

B.P.O.Elks

Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436

Newsletter April/May 2025



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Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings, Elk Members!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I'm writing this on the eve of the 249th birthday of the USA. From my view, I think the country has aged fairly well. We're a little paunchy, but independence looks good on us. Thankfully, July 4th still highlights many of our traditions. We can choose to celebrate with family and friends, attend a parade, wear red-white-blue clothes, eat burgers and dogs, drink a cold one, or watch fireworks. We can smile, picnic, catch a nap, or watch a ballgame on a warm afternoon. We get to choose.

There is a lot to love about our country. It's important that the BPOE holds onto the core value of patriotism...our love of country and the flag. The organization has always valued this. They were central to the establishment of Flag Day as a national holiday in 1949. The Elks leadership assisted President Harry Truman, an Elks member himself, in the passage of the Flag Day Act. Our application for membership still requires aspiring members to state their allegiance to our flag and country. Who else does that in this day and age? We always will.

Unfortunately, there are Americans that will boycott July 4th because of their displeasure with the direction of the country. They may march with signs, burn things in protest, or stay home and complain about the politics of the day. Some folks get so caught up in their version of current events that they miss the point of the day. July 4th is to celebrate our nation...one born of sacrifice and deserving of a pride that is too often absent in everyday life. I'd like to think the Elks will keep that going. Happy birthday, America.

Fraternally,
James K. Krause
Exalted Ruler

From the Desk of the Secretary

We currently have 85 members who have not yet paid their membership dues for this 2025-2026 lodge year. Please check your membership card, it should read 2025-2026. Key cards for this year are **GREEN** in color. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Lodge Summer Picnic

The Board of Directors announced that the Summer Picnic will be held on August 16, 2025 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., with music provided by DJ Jerry Whitenight. There will be clams, shrimp, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, all kinds of salads and other picnic food. There will be a \$15.00 charge to members and a \$25.00 charge to guests to help defer some of the costs due to the increase in the price of food and supplies. In order to get a count for the amount of food that needs to be purchased we would like the members to sign up by Aug 4, 2025.

Keep checking the Bloomsburg Elks News e-mails from Manager Jeff Turner, or our Web Page if you're not getting the Bloomsburg Elks News e-mails, for any updates and final decisions on the menu.

Lodge Awards

The Volunteer Appreciation and All Committee Banquet were held on March 28, 2025. Thomas W. Martz was presented the Elk of the Year Award for 2024-2025 and the Officer of the year for 2024-2025 to Jonathan Stone. Congratulations to both of these members.

In Memoriam: The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

John G. Crisman, PER
Initiated: September 15, 1970
Exalted Ruler: 1980 Berwick Lodge
Died: April 14, 2025

Stephen J. Balschi, Jr.
Initiated: November 24, 1986
Died: April 29, 2025

Veterans Service Committee

The Veteran's Service Committee hosted a very successful fishing Derby on May 3th at the Orangeville Sportsman's Club. Veterans from Wilkes-Barre VA and the Orangeville Manor had a fun time and ate a lot of good food. We are very thankful for the many volunteers from the Lodge, the Bloomsburg Legion, the Bloomsburg University Football Team, and the Orangeville Sportsman's Club that came out and assisted the veterans with the activities of the day. We would also like to thank the Bloomsburg Legion for their financial support and the Orangeville Sportsman's Club for allowing us to use their facilities and making sure the pond was well stocked with fish. It was a GREAT Day!

On May 23rd the Veterans Service Committee also provided 38 Veterans at the Orangeville Manor with a take-out dinner that was made at the Lodge and by all reports it was very well received and appreciated.

25th Annual Bloomsburg Elks Golf Tournament

The Bloomsburg Elks 25th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday August 2, 2025 at Arnold's Golf Course in Mifflinville, PA. This is a four (4) person scramble. Cost per player is \$70.00, which includes Greens Fees, Cart, Refreshments and Hot Dogs on the turn. Meal and Basket Raffle to follow directly after, at the course. Prizes will also be drawn at the meal. Rain date to be determined. No Refunds.

If you have any questions please contact at Samuel Haynes at 570-594-4721 or leave a message at the bar at 570-784-1564.

