

The WAPITI



Martinsburg Elks Lodge No. 778
121 East King Street,
Martinsburg, WV 25402



July-August 2007

Exalted Ruler's Message



Elks Care - Elks Share

June 14th was Flag Day, a required day of observance for Elks. The Lodge celebrated Flag Day June 14th at 6:00 p.m. in War memorial Park with a program. Remember to fly your flag proudly on the fourth of July as well. There will be no monthly Lodge meeting during July and only the third Wednesday in August because of the summer holidays. Please have a safe summer. Our Lodge picnic is scheduled for August 26th. Make plans to buy tickets at the bar in advance so we will know how many are coming. They will not be available at the gate. I would like to thank all lodge members who is taking part in lodge activities. Your participation makes the events successful. We have made changes in the times that the Lodge is open. We have also cancelled dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings based on member participation. We will still have a menu with various foods and sandwiches. Please note the calendar and menu insert.

Sickness and Distress

Roger and Danetta Everhart continue with the task of sending flowers to hospitalized members. If you know a lodge member in the hospital, please call Roger or Danetta at 304 271-8807 with the information. Also remember in keeping with Grand Lodge policy, the lodge closes during the funeral of a lodge member. Please provide this same information to Roger and Danetta.

Teenager of the Month Winners

Over 50 students were submitted from the tri-county high schools between October and April of this year. The competition was very competitive and the selection difficult, however, a lodge committee comprised of educational professionals selected the boy and girl winners for the 2006-2007 school year.

The male winner was Steve Lovell from Martinsburg High School. Lovell is shown receiving his plaque from Wally Heslen, Chairman of the Teenager of the Year Committee and George Karos, Mayor of Martinsburg.



The female winner was Rachael Park of Martinsburg High School. Rachael was also

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MARTINSBURG, WV LODGE NO. 778
2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER.....KENNETH A. RICHARDSON, PER
 LEADING KNIGHT.....CURTIS W. BEARD
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 LECTURING KNIGHT.....TODD GOSNELL
 SECRETARY.....WILLIAM D. SITES, PER, PDDGER
 TREASURER..... RICHARD M. SUBORA, PER
 ESQUIRE.....FRED T. MOLER., PER, PDDGER
 CHAPLAIN..... RICHARD STEERMAN
 INNER GUARD.....GARRY VANMETRE
 TILER.....THOMAS R. SETTLE

TRUSTEES

5-YEAR.....WAYNE S. HOVERMALE, PER
 4-YEAR.....RICHARD GOSNELL, PER
 3-YEAR.....W SCOTT PERKINS III, PER
 2-YEAR.....ROBERT SELTER, PER
 1-YEAR.....WALTER L. (SKIP) SHADE JR., PER

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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

The Entertainment Committee is planning events for your lodge and here are some of the events that are being looked at.

July 14th - Horse Races at Lodge. Races begin at 8 pm. There will be a special meal that evening. Please call for reservations.

July 28th - Bus trip to the Yankees vs Orioles game. Tickets \$60.

August 26th - Lodge Annual Picnic at Moose Acres. Please buy tickets at Lodge so we know how many are coming. Money will be refunded at picnic or through raffles at picnic.

September 13th - Bus trip to WVU vs Maryland Football game..

December 1st - Children's Christmas Party

December 23rd - Adult Christmas Party



selected as th Senior Teenager of the Year for the State of West Virginia. Rachael will be invited to attend the West Virginia Mid-Year Conference in Clarksburg, West Virginia in August where she will receive recognition from the state.

BINGO COMMITTEE

Your Bingo committee continues to work diligently every Thursday night. Bingo starts at 6:40 and is over by 9:15. Members, we need players, so if you know anyone who plays bingo tell them about ours and encourage them to come. Also, we need callers. No experience necessary, we will train. If you're interested in helping out see Skip Shade or Charlie Sisson.

Elks Youth Fishing Derby a Success!

The May 12th Elks Trout Derby for Berkeley County boys and girls ages 4-12 years was a tremendous success. One hundred thirty children participated in the event in perfect weather catching 151 trout at Poor House Farm. Hot dogs were furnished by Larry Ott, Sodas and bottled water donated by Richard Steerman, Prizes were awarded to all children and were contrib-

uted by Martinsburg Elks, McDonald's North End, Butch Pennington, Centra Bank, BB&T Bank, Eastern Panhandle Community Credit Union, Walmart, City Hospital, Craig Norton, Penny and Kenny Richardson, Murphy's Convenience Store, Sparks Sports Center, Jerry Stucky, and Bonnie Shultz. Special thanks go to Steve Catlett, Director of Park and Recreation Board and Berkeley County Poor House Farm, West Virginia Natural Resources for the fish, and Donna and Earl Lightner for furnishing their motor home and helping guard fish. Thanks to the Martinsburg Journal, the Buyer's Guide for advertising the event (C. Subora), and all the Elks who helped.

