

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Easter Brunch - Sunday 14th April
9:00am to 12:00pm

Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday
12th May 9:00am to 12:00PM

Memorial Day Pool Party
Sunday 26th May – More to come

NASCAR Races – Don't forget to join us
on Sundays

Wednesday Evenings:

Queen of Hearts drawing at 7pm

Saturday Evenings:

Member Games from 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Remember Pizzas are always available
at the bar to purchase for dinner.

Looking Ahead:

Quarter Auction – Sunday June 23rd



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Lodge 2092

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Information on events is always
posted at the lodge, so stop by any
time to see what's new and what's
happening.

To have information included in the
newsletter, please submit inputs
and ideas to Beckie Palmer,
Newsletter Editor, at
beckiep63@gmail.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Sheila Rollins, Rob Schneider, Charles Milburn, Kenneth Stepanuk, Gail Ellis, Carlene Large and Delores Latham

Sickness and Distress

Wishing Chris Boyer, a speedy recovery as she continues to deal with fluid on her legs and congestive heart failure.
She is always up to see visitors at St. Mary's Hospital.

Please keep all members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any "Sickness and Distress" announcements that you would like posted here or read on the floor of the next meeting, please contact the Leading Knight, Rick Mills at 301-247-8247 or rick.mills@scipax.com



From the Exalted Ruler

Fellow Elks:

Spring has arrived and we're shaking this wet, gray winter off our boots. With the calendar turning to April also comes a new Elk year and the rotation of officers. As your Exalted Ruler this year, I am excited for the new beginning and ready to have a year of fun and service to Elkdom.

I would like to thank all of the members who sponsored a new member last year. Let's keep spreading the word of our Lodge and continuing the upward trend in membership! We have a lot to offer our community and will be pushing our charitable works to the forefront this year.

I would also like to encourage all of our members to join us in our community outreach this year. Whether by joining a committee or jumping in and helping whenever your schedule allows, we are going to make our Lodge a more visible presence in our community. We will have lots of opportunities for everyone to join in on charitable works, so stay tuned for regular announcements!

Special thanks to Dolly Broom, our Past Exalted Ruler, for all the hard work she has put in over the past few years. Her dedication and care of our Lodge runs deep and it certainly shows. We are fortunate to have her carrying the torch this year as our Elks National Foundation (ENF) chairperson.

Thank you for entrusting me with the Exalted Ruler position this year. I will work diligently with each and every one to ensure that our Lodge continues its forward momentum and is a source of pride for ourselves and our community.

Fraternally yours,

Waverley Manson

Exalted Ruler



From the House Committee Chairperson

Members,

Let me first start off by thanking PER Trent Manson and the entire House Committee for their hard work and dedication to our Lodge this past Elk Year. It takes a tremendous amount of time and leadership to ensure that all of the operations of the House generate revenue and provide the membership with various opportunities for social activity. As a member, I am grateful for your job well done.

I'd like to first introduce the membership who will serve you this year as the House Committee: Ryan Fracasse; PER Mike Palmer; Melissa Clemens; Rob Schneider; Jessica Schneider; PER Fred Crum; Kevin Williams; Don Zwick; Bill Crum; Scott Barry; Matt O'Dell; Christie Smith; PER Dolly Broom. Some have served previously, with a few new faces added to the team.

Our Goal - Make the Lodge Great Again! While this is satire aligned with our political landscape, it nonetheless rings true. We've seen a negative trend for internal revenue generated at the lodge and we must find a way to right the ship. Our focus this year will be on providing a fun and engaging atmosphere at the lodge. Here are a few of the things we plan to do to encourage membership attendance at the lodge:

1. Dinner Nights - We will be adding a Burger Night on the 3rd Fridays of the month. I am an award-winning burger cook at the lodge, so we promise a good product! More to follow on this, but we also plan to host ad-hoc Friday dinners at the Lodge and will push that out through the weekly email blast.
2. Quarterly ticketed events - We plan to have something special every 3 months or so. It will be geared towards a big crowd to help raise money for the lodge...think Dueling Pianos, Illusionist, etc. I am working on Robbie Boothe for our first event, so stay tuned.
3. Queen of Hearts - The move to Wednesday nights has been successful and we will keep that partnership with Wing Night alive. Please come out and support - even when the pot is small.
4. Saturday Night Member Casino - I believe membership should have privilege at the lodge. With that, we will be introducing a mini casino night on Saturday(s). We plan to start with a Blackjack table and a Texas Holdem Poker game for Members only and maybe grow if the popularity dictates. We hope that our membership will bring guests to the lodge during this outing and hopefully the guests will want to join the Lodge to get into the action. Look for this in May and more detail on how often will be sent through the weekly email blast.
5. We will look at the beer inventory again, but we do plan to have a domestic beer on tap. Nothing concrete yet, but it may rotate between brands.
6. Easter and Mother's Day Brunch - They are happening, so please come out and support!

This list will undoubtedly grow as the year progresses, but it gives you an initial look at our path. As we look for ways to increase membership participation, I will point out that it starts with you. Your willingness to come to the lodge, socialize with your fraternal family and maybe even re-engage with one of the many great programs our lodge is involved with to help our community. Finally, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or maybe an idea for the House Committee to explore. Help the House Committee leave the Lodge better than we found it. Make the Lodge Great Again!

Rob Broom

House Committee Chairman

Dinner Nights for the Month of April

April 5th: Pizza Night

One topping pizza- \$9.00

Two topping pizza- \$10.00

Toppings include: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onions, and Cheese

April 12th:

April 19th

House Committee Dinner Night

April 26th: Steak and Shrimp Night

Steak and Shrimp dinner: \$18

Steak Dinner: \$14

Shrimp Dinner: \$12

Dinner includes: salad, potato, bread, green beans, and corn

Dinner Nights for the Month of May

May 3rd: Pizza Night

One topping pizza- \$9.00

Two topping pizza- \$10.00

Toppings include: Pepperoni, Sausage, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Onions, and Cheese

May 10th:

May 17th

House Committee Dinner Night

May 24th: Steak and Shrimp Night

Steak and Shrimp dinner: \$18

Steak Dinner: \$14

Shrimp Dinner: \$12

Dinner includes: salad, potato, bread, green beans, and corn

May 31st:



KEEP UP WITH ALL THAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LODGE. SIGN UP TODAY FOR EMAIL UPDATES. SIMPLY TEXT BPOE2092 TO THE NUMBER 22828 TO GET STARTED. IT'S

CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS!!

If you have celebrations and congratulations that you would like to share, please email Beckie at beckiep63@gmail.com to have them put into the newsletter!

Congratulations to Christina and Ryan Fracasse on the birth of their baby boy Colton, who was born on February 8th

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following people for being the Elk of the Month and Volunteer of the Month.

Elk of the Month:

January – Don Zwick

Don stepped up and took over the Tiler position when our previous one had to step down to care for his family. He has even fed us after our meetings! Don is also on the House Committee and is always offering to assist when needed. Good job Don!

February – Dwight Morgan

Dwight usually comes into the Lodge a few times a year. He usually hosts a party for one or both of his kids' activities at the pool each year. This year Dwight committed to help do the food for our 3rd Annual GunBash. This requires a lot of work prior to the event. It's great to see Elk Members contribute in any way they can. Thanks Dwight. Food was delicious!

Volunteer of the Month:

January – Jim Gressinger

Jim has been helping out on one of our wing teams. He is always there to help with a smile on his face. Thank for helping out Jim!

February – Katie Zwick

Katie also came out to help at this year's GunBash. She helped with the raffle sales. Katie has also assisted our Tiler to make sure he has everything he needs (or forgets). Thank you, Katie. Your help is very much appreciated!

