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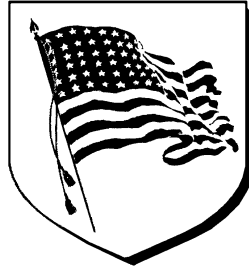
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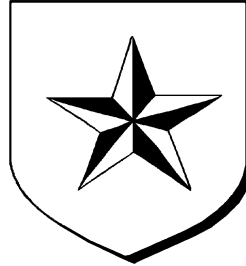
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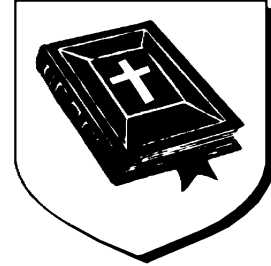
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Dear Fellow Members

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

As I sit here to write my very first ER message I am filled with much pride. I can honestly say that I am completely humbled to be given the honor to serve as your Exalted Ruler this year. Your new officers for the Fraternal Lodge Year 2009-10 were installed on Saturday, March 28th. I hope everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship of the evening and that it has left us with a renewed outlook for the wonderful year ahead. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that played a part in making our installation an amazing one. A special thank you to Brenda Shepperd and her outgoing Officers and Committee Chairpersons, you should all be very proud of your accomplishments, leading us through another successful year. Brenda will continue to lead our Ritual Team to State Competition and hopefully to Portland Oregon for The National Contest.

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Laura Minnich. I have been a member of our lodge for almost 9 years now. I have gone through all the chairs and have enjoyed very much being a part of the ritual team. I am a mother of four children and wife of PER Kyle Minnich. I hope if you have not already met me, you will attend one of our lodge's functions and meet me and all the other officers of our lodge.

Our lodge members have blown me away by the support that has already been shown to me. Many new members have taken Committee Chair positions and are ready with fresh and invigorating ideas for the upcoming year. Anyone that is interested in helping out any of our committees please see the Committee Chairs for information. I would like to see each of the committees in our lodge having a Chairperson and a team of others members working behind them. I believe in the old adage, "The more you put into something the more you will get out!", if we all work together it will prove to be an astonishing year.

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With the busy lives we all lead, I am trying to find a way to better communicate with all of you. We have an email list in which we use to send out the newsletter. I would like to use this list to stay in touch with everyone between meetings and newsletters. There are so many things that go on during any given month at the lodge and the more contact we can have with one another the better. If you do not receive your newsletter via email and you would like to be included in this email listing please contact myself or our Secretary S. David DeStefano. Of course the meetings are the greatest way to hear about all the activities happening at the lodge. I encourage everyone to attend them, there are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 8:15pm. If you have not been at a meeting in a while please try and find the time to attend.

My goals for this year are fairly simple; to see that we participate in each program Grand Lodge has to offer. Our lodge never ceases to amaze me!! We always meet the GER goals and usually surpass them. I would like to see us continue to follow in the footsteps of all the great Elks that came before us. Let's show our communities about what it means to be an ELK and be proud of our organization. I feel so privileged to be part of Norristown Elks #714, and I know you all feel the same way. Let's work diligently together all year and make this the best year yet!

Fraternally Yours
Laura Minnich – Exalted Ruler

CALLING ALL ARTISTIC ELKS!!!!

NORRISTOWN ELKS LODGE # 714
IS IN NEED OF A NEW LODGE PIN
ANYONE INTERSETED IN DESIGNING A PIN
PLEASE TURN IN YOUR DRAWINGS
TO THE LODGE BY
MAY 1ST, 2009
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE ALL YOUR IDEAS!!



Blood Drive News

On Monday, March 23, 2009 the Elks Lodge hosted its bi-annual blood drive. I don't have the statistic for this blood drive as of yet but I'm sure it was a success.

We are there to help the American Red Cross collect "the gift of life". Anyone who is at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health can donate.

