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ELKS GIVE – ELKS LIVE

January-March 2026



A Message from the Exalted Ruler

As I reflect on the past eleven months serving as Exalted Ruler of the Bellefonte Elks, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. This year has truly been a testament to the strength, compassion, and dedication of our members. It has been an honor beyond words to serve this Lodge and this community alongside each of you.

Over the past year, we have continued to live out the spirit of “Elks Care, Elks Share” in meaningful and impactful ways. Our Lodge has supported veterans, provided assistance to families in need, and invested in the lives of young people throughout our community. From youth programs like the Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot, to community outreach efforts including food drives, special events, and Home Service initiatives, our members have shown time and again what it means to serve with heart and purpose. We have gathered not only to serve, but to celebrate fellowship and community. From dinners and fundraisers to entertainment nights and special events, the Lodge has been filled with laughter, friendship, and shared experiences that strengthen the bonds among us. These moments remind us that the Bellefonte Elks is more than an organization — it is a family.

We have also welcomed new members, strengthened our programs, and continued traditions that make our Lodge such a special place. None of this would have been possible without the countless volunteers who gave their time, energy, and talents. Whether you worked behind the scenes, led a committee, prepared meals, organized events, or simply showed up to support the Lodge — you made a difference. As my time as Exalted Ruler comes to a close, I do so with a full heart. Serving in this role has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I am deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me, for your encouragement, and for the friendships that have grown along the way.

The Bellefonte Elks is strong because of its members — your generosity, your dedication, and your willingness to serve others. I have every confidence that the Lodge will continue to grow, thrive, and make a lasting impact in the year ahead with Evan Edwards leading the charge as your new Exalted Ruler, Tom Crist as Leading Knight, Brenda Kephart as Loyal Knight, and Ray Holsing as Lecturing Knight. Thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you as we carry forward our mission of service, fellowship, and community.

Fraternally,

Lorna Spearly

Exalted Ruler



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DECEMBER 2025 FOLLOW-UP

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



Once again, members stepped up to provide Christmas joy for about 45 children from the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. The Elks provided a Christmas Party, complete with Santa (Frank Lucas) and Mrs. Santa (Gwen Lucas), Rudolph (Kim Chambers), the Grinch (John Leiter), and Frosty (Brenda Kephart). The young people were treated to a pancake breakfast, tasty treats, arts and crafts, face painting, and, of course, Christmas gift bags.

Shown here with Santa and Mrs. Claus are children Chase, Brody, and Charlotte



CHRISTMAS BOXES DISTRIBUTION

The Christmas Holiday Season is a special time throughout the County, and certainly a most special time at the Bellefonte Elks Club.

This year, the Elks provided Christmas boxes for nearly 100 needy families in the Elks service area. Each box was assembled and distributed by Elks volunteers and included a ham, potatoes, veggies, etc., plus a dozen cookies baked and donated by the students at the Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science and Technology.

Before the packing and distribution took place, volunteers were treated to a pancake breakfast. In addition, ten (10) members of the Bellefonte High School Football team and three (3) coaches helped carry the donated boxes to the cars of the members of the public picking them up.

Here is a look at all the volunteers who participated in this year's Bellefonte Elks Christmas Charity Program. Elks Care! Elks Share!

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FESTIVAL OF TREES

Each December, local organizations participate in the Festival of Trees, wherein Christmas Trees are decorated and placed at the CPI for viewing and judging. Proceeds from the event are donated to CPI.

Shown here with the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094's tree are from left, Elks Trustee Terree Michel, Carol Kushwara, and Mike Dugal, who decorated the tree.



QUILTS OF VALOR

Profoundly impactful! Those were words used to describe the wonderfully performed Quilts of Valor Service recently performed at the Bellefonte Elks Club, by a team from the Quilts of Valor Team of Central Pennsylvania, led by Krista Gilday, Team Leader. Nine Quilts of Valor were presented, seven of which went to Elks members, as follows, from left to right:

Kenneth Weaver
Larry Cramer
Steve McCulley
Darwin Light
Rick Hoffman
Dennis Reiter
Ron Geyer (Philipsburg Lodge)



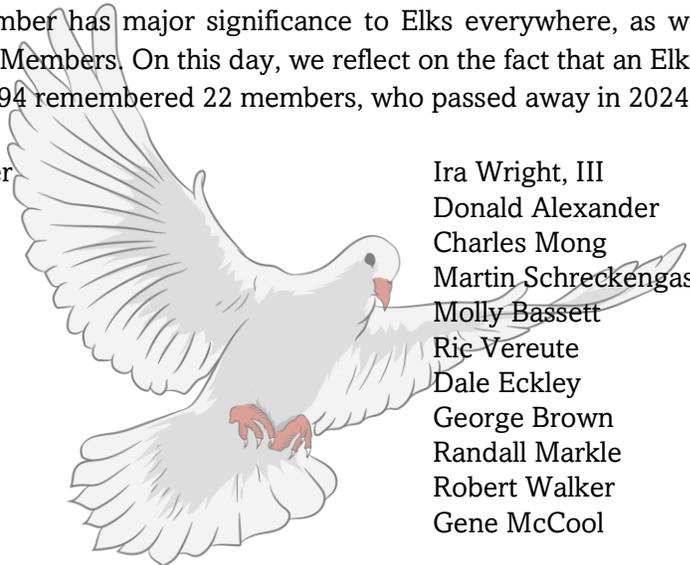
Additional Quilt presentations were made to:
John Curtin
Terry Runkle

These Quilts are all hand-quilted by the QOV Team and then presented in a very meaningful and dignified Quilts of Valor Ceremony, as demonstrated by the recent Program at the Bellefonte Elks. Thank you QOV for the quilts and Bellefonte Elks for coordinating the Program.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The first Sunday in December has major significance to Elks everywhere, as we gather to honor the cherished memories of our departed Members. On this day, we reflect on the fact that an Elk is never forgotten. Recently, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 remembered 22 members, who passed away in 2024, as follows:

Charles Cronemiller
Charles Mostoller
Wayne Brooks
Barry McMullin
Mark Shuey
Francis Smead
Carl Hill
Daniel Eberhart
William Port, III
Luther Musser
Charles Porter



Ira Wright, III
Donald Alexander
Charles Mong
Martin Schreckengast
Molly Bassett
Rie Vereute
Dale Eckley
George Brown
Randall Markle
Robert Walker
Gene McCool

Shown here are the Bellefonte Elks Lodge Officers who participated in the Ceremony: PER and Trustee Terree Holsing, Secretary Ed Evock, Head Trustee Patrick Corbett, Inner Guard Janice Watson, Leading Knight Evan Edwards, ER Lorna Spearly, Lecturing Knight Tom Crist, PER Chris Shuey, PER Adam Rawding, and PER Ray Holsing



LITTLE ELKS



Several Little Elks, of the Bellefonte Elks Lodge's Little Elks Program, made Christmas cards for members of the military who are stationed overseas. The Little Elks made thirty (30) cards to help brighten the Christmas of our military. Pictured are, from left to right, front row: Kevin Buckley, Landyn Koch and Connor Buckley Second row: Scarlett Redmond, Ryker Redmond, Brooklyn Grove and Brock Kelly.

