Elks News

Whatever their lot in life, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.

As long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget them

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From the Exalted Ruler... ... ...

By the time you read this we will have conducted out Charity Raffle at the January 22nd member appreciation event and the Local Hoop Shoot however I cannot report on these events as they have not happened as I write this column.

February is a very slow month for us as the only activities scheduled are our Lodge meetings and the District Hoop Shoot in Bellefonte. Early in March will be participating in the State Hoop Shoot despite the fact that, due to construction at State High, the event will occur at Bellefonte High School for at least the next two years. Thank you to W.F. Reiber and Bob Kidder for once again leading these efforts.

Thank you also goes out to John Kriner who stepped down as Lodge Boy Scouts Chair after a very long time serving in that capacity. Thank you John for your service both to the Lodge and to Scouting.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my plea that volunteers come forward to serve as Lodge Officers. Currently there is no one to replace Brenda Kephart as Exalted Ruler when her term as ER ends after March 2017. As I announced in last month's column, it is no longer a requirement that new Lodge Officers memorize their parts in order to perform in Initiation Ceremonies. It is hoped that the removal of this requirement spurs interest in serving in the Chairs as a significant "hurdle" has been removed from the duties of being an Officer. Please contact either me or David Harry to express your interest in serving in the Chairs.

Fraternally,
Chris Carver, *Exalted Ruler*

Dates to Remember... ..

Feb. 9 - Lodge Meeting, PER Night, 7:30 pm

Feb. 13 - District Hoop Shoot, Bellefonte

Feb. 23 - Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm

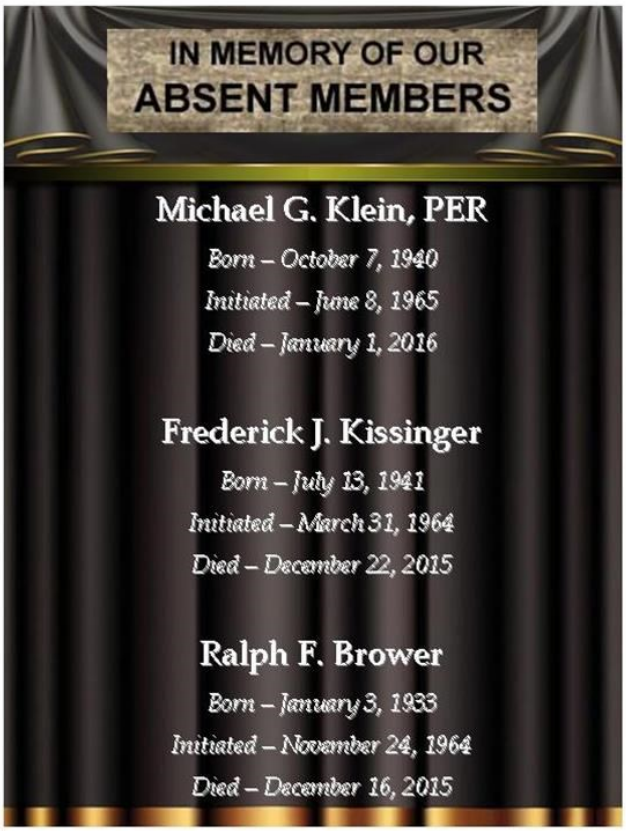
Feb. 28 - District Meeting, Bellefonte., 2:00 pm

Mar. 5 - State Hoop Shoot, Bellefonte

Elks Youth Activities!

Cub Scout Pack # 82, chartered through the State College Elks Lodge # 1600, recently conducted its annual Pinewood Derby Contest. The overall winners for the Pack were as follows, with their car names in parentheses:

First place--Roman Corl (The Flying Chicken)
Second place--Peter Barker (The Spy)
Third place--Chase Witmer (White Lightening)



Elks Hoop Shoot

Despite Mother Nature's gallant efforts to rain (I mean snow) on our parade, the Lodge can be proud that this event was accomplished. Our Hoop Shoot on January 23 determined 6 qualified youth to represent #1600 at Districts in Bellefonte on February 13. If you know any of these young people, please acknowledge their success and wish them luck as they advance.

