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ELKS GIVE – ELKS LIVE

June-July 2026

A Message from the Exalted Ruler



Hello All,

Ready Elks! Let's Go! This is the new motto from our newly installed Grand Exalted Ruler, Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa, California Lodge No. 832. A new motto from a new leader is something our lodge has always embodied. When there is a need for help, whether in the lodge or outside the lodge, the answer is always let's go. I was honored to be able to attend the 161st Elks National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, held July 4th-8th.

The Convention this year was very well attended with 7,103 Elks, spouses, guests, and vendors attending the convention. The overall message of the convention was clear: the Elks continue to grow, serve, and strengthen communities across America while honoring their proud tradition of supporting veterans, youth, and those in need. I was able to attend a seminar on the Americanism contest and All-American Lodge Contest. I look forward to trying to get more groups of local students involved in the Americanism Essay contest.

While I am always told our club slows down in the summer, I have not noticed a change. We have had a busy June and July as you will see from this amazingly assembled newsletter by Terri Quici. PERs have stepped into the new year with renewed energy. They kicked it off by having the Jim Park Legacy Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. Even being up and in the lodge by 5:30am, I still had a great time learning something new and helping with this event. They have a lot of other great events coming up so stay tuned.

The Charity Committee was busy with the Bake Sale during the Bellefonte Cruise; and with the help of all our amazing donors, we brought in over \$350 from the event. "We Care Wednesday" Food Drives for the food bank have been well received by our members and a huge asset to the food bank. We work directly with the food bank to get them what they need each month. Feel free to join us and get involved!

Looking ahead, I see a fun filled exciting year. Bring your friends, family, and coworkers in and join the fellowship and fun. I am particularly excited about our amazing home service breakfasts, starting back up in September on the second Sunday of every month. Any club or lodge activity is sure to show the spirit behind our club.

Fraternally,
Evan Edwards
Exalted Ruler

"If anyone would like to receive emails or discontinue receiving emails, please contact Dale Moore at dkccmoore@aol.com to be added to the weekly emailing list or to be removed from the emailing list. Emails are sent out twice a week and include information like upcoming events, announcements, menu changes and more. Thank you."

NEW MEMBER INITIATIONS

May 2026

The first Initiation of new members for newly installed Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094 Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, included the following, left to right: Arline Brumbaugh, Rosemarie Giunta, Alexis Buckley, Cassie Cavell, George Cavell, and Alan Redmond. Congratulations to these new members.



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ELKS GIVING

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.

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094 has once again demonstrated its commitment to the community, by donating in support of the annual **BELLEFONTE CRUISE**. The \$2,500 donation from the Elks' Garver Fund helped Cruise organizers continue providing a fun, family-friendly event, that brings residents and visitors together to celebrate classic cars, community spirit, and local pride.

The Cruise is a popular tradition, attracting spectators from across the region, showcasing a wide variety of classic, antique, and specialty vehicles. The Bellefonte Elks has a long history of giving back through charitable donations, volunteer efforts, and partnerships with local organizations. This donation

reflects its ongoing dedication to strengthening the community and bringing people together.

Seen here are first row, from left: ER Evan Edwards, Trustee and PER Terree Holsing, and Historic Bellefonte Cruise Chairman and President of Historic Bellefonte, Inc Patrick MCool. Back row, from left: PER, Trustee, and Garver Fund Manager Dale Moore, and Trustee Cathy Hoffman.



Reaching out to the community is the linchpin of its commitment to those entities which comprise the service area of Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. The Bellefonte Elks recently allocated funds to the **SPRING TOWNSHIP POLICE**, aiding for the purchase of crime scene mapping and photographic equipment. Shown here are, front row, from left to right, Spring Township Police Officer Mike Snyder and Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee Terree Holsing. Back row, left to right: Spring Township Police Sgt Luke Nelson, Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, and Past Exalted Ruler and Trustee Dale Moore.



