



THE ELK HORN



Dover Lodge No. 1903 ♦ 200 Saulsbury Rd. Dover DE 19904 ♦ (302) 736-1903

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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

2024-2025 OFFICERS

Connie deYoung,
PER, PSP, PGLC
Exalted Ruler

Vacant
Esteemed Leading Knight

Ryan Hargett
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Steve White, PER
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Nancy Wallace
Esquire

Rich Heisler
Chaplain

Henry Hammond
Inner Guard

Dick Cook
Tiler

Kathy King, PER
Secretary

Melissa Clarke
Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Vacant
Five Year

David Rickards, PER
Four Year

Jeff Carlson
Three Year

Yvonne Heisler
Two Year

Norman Hahn
One Year

Per the Member and Grand Lodge approved By Law change, the duties of the House Committee are transferred to the Board of Directors



As this Lodge year comes to an end, I write my final message. I sincerely "Thank You", the members, Officers, Committee Persons, Ladies of the Elks and Volunteers for your support and dedication to our Lodge. We have worked hard this year to

accomplish many tasks and events resulting in another very successful Dover Lodge year.

We ended the year with a plus in our finances, which has been a difficult task based on the major expenditures needed this year. We had to purchase two new ice machines, repair the parking lot, repair the walk-in beer cooler, install a back flow of our water line to connect to the City of Dover, major Kitchen vent cleaning and repair an air conditioner on the roof. The Lodge is now 20 years old so many repairs and replacements are needed. Hopefully, we are in good shape for next year.

We met our ENF goals and currently stand at \$15.69 per member. Thank you to everyone that donated and thank you to Patti for her fundraising events. We are still struggling with membership. Looks like we will reduce our total membership by 10 members this year.

For Charity, we have given a total of \$72,188 of combined cash and in-kind donations to the community. Plus, we received all grants totaling \$16,000 (Freedom \$1,000, Beacon and Gratitude combined \$6,000, Spotlight \$2,000, State Association \$1,000 and Impact for the Food Pantry of \$6,000. We have been notified by Grand Lodge that we will receive \$10,000 for the Food Pantry this coming year.

This year we brought back the soccer shoot and hoop shoot for children. We continued to offer Scholarships to local high school children, held the fishing derby and provided a meeting place for the Scouts, Daises and Brownies, and the "Project Healing Waters Fly Fisherman", and next year we will add a chest club. Please step forward to help make your Lodge successful next year.

We held our election for the 2025 – 2026 Lodge Officers. I wish next year's Exalted Ruler, Ryan Hargett, the Officers, LOTE and Committee Chairpersons a very successful year. We still have an opening for Leading Knight and a Four-Year Trustee. If you are interested in being an Officer, please contact Ryan.

This month our MD DE DC State Association is hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer and First Lady Julie the weekend of March 21 – 23 at Kent Island Lodge. Anyone can attend. If you are interested, please contact me. Our Officer Installation and Volunteer Appreciation is Saturday, March 29th. It is important to sign the Volunteer Log Book in the Lodge when you volunteer at the Lodge or in the community. Signing is necessary to track our volunteer hours and miles to report to Grand Lodge the dollar value of our volunteers.

Once again, I am pleased that we have had a very successful year and thank you to all members for making it happen. Your dedication to Dover Lodge is what Elkdome is all about.

Fraternally, *Connie J. deYoung*, PER, PSP, PGLC

ELK OF THE MONTH

Melissa Clarke

It is my pleasure to announce Melissa as March's Elk of the Month. Melissa is Chairman of the Quarter Auction and has worked many hours to solicit gift items and turning them into beautiful baskets for the auction. Melissa was chairman last year, which was a huge success netting over \$9,000. This year the event is coming up soon on March 8th, get your ticket. Melissa also volunteers for our many special ceremony events which included Mother's Day, Flag Day, Veterans Day and 9/11. Melissa helps wherever she can along with her regular duties as Lodge Treasurer. Thank You Melissa so very much for all your hard work and dedication to the Lodge.

