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FRACKVILLE ELKS LODGE

NEWSLETTER

Lodge Hours

The Frackville Elks Lodge will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting at 6:00 P.M. and on Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 P.M.

The lodge will continue to be open on Wednesday.

The Esquire bar will be utilized during private hall rentals. Keep checking social media and your email updates for special events and kitchen specials!



The Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 held its annual Installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The new lodge officers for the 2026-27 term took the oath of office and were installed by Past Exalted Rulers of the Lodge.



Preceding the installation ceremony, plaques were presented to the Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year and other award recipients for the 2025-26 Lodge year. All award recipients were also presented with special citations from PA State Rep. Tim Twardzik and Senator David G. Argall.

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QUARTERLY KUDOS

> The Twisted Sisters - Jackie Skorski and Theresa Reed - for preparing food and deserts for so many of our recent events.
> Brute Cickavage, Ann Subick, Tracy Dudash and Joe Gudonis for adding flowers to the planters and areas in the front of the lodge and making it look beautiful and inviting.
> Brute Cickavage for installing hooks on the bathroom doors in the women's restroom (at Tracey Caudle's request)
> Ron Bane for towing the ELKS Drug Trailer down and back from the United Way Football Challenge at North Schuylkill
> Members of both the Monthly Breakfast committee and Monthly Dinner committee, for their hard work over the past 10 months, preparing 1,000s of meals for Elks members and community members.

Welcome New Members!

The following names are those who have been initiated, reinstated, or affiliated into our Lodge. Congratulations to all and thank you to the members who sponsored them.

Name

Angela Cunningham
John Thomas
Frank Gallo
Ronald Kosar, Sr.
Darrell Laudeman
William Moyer
Richard Schlauch
Sharon DeHart
Charles Melefsky
Eileen Moyer-Hylan
Lisa Wasko
Kamryn Mengel
Ethan Miernicki
Michelle Smarkanic
Dane Tarantelli
Jamie Van Boskirk

Sponsor

RussellCunningham, III
Donald Dudash, Sr.
Tracy Dudash
Raymond Flannery
Raymond Flannery
Raymond Flannery
John Henninger
John Henninger
John Henninger
Bill Mack
Dave Mengel
Helen Miernicki
Andrew Smarkanic
Matthew Smarkanic
Ann Subick

On Monday, June 15, 2026, the Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 held an initiation ceremony, during its regularly scheduled meeting, to induct 16 candidates as new members for the 2026-27 Lodge year. Following the ceremony, new members and their guests enjoyed a dinner and refreshments.



Elks Care - Elks Share

GENERAL INFORMATION

LODGE OFFICERS 2026-27

<u>Exalted Ruler</u>	<u>Esteemed Leading Knight</u>	<u>Esteemed Lecturing Knight</u>	<u>Esteemed Loyal Knight</u>		
(President)	(1st Vice Pres)	(2nd Vice Pres)	(3rd Vice Pres)		
James Samelko, Jr.	Tracey Caudle	Andrew Szczyglak	Scott Mynuk		
<u>Esquire</u>	<u>Chaplain</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Inner Guard</u>	<u>Tiler</u>
Lance Nelson	Matthew Hatrak	Bill Mack	Jason Shockley	John Guers	Ann Subick
PDDGER, PER		PSP, PDDGER, PER			

LODGE TRUSTEES 2026-27

<u>5-Year Trustee</u>	<u>4-Year Trustee</u>	<u>3-Year Trustee</u>	<u>2-Year Trustee</u>	<u>1-Year Trustee</u>
James Rovito (Term ends 2031)	John "Bucky" Rogers Trustee Chairperson Past Exalted Ruler (Term ends 2030)	William "Brute" Cickavage Past Exalted Ruler (Term ends 2029)	Joseph Gudonis (Term ends 2028)	Mark Andrewcavage Past Exalted Ruler (Term ends 2027)

Elks Lodge Trustees are responsible for managing the Lodge's funds, investments, and property. They also execute leases, contracts, and other legal documents as directed by the Lodge. The Trustees hold monthly meetings and maintain records of their proceedings.