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094 recently approved a \$500 donation to Bellefonte's **SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP 35**. The all-girl Troop is very active with community-related events, fund-raising, and Eagle Scout-related activities. The donation will be used to fund a variety of events commensurate with the Scouts mission. Shown in the photo are, front row, from left to right: Claudia Vinnedge, Scout Committee Chair, Terree Holsing Elks Trustee and PER, and Scout Bella Fry. Back row, from left: Evan Edwards, Elks Exalted Ruler and Mike Fry, Assistant Scoutmaster.



ALUMINUM CAN TAB COLLECTION

Some folks save coins, some save stamps; but for J. P. Gardner, his mission involves saving aluminum can tabs for the KEYSTONE SERVICE DOG PROJECT, supported by Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094. Shown here is J. P., with what seems like millions of tabs from drink cans. He donated two five-gallon buckets of tabs! Nice work, JP! We are so pleased and proud of your donation.



This is an ongoing fundraiser for the Keystone Service Dog Project, so keep saving those aluminum tabs and turn them in at the bar. Thank you for your support!

DISTRICT STATE VICE PRESIDENT VISIT

The Elks District State Vice President Kevin Lloyd recently made his Official Visit to Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094, to convey the message of the Elks State President Kris Benedict. Shown here, from left to right



are: District Deputy Designate Doug Linebaugh, PSP Steve Lucas, DSVP Lloyd, PDDGER Denise Zelznick, and ER Evan Edwards.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

"WE CARE WEDNESDAYS"

The newly formed Charity Committee presents a new program beginning June 10th to support our local Food Bank, "We Care Wednesdays!" This program will provide items needed for the Food Bank that are not covered by Federal or State



funding, which will help the local clients of the Food Bank. This is how it will work. Every month we will get a new list of items needed. These items will be posted, and if you bring three of these items into the Club on Wednesdays, you will receive a \$5 coupon towards your meal! This coupon is only good on that Wednesday, and only for

your food. It's that simple! Let's fill the Food Bank with the items needed and enjoy a good meal at the Lodge!

VETERANS COLLECTION BOX

"So as long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". This statement says so much!! There has been a "Veterans Box" placed by the Veterans table in the atrium to collect items to go along with the Welcome Home kits for Veterans. Things like socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, personal hygiene items, and blankets. Let's fill the box and help our local Veterans!



GOT SNEAKERS?

Announcing a new fundraiser for the Activities Fund, GotSneakers, A Sneaker Recycling Organization. It's very simple, please bring into the Lodge your old sneakers. They will be bagged up and sent out to be recycled and we receive a check! There will be bins around the Lodge to collect the sneakers, brands like Nike, Addidas, Brooks, ASICS, Hoka and many other athletic footwear. Adults and kids sneakers accepted! Any questions, please let me know! Thank you!



THE JIM PARK LEGACY CHICKEN BBQ

Proceeds benefit the PER Association charities!



On June 27th, the Elks PER Association held the Jim Park Legacy Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. It was a huge success, selling out 200 chicken dinners. With the help from the Pleasant Gap Fire Department, we were able to cook the chicken under their pavilion at the Carnival Grounds. PER Jim Park and PER Dick Mulfinger were the official supervisors of the chicken cooking! The BBQ honors Jim for his dedication as an Elk member for 70 years!

PER's Adam Rawding, Rick Zerby, Scott King, Chris Shuey, Terree and Ray Holsing and Lorna Spearly were on hand to help with the packing of the dinners, and Matt Nixdorf, Kurt Weller, ER Evan Edwards, Greg Garner and Beth Ertly assisted as well. The profits from the fundraiser was approximately \$1300,



which will be used to help local charities. Thank you to everyone who purchased dinners!



