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LODGE MEETINGS

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7pm*

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Thursdays 7pm*

*August Lodge meeting is on the 4th Wednesday of the month only; November and December Lodge meetings are the 2nd Wednesdays of the month only. See calendar for exceptions. Lodge and Board meetings are open to all Elk members.

Hilltop Hospitality Newsletter—Lodge 2277

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Committee Chairs:

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Drug Awareness ENF Les Mariner

Mike Lanahan **Golf Committee**

Tom Osborne

Hoop Shoot

Marion Davidson, Jr PER House

Dale Sears PER Jernick Fund Tim Eaton PER Membership Brian Walsh PER **PER Association Gary Youngworth** Scholarships Kenny McComas Veterans

Greetings,

My time as Exalted Ruler is rapidly coming to an end. I have experienced many emotions during the last year, joy, frustration and sadness. Joy, being able to witness our Committees hard work reaching out to the Carroll County Community with Grants obtained from Elks National Foundation. Frustration, I had set a goal to increase the amount of members that would volunteer to help at the Lodge. This goal was not accomplished. There is always a need for Volunteers, please consider volunteering. I do want to thank the many members that volunteered on a weekly basis. Sadness, we had many members pass away this last year. Lets keep them in our hearts and prayers.

I am thankful to have been able to attend the National Convention last July in Tampa, Fl. It was quite the eye opener and learning experience. The Grand Lodge is always available to answer any questions for our local Lodge. The experience of meeting and talking with other ER's from around the country getting their ideas and thoughts on the Elks was very helpful.

I would like to thank all of the Officers, Trustees and PER's for their help this year. I would not have been able to fulfill my duties without their help. Meeting and becoming more acquainted with our members was a privilege I will not forget. We are blessed to have great members. I have learned a lot about myself. With the encouragement of my family I stepped out of my comfort zone to take on the challenge of the ER position. Although, I have grown in some areas I still don't feel comfortable in situations where I am the center of attention. So, as my time as ER comes to an end I plan to serve the Lodge in a supportive role.

I will say goodbye for now wishing the best for our Lodge and all of our members.

Fraternally,

Les Mariner E.R.



Membership/Lapsation Report Westminster, MD Lodge 2277

Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2021:

Increases	
Initiated	4
Affiliated:	0
Reinstated:	2
Subtotal:	6

Decreases	
Dropped:	8
Transferred Out:	1
Absolute Dimit:	0
Deaths:	12
Expelled:	0
Subtotal:	21
Calculated Membership Total:	591
CLMS Active Members:	591
Average Age:	64.82
Gain/Loss:	-15

Delinquency	
Six Months:	0
One Year:	42
Over One Year:	0
Total:	42
Lapsation Rate:	6.93%

Applications on Hand	
Waiting to read at next lodge meeting:	3
In the hands of the investigating committee:	0
Ready for balloting:	0
Ready for Orientation:	0
Ready for Initiation:	0
Ready for Affiliation	0
Ready for Reinstatement	0
Other	0
Total:	3

Life Members	
Life Members:	101
Honorary Life Members:	4
Total:	105
Life Percentage:	17.33%

Secretary's Notes



Message from the Secretary

Our fiscal year is over at the end of March. Those who haven't paid their 2021 dues and wish to remain a member, will have to pay both their 2021 and 2022 dues. If anyone has a problem with their membership, including address changes, phone number changes, not getting your newsletter, decease members, wish to be dropped or any other issues, please contact me. I can be reached by email at thomaszane@comcast.net, by phone at 443-244-0290 or in person at the lodge on Wednesdays before the lodge meetings and Saturday from 6-7:30.

With membership in mind, we have been informed by the Grand Lodge that dues will be going up by \$5.00 next year due to insurance costs.

I have a question for all members. Why did you join the Elks? Most people join to support the many programs that we help. Yet many don't know how. Most of these programs don't take a lot of time. Do you have a few hours per month? The first thing you need to do is come to our meetings. They are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. There, you can get to know how and what we do help out. You can meet the people involved in those programs. Please consider joining us at one of our meetings. Soon we will be preparing for next year. If you are a member, you have a vote to determine who will be running the organization, but you need to be at the meetings.

As always thank you!!!

Tom Zane Secretary

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
•		1	2	3	4	5
			Golf			Chalk
			Committee			Couture
			meeting at			Paint and
			6:30p			Wine Night
			Board of			at 7
			Directors			
			Meeting at			
			7pm			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	MVS		Lodge			
	Scholarship		Meeting at			
	Due Date		7pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SuperBowl			Board of			Brunch
Party			Directors			
			Meeting at			Trivia Night
			7pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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		1	Meeting at			
			7pm			1
27	28					

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our website (elks2277.org) for up to date information on dinner specials, desserts, and more!

