

Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436 October, November, December, Newsletter 2025



Exalted Ruler's Message

One hundred and fifty-eight years ago, "Blue Laws" in New York City required all bars, pubs, and theatres to close on Sundays. A group of actors and writers found a way around the law by establishing a club called the Jolly Corks. They maintained a well-stocked kitchen and plenty of liquor for their "meetings". During their first year, tragedy struck and one of their members died, leaving his family poverty-stricken. The Corks came to their aid and realized that in addition to gathering to relax over a few drinks, they could develop resources to help those in need throughout the community. In 1868, the Jolly Corks rebranded and became the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

Times have changed a great deal since then, but the essence of the BPOE has remained unchanged. We still meet to enjoy good company, food, and drinks. We also continue to serve the local community and those in need. Last year, Lodge 436 awarded over \$15,000 in scholarship money to students heading to universities and technical schools. We sponsored two camps at Camp Victory for Deaf and health-impaired children. We donate annually to local fire departments, police, schools, little league, animal shelters, sports teams, and scouts. We generously support our veterans financially and through sponsored events. All told, the Lodge Charity Committee committed over \$75,000 to those in need during the last fiscal year.

I hope everyone continues to enjoy the club as we grow. I hope we continue to give to others in the spirit of the Jolly Corks, as well. Keep eating, drinking, socializing, and volunteering as you are able. Maybe, in 168 years, the future newsletter will be about the things we've accomplished today....
Jim Krause

Bloomsburg Elks Memorial Service

The annual Bloomsburg Elks Memorial Service in honor and memory of our departed members will be held at the Elks Home on Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. All Elk members should plan to attend this special service to honor and remember our deceased members.

We will be paying special tribute to the following members who have deceased since last year's Memorial Service: Bruce R. Musser, Larry A. Yeager, Charles Barnes, John J. Beierschmitt, Albert E. Wagner, Dale A. Sponenberg, Ronald R. Morgan, John J. Crisman, Stephen J. Balschi, Jr., Joseph J. Devaney, Jay P. Hill and Roger T. Bunnell.

Americanism Committee

Bloomsburg Lodge #436 is again sponsoring the 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. This contest is for any students enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grades that reside within the Bloomsburg Elks Lodge area. The essay theme is "What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?" The essay length is not to exceed 300 words and must be typed or legibly printed in ink by the entrant. Bloomsburg Lodge is awarding a \$50.00 to the first place, \$40.00 to second place and \$30.00 to third place winner in each of the four Divisions – 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade. If you have a child, grandchild, relative, neighbor, or friend who is interested in entering please contact Maryruth Wagner, Americanism Chair, at 570-854-1347 or leave a message with the bar tender at the Lodge at 570-784-1564. Deadline for submissions to the Lodge is December 15, 2025.

From the Board of Directors

Members Christmas Party

The Members Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Food, beer and soda will be provided by the club. Please note that food will only be out from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Make sure you stop in, get something to eat and drink, and enjoy the fellowship.

Children's Christmas Party

The Members Children's Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Santa Claus will be here, so make sure you get the kids out to see Santa and to make their last minute Christmas wishes! This event is for member's children, step-children, grandchildren. If you are going to bring a child to the Christmas party, you need to sign up the child so the committee can make sure we have plenty of gifts. (There is a sign-up sheet at the bar.)

Veterans Service

The Veterans Service Committee is going to have a meal for the Vets at Orangeville Manor for Veterans Day on November 11, 2025.

The Committee was able to have the Veterans from the Wilkes-Barre VA down to the Bloomsburg Fair for the third time since covid. A box lunch was prepared for them at the Lodge and they were then escorted down to the Fair where they had a real fun day. Special thanks to the Bloomsburg Legion who donated \$50.00 cash to each Veteran to use for spending money at the Fair.

John Pollard, Chair of the Veterans Service Committee reported that the Committee has already started working on the Christmas bags for the Veteran's at the Wilkes-Barre VA and planning a trip to there to present the Christmas Gifts to approximately 60 Veterans. Let us never forget our Veterans.