ELKS GIVING

C.V.I.M.

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094 Board of Trustees are fast closing in on their end of year giving through the organization's David B. Garver Fund. And, in fact the last two grants for 2025 were awarded to Centre Volunteers in Medicine and The Ethel Beaver Fund, in check presentations held at the Bellefonte Elks Club in Bellefonte, PA. Shown here at the presentation is CVIM Developmental Team Lead Darion Shawley (center) as she receives the \$1,777 Grant, which will be used to provide pediatric dental care for children in the Bellefonte Area and Bald Eagle Area School Districts. The grant will specifically target costs associated with CVIM pediatric dental patients in those school districts. Shown with Ms. Shawley, on the left is Elks Trustee Cathy Hoffman and Elks PER, Trustee, and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore.



ETHEL BEAVER FUND

Once again, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094's David B. Garver Fund has stepped up to assist with funding programs for a local non-profit agency. For 77 years, the Ethel Beaver Fund of the Centre County Youth Services Bureau has made it possible for foster children in Centre County to experience the parts of childhood that many of us take for granted, such as summer camps, sports teams, prom dresses, and Christmas gifts.

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge's Garver Fund stepped up, and donated \$1,000 to the Ethel Beaver Fund, to ensure that kids in Foster Care do not miss out on the joys and milestones of just simply growing up. With this additional assistance, these young people in Foster Care do not just get by, they get to thrive, thanks in part to the Elks Garver Fund donation. Shown here from left to right, front: Hillary Haris, Board member, Ethel Beaver Fund Advisory Board and Elks Trustee Cathy Hoffman. Back row, left to right: Paul Morris, Chair, Ethel Beaver Fund Advisory Board, Centre County Youth Services, Katie Donley, Ethel Beaver Fund Advisory Board, Amber Concepcion, Centre County Commissioner and Ethel Beaver Fund Advisory Board, and Elks PER, Trustee, and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore.



Garver Fund

The Garver Fund is a generous endowment gifted to our Lodge through the estate of David B. Garver.

Our Lodge is incredibly fortunate to have received this endowment and takes great pride in using it to support and uplift our community.

If you would like more information about how to request a donation from the Garver Fund, please contact Dale Moore at dkccmoore@aol.com.

BELLEFONTE HIGH SCHOOL
Teen of the Month



January 2026 – Samantha Nedrow



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 congratulates Samantha Nedrow, on being selected as the Bellefonte Area High School's January 2026 Student of the Month. Samantha is committed to improving as a learner, as she approaches challenging work with curiosity and resilience. She uses feedback to raise her performance levels. She demonstrates leadership through involvement in the school's mini-thon, planning events with the drama program, and with her class cabinet. In addition, Samantha volunteers, encourages others, and follows through on responsibilities, whether through working with classmates, helping with an event, or working in the community, she shows humility, kindness, and integrity. Ms. Nedrow will now be in consideration for the Bellefonte Elks Lodge end-of-school year Student of the Year Award.

February 2026 - Alexander Stanton



Congratulations to Alexander Stanton of the Bellefonte Area School District for being chosen as the Bellefonte ELKS Teen of the Month for February! Academically, Alexander is an exceptional student who consistently demonstrates intellectual curiosity, strong work ethic, and personal responsibility. He approaches his coursework with maturity and determination, challenges themselves with rigorous classes, and maintains high academic grades while balancing numerous commitments. Beyond the classroom, Alex shows a genuine compassion to make a positive impact, whether through organized service projects, leadership roles in service-oriented clubs, or independent volunteer efforts. Alex balances his responsibilities with maturity and enthusiasm, often stepping up to lead by example. He is a role model among their peers and embodies the ideals of the Elks Teen of the Month program.

March 2026 - Lydia Osman



Congratulations to Lydia Osman for earning the March Bellefonte Elks Teen of the Month! Lydia represents academic excellence, meaningful service, and authentic leadership in our school community. Lydia is the kind of student who brings curiosity and determination to everything she does. She challenges herself with the toughest courses, contributes thoughtfully in class, and consistently pushes herself to grow. Lydia's influence reaches well beyond the classroom. She is deeply involved in serving both the school and the larger community, giving her time and energy to projects that truly help others. Her service comes from a genuine desire to make a positive difference. Her peers respect her not just for what she accomplishes, but for how she treats others with kindness, patience, and understanding.



NEW MEMBER INITIATIONS

December 2025

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 initiated five (5) new members into the Order. Shown here are the new members, plus initiating Elks Officers, from front to back, left to right: new members Nina Verute, Cindy Robinson, Barbara Osborne, Chris Corman, and Thomas Watson; 2nd row PER and Trustee Dale Moore, Lecturing Knight Brenda Kephart, PER and Trustee Ray Holsing, ER Lorna Specially, Trustee Cathy Hoffman, PER and Trustee Terree Michel, and Inner Guard Janice Watson; back row: PDDGER, PDSVP and PER Adam Rawding; Loyal Knight Tom Crist, and Leading Knight Evan Edwards.



January 2026

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 recently initiated five (5) new members into the Order. Shown here are the newly initiated members, together with the initiation team of Lodge Officers. Front row, from left to right: new members Fred Voltz, Meri Bitner, Courtney Koch, Sherry Davidson, and Evelyn Chianelli. Back row, from left to right: Head Trustee Patrick Corbett, PDDGER Adam Rawding, Loyal Knight Tom Crist, Exalted Ruler Lorna Specially, Leading Knight Evan Edwards, Trustee Terree Michel Holsing, Inner Guard Janice Watson, and Esquire Donald Townsend.



February 2026

At the Lodge meeting on January 22nd, 15 new members were initiated into the Lodge! Please be sure to welcome them if you see them at the Lodge!! First row, left to right: Julie Knight, Barb Ream, Laurie Shawley, Sandy Fischer, Mandy Woodring, Kaylen Sidisky, Leland Calistri and Kathy Matason. Second row, left to right: Michelle Robinson, Kathy Kensinger, Jeremy Bair, Kathy Ripka, Hanna Lauck, Lori Lauck and Tom Lambert.



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COMMUNITY RELATED EVENTS

RAISING CHAMPIONS: YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Two of the most rewarding youth programs supported by the Lodge, led by Youth Chair, Tom Crist, Loyal Knight, are the *Soccer Shoot* and *Hoop Shoot*. These events give young athletes the opportunity to challenge themselves, build confidence, and experience the excitement of competition while having fun.

The Soccer Shoot is open to boys and girls ages 5–16, while the Hoop Shoot welcomes participants ages 8–13. Both programs begin at the local Lodge level, with first-place winners advancing to District, State, Regional, and ultimately the National level. It’s an exciting journey that can take our local youth all the way to the national stage!

