

**Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714**  
**494 Ford Street**  
**Bridgeport PA, 19405**



**2024 – ELKS SOCCER SHOOT – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – 6:00 to 8:00 pm**  
**650 N HENDERSON RD, KING OF PRUSSIA PA**

We will be staging our 2024 local soccer shoot in conjunction with the Prussians Soccer Club. Boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 15 years of age are eligible to participate. Age is as of 01/01/2024. (i.e. born between 1/1/2017 and 01/01/2009)

We will be in need of ball retrievers, registration personnel and scorers, so if you are available to help with this great event please stop in to sign up at the lodge or send me an email letting me know.

Thank you,  
Jim Hunt  
Lodge and State Soccer Chairman  
[Hunt1985@verizon.net](mailto:Hunt1985@verizon.net)



**Can't be at the outing or don't golf**

**31st Annual Elks Golf Outing**

**September 6, 2024**

**GOLF BALL DROP**

**\$5 per Ball**

**50/50**

**Closest to the pin wins!**

**Need not be present to win!**

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME BY YOUR favorite number,  
PUT CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND ASK BARTENDER FOR  
AN ENVELOPE TO PAY. PUT YOUR NAME THE #OF THE  
BALL AND THE AMOUNT ON THE ENVELOPE. BARTENDER  
WILL DROP THE ENVELOPE AND INTIAL THE FORM ON  
THE CLIPBOARD WITH THE DATE.**

**August 2024**



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# ***Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714***

## ***Exalted Ruler's Message***

I can't believe it's August already. The summer seems to be really flying by. We had a good trip to Austin, TX for the National Convention. Now the convention is over. We are in the planning stages for our national hoop shoot and national soccer shoot for children. There is no cost for this program as the Elks pick up the tab for the contestants along with his or her parents. More information and the dates will be published in the newsletter shortly. We had our first meeting for the haunted house and plans are being prepared for the building and decorating of this year's haunted house. If you would like to be involved with the building or as an actor for the haunted house, please leave a message for Andrew Conners at the Lodge and he will return your call and get you scheduled in to help.

There are still a few openings for Officer and Committee people. We are looking for a Chaplain, and a member to chair the Youth Activities Committee and someone to chair the Community activities committee. If anyone is interested, or if you know somebody that's interested, let me know and I will contact them. The ritual team will start practicing shortly for this year and we will need a chaplain to complete the team.

We still can apply for some grant money from the Elks National Foundation. We already received a freedom grant in support of veterans down at Philadelphia veteran hospital. We have submitted an intent application for an impact grant worth \$10,000. This is a very competitive grant and will cover from January 1st to December 31st of next year. We probably won't hear anything on the status of this application until October. But in the meantime, we will be applying for a gratitude grant, a beacon grant and a spotlight grant. This grant money gives us the opportunity to support activities in our community that the lodge and Elks National Foundation think deserve our attention.

There is only one meeting in August on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## **Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714 31st Annual Golf Outing**



**1:00 PM Shot Gun Start  
Friday, September 6, 2024  
Westover Golf Club  
401 S Schuylkill Ave.  
Norristown, PA 19401**

**This outing benefits**

**For additional information contact:**

**Cathy Hunt, Chairperson 610-331-1221**

## **2024- 2025 LODGE OFFICERS**

**Exalted Ruler**  
**Esteemed Leading Knight**  
**Esteemed Loyal Knight**  
**Esteemed Lecturing Knight**  
**Esquire**  
**Chaplain**  
**Inner Guard**  
**Tiler**  
**Secretary**  
**Treasurer**



**S. David DeStefano (PSP)**  
**Troy Schantz**  
**Dan Simons**  
**Andrew Conners**  
**Harry Dean (PER)**  
**Vacant**  
**Charles Kinsky**  
**Michele Conners**  
**Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)**  
**Teia Horney (PER)**

