

**Lodge Officers**

**2022-2023**

**Exalted Ruler**

Herman "Bud" Kelly

215-292-1548

**Esteemed Leading Knight**

Ed Smith

215-906-9546

**Esteemed Loyal Knight**

Marjorie Lane

215-607-5927

**Esteemed Lecturing Knight**

Ismael "Hermie" Rivera

215-584-6043

**Esquire**

Charles Bastian PER

215-535-7502

**Secretary**

Kelly Bellerby-Allen

215-962-2784

**Treasurer**

Margaret Bastian, PER

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**Inner Guard**

Sean Kelly

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**Tiler**

Eric Dressler

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**Chaplain**

Traci Adams

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**Trustees**

Dave Barton

Tom Kralle

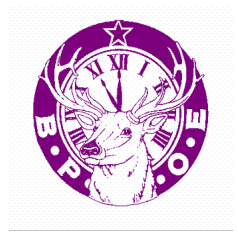
Sean Kilgore

Fiona McKiernan

John Lancieri

BRISTOL 970

*February 2023*



Dear Members,

The first meeting in February, on February 6, 2023, will be nominations for new officers for the year 2023-2024. The second meeting in February, on February 20, 2023, will be voting on new officers. Please support your lodge.

February 12, 2023 at 11:00 am is Indoctrination for new members. February 18, 2023 is Past Exalted Ruler's night; the PER'S will be initiating new members to our lodge.

Anyone looking to do a benefit, charity event, or fundraiser must go to the House Committee for their approval. This is mandatory by the House Committee. In addition, we have committees that have not handed in receipts for funds they received from the lodge. This needs to be completed as soon as possible.

January 21, 2023 was the Elks State President's dinner at the West Chester Lodge #853. It was a great turn out; Jeffery J. Ellsworth DSVP did a fantastic job. On January 22, 2023 was the Southeast District meeting at West Chester #853; 6 members from Bristol #970 attended.

Respectfully

Herman (Bud) Kelly  
Exalted Ruler



2022-2023 Lodge Committees

2022-2023 House Committee

- Linda Bourget-Fenimore PDDGER
- Charles Bastian PER
- Margaret Bastian PER
- Donald Amareld PER
- Sue Prickett PER
- Thomas Kralle
- Kevin Wiley
- Sharon Lalli
- Marianne Sleppy

2022-2023-Lodge Committees

Grant Coordinator

Traci Adams

Insurance Riders

OPEN

Challenger League

Richard Gerlach

Eric Dressler

Golf Outing

Tony D'Emidio

Jim Martin

PER Assoc. Presiding Officer

Linda Bourget-Fenimore, PDDGER

Thanksgiving Baskets

Earl Kilgore

Christmas Parade Float

**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.



**Accident Prevention**

Dave Barton

**Americanism**

OPEN

**Auditing & Accounting**

Chuck Worthington PER

**Bulletin**

Margaret Bastian PER

**Community Activities**

Kelly Bellerby-Allen

**Drug Awareness**

Charles Bastian PER

**Flag Day Coordinator**

Jose Crespo

**Fraternal**

OPEN

**Government Relations**

OPEN

**Home Service/Legacy Trust**

Fiona McKiernan, Kelly Bellerby-Allen

**Hoop Shoot**

Tom Zielinski

**Indoctrination**

Ed Smith

**Investigation/Interview**

Marjorie Lane

**Lodge Activities**

Ed Smith

**Membership Lapsation**

Kelly Bellerby-Allen

**Memorial Day Coordinator**

Traci Adams

**National Foundation**

OPEN

**National Veterans Service**

Charles Bastian, PER

**Public Relations**

Traci Adams

**Scholarships**

Margaret Bastian, PER

**Soccer Shoot**

Aaron Gray

**State Association**

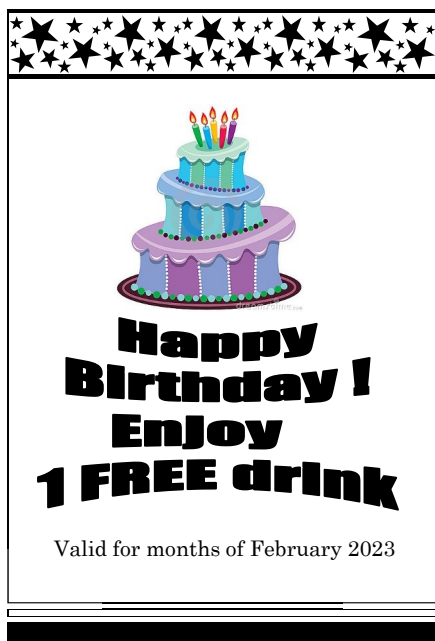
Steve Kempff, PSP

**Visiting Committee**

Marianne Sleppy

**Youth Activities**

Katie O'Connor



If anyone knows of someone who is ill, 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,

Marianne Sleppy

Sickness & Distress Chairman

# GER's Message:

## Review your Lodge programs before the year ends

It's hard to believe that on February 16, 2023, our great Order will celebrate its 155th year of existence. Happy birthday to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks!

