



THE ELK HORN



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

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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

2025-2026 OFFICERS

Ryan Hargett
Exalted Ruler

Vacant
Esteemed Leading Knight

Gene Montano
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Ben Marvel
Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Steve White, PER
Esquire

Rich Heisler
Chaplain

Henry Hammond
Inner Guard

Bill McNamire
Tiler

Kathy King, PER
Secretary

Erleane Marvel
Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Norman Hahn
Five Year

Ed Maron
Four Year

David Rickards, PER
Three Year

Jeff Carlson, PER
Two Year

Yvonne Heisler
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



Wow it's hard to believe that another Elk year has passed by! Although we are saying goodbye to the 24-25 year, we welcome the new one and all that is in store. It seems crazy that it has come and gone so quick but leaving us with cherished memories and lessons that will inspire us as we step into the new year. This season of transition is not just about endings; it is also about the new beginnings that await us.

I am truly honored to have been elected as your new Exalted Ruler. It is a privilege that comes with immense responsibility, and I am aware of the significant shoes I have to fill. The dedication and commitment shown by my predecessors are admirable, and I am eager to uphold their legacy while charting our path forward. As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. Together, we can strengthen our bonds, enhance our community involvement, and push the boundaries of what we can achieve. I look forward to hearing your ideas and working alongside each of you to make this upcoming year one of growth, connection, and success.

As we transition into this new chapter, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our outgoing Exalted Ruler, Connie DeYoung. Your leadership and dedication over the past years have set a remarkable standard, and we are all better for it. I would also like say thank you to our new board members and existing board members that have stayed on. Your willingness to step up and serve our Elk members and community is truly commendable, and I am genuinely excited about the journey we are about to embark on together.

Additionally, I want to acknowledge the LOTE's and express my eagerness to work alongside all of you. Together, we can create a thriving environment that fosters camaraderie, service, and growth.

As we look ahead to exciting events and opportunities, please keep an eye on the bulletin, calendar and Facebook page to stay informed. From events, gatherings, lodge hours to special celebrations, there's always something happening that you won't want to miss. Also, a big thank you to Andrea Maucher for her tireless effort to make sure the bulletin is kept up to date each month. There is a lot that goes into it, and I can't thank her enough for making sure our members are well informed.

Lastly, although this year has had a lot of ups, we can't forget about our absent members who still hold a special place in our hearts. Whether they're friends, family, or colleagues, their memory is a source of inspiration and warmth. Sometimes the absence of someone makes us appreciate their impact on our lives even more. Let's take a moment to honor their legacy and cherish the memories we've shared with them!

Thank you once again for your commitment to our shared mission. Let's make this a remarkable year!

Fraternally, *Ryan Hargett*

ELK OF THE MONTH

Dick Stewart

It is my pleasure to announce Dick as Elk of The Month for his remarkable contributions to our scholarship program last year and this year. His contributions have not only enriched our initiatives but have also created a lasting legacy that will benefit students for years to come.

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and passion. Your efforts inspire us all, and we are fortunate to have you at the helm of this important program!

**Dues for the 2025-2026 Elk Year were due March 31st.
If you paid your dues but have not yet received your membership card, please contact our Secretary Kathy King at
bpoe1903secretary@gmail.com.**

Happy April Birthdays

01	Norman Hahn Jr.	14	John Lawson	24	Joshua Michael
01	Thomas Trader	15	Debra Kays	24	Patricia Niezgoda
03	Thomas Conway	18	Ronald Hunsicker	25	Erlean Marvel
03	Theresa Thompson	19	Deborah Biddle	27	Ronald Large
04	David Frechette	20	Gerri Noack	27	Miles Minear
10	Robert Sly	20	Elizabeth Winisch	28	Lois Robertson
11	Terry LaGier	21	William Fausey	29	Ralph Jordan
13	John Sweeney	21	Bobbie Higgs	29	Troy Rowland
13	Constance Wertz	22	Doris Sullivan	29	William Slicher
		23	Garry Quell		

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

ATTENTION MEMBERS

If you did not pay your 2025-2026 dues, you were dropped from membership effective March 31, 2025. A member dropped for nonpayment of dues is an unaffiliated Member whose name has been stricken from the rolls of membership. The unaffiliated Member may reinstate within sixty (60) days without paying the \$25.00 reinstatement fee. However, the unaffiliated Member will be required to pay the delinquent and current dues. An unaffiliated Member cannot visit any Elk Lodge, cannot attend any Elk functions and cannot be a guest of an Elk.

