Lodge Officers
2026-2027
Exalted Ruler
T. Raymond (Tom) Kilgore, PER
215-519-7480

Esteemed Leading Knight
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215-208-2964

Esteemed Loyal Knight
Denise Nowicke
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Esteemed Lecturing Knight
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Secretary
Sarah Gaunt
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Treasurer
Margaret Bastian, PER
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Inner Guard
Timothy Burns
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Tiler
William Johnston
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Chaplain
Donald Nowicke
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Trustees
Robert Hamilton
Tom Kralle
Sean Kilgore
Fiona McKiernan
John Lancieri

BRISTOL 970
November 2026

Hello all.
The year is flying by, and the train does not seem to be stopping as the holiday season is in full bloom. Halloween is over, daylight savings time is giving us the much-needed hour back that they stole in the spring, and then the big three are awaiting Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years.

I know everybody is already planning what to do with all that extra time. Use it wisely. If you need help deciding how to use the hour, I have some ideas. The lodge is looking for volunteers for several upcoming events this holiday season. We need box stuffers and delivery people for Thanksgiving Baskets on Sunday, November 22nd, Dinner on Thanksgiving at the Lodge November 26th, help for the Elk's float November 28th and participants for the Memorial Service on December 6th. Volunteers will be needed on the dates of the events, and the float committee is looking to meet on Wednesdays and non-burger night Thursdays.

Also, if you have names of friends and neighbors who may need some assistance with food for the holiday, please get their name and address and we will make sure they get a turkey with all the fixings.

One last thing, we had two resignations over the last week, The Bar Manager and Leading Knight, Tony D'Emidio and the House Committee Secretary, Christine Cagnetti. Both had to step away for personal reasons. They will be missed for all the tireless service they do for the lodge. If anyone is interested in any of the three positions that have become open, please let me know before the next lodge meeting and we will see what we can do to have you installed.

Fraternally yours,
T Raymond (Tom) Kilgore

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2026-2027 House Committee

Jack Williams
Marianne Sleppy
Marty Palencik
Don Nowicke
Timothy Burns
Christine Cagnetti
Miriam Cockran
Robert Hamilton
Cassie Kalczuk



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Enjoy
1 FREE drink
Valid for the month of November, 2026

If anyone knows of someone who is ill, or in the Hospital, or just needs a Cheer card,

please let me know.

You can email me: gr8shpr@verizon.net or give me a call 215-788-0408

Thank you.
Maryann Sleppy
Sickness & Distress Chairman

2026-2027 Lodge Committees

Grant Coordinator
Kelly Stiggleman

Insurance Riders
Katie Mckiernan

Challenger League
Richard Gerlach
Eric Dressler

Golf Outing
Tony D'Emidio
Carl Kilgore PER
Rich Russo
Robin Hutchinson

PER Assoc. Presiding Officer
Ed Smith PER

Thanksgiving Baskets
Earl Kilgore
Cheryl Ford
Rich Ford
Carl Kilgore PER
Tony D'Emidio

Christmas Parade Float
Mike Bersani
Mair Bogan

Sexual Harassment Committee
Joe Riley
Karen Schawo
John Lancieri

Christmas Family Adoption
Don Amareld PER
Mair Bogan

Lodge News

No one should be using the back doors. Please use your key fobs for the front door.

Also, no kids are permitted in kitchen during any events.

Surveillance cameras have now been installed at the Lodge for your protection.

2026-2027 Lodge Committees

Accident Prevention
Robert Hamilton
Americanism
Miriam Cochran
Auditing & Accounting
Chuck Worthington PER
Don Amareld PER/Lori Rivera
Bulletin
Katie McKiernan/Margaret Bastian PER
Community Activities
Amanda Mendez
Drug Awareness
OPEN
Flag Day Coordinator
Jose Crespo
William Johnston/Mair Bogan
Fraternal
OPEN
Government Relations
Frank Peranteau
Home Services/Legacy Trust
OPEN
Hoop Shoot
Tim Burns
Investigation/Interview
Denise Nowicke/John Miraski/Rich Ford
Lodge Activities
Beth Gallagher
Membership Lapsation
Sarah Gaunt
Memorial Day Coordinator
Beth Worthington
National Foundation
Fiona McKiernan
National Veterans Service
Fiona McKiernan/Bob Hamilton/Frank P.
Orientation
Sarah Gaunt/Denise Nowicke
Public Relations
Katie O'Connor/Mariam Cochran
Scholarships
Margaret Bastian PER
Soccer Shoot
Tim Burns
State Association
Steve Kempff, PSP
Visiting Committee
Marianne Sleppy
Youth Activities
Amanda Mendez
Katie O'Connor
Beth Gallagher

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Honor veterans this month, start thinking ahead

November is Veterans Remembrance Month for Elks, and November 11 is Veterans Day, when we honor our veterans, past and present. Elks find many ways to thank our nation's veterans.

Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at veterans administration hospitals are just a few ways Elks express gratitude.

The Elks annually reaffirm our mission: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on those in need.

Look around your community for other groups honoring veterans. Sharing our programs and making more people aware through joint celebrations or remembrances is a positive way to get publicity for our respect and support of the veterans.