From the Lodge Scholarship Committee

The following students were awarded scholarships this year from the Bloomsburg Elks Lodge, the Past Exalted Rulers Association and the Golf Committee. This is the 35th year that the Bloomsburg Elks Lodge has had the scholarship program and this year was able to awarded 21 scholarships. This year's scholarships totaled \$15,250.00.

A grand total of \$135,000.00 in scholarships has been awarded by the Past Exalted Rulers Association, the Bloomsburg Elks Home Association, and the Golf Committee in the last 35 years. The Scholarship Committee would like to thank all of our members who have supported and continue to support the scholarship program.

We would like to wish these students success in their future academic endeavors and hope the Bloomsburg Elks made a difference. We would like to thank MaryRuth Wagner, Gisele Tobin, Denise Stone, James Krouse, and Angela Augustine-Beaver who made the presentations at the various High Schools.

\$750.00 Past Exalted Ruler Scholarships were awarded to:

Benton High School

Miss. Chloe Musser

Attending: Luzerne County Community College

Bloomsburg High School

Miss Tracy Chen

Attending: Bloomsburg University

Central Columbia High School

Miss Macy Gearhart

Undecided

Columbia County Christian School

Mr. Roman Moss

Attending: Pa College of Technology

Columbia-Montour Area AVTS

Mr. Nicholas Featherman

Attending: Bloomsburg University

Millville High School

Miss Rowan Weaver

Attending: Luzerne County Community College

Southern Columbia Area High School

Miss. Linsey Donlan

Attending: Slippery Rock University

\$500.00 Privately Funded Scholarships

Donald N. Rishe, PER Memorial Scholarship

Miss. Sarah Lang

Central Columbia High School

Attending: University of Toronto

James R. Kistler, PER, Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Thomas Rundle

Columbia Montour Area AVTS

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Bloomsburg Elks Golf Committee Scholarships

Mr. Landon Costa

Central High School

Bloomsburg University

Mr. Noah Costa

Central High School

Bloomsburg University

Mr. Brayden Brown
Central High School
Bloomsburg University

Mr. Ryan Scherer
Bloomsburg High School
Undecided

Mr. Logan Traugh
Bloomsburg High School
Undecided

Bloomsburg Elks Lodge No. 436 Scholarship

Mr. Brett Lyons
Southern Columbia Area High School
Attending: Penn State University

Bloomsburg Elks Ray Harley Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Shawn Kulp
Columbia-Montour Area Vocational High School
Attending: Bloomsburg University

Bloomsburg Elks Albert W. & Ruth E. Warhurst Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Ryan Shuman
Bloomsburg High School
Attending: Luzerne County Community College

Bloomsburg Elks Rodman R. Ralston, Past State President Memorial Scholarship

Miss. Tesa Dombrosky
Columbia County Christian School
Attending: Liberty University

Bloomsburg Elks Paul & Eleanor Shiffler Memorial Scholarship #1

Mr. Max Kocher
Benton High School
Attending: Lycoming College

Bloomsburg Elks Paul & Eleanor Shiffler Memorial Scholarship #2

Mr. Zach Vawdrey
Central Columbia High School
Attending: Penn State University

Bloomsburg Elks Norman W. Kraus, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Miss. Caelynn Wright
Millville High School
Attending: Neumann University

Again thank-you,
James F. Michael, Jr., PER, Co-Chair
Denise A. Stone, Co-Chair
Past Exalted Rulers Scholarship Committee

From the Board of Directors

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 p.m. All paid up Members are permitted and welcome to attend Board meetings.

From the Club Manager

If you need a location to have a party or other event, the use of the dining is available for a \$75.00 fee. We can also cater your party or event for you. We also rent out the dining room to non-members for a fee. Please contact Jeff Turner at 570-784-1564 for details and to check availability. For event updates, keep an eye on your **Bloomsburg Elks News emails**, or feel free to call the club at **570-784-1564**.

Email Address

There are events going on here at the Club that are not listed in the newsletter, as many times they have not been planned when the newsletter was written. Jeff Turner has taken responsibility for the Bloomsburg Elks News emails. So, if you want to know what is going on would like to be included, but have not yet provided us with your e-mail address, please provide us with your email address to be part of our weekly Bloomsburg Elks News emails. These are sent out to let members know when we have special events, entertainment and meals coming up. They also serve as good reminder to scheduled events. E-mail Club Manager Jeff Turner at bloomelk436@gmail.com to be included.