Bellefonte Lodge proudly hosted a Local Soccer Shoot in August and a Local Hoop Shoot in January. At the District Soccer Shoot held in October at the Philipsburg Lodge, five Bellefonte shooters advanced to the State Competition. Following the State Soccer Shoot in November, two Bellefonte competitors—Austin Mauk and Izzy Oravis—earned the opportunity to compete at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition on March 7th in York, PA. We wish them the very best

as they represent our Lodge! If they win their age groups, they will advance to the National Competition, which is currently held virtually, with hopes of returning to an in-person event in the future.

The District Hoop Shoot took place on January 24th at Huntingdon High School, where two Bellefonte shooters advanced to the State level. Claire Snyder and Camden Glunt will compete in the State Hoop Shoot on February 28th at Bellefonte High School. Winners there will move on to the Regional Competition in Wilkes-Barre on March 14th, with the top finishers advancing to the National Hoop Shoot in Chicago on April 18th. Shooters from across the country—and their families—will enjoy a memorable weekend filled with fun activities leading to the competition.

Beyond medals and trophies, these programs are about developing “gritty” kids—kids who don’t give up, who keep trying, and who strive to do better each time they compete. These are valuable life lessons that carry far beyond the gym or field. Through the Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot, the Elks are proud to help shape confident, resilient young people who are prepared to succeed in whatever path they choose.



DICTIONARY DONATION

Once again, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094, participated in the Elks Grand Lodge's Dictionary Program. Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly recently visited the third-grade class of Ms. Ickes at St John's Catholic School. Ms. Spearly, on behalf of the Elks, presented 14 dictionaries to the third graders. The dictionaries were donated by Elks Lodge Secretary, Ed Evock, in memory of his grandmother. Shown here are Ms. Ickes and ER Spearly, along with the third-grade class.



EXCITING NEWS – THE ANTLERS PROGRAM IS COMING TO BELLEFONTE!

Something exciting is coming to the Bellefonte Lodge — the **Antlers Program!**



The Antlers Program is designed for children and grandchildren of Elks members, ages 12–20, who are interested in becoming more involved in community service, developing leadership skills, and building stronger connections within the Lodge. It's a wonderful opportunity for our youth to grow, serve, and have fun while learning the values that make the Elks organization so special.

We are also welcoming youth in this age group whose parents are not currently members. Our hope is to introduce families to the many ways the Elks serve the community and perhaps inspire future membership as well!

We are excited to share that Eli Jolley, grandson of Cathy and Rick Hoffman, will be leading the program. Eli will be supported by advisors Tom Crist and Terree Holsing, who will help guide and mentor the group as it gets underway.

The Antlers Program provides young people with the chance to:

- Participate in meaningful community service projects
- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Build friendships
- Gain confidence and experience in serving others

If you know a young person who may be interested in learning more or joining the Antlers Program, please reach out to Eli at elijolley813@icloud.com.

This is truly a fantastic program with tremendous potential for our Lodge and our community. We are excited to see it grow and hope you'll help spread the word!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Let's support our future leaders! 🦌 ✨

🏆 CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE – CHARITABLE SOFTBALL EVENT

Mark your calendars for a day of fun, friendly competition, and giving back! The next Clubs Connect for a Cause Softball Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 16th, bringing together clubs from the Bellefonte and Milesburg areas for a great cause.



This annual event is about more than just bragging rights on the softball field — it's about coming together as a community to raise funds for a local resident in need. Teams will compete, cheer each other on, and show what it truly means to live out Elks Care, Elks Share. Bellefonte

Elks members in good standing who are interested in playing on our Lodge team are encouraged to get involved. Please contact Steve Koch at lotterysteve@yahoo.com for more information.

Be sure to watch our Facebook page and weekly email updates for additional details as the event approaches. Let's come out strong, support a great cause, and proudly represent the Bellefonte Elks both on and off the field!

DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST

The Drug Awareness Posters are in! Three elementary schools participated in the Drug Awareness Poster Contest, and here are the local winners from each school. Congratulations to all the students!

Benner Elementary School:
3rd Grade - Collins Daubert
4th Grade - Ryland Walk*
5th Grade - Dominik Burns

Bellefonte Elementary School:
3rd Grade - Willa Baker-McCarthy
4th Grade - Dallas Walk
5th Grade - Abby Zimmerman

Pleasant Gap Elementary School:
5th Grade - Cayden Mix*

Posters were forwarded to the District Level for judging. ***Ryland's & *Cayden's** posters placed first and were forwarded to the State Level, where they again placed first. Congratulations Ryland and Cayden!



SIP & PAINT

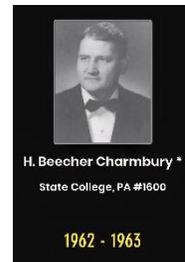
Creativity was flowing at the Lodge on Sunday, February 1st, when 14 ladies gathered for a Sip & Paint event. Guided step-by-step by Charlene Casbourne, everyone created a beautiful 16" x 20" winter scene. There were lots of laughs, great conversation, and some truly impressive artwork—who knew we had so many Picassos hiding in our Lodge?



The fun isn't over yet! Another Sip & Paint is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, and this time we're switching things up by painting wine glasses instead of canvases. There are 20 spots available, and the cost is \$30 per person. Sign-ups are available at the Lodge, so be sure to grab your spot early!

Have an idea for a future activity or event? We'd love to hear it! Please contact Terree Holsing with your suggestions and help us keep the fun going at the Lodge.

INTERESTING FIND! – Dale Moore



I found a 65-year-old coffee cup at a local thrift store and wondered who this could be...

H. Beecher Charmbury was the first member of State College Elks Lodge #1600 to become President of the Pennsylvania State lodge, serving in 1962 - 1963.

H. Beecher Charmbury was born on September 21, 1914 in Hanover; graduated, Cum Laude, by Gettysburg College (B.A.) 1936, University of Pennsylvania (M.S.) 1937, Pennsylvania State University (Ph.D.) 1942; he was a former college professor at Pennsylvania State University; he was married for 55 years and died in 1994.

Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken.

NEWS, EVENTS, & FUN LODGE CHALLENGES

Get ready for some friendly competition—the Lodge is hosting several fun challenges in February, March, and April, and you won't want to miss a single one!

These events are a great way to meet other members, enjoy some laughs, and support the Lodge. Funds raised help bring entertainment to the Lodge, support our Club and kitchen vendor and introduce new people to everything our Lodge has to offer. As an added bonus, the 1st place winners of the Chili Cook-Off and Pie Challenge will be invited to prepare their award-winning recipes for a special Tuesday night dinner! So, grab your puzzle crew, dust off those recipes, and get registered today—let the challenges begin!

PUZZLE PARTY

Put your teamwork to the test at our Puzzle Party! Teams of four will race against the clock—and each other—to complete a 300-piece puzzle.