November is also a good time to begin thinking ahead.

- Start finalizing your selections for Elk, Officer, Student, and Citizen of the Year awards.
- Begin planning your Elks Memorial Service for the first Sunday in December.
- Start preparing for your Christmas events.
- Consider updating your All-American Lodge stats—keeping this up monthly is much easier than a blitz to complete it all at once.

Finally, Thanksgiving this year is on November 26. Is your Lodge planning a special dinner or event for those who have nowhere to go for the holiday?

We look forward to hearing about all the special events Lodges hold when we visit your area. Happy Thanksgiving. God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

Remember, "Elks Care—Elks Share."
Are you READY ELKS—LET'S GO!

Timothy F. Jaeger
Grand Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1) Breakfast 8-11:00am Bottoms Up Walk 11am District Mtg. @ Bridgeport #714 2pm	2) Lodge Meeting 7pm	3)	4)	5) Burger Night 6-8pm	6)	7)
8)	9) House Committee Meeting 7pm	10)	11)	12)	13)	14)
15) Sunday Stroll Noon-4p	16) Lodge Meeting 7pm	17)	18)	19) Burger Night 6-8pm	20)	21)
22) Thanksgiving Baskets Distribution 9am	23) House Committee Meeting 7pm	24)	25)	26)Thanksgiving Dinner for the Community	27)	28) Bristol Borough Christmas Parade
29)	30)					

PA Elks License Plates are now available (Benefits Elks Legacy Trust Fund)

Applications are available online at paelks.org or you can contact the PA Elks Special License Plate Coordinator Teresa M. Black directly at (814) 444-1954 (Elks Office) or (814) 279-1285 (cell) or paelksqb@gmail.com

ELEVEN O'CLOCK TOAST MEMBERS:

If you are at the Lodge when it is 11 o'clock in the evening, please ask the bartender for a copy of the Eleven O'Clock Toast. Ask all present to please stand and have one individual read the Toast. This is a tradition that all Lodges do and one which we as Elks should promote.

Please donate to Elks National Foundation by signing up for Fidelity Club on elks.org for monthly or quarterly contributions.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR BULLETIN EDITOR:

If you are receiving the Bulletin via email, please remember to notify me when your email changes. Also please make sure to notify the Lodge Secretary if your home address changes.
If you are currently receiving the Bulletin in the mail and you do have access to email, please consider changing your receipt of the Bulletin to email instead of mail. This will help to reduce the cost of mailing the Bulletin each month. Thanks.
Margaret Bastian
mbastian33@verizon.net

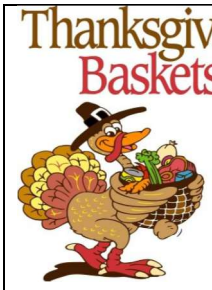
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UP COMING EVENTS
December 2026

Thursday, Dec. 3rd—Burger Night 6-8pm
Sunday, Dec. 6th- Breakfast 8-11:00am
Sunday, Dec. 6th – Memorial Service 1pm
Monday, Dec. 7th- Regular Lodge Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 9th – Blood Drive 10am-3pm
Saturday, Dec. 12th- Hoop Shoot @ Snyder-Girotti 9am
Saturday, Dec. 12th- Adult Christmas Party 7pm
Sunday, Dec. 13th-Kids Christmas Party Noon
Monday, Dec. 14th- House Committee Meeting 7pm
Wednesday, Dec. 16th- Orientation 6pm
Saturday, Dec. 19th Initiation Noon
Monday, Dec 21st- Regular Lodge Meeting 7pm
Monday, Dec. 28th- House Committee Meeting 7pm
Thursday, Dec. 31st- New Year's Eve Party 3-6pm

Elks BPOE 970
16th ANNUAL WALK
Thru Bristol
To benefit the
John Burg Colon Cancer Awareness
"BOTTOMS UP" CAMPAIGN
Sunday, November 1, 2026 11:00 am
Bristol Elks- 95 Wood Street-Bristol, PA
For Information Call or Text
(267) 575-9935
Email: bottomsupcampaign@yahoo.com
To register or donate
venmo@Roz-Roberts-2

Urging you to schedule a colon cancer screening today – Providing scholarships to students whose lives have been touched by cancer.



Sunday, November 22nd
9:00 am
Packing & Delivery
of Thanksgiving Baskets

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The 2027 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen.
Applicants will be judged on academics, leadership, financial need and service.
A total of 500 4-year scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $7,500 will be awarded.
MVS Applications for the 2027 contest are available online at enf.elks.org/mvs.
The 2027 MVS application deadline is November 12, 2026 at 11:59 pm (PST).
Legacy Awards are $4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2027 contest is now open.
The deadline for applications for the 2027 contest is February 1, 2027 at 11:59 am (PST).
Legacy Application forms are available at enf.elks.org/leg.

LOST & FOUND ---- Please note that there are number of items at the Lodge which have been left there by members in the past few months. Please check the Lost & Found (ask Bartender) to see if any of the items belong to you. Items not claimed in 60 days will be discarded.