The winners were:

Tanner Bishop - first fish caught by boy and awarded a \$50 savings bond.

Kelsey Miller - first fish caught by girl and awarded a \$50 savings bond.

First four fish caught Groupings

Boys 4-8 Yrs :

1st Tanner Bishop - fishing rod

2nd Colton Roger - fishing pole

3rd Charles Beall III - \$10 Gift Certificate

Girls 4-8 Yrs

1st Kelsey Miller - fishing pole

2nd Leah Rathlife - tackle box

3rd Jackie Hartman - fishing pole

Boys 9-12 Yrs

1st Tyler Nine - fishing pole

2nd Auston Ashby - fishing pole

3rd Bryce Ferro - \$10 gift certificate

Girls 9-12 Yrs

1st Logan Adams - fishing pole

2nd Sadid Ashby - tackle box

3rd Katie Robinson - fishing pole



Elks Held Flag Day Ceremony at War Memorial Park

On June 14, the Martinsburg Elks Lodge held its annual Flag Day ceremony at War Memorial Park. Over 100 viewed the ceremony from the bleachers and were later entertained by the Marine Corps Band. While the history of our

flag from our country's infancy through the modern day was read, scout troops presented the eight flags our nation used during that time. Shown are boy scouts presenting our current day flag. Martinsburg Elks Lodge recognized and held an after ceremony cookout for veterans from the Martinsburg VA Medical Center.



Elks Major Project

Each Elk State Association has a major project. West Virginia Elks Association has as its major project two one week summer camps for physically and mentally challenged children. These camps are held at Camp Muffly in Morgantown and the 4-H camp in Princeton, West Virginia. These camps are free of charge to the participants and are financed through the Elks National Foundation. Camp Muffley will be held in June and in Princeton in July.

Martinsburg Lodge Sponsors Soapbox Derby



Martinsburg Elks Lodge was a major sponsor to the Norwalk Soap Box Derby held in June. Martinsburg Elks Lodge sponsored two cars driven by Skip Shades two granddaughters. Roy Bishop again supported the Lodge by working on the Lodge Derby entries. Roy Bishop has been a major factor in the past five years winners. Each of his grandsons and his niece won in previous years. Martinsburg Lodge's two entries were the Drug Awareness Car #4 and the Elks Lodge Car #778. Thank you Roy for all you do in this event.

Elks National Home

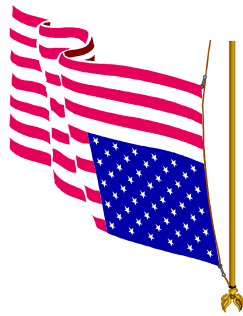
Life is full of changes. Is it time for a change in yours? A Change for the netter..A Change that will give you the security and carefree lifestyle you desire. At the Elks National retirement community you can relax and leave the worries to someone else. Work on your golf game on the retirement community golf course, spend time with new friends, go to the mall, take a scenic drive, or other interesting things near the community in Bedford, Virginia. We currently have vacancies for single occupancy for both men and women. Its easy to get full information and an application. Just call 1-800-552-4140 during regular hours or write to: Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, Virginia 24523. Contact us today!

Essay Contest Winners

Martinsburg's first place essay contest winner in Division 1 was Molly Beck. She is shown third from left along with first place winner Erin Weddle of Musselman. Both were submitted to the state for competition against other lodge winners. Molly placed second in the state for her essay. Shown left to right are Joe Wimer, PER, Mayor Karos, Molly and Erin, and Kenny Richardson, Martinsburg Lodge's current President or Exalted Ruler.



