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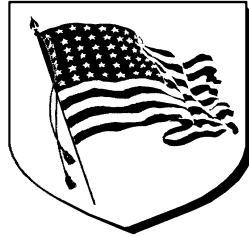
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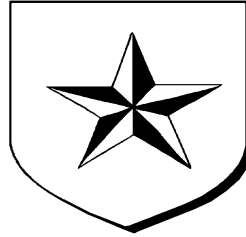
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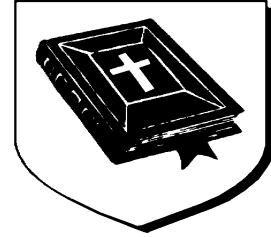
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Dear Fellow Members,

## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Well we have all made it through the first month of the New Year. Hope all of you are all still sticking with those New Year's Resolutions so many of us make!

Last month we held our Lodge's Hoop Shoot Contest. We had a nice turn out and have 4 youngsters advancing to the District Hoop Shoot at Albright College in Reading. I would like to thank Angel Novitski for chairing this event; I know a lot of hard work went into making this a success.

On Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, lodge members and boys from our lodge sponsored Boy Scout Troop came out to help Scout John DeStefano complete his Eagle Scout Project. John's project consisted of re-furbishing the gazebo at Bridgeport Memorial Park. There were many people there to lend a hand and help John get all the work done he committed to do. After John completes his Board of Review, with Council Leaders, he will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scout from Troop 714 to achieve the Highest Rank of Eagle. Only a very small percentage of boys who join scouts attain this rank. Thanks should go to Scoutmaster Charles Jones, Assistant Scoutmaster Steven Davidson and John's Parents for supporting him and giving the tools he needed to complete this great task; and to all the wonderful family and friends that came out that day to assist in all the hard work. We were even blessed to have former scout and Brand New Marine, Steven Burris there to help his cousin. Steven had just gotten home earlier that morning from graduation at Parris Island. Kudos to all those involved!!!

I would like to thank you all who supported our annual "Night at the Races" to benefit Elks National Foundation. The mission of ENF is to help Elks nationwide to build stronger communities and improve the quality of life for those living in those communities. Raising money for this most note-worthy cause takes a collaborative effort and we couldn't do it without all your help, I would like to especially thank Leading Knight, Kim Miller for organizing this event. Job well done!!

The next few months will certainly be busy ones, so please continue to check the calendar for all the exciting things coming soon. Our First meeting in February, the 4<sup>th</sup>, will be nomination of Officers for the Fraternal Year 2010-2011. Please make it a point to come and nominate or vote for the Lodge's new officers for the upcoming year. The Ritual Team will be hosting a "Super Bowl Party" on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30opm. The cost will be \$15/ person and includes food and beverage, please see flyer for inside details.

February 14<sup>th</sup> will be District Competition for the 11 o'clock Toast and Flag Charge Contest. This will be held at North Penn Lodge #1979, before the District Meeting. If you would like to come out and support the competitors please contact myself or Kim Miller for details. It would be nice to see lots of members from our lodge in attendance.

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE continued.....

February 16<sup>th</sup> is the Birthday of our great Order; founded in 1868. On that night in New York the "Jolly Corks" merged into what would be known as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. There was some discussion as to whether we would be called Elks or Buffaloes, but obviously the Elks prevailed. That night 15 men signed the charter and adopted the by-laws and the BPOE was born. There is so much to read on-line about the history of the Elks. If you are not familiar with the Elks great history and how the Elks came about, make this month the month you find out. A few weeks ago, I was in our social room. We had 2 guests that were asking questions about, "Who the Elks are?" and "How did the Elks get their name?" and I heard one of our new officers tell the whole story of the Jolly Corks and how they became known as the Elks. It made me very proud to hear that we have new members that take pride in really knowing what WE are all about.

We are still trying to reach our per-capita goal for PA's Major Project. To do this, the Major Project Committee has planned a Comedy Show for February 20<sup>th</sup>. The comedy show is always a great time, so mark it on your calendars and plan a "date night" with your significant other, all while supporting a great cause. March is packed with many exciting events. We will be participating in the Annual AOH Irish Coffee Tasting Contest on March 11<sup>th</sup> with the AOH's St. Patrick's Day Parade to follow on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this year's parade is "American Branches with Celtic Roots". As usual, we plan to have a float in the parade. There will be a float planning meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the lodge. If you have any Ideas or would like to help, please try and make it to this meeting. March 21<sup>st</sup> is our annual Casino Bus Trip. Limited seats are available so if you are interested, get down to the lodge and sign-up. March 22<sup>nd</sup>, our bi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the lodge, please make sure you sign up to donate. Finally, March 27<sup>th</sup> will be "Installation of Officers". Mark your calendars and make sure you plan to attend this wonderful and special night!

