

Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714
494 Ford Street
Bridgeport PA, 19405



**Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks of the U.S.A.**

A Fraternal Organization

Mission Statement

*To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that **Elks Care and Elks Share.***



**ELKS NATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Our Mission

The [mission of the ENF](#) is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We 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.

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Happy 4th of July

As you are reading this month's newsletter, I and the rest of the ritual team will be in Austin TX representing Pennsylvania in the national ritual competition at the Grand Lodge convention. The team has been practicing very hard every week to present the best showing we can for the Pennsylvania Elks. As the summer goes on, we are preparing for a couple of major events at the lodge. On September the 6th our annual golf outing to benefit our state major project "The Home Service Nurses Program" will be held at Westover Golf Club. We could use some help in soliciting hole sponsors and tee sign sponsors from any friends or any businesses you patronize. Golfers are always welcome to this better ball scramble at 1pm and a complete steak dinner back at the lodge after the outing. There will be a golf meeting on July 13th at noon for anyone interested. Our next major function is the annual haunted house at the lodge. Helping in the building, decorating and acting is always fun and appreciated. The next haunted house meeting will be held on July 7th at 4pm. The theme of this year's haunted house is **Monsters in the Mansion**, and we will be talking about setting up the basement. We will have the haunted house open the last Saturday in September 9/28. All The Saturdays in October and the Friday 10/25. Come on out and help us with the building and the Haunting. There are other various events happening or in the planning stages so keep watching for them in the newsletter. Till next month, have a safe and happy fourth of July and don't forget your sunscreen.

BY-LAW UPDATE

Our lodge is due for a required five-year revision of our bylaws. The proposed revisions to the bylaws include an update to our requirements for a life member. The amount of compensation for the treasurer will be placed at \$1.00 per member per annum. Our meeting structure will stay the same with the 1st and 3rd Thursdays but only one meeting during the months of July, August and December. The time of our meetings are scheduled for 7:00 and that can be discussed if we want to change to 7:30. There will be no increase in dues at the present time. The vote on these will take place at the 7PM meeting on July 18, 2024.

2024- 2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler
Esteemed Leading Knight
Esteemed Loyal Knight
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Esquire
Chaplain
Inner Guard
Tiler
Secretary
Treasurer



S. David DeStefano (PSP)
Troy Schantz
Dan Simons
Andrew Conners
Harry Dean (PER)
Christina Mitchell
Vacant
Michele Conners
Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)
Teia Horney (PER)

Trustees

1yr-Brenda Shepperd (PER) 2yr-Patrice DeStefano (PDDGER)
3yr-Sean McMenamin (PER) 4yr-James Hunt (PER) 5yr-Randy Bennet

2024-2025 Lodge Committees

Accident & Prevention-Sean McMenamin(PER)
Americanism- Dan Simons
Army of Hope- Brenda Shepperd (PER)
Auditing- Harry Dean (PER)
CP Legacy Trust- Sarah Stemple
Community Activities-Bill Lawless
Drug Awareness- Troy Schantz
Flag Day- Jeff Mann
Government Relations- Howard Randy Bennet
Hoop Shoot- Michele Michaels
Investigation- Howard Randy Bennett
Lapsation- Maureen DeStefano DSVP
Lodge Activities- Andrew Conners
Major Projects- Cathy Hunt (PER)
Membership- Maureen DeStefano DSVP
Memorial Service- Sean McMenamin (PER)
Natl. Foundation- John DeStefano
Newsletter- Maureen DeStefano DSVP
 Dan DeStefano
Orientation- James Hunt (PER)
Public Relations- Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)
Scholarship- Cathy Hunt (PER) Mary Tlluczek ,
 Mary Morrison
Soccer Shoot- James Hunt (PER)
State Association-Stephen Teague (PDDGER)
Veterans Service- Brenda Shepperd (PER)
Visitation- Carol Couch
Website- Teia Horney (PER)
Youth Activity-

