

# B.P.O.Elks

## Bloomsburg Lodge No. 436



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### **Bloomsburg Elks Weekly News**

If you want to know what is going on at the Bloomsburg Elks, you need to provide us with your e-mail address so that you can get the “Bloomsburg Elks News” e-mails from Manager Jeff Turner which is sent weekly. You can also check out our Web Page at [www.bloomsburgelks.org](http://www.bloomsburgelks.org) for any updates, events, the lunch menu, entertainment, and anything else that is going on.

### **Lodge Summer Picnic**

The Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who attended the Summer Picnic on August 15th. Attendance was approximately 200. It was a huge success. The food, the weather and the entertainment were all great.

### **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 lasts less than one (1) hour. Please come out and support the Officers with 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, October 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Regular Lodge Meeting. **The General Revision of the By-Laws will be presented.**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Regular Lodge Meeting. **A vote of the General revision of the By-Laws will be taken.** District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Todd Mclain, from Bangor Lodge No. 1106, will make his Official Visit to our Lodge and present the 2026-2027 program of Grand Exalted Ruler Timothy F. Jaeger.

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

### **From the Desk of the Secretary**

We currently have 67 members who have not yet paid their membership dues for this 2026-2027 lodge year. Please check your membership card, it should read 2026-2027. Key cards for this year are Orange in color. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Current membership is 841. We started the Lodge year on April 1st at 804 members. There have been 30 new members Initiated, 11 members Transferred in, and 3 members Reinstated, for an increase of 44. Unfortunately, we lost 4 members due to death, 2 resignations, and 1 transfer out for a net gain of 37 bringing our current membership to 841.

### **Elks National Foundation and the Bloomsburg Elks**

With the Gratitude Grand of \$3,500 from the Elks National Foundation and donation of \$10,000 from the Bloomsburg Elks Charity Fund we again were the proud sponsors for Camp Echo and Camp Hero at Camp Victory at the end of July. This was the 11<sup>th</sup> year the Bloomsburg Elks has sponsored these camps. Camp Hero is for children with chronic heart disease and Camp Echo is for children with hearing and speech difficulties. There were 25 children that attended Camp Echo and 35 children attended Camp Hero. We had a group of Elk members that took care of moving in and moving out the camper's luggage as well as a group that helped to serve a meal. What a great experience for us all and especially for the children to experience a summer camp that met their medical needs and be in a safe sanctuary in which they can recharge and renew their strength. Even more important is the opportunity for the campers to develop relationships with other campers who face the same struggles in life.

The Elks national Foundation provides various grants to the lodges, and the purpose is to help Elks build stronger communities. Thanks to the support of Bloomsburg Elk Members meeting the Grand Exalted Rulers goal of \$5.10 per member donations to ENF, the Bloomsburg Elks qualified to apply for various grants.

The Lodge recently applied for and received a Freedom Grant of \$1,000 for Veterans Service Project. In collaboration with the Columbia County VA Clinic, who determined the critical need of personal care, we plan to design, purchase and distribute Personal Care Kits to homeless Vets. Our goal is to match the \$1,000 grant and provide 150 Personal Care Kits.

Most people do not realize how many homeless Veterans we have in this area. We didn't, until we got involved several years ago with the Columbia County VA Clinic. If you want to help with this project let any officer or Board Member know. James Krause is heading up this project and all help or donations will be appreciated.

### **Veteran Service Committee**

The Veterans Service Committee will be hosting the Veterans from the Wilkes Barre VA down to the Bloomsburg Fair Again this year. They are also planning to deliver a full dinner to the Veterans at the Orangeville Manor in November. They are also working on Christmas gifts for the Veterans at the Wilkes Barre VA.

### **Elks National Foundation Scholarships**

There are several ENF college scholarships available to college bound students. There is the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, The Legacy Scholarship and the Emergency Educational grants. All scholarship applications are online (only) at, [elks.org/scholars](http://elks.org/scholars) or [scholarship@elks.org](mailto:scholarship@elks.org). Please note there are different deadlines for each type of scholarship.