



Cranberry Elks Lodge #2249

The Bellows November 2018

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Fall is in full swing! It's a wonderful time to come to the Lodge to hang out and enjoy good company and a warm fire! Lots of activities going on in November so make sure you keep up to date with the Bellows and our Facebook page.

It's hard to believe it is November already, but, as this is my favorite time of the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for making our Lodge such a wonderful and special place. All our volunteers for all of their efforts throughout the year and for all of our members that help us do such good work in all of our various charities. I appreciate each of you for all of your hard work and dedication and I look forward to our continued success! We would not be the Lodge that we are without each of you. So, again, I say, **"Thank you!"**

Last month we held our annual Membership Appreciation Day and it was once again a success and a great time was had by all!

Thank you for all of those who helped make the day special. A very special thank you to Mel Roney, who once again filled all of our plates with a great buffet for lunch. Couldn't have done it without you! Congratulations to Ron Dunn for winning a free 2019 membership!!

As we look forward to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, our schedules are all about to get very busy. But even in the hustle and bustle, I ask that you each take time to be thankful for your friends and family, for the memories of loved ones no longer with us and for new friends you have yet to meet.

To end this month, I leave you with this quote, "Give thanks for a little and you will find a lot." — HANSA PROVERB

Happy Thanksgiving!

Alyssa Carter, Exalted Ruler

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From the Secretary's Desk

by Paul Q. LaFayette, Secretary

November already and the Lodge year is moving fast. We are ready for a lot of winter events, so what better place to bring your friends and show them what a great place to belong. We of course celebrate Veteran's Day and we give thanks to the many veterans who belong to the Lodge. On the 4th set your clocks back so you won't miss any football action. We will soon be looking for people to step forward to help next year on our committees. Pick one and get involved... you may find you enjoy it. May I wish one and all a Happy Thanksgiving.



Elmer's Odds and Ends

November is here and lots of things going on in your Lodge. Stop in and enjoy all of the festivities that the officers have in store for you.

Back by popular demand is The Well Strung Band. A very enjoyable night for sure.

Don't forget to set those clocks back an hour. Don't want to be early for anything.

Come on in and enjoy one of the best smelling days of the year, the Annual Chili Cook-Off on November 4.

Elmer's Café is still open on Thursday and Friday evenings. Stop in for a bite and see some old friends.

Entertainment galore on Fridays this and every month. Please join us. Check out all in the pages of The Bellows.

Remember that National Men Make Dinner Day is the first Thursday in November.

Remember to wave hello; it does get boring and lonely up here.

Banquet Hall



The Cranberry Elks Banquet Hall is the perfect place for your special event. We are an affordable option in the Cranberry area. Our beautiful, smoke-free hall can be configured to host a variety of events.

We can accommodate your needs for all types of parties and events:

- Anniversary
- Birthday
- Graduation
- Retirement
- Baby Showers
- Bridal Showers
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Weddings
- Business Meetings
- Vendor Shows
- Consignment Sales
- Banquets

We do not have an in-house caterer, so feel free to use the caterer of your choice or ask us for a list of suggested caterers. We can help you with your bar needs by offering several Bar Packages from which to choose.

For additional information and to view photos of the banquet hall, visit www.cranberryelks.com or contact Chrissy Eaton at 724-816-7720 or cranberryelksbanquet@gmail.com.

Annual Memorial Service



We will hold our annual Memorial Service on **Dec. 2 at 12 noon** to recognize and remember our members who have passed away since last December.

Please consider joining us for this short, but meaningful service. Refreshments will be served immediately following for those attending.

The bar will be closed until after the service.

Adopt-A-Vet Program

We have been asked to adopt 30 veterans this year from the Butler Hospital. Many of these vets have no families or friends to visit with or give them much-needed Christmas gifts.

How it works is the veteran gives us a wish list of things that he or she needs. Our members then try to fulfill the needs of the veteran (spending limit is \$125).

We ask that the gifts be wrapped and returned to our Lodge no later than **December 10**.

BUT, NOT TO FEAR, if you don't wrap or shop, we will do it for you!

We need a lot of help to get this job done. If you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Jim Nudi at 412-496-7025 or james.nudi@gmail.com.



Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sign up at the bar to participate in our Annual Chili Cook-off that will be held on **November 4**. Chili must be at the Lodge by 1 p.m. and will be judged prior to the Steelers vs. Ravens game. Enjoy a day of great fun and awesome food!

Veterans Haircut Fund

The Cranberry Elks continues to collect funds to support haircuts at the Butler Veterans Hospital.

Most of the veterans have no income and accumulate coupon books for these types of services. The hospital did have a barber that charged \$10 per cut, however, the barber has since retired and the hospital had tried to replace the barber with no success. A local hairdresser heard of the problem and volunteered to come in and provide haircuts along with two additional hairdressers. The hairdressers provide haircuts for between 30 to 35 veterans every 5 to 6 weeks.

Our point person at the hospital has no way to pay for this service, so she had asked us if we could possibly do something to assist. We would like to provide a \$50 gift card for each of the hairdressers for this service to our veterans.

If you would like to donate to this project, a donation box is located under the information screen behind the bar.

New Year's Eve Party

Make plans to join us this year at the Lodge to ring in the new year! Food, music, 50/50 drawing and more! Watch for details in next month's Bellows.

Winter Donations for the Troops

We continue to collect donations of items for gift packages to send to the troops in Afghanistan. Following is an updated listing of needed items for the winter:

- Protein bars
- Chocolate bars
- Snack food
- Nuts
- Toe nail clippers
- White sport socks (cotton)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dental floss
- Deodorant sticks
- Saline eye drops

No aerosol cans.

Donations can be placed in the bin at the Lodge.



Letters to the Troops

If you would like to write letters or messages in greeting cards to our overseas troops, please place your letters, cards, etc. in the designated basket at the Lodge. We will also continue to collect magazines, crossword or Sudoku puzzle books to send to them as well. All items must be unsealed.

Grill Room Highlights



Elmer's Café Hours

6 – 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

Happy Hour

5 - 7 p.m. Every day, including weekends!

Tuesday Special

\$1.00 off one randomly selected bottled beer. Stop in and see if your favorite brand is on special, or try something new!

Wednesday Special

\$1.00 off one randomly selected wine. Stop it and enjoy a glass!



Saturday Night Bingo

Join us at the Lodge for Bingo every Saturday at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite pot luck dish to share. Great food, fun and prizes!



Steelers Specials!

HERE WE GO STEELERS!!! HERE WE GO!!!
\$1 Miller Lite and Miller High Life drafts during the games – all season. Steelers shirt raffles and more!!

Holiday Hours

As we prepare for the holidays, please note the following adjusted Lodge hours:

November 22: Lodge closed.

December 24: Lodge closes after Christmas Eve Social (approx. 5 pm)).

December 25: Lodge closed.

December 31: Lodge closes at 6 p.m. and will open at 8 p.m. for ticket holders only for the New Year's Eve Party.

January 1: Lodge closed.

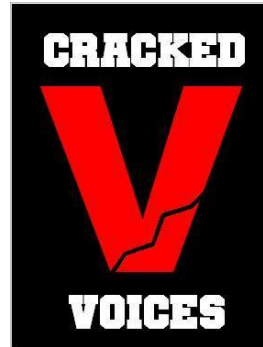
Lodge Entertainment



Karaoke with Franco

November 2 and November 16
8 p.m. – midnight

Don't miss two great nights of musical entertainment as your fellow Elks belt out the hits!



Live Music! Cracked Voices

November 9 at 8 p.m.

Local band, Cracked Voices, plays an eclectic mix of cover tunes by Talking Heads, David Bowie, Neil Young, Tom Petty, Allman Brothers, Van Morrison and many more! Plus, the occasional original. Get ready to rock!

Live Music! Rich Klein

November 23 at 8 p.m.

Join us for a night of acoustic music by Rich Klein as he performs music that's easy to listen to and easy to love!



Live Music! Well Strung

November 30 at 8 p.m.

Well Strung is a five-piece band with members from diverse backgrounds allowing them to create and cover music from different genres, but with a bluegrass twist!