Bragging rights (and prizes!) go to the team that finishes first. It's fast-paced, fun, and a great way to laugh and compete with fellow members.



WINTER OLYMPICS at the Lodge! 🏆 🥈 🥉

The first-ever Winter Olympics were held at the Lodge on Sunday, March 15th! Teams of two went head-to-head in ten exciting games, including basketball, golf,



a relay race, beer pong (without the beer!), puzzle building, and more. Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded for each event. Teams were encouraged to choose a country to represent and dress the

part—bonus points were awarded for team spirit and creativity. This was a fun-filled day of laughs, camaraderie, and friendly rivalry with your fellow Elks.

TUESDAY NIGHT FUN!

Tuesday evenings at the Elks are packed with fun and fellowship! One of our most popular traditions, Bar Bingo, has quickly become a Lodge favorite. Once a month, the kitchen will offer a meal



platter starting at 5:30 PM, followed by Bingo beginning at 7:00 PM. Five games are played each night, three regular games and two special games. Each card (with three games per card) is \$5, and the winning pot is based on participation, with 90% going to the winner. Be sure to mark your calendar for the next Bar Bingo night on March 10th and April 14th.

SOMETHING NEW! Music Trivia by Jeff, coming to the Elks on Tuesday, April 7th.



Dinner platter will be Ham Pot Pie for \$8.00 starting at 5:30pm with Trivia starting at 7pm. Come for dinner, stay for Trivia! Teams of 1-6 players, with prizes awarded to the winning team! Hope to see you there!

As noted, some Tuesdays will feature a Special Dinner Platter, showcasing delicious, home-style meals prepared by one or more of our talented members. Members interested in sponsoring a Tuesday night dinner are encouraged to contact Terree Holsing. All ingredients are donated, and proceeds from these dinners benefit the Activity Fund. Make Tuesdays your night at the Lodge—great food, great games, and even better company!

MUSIC BINGO at the Lodge!

One of the Club's most popular events is Music Bingo—and it's easy to see why! There's nothing better than enjoying a great meal while listening to oldies and favorite hits from the '70s and '80s with friends. Before you know it, folks are dancing in their seats, singing along, and marking song titles on their Bingo cards!



DJ Troy Breon brings the Lodge to life, spinning classic tunes from legendary artists that take us back to cherished memories—or remind us why these songs are still our favorites today. Each Music Bingo night features at least four games, including two regular games and two special games. The first person to shout "BINGO!" wins a prize!

Watch for upcoming Music Bingo dates on our Facebook page and in the Bellefonte Elks email. We hope to see you there—this is one event you won't want to miss!

LIVE MUSIC at the Lodge



Your favorites return, first with **Michael Yeaney**, on Thursday, March 12th from 6:00pm–8:00pm. And as if that wasn't enough reason to come out — it's also Wing Night! Come early for dinner, grab your favorite wings, and stay for an evening of great live music.

Denny Taylor, another crowd favorite, will perform a variety of music on Wednesday, March 18th. He knows how to get the room involved! You won't want to miss it!



There's nothing better than good food, good friends, and great live entertainment right here at your Lodge. We look forward to seeing you there!

HOME SERVICE BREAKFAST YOU'RE INVITED!

One of the Lodge's most popular ongoing fundraisers for our Major Project, Pennsylvania Elks Home Service, is the monthly Home Service Breakfast—and it's easy to see why! This member-favorite event



features a delicious breakfast cooked to order and served with a smile by our dedicated volunteers.

Leading Knight Evan Edwards heads up the "Breakfast Club," taking care of the shopping, cooking, and even starting preparations the day before.

Early each Sunday morning, volunteers arrive to handle all the details that make the breakfast such a success. We are also grateful for the generous

donations from Weis Market and Giant Foods, which help offset the cost of the breakfast.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all the volunteers who make this event possible, especially Evan, whose time and dedication keep the Home Service Breakfast running smoothly month after month.

If you haven't joined us yet, you're truly missing out! The Home Service Breakfast is held on the second Sunday of each month (excluding July and August) from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Fan favorites include the made-to-order omelets and the sausage gravy—both must-tries!

The next Home Service Breakfast is Sunday, March 8th. Bring your appetite, enjoy great food and fellowship, and help support a wonderful cause. We hope to see you there!

PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION

The Past Exalted Rulers (PER) Association met on February 3, 2026. For members who may be unfamiliar with the Association, it is made up of Past Exalted Rulers from our Lodge. The purpose of the PER Association is to foster a spirit of good fellowship among Lodge members, provide experienced counsel and assistance, and work alongside members to help make our Lodge a credit to both the community and the Order.



During the meeting, new officers were elected, and the Association's newly created Constitution and By-Laws were read and voted on for adoption. Looking ahead, the PER Association hopes to expand its support of the Lodge by assisting at events, helping with dinners, and participating in fundraising efforts that benefit both the Association and the Lodge. In addition, the Association plans to increase its presence in the community by supporting Lodge activities outside the Lodge.

The PER Association plans to meet every other month and stands ready to assist current officers with their responsibilities and to offer guidance when needed. Our Lodge is fortunate to have 33 Past Exalted Rulers who bring a wealth of experience, dedication, and commitment to the continued success of the Lodge.

PER NIGHT, OFFICER NOMINATIONS & UPCOMING INSTALLATION

The annual PER Night was held at the Lodge on Monday, February 9th. This special evening is always a meaningful tradition, as our Past Exalted Rulers take the helm and conduct the Lodge meeting, allowing the current Officers a brief reprieve—though they remain responsible for reporting on their respective committee chairs!

This year, Chris Shuey presided over the meeting, standing in for Exalted Ruler. He was joined by:

Ray Holsing serving as Leading Knight
John Rockey serving as Loyal Knight
Brenda Kephart remains as Lecturing Knight

Jeff Kephart serving as Inner Guard
Dale Moore representing the Trustees
Adam Rawding remains as Chaplain
Nina King remains as Esquire
Terree Holsing serving as Secretary

Thank you to the PERs who assisted in making this annual tradition a success. Their continued leadership and dedication to the Lodge are greatly appreciated.

In addition to honoring our Past Exalted Rulers, Officer nominations for the new Lodge year, beginning April 1st, were conducted during the meeting. The nominated Officers will be voted upon at the next Lodge meeting on February 23rd.

Following the vote, the formal Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday, April 11th. This meaningful ceremony officially installs the newly elected Officers into their respective chairs for the upcoming Lodge year. The Installation will be followed by a dinner for all in attendance. Members are encouraged to attend and support the leadership team for the new year.

Also, during the Lodge meeting, Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly had the pleasure of presenting PDDGER Chris Shuey and Adam Rawding with their jewels for their service as District Deputy for the North Central District! Thank you, Chris and Adam, our Lodge is proud of your service to the District and Grand Lodge!



