

2026-27 FRACKVILLE ELKS LODGE "EARLY BIRD" DUES FORM & SURVEY

We will be holding two "Early Bird" Drawings—one on January 31st and another on February 28th for members who pay their dues **and** return this form with your payment. Winners selected will receive a \$100 gift card. Members in good standing for the new Lodge year 2026-27 will receive a new membership card and key card to gain access to the Lodge at some point in March. After April 1st, delinquent members will NOT have access to the Lodge during business hours or for public events. Dues can be paid via check, cash, credit card or through our PayPal online website. Visit www.elks.org/1533 and click on the "payments & dues" tab to make your payment online. Again, please complete this form in its entirety, front and back, and return it with your payment. Payments received without being accompanied by this form **will not be eligible** for the drawing.

Full Name _____ Member No. _____

Mailing Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

***Please ensure that you provide your email address and it is 100% accurate. All Lodge newsletters and most correspondence will be sent via email.**

***If you do not have an email address, or prefer a mailed newsletter, please checkmark this box →**

Birthdate ____/____/____ Birthplace _____ Current Occupation _____

Military Branch _____ Discharge Type _____ Discharge Date _____

Spouse's Name _____ (Spouse ID cards must be requested by signing up on the Lodge bulletin board)

Mandatory Dues and Optional Donations

The payment requirement that you will be receiving on the official Elks Grand Lodge Dues Statement includes the \$38.00 regular member local lodge fee or \$13.00 life member local lodge fee, \$20.00 Grand Lodge Insurance, \$6.50 Grand Lodge Per-Capita Dues, and \$5.50 Magazine Fee. The PA Elks State Association dues are \$3.00 per member. These amounts are reflected in the current payment structure for 2026-27 below. *Optional* donations of \$10.00 are recommended for each of our major charities or programs: ENF, Home Service, Veterans Services, and Youth Activities if you are able.

Regular Member \$ **73.00**

Life Member \$ **48.00**

Elks National Foundation (Optional) \$ 10.00

(Supports: Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest, Hoop Shoot "Free Throw" Contest, Drug Awareness Program, and other Elks charitable programs)

PA Elks Home Service Program (Optional) \$ 10.00

(Supports: In-home nurse visits and services for children who have developmental disabilities and adults with physical or mental delays)

Local Veterans Fund (Optional) \$ 10.00

(Supports: Local Lodge visits to nursing homes, Veterans Affairs hospital supply drives, cookouts for Veterans, homeless Veterans in need, and much more)

Youth Activities (Optional) \$ 10.00

(Supports: Student of the Month awards banquet, youth sports sponsorships, local scholarships, youth events including Easter, Halloween, Christmas, etc.) **TOTAL =**

For the 2025-26 Lodge year, Frackville Elks members graciously contributed donations towards our charitable works and included them with their dues payments, totaling the following amounts: Elks National Foundation- \$1,475, a **decrease** from the previous year (\$1,544), Home Service Program- \$1,629, an increase from the previous year (\$851), Veterans Service- \$1,301, an increase from the previous year (\$1,195), Youth Activities Fund- \$1,039, an increase from the previous year (\$760). Many of our programs and activities would not be successful, nor would they be possible without your contributions. We appreciate your consideration and generosity.

Our 5-year plan emphasizes filling our Officer positions each year. Can you help us in the future?

Elected Officer Positions: *Nominations for these positions are accepted on January 19th, and elections are held on February 2nd.*

Exalted Ruler (President) Leading Knight (1st VP) Loyal Knight (2nd VP) Lecturing Knight (3rd VP) Lodge Secretary Treasurer Trustee

Appointed Officer Positions: *The Exalted Ruler-Elect personally selects members to fill these positions based on interest or necessity.*

Chaplain Esquire Inner Guard Tiler Organist Soloist

→ ALL LODGE MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO FILL OUT THE COMMITTEE SURVEY ON THE BACK ←

Frackville Elks Lodge Volunteer Survey

Please select at least one committee to join for the new Lodge year 2026-27. Many committees have subcommittees under each that you may join, as well. The local Lodge committees are listed below, as they are found in the Annotated Statutes (2025 version).

Standing Relief Committee (Section 13.010)

The Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading, Loyal and Lecturing Knights, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute the Standing Relief Committee of the Lodge, which shall examine the merits of all cases suggesting the necessity of aid or relief.

Activities Committee (Section 13.021)

The Lodge Activities Committee is charged with promoting, supporting and overseeing a variety of community projects, including youth programs.