GREAT NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Congratulations to the members of Bellefonte Elks! Great North Central District members accepted leadership roles for the 2026-2027 Lodge year as District Officers, State Officers, and Grand Lodge Officer. From left to right District Deputy and State Americanism Jonathan McNelis; PDDGER and State Training Denise Zelznick; Past State President and NCD President Steve Lucas; DSVP Kevin Lloyd; PDDGER, State Convention and NCD Secretary Helen Mannion; PER and NCD Chaplain Nina King; and District Deputy Designate Doug Linebaugh. Not pictured PDDGER, Judiciary and NCD Treasurer Dan Nelson.



UPCOMING GRAND LODGE PROGRAMS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Summer is flying by; we are already into July! School will be starting soon, and so will the programs and activities for the Elks.

The **Drug Awareness** poster, essay and video contest has a new theme for 2026-2027, "A Healthy me is Drug Free!" Contest information will be distributed to the schools in both Bellefonte and Bald Eagle after the new school years have started. The poster contest is for grades 3rd to 5th, the essay contest is for grades

6th to 8th, and the video contest is for Middle/High School students and Post Graduate Studies.

The **Americanism Contest** also has a new theme for 2026-2027, "Explain a Constitutional Right or Privilege and How It Affects You and Your Family." This contest information will also be distributed to the schools following the start of the new school year. Students in grades 5th to 8th are eligible to participate in the contest.

The **MVP Scholarship**, or the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, information will be given to the High School Counselors for Bellefonte and Bald Eagle for seniors to apply for the scholarship. The applications will open on August 1, 2026, and the deadline for submission is November 12, 2026, for the 2027 scholarships. Here are a few guidelines for applying for the scholarship:

Eligibility:

- Current high school seniors, or the equivalent, who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks.
- High school graduates are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are submitted; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Scholarships are available only to students who enroll in four-year undergraduate degree programs at accredited U.S. American colleges or universities.

Awards:

- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

The **ENF Legacy Awards** provides educational assistance to children and grandchildren of Elks members who are high school seniors, going on to college and display leadership. The applications will open on September 1, 2026, and close on February 1, 2027.

The applicant must be a high school senior, must complete an on-line application and exhibit the core values of the Elks National Foundation:

1. Knowledge
2. Charity
3. Community
4. Integrity

Lastly, the **Hoop Shoot** will be held in January, date to be confirmed. It is normally held on the first Sunday in January at the Bald Eagle Area High School gym. This contest is for boys and girls, ages 8-13, and is a free throw competition. Watch for the date in our upcoming newsletters, on our website, Facebook page and emails.

If you have a child or grandchild that would like to participate in any of the above contests, scholarships or awards, please watch the timelines, check on the website, elks.org, or check with any Lodge Officer.

THE MISSION OF THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION: HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES

This pledge is fulfilled by investing in communities where Elks live and work. The Elks help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities through grants totaling \$11,500.

Charity is one of our greatest virtues, and the Foundation honors that belief by giving back to the community. Through the Foundation, we can help restore hope, build confidence, and ease hardship. You can make a difference by donating to support programs that strengthen our community. Please consider joining the Fidelity Club.

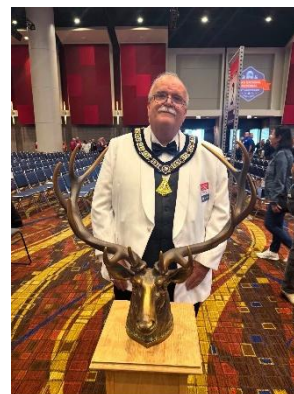
THE FIDELITY CLUB

By joining the Fidelity Club, your donation of at least \$5.00 a month will contribute to the great work the Elks National Foundation supports.

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Start your gift today by enrolling online at enf.elks.org/recurring! You can choose to designate your gift to one program or select all programs and make an immediate difference in the lives of youth, veterans and Elks communities. The Fidelity Club is a 501(c)(3) and is tax deductible. Join today!



DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER



Congratulations, Doug, on this high and distinguished honor!