LITTLE ELKS

It was a very special morning on February 14th for the Little Elks! We visited Centre Care and passed out Valentine Roses to the residents and Hershey kisses to the nurses! The kids got a lot of smiles from the residents! The kids enjoyed passing out the roses and spreading cheer to the residents!!



CUB SCOUT BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094's Esteemed Leading Knight Evan Edwards recently attended the Blue and Gold Banquet for Pack 330 held at Faith Methodist Church in Bellefonte PA. This Arrow of Light (AOL) Ceremony depicts the event when Cub Scouts move to a Scout Troop. Mr. Edwards presented the Elks Grand Lodge Certificate of Achievement to each Scout.

Shown from left to right are: Scoutmaster Chuck Coup, Arrow of Light Den Leader Rob Goodling, Meri Clark, Lincoln Goodling, Hannah Edwards, Madden Hazel, and Elks Leading Knight Evan Edwards.

The Elks congratulates each Scout recipient.



REGIONAL SOCCER SHOOT

Congratulations to Austin Mauk and Izzy Oravis for placing 1st in the U14 division at the Regional Soccer Shoot in York, PA today!! PA also won the overall trophy! Austin and Izzy will move on to the Virtual National Competition.

Congratulations again to Austin and Izzy!!



HOME SERVICE (CP) NIGHT A PROUD BELLEFONTE ELKS TRADITION

Home Service Night — formerly known as “CP Night” — continues to be one of the Bellefonte Elks’ most meaningful and well-loved traditions. This year’s event was held on Saturday, February 21st, bringing members together for an evening of fun, fellowship, and most importantly, support for our major project, Pennsylvania Elks Home Service.

A highlight of the evening was the ever-popular cash raffle and Chinese Basket Raffle. Prior to the event, letters and raffle tickets were mailed to all members, giving everyone an opportunity to participate in the cash prize drawing. The prizes — \$500, \$300, and \$200 — added to the excitement and anticipation of the night. The Chinese Basket Raffle featured a wonderful variety of items generously donated by local businesses and Lodge members. The beautifully arranged baskets were displayed at the Lodge, and participants could purchase tickets for chances to win their favorites.

Guests also enjoyed delicious food available for purchase, generously donated by Lion Country KIA, along with additional chances to win through a 50/50 drawing and rip tickets. The Lodge was filled with energy, laughter, and the shared spirit of giving that makes this event so special each year.

Home Service Night is not only an important fundraiser — it is also a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish together in support of Pennsylvania Elks Home Service and the individuals and families it serves.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated baskets, purchased raffle tickets, and volunteered their time to make the evening a success. And a very special thank you to Leading Knight Evan Edwards for his dedication, planning, and hard work in organizing another outstanding event.

Together, we continue to make a difference — because Elks Care, Elks Share.



PLAN YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT

Did you know the Club is available to rent for special occasions? The Dining Room is a wonderful space for a variety of gatherings, including birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers, retirement celebrations, family gatherings, and more. This past year, the Lodge even hosted a beautiful wedding and reception!

Our dining area can comfortably accommodate approximately 80 guests, making it an ideal setting for both small and mid-sized events. Our Kitchen Vendor offers a delicious catering menu,



including dessert options, to make your event planning simple and convenient. However, renters are also welcome to use their own caterer or provide their own food if they prefer.

Alcohol service is flexible — guests may purchase their own beverages, or a tab can be established for the event.

Room rental Fees:

- \$75 — Lodge Member
- \$150 — Non-Lodge Member

The rental fee is waived when using the Lodge Caterer. To inquire about availability, please complete the Lodge Rental form, available on the Lodge website, and return it to the Lodge or email it to Cathy Hoffman at cath1028@hotmail.com.

Please keep the Elks Lodge in mind when planning your next special event — we would love to help make your gathering memorable!

LIMITED-EDITION LODGE PRINTS



Take home a piece of Bellefonte Elks history while supporting a great cause! Beautiful, hand-drawn 11x14 prints of the Lodge, each signed and numbered by the artist, are now available for purchase. These limited-edition prints are being sold for \$20, with all proceeds benefiting the Home Service fundraiser.

Prints may be purchased directly at the Lodge. If you are unable to stop but would still like to purchase one, prints can be mailed for a small additional charge. To

request a mailed copy or for more information, please contact Evan Edwards at evan.elks1094@gmail.com.

These prints are truly a must-have—beautifully detailed and a perfect keepsake for any Elk. Get yours while they last!

SHARE YOUR PRIDE WITH THE BELLEFONTE ELKS LODGE PINS

The Lodge has a new pin and a new look! This beautifully designed pin is a wonderful way to display your Elk pride, commemorate your involvement in Lodge activities, or collect a meaningful keepsake of your time with BPOE 1094.

Whether worn on your jacket, displayed on a pin board, or gifted to a fellow Elk, this pin represents the spirit of fellowship, service, and dedication that defines our Lodge. They are available for purchase for \$3.00 each. If you are traveling and have an opportunity to visit other Elks Lodges, and would like to take a pin to trade, they are free of charge. Remember, if you receive a pin from another Lodge, they can be placed proudly on our pin map!



MEMBERSHIP Dues Reminder!

Dues statements for the 2026–2027 Lodge year were mailed in January 2026. The Lodge continues to participate in the Grand Lodge dues billing program, and statements were sent to each member's last known address. Please note that the Post Office does not forward these statements. If you did not receive your dues statement, please contact Ed Evock, Lodge Secretary, at eevock@gmail.com. Membership dues are due by April 1, 2026, to remain an active member. If your dues are not received by that date, your key card will be deactivated until payment is made in full.

When returning your dues payment, members may request a spousal card by requesting it on the dues statement. If you would like to pick up your membership card at the Club, please note that as well. Dues may be paid:

- In person at the Club
- By mail
- Online (please note an online service fee applies)

Members also have the opportunity to support the charities our Lodge proudly serves. Optional donations may be made to Home Service, the Elks National Foundation, and Veterans programs. Simply

indicate your donation choice on the dues statement when submitting payment.

Members whose dues for the past 2025–2026 Lodge year remain unpaid will be dropped from the active membership rolls on April 1, 2026. There are currently 28 members who did not pay their dues the last Lodge year.

Thank you for your continued membership and support of the Bellefonte Elks!

MEMBERSHIP Matters

Membership truly is the lifeline of our Club and Lodge. Welcoming new members helps ensure the continued success of our organization, strengthens our ability to serve the community, and provides more helping hands for the many programs the Elks proudly offer. A growing membership means a stronger Lodge — and more opportunities to make a difference.

Did you know that members who sponsor new members can earn special recognition? As a proposer, you may receive awards for helping to grow our Lodge family. When you propose three (3) new or reinstated members who are initiated, you'll receive a lapel pin and a thank-you letter from the Grand Exalted Ruler. Propose eleven (11) new or reinstated members and you'll earn a beautiful Elks watch. Reach thirty-three (33), and you'll be awarded an Elks desk clock — a wonderful honor recognizing your dedication to the Lodge!