Friendly Reminder that dues for the 2025-2026 Elk Year are due March 31, 2025.

Happy March Birthdays

01	Maureen McAleer	11	Ryan Hargett	24	John Giantonio
02	Allen Boyles	12	Gary Johnston	24	Paul Lang
04	Adam Carrow	13	Connie deYoung	24	James Lommatzsch
04	Donald DiLaura	13	Brian Horn	25	William Englert
04	Dale Robertson	15	Mary Stewart	25	Bruce Ennis
04	Gregory Scott	16	John Fajnor	25	George Kays
04	Richard Stockslager	17	Caryn Carlson	26	Edward Conway
04	Theodore Story	17	Stephen Kubico	26	Shannon Easton
06	Brian Smith	18	Daniel Alvarez III	26	Douglas King
07	Joseph Mogle	18	Leann Messina	27	Jonathan Berner
07	Taras Rinylo	19	Stephen Thalheimer	27	Michael White
07	Stephanie Skabla	22	Sara DiBartola	28	Durrell Dolph II
08	Jeffery Smith	22	Deborah Petka	28	Mark Moore
08	Walter Young	23	Tina Mujica	30	Steve Towne
10	Deborah Hamilton	23	James Simmons	30	Joseph Tretina

Keep your contact information up to date! Report any address, telephone, or email changes to our Lodge Secretary at bpoe1903secretary@gmail.com.

LODGE HOURS

Monday

3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Member Drawing at 7:00 p.m.
Food Served 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Food Served 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Food Served 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Friday

3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Food Served 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

*Last call is 15 minutes before posted closing time. Bartender may serve **one drink** per person at last call, and tabs (including any gaming activity) will be closed out. Members and guests may stay up to one hour after closing.*

March Dates

Managing Body/BOD

3/3 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Meeting

3/6 at 7:00 p.m.

PER Meeting

3/13 at 6:30 p.m.

Managing Body/BOD

3/17 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Meeting

3/20 at 7:00 p.m.

State Association Spring Conference

March 21-23, 2025

Kent Island (MD)

Lodge No. 2576

PAST EXALTED RULERS

William Carey*
Carmine Pisapia*
Elmo Hackett*
Thompson Kimmel*
John Garthwaite*
Horace Pugh*
Paul Pulchasky*
James Sullivan*
Carlton Phillips*
Kenneth Stockslager*
Charles Hegman*
Richard Stockslager
Earl Williams*
Albert Laporte*
John Flanagan*
James Miller*
Charles Walsh*
Harry Lansing*
Ralph Cagle*
William Loomis
Robert Owens*
Rex Bingham*
Ward C. Novak*
Terry LaGier
Earl Collins
Richard Reynolds*
William McGlumphy
Charles Dawley*
Robert Gates*
Ronald Degano*
Anthony Consolazio
Edward Willis*
Bruce Shamyer
Robert J. Taylor*
John H. Conrad*
John Hickman
William Hufnal
Richard Woodhall*
Joyce Bailey*
Thomas Gullledge
John Link, Jr.
Connie deYoung
Susan Conlogue*
Marilyn Woodhall*
Wilson Comegys*
John Ramsey
Donna Watson
Bret Scott
Jeffrey Carlson
Connie DeYoung
Merrilyn Ramsey
Linda Velez
Marvin Solomon
Kathy King
Wayne Stanley*
Andrea Maucher (2)
Steve White
Patti Stanley (2)
Kathy King
Connie DeYoung

2024-2025

PER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Patti Stanley *President*
Vice President
David Rickers, *Secretary*

* Deceased



Bingo Volunteers Needed!

Pick one, two or more Wednesdays a month to help keep Bingo going at the Lodge! Email Doug King at cwodking@comcast.net for info or stop by any Wednesday around 5:00 p.m.

