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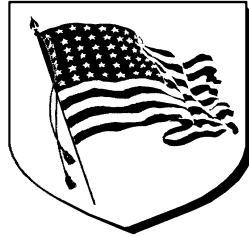
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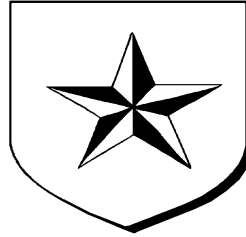
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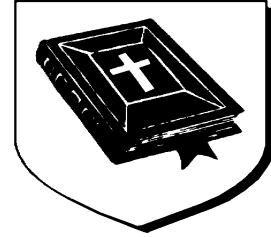
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Dear Fellow Members,

## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

March is finally here, I was beginning to think that spring would never arrive. I am a person who loves the snow but I think we were ALL snowed out. I am sure we could all use some warm sunny days, hope there are many of those days in our future.

Speaking of the future, a new lodge year is right around the corner. I personally can not believe how fast the year went. It is a bitter-sweet feeling to be coming to the end of my year as Exalted Ruler. I have learned much about myself and have come to TRULY appreciate what a fantastic lodge I am a part of. I have always been proud of our "Small but Mighty" Lodge, but through this last year have seen, beyond doubt, how blessed I am to be a part of Norristown #714. There was always someone there with encouraging words and great support. I would like to thank all the Officers of 2009-2010 and all the Committee Chair- people who worked so hard to make this year such a wonderful success. We all work so well together and are always here for one another. Just like a family, things are not always easy, but we all manage to find the common thread that keeps us together and move forward! Thank you to everyone for making this a year to remember!!

With moving forward, I would like to congratulate, Exalted Ruler-Elect Kimberly Miller, the Incoming Officers and all the Committee Chair-people for the Fraternal Lodge year 2010-11. You should all be very proud that our lodge's membership has put their faith in all of you. I am sure that you will make them proud in many ways in the upcoming year.

March is always a busy month for us. The Annual AOH Irish Coffee Tasting Contest on March 11<sup>th</sup>, of course at the AOH. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Conshohocken. The theme of this year's parade is "American Branches with Celtic Roots". We will also be using our NEW Drug Awareness trailer for the first time in the parade. Hope many of you can participate in the parade! It is always a great day, with even better fellowship back at the lodge afterwards. March 21<sup>st</sup> is our annual Casino Bus Trip. The bus is full, and we are heading to the Hilton. 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. Chair-person Sara Ledbetter has a sign-up sheet hanging at the lodge, if you haven't already, sign up soon. Finally, March 27<sup>th</sup> will be "Installation of Officers". This is always a very special night for our Lodge. I hope that you can all make the time to come to Installation and show your support of all the new Officers that will be installed that evening. I can speak from experience, that there is nothing more special than to share that magnificent evening with all of the amazing members and friends of our Lodge.

Again, I would like to thank you all, for all the wonderful support during my year as Exalted Ruler. I certainly could not have done it without each and every one of you. I was an honor and a privileged to serve our lodge and one I will never forget! Thanks you so much for that opportunity!

Fraternally Yours,  
Laura Minnich – Exalted Ruler

**The Officers & Members  
Of Norristown Lodge No. 714 of  
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
Request the pleasure of your company**

**At  
Installation of Officers  
For the fraternal lodge year 2010-11**

**On  
Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
494 Ford Street  
Bridgeport, PA 19405**

**Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres served at 6 o'clock  
Ceremony will begin at 7 o'clock  
Dinner immediately following**

**Please RSVP to  
Norristown Elks Lodge No. 714  
610-277-3810**

## **Beef n Beer**

A Night of Dancing, Games of Chance,  
Beer and Good Food

Sponsored By  
The Norristown Elks Ritual Team

Date: Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Time: 8pm

Cost is only \$20

## Benefits Norristown Ritual Team Sign-Up for your Wings tickets!



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Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm

At the Wachovia Center

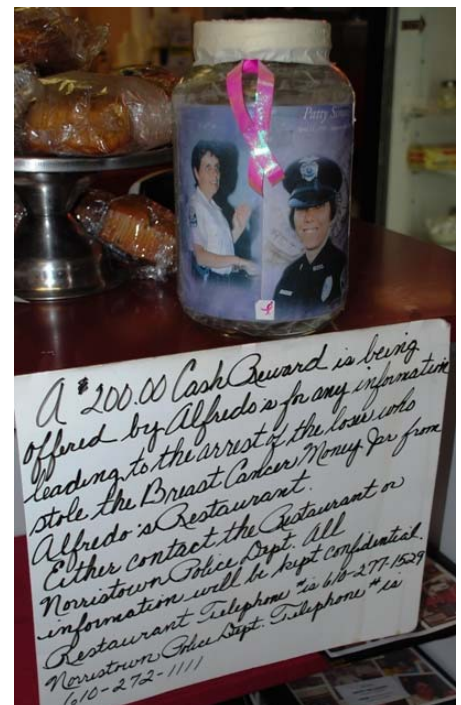
Tickets are \$25 for Lower Level Seats

**Money due by March 18**

Contact Laura Minnich 610-639-9973 or email at minnichflyers6@verizon.net

### *Elks Care - Elks Share in the community*

Recently an article printed by the Times Herald about the theft of a donation jar at Alfredo's restaurant, which would benefit the American Breast Cancer Foundation, in honor of the late Lt. Patty Simons, the beloved Norristown police officer whose life was claimed by the disease in 2008, was brought to the attention of an Elk member during a monthly meeting. The news moved the members and Officers of lodge No. 714 to donate \$100.00 back to Alfredo's, so their donations to the American Breast Cancer Foundation could continue. Presenting the ceremonial check is (on left) Lodge President Laura Minnich and accepting the check are (L-R) Mary Simons, Kate Simons, Olga Giammatteo, Frank Giammatteo and Sarah Giammatteo.



