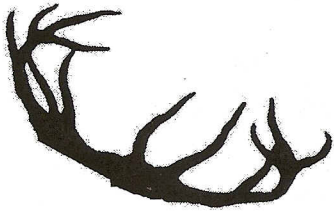


BLUEFIELD ELKS LODGE 269



TIP OF THE ANTLER
March, 2013

Greetings:

Finally! We can see light at the end of the tunnel. March is here and spring can't be far behind and as we begin the new Lodge year we hope to offer a multitude of events to keep you entertained this coming summer.

Bill Baker is back with his volunteers working hard to get our course ready for play and it won't be long until we'll see J.P. down around the pool. Also beginning March 11th the Lodge will return to our summer schedule for opening hours.

We need to begin plans to "spruce up" our Lodge and get it ready for the summer season. With that being said, we are planning a "Throw Away Day". We will be looking for volunteers to help rid our Lodge of clutter, broken items, etc. that have accumulated over time. We then will work on our grounds outside when weather permits. More details to follow.

Our new officers for the coming year are just about set. Richard Bullins will be our new Trustee and we will look forward to his input and efforts. Also, at our last Lodge meeting, we accepted the resignation from Tony Morris as Trustee. Willie Farmer was nominated to fill his remaining term. Tony has been a dedicated and hard working officer for our Lodge for several years and we thank him for all his efforts. I'm sure he will continue to be a hard working member. AND he did NOT resign from "Grilling Duty" at our cookouts. Thanks, Tony!

The Lodge took part in "Bluefield's Winter Warmer" on February 16th and the feedback we are getting is very positive. Several applications for membership were accepted, and lots of interest in who we are and what we do was generated.

It is important that we take every opportunity to get the Elks out in public "to be viable we need to be visible". Thanks to our volunteers who worked our booth that day.

By now all members have received their dues statement for this year and I encourage you all to return them as soon as possible. Timely payment of our dues is essential to the successful operation of our Lodge.

The officers are very optimistic about the number of new applications for membership being received and if you sponsored them, a big "Thank You"! Now the next step is to get them here for initiation and get them involved! Our Lodge needs active members.

Our "Patchwork" entertainment committee has put together a "St. Patrick's Day Celebration for Friday March 15th with live entertainment in the Lounge featuring JC/BC, two talented and popular musicians. The Lodge will be accepting a donation of \$5.00 at the door to help offset our expenses and hopefully build a fund which can be used for many more events such as this. Please come join the fun that night!

If you would like to be a part of our entertainment committee please contact Jeanne Simmons. Also, if you have news, pictures, etc. please get these to Jeanne so they can be added to our Lodge website.

In closing, I hope this upcoming year is the best ever for Lodge #269 and with your help it can be. Become an active member, support our Lodge, attend meeting, get the word out about who we are and what we do. Let everyone know that we are B.P.O.E. Best People On Earth.

Fraternally,

Sonny

MEMBERSHIP AND LAPSATION REPORT

Beginning Membership 4/01/2012	484
Initiated	24
Affiliated	1
Reinstated	15
Subtotal	40
Dropped	2
Transferred out	6
Absolute Demit	4
Deaths	4
Subtotal	16
Membership to date	508

ATTENTION ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

We will meet on Monday, March 11, 2013 at 6:00 p m to decorate for the St. Patrick's Party happening on that following Friday and maybe have a small meeting concerning any upcoming events that we may want to discuss. Look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks,

Jeanne Ball Simmons

BLUEFIELD ELKS WEBSITE

This is a notice of correction on the website from last newsletter. The correct website address is www.bpo269.com. You can check out the website for the latest newsletter, upcoming events and past events photo album. Also check us out on Facebook under Bluefield WV Elks Lodge 269

SUMMER OPENING LOUNGE HOURS:

Monday and Tuesday	12:00 pm
Wednesday thru Saturday	11:00 pm (Lounge lunch Specials \$2.99 served 12 to 2)
Sunday	1:00 pm

Our next initiation will be the first meeting in March.