If you do not want to do the weekly e-mail from our Manager Jeff Turner check us out on **Facebook** at **Bloomsburg Elks Lodge 436**

Bar Book Update

Did you sign the Bar Book? A member's name is drawn each day and if the member has signed the Daily Bar Book they win! The Bar Book is \$1.00 to sign and is progressive up to \$500.00. If no one hits then a second progressive bar book is started and a second name drawn. You need to only sign once to be included if there is more than one payout. The following is a list of members whose names have been drawn from **April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025**. If there is a (*) following the name, they were a winner. Is your name on the list?

4/1/2025 John Shively Geoffrey Clark	John Turner Leon Kowalski	Michael Whalen
4/2/2025 Fred Geringer Aimee DiFebo	4/24/2025 Sawyer Brown Aaron Hrinda Richard Bordner	5/13/2025 Misty Chapman* Zachary Boyd
4/3/2025 John Parcell Richard Jenkins		5/14/2025 Scott Henrie*
4/4/2025 James Dodge Katie Fulkerson	4/25/2025 Robert Dworsak Dustin Snyder Edward Edwards	5/15/2025 Gerald Woolcock, Sr.
4/5/2025 Brad Warhurst Alan Girton	4/26/2025 Bonnie Gaspar Scott Diltz Kay Hess	5/16/2025 Terry Martz
4/6/2025 Katherine Turner James Hack	4/27/2025 John Turner Diane Greiser Roger Bunnell	5/17/2025 Robert Fruit, Sr.
4/7/2025 Beth Fowler Tylee Fausey Elizabeth Tesone	4/28/2025 Harry Neuffer Kyle Gordon James Gillespie	5/18/2025 Kevin Sauers*
4/8/2025 Terry Lemon Aaron Hrinda Barbara Cosh *	4/29/2025 Nolan Lear Robert Weiss Craig Long Suzanne Lange	5/19/2025 Emil Moskovich, Jr.
4/9/2025 Joseph Kowalski Jill Bruder Joseph Kasenchak	4/30/2025 Peter Tsilimidos Zackary Boyd Tina Hrinda Joyce Hammer	5/20/2025 Melody Bohling
4/10/2025 Dale Michael Drex Levan Brianne Young *	5/1/2025 Edward Gappa Leo Murphy Joseph Crone Robert Walton	5/21/2025 John Hoy
4/11/2025 Gregory Sweeney Michael Hamer John Penman	5/2/2025 Charles Eyerly, Jr. Frank Dent Michael Upton Terry Rider	5/22/2025 Michael Brown
4/12/2025 Dennis Laubach Sharon Hoy Debra Chamberlain	5/3/2025 Tara Knorr Mary Ann Buehler * Ronald Address, Jr. Matthew Kline	5/23/2025 Bradley Ralston*
4/13/2025 Thomas Evans Joseph Crone Barron Weeks	5/4/2025 Kristen Barr Dennis Jaskiewicz Ronald DeMelfi	5/24/2025 Parker Nichelson
4/14/2025 Raymond Reichart Josh Knorr Faith Halderman	5/5/2025 Kim Crossley William Reeser Paul Kreisher	5/25/2025 Phillip Irey
4/15/2025 Diane Greiser Deborah Hack Phillip Curland	5/6/2025 Lori Spaide Kimberly Phillips Graham Rhone	5/26/2025 Timothy Chamberlain
4/16/2025 Robert Dworsak Leo Murphy Amanda Dunne	5/7/2025 Harry Watts David Boyd* Linda Austin	5/27/2025 Carol Wagner
4/17/2025 Michael Girton Terry Hess Russell Jarrard	5/8/2025 Timothy Flick Cary Rhodomoyer	5/28/2025 Karl Gengler
4/18/2025 Shawna Steinruck Martin Boudman Ronald Long	5/9/2025 Mark Conner Christy Gengler Monica Howell	5/29/2025 Sylvia Knorr
4/19/2025 Ty Young * Gary Ortman Gary Beach Michael Tombasco	5/10/2025 William Reese Helen Iddings Bryan Levan	5/30/2025 Jeffrey Ralston
4/20/2025 Dennis Wildt Eric Schmeck Kenneth Laubach	5/11/2025 BJ Reed Nanci Jo Kistler * Amanda Orzolek	5/31/2025 Leonard Seroskie
4/21/2025 Robert Wingate Zackary Breish Robert Sosnoski	5/12/2025 Thomas Vought II	6/1/2025 Allison Domer*
4/22/2025 Leo Murphy Adam Dent Evonne Cusatis		6/2/2025 Christine Cleaver
4/23/2025 Craig Long		6/3/2025 Thomas Vought II
		6/4/2025 Linda McCormick
		6/5/2025 Dennis Knorr
		6/6/2025 Crystal Felker
		6/7/2025 William Blewett
		6/8/2025 Jeff Turner *
		6/9/2025 John Long
		6/10/2025 Thomas Lyons
		6/11/2025 Thomas Martz*
		6/12/2025 John Shively
		6/13/2025 Timothy Bailey
		6/14/2025 Michael Fitz
		6/15/2025 Dale Sneedman
		6/16/2025 Brianne Young
		6/17/2025 Ronald Halczak
		6/18/2025 Joanna Calarco
		6/19/2025 Kimberly Turzanski
		6/20/2025 Crystal Fitzgerald
		6/21/2025 James Huff Stephen Pierce
		6/22/2025 Dennis Williams Jonathan Jones
		6/23/2025 Leo Murphy Kevin McCloskey
		6/24/2025 Keith Musselman Matthew Ritter
		6/25/2025 Bryan LeVan Michael Hammer
		6/26/2025 Jason Austin James Carey
		6/27/2025 Craig Shively Douglas Hock
		6/28/2025 Tylee Fausey Daniel Kelly
		6/29/2025 Samuel Kuhn Herschel Klinger