BINGO is a vital source of income for the Lodge and helps fund many charitable causes in the community! Plus, it's a fun group to volunteer with!!

Calling All Hosts!!

We are in need of your help.

We are looking for hosts to help with our banquets. If you're interested in assisting with helping our guests have a seamless experience, we'd love to have you join the team.

Please contact Kristin Hargett @ 302-465-2164.



Volunteering is a great way to meet people, help the Lodge and help the community!!
There are many committees you can join covering a variety of interests: youth, Americanism, veterans, Drug Awareness, Lodge Activities, and more!
Join the team - we need YOU to help make Dover Lodge the best it can be! See any of our Lodge officers and ask how you can get involved!
Now is also a great time to consider becoming an Officer for the upcoming Elk year. Speak with ER Connie deYoung or incoming ER Ryan Hargett for more information.

Dover Lodge LOTEs present

FLIP FIVE



March 7th

March 21st



Game starts at 6:30 p.m.

Food served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

AKA "Bar Bingo"

Buy hands of five cards and flip over matching cards as they're called.

Be the first to flip all five cards and you win!!

PER MEETING

Thursday, March 13

6:30 p.m.

LOTEs Meeting

Thursday, March 13

7:00 p.m.

Double Agent



Friday, March 14



Dinner served 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.



Friday Night Dinners

March 7

March 14

March 21

March 28

Pasta Alfredo

Fish Fry

**Spinach Lasagna
Rollups**

**Tuna or Egg Salad
Soup**

FLIP FIVE

Live Music

FLIP FIVE

MINGO

Food Served 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. TAKE OUT always available! Menu subject to change and while quantities last.

BPOE #1903
BENEVOLENT & PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
200 SAULSBURY ROAD
DOVER DE 19904

NON-PROFIT
ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
DOVER, DELAWARE
19901
PERMIT NO. 149

March 2025

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DO NOT DELAY



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Lodge happenings!
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MARCH IS
RED CROSS
MONTH



American
Red Cross



Fun Facts About Leprechauns



1. Leprechauns are a type of fairy
2. Leprechauns are very sneaky
3. The word leprechaun means "small body"
4. Legend has it that they dance the Irish jig so much they wear out their shoes
5. They hide their gold at the end of the rainbow
6. There are leprechaun sightings back to the 13th century
7. They are the bankers & shoemakers of the fairy world
8. They originally wore all red
9. There are no girl leprechauns
10. If you catch a leprechaun they grant you 3 wishes in exchange for their freedom



Why Cook Wednesdays!?

LET'S EAT!!!

Food served
5:00 — 6:30 P.m.

Stop in every Wednesday for a Beverage and grab dinner!



UPCOMING DATES

State Association Spring Conference
March 21-23, 2025
Kent Island (MD) Lodge No. 2576

For details, visit the MD-DE-DE State Association website at www.mddedcelks.org

Dover Elks BPOE #1903

200 Saulsbury Rd. Dover, DE 19904

Quarter AUCTION

MARCH 8, 2025

(Snow date March 15)

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON

GAMES BEGIN AT 1:00 PM

To Benefit Elks Charities

\$40 in Advance "All-In Paddles" or \$45 at the door

Extra Paddles \$5 (increase your chances)

Quarters available for purchase at the event

50/50 Raffles and Door Prizes!

Refreshments & Food available for purchase

For more information or to purchase advance tickets, contact Melissa Clarke at mclarke1998@yahoo.com or (302)270-8585. Advance tickets may also be purchased at the Dover Elks during business hours.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



ENF HAPPENINGS

Happy March. As we come to the close of another Elk Year I would like to thank each and everyone of our members that supported ENF and helped us reach our goals this year. We ended extremely strong and met both the GER Goal and the State Goal. We were fortunate enough to receive almost \$20,000.00 back in grants this year.

