

# SISTERSVILLE ELKS LODGE NO. 333

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### DATES & LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS

01-04-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM  
01-06-12 Dip Dinner in Lounge - 5 to 7 PM  
01-13-12 Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches  
in Lounge from 5 to 7 PM  
01-14-12 District Hoop Shoot Contest in  
Weirton, WV at 10:00 AM  
01-18-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM  
Vote on Life Memberships  
01-21-12 Fish Fry in Lounge - 5 to 7 PM  
Monthly Drawing at 8:00 PM  
Entertainment by Capt. Carl Jr.  
in Lounge from 9 to 1 AM  
01-27-12 Chicken Parmesan Dinners in  
Lounge from 5 to 7 PM  
02-01-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM  
PER Night - Nomination of  
Officers for 2012-2013 Year  
02-03-12 Chili and Grilled Cheese in  
Lounge from 5 to 7 PM  
02-10-12 Lasagna Dinners - 5 to 7 PM  
made by Tracy Heintzman  
02-11-12 Valentine Day Dance with music  
by Carmen Harman 9 to 1 AM  
02-15-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM  
Election of Officers  
02-18-12 Fish Fry in Lounge - 5 to 7 PM  
Monthly Drawing at 8:00 PM  
Entertainment by Jer & Sher in  
Lounge from 9 to 1 AM  
02-24-12 Baked Steak Dinners - 5 to 7 PM  
03-02-12 Dip Dinner in Lounge - 5 to 7 PM  
03-03-12 State Ritual Contest in Lewisburg,  
WV Elks Lodge No. 1758  
03-07-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM  
03-09-12 Spaghetti Dinners - 5 to 7 PM  
03-17-12 Potato Bar in Lounge - 5 to 7 PM  
Monthly Drawing at 8:00 PM  
Entertainment by Mike Matthews  
in Lounge from 9 to 1 AM  
03-21-12 Regular Lodge Meeting - 7 PM

### (Upcoming Events - Continued)

03-23-12 Elk Burgers in Lounge-5 to 7 PM  
03-31-12 Annual Membership Dinner at  
6:00 PM in Ballroom. WV Elks  
State President will visit. Watch  
for Sign-Up Notice in Lounge.  
*Entertainment in Lounge TBA*

### Message from your Exalted Ruler.

There are two insidious maladies infecting lodges throughout the nation. I refer to them as the dreaded “I words” and the damage they can do to otherwise superior lodges is beyond measure. I’m talking about infighting and indifference.

Infighting and the formation of factions within a lodge can destroy in a very short period of time that which has taken years to create. Groups become so entrenched in their own viewpoints that they won’t even consider other thoughts or ideas. Compromise becomes synonymous with capitulation, feelings are hurt and “Brother and Sister Elks” become enemies.

We must guard against this disease. As Elks, we are required through our obligation to respect one another and to be willing to “condone, forgive, and forget.” That doesn’t mean that we can’t have dissenting opinions or that everyone will always agree, but we must be willing to listen and work together and to “just let go” of past injustices. Often the perceived injury was neither intentional nor even recognized.

In many ways indifference is even harder to deal with, as it is slower in developing and more difficult to recognize. All too often, we sit back and let others do the work when our help would have made a real difference. “I don’t want to commit,” “Someone else will take care of it” and “I don’t have time” are just a few of the common phrases that we use each and every day.

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While it is true that a single member can't "do it all" it is likewise true that being involved is what makes the Elks worth belonging to. Find a project and make it your own. Consider becoming an officer. Do your part in promoting your lodge. Make a difference. The most enjoyable times we have tend to be while we are "sharing the load" together. Few things are more satisfying than a project well done shared among friends.

*James L. McIntyre, Jr., Exalted Ruler*

### **BALLOT ON LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

At the regular meeting of the Lodge to be held on January 18, 2011, we will ballot on the nominees for Life Membership as follows: Robert E. Hammel and Leo M. Herrick. These members become eligible in 2012 and were officially nominated for this honor at the December 21, 2011 regular meeting of the Lodge and balloting date set by the Exalted Ruler.