February is an extremely busy month for us as Elks. There are only two months left in your Lodge year. I respectfully request that you review the progress of your Lodge programs. It's not too late to achieve the goals you haven't yet reached. Your Lodge certainly can get a lot done in the remaining two months. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to proudly tell all your Members you have successfully achieved your per capita for the Elks National Foundation, reached a +1 in membership, and accomplished the goals of the programs that are so important to the Elks and your community.

The month of February is also a time when new officers are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year. I encourage all the Lodges in our great Order to elect someone who is going to be dedicated to the affairs of your Lodge and your community. The success of your Lodge programs will depend upon their leadership. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is for your Exalted Ruler to demonstrate dedicated leadership to all the Members of the Lodge. It truly shows your community that "Elks Care – Elks Share" when we have a great group of officers.

Lodge Secretaries should note that February is the time when you must file the Statutory Lodge Committee Chairpersons report and the Local Lodge Directory information report in the respective CLMS2 online forms. This information is extremely important so that updates are done in a timely manner.

February is also when our Past Exalted Rulers perform the ritual during your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Night. To our PERs: This is your time to shine by performing an excellent rendition of the initiatory ritual for the incoming Members.

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow on Groundhog Day. This day is important to me since I live in the Northeast. If Phil sees his shadow that day, it means six more weeks of cold and snow. Brrrrr.

During February, we recognize American Heart Month. This is when we get our Local Lodges and communities together to raise awareness to prevent heart disease. Proudly wear red during this month to show Elks care about addressing heart disease.

Let's not forget Valentine's Day on February 14. Cupid catches each of us so we express our love and affection for each other. To my wife, Helen: Happy Valentine's Day. You are the love of my life.

God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

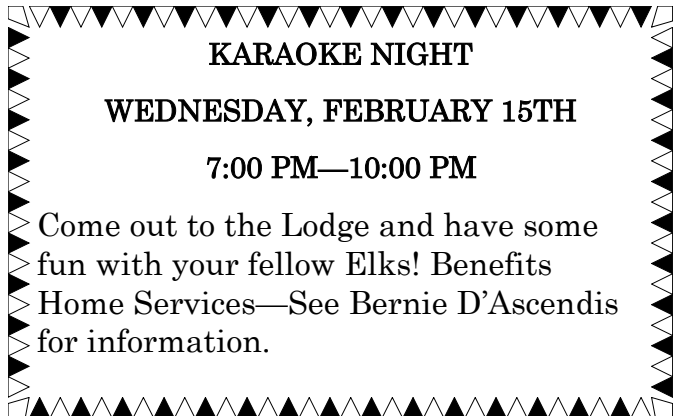
The logo features the words "Elks Care - Elks Share" in a stylized font. "Elks" is in red, "Care" is in blue, and "Share" is in red. The hyphen is also in red.

**Bruce A. Hidley**  
**Grand Exalted Ruler**



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**UP COMING EVENTS—MARCH 2023**  
 Thursday, March 2nd—Burger Night  
 5:30-7:30p  
 Monday, March 6th—Regular Lodge  
 Meeting 8 pm  
 Monday, March 13th—Regular House  
 Committee Meeting 7:30 pm  
 Thursday, March 16th—Burger Night  
 5:30-7:30p  
 Friday, March 17th—Fundraiser for  
 Disabled Vets—St. Patty’s Day Party—  
 6p-See Bernie D’Ascendis  
 Sunday, March 19th—Installation of  
 Officers 4p, 5p, 6p  
 Monday March 20th—Regular Lodge  
 Meeting 8  
 Monday, March 27th—House  
 Committee Meeting 7:30 pm


**Indoctrination**  
**Sunday,**  
**February 12 @ 11:00 am**  
**PER Initiation**  
**Saturday, February 18th**  
**4:00 pm Cocktail Hour**  
**5:00 pm Initiation**  
**6:00 pm Dinner**  
**Come and meet our new**  
**Members**

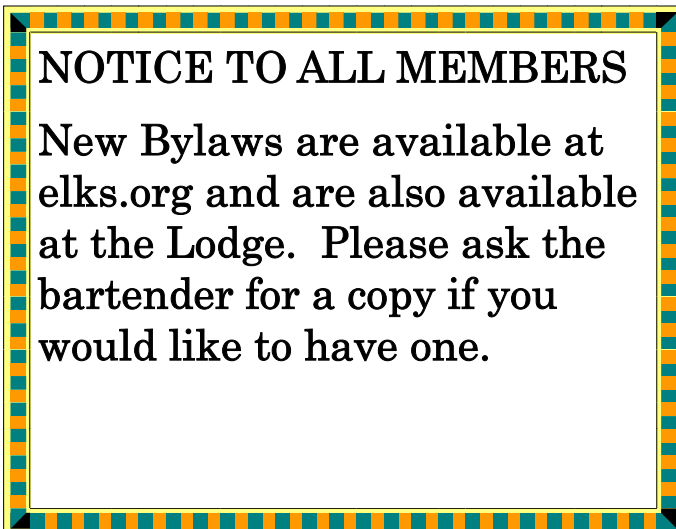

**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**  
**7:00 PM—10:00 PM**  
 Come out to the Lodge and have some  
 fun with your fellow Elks! Benefits  
 Home Services—See Bernie D’Ascendis  
 for information.

