

Bloomsburg Elks Lodge No. 436

Newsletter April/May/June 2026



Important Member Notice

While this newsletter will be primarily distributed via email, we understand that some members may prefer a paper copy. If you would like to receive a printed version, please contact the Lodge Secretary at 570-854-3921 or email us at bpoe436@verizon.net. Thank you for your understanding and support as we transition to a more digital format!

Exalted Ruler's Message

Greetings, Elk Members,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach a truly historic milestone, the 250th birthday of the United States. It's a great time to reflect on what makes our country, and our organization, so special. At 250 years strong, America has proven its resilience, and as Elks, we continue to uphold the values of patriotism, service, and community.

I encourage each of you to take part in the America250PA celebrations. Whether you attend an event, volunteer, or simply show your pride, it's a meaningful way to honor our nation's history and future.

Here at BPOE #436, we have much to celebrate. Our lodge has over 800 members, and we are currently halfway to our goal of adding 50 new members. Let's keep that momentum going by sharing the benefits of Elk membership with family, friends, and our community.

At the heart of our work are the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. These ideals guide everything we do and remind us of the importance of supporting one another and giving back.

Our work truly makes a difference. We proudly support our veterans, provide scholarships, and give back through programs like Hoop Shoot and drug awareness. We also support our local schools and strengthen the community we call home.

But our success depends on your involvement. I encourage you to join a committee, volunteer, and stay active. Every effort—big or small—helps move our lodge forward and keeps our mission strong.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let's also celebrate what it means to be an Elk: giving back, honoring our country, and supporting one another.

Fraternally,

John (Jack) Pollard

Exalted Ruler

Upcoming Lodge Meetings

Join us for the next regular meetings of Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436:

- Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- March 31, 2026. **(The April 7, 2026 meeting is being moved back due to the Club being closed for new carpet installation.)** Installation of Lodge Officers for 2026-2027 will be held 6:00 p.m. All members & guests are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- April 14, 2026
- May 5, 2026 (Note: There will only be one meeting in May)
- June 2, 2026

We hope to see you there!

Secretary's Desk

A big **thank you** to all members who responded to the **2026-2027** dues notice that was sent out with the new billing system! Your support is deeply appreciated.

Important Reminder:

As of **April 1, 2026**, the door key card lock has been updated. Only the **new ORANGE-colored key cards** will work. Please make sure you have yours!

Lodge Awards

The Volunteer Appreciation and All Committee Banquet was held on March 24, 2026.

The Elk of the Year Award for 2025-2026 was presented to Dawn Renee Moist and the Officer of Year Award for 2025-2026 was presented to Angela Augustine-Beaver. Congratulations to both of these members. Special recognition was given to James F. Michael, Jr. for his dedication and service as the Lodge Secretary for 35 years.



Recognizing our 50 Year Members! (L to R) James F Michael, Jr (Secretary Emeritus), Robert Reed, Robert G. Kocher, Rodney D. Morgan, James K Krause (Exalted Ruler) and John R Angus



James K Krause Presenting a Personalized, Handcrafted Gentleman's Heirloom Valet Box to James F Michael, Jr for his 35 Years of Service to the Elks and Retirement.



The Bloomsburg Elks Lodge #436 celebrated Old Timers Night and Volunteers & Committee Appreciation Night this past Tuesday, March 24, 2026. Pictured is the retirement recognition of longtime Secretary James F. Michael Jr., marking 35 years of dedicated service, as he announced his retirement. He is joined by Angela Augustine-Beaver, honored as Lodge Officer of the Year, and Dawn Renee Moist, named Elk of the Year.

In Memoriam

The faults of our brothers we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Franklin G. Wilson

Initiated: December 9, 1968

Exalted Ruler 1992-1993 Danville Lodge #754

Died: January 25, 2026

Joseph C. Connor, Jr

Initiated: November 2, 1961

Died: January 26, 2026

Ronald W. Rudy

Initiated: October 27, 1969

Died: March 2, 2026

Flag Day Services

Sunday, June 14, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Bloomsburg Elks Home

1223 Old Berwick Road

Bloomsburg, PA 17815

The Bloomsburg Elks Flag Day Services will again be held at our Lodge at 1223 Old Berwick Road. Flag Day has always been an important event to every Elks Lodge throughout this great country. The Order of Elks has been conducting Flag Day ceremonies since 1907.

This year's ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. The Flag Day Service is open to the public, so please join us with your family, friends and neighbors on the special day to honor our Flag. There will be light refreshments afterward's and everyone is invited

Gun Party Committee Update

The **28th Annual Gun Party** was held on **February 24, 2026** at the **Espy Fire Hall** and was a huge success! WE would like to thank all the members who helped put on this event and to everyone who purchased a ticket. We're already preparing for the next one to be held on February 28, 2027.