Committee Chairs 2026-27

Auditing and Accounting- Bob Meusel
Grand Lodge Activities - Bill Mack
Youth Activities- Ann Subick/Angela Potts
Antlers Club/Junior Elks- Tracey Caudle
Hoop Shoot- Dennis Conti
Drug Awareness- John "Bucky" Rogers
Fraternal- Lance Nelson
Americanism- Ann Subick
Elks National Foundation- Theresa Reed
Flag Day- Don Dudash, Sr.
Elks Memorial- Matthew Hatrak
Membership- William "Brute" Cickavage
Local Lodge Activities- Gloria Burda
Veterans Services- Theresa Reed/Jackie Skorski
Accident Prevention- Joe Gudonis
Standing Relief- Jim Samelko, Jr.
Public Relations- Tracy Dudash
Ritualistic- Mark Andrewcavage
Soccer Shoot- John "Bucky" Rogers
Government Relations- Don Dudash, Sr.
State Major Project/Home Service- Fran Shockley
Lodge Newsletter- Tracey Caudle
Golf Tournament/Legacy Trust- John "Bucky" Rogers
Motorcycle Ride for Veterans- Larry/Mark Trakes
Monthly Breakfast- Bill Mack
Hall Rental Coordinator- Theresa Reed
Monthly Dinner- Lance Nelson
Cow Chip Bingo- Bill Mack/William "Brute" Cickavage
Cyber Assistant/Technology- Mark Barnett
ENF Grants/Community Projects- Don Dudash, Sr.
Local Lodge By-Laws- Bill Mack
Charitable Reports- Bill Mack
M.V.S. Scholarships- Tracey Picht
Local Scholarships- Ron Bane, Jr.
All-American Lodge Contest- Fran Shockley
Financial Reporting System- Jay Shockley
Dart League- Gary Goodman

Auxiliary Group Leaders 2026-27

Elks Riders- Bo Rogers (President)
Past Exalted Rulers Association- Ron Bane, Jr. (Chair)



Visit www.elks.org/1533 and click on "More Info" tab and then "Payments/Dues" tab.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Beginning Membership on 4/1/2026: 619

Increases

Initiated: 16
Affiliated: 0
Reinstated:
Subtotal: 16

Decreases

Dropped: 0
Transferred Out: 0
Absolute Dimit: 0
Deaths: 4
Expelled: 0
Subtotal: 4

Calculated Membership on 06/25/2026: 631

Average Age: 59.70
Gain/Loss Overall: 12

Delinquency

Dues Unpaid: 66
Lapsation Rate: 10.66 %

Applications on Hand: 8

Life Membership

Life Members: 61
Honorary Life: 1
Total: 62
Life Percentage: 10.02%



Candidates for Membership

The following names are those who are to be proposed and read at a Lodge meeting, balloted on and elected at a Lodge meeting, or are already elected, but need to be initiated in the near future.

Candidate

Ronald Engle
Sandra Burns
David Ginther
Tracy Miller
Marcus Burlile, Sr.
McKenzie Fetterolf
Myron Hannis

Sponsoring Member

Sandy Britt
Donna Guers
Donna Guers
Thomas Miller
Lance Nelson
Lance Nelson
Curt Stoyer

House Committee 2026-27

The House Committee is comprised of Members appointed by the Exalted Ruler to establish, update and execute the House Rules of our Lodge. This body is responsible for hiring, training and managing all employees. The House Committee oversees all activities within the Lounge and Grille and establishes the pricing of food, beverages and activities within those areas.

House Committee Roster

John Guers (Chair)
Denise Stoyer (Secretary)
Gloria Burda
Don Dudash, Sr.
Gary Goodman
Theresa Reed
Jackie Skorski
Tracey Caudle

National Website - www.elks.org

State Website - www.paelks.org

NATIONAL/STATE CHARITIES



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

DONORS →

The mission of the Elks National Foundation 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. Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

JOIN THE Fidelity Club!