To date the following candidates are eligible for initiation:

Name	Proposer
Joseph Crigger	Stephen Crigger
Frank Gattuso	Gary Griffey
Kelli Brooks	Stephen Crigger
Joshua D. Farmer	Hunter Thomas
Joseph Miskulin	Roger Rose
Sean Holcomb	Donald Fulp
Nathan Taylor	Robert Taylor
Thomas Duncan McCormack	Gary Sheets
Amanda Leigh Dooley	Don Fulp

To be balloted on:

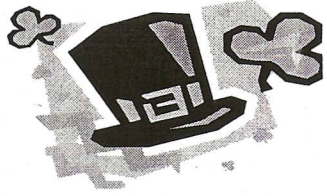
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John Michael Bohon	Chris Thompson

In Hands of Investigation Committee:

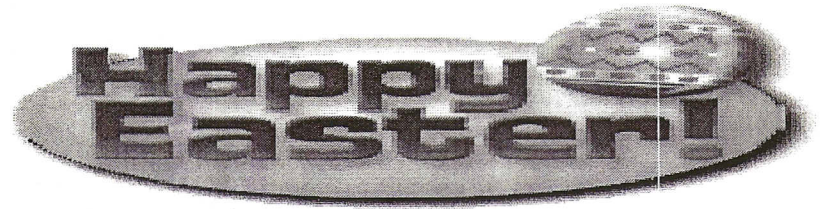
Anthony Dillin	Jeremy Anderson
Donna Hall	Kerri Thompson
Desiree Remines	Jeanne Simmons
Allison Whittaker McCoy	Todd Green

Reinstatement:
















Terry Smith	Jack Smith
Steve Williams	Keith Beckett



Spring



MONTH of MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Golf Course Opens 	2 BIG BUCKS DRAWING
3 Nascar Phoenix Raceway 	4	5	6 Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 6:30 	7 Spaghetti Night 	8 DJ Troy 	9 BIG BUCKS DRAWING
10 Nascar Las Vegas Daylight Savings Time 	11 Entertainment Committee Meeting 6:00 pm (Decorate for St. Patty's Day) 	12	13	14 Spaghetti Night 	15 St Patrick's Day Party  Bob Campion & Jerry Crews 10 pm	16 BIG BUCKS DRAWING
17 Nascar Bristol 	18	19	20 <i>Spring</i> Lodge Meeting 6:30 	21 Spaghetti Night 	22 DJ Troy 	23 BIG BUCKS DRAWING
24 Nascar Auto Club 	25	26	27	28 Spaghetti Night 	29	30 BIG BUCKS DRAWING
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2012-2013 Lodge Officers

Exalter Ruler	Sonny Matthews
Leading Knight	Billy Steward
Loyal Knight	Keith Beckett
Lecturing Knight	Jamie Musick
Fifth Year Trustee	William Farmer
Fourth Year Trustee	William Bowling
Third Year Trustee	Ken Murphy
Second Year Trustee	John P. Murphy
First Year Trustee	Tony Morris
Treasurer	Bill Peters
Secretary	Shirley Steward
Esquire	Randy Stevens
Chaplain	Jackie Barlow
Inner Guard	Cheryl Perkins
Tiler	Hunter Thomas
Presiding Justice	Ernie Hays



At our last regular meeting, the name of Tom Rorher was drawn for our \$25.00 door prize. He was present.

Our BIG BUCKS is now over \$2,500.00 come up during the week and sign up and be here on Saturday night at 11:00 pm for a chance to win it all. The winning money will not exceed \$10,000.00.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: You must sign the jug by 10:00 pm each Saturday night. No sign in's will be taken after 10:00 pm. Remember, you must pay \$5.00 and sign the book every week. Your annual dues must be current before your name will go in the jug. Be at our next meeting to see if your name is drawn!

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 Members and Guests 

Come join us for a

Wee Bit O' Fun

At the Bluefield Elks Lounge

Featuring

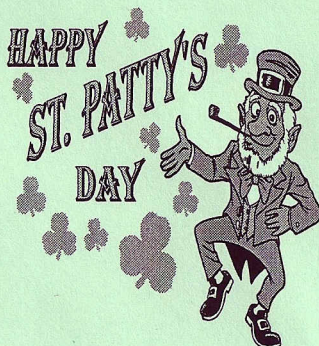
Bob Campion & Jerry Crews



Friday, March 15, 2013

10pm – 2am

\$5.00 donations at the door would be greatly appreciated by the Entertainment Committee to offset the cost of the band and to establish funds for future entertainment. Thank You!



"An Irishman is never drunk as long as he can hold onto one blade of grass to keep from falling off the Earth"