### **ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION UPDATE**

When this newsletter went to press, this Lodge and it's members had contributed \$2,245.00 to the Elks National Foundation since April 1, 2011. This equates to \$4.39 per member! The goal to be met by March 15, 2011 is \$4.50 per member. Another \$100.00 will put us over the top with \$2,345.00 by that date. If you are already a participating member, remember to keep your yearly payments up to date and send them in when notified by the Elks National Foundation that they are due. If you are not a member and would like to become one, please contact the Lodge Secretary or ENF Chairperson Heidi Hubbard who will be glad to sign you up. Each year, this Lodge receives much more in return in scholarships and grants than we contribute. Act now to become a participant in the great charitable arm of the Elks by making a donation. Remember - *"If you can't give a million, be one of a million to give."* Please join in this great endeavor.

### **ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS**

Remember - Your Lodge holds their regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Take time to attend a meeting and participate in the affairs of your Lodge.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICES CONDUCTED**

Our Annual Memorial services were held on December 4, 2011 to honor the memory of our departed members. Those who passed away since our last service and remembered were: Thomas J. Lasick, Henry D. Bell PER, Gene M. Chute PER, PDD, Edward W. Kehrer, James L. Simmons, Beryl E. Markley, Theodore R. Sarnecki, Kenneth Collett, Francis E. Steele and Kenneth R. Stewart. Their names have been inscribed forever upon our *"Tablets of Love and Memory."*

### **DEPARTED MEMBER**

We were saddened to learn of the passing our Life Member Gail F. Flanagan on December 14, 2011 at his home in Paden City, WV. Gail was a faithful member and will be missed by us all. *"He has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death - The places that have known him shall know him no more, but his virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory."*

### **SANTA ENTERTAINS CHILDREN**

On Thursday, December 22, 2011, Santa Claus made his annual visit to the Sistersville Elementary School to meet all the children and pass out treats to over 330 students and staff. We especially want to thank Herbie McEowen who again used his influence with Santa in arranging for him to take time from his hectic schedule to visit with the children prior to Christmas!

### **WEST VIRGINIA ELKS AND ENF ASSIST WITH DRUG AWARENESS, HOOP SHOOT AND SOCCER SHOOT**

Thanks to the West Virginia Elks Association and the Elks National Foundation, our Lodge recently received \$200.00 to assist with our Drug Awareness program, \$250.00 for the local Soccer Shoot and \$134.00 to help with the local Hoop Shoot. This was all made possible by the State Association Trustees in budgeting monies to assist the Lodges with these programs. Hopefully, this will continue at least for the next couple of years.

### **DISTRICT HOOP SHOOT CONTEST**

North District Hoop Shoot Contest will be held in Weirton, WV on January 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

## **MEMBERSHIP STATUS AS OF 1-1-2012**

Alert to All Members - As of this date, we still have thirty six (36) members who have not paid their current dues since April 1, 2011. They are as follows: Josh Amos, Christopher T. Beaver, Burl Beegle, Candy Beegle, Fred R. Clayton, Stephen M. Cosper, Ricky A. Criss, Randall S. Eastham, Jennifer L. Eller, Stephen E. Essof PER, William E. Goots, William I. Gorby, Stephen A. Goudy, Jr., Charles M. Hayes, Eric S. Hayes, Charles K. Heinlein, Chad Heintzman, Michael D. Herrick, Earl C. Hoskins, Jr., Charles Jobs II, Debra Johnson, Robert O. Jones III, Jeffrey S. Lash, Tamara McEowen, Jack A. Metz, Thomas A. Metz, Carol Sue Neff, Janet R. Patterson, David A. Phillips, George M. Ramiy, Frank J. Sellers, Les J. Snider, Berl F. Stout, Gary E. Tedrow, Edward R. Vossen, Jr., and Clifford A. Warner. These members now have until March 31, 2012 to remit their dues or at that time they will be dropped from the membership rolls of the Lodge. All are being contacted on a regular basis concerning their dues.