This Lodge year has been truly remarkable for membership growth. We are proud to finish the year with a net gain in membership and only a 3% delinquency rate — outstanding! Several members have earned the Grand Exalted Ruler pin for bringing in three new members. Congratulations and thank you to Steve Brawley, Sam Fischer, Tammy Thal, Ellen Veruete, and Leonard Sidisky for this achievement.

In addition, 35 members proposed someone for membership this year — an incredible show of support for our Lodge. Thank you to all our members for sharing the spirit of Elkdom and promoting the wonderful activities and community events at our Lodge. Your enthusiasm and dedication make all the difference.

If you know someone who may be interested, invite family and friends to join you for dinner or attend a Lodge or community event. Let them experience firsthand the camaraderie, community service, and

support we provide to our youth, veterans, and neighbors. Share what makes our Lodge special — and help them become part of something truly meaningful. Together, we can continue to grow, serve, and thrive.

WING LOVERS REJOICE — IT'S NOW WING NIGHT TWICE A WEEK!

One of the Lodge's all-time favorite menu items just got even better... Wing Night is now on BOTH Wednesday AND Thursday! That's right — twice the opportunity each week to enjoy the wings everyone loves. Choose from an incredible variety of flavors to satisfy every craving:



Hot • Mild • Hot Ranch • 1094 • Sweet Chili • BBQ • Garlic Parmesan • Dry Rub • General Tso's • Mango Habanero • Hot Garlic • Spicy BBQ

Whether you like them sweet, smoky, savory, or fiery hot — there's a flavor for you!

The Kitchen is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM, and there's much more than wings to enjoy. The menu also features delicious favorites like fresh salads, wraps, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, shrimp and chicken strip baskets, loaded fries, cheese steaks, and the always popular flatbread pizzas — even available on cauliflower crust!

Best of all, the Lodge is open to the public for dinner, so feel free to invite friends and family to join you (please note: alcohol purchases are for members only).

Our kitchen vendor does a fantastic job keeping the menu fresh, flavorful, and satisfying — so be sure to watch Facebook and your email for weekly specials and featured items. Come hungry, bring friends, and make the Lodge your go-to dinner spot this week!



LENTEN SPECIALS JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY & FRIDAYS!

Lent is a special time of reflection, tradition... and wonderful fellowship at the Lodge! This year, the Kitchen will

be offering a special Lenten menu on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent, giving members and guests delicious meat-free options to enjoy together.

Whether you're observing the season or simply looking for a great meal in good company, we invite you to come out and enjoy one of our specialty menu items prepared just for Lent. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, share a meal with friends, and spend time at your Lodge while enjoying some truly tasty offerings.

The full menu will be posted on Facebook and shared in the weekly emails, so be sure to watch for all the delicious details. Make it a tradition this season — gather your friends, bring your appetite, and join us at the Lodge for Lenten dining done right. We look forward to seeing you there!

FRIDAY LENTEN MENU

APPETIZERS / SIDES

Sweet Shimmey Shrimp \$12.00

Tightly breaded shrimp tossed in sweet chili sauce, served on bed of romaine with banana peppers.

Cheese Curds \$7.50

Served w/ balsamic

Garlic Flatbread \$9.00

Served w/ Marinara

Cheesy Garlic Flatbread \$11.00

Served w/ Marinara

Hush Puppies \$4.75

Bases of 6

Side Salad \$4.75

Garden of Eatin'

Mac & Cheese \$5.50

Boat of Fries \$5.50

DINNERS

Broiled Fish \$18.75

with butter, old bay & bread crumbs
Served with choice of two sides

Fish & Chips \$16.75

Fried breaded haddock served
with fish

Fried Fish \$18.75

Deep fried breaded haddock served
with choice of 4 sides

Side Options:

Califlower Mac & Cheese
French Fries Hashbrowns
Seasoned Green Beans Stuffed Potatoes

SANDWICHES & BASKETS

Shrimp Po Boy

Lightly breaded shrimp tossed in
Tallboy served on a roll with
homemade sauce, lettuce, pickles,
tomato. Served with fries.
\$14.50

Fish Sandwich

Chunks of lettuce, tomato, onion
& tartar. Served with fries.
\$12.00

Shrimp Basket

Fried tail-on shrimp served with
fries and cocktail sauce
\$13.25

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

FROM OUR TAVERN MENU

W/B Burger \$13.00

1/2-Pounder Served with fries.

Wing Ding Basket \$10.00

Fried baskets haddock served with
French cut-out coleslaw

Tender Basket \$10.50

3/4" tenders with fries

Chicken Sandwich \$13.00

Bases: Chicken, w/ coleslaw,
breaded onion & tomatoes.
Served with fries

Boneless Wing Basket \$10.00

All of Louisa's wings
served with fries

Large Salad \$7.50

Garden of Eatin' Coleslaw

FLATBREAD PIZZAS

Cheese

\$13.75

Pepperoni

\$14.00

Supreme

\$15.20

Meadowlows

\$16.00

NOTE FOR FRIDAYS

NO ONION RINGS

FULL TAVERN MENU AVAILABLE
AFTER 6:30

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION — Changing Lives, Strengthening Communities

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) exists for one powerful purpose — to help Elks build stronger communities. Through the generosity and compassion of Elks members across the country, lives are changed every single day.

When we support ENF, we invest in people. We are helping young people develop confidence, discipline, and lifelong skills through the Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot programs. We are opening doors to higher education through scholarships that help students pursue their dreams. We are standing beside our veterans and active military members, ensuring their needs are met with dignity and care. We are strengthening our communities through charitable programs that bring hope, support, and opportunities where it is needed most.

Every grant awarded and every life touched is made possible through the generosity of Elks who believe in service, compassion, and community. Our Lodge directly benefits from ENF through grant opportunities that allow us to expand our charitable work and make a real difference locally. Our Lodge applied for, and received, three of these grants this past Lodge year.

Our Lodge is eligible to apply for five meaningful grants:

- Beacon Grant — Leading active charitable projects
- Gratitude Grant — supporting local charitable efforts in our community
- Eligibility for our Lodge to apply for this grant requires meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler's per capita donation goal of \$5.15 per member.
- Spotlight Grant — Shine a light on important community issues
- Impact Grant — Run a large-scale community service project with member participation
- Freedom Grant — Meet the needs of today's veteran's and military Members

These grants make many of our community programs possible. For example, the Beacon Grant and Spotlight Grant help support our Christmas Food Basket program in partnership with the local Food Bank — bringing comfort, nourishment, and hope to families during the holiday season.

But the work does not stop there. The possibilities are endless when members bring forward ideas, energy, and a desire to serve. If you have a vision for a project that could help our community, please reach out to any Lodge Officer.

Your idea could become the next program that changes lives. One simple and meaningful way to support the Foundation is by joining the Fidelity Club, which provides an easy way to give through a small monthly donation. Even \$5 per month helps fund scholarships, assist veterans, and support community programs across the nation. To get started, simply scan the QR code below.