Happy Birthday

To the following people for April and May

April

- 01- Wayne Hansen
- 02- Toby Lakin
Robert Tribble
- 03- Russell Hilditch
Milton Myers
- 04- Dale Glenn
Richard Molen
- 05- Gary Faller
James Stiefvater
- 07- Joseph Carnes
- 08- John Fegeley
John Much
Ray Rogers
Gary Sacks
Robbie Tejchman
- 10- Kelly Maloney
- 12- William Harris
- 14- Clinton Leeland
- 16- Jeff Graham
- 20- Christie Hamlet
- 22- Mike Brooks
Stanley Davis
Rick Watts
- 25- Suzanne Donlon-Lee
- 26- Nelson Lane
- 28- Robert Buckley
Donald House
- 29- David Mahoney
- 30- Terry Lauer
Gregory Peton

May

- 01- George Drank
- 02- Stacey Thomas
- 06- Christine Boyer
- 07- John Deeney
- 08- Larry Hutson
Marnie Stearns
- 10- John Johnson
- 13- Jeff Fairfax
Jack Grubber
John Nelson
- 15- Richard Miller
- 16- William Crum
- 17- Mike McWilliams
- 21- Ronald Strickland
- 22- Joel Wathen
- 23- Brian Tarleton
- 24- David Shotwell
John Winters
- 26- Erin Corbin
- 27- Leroy George
- 30- James Walker
- 31- Sergio Romeu

If you see someone from the list, wish them a Happy Birthday! For all members that are current in their dues, come in any day during your birthday month and receive **one** free drink on the house.

What is ENF?

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence.

The Elks National Foundation is able to help Elks build stronger communities thanks to contributions from our generous donors. Since inception, ENF has received more than \$259 million in contributions and bequests. Today ENF boast more than 100,000 active donors and an endowment fund valued at \$669.6 million.

There are 6 grants available to our Lodge.

1. **Beacon Grants** are a chance for Lodges to develop an ongoing, Lodge-led charitable project. They are available to every Lodge for **\$2,500**.
2. **Gratitude Grants** must be used to support local, charitable activities such as hosting a community clean-up day, purchasing supplies for a homeless shelter, or organizing a school literacy fair. Every Lodge that met the GER's per-member-giving goal in the prior fiscal year is eligible for a **\$2,000** grant.
3. **Promise Grants** are **\$2,500** grants available to the first 300 Lodges that apply for an eligible charitable youth activity.
4. **Freedom Grants** will award **\$2,000** to 325 Lodges to hold projects that serve veterans and active-duty military members. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis to the first 325 Lodges to submit qualifying projects that serve a population in need.
5. **Impact Grants** will award up to **\$10,000** and are designed to set a standard of excellence in community leadership through service. The ENF is looking to award Impact Grants to Lodges who intimately understand a problem in their community, have a unique idea about how to solve it, and who are ready with the volunteer power to get it done.
Impact Grants are competitive. Lodges do not need to meet the per-member-giving goal to complete the two-step award process, but funding is limited and only a select number will receive the grant.
6. **Spotlight Grant** is a new grant for **\$2000** that every Lodge will have the opportunity to use. This grant is to shine a light on two important issues facing nearly every American community—family literacy and homelessness among our nation's veterans.

I encourage each member to go to <https://www.elks.org/cip/> and learn more about these grants. As the ENF chair this Elk year, I will be looking at ways to use these grants to assist our community and introduce Elkdom to our community. Please see me if you have any ideas. I am looking for members that are willing to assist me in applying for these grants. You can contact me at Dollypt@yahoo.com.

Dolly Broom, PER

BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

**St. Mary's County Elks Lodge #2092,
45779 Fire Dept. Lane, California, MD 20619**

**Sunday April 14th 9am to 12pm
Adults - \$10 Under 10 - \$8**

- **Made to Order Omelets**
- **Waffles** • **Scrambled Eggs**
- **Cream Chipped Beef** • **Bacon**
- **Biscuits & Gravy** • **Sausage**
- **Home Fries** • **Drinks**



There will be two egg hunts for ages 1-10 at 9:15am and 11:15am. Please bring your own baskets. There will be prizes to win and pictures with the EASTER BUNNY.