Start an automatic monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation through your credit card or bank account at secure.elks.org/FC or learn more by scanning the QR code.



Donates through Fidelity Club (Monthly Donation)

Sandra J. Britt
Tracey Caudle
William Cickavage
Donald Dudash Sr.
Tracy Dudash
Matthew Hatrak
Diana M. Hummel-Andrewcavage
William J. Mack
Brendan McGinnis
Beth Muir
Lance Nelson
Theresa F. Reed
Frances M. Shockley
Jacqueline Skorski
Ronald J. Whalen

Join the Fidelity Club

Do you donate to the Elks National Foundation often? Did you know there's a club for members who donate monthly called the Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Sustaining givers have a recurring monthly payment (minimum \$5) that is automatically debited from a bank account or charged to a credit card. Monthly giving is safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not to mention, members receive Fidelity Club stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving. Visit enf.elks.org/recurring to enroll today.

2025-26 ENF Donor Categories

Theresa F. Reed (HOPE)
Lance Nelson (FAITH)
William Cickavage (FAITH)
Mark Andrewcavage (MERCY)
Diana M. Hummel-Andrewcavage (MERCY)
Chad Kramer (MERCY)
William J. Mack (MERCY)
Jacqueline Skorski (MERCY)
Ronald J. Whalen (MERCY)
Cheryl A. Bobiak (JUSTICE)
Sandra J. Britt (JUSTICE)
Christopher Cunningham (JUSTICE)
Tracy Dudash (JUSTICE)
Matthew Hatrak (JUSTICE)
John J. Rogers (JUSTICE)
Tracey Caudle (PEACE)
Donald E. Dudash Jr. (PEACE)
Brendan McGinnis (PEACE)
James J. Rovito (PEACE)
Paul Semanchik (PEACE)
Frances M. Shockley (PEACE)
Marianne Yanchuli (PEACE)

2025-26 Final State Ranking

The Frackville Elks Lodge ranked **2nd** out of 82 PA Lodges in ENF donations with \$19.83 per capita and \$11,974.00 total.

Thanks to all donors!

www.elks.org/enf/onlinegiving.cfm



The **Elks National Foundation** recently recognized three donors from the Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 for reaching personal cumulative donation milestones.

Honorary Founder: Jackie Skorski

Bronze: William "Brute" Cickavage, PER

Gold: Theresa Reed, PDDGER

Congratulations and thank you for your charitable contributions

What is the PA Elks State Major Project Home Service Program?

Since 1963, the PA Elks Home Service Program has been helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of children and adults throughout Pennsylvania. Home Service nurses provide support and advocacy services to individuals of any age who have a developmental disability.

Some ways the Elks Home Service Program can help:

- Provide in-home service coordination services
- Advocate for an individual's legal and human rights
- Provide information regarding resources and services available
- Assess needs and help to access equipment
- Advocate for appropriate educational services
- Assist with finding activities within the community
- Offer instruction regarding home care
- Provide emotional support
- Help with vocational goals
- Assist with residential options
- Provide referrals to appropriate agencies in the community
- Interpret clinical findings and act as a liaison between healthcare providers

Services are provided:

- by a specially trained licensed nurse
- to Pennsylvania residents
- in the person's home environment
- without discrimination
- at NO CHARGE



Pennsylvania Elks
**HOME SERVICE
PROGRAM**
50+ Years of Caring & Sharing

PA Unit 2 Nurse
Karen Murry, LPN
Carbon, Montour,
Northumberland, Schuylkill
Office Phone: 570-550-1453

ENF Website - www.elks.org/ENF

State Charity Website - www.paelkshomeservice.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!