When you support the Elks National Foundation, you are not just making a donation — you are becoming part of something bigger. You are helping children succeed, honoring those who served, supporting neighbors in need, and strengthening the communities we call home.

Together, we truly live the spirit of Elkdom — Elks Care. Elks Share. To learn more about the ENF and the incredible impact it makes, please visit elks.org.

Thank you for helping us continue this important mission.



VETERAN'S BOARD

If you haven't yet seen the new Veteran's Board displayed in the atrium, we warmly encourage you to take a moment to stop and view it. This special display proudly honors the men and women of our Lodge who have served in the Armed Forces — individuals whose courage, dedication, and sacrifice have helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy every day.

Each name on the board represents a story of service, commitment, and honor. It stands not only as a tribute to our veteran members, but also as a reminder of the deep respect and gratitude our lodge holds for those who have worn the uniform in defense of our nation.

If you are a Veteran and have not yet submitted your information to be included on the board, we would be honored to recognize your service. Please contact Terree Holsing at tmichel0902@gmail.com to be added.

Thank you to all who have served. Your dedication and sacrifice will always be remembered and honored.



GHOST INVESTIGATORS Visit the Lodge

This past January, Ghost Investigators — also known as the GI's — spent an overnight at the Lodge to explore a question many have wondered about: are there truly ghostly spirits taking up residence in our historic building? Steve Mason and Keith Snyder, retired Army Veterans with a deep fascination for the paranormal, led the investigation. Over time, several Lodge members have shared experiences they believed to be paranormal in nature, and Steve and Keith came to see if those claims could be validated.

On February 11th, the pair returned to present their findings to Lodge members following their overnight investigation. Their discoveries were both intriguing and mysterious. While in the basement, Steve experienced what he described as a physical touch on his arm, accompanied by an electrical sensation. Using high sound wave recording equipment, they also captured voices — including names they identified as Courtney and Thomas Wilson.

Their exploration continued to the third floor, where one of the recorded voices appeared to call out Keith's name several times. They also detected unusual energy in both the Lodge room and around the bar area. Throughout the evening, Steve and Keith

reassured any spirits present that they meant no harm — only hoping to communicate and learn their stories.

Many members attended the February presentation and found the findings both fascinating and thought-provoking. For those who were unable to attend — or who would like to experience it again — the full presentation is available to watch on YouTube.

Steve and Keith have conducted several investigations throughout Bellefonte, including Titan Hollow and the Bellefonte School District Administration Building, continuing their efforts to explore the unexplained right here in our community.

It was certainly an unforgettable experience and a unique look into the mysteries that may lie within our very own Lodge!



ENTERTAINMENT at the Lodge

The Lodge recently had the pleasure of welcoming back the Private Stock Trio. Featuring Gigi, Watson, and Pete, the trio is known for delivering lively performances and great music that members always enjoy. They returned to the Lodge on Saturday, February 7th, bringing plenty of energy and entertainment for the evening. Despite the cold temperatures outside, the atmosphere inside was warm, welcoming, and full of fun for everyone who came out to enjoy the show. We extend our sincere thanks to the Private Stock Trio for another wonderful night of entertainment at the Lodge.



Back by popular demand, Jason and KC Dumm will be returning to the Lodge for their second performance on Saturday, March 7th! After making their Lodge debut last November, members thoroughly enjoyed their show and asked to have them return — and we're excited to welcome them back. Jason and KC perform a wide variety of music with something for everyone, making for a fun and entertaining evening you won't want to miss.



Make a night of it! The kitchen will be open from 5:30pm to 7:00pm, so come early, enjoy a great dinner, and then stay for another fantastic performance by this talented duo.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Have you ever thought about becoming more active in the Lodge? Would you enjoy being part of the day-to-day activities of the Club, sharing your ideas, and helping shape the future of our Lodge? Now is a great time to get involved!

As we begin the new Lodge year on April 1 st , there is a need to fill the appointed Lodge leadership positions of Tiler and Esquire. These are important roles that help support Lodge operations and ensure meetings and events run smoothly. If you would like to learn more about these positions, please contact incoming Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards at evan.elks1094@gmail.com, or speak with him when you see him at the Lodge — he would be happy to talk with you.

Members who are interested in serving the Lodge in a leadership capacity may also consider becoming a Trustee. This is a five-year term and an excellent opportunity to help guide the Lodge's and Club's future. If you would like more information, please contact Head Trustee Patrick Corbett at patrickb404@gmail.com, or speak with him at the Lodge. He would love to talk with you as well.

Getting involved is a wonderful way to support the Lodge and Club, meet fellow members, and make a meaningful contribution. We encourage you to consider stepping forward and becoming part of the team that helps keep our Lodge strong and **thriving!**

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)

Our Lodge will continue offering the small games of chance that benefits the Elks National Foundation (ENF). We are grateful for the wonderful support it has received so far. Funds raised through these games help cover our Lodge's required ENF per capita contribution of \$5.15 per member. With more than 900 members in our Lodge, we must contribute approximately \$4,700 to the Foundation this Lodge year. This contribution is extremely important, as our eligibility for the Gratitude Grant depends on meeting this per-member requirement. The ENF provides vital funding that supports the many charitable programs that make a difference in communities across the country — including grants that come right back to

help us serve our local community. Your participation truly helps make that possible.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the games over the past several months. If you haven't yet participated — or would like to continue helping — please look for the game clearly marked "Benefits ENF." Your continued support helps ensure our Lodge meets its commitment and keeps the spirit of Elks Care, Elks Share strong in our community.

Thank you for helping to making a difference!



REGULAR CLUB HOURS

WWW.BELLEFONTEELKS1094.COM

Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, \$1 dog night

Tuesday, \$8 meal platter (volunteers needed)

Wednesday – Friday, Tavern Menu and Specials,
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

TROY'S FUNDRAISER GIFT CARDS



Available for purchase
\$12.00 each Benefits Lodge Activities
Available at the Bar

AWARDS



ELK OF THE YEAR



Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly is pleased to announce the selection of Greg Garner as Elk of the Year for Lodge Year 2025-2026. This Award recognizes Greg's dedication to Elks' programming, generosity with his time, and willingness to share his talents in support of the Lodge and Club. Always willing to lend a hand, Greg transports the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer to various functions, as well as assisting with numerous Lodge and Club events. Greg truly embodies what it means to be an Elk. Congratulations Greg, on your selection as Elk of the Year.

ELK CITIZEN OF THE YEAR



Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly was proud to congratulate Kathleen Edwards on being selected as the 2025–2026 Elk Citizen of the Year at this year's Home Service Night. This honor recognizes Kathleen's outstanding commitment to serving the Bellefonte community and her continued efforts to support programs that benefit local youth and families.