2019 Elks Pool Committee

From: Dorothy Sarrett, 2019 Pool Committee Chair

2019 Pool Committee Members: Dorothy Sarrett, David Burch, Carol Frazier, Kevin & Cheri Williams, Mila, Sergio Jimenez, Rob & Jess Schneider, Carlene Large, Jean Mills and Li Velazquez, & Melissa Clemens

Pool is schedule to open Saturday, May 25th. Hours of Operation will be posted at the Pool. Please watch Weekly News Letter for Pool Hours and/or additional information as we approach the season.

Lifeguard/Pool Operators: This year we welcome back Devin, Aryn, Claire & John as our Lifeguard/Pool Operators! This team was part of our last year seasons success!

2019 Pool Membership Applications: Applications are available at the Lodge and/or you can reach out to a Pool Committee Member. **Collecting pool membership fees are crucial to fund continued pool operations and maintenance.**

There have been a few revisions made, so please read carefully (no increase in fees). We have 2 applications this year: Elk Member & Non-Elk Member. All Elk Members must be current with their dues at time of submittal, to receive Elk Member Discount.

To join, drop off your application at the lodge during open hours (301-863-7800) with cash, check or charge or send in your application and check or charge information to St. Mary's Elks Lodge, P.O. Box 277, Lexington Park, MD. 20653 or email Pool Chairperson at BPOE2092POOL@gmail.com.

Please Note: *Baby Pool will not open this season due to a leakage problem. This area is currently under discussion on how to move forward.*

2019 Pool Season: Pool Committee has already been working hard to implement ideas provided by our Elk Members to make this season full of events by the Pool.

- Memorial Day/July 4th/Labor Day Weekend Events
- Weekend Barbeques / 50/50 Raffles
- Potential Family Movie Night at the Pool (*Cost analysis in process*)
- Prize Raffles
- Night time swim for Elk Members Only
- Family Pool Night Activities
- Water Aerobics (We are hoping to offer this again!)
- Hours of Operation – Extended
- Reviewing Lodge website to make applications available and to enhance communication.
- BPOE 2092 Elk Lodge Facebook communication
- Improvements to Pool Facilities.

Pool Party: Applications are available to schedule Pool Party(s). Applications will be available at the Lodge or please email BPOE2092POOL@gmail.com.

2019 Elk Sponsored Swim Team: Swim team registration information is available by emailing swim4elks@gmail.com. The Lodge has implemented for the 1st year a Memorandum of Understanding with our Swim Team. MOU includes offering Swim Team Members to receive **discount if you are an Elk Member** in good standing vs. holding an Elk Pool Membership as done in previous years.

The Pool Committee has appointed **David Burch** (wburch89@gmail.com) as the Elk Pool Committee Swim Team POC. David will work closely with Swim Team to ensure we provide the utmost support and Swim Teams cooperation to ensure our facilities are maintained during all of Swim Team events held at the Pool.

Thank you all for a successful pool Season last year! This year we hope to utilize the pool to offer fun filled family events and other activities support our Lodge! If you have any questions or suggestions for this year's Pool Season, please contact Pool Committee Chair, Dorothy Sarrett at 240.298.3032 or email BPOE2092POOL@gmail.com . Or please feel free to reach out to any of the Pool Committee members!

Corn Hole League is underway starting March 20th. We have 11 teams for the Spring league and expect playoffs to begin mid-May. Summer league will follow in June, interested teams can sign up in the bar or send an email to Rick.mills@scipax.com

dedicated to bringing you the latest in wing cuisine. If you think you have the skill set and creativity to be on a team or start your own, email Rick.mills@scipax.com