Youth Activities **Hoop Shoot**

The Elks Hoop Shoot is scheduled for Sunday, January 4, 2026 at the Bloomsburg Middle School with registration starting at 9:00 p.m. and the shoot starting at 10:00 p.m. The shoot is open to all boys & girls between the ages of 8 & 12 years old. There is no cost, so let's get the kids out of the house and shoot some baskets. Winners in each age division will then be invited to shoot at the District Hoop Shoot. Winners at the District Hoop Shoot will then be invited to participate at the State Hoop Shoot.

From The Desk of the Secretary

Thank-you to all of the members who paid their membership dues, since the last Newsletter. Currently we still have 67 members who have not yet paid their 2025-2026 membership dues. Please check your membership card to see if it is up to date. Key cards for this year are GREEN in color. Current membership of the Bloomsburg Elks is 823 members. Our goal is to keep our membership over 800. If you know of someone who you would like to propose for membership stop at the Club for a membership application or call and we will send one out to you.

Reinstatements

During the month of October 2025, the reinstatement fee will be reduced from \$30.00 to \$15.00. The individual will also be responsible for a half year of dues, (\$35.50) which will bring the total to \$50.50. If you know of a former member who would like to reinstate back into Bloomsburg Lodge please stop in and get an Application for Reinstatement or call the club and leave a message with the bartender, or send me an e-mail and I will send you the required reinstatement application. This is a great time to get our old friends back.

E-mail Address

Many times 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. Club Manager 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. Email Jeff Turner at bloomelk436@gmail.com to be included. This is only a once a week e-mail and is great way to keep informed as well as serve reminder to special events.

From the Entertainment Committee and Board of Directors

The following is a listing of the entertainment that has been scheduled so far. There will be other events so be checking the weekly **Bloomsburg Elks News** from Manager Jeff Turner for any updates or changes.

Saturday, October 18th - Trivia by BJ Reed from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

Saturday, October 25th - Halloween Party with DJ BJ Reed from 7:00 to 10:00pm

Saturday, November 8th - Trivia by BJ Reed from 7:00 to 8:30pm.

Saturday, November 22nd - Entertainment by Rocky Allen from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

Saturday, January 17, 2026 - Entertainment by Allan Combs from 6:00 to 9:00pm.

Lodge Meetings

The Officers would appreciate your attendance at the Lodge meetings and look forward to seeing you. The more members in attendance the more fun we will have!

Please note dress is casual and we are holding most Lodge meetings downstairs in the dining room so members do not have to do the steps. We will occasionally use the upstairs Lodge room for special occasions like Initiation.

The next 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:

Tuesday, October 26, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Northeast District Todd McLain, Bangor Lodge No. 1106 will make his official visit to present the programs and goals of Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan R. Klatt,

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

In Memoriam

Joseph J. Devaney

Initiated: November 5, 1982

Died: July 17, 2025

Jay P. Hill

Initiated: January 26, 2016

Died: July 22, 2025

Roger T. Bunnell

Initiated November 6, 1986

Died: October 1, 2025

Elks National Foundation

The Elks National Foundation Committee wants to remind everyone that our per member goal this year \$5.50 per member and encourages everyone to become part of the National Foundation program. Currently we are at a \$1.55per member. We have a long way to go to reach the \$5.50 per member goal but we are sure that we can do it.

As a result of reaching our goal of \$5.00 per member during the 2024-2025 Lodge year we were able to secure the ENF Gratitude Grant, for \$2,500, which we applied toward sponsoring Camp Echo and Camp Hero at Camp Victory this August. As a result of this grant and a \$10,000 donation from our Charity Fund we were able to provide 48 campers with a summer camp experience at no cost to the families of these children. Camp Echo is for children with heart disease and Camp Hero is for children with hearing disorders. Our members also provided the campers with move-in and move-out assistance and helped serve a meal during the camp.

From the Board of Directors

The regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Home Association are held on second Tuesday of

each month at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who came out for the Summer Picnic. There were 232 members & guests who were in attendance and everyone had a good time. The food, beverages, and the band were great.

The Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the picnic a success. Without the volunteers this picnic would not be possible.

Please stop in and check out the new pavilion out back. This pavilion was made possible by funding from the Past Exalted Rulers Association.