Board of Directors

A huge thank you to all the members who've supported our recent events!

Attendance has been great, and we appreciate everyone who's participated!

Take-out and Eat-In Fish Dinners during Lent will continue through **April 3, 2026**.

For event updates, keep an eye on your **Bloomsburg Elks News emails**, or feel free to call the club at **570-784-1564**.

Board of Directors of the Home Association

In accordance of the Grand Lodge Statutes Section 16.030, of The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, as it applies to the make-up and selection of the Board of Directors for the Home Association.

The elected officers of the Lodge (Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Secretary, and Treasurer) including the three (3) trustees together (for a total of 9) are the said Corporation, with four (4) additional members of the Lodge, who are selected by the Corporation for a total of thirteen (13). The thirteen (13) members of the said Corporation on April 14, 2026 will then elect seven (7) members for a one (1) year period to be the Board of Directors of the Home Association. Those seven will then elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Their term will be for Lodge year 2026-2027. The process will begin on March 31, 2026 after the new Lodge Officers have been sworn in and the new Board of Directors will be effective May 12, 2026.

Cyber News

The **Pennsylvania Elks State Association** has brought back **The Pennsylvania Elk Online**, now available at www.thepaelk.us. You'll need the password to access the newsletter, which is: **bpoe**.

Veterans Service Committee

The Veterans Service Committee will be hosting the Veterans from the Wilkes-Barre VA and the Orangeville Manner for the Annual Fishing Outing, to be held **May 30, 2026**, starting at 10:00 a.m., at the Orangeville Sportsman's Club. All members are welcome to stop at the Sportsman's Club and enjoy time with the Veterans. All Veterans are also welcome to fish. The Committee is also planning a dinner for the Veterans at the Orangeville Manor for the Memorial Day Holiday.

From the Hoop Shoot Committee

The Bloomsburg Elks Hoop Shoot was held on January 4, 2026, at the Bloomsburg Middle School. The winners were Girls 8-9 Ella Barret; 10-11 Hailey Magill; 12-13 Angelina Zucal. Boys 8-9 Ty Dauber; 10-11 Luke Davis; 12-13 Tanner Calarco. All the winners went on to the District Shoot which was held on January 24, 2026. Bloomsburg had three winners: Ty Dauber, Luke Davis and Tanner Calarco all who moved on to the State Hoop Shoot. Bloomsburg had one State Champion, Tanner Calarco who then moved on to the Regional States where Tanner came in second!!!!!!

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 **December 5, 2025 to March 15, 2026**. If there is a **YES** following the name they were a winner. Is your name on the list?

