



B.P.O.E Lodge #344

News from Oil City, PA

Elks Care — Elks Share

Winter 2019 Issue

Lodge Officers 2018—2019

Exalted Ruler:	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Leading Knight:	Raymond Swem
Loyal Knight:	Gloria Bradybaugh
Lecturing Knight:	Heather Swem
Secretary:	Linda Mackintosh
Treasurer:	John Mackintosh, PER
Esquire:	Mark Flaherty
Tiler:	Alex Sosnowski
Inner Guard:	Amie Ange
Chaplain:	Anne Flaherty
Presiding Justice:	Scott W. Schreffler
Alternate Rep to GL:	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Trustees:	
C. Wendell Sowers	1 Year
Julie Bryan, PER	2 Year
Denise McElroy	3 Year

Club Hours

Monday through Thursday	3 pm—11 pm
Friday	3 pm - 12 am
Saturday	1 pm—11 pm
Sunday	11 am—11 pm

From the Desk of the Exalted Ruler

Members,

First off, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Children's Christmas party a success and a special thanks goes out to Pete O'Polka (Santa Claus) and Peg from Franklin Lodge #110. The member's party was a great success, thanks to all the members who contributed and attended.

This lodge year is slowly winding down and that means that the first meeting in February will be nominations of officers for the upcoming year. If you know anyone who would like to run for an office in the Lodge, please have them attend the meeting on February 4th. The second meeting in February will be the election of officers for the 2019—2020 year.

Karaoke will be moving from Thursday night to Friday night — we are hoping that this move will help increase attendance.

Fraternally,

Dennis J. Quick

Exalted Ruler

Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks Cookbook

The Activities Committee would like to put together a cookbook from our Lodge. We have wonderful cooks and it will be fun to share recipes.

Please send recipes to:

- Oil City Elks #344, P.O. Box 1446, Oil City, PA 16301-5446
- Email: Lodge@OilCityElks344.org
- Or stop in and drop it off!

Monthly Dinners

The holidays sort of overwhelmed us, so we are not doing a dinner in January.

Everything will be on track in February with the dinner being on the second Tuesday.

The dinners are:

February 11th — Pasta Night

March 11th — Chicken and Biscuits

Steak Fry's start in April!

Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/OilCityElks344/> for a weekly update of activities. Also register at WWW.ELKS.ORG. The site has valuable information about the Elks and the programs that we have to offer. Also if you go to the Member Center and click on Oil City, PA #344, you can see our calendar, read our news letters, download our By-Laws and House Rules and find out other information about the Lodge. Make sure you sign up today!

Oil City Elks Lodge #344

MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM FOR 2019 –2020

P.O. Box 1446

Membership #: _____

111 Sycamore St

Membership #: _____

Oil City, Pa 16301

Name: (member #1) _____ Phone: _____ Veteran: __yes __no

Name: (member #2) _____ Phone: _____ Veteran: __yes __no

Address: _____ e-mail: (opt.) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Veteran Yes _____ No _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY 2019 –2020 dues _____ 2018 –2019 dues _____

_____ Regular Member \$45

_____ Annual Nat'l Foundation Pledge \$10 (optional)

_____ Life Member \$25

_____ Home Services Donation \$10 (optional)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please mail or drop-off membership renewals to the Lodge—Attention: Linda Mackintosh Thank you

To help on expenses, please enclose a self addressed envelope.



01/01—Debb Dunn
 01/02—Sandford Powell
 01/04—Lee Grosch, PER
 01/06—Ron McElroy
 01/07—Terry Fry
 01/19—Shane Kinnear
 01/25—LaRea Kuivinen
 01/27 - Kathy Guth
 01/29—Diane Turner
 01/31—Bob Haslett
 01/31—Joe Levi

03/03—Ken Sharp
 03/03—Chris Wilbert
 03/10—Ed Frena
 03/11—Alex Sosnowski
 03/16—Robert O'Brien
 03/23—Ernest Crowther, PER
 03/25—Richard Siefer

02/07—Patty Estrada
 02/07—Paul Miliin
 02/08 - Phyllis Nick
 02/12 - Nancy O'Toole
 02/16—Kathy Kahle
 02/18—Joe Boland
 02/18—Gloria Bradybaugh
 02/20—Anne Flaherty
 02/23—Richard Fento
 02/24—Ray Swem
 02/25—Fred Kozakovsky
 02/26—Joseph Cardinale



HOOP SHOOT



The annual Elks Hoop Shoot for the Oil City Lodge will be on January 26th at St. Stephen's School, 210 Reed St. Oil City, PA. Registration will be at 9 am, a free clinic held by former basketball players will start at 9:30 am. Hoop Shoot will start at 11 am.

The Hoop Shoot is a Free Throw Program for Youth Ages 8 – 13.

The winners of the Oil City Hoop Shoot will advance to the district Hoop Shoot in Warren, PA with possible advancement to state, regional and national contests.

This event is open to all children in our area between the ages of 8 and 13, so spread the word. If you don't have any children or grandchildren in this age group, maybe you have friends or neighbors that do!

If you have any questions, contact Mark Flaherty at (814)572-4136.

A sincere thank you to St. Stephen School and their staff for letting us use their facilities.