### **Trustees**

**1yr-Brenda Shepperd (PER) 2yr-Patrice DeStefano (PDDGER)**  
**3yr-Sean McMenamin (PER) 4yr-James Hunt (PER) 5yr-Randy Bennet**

### **2024-2025 Lodge Committees**

**Accident & Prevention**-Sean McMenamin( PER)  
**Americanism**– Dan Simons  
**Army of Hope**– Brenda Shepperd (PER)  
**Auditing**– Harry Dean (PER)  
**CP Legacy Trust**– Sarah Stemple  
**Community Activities**-  
**Drug Awareness**- Troy Schantz  
**Flag Day**- Jeff Mann  
**Government Relations**– Howard Randy Bennet  
**Hoop Shoot**– Michele Michaels  
**Investigation**– Howard Randy Bennett  
**Lapsation**– Maureen DeStefano DSVP  
**Lodge Activities**– Andrew Conners  
**Major Projects**- Cathy Hunt (PER)  
**Membership**– Maureen DeStefano DSVP  
**Memorial Service**– Sean McMenamin (PER)  
**Natl. Foundation**– John DeStefano  
**Newsletter**– Maureen DeStefano DSVP  
Dan DeStefano  
**Orientation**- James Hunt (PER)  
**Public Relations**– Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)  
**Scholarship**– Cathy Hunt (PER) Mary Tlluczek ,  
Mary Morrison  
**Soccer Shoot**– James Hunt (PER)  
**State Association**-Stephen Teague (PDDGER)  
**Veterans Service**- Brenda Shepperd (PER)  
**Visitation**- Carol Couch  
**Website**– Teia Horney (PER)  
**Youth Activity**–

### **PER's**

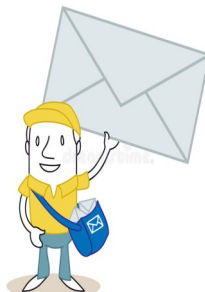
S. David DeStefano (PSP), James DeStefano (PDDGER),  
Harry J. Dean, Patrice DeStefano (PDDGER)  
Stephen Teague (PDDGER), Earl Harrison,  
Thomas Novitski, Sean McMenamin, Brenda Shepperd,  
Laura Minnich, Brian DeStefano, Teia Horney,  
Steve West, Christine West, Jeff Wright,  
Maureen DeStefano (DSVP), Sara Clemente,  
Herman (Bud) Kelly , Cathleen Hunt, James Hunt

### **House Committee**

Chairperson: Dan DeStefano, James Hunt (PER),  
Tom Cannon, Greg Sacks ,Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)

***If anyone is interested in assisting on any of the  
Committees listed .***

***Please email the ER or the committee person at  
bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com***



## ***Reminder***

If you still need to pay dues for the  
year mail a check to the lodge or  
go on elks.org and pay online



Links to Elksdom

[HTTPS://WWW.ELKS.ORG/GRANDLODGE/FILES/2024-08.PDF](https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/files/2024-08.pdf)

ELKS MAGAZINE ONLINE: [HTTPS://WWW.ELKS.ORG/ELKSMAG/ONLINE](https://www.elks.org/elksmag/online)

PENNSYLVANIA ELKS WEBSITE: [HTTP: WWW.PAELKS.COM](http://www.paelks.com)

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Register for our email group!!

Get your Newsletter faster,  
save paper and stay up to date  
with relevant information about our Lodge!

Do so by simply emailing  
[bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com](mailto:bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com)

With "Online Newsletter"  
in the subject line.

## **MONSTERS IN THE MANSIION**

August is the full arrival of planning for the Haunted House (and its companion activities/events) for the Fall. We need as many members as possible with their family and friends to contribute and make this a successful Halloween Fall Season with our theme of Monsters in the Mansion.

The Haunted House is planned to operate every Saturday beginning September 28 with it ending Saturday Oct 26. We will also be open Friday Oct 25. The hours will be from 6:30 to 11. Ticket sales will start at 6:15 and end at 11 (if not sooner). We are planning to sell t-shirts, glow sticks, and other Halloween swag this year.