Plus, add send us your email to get our weekly updates sent directly to your inbox every Tuesday. Just email us at elks2277@gmail.com

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Board of Directors Meeting			Quarter Mania Event (Doors open at 5:30)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Lodge Meeting at 7pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Board of Directors Meeting	St. Patty's Day Dinner and Grand ER visit		Brunch
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Lodge Meeting at 7pm			
27	28	29	30	31		

Watch for more fun events from our Activities Committee in the coming weeks.

We are also currently looking for a few members to volunteer to serve dinner on March 17th when our Grand Exalted Ruler visits our Lodge.

The Golf Committee is busy planning for a busy year ahead and is seeking new members. If you are interested in joining please contact Mike Lanahan or come to the meeting on 2/2/22

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee:

MVS Scholarships: Only six Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications were received this year.

Students were allowed to pick the lodge of their choice for their application.

The due date for the Legacy Awards is February 7, 2022. Students of children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are eligible for this award.

The three top-scoring male applications and the three top-scoring female applications have been forwarded to the District for further judging. Letters have been sent out to these applicants informing them of their advancement. Individual letters have also been sent out to all of the other candidates informing them of their status and amount of their award.

Jernick Fund Award:

On 1/21/22 several members of our lodge met with our recent grant recipient, Carson Snyder, his service dog, Beau and family. Carlson has severe diabetes and is now attending the University of Delaware. Beau, his service dog, is trained to alert him when his blood sugar level needs immediate attention. We contributed a total of \$1,100.00 dollars towards Beau's purchase as well as provided the family with a delicious dinner! We spent approximately two hours getting to know Carson, Beau, his sister, Riley and his parents Jeremy and Kelly. They were an exceptional family who are very involved in our community and aware of several Elk functions! I think we have a great shot to increase our membership from this event! Thanks to all involved including Amy our cook and her daughter who provided our meal and fabulous cherry pie dessert!



PER Committee

The PER committee and Brian Walsh are currently looking for any Elk interested in taking on a leadership role at the Lodge for the next fiscal year. Please contact Brian Walsh at 410-967-0955 if you are interested.

Golf Committee

43rd Annual Fletcher/Falcone Golf Tournament is Coming!!

June 27th, 2022, 8:00 am Shotgun start at Quail Valley Golf Club, Littlestown Pa. \$110 a person includes beverages during the round and catered lunch in the pavilion at the course. Fee also includes participation in all door prizes at the event.

This tournament is our major fundraiser for the youth charities that support college scholarships over (\$22,000 given out this year), Camp Barrett, Live, Hope, Laugh Night of Giving, Elk Drug Awareness Program, various donations to local charities like the Carroll Food Sunday, Shepherds Staff, and our annual Hoop Shoot contest. Over the last fifteen year we have donated in excess of \$435,000 on these programs.

If you would like to provide a hole sponsorship or play in this year's event, please contact Jim Aumiller, at jaumiller@jhu.edu.

Dear Elk Members,

Please help make our Quarter Mania a success!

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Ask places you frequent such as restaurants, liquor stores, hair salon/barber shops, nail salon, coffee shop, bakery, etc...to donate a gift certificate for the event, If you have a new/unused item such as a candle, bottle of wine/liquor, game, etc... that you would like to contribute those items will be used for a bid table or if you wish to make a monetary donation, items will be purchased for mystery bags.

If you are a crafter, sales rep for a business, or know someone who is, please ask if they'd like to attend, Vendors receive (1) free paddle. Only one vendor per company.



Join us for Quarter Mania



PLACE: Westminster Elks Lodge 538 Gorsuch Road Westminster, MD 21157

DATE: Saturday, March 5, 2022

SNOW DATE: Saturday, March 12, 2022

TIME: 7:00pm Doors Open at 5:30pm

TICKETS: \$5.00 (non-refundable)
2 Paddles Included

Additional Paddles \$2.00 Each

Purchase tickets at: http://elks2277.org
Only 75 tickets will be sold for this event.

Food & drinks will be available for purchase.

Bring quarters for bidding, family, friends & a desire to have fun!!

There's something for everyone:

Hand Dipped Chocolates	Ariel Lynn Boutique	Scentsy
Chalk Couture	Tastefully Simple	Paparazzi Jewelry
Color Street	Old Line Charm	Thurty One
Norwex		Tupperware

The Golf Committee, Night of Giving, and Live Hope Laugh thanks you!

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and community sponsors who made our Christmas Town event in December such a success. Thanks to you we were able to provide an amazing day for over 50 families!

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