JULY

01 Burke, Amber
 01 Moyer-Hylan, Eileen
 02 Hetherington, Barron L
 02 Pavalko, Diane
 03 Kaledas, Robert
 03 Seasock, John
 03 Shelcusky, David J
 04 Pavlock, Anthony R
 06 Blozusk, Frank J
 07 Hummel, Ralph L
 07 Singley, William A
 08 Sorce, Heather
 08 Wetzal, Sharyn
 09 Puls, Amy E
 10 Martin, Paul
 11 Bartashus, Thomas J
 11 Goodman, Michael R
 11 Hart, Bruce T
 11 Noraka, Joseph
 12 Sweeney, Cheryl
 12 Thomas, Daniel
 12 Zimmerman, Linda J
 13 Bane, Joseph M
 13 Lukow, Leonard P
 15 Delinsky, William
 15 O'Connor, John P
 15 Subick, Joseph
 16 Beecroft, Joseph E
 16 Watkins, Kyle H
 17 Bellew, Brian
 17 Guers, Donna M
 17 Starr, Joan
 19 Blackwell, Charles S
 20 Jaskierski, Marie
 20 Phillips, Delmar C
 22 Flannery, Raymond R
 23 Shockley, Frances M
 24 Snyder, Kristy Lynn
 25 Melnic, Michael
 27 Sausser, Randall C
 28 Houston, Robert P
 28 McNamara, Kevin
 28 O'Boyle, Patrick J
 29 Litwhiler, Douglas A
 29 Tarconish, Edward J
 29 Wislosky, John J
 30 Flynn, John F
 31 Reed, Anita Lynn
 31 Richmond, John M

AUG

01 Grantham, Freda L
 01 Hampford, Edward
 01 Jackson, Danielle
 02 Antalosky, Lon
 02 Marshall, Paul
 02 Melefsky, Charles
 02 Najda, Joseph
 02 Staconis, John J
 03 Corbacio, John J
 03 Gower, John
 03 Semanchik, Mark
 05 Cocco, Joseph A
 05 Krolick, Amanda Lynn
 05 Kufrovich, Mark Paul
 05 Trout, Thomas
 06 Goodman, Gary C
 06 Mynuk, Pamela R
 06 Mynuk, Scott N
 06 Sims, David
 06 Withelder, Amy
 07 Brobst, Amanda
 07 Kowalonek, Stefan F
 07 Naspinski, Jennifer
 07 Zimmerman, James E
 08 Anthony, Linda M
 08 Dugan, Angel
 08 Klem, Albert R
 10 Grimes, Lee A
 10 Miller, Richard F
 10 Pontician, John M
 11 Wall, Kyle
 12 Daniels, Christan
 12 Scheeler, Timothy A
 13 Ems, David
 13 Guers, Eileen
 14 Lawson, Edward C
 14 Westwood, Jason
 15 Flannery, Elizabeth
 15 Picht, Tracey M
 16 Seddon, Ione R
 16 Shockley, Jason L
 16 Thomas, Stephanie L
 16 Yanchulis, Jaclyn A
 17 Wright, Paula L
 18 Bobiak, Robert M
 18 Knarr, Nicole
 18 Schaeffer, John W
 19 Downing, Michelle
 19 James, Ronald

AUG

19 Kalce, Kathleen
 19 Van Boskirk, Jamie L
 20 Rogers, Bryan M
 21 Agostinelli, Michael L
 22 Burda, Kathy
 22 Kempsey, Robert F
 22 Miller, Robert M
 23 Davis, Steven
 23 DeAngelo, Cheryl A
 23 Dobrolsky, Thomas E
 23 Holden, John T
 23 Speidel, John David
 24 Brennan, Pamela
 24 Hess, Gary J
 24 Kuzio, Stephen
 24 Weikel, Richard L
 27 Langon, James P
 27 Moyer, William
 27 Oberholtzer, Grace A
 29 Barnett, Brent D
 29 Dillman, Donald R
 29 Kellagher, Amanda L
 29 Salamak, Andrew
 30 Melendez, Richard
 30 Shustack, Tyler
 31 Donohue, Sarah
 31 Felty, Steven
 31 Morgan, Jill
 31 Ryan, Sam
 31 Wagner, William R