12/5/25	Christopher Dawson	1/1/26	Eric Schmeck	2/3/26	Dana Shaffer
	Michelle Pitchford		Scott Miscannon YES		Deb Hack
12/6/25	Robert Ramsey		Franklin Wilson		Lee Ercoloni
	Scott Fought	1/2/26	Capt. James Shotwell	2/4/26	Jerald Hancock
12/7/25	Edward Griffiths		George Larson, Jr.		Ronald Coleman
	Michael Brandau	1/3/26	Ty Young YES		Bonnie Gaspar YES
12/8/25	Nichole Young		Gerald Buckley	2/5/26	Stephen Diltz YES
	Jeffrey Dewalt	1/4/26	Renee Fruit		Ann Seroskie
12/9/25	Edward Folk		Christopher Gengler		Jonathan Jones
	Theresa Bailey	1/5/26	Don Domer YES	2/6/26	R. Wallace Weckter
12/10/25	David Spiwak		Gary Girtton		Christine Phares
	Steve Masala	1/6/26	Theresa Bailey	2/7/26	Robert Fruit
12/11/25	Judi Gensemer	1/7/26	Ayden McFarland		Richard Garman
	Patricia SanFilippo	1/8/26	Robert Reabuck	2/8/26	Jeremy Robbins
	Steven Cooke	1/9/26	Craig Cool		Tammy Schmid
12/12/25	James Gillespie	1/10/26	Jesse Scholl	2/9/26	Henry Troupe
	Gail Reyes-Garcia YES	1/11/26	Jeffrey Winn		Philip Ash
	Sylvester Kowalski	1/12/26	Bradley Watts	2/10/26	Michelle Fields
12/13/25	Gary Norton		Thomas Andreas		Walter Portzline
	Walter Wiktor	1/13/26	Eric Oman	2/11/26	Michelle Fields
12/14/25	Lana Dworsak		Tony Frazier		David Millard
	Robert McBride	1/14/26	Ronald Halzac	2/12/26	Robert Fruit
12/15/25	Joseph Snyder		Shirley Davis		Brian Gallaher
	William Reese	1/15/26	Brad Rhone	2/13/26	Capt. James Shotwell
12/16/25	Kim Shannon		Patricia SanFilippo		Russell Seward
	Richard Matthews	1/16/26	Amanda Dunne		Bradley Breisch
12/17/25	Christopher Howell		Susan Levan	2/14/26	Robert Albertson
	Shirley Brobst	1/17/26	Gordon Bilby		Ida Jean Lynn
12/18/25	Mary Ward		Dale Brophy		Tod Fenstermacher
	Bert Ritter	1/18/26	Craig Reichart	2/15/26	Gail Reyes-Garcia
	Joseph Snyder		Mark Kreisher		Ka'Rinne Force
12/19/25	Monica McFarland	1/19/26	Fred Geringer		Thomas Beachell
	Jill Paden		Kathleen Jackman	2/16/26	Crystal Felker
	Thomas James	1/20/26	Paul Peritz		Joseph Kelchner
12/20/2025	Jeffrey Bachinger		Kimberly Turzanski		John Shively
	Richard Ridgway	1/21/26	Scott Seroskie	2/17/26	Donna Turner
	Robert Barton, Jr.		Lisa Newman		Julian Fedder
12/21/25	Donald Pursel		Brody Beaver		Nichole Young
	John Samies	1/22/26	Tim Jones	2/18/26	Allen Ferguson
	Karl Anderson		James Garman		Hugh Sumner
12/22/25	John Berger		Parker Nickelson		Joseph Kasenchak
	Daniel Carr	1/23/26	Ty Young	2/19/26	Martin Boudman
	Joanna Calarco		Kyle Laubach		Michael Tombasco
12/23/25	Gary Norton		Glenn Blyler		John Gensemer
	Frank Schmidt	1/24/26	Richard Randolph	2/20/26	Ronald Coleman
	Philip Curland		Faith Halderman		Trish Tweddle
12/24/25	Debbie Martz		Justin Knorr		Edward Griffiths
	Thomas Lyons	1/25/26/27/2026	Kenneth Colner	2/21/26	Ronald Huntington
	Richard Rhone		Susan Zarrett		Mitchell Reed
12/26/27/2025	James O'Keefe		Mark Girtton		Ronald Coleman
	Sawyer Brown	1/28/26	Vincent Pitchford		John Correll, Jr.
	James Kistler		Nolan Lear	2/22/26	Bruce Beaver YES
	Christopher Molinaro		Kay Hess		Cameron Kishbaugh
12/28/25	Colton Fisher	1/29/26	Dennis Young		Martin Cain, Jr.
	Harry Neufer		James Carey		Terry Wintersteen
	Debra Knittle		Ted Birk	23/26	Matthew Sanders
	Ann Seroskie	1/30/26	Alvin Luschas		Stephanie Boyer
12/29/25	Tara Knorr		Josh Knorr		Michelle Fields
	Tom Bowman		Donna Whitenight	2/24/26	Lee Ercolani
	Rodney Lupini	1/31/26	Eric Gill		Dennis Levan
	Lee Ercolani		Terry Hess	2/25/26	Gene Coleman YES
12/30/25	Kelly McBride Young		Gail Chamberlain		David Malatesta
	Michael Girtton		Dennis Jaskiewicz		Megan Conahan
	Matthew Sanders	2/1/26	BJ Austin YES	2/26/26	David Evans
	Tiffany Jackson		Timothy Chamberlain		Raymond Applegate
12/31/25	Kurt Harder		John Samies	2/27/26	Jason Austin
	Lars Casperson		Robert Quick		Richard Stoklosa
	Bruce Beaver YES	2/2/26	Brian Rhone	2/28/26	Christopher Tobias
	John Penman		Russel Jarrard		Tammy Bonham
			Cheryl Reichart		

3/1/26	Mary Wagner Randy Pollick Kelly Young	3/6/26	Harry Watts Rose Hack Robert Joyce	3/11/26	Ronald Coleman Ronald Klinger John Ralston
3/2/26	Shirley Brobst Renee Moist Geoffrey Clark	3/7/26	Josh Klingerman Craig Shively Kenneth Laubach	3/12/26	Richard Garman Jerome Ward Robert Sorg
3/3/26	Gerard Mattive Chris Worhach Gene Coleman YES	3/8/26	John Ward Kimberly Phillips Sierra Matash	3/13/26	Jeff Cleaver Anita Musgrave Cliff Walley YES
3/4/26	Robert Kocher Lisa Anceravage Edward Casaldi	3/9/26	Lois Platt Jeffrey Dewalt James Kofskie	3/14/26	Eric Oman Linda Hartzell Barbara Weaver
3/5/26	Patricia SanFilippo Chris Howell Earl Ritter	3/10/26	James Dodge Mary Wagner Tim Flick David Millard	3/15/26	Phillip Ash Robert Fruit Eileen Ritter Stephen Gooler Tim Yost