8-9. Lydia Roberts and Finn Powers
10-11. Meredith Meengs and Colin Murphy
12-13. Delia Lower and Trey Oyler

A grateful note of thanks to the stalwart volunteers who ventured the storm to ensure the success of our event. Without their efforts, this contest could not happen. When you see them, thank them for standing by their obligation as Elks:

Brenda Kephart.
Dave Wasson.
Lee Morris.
Chris Carver.
Eric Waltz
Bill Asbury
John Young
David Harry
U.B. Bakker

Rebounding duties were handled by 3young men from Grace Prep, recruited by U.B. Bakker. I want to thank Nate Gray, Jared Stormer, and Zac Sechler for volunteering their Saturday morning.

The most important job is that of the Line Judges who control the action and are responsible for all shot rulings. These duties were aptly performed by Dave Will, Dann Cornali, and Jeff Kephart. Frank Carbalan was on hand to take the pictures found on the web site and local newspapers.

I must also thank our venders. Terry Barnes of Barnes Laserworks provided the awards unique to our Hoop Shoot. Steve Heimer of the Sign Factory filled our printing needs. T's Custom Printing supplied t-shirts for all participants. These folks continue to answer my pleas for goods and services in these budget challenging times. If you have an opportunity to use their services, please do. Show them their efforts do not go unnoticed.

I personally thank everyone mentioned here. They deserve the credit for the success of this event. They have earned your recognition for demonstrating to the community that Elks Care. Please thank them.

Fraternally,
Van Arvin, *Hoop Shoot Director*

SUPPORT LOCAL ELKS CHARITIES!

Our General Charity Fund supports the following programs:

HOME SERVICE PROGRAM

Our State Major Project, the Home Service program funds 23 nurses in PA (including our own area) that provide support services to individuals and families with developmental disabilities.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY PROGRAM

This annual program provides a Christmas dinner, toys for children, household items, clothes, shoes, books and other items for over 200 needy families in our area.

SCHOLARSHIPS

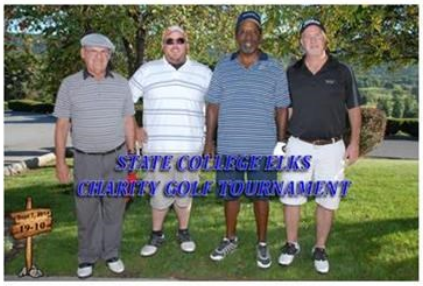
Our Lodge provides two annual $1000 scholarships to outstanding and deserving students in the State College and Penns Valley school districts, helping them to continue their education.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Sports, Boy and Girl Scouts recognition, Breakfast with Santa, the Easter Egg Hunt, and drug awareness are a few of the Youth Activities sponsored by the Elks.

OUR THREE MAJOR FUNDRAISERS FOR ELKS CHARITIES:

Memorial Day Food Stand



Charity Golf Tournament

Charity Raffle

Please support these Major Fundraisers—But you don't have to wait to help our local Elks Charities—you can donate anytime to the General Charity Fund or a particular charity!

Look for the "Elks Local Charities" line on your dues statement to give!

Elks Care - Elks Share

More Scenes from the our local Hoop Shoot!

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The officers for the current Lodge Year are listed below. Lodge events are regularly reported in the Newsletter. *Please don't wait for that phone call or personal contact - we need your help now!* **Get involved in YOUR LODGE!**

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OFFICERS NEEDED!

Will you answer the call?

Would you like to serve your Lodge and your community, while forming lasting friendships and making a positive impact? Consider becoming an officer of the Lodge! Those who have served in the chairs can tell you it is a wonderful and life-changing experience!

If you would be interested in more information about how you can serve, contact Exalted Ruler Chris Carver, or Lodge Secretary David Harry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us on March 19th at 11 a.m., for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held at the Mountainview Country Club. See March's newsletter for details and prizes. All children of Elks are invited, as well as friends. This will be a great opportunity to introduce others to the great work we as Elks do!

Once again, our Lodge will be right on the Diamond in Boalsburg on Memorial Day, selling hot dogs, kielbasa, and drinks—all to benefit our local Elks Charity Fund, which supports the Home Service Program, the Christmas Charity Program, Scholarships and Youth Activities. Stop by—or even better—volunteer!