Stop in and check out the great lunch specials which are listed in in Manager Jeff Turner's weekly e-mail the "Bloomsburg Elks News."

Elks National Foundation Scholarships

The 2025 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships applications became available to download starting August 1, 2025. The application deadline students applying for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship is November 11, 2025. The student's parents do not have to be members of the Elks. There will be a total of 500 scholarships awarded ranging from \$1,000 to \$50,000.

The 2025 Legacy Award Scholarships applications became available to download starting September 1, 2025. The Legacy Award Scholarships contest is for 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, 2023, is eligible to apply. The Elk member must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2026. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. Deadline for students applying for the Legacy Award Scholarship is noon February 3, 2026.

Applications can be obtained by going to www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

Golf Tournament Committee

The Twenty-fifth Annual Golf Tournament was held on, August 2, 2025 at the Arnolds Golf Course and was a huge success. The Golf Committee would like to thank all the players, the volunteers, and the management and staff at the Links. The committee would also like to give a special thanks to our many sponsors who are listed below who supported the Bloomsburg Elks Golf Tournament and hope that you can support them also.

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Maryann Gillespie
John Berger
Dot Rhone

28th Annual Sportsman's Party

The 28th Annual Sportsman's Party will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2025. Tickets will become available in December and the ticket price will remain at \$50.00 each.

From the Board of Directors

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 member's whose names have been drawn from June 29, 2025 to September 6, 2025. If there is a * following the name they were a winner. Is your name on the list?

Bar Book Winners 6/30/25 - 10/06/2025

6/30/2025	Theresa Bird
	David Case
7/1/2025	Sharon Price
	Linda McCormick
	William May
7/2/2025	Ty Young*
	Marnie Yeick
	Richard Conner
7/3/2025	Alan Girton*
	David Klingerman
7/4/2025	Jack Roadarmel
7/5/2025	John Long
7/6/2025	Paula Young

7/7/2025	Kristen Barr		Monica McFarland
7/8/2025	Mark Girton	8/23/2025	David Millard
7/9/2025	Keith Leibensperger		Crystal Felker
7/10/2025	Gene Coleman*	8/24/2025	Douglas Klingerman
7/11/2025	Philip Irey		Charles Hagemeyer
7/12/2025	Thai Lin Phan	8/25/2025	Stephanie Boyer
7/13/2025	John Brown		John Long
7/14/2025	Terry Lehman	8/26/2025	Kenneth Bills
7/15/2025	Robert Quick		James Hess
7/16/2025	Kim Belles	8/27/2025	Philip Vought
7/17/2025	Dennis Bird*		Steven Shannon
7/18/2025	Dewey Evans*	8/28/2025	Jeffery Breisch
7/19/2025	Kenneth Laubach		Justin Knorr
7/20/2026	Tod Fenstermacher	8/29/2025	Lisa Anceravage
7/21/2025	Scott Diltz		Danny Henrickson
7/22/2025	Ronald Klinger		Lester Boudman
7/23/2025	John Correll	8/30/2025	Steven Yodock
7/24/2025	Sally Fry		Debbie Martz
7/25/2025	Thomas Ball		Craig Reichart
7/26/2025	Stephanie Knight	8/31/2025	Herschel Klinger
7/27/2025	William Reese		Leo Murphy
7/28/2025	Jere Vietz		Ted Whitenight
7/29/2025	Susan Zarrett	9/1/2025	Diane Grieser
	James Bolinsky		Daryl Houk
7/30/2025	Paul Miller		Terry Lemon
	Franklin Alfone	9/2/2025	Jason Austin
7/31/2025	Lisa Newman		Thomas Vought
	Bradley Knorr		Luther Black
8/1/2025	Ricky Hayes	9/3/2025	Robert Christiansen
	Bradley Knorr		Kyle Gordon
8/2/2025	Robert Matthews*		Danielle Zavitsky
	Fred Kramer III	9/4/2025	Mark Kreisher
8/3/2025	David Oman		Wallace Weckter
8/4/2025	Edward Kitchen		Eric Heier
8/5/2025	David Boyd	9/5/2025	Rick Laubach
8/6/2025	Jared Smith		Aaron Bartholomew
8/7/2025	Dennis Wildt		Richard Randolph
8/8/2025	James Bardo	9/6/2025	Douglas Hock
	Robert Hartzell		John Berger
8/9/2025	Michelle Fields		Judi Gensemer
	John Berger	9/7/2025	Ronald Kocher
8/10/2025	Rex Shultz		Craig Long
	Clifford Waller *		Theresa Harris
8/11/2025	Jonathan Stone	9/8/2025	George Bonetti
	Randy Haladay		Megan Conahan
8/12/2025	Linda Austin		Fred Kramer
	Bruce Beaver		Lori Klinger
8/13/2025	Kim Belles	9/9/2025	Leonard Seroskie
	George Larson		Erin Yost
8/14/2025	Julian Fedder		Rick Laubach
	Joseph Darlington		Jeremy Robbins
8/15/2025	Terry Rider	9/10/2025	Dale Michael
	Edward Casaldi		Jay Flick
8/16/2025	Larry Thompson, Jr		Dale Beagle
	Frank Suraci		Kathleen Carr
8/17/2025	Christopher Tobias	9/11/2025	Angela Spaide
	Gary Ortman		James Hess
8/18/2025	James Dodge		Cameron Kishbaugh
	Kim Shannon		Michael Zigner
8/19/2025	Marilyn Quick	9/12/2025	Thomas Beachell
	Kay Hess*		Scott Miscannon
	Frank Suraci		Mary Ward
8/20/2025	Edward Gappa		Richard Savage
	Martin Boudman	9/13/2025	Mary Ward
8/21/2025	Dennis Bird		Alan Girton
	Barbara Unger		Kenneth Weaver
8/22/2025	Kevin Sauers		Terry Hock