At the recent Elks National Convention, held in Chicago, ILL, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 Past Exalted Ruler and District State Vice President

Douglas Linebaugh was elected District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Pennsylvania Elks North Central District.



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

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

On July 4th I attended a historic celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial Building. More than 1,250 attendees gathered at the Memorial to honor its century-long dedication to veterans and patriotism. Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt emphasized that Elks continue to serve veterans, youth, and communities nationwide, while Grand Secretary Carl Seibert unveiled a commemorative plaque and highlighted plans for a new time capsule to be opened in 2126.

The convention's Opening Ceremony highlighted the accomplishments of the Elks National Foundation, Drug Awareness Program, and Veterans Service Commission. Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt reflected on his theme, "Be the Difference," praising members for their volunteerism and charitable work throughout the year. Reports noted nearly \$49.6 million in ENF funding for programs supporting veterans, youth, scholarships, and local communities. Attendees were also introduced to proposed legislative resolutions, convention business, upcoming contests, and educational seminars designed to strengthen Lodge operations and member engagement.

The first business session focused on elections, reports, and preparations for legislative action. Delegates unanimously elected Timothy F. Jaeger of Napa, California, as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2026–2027. Jaeger introduced his theme, "Ready Elks—Let's Go!", encouraging members to continue the Order's growth and increase awareness of its community impact. Reports highlighted the 100th Anniversary of the Memorial Building, the proposed balanced Grand Lodge budget of \$9.55 million, recognition of ritual contest finalists, and honors for retiring national leaders. The day concluded with celebration of the newly elected officers and excitement for the year ahead.

Pennsylvania lodges were recognized across multiple programs at the 2026 Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago. Bellefonte Lodge #1094 proudly sponsored National Soccer Shoot Champion Austin Mauk in the U-14 Boys division, while Oakmont Lodge #1668 sponsored National Enrique Camarena Award Recipient Detective Dustin Hess. Bridgeport Lodge #714 earned recognition as an All-American Lodge finalist and sponsored one of the Elks National

Foundation's Top 20 Most Valuable Student Scholars. Pennsylvania also received top honors in state communications, earning a 5-Star State Bulletin Award, demonstrating the Commonwealth's continued leadership and commitment to Elkdom.

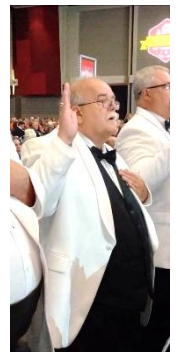
The final day featured the legislative session, during which delegates overwhelmingly approved four amendments to the Statutes of the Order. Reports revealed that Elks nationwide contributed more than \$544.7 million in charitable donations, volunteer service, and in-kind support during 2025–2026. The Elks National Foundation detailed its \$49.6 million investment in grants, scholarships, veterans' programs, and community initiatives.



Jaeger outlined his vision for the coming year, emphasizing membership growth and public awareness of Elkdom's impact. The convention concluded with

recognition of All-American Lodges, ritual contest winners, installation of new officers, and a renewed commitment to service under the rallying cry, "Ready Elks—Let's Go!"

On Wednesday, I attended the memorial service. After this was the installation of our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Linebaugh, along with all the other districts in the US.



COMMUNITY RELATED EVENTS

CLUBS CONNECT FOR A CAUSE

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 softball team recently participated in a Clubs Connect for a Cause Softball Tournament, designed to raise funds for a local resident in need of support. The Elks Lodge raised over \$800 in support of the Tournament. Other organizations participating in the Tournament included Bellefonte Legion, Bellefonte VFW, Undine Fire Company, Milesburg Legion, Pleasant Gap Legion and Centre Hall Legion. Total funds raised through this Tournament was \$28,000.