On April 1, 2011 we started the year with 511 members. We had added 10 through initiations and reinstatements and dropped 9 via deaths, transfers, etc., leaving us with 512 members as of this date. We have 7 awaiting initiation which would bring our total to 519, however, if we have to drop the 36 listed, we would have a net loss for the year of minus 28 bringing our total down to 483! We do not want this to occur.

This Lodge has been one of the leaders in West Virginia in increasing and maintaining our membership for over 15 years until last year when we experienced a small loss. If you know any of the above members on a personal basis, please ask them to mail in their dues. Membership is the responsibility of each Elk and you are now being called upon to help keep our membership on the positive side. We hope for a positive response!

## **LODGE BY-LAW REVISION NOW DUE**

We are required to review and submit a general revision to our By-Laws and House Rules every five (5) years. We will be working on this project over the next several months to become current.

## **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

The Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student competition has been completed at the local level and the winners brochures forwarded on to the district level. Lodge winners who had their brochures forwarded were as follows: Adriane M. Rine, Alexis R. Ebert, Austin S. Carpenter, Michael D. George, all of Tyler Consolidated High School and Brady E. Nolan of Valley High School. The district and state winners will be announced in late February. We congratulate all who participated and we wish them success at the next level as they pursue their goals.

## **ELKS LEGACY AWARDS**

West Virginia has been allotted twelve (12) ENF Legacy Awards valued at \$4,000.00 each for 2012. These are available to any child, grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2009, they are eligible to apply. The applicant must be a high school senior. They must apply for this award on line at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars) to start the process. The deadline for entry is February 1, 2012. If you have or know of any senior who is eligible, encourage them to apply.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER TO BE HELD ON MARCH 31, 2012**

This annual event will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the ballroom. We will be honored at this function by the presence of our West Virginia Elks Association State President Jerry French and his first lady Katie who is also our State Association Treasurer. Immediately following dinner, a short program will be held to recognize the Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Special Commendation Awards and Lodge Awards. A sign-up board will be placed in the Lounge in March and each person attending will be required to pay \$5.00 when registering. This fee will be returned when you attend the dinner. Plans are still underway for live entertainment in the Lounge later in the evening. Watch the bulletin boards for more details. Make your plans now to attend this event to meet our State President and his lady and to help extend a great 333 welcome to our guests.

**MISCELLANEOUS NOTES OF INTEREST:** Your House Committee wishes to remind all members to always watch and note the lighted BPOE outdoor sign and the bulletin boards in the Lounge for reminders of our activities and also any last minute changes in dinner menus and additions or changes to the entertainment.---- Our District Deputy Roger Kirkpatrick of Weirton Lodge No. 1801 made his official visitation to the Lodge on October 5, 2011. He and his party performed their inspection both in an administrative and physical capacity and we received an outstanding report both from him and also our State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lester C. “Ted” Hess, Jr. who was very complimentary in his observations concerning our Lodge. Favorable reports don’t just happen, they are the result of a lot of hard work by many members over an extended period of time. Our hats are off to everyone who helped make this possible. Keep up the great work! ---- One final note: All of you are aware that we are going through some tough financial times and this is naturally reflected at your Lodge. Some steps such as curtailed hours were necessary in order to survive. It should also be noted that we have received donations from a few members to help towards this end and for this we are most grateful. Thank you! All members can help by coming out to the Lodge as often as you can and supporting the activities which still are being planned for your enjoyment. Hopefully, things will start to improve in the near future. Remember - Without participation by the membership we cannot succeed. It takes all of us working together to make it happen!!!

*“Hand In Hand, Together We Can”*

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