November Birthdays

November 1

Briana Gloeckl

November 2

Valerie Kalla

November 3

Jack McFeeley

November 4

Clyde Harris, Jr.
Richard Klein
Stephen Lenart
Eric Richter
Rodney Stauffer

November 5

Michael Kozlow
Howard Moody
Michael Muskey
Karen Newpol

November 6

Charles Bombich
John Marcinick
Joseph Parasiliti
Michelle Tresky

November 7

Jessica Peters

November 8

David Vessels

November 9

Robert Bertges, Sr.
Julie Cameron
Scott Minnich

November 10

Bradley Tresky

November 11

Louis Gacek
Timothy Powell
Mark Veon

November 12

Alan Funovits
Weyd Harris

November 13

Kurt Kitzman

November 14

Matthew Hammar
Kevin Logan

November 16

Greg Mihalik
Michael Tweedy

November 18

John Mauldin
Jennifer Pfeifer

November 19

Steven Mankevich

November 20

Christine Bench

November 21

Daniel Devens
Rob Laird
Michael Parnes
James Rowley

November 22

Keiran Mazzoni
Jeff McKay
Lauren Nigrelli

November 23

David Harry
Carol Seaman

November 24

Bruce Aker
Maureen Aker
Greg Anderson
Katherine Gedeon

November 25

Robert Olanyk

November 26

Don Hoffmann
Paul Spilsbury

November 28

David Demyan
Lee Ivory
James Moran

November 29

Kurt Goldstrom

November 30

Keith Hildum
Donald Simek

2018-2019 Cranberry Elks Officers

Exalted Ruler: Alyssa Carter, PER

Leading Knight: Fred Roney

Loyal Knight: Jeff Ptak

Lecturing Knight: Jim Zacherl

Esquire: Thomas Vassallo

Inner Guard: Rich Inman

Tiler: Benjamin Moore

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Secretary: Paul Q. LaFayette, PDDGER/PSP/PER

Treasurer: Bill Bench

Trustee 5 years: Glenn Eaton

Trustee 4 years: Jim Nudi

Trustee 3 years: Don Hreha

Trustee 2 years: John Baker, PER

Trustee 1 year: Mike McKeever

PER Association Officers

Chairman: Paul LaFayette, PDDGER/PSP/PER

Secretary: Terry Liersaph, PSP, PER

Treasurer: John Baker, PER



New Members

Please join in welcoming our newest members who were recently initiated into our Lodge:

Bette Lou Bertoncello

J. Michael Burger

Jason Fritsch

Robert Kohonoski

Jeff Milanovich

Daniel Miller

Mark Nanna

David Smith

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	2 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 Karaoke	3 7 Bingo
4 1 Chili Cook-Off	5	6 Beer Tuesday	7 Wine Wednesday 7:30 PER Meeting	8 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	9 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 Cracked Voices	10 7 Bingo
11 Veterans Day	12	13 Beer Tuesday	14 Wine Wednesday 7:30 Lodge Meeting	15 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	16 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 Karaoke	17 7 Bingo
18	19	20 Beer Tuesday	21 Wine Wednesday	22 Thanksgiving Lodge Closed	23 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 Rich Klein	24 7 Bingo
25	26	27 Beer Tuesday	28 Wine Wednesday 7:30 Lodge Meeting	29 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	30 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 Well Strung	

DECEMBER 2018 (tentative)

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						1 7 Bingo
2 12 Annual Memorial Service	3	4 Beer Tuesday	5 Wine Wednesday 7:30 PER Meeting	6 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	7 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	8 7 Bingo
9 2 Children's Christmas Party	10 Adopt-A-Vet Donations Deadline	11 Beer Tuesday	12 Wine Wednesday 7:30 Lodge Meeting	13 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	14 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf� 8 DJ Trivia	15 7 Bingo
16	17	18 Beer Tuesday	19 Wine Wednesday	20 Elmer's Gift Tree Donations Deadline 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	21 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	22 7 Bingo
23	24 Christmas Eve Social (Lodge closes immediately after social)	25 Christmas Lodge Closed	26 Wine Wednesday 7:30 Lodge Meeting	27 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	28 6-8:30 Elmer's Caf�	29 7 Bingo
30	31 Lodge closes at 6 pm 8 New Year's Eve Party					

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Lodge Hours

Monday – Wednesday	3 – 10:30 p.m.
Thursday – Friday	1 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Saturday	12 noon – 10:30 p.m.
Sunday	12 noon – 10 p.m.

Meetings

PER Association Meetings: 1st Wednesday of
each month at 7:30 p.m.

Lodge Meetings: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of
each month at 7:30 p.m.

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