Delinquent Members

We currently have 19 delinquent members. According to the Grand Lodge, if these members have not paid their dues by March 18, 2019, they will be dropped from our Rolls of Membership.

Any Member whose name is dropped for nonpayment of dues can complete a reinstatement application within 60 days and be reinstated after paying delinquent and current dues.

The list of delinquent members is posted on the bulletin board in the club.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas party was a great success this year, we had over 30 people in attendance. The children had a great time playing games and doing crafts and Santa Claus was a big hit.

Thanks to Amie Ange and Denise McElroy for organizing the party. Thanks to Pete O'Polka, DDGER who played Santa Claus and to his helper Peg O'Polka, PSP.

Thanks to all of the members who donated to the party: Janet Clinger, Anne Flaherty, Gloria Bradybaugh, Andy Kluck, Linda Mackintosh, Exalted Ruler Denny Quick, PDDGER, and John Mackintosh, PER.

Member's Christmas Party

The Member's Christmas party was held on December 22nd. We had a great turnout for the party and this year everyone had fun with a Chinese auction. Everybody who attended really enjoyed themselves.

New Year's Eve

For New Year's Eve, we had Pork and Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and dessert. It was a fun time.

The Member's Christmas Party and New Year's Eve is a great time for members to get together and enjoy the comradery of fellow Elks!

How is the Lodge and Club doing?

Some of the officers get asked "How is the Lodge doing?" or "How is the club doing?". The answer is we are surviving and we need your help to do better. When our members come in and support us we have a good day and when they don't we have a bad day.

We have the monthly dinners and there is Karaoke on Friday nights. We have an internet juke box and a beautiful pool table with free pool all day on Tuesdays. Our activities committee is headed by Denise McElroy and they are open to any fun ideas that you may have.

We cannot survive or thrive without your support, if none of our events appeal to you, we do take cash donations.

Thank You

The Officers

PER Night

The first meeting night in February of each year is designated as Past Exalted Rulers' Night. Previous to this date the Exalted Ruler shall designate certain Past Exalted Rulers to fill the chair offices and the positions of Esquire and Chaplain.

This is also the same night as nomination of Officers.

Lodge of Sorrow

At the yearly Memorial Service this year we remembered all of our brother and sisters who no longer walk among us. This year we added Louis Kraft and Ray Virgile.

"Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken"

"To our Absent Members."

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Free Pool All Day!				
		1	2	3	4	5
			Chit or Git @ 8 pm		Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	Chit or Git @ 8 pm
6	7 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7 pm	8	9	10	11	12
			Chit or Git @ 8 pm		Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	Chit or Git @ 8 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			Chit or Git @ 8 pm		Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	Chit or Git @ 8 pm
20	21 Lodge Meeting 7 pm	22	23	24	25	26
			Chit or Git @ 8 pm		Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	Hoop Shoot! Chit or Git @ 8 pm
27	28	29	30	31		
			Chit or Git @ 8 pm			

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Free Pool All Day!				
3	4 Lodge Meeting 7 PM P.E.R. Night Nomination of Officers	5 Oakwood Heights Bingo @ 7 PM	6 Chit or Git @ 8 pm	7	8 Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	9 Chit or Git @ 8 pm
10	11	12	13 Chit or Git @ 8 pm	14	15 Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	16 Chit or Git @ 8 pm
17	18 Lodge Meeting 7 PM Election of Officers	19	20 Chit or Git @ 8 pm	21	22 Karaoke With Carolina Dreamin"	23 Chit or Git @ 8 pm
24	25	26	27 Chit or Git @ 8 pm	28		

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Free Pool All Day!				
3	4 Lodge Meeting 7 PM	5	6 Chit or Git @ 8 pm	7	8 Karaoke With "Carolina Dreamin"	9 Chit or Git @ 8 pm
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Committee Chairpersons

2018/2019

Auditing & Accounting	Ed Slye, PER
Activities	Denise McElroy
Community Projects	Denise McElroy
Public Relations	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Youth Activities	Amie Ange
Hoop Shoot	Mark Flaherty
Drug Awareness	Ray Swem
Fraternal	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Americanism	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
ENF	Ray Swem
Flag Day	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Lodge Activities	Amie Ange
Veterans Services	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Elks Memorial Day	John Mackintosh, PER
PER Association	John Mackintosh, PER
Standing Relief	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Government Relations	Dennis Quick, PDDGER
Scholarships	Denise A McElroy
Elk of the Year	Officers
Kids Christmas Party	Amie Ange
Officer of the Year	PER Association
Monthly Dinners	John Mackintosh, PER
Accident Prevention	Wendell Sowers

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Membership/Lapsation Report

Beginning Membership Total	4/1/2018: 144
Increases	
Initiated:	13
Affiliated:	1
Reinstated:	2
Subtotal:	16
Decreases	
Dropped:	2
Transferred Out:	0
Absolut Dimits:	0
Deaths:	2
Subtotal:	4
Calculated Membership Totals:	156
CLMS Active Members:	156
Average Age:	64.13
Gain/Loss	12
Delinquency	
Six Months:	0
One Year:	19
Over One Year:	0
Total:	19
Lapsation Rate:	13.19%
Applications on Hand	
Ready for Initiation:	3
Life Members	
Life members:	22
Honorary Life Members:	0
Total:	22
Life Percentage:	15.28%