Shown here are members of the Elks Lodge Softball Team, from left to right, front row: Greg Nau, Dianna Danko, Stephanie Grove, Lisa Waite, Stef Hugill, Brian Grilli, Scott McKee, Kelly Chambers, Kim Chambers, Amanda Koch, Landyn Koch, Steve Koch, Ashley Hamilton, PER Lorna Searly from left to right, second row: Trevor Danko, Justin Grove, Adam Hugill, Patrick Buckley, Pat McDermott, Tim Howe, Alex Tucker, Terry Bumbardner, Brian Thal. Missing from picture: Jason Bickle.



EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY

The Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094's Past Exalted Ruler Ray Holsing recently attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at State College's Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church for three scouts, Gus Clement, Zach Spicer and John Razzano. These young men are members of State College Boy Scout Troop 245. Gus Clements earned 41merits badges. For his Eagle Scout Community Service Project, Gus refurbished a metal storage container and turned it into a shed for a non-profit animal rehab organization, Centre Wildlife Care.

Zach Spicer earned 37 merit badges. His Eagle Scout Community Service Project involved rerouting a hiking trail within S.B. Elliot State Park in Black Moshannon State Forest. His Project. moved the trail away from the river which would often flood.

John Razzano earned 38 merit badges. For his Eagle Scout Community Service Project, John constructed three turtle-basking platforms at Black Moshannon State Park, for the PA Fish and Boat Commission. The platforms provide the native turtles a way to get out of the water and stay warm.

Shown from left to right are PER Holsing, who presented an Elks Eagle Scout Certificate and U. S. Flag to, Zach Spicer, Gus Clements, and John Razzano.



EAGLE COURT

Bellefonte Elks Lodge Trustee Patrick Corbett recently attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Alex Stanton, of Bellefonte Troop 34. The ceremony took place at the Shavers Creek Environmental Center.

For his Eagle Scout Community Service Project, Alex created a butterfly garden at the Shaver's Creek Environmental Center. The Project included clearing out a garden plot, planting native plants to support many pollinators, but most specifically, the Monarch butterfly.

Presenters included:

Pat Corbett - Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094, Mark Higgins - Centre County Commissioner, Daren Aukerman - Nittany Leathernecks



Trustee Corbett presented the new Eagle Scout with a U. S. Flag and an Elk's Eagle Scout Certificate. Shown here is Elks Trustee Corbett presenting the U. S. Flag to the new Eagle Scout (left).

PEACE OFFICER MEMORIAL DAY



In recognition of Peace Officer Memorial Day, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge # 1094 opened its doors to forty law enforcement officers, following a Memorial Service held by County Officials. The Elks provided a delicious luncheon for the Peace Officers who participated in the Memorial Service. Shown here are several of the Officers who participated in the Elks Luncheon. Thank you, Peace Officers, for all you do to keep us safe and secure.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Natalie Jolley (December 2025)

AWARDS

ELKS PAST EXALTED RULERS COMMUNITY SERVICE
Sadie Stodart - PSU - Business Analytics

ELKS LEADERSHIP

Vail Olson - PSU - Biomedical Engineering

SCHOLARSHIPS

DAVID B. GARVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Conrad Anderson - PSU - Journalism

Christopher Harman - PSU College of Technology

Sophia Harper - PSU - Landscape Architecture

Mark Healy - PSU - Biology

Brayden Kuhlman - PSU - Business Administration

Alec Ripka - South Hills School of Business & Tech -

Software Programming & Development

Mason Stroud - PSU

Payten Stull - PSU - Biobehavioral Health

CONGRATULATIONS to all recipients!

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE



The PER Association sponsored the Elks in the AMERICA250 parade on July 3rd, with Governor Curtin (Michelle Yearick) and his wife Katharine (Janelle Burger) featured in the parade.



A big shout out to Greg Garner, the truck driver and hauler of all the parade stuff!! Also to the walkers, Amanda, Steve and Landyn Koch and Lexi Buckley and banner carriers, Dorothy Neff and Donald Townsend and our PER representatives, John Rockey, Rick Zerby and Adam Rawding!! And of course,



Andrew Curtin, aka Janell Burger, and Katharine Curtin, aka Michael Yearick! Thanks to everyone who donated candy!!