**ELEVEN O’CLOCK TOAST**

**MEMBERS;**

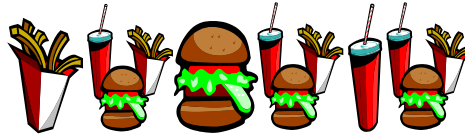
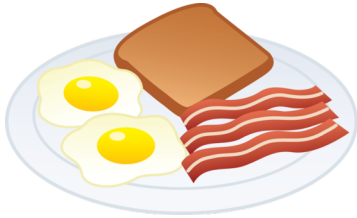
If you are at the Lodge when it is 11 o’clock in  
 the evening, please ask the bartender for a copy  
 of the Eleven O’Clock Toast. Ask all present to  
 please stand and have one individual read the  
 Toast. This is a tradition that all Lodges do  
 and one which we as Elks should promote.




**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**  
 New Bylaws are available at  
 elks.org and are also available  
 at the Lodge. Please ask the  
 bartender for a copy if you  
 would like to have one.


 Nominations for 2023-2024  
 officers are on  
 Monday, February 6th  
 Elections are on  
 Monday, February 20th  
**At the Regular Meeting**

FEBRUARY 2023



**Burger Night**



**Breakfast**

**8am-11:30am**

**1st Sunday of the Month**

**CANCELED**

**Feb. 2nd & 16th**

**Check out Dates at the  
Lodge  
or check our Facebook  
page**

MESSAGE FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE:

If someone in your family has COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come into the Lodge until you have quarantined for 10 days per CDC guidelines.

This is very important to maintain the health of our members.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge directly.

November 18, 2022

Officers and Members of Bristol 970:

Due to the recent conduct and actions of a select group of members at an executive session of the House Committee on Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> and after fielding phone calls from members of the lodge regarding the safety of the members, I had a discussion with the leadership of the lodge and State Sponsor, PGER Paul D. Helsel about the situation. As a result of that discussion the following will be in effect immediately:

While House Committee meetings are generally open meetings, until further notice all House Committee meetings will be deemed, closed (executive session) meetings.

Members may be put on the meeting agenda by request to address the Committee on an individual basis with a House concern/opportunity, however once called upon and have completed their address to the Committee they will be required to leave the meeting.

Hired Private Security will be present at all House Meetings to protect the members.

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All Lodge and House Committee meetings will be recorded.

While the Private Security may not be a member of the Lodge, they will be in place to protect and not participate.

It is unfortunate that these actions and their associated cost burden to the Lodge are necessary. Please understand that

because of the conduct and actions of a select group of members that has now escalated to the point where the safety of members is being questioned, the Lodge must take these actions. Please also note that these Lodge actions will remain in force until this select group of members can conduct themselves in a proper and appropriate manner and no longer be perceived as a threat to the Lodge Officers and/or Membership in general.

I do pray true leaders will rise from the membership to find harmony for all in your Lodge.

Thank you,

Sincerely and fraternally,

Andrew J. Strevig,  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

From the Secretary:

Please update your address, e-mail or telephone number if there has been any changes by contacting Kelly Bellerby-Allen at [kabellerby@verizon.net](mailto:kabellerby@verizon.net) or 215-962-2784.

Do you donate to the Elks National Foundation often?

Did you know there's a club for members who donate monthly or quarterly called the Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Eligible donors have a monthly (minimum \$5) or quarterly (minimum \$15) payment can automatically be debited from a donor's bank account or charged to a credit card on a recurring basis. It's 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](http://enf.elks.org/recurring) to enroll today.

Help the Lodge Go Green

Please consider a digital bulletin

Email Margaret Bastian at

[mbastian33@verizon.net](mailto:mbastian33@verizon.net)

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IF YOU CHANGE IT AT ANY TIME!**

**SCHOLARSHIP NEWS**

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2023 contest will open on September 1, 2022.

The deadline for applications for the 2023 contest is February 6, 2023 at 11:59 a.m. Central Time.

Legacy Application forms will be available starting Sept. 1, 2022 at [enf.elks.org/leg](http://enf.elks.org/leg).

**HOME SERVICES INFORMATION**

Did you know that Pennsylvania State Elks Association has a new website—[paelks.org](http://paelks.org). You can ask to join and once you are accepted, you can then go to “Our Programs” and choose “Home Services”. Scroll down the page until you see “Donate Now”. There you can set up automatic donations to Home Services.

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Lodge Hours  
Monday—Thursday  
2pm– 10pm  
Friday  
2pm– Midnight  
Saturday  
12pm—2am  
Sunday  
12pm-10pm

**DEADLINE**

All stuff must be submitted on or before February 20th for  
March 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.*