SEP

02 Andrewcavage, Mark
 02 Roman, Anthony J
 02 Whalen, Ronald J
 03 Berger, Robert
 03 Fennelly, Earl R
 03 Griffin, John P
 04 Jankaitis, Eugene P
 04 Kufro, Scott
 04 Samelko, James R
 04 Slusser, Stephen O
 05 Bukowski, John J
 05 Green, Robyn
 06 Mengel, David
 08 McGlade, Sherry
 09 Appler, Stacey Lynn
 09 Huben, Michael J
 09 Krill, Douglass

SEP

09 Madden, Thaddeus J
 11 Howard, Ann Marie
 11 Mentusky, Mark
 11 Starry, Dennis J
 11 Szczyglak, Andrew J
 12 Hart, Joshua
 14 Andrewcavage, Elizabeth
 15 Shaner, Mike
 16 Boris, Joseph R
 16 Gudonis, Joseph J
 16 Smarr, Patricia
 17 Cickavage, William
 17 Subick, Ann
 19 Manbeck, Roy F
 19 Semanchik, John
 19 Spotts, Nicholas
 19 Vagelatos, Sandra L
 20 Rakus, Donna M
 21 Kelly, Todd F
 21 Wall, Donald
 21 Yutko, Robert J
 22 Hollenbach, Jay A
 22 McCarthy, John D
 22 Smarkanic, Matthew F
 22 Stetz, Mary Ann
 24 Kohudic, Patricia C
 25 Burns, Bob
 25 Reading, Joseph Richard
 26 Chiao, Zach
 26 Jordan, Ronald
 26 Kovach, Jeffrey W
 26 Mack, Karen A
 28 Kessock, Debra
 28 Wixted, Laura L
 29 Halcovage, George F
 29 Rogers, John J
 29 Ulicny, Amanda
 30 O'Connor, John F

If your birth date is wrong, your information has to be corrected in the CLMS computer system. Contact us and let us know today!



Recent Pool Winners

Daily Pool

Dave Seresky Joe Huth
 Don Dudash Jr. Joe Huth
 Joe Huth

Saturday Pool

Dave Berdanier
 Ray Flannery

Try your hand at sudoku, crossword puzzles, magical mystery lodge by visiting www.elks.org/games

WORDS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



JAMES SAMELKO
EXALTED RULER
2026-27

A Message from the Exalted Ruler

Dear Member and Friends,

As we move through another exciting season at Frackville Elks Lodge, I would like to thank each of you for your continued dedication, volunteerism, and support. The strength of our Lodge comes from the commitment of our members who generously give their time, talents, and resources to make a difference in our community.

This past quarter has been filled with successful events, charitable initiative, and fellowship opportunities! Whether you attend a dinner, volunteered at an event, supported a fundraiser or simply stopped by to enjoy camaraderie of fellow members, your participation helps make our Lodge thrive.

As we look ahead, we ask and encourage all members to become involved, invite prospective members to visit, and continue supporting our mission of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Thank you for being part of the Frackville Elks Family

Fraternally,
James R Samelko Jr
Frackville Elks Lodge, #1533



JOHN GUERS
HOUSE COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON
2026-27

Summer has officially arrived and the outdoor patio is the perfect place to soak up the sun, catch up with old friends and make new ones at the Frackville Elks. We are unique in having such a special outdoor area.

We have an exciting lineup of events and activities planned for the warmer months. Whether you are coming down for a casual evening drink, a weekend gathering of friends or a special themed night, there is always something happening to keep our lodge and community connected.

None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication and hard work of our lodge staff, volunteers and committees. Please be sure to say hello and thank the team the next time you visit. Their commitment keeps our lodge running smoothly.

As a private club, we want to ensure everyone has a great time, but we also must strictly adhere to compliance regulations. Please remember that all members must sign in their guests upon arrival.

Following this rule is incredibly important. It keeps our lodge in full compliance with both the State Liquor Control Board and Grand Lodge Statues.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for helping us protect our liquor license. We look forward to seeing you at the Frackville Elks!