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

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Now
opening
at 1:00
p.m. on
Sunday

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.

April Dates

Member Meeting
4/3 at 7:00 p.m

DD Clinic
4/6 at
Abingdon Lodge

PER Meeting
4/10 at 6:30 p.m.

Managing Body/BOD
4/14 at 6:00 p.m.

Member Meeting
4/17 at 7:00 p.m.

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 Caple*
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 Shamyre
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*

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!!



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!

Dover Lodge LOTES present

FLIP FIVE



April 4th

April 11th



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!!



Salty Soles

Friday, April 11th

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

Save the Date

Live Music by

Al Frantic

Friday, May 9

LOTES Corner

2025-2025 LOTE Officers

<i>President</i>	Laura Schlaupitz
<i>Vice President</i>	Joanne Gallichio
<i>Treasurer</i>	Loretta Peer
<i>Secretary/Tiler</i>	Sue Enright
<i>Antler Guard</i>	Nancy Hughes
<i>Bible Guard</i>	Linda Conrad
<i>Chaplin</i>	Dot Adams

From the LOTE President:

Hi there! I'd like to introduce myself.

I am, Laura Schlaupitz the newly elected President of the Ladies of the Elks. Some of you may know me but if you don't recognize my name, you may recognize me as the lady who hands out cards at flip 5 usually on the dark side. Flip 5 has been doing great with very good winning pots.

LOTE is excited to be having the horse derby races again this year on Saturday, May 3rd and are hoping to have a turtle race in late summer and of course the reindeer races again in December. We hope more LOTE members can join us at our monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm and volunteer to help out at some of the activities planned throughout the year. The Ladies of the Elks are looking forward to working with and seeing everyone at the BPOE #1903.

Friday Night Dinners

April 4

April 11

April 18

April 25

Baked Ziti

Fish Fry

Pasta Primavera

French Bread Pizza

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
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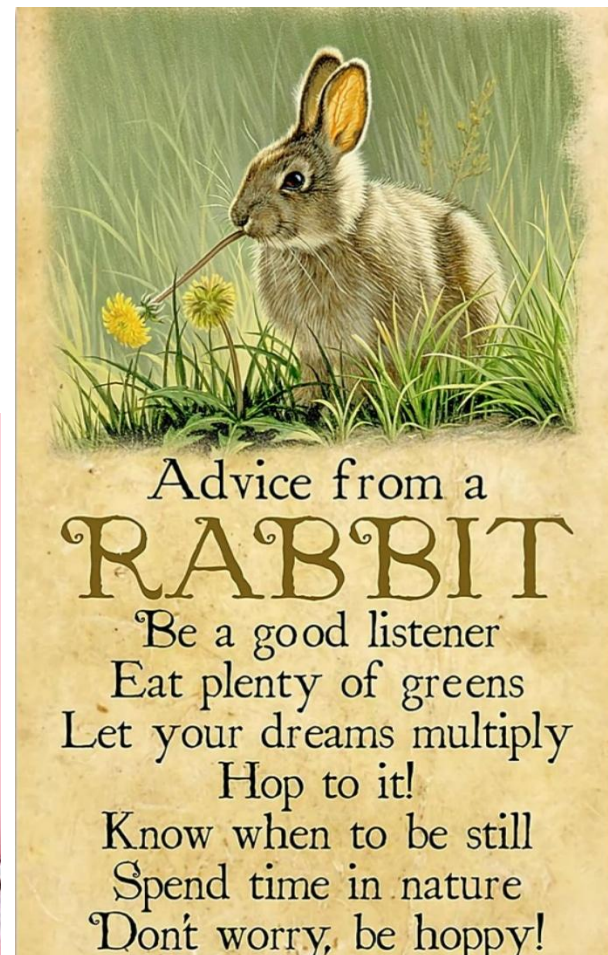
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Why Cook Wednesdays!?

**LET'S
EAT!!!**

**Food served
5:00 — 6:30 P.m.**

**Stop in every Wednesday for a Beverage
and grab Dinner!**



UPCOMING DATES

4/6 - DD Clinic, Abingdon Lodge
6/6-6/8 - State Association Conference, Linthicum Heights
6/29-7/2 - Grand Lodge Convention, Kansas City MO

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

Save the Date

**Mother's Day
Ritual and
Brunch
Sunday, May 11**

ENF Happenings

Welcome to a new Elk Year!
I would like to thank everyone who
contributed to ENF when they paid
their dues.