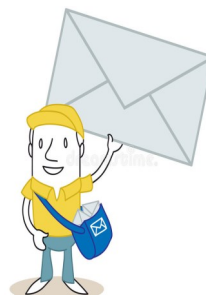
PER's

S. David DeStefano (PSP), James DeStefano (PDDGER),
 Harry J. Dean, Patrice DeStefano (PDDGER)
 Stephen Teague (PDDGER), Earl Harrison,
 Thomas Novitski, Sean McMenamin, Brenda Shepperd,
 Laura Minnich, Brian DeStefano, Teia Horney,
 Steve West, Christine West, Jeff Wright,
 Maureen DeStefano (DSVP), Sara Clemente,
 Herman (Bud) Kelly , Cathy Hunt, James Hunt

House Committee

Chairperson: Dan DeStefano, James Hunt (PER),
 Tom Cannon, Greg Sacks ,Maureen DeStefano (DSVP)

*If anyone is interested in assisting
 on any of the Committees listed .
 Please email the committee person at
 bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com*



Reminder

Dues for 2024-2025 Lodge
 year are now being accepted
 via regular mail or online

Links to Elksdom

[HTTPS://WWW.ELKS.ORG/GRANDLODGE/FILES/2024-08.PDF](https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/files/2024-08.pdf)

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with relevant information about our Lodge!
Do so by simply emailing
bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com
With "Online Newsletter"
in the subject line.

MONSTERS IN THE MANSIION

Hi All,

A great start to our Haunt session with a nice quorum of members present, though we can always use more! The theme for 2024's is "Classic Monsters", and the old ghouls and creatures will take over our lodge starting September 28 opening night.

We are looking for more ideas for rooms, haunters, front end people getting props and costumes organized and anyone that would like to contribute. Starting here in July there will be work "parties" every Sunday at 4pm and Friday at 7pm (subject to change on both days and times, but for now same as last year)

Looking forward to seeing and working with all of you and another successful Haunted House.

Andrew Connors

Come join us for a unique fund raiser at the Lodge!!



Home Run Pledge

Pick a current baseball player on any team in the league
Pledge an amount from \$2.00 to \$5.00 Prize 50/50
for every Home Run your player hits in the month of August.
Sign up Sheet at the lodge.

Want to participate and can't get to the lodge
Send an email to bridgeport.elks.714@gmail.com

Can't be at the outing or don't golf

31st Annual Elks Golf Outing

September 6, 2024

GOLF BALL DROP

\$5 per Ball

50/50

Closest to the pin wins!

Need not be present to win!

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME BY YOUR favorite number,
PUT CONTACT PHONE NUMBER AND ASK BARTENDER FOR
AN ENVELOPE TO PAY. PUT YOUR NAME THE #OF THE
BALL AND THE AMOUNT ON THE ENVELOPE. BARTENDER
WILL DROP THE ENVELOPE AND INTIAL THE FORM ON
THE CLIPBOARD WITH THE DATE.**





Most Valuable Student

The 2025 application will be available on August 1, 2024.

Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need.

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.

Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714 Scholarship Committee
 We are currently inviting any member who wishes to judge our MVS applications and assist in choosing our next Lodge Scholarship Winners to please contact:
Cathy Hunt - via email or text
cathyhunt@yahoo.com or
610-331-1221



Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Eligibility requirements are outlined below. **The 2025 contest and application will open on September 1, 2024.**

For the 2025 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2022, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

1. The applicant must be a high school senior.
2. The applicant must apply online only. **The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 11:59 a.m. Pacific Time. NOTE: This is NOON, mid-day, Pacific time.**
3. If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.
4. We have waived the standardized test requirement for the 2025 Legacy contest. You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores.
5. Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student wins more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value. Students can accept local and state scholarships, which are separate from the awards at the national level.
6. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)
7. If you are selected as a 2025 Legacy Awards recipient, you will be required to perform three instances of service with an Elks Lodge during the four years you are receiving the scholarship.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you everyone that joined us for our P.E.R. Mystery bartender night. Brenda Shepperd did a great job . Looking for the next P.E.R. to step up and bartend a night in the near future. Be sure and come out an join us for events planned for July. First Friday Bingo,. Our night of music from our member Brian Quinn.