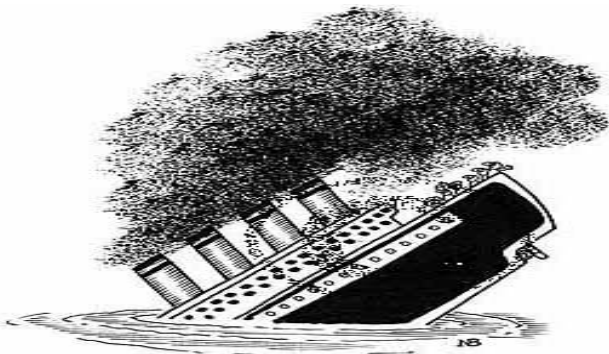
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House Committee

Beginning July 1, 2007, Martinsburg Lodge's lounge will become a bar and grill. Dinners will no longer be offered on Friday and Saturday nights. Sandwiches and other food items will be available. We plan to have occasional special events with a special meal being offered. Participation by members for the Friday and Saturday night dinners has dwindled to just a few leaving the lodge House Committee with no other alternative. With such participation is not business practical to maintain a Chef and waiter staff. Should future participation increase the House Committee will reassess alternatives at that time. But drop by and have an enjoyable evening socially with your fellow members. Don't panic, it just a temporary crash floe problem.



Dues Are Due

Your 2007-2008 Dues were payable April 1, 2007 for the lodge year. Your old cards will no longer open the door. Please support our lodge home. The lodge only gets a small portion the dues for the lodge. Payments are made to the Grand Lodge and the West Virginia State Elks Association. In addition, \$35 a year is the lowest dues of any Elks lodge near us or in the state.

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2007-2008
STATEMENT OF DUES
Martinsburg Lodge No. 778, BPO Elks
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2007-2008 Lodge Dues
Payable April 1, 2007 - \$35.00
Dues Are Not Deductible For Federal
Income Tax Purposes
The above notice is considered a proper dues
notice
Office of the Secretary

New Class Initiated

A new class of four was initiated into the lodge in June. Within that class was the grandson of Charlie Sisson far right. Below is Charlie Sisson



center with his grandson left and his son right.



Lapsation Committee

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is an organization throughout the country caring for and sharing with others in the community. Did you ever stop to think about what it takes to run such an organization? It takes participation by its membership and revenues. Each and every member plays a vital role in the success of our lodge through membership dues. If you have not paid your dues, please do so today. Active members please contact any delinquent members. A list is posted in the lodge. Thank you for your continuing support.

Membership Committee

A member is a vital part of our organization.

It cannot be expressed enough of its importance. To keep our lodge and our great organization strong, we must continue to initiate new members. New members are the future of Elkdom. The way we get new or reinstated members is through our current members. Sponsor a new member or contact an old member for reinstatement. Many are just waiting for us to ask them to join. Remember that a combination of three new members or reinstated members will get your membership paid by the lodge next year. Your name will also be submitted to the State and National levels for eligibility in their incentive programs.

State President Visit

Jeff Miller, West Virginia Elks State President will make his official visit to Martinsburg during on August 26, 2007. He will attend the annual picnic being held at the Moose Acres location. Jeff was installed as President of the West Virginia Elks State Association in April at Pipestem. He is from Wheeling Lodge #28. Jeff was installed by our own Howard Boyd, Past State President. He and his wife Debbie wanted to attend the annual picnic in hopes of meeting more of the lodge members.

Lodge Newsletter

Howard Boyd has done our newsletter for the past ten years. He has retired and relocated to North Carolina. The Lodge is looking for someone interested in doing our newsletter. Anyone interested should contact Kenny Richardson, Exalted Ruler, or let any of the officers know. We appreciate what Howard has done both with the newsletter and our public relations "People Helping People" page that appeared in the Journal the first Wednesday of the month.



**Food Service
B.P.O. Elks Lodge #778
July 2007**

Tuesdays

**Wing Nite 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.
25 cents per wing
Draft Beer 50 cents all day**



Everyday Menu

Hamburger	\$2.50
Cheeseburger	\$2.75
Bacon Cheeseburger	\$3.00
Deluxe Burger	\$3.25
B.L.T.	\$2.75
Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Grilled Cheese	\$1.50
Tuna Salad Sandwich	\$2.75
Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$2.75
Egg Salad Sandwich	\$2.75
778 Club Sandwich	\$3.75

**All Sandwiches Served with
Chips and Pickel**

Chicken Tenders	\$3.00
Wing Dings	\$3.50
Hot or BBQ Wings	\$4.00
Honey Dipped Chicken	\$4.00
Breaded Shrimp Basket	\$3.50
French Fries	\$1.00
Fries with Gravy	\$1.50
Mini Potato Cakes	\$1.25
Onion Rings	\$1.50
Chef Salad	\$3.75
Breaded Mushrooms	\$2.50
Corn Fritters	\$2.50
Cheese Sticks	\$2.50

**All To Go Orders 25 Cents Per
Item Extra and Added Items 10
Cents Per Item**



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