Some Notes from the Lodge Secretary Bill Mack

Message From the Lodge Secretary

Dues for the new Lodge year 2026-27 are \$73 for regular members and \$48 for life members and were due before April 1st. Dues notices for the new Lodge year were mailed out in January. You may pay cash, check, credit card at the Lodge, or online via PayPal. Again, dues payments were due BEFORE April 1st. So far, as of press time, 548 out of 616 members have paid their dues before the required deadline. As for the 68 members who did not pay their dues yet, the Lodge covered you on your behalf, but now you need to PLEASE reimburse the Lodge. That's \$4,964 that the Lodge could be using for our charitable works or to simply pay our taxes, utilities, and insurances. Going forward, if the back of your membership card is BLUE your membership was only paid for the 2025-26 Lodge year and expired on March 31, 2026. Your dues must be paid to use the bar or dining facilities and attend meetings, events, or hall rentals. If the back of your membership card is GREEN then your membership is paid in full for the 2026-27 Lodge year and does not expire until March 31, 2027. Please enter using your keycard. Do not ring the doorbell. Elks statutes and PLCB guidelines/regulations will not allow us to permit entrance to delinquent members after March 31st, nor unaccompanied non-members at any time that we are closed to the public.

Pay your dues by visiting www.elks.org/1533 *click more info tab then click payments/dues tab*

HAPPENINGS AT THE LODGE



Our annual Students of the Semester & Students of the Year Banquet was held on Thursday, May 7, 2026. With students like these, the future is bright!

The **Frackville Elks Veterans Service Committee** recently assembled and delivered 4 Welcome Home Kits to the **Veterans Multi-Service Center**. This organization assists with securing housing for homeless veterans or veterans at risk of homelessness. Our Lodge continues to assist Veterans in need throughout Schuylkill County and beyond.



HAPPENINGS AT THE LODGE



The Elks Riders held a very successful **Spring Thaw** and this year and they included a ride. Over 50 riders showed up for the beautiful ride.



On Sunday May 10, 2026, the Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 hosted mothers from Frackville and surrounding communities for its annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Ceremony. The Elks Mother's Day ritual service honors all mothers who have passed away and those who are living. Following the ceremony, mothers and guests in attendance were treated to a food buffet luncheon. To all mothers past and present, simply put, thank you.

The Frackville Elks Lodge was happy to spend this beautiful day at the **North Schuylkill Spartan Games!** Over 1,000 athletes, 22 school districts, across 6 counties! What a turnout! Our Lodge educated those in attendance about the **Elks Kids Drug Awareness Program.**



The Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 held a Father's Day ritual ceremony Sunday, June 21, 2026, honoring fathers past and present. To quote our Exalted Ruler Jim Samelko, Jr., "We gather here today to pay a tribute to Father. To the Fathers whose guidance and wisdom still resonate with us on a daily basis; to those Fathers who are still to become a mentor to their children; and to those Fathers whose guidance and wisdom are but a fond memory in our hearts and minds." Thanks to all fathers and father figures out there!



The Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533 held its annual Flag Day ceremony on Sunday June 14, 2026. Lodge Officers conducted the Flag Day ritual with musical interludes by Jay and Fran Shockley. The keynote speaker and guest of honor this year was Veteran Thomas Dando. Others in attendance included the Honorable PA State Rep. Tim Twardzik, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, District 123 and Eagle Scout Alexander Krapf, Ashland Boy Scout Troop 745. Members of Scouting BSA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as American Legion members were also in attendance to assist with the ceremony. Community members and Elks members in attendance were treated to food and refreshments following the special ceremony. The food buffet was prepared by Jackie Skorski, and Past District Deputy Theresa Reed. Special thanks to Don Dudash Sr, Flag Day Chairperson.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the only fraternal organization to require a formal observance of Flag Day. According to the Elks.org website, in July of 1908, the Elks Grand Lodge provided for the annual nationwide observance of Flag Day on June 14th each year, making it mandatory for each subordinate Lodge throughout the country. June 14th was officially established as Flag Day by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. Flag Day was not a national observance until 1949—President Harry Truman, a member of the Elks himself, was inspired to sign an act of Congress that dedicated June 14th to the symbol of our country.



