

BPOE ELKS #294

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RESTORATION PROCESS

Elks 294 is still in the restoration process. Nancy Bickerstaff and her volunteers from Operation Image have done a wonderful job to improve our Lodge. With the generosity of many and the hard work of many volunteers everything is coming together.

The ballroom floor has been refinished, the WV Room is a place for true Mountaineers, and the upstairs restrooms have been refurbished. The Pierpont Room is a lovely place to relax and have dinner. The ladies restroom is now being remodeled. From the moment you enter the Elks foyer you will notice the changes that have taken place in the past few months.

If you wish to contribute to this project please make your check payable to Elks 294 and earmark it for the restoration project. If you donate \$100.00 or more we will do a plaque in memory or honor of a loved one. This donation is tax deductible.

There will be a giant yard sale on the Elks porch on June 6th. Please gather items for this sale.

For more information Call Nancy Bickerstaff at 366-3231.

2007 - 2008 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	
Leading Knight	
Loyal Knight	John West
Lecturing Knight	Thomas Board
Secretary	Judith Plivelich, PER
Treasurer	Terry Pyecha, PDDGER
Esquire	
Chaplain	John Sayre
Inner Guard	
Tiler	Robert Kozul
Organist	Mary Faith Dunnington
Parliamentarian	J Chris Pallotta, PER

Trustees

Richard Romino, PSP
 Robert Conaway - Joseph Farcin, Jr
 Joseph Waitkus, PER - Sally Tarley, PER

Adams Board

William Conrad, ER - President
 Rondal Hill - Carol D'Amico
 Jim Talkington - Janice Cosco

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Club Manager - Rudy Zaccagnini

Ladies of the Elks

President & Treasurer	Ginger Kirby
Vice President	Mary Faith Dunnington
Secretary	Joan Burns

Ladies Meeting 12 Noon.....Nov thru April

ELKS #294 NEWSLETTER

Mar 2 Ladies Meeting 12:00

There are a lot of activities being planned so please try to attend the meeting. The Ladies membership dinner will be held on **April 6** see note below. Thanks Ginger

Mar 3 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Propositions for membership:
 Jesse Opas Proposed by Randy Opas
 Kevin Rogers Proposed by Rudy Zaccagnini
 Diane Reynolds Proposed by Rudy Zaccagnini
 Sandra Skormisley Proposed by Rudy Zaccagnini
 Chet Tobrey Proposed by Cathy Demasi
 Stephanie Skarzinski Proposed by Richard Romino

Mar 17 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Balloting for candidates

Mar 29 Old Timers & PER Dinner - Invitations are with the newsletter, please respond by **March 20th**

April 6 Ladies Membership Dinner Social Hour 5:30 - Dinner 6:00

Each member is requested to bring a covered dish. The dues for the coming year will be increased to \$15.00.
 We will also be holding a "shower" for the Elks on this evening - please bring clean items, trash bags, etc. that can be used by the staff. A list of other items needed will be posted in the building before this date.

Invitations letters will not be mailed this is your only notice!!

April 7 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.- Installation of officers

New Officers will be listed in the May newsletter

April 21 Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Initiation

VERY IMPORTANT DUES INFORMATION

As per Grand Lodge Statutes and Lodge By-Laws, each member shall pay - "The annual dues as fixed in the By-Laws. In addition thereto, each member shall also pay Grand Lodge per capita fees, Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment and State Association dues." Currently members are paying annual dues, Grand Lodge and assessments, and State dues in the amount of \$55.00.

At the 2005 Grand Lodge Convention it was approved to increase G L per capita fees \$1.00, for the maintenance and operations of the Elks National Home.

In 2006, the state association voted to increase the state dues by \$.75 per member.

Neither of these increases (\$1.75) were passed on to the membership as they should have been according to our Statutes and By-Laws. The lodge has absorbed these costs.

The past two years this has cost the lodge approximately \$1700.00. During each of these two years, we have only had the funds to pay our lodge secretary and treasurer for 6 months each year.

At the 2008 Grand Lodge Convention, it was approved to raise the G L per capita fee by \$3.00 per member. This \$3.00 coupled with the \$1.75 already assessed amounts to \$4.75. With approximately 470 members, this equates to over \$2200.00 this year. The lodge can not afford to absorb this expense any longer.

This year, members will pay annual dues plus Grand Lodge fees and assessments, and state dues in the amount of \$60.00.

Again, Lodge dues have not increased, the G L fees and assessments, and state dues have increased, and we have to pass them on to the membership.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Closed Sundays	2 <i>Ladies Meeting</i> <i>12:00 Noon</i>	3 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	4	5 Happy Hour	6 Beef Stew	7
8 <i>Daylight</i> <i>Savings Time</i>	9	10 <i>Trustees & Adams</i> 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Happy Hour	13 Potato Roasted Cod	14
15	16	17 <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Lodge Meeting</i> <i>Balloting</i>	18	19 Happy Hour	20 Baked Steak	21
22	23 <i>VA Hospital</i> <i>Bingo</i>	24	25	26 Happy Hour	27 Chicken Parmesan	28
29 Old Timer's PER Dinner	30	31			<i>Memorial to our absent Members</i> <i>George Rider - Frank Oliverio</i> <i>Billie Williamson</i>	

Music for your dancing pleasure provided every Friday by Don Hamilton & Jim Talkington

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed Sundays			1	2 Happy Hour	3 Pork Chops	4
5 <i>Palm</i> Sunday	6 Ladies <i>Membership</i> Dinner	7 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> <i>7:00 p.m.</i>	8	9 Happy Hour	10 Beer Battered Fish Fry	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14 <i>Trustees & Adams</i> 6:30 p.m.	15	16 Happy Hour	17 Baked Steak	18
19 DD Clinic Martinsburg	20	21 <i>7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Lodge Meeting</i> <i>Initiation</i>	22	23 Happy Hour	24 BBQ Chicken	25
25	27 <i>VA Hospital</i> <i>Bingo</i>	28	29	30 Happy Hour		

Notice:

Several members will be dropped for non payment of dues for the current year. You received your personal letter regarding this matter in mid February. Please let us hear from you before the end of March, if we have not received your dues for the current year by that time we are required by statutes to remove you from the roll. You will not be permitted in this lodge or any other lodge. Hope to hear from you soon.

Judith Plivelich, Secretary