Drug Awareness Program

- Essay/Poster/Video Contests
- Drug Awareness Trailer and Events & Parades
- Red Ribbon Drug-Free Week
- Elroy the Elk Mascot

Hoop Shoot® “Free-Throw” Contest

Funded by the Elks National Foundation, the Elks Hoop Shoot is a free-throw contest for youth ages 8 to 13.

Community Projects & Grant Writing

Medal of Valor & Medal of Service Program

Youth Activities

- Antlers Program (Junior Elks)
- Dictionary Program
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)
- Junior Golf Program
- Scouting (Boy/Girl Scouts)
- Soccer Shoot Contest
- Student of the Month/Year Program
- Easter/Halloween/Christmas Parties
- Youth Sports Team Relations/Sponsorships
- Local Scholarships

Fraternal Committee (Section 13.022)

The Lodge Fraternal Committee is charged with promoting, supporting and overseeing patriotic programs and other programs related to Americanism.

Americanism

- Flag Programs, Patriotism & Publicity
- Community Honors, Programs & Services
- Flag Heritage, Recognition, Law & Order
- Americanism Essay Contest

Flag Day Services

Membership/Lapsation

- Recruiting & Retention
- Investigation Committee
- New Member Orientation Program

All-American Lodge Contest & Awards Programs

Elk's Memorial Day Ritual Ceremony

Elks National Foundation

- Community Investments Program
- Most Valuable Student Scholarships & Legacy Scholarships

Elks National Veterans Service Commission

- Adopt-a-Veteran (Sponsor Veteran Birthdays)
- Nursing Home Holiday Visits & Cookouts
- V.A. Hospital Visits & Supply Drives
- 19th Annual Motorcycle Ride for Veterans
- Homelessness Assistance & Prevention Program

Ritualistic Work (Meetings/Contests/Special Ceremonies)

Public Relations (Section 13.024)

The Public Relations Committee is responsible for publicizing the programs of the Grand Lodge, State Associations and local Lodges.

- Quarterly Lodge Newsletter Team
- Social Media Team
- Advertising with Radio, TV, Print, Online Media
- Photography for Events, Programs, Rituals, Activities
- Cyber/Technology

Government Relations (Section 13.025)

There are five main functions of the Government Relations Committee that, if diligently performed, will guarantee our Lodges will continue to thrive and perform great works of charity in their communities into the future.

- Charitable Reporting of Hours, Mileage & Funds
- Charitable Gambling and Gaming
- Monitoring/Advocating Legislation & Laws (Local/State/Federal)
- Working with Elected Officials on Elks & Community Programs

Auditing & Accounting Committee (Section 13.040)

The Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee oversees the policies and procedures that help ensure the financial strength of the Lodge. Also, monitors budget planning by the Lodge Trustees, and financial reporting by the Lodge Treasurer.

Accident Prevention (Section 12.070)

The Accident Prevention Subcommittee is charged with overseeing your local Lodge and safety protocols and procedures.

- Building Maintenance and Upgrades
- Landscaping/Painting/Cleanup
- Construction Projects (Indoor & Outdoor)
- Safety Inspections and Upgrades

Past Exalted Rulers Association (Section 13.190)

Every Past Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, in good standing, automatically becomes a member of the P.E.R. Association.

Elks Riders Motorcycle Group (Section 13.200)

State Major Project Charity Programs (Section 18.010)

- PA Elks Home Service Nursing Program
- PA Elks Legacy Trust
- 6th Annual Cow Chip Bingo
- Rich Hopkins Memorial Golf Tournament

House Committee (Section 16.040)

The House Committee operates the club facility, including the bar, banquet hall, kitchen, patio, and other social areas designated.

- Bartending or Inventory Work
- Custodial Work
- Kitchen Operations/Cooking/Food Service
- Banquet Hall Rentals (Scheduling, Setup, Resets, Coordinating)
- Employment/House Rules/Procedures

Local Lodge Activities Committee

- Musical Entertainment, Dances & Other Event Planning
- Monthly Breakfasts & Monthly Dinners
- Block Parties/Festivals/Car Shows/Bus Trips
- Dart League
- Outdoor Grilling/Cookouts/Patio Events/Bean Soup Sales
- Holiday Decorating (Indoor & Outdoor)
- Community Blood Drives/Health Fairs
- Raffles/Auctions/Fundraising
- Frackville Elks 100th Anniversary Planning (1927-2027)
- Other: _____