This blood drive would not be possible without you. I would like to thank everyone who took time out their busy schedule and donated. I am extremely grateful to all the Elk members and their relatives, friends and co-workers that signed up. I would like to give a special thank you to the Boy

Scout Troop #714 for handing flyers to the Bridgeport community and helping the Red Cross break down the blood drive. Also another special thank you goes to Sara Ledbetter for all her help recruiting blood donors. Your kind help did not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank everyone else that helped to make the blood drive a success. Thank you. J

Some quick facts about all the blood that was donated.

Every three seconds someone needs blood

One out of every 10 people entering a hospital needs blood.

Just one pint of donated blood can help save as many as 3 people's lives

Donated red blood cells must be used within 42 days of collection.

Donated platelets must be used within five days of collection.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

We are going to have lunch with the Easter Bunny himself and an Easter Egg Hunt... April 4th 12:00pm - 2:30pm. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the Social Room, please indicate the age(s) of the kids along with their names. Hope to see you all there...



Upcoming events Block Party May 9th. need volunteers

Jen Quillen

Please register with eScrips:

Norristown Elks would appreciate a few minutes of your time to register your Genuardi's card with eScrip. (<http://www.escript.com/program>) Click on "Sign up" you enter our group code #2399026 or Norristown Elks. If your Genuardi's card is not readily available to enter your number, you can get your number by calling 1-877-723-3929.

There is no cost to you, and your Genuardi's purchases will help us to earn money with each purchase. Even if you shop infrequently at Genuardi's, we would really appreciate your participation.

Thank you in advance

SOCIAL ROOM HOURS**Friday: 6:00pm to 1:00am****Saturday: 4:00pm to 12:00am****Sunday: 12:00pm to 7:00pm****HALL FOR RENT**

Having a Shower or Graduation in the near future? Our upstairs hall may be the place for you. For inquiries about renting, call and leave a message at the lodge 610-277-3810. A House Committee member will contact you with all the rental package information to insure your special event runs smoothly.

THANKS

BAR BINGO

Is Co-Hosted by PER Carol Horton & Conne Doyle every month. Our next Bar Bingo on Sunday, APR 5th (3 p.m.)

Cards for Regular Bingo are 2 for \$1.00 -

Cards for Special Bingo are \$1.00 each -

Food available for a nominal charge.

Proceeds Benefit CP Legacy Trust

BUNGO GAME NIGHT

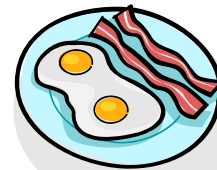
April 26th SUNDAY @ 4:00 pm
Come to the Lodge &
Play a fun Dice Game

\$5.00 to Play and you purchase a
\$10.00 Gift to go along
with our theme, which is
“**Black & Orange**”

Sign up sheet at the Lodge

Morning Breakfast

8:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

APRIL 5th

\$5.00 for Adults,
\$2.00 for Children
four to eight years old,
Children under four eat free

Remember to stop in each week and *SIGN IN* for the weekly draw ! Just like the Lottery, you've got to be in it *TO WIN IT!*

It's Only \$1.00 To Sign In

St. Patty's Day Parade



The St. Patty's Day Parade is one of our biggest events. Many, many people put in long, long hours to help create our float for this year. For years now we have been during this and every year it gets bigger and bigger. This year we won Most Original Float. If you have any pictures from the parade this year or past years please send them to elks714@comcast.net



TO LEFT: Picture and excerpt from Times Herald Newspaper

“Stopping to help show some love and patriotism to Elroy are Quintin Smith, and Augustus Smith of Limerick.”

Sean McMenamain donned our brand new Elroy the Elk costume for the first time and was an instant smash hit with the children and “happy-go-lucky” adults at the parade.

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 for APRIL the fourth month of the year of 2009

APRIL			1	2 Lodge Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.	3 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	4 Egg Hunt Social Room Open @ 4pm
5 BREAKFAST Social Room Open @ 12 Bar Bingo	6 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	7	8	9	10 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	11 Social Room Open @ 4pm
12 Social Room Open @ 12 Noon	13 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	14	15	16 Lodge Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.	17 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	18 Social Room Open @ 4pm
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