Kathleen is married to Evan Edwards, incoming Exalted Ruler for the 2026-2027 Lodge Year and this year's 2025-2026 Officer of the Year. Thank you for your dedication to our community and for helping make a positive difference in the lives of so many young people and families. Your efforts truly embody the spirit of Elks Share, Elks Care.

ELK OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly was proud to recognize Leading Knight Evan Edwards as our 2025–2026 Officer of the Year at this year's Home Service Night. This honor reflects Evan's dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the mission of the Elks and the work of our Lodge. Throughout the year, Evan has gone above and beyond in service to our Lodge and our community. One of his most notable efforts has been his work to support Pennsylvania Elks Home Service, our state's major project and fraternal charity that provides care and assistance to children and adults with disabilities and special needs. Evan has worked tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for this important program. Through his leadership and enthusiasm, Evan helped spearhead fundraising efforts that encouraged

members and guests alike to support Home Service. His dedication to this cause reflects the true spirit of Elkdom—charity, compassion, and service to those in need. Whether assisting with events, helping coordinate projects, or promoting our charitable efforts, he consistently demonstrates what it means to be an Elk leader.

OUTSTANDING ELK MEMBERS OF THE YEAR



It was my great pleasure to congratulate Terree Holsing, PER and Trustee, on being selected as the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Outstanding Member of the Year for the 2025–2026 Lodge Year at this year's Home Service Night. Terree deserves special recognition for giving countless hours of her time and talents to support the Lodge and our membership for the past several years. Terree has made an incredible impact through her work as Activity Chair. In addition, Terree has served as Membership Chair, assisting with new member orientation and initiations, while also helping to reduce lapsation and strengthen our membership. Her dedication to welcoming new members and helping them become involved in Lodge activities has been invaluable. On a personal note, as a Past

Exalted Ruler, Terree has been a tremendous asset to me during my year as Exalted Ruler. Her support, guidance,

and willingness to step in whenever needed made a tremendous difference. Not only has she remained steadfast in her involvement in our Lodge, but she has also become a dear and treasured friend to me. It is my hope and wish she continues to mentor the future officers and leaders of our Lodge and Club. Terree truly embodies the spirit of Elkdom through her dedication, service, and commitment to our Lodge, our Club, and our members.



It was my honor last evening to also present Terri Quici with the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Outstanding Member of the Year for the 2025–2026 Lodge Year. This recognition is a well-deserved honor for the dedication and hard work she has shown in support of our Lodge. Terri has played an important role in keeping our members informed and connected through her work designing and editing the Lodge newsletter. The newsletter is an essential communication tool for our members, highlighting upcoming events, Lodge activities, charitable programs, and the many accomplishments of our members. Behind each issue is a great deal of time and effort. Terri spends many hours gathering articles, organizing information, editing content, and thoughtfully designing the layout to ensure the newsletter

is both informative and enjoyable to read. Her creativity, attention to detail, and commitment to sharing the good works of the Lodge have made the newsletter something our members look forward to receiving. Terri, thank you for sharing your time and talents with Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. Your hard work and commitment are truly appreciated by your fellow members.

OUTSTANDING HUSBANDS OF THE YEAR

As Exalted Ruler for The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 I was pleased to recognize Ray Holsing (Outstanding) and David Spearly (Most Outstanding) as “Husband of the Year” for the 2025–2026 Lodge Year at this year’s Home Service Night, because as Exalted Ruler, I can! Behind many dedicated Lodge members is a supportive, patient and encouraging spouse who helps make their spouse’s service possible. Thank you and congratulations!



FLY THE FLAG PROGRAM

One of the Elks Grand Lodge programs is the Fly the Flag Program. Certificates are given to businesses who fly their flag properly at their business, particularly making sure a light is shining on the flag at night. Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly will be recognizing 18 businesses for flying their flag properly. There is nothing that shows patriotism more than the symbol of our crowning virtue, the flag of the United States of America. There is no flag on earth that is more recognizable than Old Glory.

The flag has been our symbol as a democratic society since 1777. It has flown over our ships at sea and over our troops in battle to keep America



free. The men and women who have gone to war to protect everything that she stands for are testament to how glorious our free society is. The number of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms is staggering. The flag flies in remembrance of each of them.

Old Glory stands in every courtroom in our country as they carry out justice. It flies majestically above every government building in our land, including schools, which teach students everything that has allowed us to remain a sovereign nation.

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CHALLENGE

The Bellefonte Elks collects pull tabs as part of a North Central District Challenge that happens every two years to benefit the Susquehanna Service Dogs. JP Gardner has been collecting pull tabs for this challenge for some time! He has collected two 5-gallon buckets to donate towards this challenge and charity!! Thank you, JP! If you are collecting pull tabs, please bring them into the Lodge! Nina King, PER, heads this up for our Lodge!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH – MAY 2026



March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 JASON DUMM
8 HOME SERVICE BREAKFAST	9 LODGE MTG. 7PM	10 BAR BINGO	11 TRUSTEE MTG. 6PM	12 MICHAEL YEANEY	13 REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT WILKES-BARRE	14 REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT
15 WINTER OLYMPICS	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER	18	19	20 MUSIC BINGO	21 HAPPY SPRING!!
22	23 LODGE MTG. 7PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4 COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
5 EASTER CLUB CLOSED	6	7 TRIVIA BY JEFF	8 TRUSTEE MTG. 6PM	9	10	11 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
12 HOME SVC. BREAKFAST	13 LODGE MTG. 7PM	14 BAR BINGO	15	16	17 NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT CHICAGO	18 NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT
19 SIP & PAINT 1PM	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 DISTRICT CLINIC PHILIPSBURG	27 LODGE MTG. 7PM	28	29 SPRING CONVENTION GETTYSBURG	30 SPRING CONVENTION		



May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 SPRING CONVENTION	2 KENTUCKY DERBY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 AMAZING RACE
10 HOME SVC. BREAKFAST	11 LODGE MTG. 7PM	12	13	14	15	16 CLUBS CONNECT SOFTBALL
17	18	19	20 TRUSTEE MTG 6PM	21 MICHAEL YEANEY	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29 MUSIC BINGO	30
31						

LODGE OFFICERS (through 3/2026)



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EARN GRAND EXALTED RULER MEMBERSHIP ~ AWARDS ~



GER AWARD CERTIFICATE
AWARDED TO EXALTED RULERS
WHO HAVE A MEMBERSHIP
GAIN BY MARCH 31, 2026.



GER MEMBERSHIP AWARD PIN
AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO RECRUIT
OR REINSTATE 3 MEMBERS.
REQUEST PINS BY JUNE 12, 2026.



GER MEMBERSHIP WATCH
AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO RECRUIT
OR REINSTATE 11 MEMBERS. REQUEST
WATCHES BY JUNE 12, 2026.



GER DESK CLOCK
AWARDED TO MEMBERS WHO RECRUIT
OR REINSTATE 33 MEMBERS. REQUEST
CLOCKS BY JUNE 12, 2026.