**St. Patty's Day Parade**  
**Come see us march down Fayette Street in**  
**Conshohocken, PA ; March 13th @ 2 p.m.**

Scheduled SOUTHEAST DISTRICT Meetings

May 2nd -@ Norristown #714

PA STATE CONVENTION

May 13th - 16th @ Seven Springs



Help Support your Norristown Ritual Team

Take a Chance at winning a \$300 gift card for gas, Winner Chooses location of the gas Station  
 Tickets are \$5.00 each

Winning ticket will be picked at the Beer and Beer on April 17th, 2010

\*please see any member of the Ritual Team or your Bartender to get your tickets\*

*Morning Breakfast*

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

**March 14th**

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



Special Thanks goes out to the Bridgeport Ribhouse for donating the Coffee Brewing Pot also for slicing our Roast Beef for of our lodge's recent evetns

## **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 inquires 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

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

**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**

# **BAR BINGO**



**Is Co-Hosted by PER Carol Horton & Conne Doyle every month. Our next Bar Bingo on Sunday, March 7th @ 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***

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Norristown Elks will be hosting our bi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, March 22, 2010.

You know how many days between blood donations? (56), you know how many lives a pint saves? (3) and you know that the Red Cross is always struggling with the blood supply. What I don't tell you is that they give you juice, cookies and pretzels after you donate. Wow, all that for your time and a pint of blood!?!

Join me, your fellow Elks members, and the community for our blood drive.

Bring your neighbors or a friend. All are welcome.

Look for the sign up sheet at the lodge.



**MONDAY, March 22, 2010**  
**2:00 PM TO 7:45 PM**

**ELKS LODGE**  
**494 FORD STREET**  
**BRIDGEPORT, PA 19405**



**Call the lodge for an appointment at 610-277-3810**

The AOH in Swedesburg will be coordinating their blood drives around ours. If you cannot give at the Elks, look for the AOH upcoming drives. Join both the Norristown Elks and AOH in their efforts to keep the blood flowing. Find out where you can donate, visit [www.givelifelife.org](http://www.givelifelife.org) or call **1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543)**.



To help prepare for the Installation of Officers we will be having our annual lodge clean up: 3/14 & 3/20; stop by the lodge and pitch in



## 6th Annual Casino Bus Trip

Departure from Bridgeport Park

Parking Lot @ 10a.m.

Departure from Hilton 6 p.m.



### 2009-2010 Committee Chairpersons

**Accident & Prevention** - Harry Dean Sr. (PER) (610) 489-9163  
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**CP Legacy Trust** - Carol Horton (PER) (610) 265-3937  
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**Flag Day** - Patrice DeStefano (DDGER)  
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**Hoop Shoot** - Angel Novitski  
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**Natl. Foundation** - Kim Miller (610) 952-0009  
**National Home** - Richard Roth (610) 316-4727  
**Natl. Vet. Service** - Tom Novitski (484) 239-3164  
**PER Assoc.** - Kyle Minnich (610) 265-5079  
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**Ritual** - Jim DeStefano (PDDGER) (610) 935-2785  
**Scholarship** - Sandy Dworecki (610) 277-7257  
**Soccer Shoot** - Howard Quillen  
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**Visitation** - Sara Ledbetter  
**Youth Activities** - Jennifer Quillen (610) 551-9851  
**Community Activities** - Cathy Jones  
**Blood Drive** - Sandy Dworecki (610) 277-7257 & Sara Ledbetter

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31st - David Diehl

Kim Miller  
 William Stiteler  
 Catherine Walter

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**Please contact:**  
**Mark A. Shepperd**

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**494 Ford Street,**  
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**Cell#: (610)247-9244**

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Newsletter for the Norristown Elks Lodge #714, Volume #169  
 for MARCH the luckiest month of the year 2010

Upcoming Events: April 3rd Wings Game  April 17th Beef N Beer	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 @ Noon  Bar Bingo 3pm	8  BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	9	10	11	12  Social Room Open @ 6 pm	13  St. Patty's Day Parade  Social Room Open @ 4pm
14  Morning Breakfast  Lodge Clean-Up  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  Lodge Clean-Up  Social Room Open @ 4pm
21  CASINO BUS TRIP  Lodge Room Closed	22  BLOOD DRIVE	23	24	25	26  Social Room Open @ 6 pm	27  INSTALLATION Of OFFICERS
28  Social Room Open @ Noon	29  BSA Troop Meeting @ 7:00 pm	30	31	<h1>MARCH 2010</h1>		