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Breakfast	**Burger Nights**	**Dinners**
Sunday, November 1st 8:00 am – 11:00 am $15/person all you can eat	Thursday, Nov. 5th and Nov. 19th 6-8 pm	Check our Facebook Page for future dinners Or check at the Lodge

ELKS.ORG REGISTRATION INFORMATION	**DRUG AWARENESS POSTER/ESSAY/VIDEO CONTEST**
All Elks can sign up on elks.org for an account. Your account will provide you with dozens of members-only features and benefits and will take just a moment to create. Here's how to register: Step 1: Visit the Elks.org home page, www.elks.org, and click the "Register" link in the upper right hand corner of the page. Step 2: Read over the Terms of Service and click the link labeled, "I accept these terms please proceed to registration." Step 3: Submit the form. Since your account belongs to you and not to the Lodge, please provide a personal email address that belongs to you alone. If you forget your password later, reset instructions will be emailed to that address. **That's all there is to it!** Your account will be effective immediately. Questions? Contact webmaster@elks.org.	The Theme is **"A Healthy Me, is Drug Free"** ELKS DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST: For grades 3, 4 & 5 on paper or poster board up to 11" X 24". ELKS DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST: For grades 6, 7 & 8 handwritten or computer typed on 8-1/2" X 11" paper, no longer than 250 words. ELKS DRUG AWARENESS VIDEO CONTEST: For pre-high school and high school students – 2-5 minutes in length on flash drive or similar "mobile" media in readable form. Need student's full name, school, location, grade and Elks Lodge name. **Please note there is a Parental Consent Form Waiver for the essay, poster and video content.** **Due to the Lodge by Jan. 19, 2027.**

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS	**FROM THE SECRETARY**
As of November 1st, we have a vacancy in the position of Esteemed Leading Knight. Therefore, at the Regular Lodge Meeting on Monday, November 2nd, nominations for this position will be held. And then at the Regular Lodge Meeting on Monday, November 16th, an election will be held for all who have been nominated.	If you need a new membership card or a new entry card for the Lodge, please see the Secretary at any regular Lodge meeting night. ALSO, please update your address, email or telephone number if there have been any changes by contacting Sarah Gaunt at sgaunt9711@gmail.com or 215-595-8863,

HOOP SHOOT	**BRISTOL BORO SUNDAY STROLL**
Saturday, December 12, 2026 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Bristol Borough High School Boys/Girls Ages 8-13	The Lodge will be selling food November 15th Noon – 1pm

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AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST

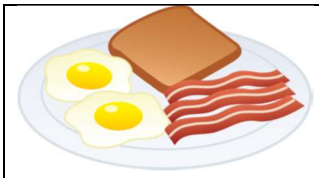
"Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How It Affects You and Your Family"

1. Eligible participants must be students enrolled in 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades during the normal 2026-2027 school year preceding June 30, 2027.
2. **Monetary Awards: $1,000 for 1st, $500 for 2nd, $250 for 3rd.**
3. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
4. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink by the entrant.
5. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant **with mandatory cover sheet**.
6. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended & sponsoring Elks Lodge.

Deadline: must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 15, 2026. Contact Lodge-215-788-2312.

PA ELKS CTE SCHOLARSHIP
Career and Technical Education

Who can apply? PA Residents; High School seniors (graduating Spring 2027) attending either a Vocational/Technical or Healthcare Program
Certificate/Associates Degree
$1,500.00 Scholarships 20 Statewide winners 10 Male/10 Female
Application opens November 1, 2026
Funds paid directly to the School
Deadline: February 28, 2027 –
HOW TO APPLY: Visit Paelks.org; complete online application; upload transcript and submit.



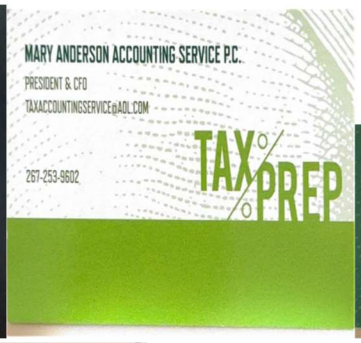
Sunday November 1, 2026
Breakfast—All you can eat $15
8:00 am –11:00 am

AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE

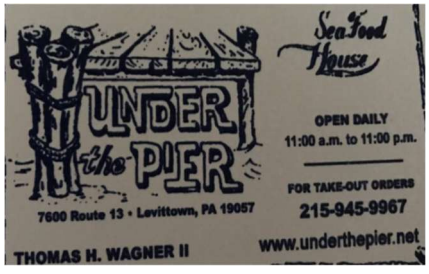
Wednesday, December 9, 2026
10:00 am—3:00 pm
For appointment visit
redcrossblood.org or call
1-800-REDCROSS
1-800-733-2767

BUSINESS BOOSTERS









If interested in becoming a Business booster, please contact the bulletin editor

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DEADLINE: All stuff must be submitted on or before November 20th for December bulletin. NO EXCEPTIONS. Email Margaret Bastian @ mbastian33@verizon.net or call/text 215-813-8086.





The Little Lodge with a BIG Heart
When bringing guests to the Lodge, you are responsible for signing them in.