LODGE MEETINGS

The regular meetings of Bloomsburg Lodge No.436 of the BPOE will be held for the transaction of such business that may come before the Lodge.

All Lodge meetings are open to all paid up members and we encourage all members to attend Lodge meetings. Dress is casual and the meeting usually last less than one (1) hour. Meetings are being held downstairs in the dining room so you don't have to climb the stairs! Please come out and support the Officers for all the work they do and we are sure you will have a good time and a better time than watching what is on TV!

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Regular Lodge Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Regular Lodge Meeting

Please note that as required by Grand Lodge Statutes the bar will be closed during the Lodge meetings.

Bloomsburg Elks Lodge NO 436 Lodge Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler James A. Krause
Esteemed Leading Knight..... John C. Pollard
Esteemed Loyal Knight Thomas W. Martz
Esteemed Lecturing Knight Jonathan M. Stone
Secretary James F. Michael, Jr., PER
Assistant Secretary Denise A. Stone
Treasurer..... Misty M. Chapman
Esquire.....Angela A. Augustine-Beaver
Tiler Glenn D. Titman, II
Chaplain..... Vacant
Organist Dale F. Michael
Inner Guard..... James E. Hack, PER
Trustee for 1 year Kathleen A. Lynn
Trustee for 2 yearsSamuel D. Haynes, PER
Trustee for 3 yearsGisele G. Tobin, PER

Business Hours

Monday – Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
(Later if business warrants at bartender's discretion)
Lunch 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Home Association Board of Directors 2025-2026

President.....Kathleen A. Lynn
Vice-President.....Dewey W. Evans
Secretary.....Angela A. Augustine-Beaver
Treasurer.....Misty M. Chapman
Member.....James K. Krause
Member.....Thomas W. Martz
Member.....Denise A. Stone

COMMITTEES ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE – IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN A COMMITTEE PLEASE LET US KNOW VIA EMAIL, PHONE OR TELL A BOARD MEMBER – THANK YOU

COMMITTEES 2025-2025

ACCIDENT AND PREVENTION

Samuel Haynes, Chair
Jeff Turner

AMERICANISM

Mary Ruth Wagner, Chair
Lorie Boyd
Leah Sosnowski
Darl Houk
James Krause
Robert Matthes
Denise Stone

