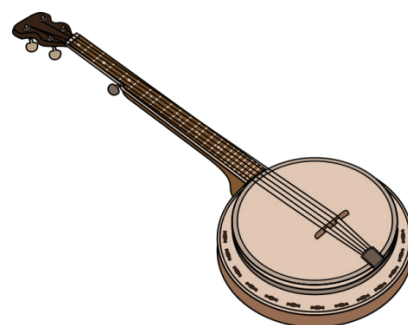
### December 9

Join us in the Grille Room for live entertainment with the

### Banjo Allstars

from

**7:30 pm-9:30 pm**



### Members Christmas Party

Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 3 pm to 7 pm  
in the dining room and grill room.

Santa Claus will be giving treats.

Come and celebrate the holiday season with your fellow Elks!  
Join us for the festivities!



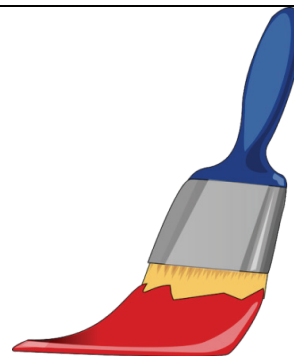
Bountiful buffet.  
Door prizes.  
Prize auction.  
Free Juke box.

Free draft beer.  
\$0.50 off mixed drinks.



### Still Remodeling

Please excuse us while we complete some repairing, painting and remodeling.



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# DECEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  6:30 pm	2 Open Juke Box 8pm-12pm	3
4 Memorial Service In the Ballroom 2:30pm Daily Drawing 7pm	5 <b>Wing Night</b> 5:00-8:30 pm	6 <b>Around the World South Carolina</b> 6-8pm <u>Wish Tree Deadline</u>	7	8  6:30 pm	9 Live music in the Grill Room! Banjo Alstars 7:30-9:30pm	10
11 <b>Members' Christmas Party</b> 3-7pm Daily Drawing 7pm	12 <b>Wing Night</b> 5:00-8:30 pm	13 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 pm	14 <b>Stromboli &amp; Flatbread Pizza Night</b> 5pm-8pm	15  6:30 pm	16 Open Juke Box 8pm-12pm	17 Wreaths to be placed at the <b>National Cemetery of the Alleghenies</b> 12 Noon
18 Breakfast with <b>Santa - All you can eat Breakfast</b> 9am-1pm <b>Ladies of the Elks Christmas Party</b> 5pm	19 <b>Wing Night</b> 5:00-8:30 pm	20	21	22  6:30 pm	23 Open Juke Box 8pm-12pm	24 <b>Club Closing at 6PM</b>
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> <b>Club Closed</b>	26 <b>Wing Night</b> 5:00-8:30 pm	27	28	29  6:30 pm	30 Open Juke Box 8pm-12pm	31 <b>New Year's Eve Party in the Grille Room</b>

## MONOPOLY

DON'T FORGET ABOUT MONOPOLY! NOW TWICE A MONTH!

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