CHILDREN'S FAIR

The 74th Rotary Children's Fair recently took place in Bellefonte. As one of the primary financial sponsors of this event, the Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 participated in the event. The Elks Lecturing Knight and Drug Awareness Chairman Ray Holsing, along with volunteers Lexi Buckley and Sue Kelleher staffed a booth at which they provided children the opportunity to decorate visors and wristbands. And, the Elks provided a lollipop tree to grab a treat! There were also drug awareness materials and items that were given away! The Elks booth had over 100 kids stop by to enjoy a fun craft and receive drug awareness information. Shown here is one of the young participants as he models the new visor!



FLY THE FLAG



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 proudly recognizes the following businesses for flying the American flag properly as part of the Elks *Fly the Flag* Program. Displaying our nation's flag with the respect and dignity it deserves is a meaningful way to show patriotism and honor those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

We thank them for setting such a wonderful example in our community and for their commitment to honoring the Stars and Stripes each and every day.

Pictured are Elks Past Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly and ARIZE CREDIT UNION Representative Kristin Macafee, Branch Manager.



Pictured are Elks Past Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly and HOME DEPOT Representative Kyle, Assistant Manager.

Pictured are Elks Past Exalted Ruler Lorna Spearly and ACCU WEATHER Representative Richard Crain, Facility Coordinator.



FLAG DAY CEREMONY



The Bellefonte Elks Lodge #1094 held its Flag Day Ceremony on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Talleyrand Park in Bellefonte, PA. Did you know

this National Holiday was originally an Elks only observance, and it wasn't until 1949, when then-U. S. President Harry Truman (himself an Elk), declared that hereafter, June 14 would be observed as Flag Day, and a day of National observance for the symbol of our country, the U. S. Flag. The Bellefonte Elks were joined by Bellefonte Cub Scout Pack #330, Pleasant Gap Legion #867, and Bellefonte VFW #1600, in celebrating our Flag. Shown here are the Bellefonte Elks Lodge.

Officers who participated in the Flag Day Ceremony, from left to right: Leading Knight Thomas Crist, Esquire Donald Townsend, Inner Guard Janice Watson, Exalted Ruler Evan Edwards, Past Exalted Ruler and Treasurer Lorna Spearly, Loyal Knight Brenda Kephart, Lecturing Knight and Past Exalted Ruler Ray Holsing, and Past Exalted Ruler, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and Chaplain Adam Rawding.



OPEN HOUSE / BELLEFONTE CRUISE



The Open house held June 19-20 was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who helped showcase our Lodge! The food was delicious, our bartenders are rock stars and the volunteers are amazing! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Charity Committee Bake Sale! Congratulations to Angela Packer who won the 50/50 drawing! I am very proud of our Lodge and our members, and of being a Bellefonte Elk!

BOOK FAIR / JEWELRY SALE BELLEFONTE ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Bellefonte Elks
Book and Jewelry Sale

 **Friday, August 7th**
2pm-8pm

 **Saturday, August 8th**
10am-5pm

 **Book donations accepted**
starting July 1st

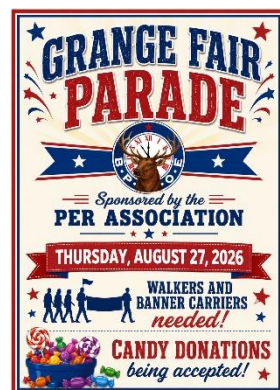
 **Proceeds benefiting the Activities Fund**

The Lodge will be holding a Book Fair and Jewelry Sale during the Arts and Crafts Fair on August 7th and 8th. Donations will be accepted starting July 1st. Volunteers will be needed to help with the setup and the sale hours on Friday and sale hours and cleanup on Saturday. Thank you!