BY-LAWS

James Michael, Jr., Chair
Denise Stone
Jeff Turner

DRUG AWARENESS

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Jeff Bachinger
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Samuel Haynes

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Jim Krause, Co-Chair
Jim Hack

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John Pollard, Chair
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Terry Lehman
Nicole Young
Gary G. Bennet
Tim Bailey
Patricia Flynn
Joe Bankes
Nancy Jo Kistler

ELKS VETERANS SERVICE - continued

Denise Stone
Jonathan Stone
Terry Lemon
Todd Anderson
Mike Girton
Josh Klingerman
John Ward
Jim Bolinski
Angela Beaver
Dewey Evans
Monica Howell
Vincent Bo Anceravage
James Krause
Thomas Martz
John Latin

FINANCE

Misty Chapman, Chair
James Michael Jr.
Gisele Tobin
Samuel Haynes
Kathy Lynn
Denise Stone

FLAG DAY

Thomas Martz, Chair
Terry Lehman
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James Hack
Terry Lemon
John Latin
Denise Stone
(All Lodge Officers)

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Kevin Brouse, Chair
Christopher Davis
Samuel Haynes

HISTORIAN

James F. Michael, Jr, Chair
Denise Stone

HOME SERVICE

Kevin Brouse
(All Lodge Officers)

HOOP SHOOT

Samuel Haynes, Chair
James Krause, Co-Chair
Monica Howell
Jack Pollard
Nicole Young
Kevin Brouse
Gisele Tobin
Mary Ruth Wagner
Dewey Evans
John Littlewood
Bruce Beaver
Angela Beaver
Rob Wingate
Shirley Brobst
Mike Brown
Dan Ptonyak
Thomas Martz
Vincent Bo Anceravage
Virginia Kocher
Terry Lehman

INDOCTRINATION

James Krause, Chair
(All Lodge Officers)

INVESTIGATION

Terry Lehman, Chair
James Krause, Co-Chair
Samuel Haynes
Gary Bennett
Gisele Tobin
Jack Pollard
Thomas Martz
Jonathan Stone
Nicole Young

LAPSATION

Angela Beaver, Chair
James Michael, Jr.
Terry Lehman
Tim Wagner
Nicki Harrison

LIFE MEMBERSHIP – February, Vote March

James F. Michael Jr., Chair
Denise Stone

MEMBERSHIP

Jeff Turner, Chair
Kathi Lynn
Nicki Harrison

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Dean W. Kriner, Chair
Jack Pollard (Leading Knight)
Donna Turner
Virginia Kocher
Terry Lehman
(All Lodge Officers)

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

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Larry Knorr
Christopher Davis
Samuel Haynes
Theresa Harris
Gisele Tobin
James Krause
Jack Pollard
Denise Stone

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Kathi Lynn
Terry Lehman
Gary Bennett
Nancy Jo Kistler
Barbara Cosh
Michael Cosh

PUBLICITY AND LODGE PHOTOGRAPHER

Gisele Tobin, Chair
Kathi Lynn
Angela Beaver
Denise Stone

**NATIONAL FOUNDATION STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIPS**

James Michael, Jr., Chair
James Krause

BLOOMSBURG ELKS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

James Michael, Jr., Chair
Mary Ruth Wagner
Lorie Boyd
Denise Stone
Nancy Jo Kistler
Dakota Kistler
Kathi Lynn
Angela Beaver
Jack Pollard
Monica Howell
James Krause

RITUAL

James Hack, Chair
James F. Michael, Jr.
Thomas Martz
(All Lodge Officers)

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Thomas Martz, Chair
Jeff Turner
Gary Bennett
Nicki Harrison
Samuel Haynes

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY WELFARE

Jack Pollard, Chair
(All Lodge Officers)

SOCCER SHOOT

Jonathan Stone, Chair
Jim Krause, Co-Chair
Samuel Haynes

SOCCER SHOOT – CONTINUED

Gisele Tobin
Monica Howell
Nicole Young
Jack Pollard
Thomas Martz
Dewey Evans
Dan Pitonyak
Vincent Bo Anceravage
Rob Wingate
Mary Ruth Wagner
Ken Powlus
Virginia Kocher
Terry Lehman

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Angela Beaver, Chair
Denise Stone