9/14/2025	Edward Gappa Bradford Rhone Tammy Bonham Fred Geringer	9/26/2025	Matthew Stewart Aaron Bartholomew Tara Zeidler Randy Pollick
9/15/2025	Michael Girton Richard Jenkins Nelson Creasy Donald Gross	9/27/2025	Ethan Ikeler Michael Brown Gary Boyer Danny Henrickson
9/16/2025	Rickey Hayes M. John Chismar Sandra Gumpy Wayne Tobolski Roger Nuss*	9/28/2025	John Samies Robert Burgess Hunter Ho Christine Phares Craig Reichart
9/17/2025	Helen Iddings Bryan Levan Pablo Moreno Larry Knorr Gary Bennett*	9/29/2025	Theresa Harris Richard Knorr Donald Deivert Charles Gatski Lee Wright Mitchell Reed Michael McFarland*
9/18/2025	Jonathan Littlewood Lars Caspersen Elizabeth Tesone Terry Martz Amanda Orzolek	9/30/2025	Robert Swank Frank Pypiak Craig Harrold Mark Gardner Dennis Young
9/19/2025	Kristi James Bonita Jaskiewicz Kathy Lynn* Trish Longenberger Hannah Turner	10/1/2025	Wendy Peterman* Shawna Steinruck John Naumann Logyn Kamora Danny Henrickson
9/20/2025	John Shively Michael Fitz Stephen Larson Victor Hannah	10/2/2025	Colton Fisher Joseph Banks Richard Rhone Christopher Davis
9/21/2025	Tara Rickert Robert Baney Douglas Klingerman Thomas Schu	10/3/2025	Jeffrey Dewalt Brian Gallaher Robert Welch Gerald Powers
9/22/2025	Brian Gallaher Donald Bowman Tara Knorr Herschel Klinger	10/4/2025	Denis Bucher James Michael John Ewald Michael McFarland
9/23/2025	Josh Longenberger John Pollard William Vought Kathleen Carr	10/5/2025	Kent Powlus Molly Kreisher James Dodge Mark Conner
9/24/2025	Matthew Kirkner Scott Fought Kelly Andress Logyn Kamora	10/6/2025	Ann Fought Christina Dawson James Newsome Ronald Rudy
9/25/2025	Bradley Ralston Mark Conner Todd Creasy		