Fraternally Yours,  
Laura Minnich – Exalted Ruler

### Scheduled SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Meetings

FEBRUARY 14th @ North Penn #1979

May 2nd -@ Norristown #714

### FUTURE NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 17th - 21st, 2011 @ Phoenix, AZ

July 1st - 5th, 2012 @ Austin, TX

2013 @ Reno, NV

2014 New Orleans, LA

**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**

# A Night of Comedy

**Presented By  
Norristown Elks' Major Projects**

**Featuring Chris Smith & Company  
& "Open Mike"**

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**Saturday, February 20th 2010  
Doors open at 7 pm  
Show starts at 8pm**

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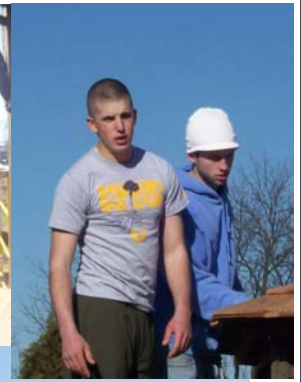
**\$30.00 per ticket  
Includes food and draft beer**

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John DeStefano's Eagle Scout Project



## BUNCO GAME NIGHT



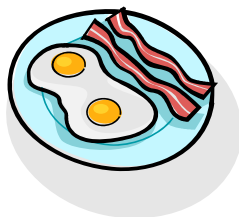
February 13th  
Come to the Lodge &  
Play a fun Dice Game

\$5.00 to Play and you purchase a  
\$10.00 Gift to go along  
with our theme, which is  
"Red, pink, or white; or sexy valentine"

### Morning Breakfast

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

**February 21st**



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



## ***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.

## **HAPPY HOUR DRINK SPECIAL**

Every Friday - Happy Hour at the Lodge from 6pm til 8pm

And During all EAGLES games

Bucket Beers - \$5.00/Bucket (3 Beers/Bucket)

Choices include: Amber Bock, Budwieser, Coors, Coors Lite, Miller, Miller Light, Miller Chill, Rolling Rock, Rolling Rock Green Lite, and Yuengling

To continue the bucket beer campaign, Canadian Beer Special available for Flyers games during business hours

## **BAR BINGO**



**Is Co-Hosted by PER Carol Horton & Conne Doyle every month. Our next Bar Bingo on Sunday, January 31st @ 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***



**Sunday February 7th, 2009 @ 5:30 pm**

**We have your entertainment needs:**

**Block Poll - \$5 a block/ \$1 a block**

**50/50**

**Jello Shots**

**Cost is \$15 per person – includes Food & Beverages & Beer**



## 6th Annual Casino Bus Trip

54 seats available

Must be at least 21 years old

March 21st - \$25 per person

With \$\$ coming back to you to use at the casino

Departure from Bridgeport Park Parking Lot @ 10a.m.

Departure from Casino 6 p.m.

Space is LIMITED

Last year's trip filled very quick!!!



\*\*Casino yet to be determined\*\*

\*\*Amount of \$\$ coming back to you yet to be determined\*\*



### 2009-2010 Committee Chairpersons

**Accident & Prevention** - Harry Dean Sr. (PER) (610) 489-9163

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**Drug Awareness** - Cathy Walter

**CP Legacy Trust** - Carol Horton (PER) (610) 265-3937

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Walter Dworecki (610) 277-7257

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**Community Activities** - Cathy Jones

**Blood Drive** - Sandy Dworecki (610) 277-7257 & Sara Ledbetter

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24th - Patrice DeStefano PER

25th - John Cunnane  
Catherine Rowan

26th - James Marsh

27th - Allen Young

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 for FEBRUARY the loveliest month of the year 2010

	1 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	2	3	4 Lodge Meeting @ 8:00 p.m	5 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	6 Social Room Open @ 4pm
7 Social Room Open @ 1Noon	8 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	13 Social Room Open @ 4pm Bunco Game Night
14 SE District Meeting Social Room Open @ Noon	15 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Lodge Meeting @ 8:00 p.m.	19 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	20 Social Room Open @ 4pm COMEDY NIGHT
21 Morning Breakfast Bar Bingo 3pm	22 BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	23	24	25	26 Social Room Open @ 6 pm	27 Social Room Open @ 4pm

28  
 Social Room Open @ Noon  
 Bar Bingo

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Upcoming Events:  
 March 13th St. Patty's Day Parade  
 March 21st Casino Trip  
 March 22nd Blood Drive  
 Sept 18th Golf Outing