Last year, we received all the
Community Investment Project (CIP)
Grants offered – Freedom (\$1,000),
Spotlight (\$2,000), Beacon (\$4,000),
Gratitude (\$2,000) - and exceeded the
goal set for per member giving.

Let's hit the ground running this year
and get those grants again
so we can continue to help our youth,
veterans and those in need in our
community.

We will be holding dinners, events and
special fundraisers through the year to
help raise money for ENF. For every
dollar we donate we receive back
approximately more than \$4.00.

Thank you all again!!

Patti Stanley,

ENF Chair

Northeast District Chair

ELKS CARE ♥ ELKS SHARE

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

LOTES Annual Derby Races



Saturday, May 3rd

Betting Starts at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Horses are \$10 each –
On sale soon!!**



**Featuring the
Fancy Derby Hat
Contest!**

PER MEETING

Thursday, April 10

6:30 p.m.

LOTES Meeting

Thursday, April 10

7:00 p.m.

The Lodge is CLOSED on
Easter Sunday (April 20)



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

MINGO

By Milt

Friday, April 25th

Games start at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Served 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Pavilion Opening and Memorial Day Cookout

Monday, May 26th

**Join us for food,
drink, fellowship
and fun!**

**More details
to come...**

TRIVIA

**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.

4/2	Anything Goes!!
4/9	Music Trivia: <i>Alcohol</i>
4/16	Anything Goes!!
4/23	Baby Boomers #6
4/30	Music Trivia: <i>"Ones" for the Road</i>

Food served 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Trivia is taking a break until
September... thank you to our
trivia callers and to everyone
who came out to show off
their smarts!!**

MD-DE-DC State Elk Association Major Project

Elks Camp Barrett

2025 Elks Camp Barrett Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, May 25, 2025
Gates open at 12:00 p.m.

Food and Drink (beer, wine, sodas) ● Prize Wheels ● Daiquiri Bar ● Kids Games ● Swimming Pool ● Horseshoe Tournament ● Moon Bounce and More! ● Music by Local DJ ● Inter Lodge Fun and Games ● Cake Auction

**Check your mailbox for raffle tickets to support Elks Camp Barrett - \$10 each or 6 for \$50 –
Drawing held at the picnic (need not be present to win)**



Dover Lodge #1903 is a member of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia State Elks Association. Our State Association major project is Elks Camp Barrett. At Camp Barrett there are baseball, football, soccer and other athletic fields, an olympic size swimming pool, with a full bath house which includes showers, dressing room and lockers, men and women restrooms, and a washer/dryer room. There's an outside Scout built Hillside Chapel, a basketball court, volleyball court, archery range, shooting range, zip-line, horseshoe pits, swings, slides, etc. Surrounding the center of camp are twisting hiking trails to explore through the thick woods while crossing the Scout built bridges over the nearby running stream for a steep climb up "Hamburger Hill" (a 45 degree hill lovingly named by kids of past years). In addition to the main dining hall with its full state-of-the-art kitchen facility, offices and restrooms, there are also; two activity pavilions with many picnic tables, an Arts & Crafts Building, separate Counselors Cabins, several wooded campsites with fire-pits and a lean-to, as well as group gathering bonfire locations scattered throughout. There's a Grounds-Keeper/Caretakers House stationed at the Camp entry. For Campers housing, there are a series of 6 Bunkhouses along with a First Aid Cabin with an attached Camp Directors' Quarters that are all jointly maintained by the 37 Elk Lodges in our State Association.

Dover Lodge sponsors a Cabin with three other Lodges: Milford, Deale and Chestertown. We are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of this Cabin.

Each year Dover Lodge sponsors children between the ages of 9 to 13 for a week of Summer Camp Experience. This year, we will sponsor 10 children. If you know of a child who would not have an opportunity for a summer camping experience, please contact ER Ryan Hargett.

Summer Camp Dates TBA

Camp Barrett Sneak Peek

Saturday, May 3rd (tentative)

Camp Representatives Meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. After lunch, take a tour the Camp then stick around to help with any needed cleanup or repairs of our shared cabin and the property. This is a great way to meet Members from other Lodges, learn about our State Association's Major Project, and help get the facilities ready for summer campers...many hands make light work! All members welcome!