From the Americanism Committee

The annual Americanism Essay contest winners were recently announced by Maryruth Wagner, Chair of the Americanism Committee. Students each submitted a 300-word essay on “What Does Service to Your Country Mean to You?” The winners in the 5th Grade Division: 1st Place, Hazel Stook, Central Columbia Middle School; 2nd Place, Alexis Marrazzo, Columbia County Christian School; 3rd Place, Andrew Yeager, W.W. Evans School. The 6th Grade Division: 1st Place: Ava Neyer, Columbia County Christian School; 2nd Place, Lily Mece, L.R. Applemen School, 3rd Place, Kennedy Vincenzes, Columbia County Christian School. The 7th Grade Division: 1st Place, Daniel Getz, Central Columbia Middle School, 2nd Place, Evan Stenglein, Columbia County Christian School; 3rd Place, Jonny Arsenyevictz, Columbia County Christian School; The 8th Grade Division: 1st Place, Caleb DuMond, Columbia County Christian School; 2nd Place, Judah Campbell, Columbia County Christian School, 3rd Place, Quay Beyer, Bloomsburg Middle School.

1st place winners received \$50.00; 2nd place \$40.00 and 3rd place \$30.00, a Youth Appreciation Award and a very nice awards party at the Lodge. What a great evening. All first-place essays were forwarded to the Northeast District Americanism Committee for further judging. We have been notified that 5th Grade winners Hazel Stook and Alexis Marrazzo, 6th Grade winners Ava Neyer and Kennedy Vincenzes, and 7th grade winner Evan Stenglein have all had their essay's moved on from District competition to State Competition !!!!!!!!!!!

Scholarships

This year the Bloomsburg Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association will be awarding \$1,000.00 scholarships to each of the seven high schools within our Lodge jurisdiction. We will also be awarding one \$1,000.00 Bloomsburg Elks Lodge Scholarship, one \$1,000.00 Ray Harley Scholarship, one \$1,000.00 Albert and Ruth Warhurst Scholarship, one \$1,000.00 Past State President R.R. Ralston Scholarship, one \$1,000.00 Norman Krause Memorial Scholarship two \$1,000.00 Paul M. & Eleanor R. Shiffler Scholarships, one \$500.00 Donald N. Rishe, Past Exalted Ruler Scholarship, one \$500.00 James Kistler Past Exalted Ruler Scholarship, four \$1,000.00 Golf Committee Scholarships for a total of \$19,000.00 in scholarships from the Bloomsburg Elks in 2026. The recipients of the scholarships will be listed in the next Newsletter.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Bloomsburg Elks Golf Tournament

The Bloomsburg Elks Twenty-Sixth Annual Golf Tournament is in the final planning stages and is scheduled for August 1, 2026, at Arnold's Golf Course in Mifflinville, PA. Once everything is finalized it will be posted on the Elks News that is sent out each week by the Club Manager Jeff Turner. There will also be more information in the next newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact our Club Manager Jeff Turner at 570-784-1564. Or send an e-mail to Bloomelk436@gmail.com

BLOOMSBURG ELKS LODGE NO 436

LODGE OFFICERS 2026-2027

Exalted RulerJohn Pollard
Esteemed Leading Knight....Thomas W. Martz
Esteemed Loyal Knight Angela A. Augustine-Beaver
Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Cheryl A. Brobst
SecretaryDenise A. Stone
Secretary Emeritus James F. Michael, Jr., PER
Treasurer.....Misty M. Chapman
Esquire.....**Edward L. Folk**
TilerGlenn D. Titman, II
Chaplain.....Vacant
OrganistDale F. Michael
Inner Guard.....James E. Hack, PER
Trustee for 1 yearSamuel D. Haynes, PER.
Trustee for 2 yearsGisele G. Tobin, PER
Trustee for 3 yearsJames A. Krause, PER

Business Hours

We're here for you every day!

- **Monday-Sunday:** 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
(Or later, if business warrants)
 - **Lunch:** 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Thank you for being a valued member of the Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436!

We look forward to keeping you informed and engaged in our community.
Stay tuned for the next edition of our newsletter!