GRANGE FAIR RAFFLE & PARADE

Volunteer sign-ups to work the booth are currently posted in the club. There are three two-hour shifts each day, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending when the booth closes at 9:00 p.m. We will also have two lottery boards, each featuring \$100 in PA Lottery scratch-off tickets. Tickets will be sold at the booth, with one drawing held on Tuesday of fair week and the other on the final Saturday.

Also, the Parade will be Thursday, August 27. Volunteers are needed to be walkers and banner carriers. Candy donations are also being accepted.



Join the Bellefonte Elks for a soccer competition at Bellefonte High School Rogers Stadium on Sunday, August 9, 2026. Registration starts at Noon and Competition starts at 1:00 p.m. Ages 5-16

ONGOING EVENTS AT THE LODGE

HOME SERVICE

breakfasts have continued with the new Lodge year, with Leading Knight, Tom Crist, heading the charge! All proceeds benefit



the PA Elks Home Service Program, which was \$1,500 for April-June. Home Service Breakfasts will resume in September, starting September 13. We will have the same great menu with new fun additions and monthly specials. Volunteers are also welcome and needed to help with the breakfasts. Please contact Tom if you are interested in helping, thomascrist73@gmail.com.

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.

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.



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.

Also, veterans who are interested in receiving a "Quilt of Valor", please contact Terree Holsing, who will take your information and submit it to the Centre County Chapter of the Quilts of Valor. The quilts are issued to any veteran who is on active duty or received an honorable discharge. These quilts are handmade and are beautiful! For more information about the quilts of valor, please visit their website at www.qovf.org.

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!

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.

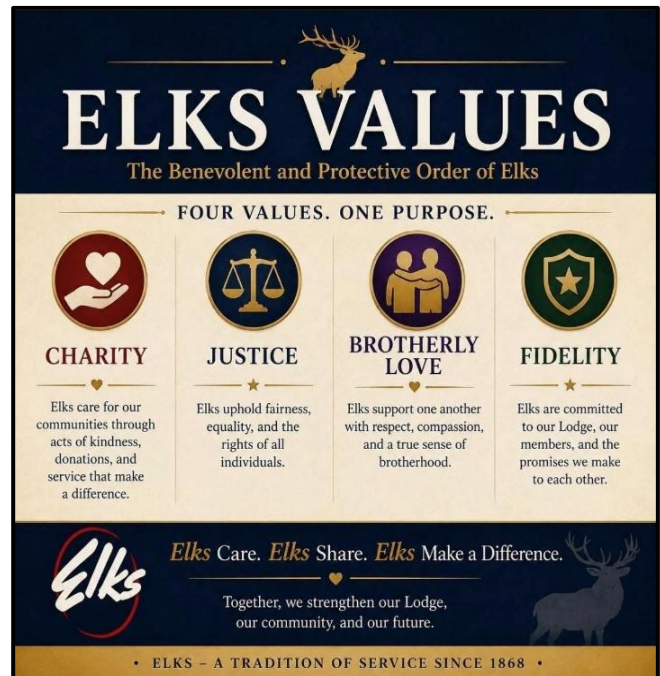
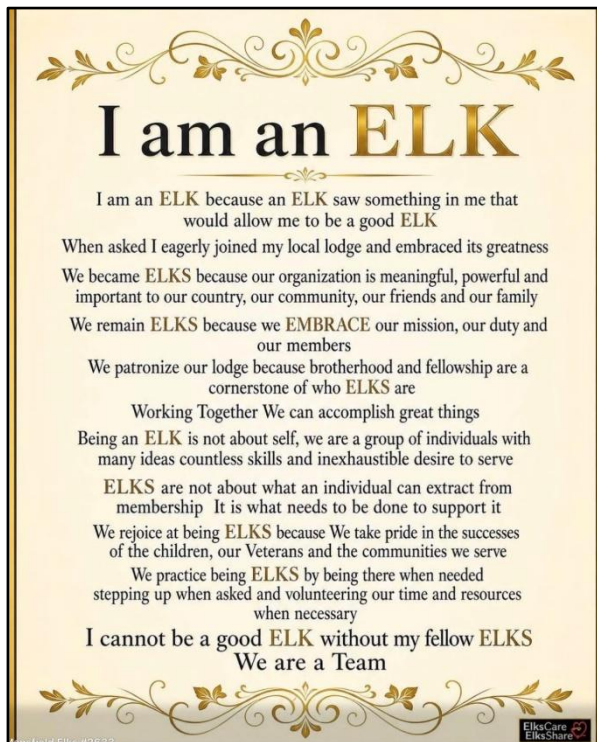
STILL NEED TO PAY YOUR DUES?