We will have a meeting/work party every Sunday and Friday beginning in August with the first on Sunday, Aug 4 at 4pm and next on Friday, August 9 at 7pm to get it ready. If needed, in September we will add additional days though a goal is to prevent that if possible.

This year's Haunted House will be a lot of fun for everyone. There are other events as well that go with the Haunted House; there will be a parade in October, decorating contests, and more.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing you!

Andrew Conners|





**ELKS**  
*Join us at the Lodge!*

**TRIVIA**

**Night with Mark**  
Saturday August 24<sup>th</sup> Starting at 7pm  
5 rounds with Trivia Prizes

Community • Friendship • Charity  
[join.elks.org](http://join.elks.org)



August 2nd 7pm

First Friday



**3 BALL AT 3:00**



Come join us on Sunday's!  
for some pool action

## Bunco Game Night



Saturday August 10th 7pm \$10.00  
Bring your favorite snack to share  
Signup sheet at the Lodge

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you everyone that joined us for  
our Night with Brian Quinn.

August Events:

August 2nd First Friday Bingo 7pm

August 10th Bunco's 7pm

August 24th Trivia with Mark

Stop in and check out our new inventory!!!




Apply For Your ELKS Plate

Please contact:

Teresa Black at our State Office

[paelksqb@gmail.com](mailto:paelksqb@gmail.com)



**Bridgeport Elks #714**

# SOCCER SHOOT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 6pm—8pm

Gulph Elementary School Field  
650 South Henderson Road  
King of Prussia, PA 19406

BOYS & GIRLS  
AGES 7—15  
AGE AS OF 1/1/2024

QUESTIONS CONTACT :  
JIM HUNT  
215-859-2041





## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

### Our 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 help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

### ***VETERANS***

*So Long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.*

## Trustees Corner

The roof has been coated and repaired. We have contracted to have the flower bed cleaned up, Our new flags are hung on the poles outside, thank you E.R. Dave.

A survey was sent out to our membership and is included in this newsletter, we are very interested in your feedback. Please take a minute and fill out the survey that is included in this newsletter.

Don't forget the trustees have tickets for sale over the bar to help defray costs on our building repairs. You can purchase one week of tickets for only \$5 with the potential to win up to \$20.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Brenda 610-247-9257

Please complete the Link below to help better serve our Lodge. It is completely anonymous


Here is the survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8J3MPK>

# August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 First Friday Bingo 7pm HH work party	3
4 HH Work Party	5	6	7	8 Officers Committee Meeting 7pm	9 HH Work Party	10 Bunco's 7pm
11 HH Work Party	12	13	14	15 Lodge Meeting 7pm	16 HH Work Party	17
18 HH Work Party	19	20	21	22	23 HH Work Party	24 Trivia with Mark 7pm
25 HH Work Party	26	27	28	29	30 HH Work Party	31



8-3 Donald Collins Michelle Gallagher	8-21 John Puzio Jr. Harry Quinn
8-4 James Scancellia	8-22 Jason Jones Patricia Maccolini
8-5 Eric Harrison Diane Payne	8-23 Jodilee Cummins Anthony Mascitti
8-7 Joseph Belfie Janice Anne Bruno	8-24 James Swank
8-12 Kelly Anne Heston	8-25 Donna Nusca
8-13 Joseph Battisto Joseph Staley	8-26 Mike Kowalski
8-15 Jennifer DeStefano Joseph Koye	8-27 Michael DeStefano Staci Klotas Dan McGettigan
John McAndrews	8-29 Judi Caruso Kevin Patrick Lawrence
8-18 Lori Burt Roseann Hunsicker Brenda Shepperd	8-30 Tom Johnstone Heather Jones
	8-31 Jeff Wright



**Benevolent and Protective  
Order of Elks of the U.S.A.**

*A Fraternal Organization*

### Mission Statement

*To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that*

**Elks Care and Elks Share.**