It's Brian Quinn here Come Join me at The Bridgeport Elks Lodge #714 Saturday July 13th 4pm to 6pm




Apply For Your ELKS Plate
 Please contact:
 Teresa Black at our State Office
 paelksqb@gmail.com

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VETERANS NEWS

So Long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

The Veterans Committee has secured a grant to supply the comfort cart for the VA Hospital in Philadelphia.

We are working on other grant ideas that will benefit our area Veterans.

We are hoping to be able to get Welcome home kits through Elks.org, we just need to find Veterans that we can give them to.

Army of Hope is a division of our Veterans committee that helps families of deployed Veterans, by doing yardwork, light maintenance. Privacy laws have made it impossible to get names of Veterans. We have been sending letters to area churches but we have not been able to engage anyone. Moving forward we will be reaching out to the church pastors and invite them to the lodge for donuts and coffee so we can explain our program.

If you are interested in being part of the Veterans Committee, please let us know.

Trustees Corner

Brenda Shepperd, PER, Head of Trustees 610-247-9257

Jim Hunt PER, Secretary 215-859-2041

Sean McMenamin PER, Accident & Prevention 484-883-6968

Patrice DeStefano, PDDGER 484-363-7550

Randy Bennett 610-496-2764

Since our last meeting the Trustees have been very busy. The pool table has been repaired and resurfaced. The alarm system in the bar area has been updated. The toilet in the 1st floor ladies room as been repaired.

When is not so hot out we can address the flower bed out front but, in the meantime, we do have new flags on order.

Please fill out the survey that is included in this newsletter.

Don't forget the trustees have tickets for sale over the bar to help defray costs on our building.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Please complete the Link below to help better serve our Lodge. It is completely anonymous

Here is the survey link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M8J3MPK>

July 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Bingo 7pm HH Work Party | 6 |
| 7 HH Meeting 4 PM HH work party | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Officers/ Committee Meeting 7pm | 12 PER Meeting 7:30PM HH Work Party | 13 Golf Outing Meeting Noon Brian Quinn Entertainment 4-6 |
| 14 HH Work Party | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Lodge Meeting 7pm | 19 HH Work Party | 20 |
| 21 HH Work Party | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 HH Work Party | 27 |
| 28 HH Work Party | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |



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| 7/01 Robin Kelsh | 7/19 Michael Finney |
| 7/05 Angel Novitski | Adrienne Griffith |
| 7/06 Lisa DeStefano | 7/20 Charles Kinsky |
| Theresa Lassiter | 7/21 Gerald Phifer |
| 7/07 Shawn Frawley | 7/22 Andrew Connors |
| 7/11 Stephen Teague | 7/23 Jessica Fadgen |
| 7/13 Kyle Shenk | JoAnn Gadzicki |
| 7/14 Earl Harrison | 7/24 Maria Bosak |
| Richard Melle | William Morrison |
| Karl Shoemaker | Melissa Navitsky |
| 7/15 Sharon Belfie | 7/28 Michael Harper |
| Beth Shoemaker | 7/29 Ronald Lassiter |
| 7/16 Patricia Chabaud | Deborah Welch |
| 7/17 Mary Carr | 7/30 Jen Puglia |
| 7/18 David Camarda | 7/31 Gregory Golini |

Welcome to our new members
initiated in the month of June

Bethanne Walsh

Joseph Facchiano

Matt Brescia

7PM First Friday



3 BALL AT 3:00



Come join us on Sunday's!
for some pool action