Click this QR code to pay your dues, quick and easy!

Just scan the QR code, which will take you to the elks.org website, where you can sign in and see a blue button on the home page that says "Pay My Dues". If you do not already have a log in for elks.org, you will need to create one. The process should take 60 seconds, and your membership is updated that

quickly! You can access your digital membership card immediately and use that to access the Lodge until the Secretary can get your paper card mailed to you. It's that simple and easy! Renew your membership today and come into the Lodge for all our great events, fundraising, food and drink!





HOUSE RULES - REMINDER

Members are welcome to bring in family and friends as guests, but they need to be signed in and cannot purchase alcohol. You as the member must purchase their alcohol. You may bring in guests two times in a six-month period; on the third visit it is encouraged they complete an application for membership. The exception to this House Rule is if the Lodge has an Open House or Open Event. (An example of an Open House would be the Cruise Weekend, or the upcoming Arts and Crafts weekend when we will be holding the Book Sale. An example of an Open Event would be CP Night, or any event advertised as such.) Please keep these house rules in mind when bringing in your guests into the Lodge. Our bartenders will be asking for membership cards if they see new faces and will follow the House Rules.

Also, we love that everyone is enjoying the front porch! As a reminder, all alcohol must stay on the porch, you are not permitted to take alcohol off the porch.

Thank you! We want to keep our Lodge a fun and safe place for all our members to enjoy!



REGULAR CLUB HOURS

WWW.BELLEFONTEELKS1094.COM

Monday – Friday, 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am – 9:00 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



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EVENTS SCHEDULED

JULY

July 3 – 250th American Parade

July 4-8 – Elks National Convention, Chicago

July 14 - Charity Committee Meeting (5pm)

July 20 - Trustee Meeting

July 23 - Music Bingo

July 27 - Lodge Meeting

July 29 - Denny Taylor

AUGUST

August 1 - PER Meeting

August 4 – Junior Golf Shoot, Philipsburg Elks

August 9 - Soccer Shoot, Bellefonte H.S.

August 10 - Lodge Meeting

August 17 – Trustee Meeting

August 18 - LLWS Parade, S. Williamsport

August 21-29 - Grange Fair Home Service Booth

August 27 – Grange Fair Parade

SEPTEMBER

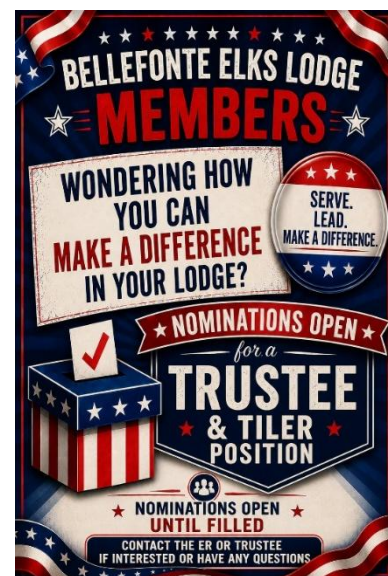
September 13- Home Service Breakfast

September 14 - Lodge Meeting

September 21 – Trustee Meeting

September 27 - District Meeting, Philipsburg

September 28 - Lodge Meeting



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