Proud to be a sponsor and active volunteer! These young athletes never cease to amaze us, year after year. Glad to partner with the Schuylkill United Way. Our Elks Kids Drug Awareness Program was on full display, helping educate the youth in attendance about the dangers of illicit drug use and abuse of prescription drugs.



Thanks to all who came out and supported our annual charity golf tournament From the golfers, Elk volunteers, and family of Rich Hopkins, to the staff at Mountain Valley Golf Course, and our amazing hole sponsors, we appreciate all of you. We hope you enjoyed your day on the course



Did You Know? The Elks organization was founded in New York City on February 16, 1868 as the "Jolly Corks"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July

August

September

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
100th Anniversary Meeting 4:00 P.M. P.E.R. Assn. Meeting 4:45 P.M. Elks Riders Meeting 6:00 P.M.	13 Activities and House Committee Meetings 6:00 & 7:00 PM	14	15	16	17 OPEN MIC Night 7:00 P.M.	18 RIDE FOR VETERANS 9:00 AM
19 Membership Committee Meeting 5:00 P.M.	20 Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22	23	24 Karaoke Night 7:00 P.M.	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Dance Party - The Throwbacks 7:00 PM
9 Elks Riders Meeting 6:00 P.M.	10 American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:00-6:00 P.M. Activities and House Committee Meetings 6:00 & 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14	15 Gabriel's Bike Run 9:00 AM
16 Membership Committee Meeting 5:00 P.M. Breakfast Committee Meeting 5:30 P.M.	17 Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	18	19	20	21 Members NIGHT 6:00 P.M.	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Karaoke Night 7:00 P.M.	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Monthly Breakfast 8:00 A.M. to Noon	7 Labor Day Grilling on the Patio Noon	8	9	10	11 Party on the Patio 7:00 P.M.	12
13 Elks Riders Meeting 6:00 P.M.	14 Activities and House Committee Meetings 6:00 & 7:00 PM	15	16 Monthly Dinner 4 PM Dart League 6 PM	17	18	19 6th Annual Cow Chip Bingo 2:00 P.M.
20 Membership Committee Meeting 5:00 P.M. Breakfast Committee Meeting 5:30 P.M.	21 Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23 Dart League 6 PM	24	25 Karaoke Night 7:00 P.M.	26
27	28	29	30 Dart League 6 PM			



The Elks Riders are affiliated riding groups within the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, established to promote camaraderie, community service, and charity fundraising, particularly for veterans and children's causes. These groups are organized at local lodges, often organizing rides and events to support the Elks' mission.

Check out our new Google Event Calendar by visiting www.elks.org/1533 *click calendar tab*

Frackville Elks Lodge No. 1533
307 S. 3rd St.
Frackville, PA 17931-2058
Address Service Requested

LODGE OF SORROW

The Officers of the Frackville Elks Lodge will perform rituals at viewings and funerals for our departed members. However, you should talk to your family and have them share your intentions with the funeral director. This respectful ceremony is only conducted upon request.

**The faults of our members we write on the sands of time;
their virtues, upon the tablets of love and memory...**

Died	Name	Initiated
01/20/2026	Raymond J Tomko, P.E.R.	03/27/1968
01/21/2026	Robert M Zaretskie	10/21/2024
03/06/2026	George A Shimko	05/20/1975
4/17/2026	John P. Wabby	10/20/1976
5/2/2026	Jason Lauresevage	11/21/2022
6/12/2026	Roy W. Mengel	11/20/1968

“...to our absent members.”



Do you have an Email Address?

To help cut down on postage expenses, we are asking members who still receive a paper copy of the newsletter to consider providing your email address for electronic delivery. We appreciate your assistance in helping the Lodge cut costs. In addition to receiving the newsletter each quarter, an electronic update is sent out monthly for more up-to-date information, which includes event flyers and other attachments. Please email the Lodge Secretary at bpoe1533secretary@gmail.com to have your email address added to the mailing list. You can also switch to the electronic version of the Elks Magazine by visiting www.elks.org/elksmag.