These grants allow us to continue our charitable deeds to help the less fortunate in our community, our Veterans, and our youth. Since our Lodge met the goals and I exceeded the chair challenges we will be able to receive an extra \$2000.00 in our Gratitude Grant this coming year. I have been Chairing ENF for 9 years and I am always proud of the job that we do at Dover Lodge.

To close out the year I am having a beautiful basket raffle. Please purchase your tickets when you come to the lodge. The winner will be drawn on Sunday March 23rd.

On a final note, please consider becoming a Fidelity Club member and have your donation deducted directly through Grand Lodge and credited immediately to you and the Lodge. It is a quick and easy way to give a monthly donation.

Thank you for all your support it is greatly appreciated.

Patti Stanley,
Lodge ENF Chair. District ENF Chair



Want to Support the Quarter Auction? Besides the fun of attending, you can volunteer to help the day of the event or help with planning. We are also looking for gift cards, monetary donations, or any NEW items anyone wishes to donate. We also need donations of homemade baked goods and bottled water. This is the Lodge's largest fundraiser of the year, and we need YOUR help to make it a success!! Contact Melissa if you have any questions!!



WINGS and NASCAR

Sunday, March 23rd

All your favorite flavors

1 - 4 p.m. (or til they're gone!!)

ENF Basket Raffle Winner Announced!

Installation of Officers And Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Saturday, March 29, 2025

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Installation at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Immediately Following Awards

It's **MUSIC + BINGO**
(and a whole lot of FUN!!)

MINGO By Milt

Friday, March 28th

Games start at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Served 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

GLEN BURNIE ELKS LODGE 2266

WELKcomes
GRAND EXALTED RULER
DOUGLAS A SCHIEFER
and his wife JULIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

878 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD 21144

6:30PM

\$30 per person

BALTIMORE STYLE MENU

Cesar Salad
Maryland Crab Soup
Steamed Shrimp w/Old Bay
Pit Beef and Turkey
Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut
Macaroni Salad
Collard Greens
Desserts

Please make checks payable to GLEN BURNIE ELKS 2266

Mail to: 878 Stevenson Road, Severn, MD 21144

For questions please reach out to Exalter Ruler Delana Rose via
text or call (443) 722-1862



Trivia is here on
Wednesdays – you
should be too!!

Grab your family and friends for
a weekly fun, friendly
competition!

Games start at 6:30 p.m.

3-5	Anything Goes!!
3-12	Music Trivia "The Eyes & I's have It"
3-19	Anything Goes!!
3-26	Baby Boomers #5

Food served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



Dover Lodge donated \$500 to a wonderful local family who sadly lost everything in a January fire.



Members visited the Delaware Veteran's Home to visit with our heroes and play a few rounds of Flip Five. Using funds received from an ENF grant, the Lodge also purchased a number of hearing amplification devices for residents needing such assistance. Keeping true to our motto, Dover Lodge demonstrates "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Pictured L-R: Rich Heisler, Yvonne Heisler, David Rickards, Kathy King, Raifa Shariff (DVH), Melissa Clarke, Connie deYoung.

March 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Made-To-Order Breakfast



Our wonderful volunteers are taking a break so this is the last breakfast until fall. Thanks all!!

ATTENTION MEMBERS

The proposed By-law change shown below will be voted on at the Lodge meeting on *March 27th*. If approved by general membership, the proposed change will then be sent to Grand Lodge for approval.

Change the last sentence in Sec. 4 - "Of the Secretary" of the Dover Lodge #1903 By-Laws.

Currently reads as:

For the faithful performance of his/her duties he/she shall receive as compensation \$4,800.00 per annum, payable every two weeks.

Proposed change to read as:

For the faithful performance of his/her duties he/she shall receive as compensation \$5,520.00 per annum, payable every two weeks.



Salty Soles

Friday, April 11th

Dinner served 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

***** SAVE THE DATE *****

LOTES Annual Derby Races



Saturday, May 3rd