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Sunday: Closed

Lodge Mondays: 5:30—9:00 PM

Tuesday-Thursday: 2:00—9:00 PM

Friday: 2:00—12:00 PM

Saturday: 6:00—12:00 PM

Lodge Meets on July 19th
and August 16th

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Morgantown Elks Lodge July 2010 Newsletter

Exalted Ruler's Message

Exalted Ruler Herb Haines is on vacation at the time of preparation of the Newsletter. Therefore, he is being let off the hook for writing a message. In exchange, the incoming District Deputy will ensure that he bartends an extra shift at the West Virginia hospitality room in Orlando, FL in early July. Look for his message next month as he gets

even with the Newsletter Editor for this attempt at a light-hearted jab at his expense.

John H. Penn
Newsletter Editor

Delinquent Members

Our Delinquent members

It always pains me to have to be the bearer of bad news that someone is delinquent. In some cases, it is my record keeping that is inaccurate. So, if you have paid your dues, I apologize for listing your name here. If you have not paid, then I hope that you will find value in the things that we are doing and will pay your dues of \$66.50 for the next year.

Charlie Barr, Rebecca Berger, Gary Burch, Albert Burleson, Steve Callen, Heidi Comjpton, JJ Dotson, Lisa Edwards, Justin Fitch, Tom Fitch, Matt Fowler, Kristen Fowler, Holly Fox, Diane Griffin-Donley, John Hardesty, Chris Harper, Bryon Hennessey, Bob Hole-

pit, Shelley Hose, Dale John, Eric Johnson, Diane Kisinger, Steve Koval, Sean Loughrie, Randy McCartney, Nancy Moore, Toni Morris, Patty Mullenax, Julie Muth, Jerry Nelson, Susan Ornick, Robin Ruckle, Rocky Taylor, Ron Weaver, Brett White, Steve Wilburn, Tom Wilhelm, Wayne Wilmouth, and Steve Wright.

Queen of Hearts—Win Some Money!

Come out and join us on Saturday evenings for the Queen of Hearts drawing. The drawing is open to active members (*i.e.*, you've paid your dues) of the Morgantown Lodge 411. The Queen of Hearts contest is a contest where one purchases chances/tickets to be chosen to open a card on the Queen of Hearts board.

Currently, our prices are \$1/ticket or 9 tickets for \$5. At 8:00 PM on Saturday evenings, a ticket is drawn randomly. The person holding the ticket gets a chance to turn over a card in the master case holding an entire deck of cards. One, and only one, card wins the pot. The winning card is the Queen of

Hearts. The current pot stands at approximately \$1,300 if you are present at the time of the drawing. All members are urged to come out and enjoy Saturday evenings at the Lodge. There's great camaraderie and you might even win a pile of money!

Upcoming Events

Season Football Parking Passes



It's not too early to start thinking about purchasing your season football parking passes. For \$80.00, you can have a reserved parking spot waiting for you when you come to the game. Refresh-

ments and food will be available inside the Lodge. In addition, there is van/shuttle service that will take you down to the field. To reserve your parking spot, please make sure to contact John Penn at 304-685-1755.



Trip to Wheeling Downs on July 25, 2010



Mark July 25, 2010 on your calendar. Why? Because that's when we are going to have a fun day at Wheeling Downs in Wheeling,

West Virginia. The only volunteering you have to do is volunteer to ride in comfort, on an air conditioned bus (with lavatory) to enjoy a day at Wheeling Downs. We are organizing a trip to Wheeling Downs for a day of gambling and dog racing. A chartered bus will leave from the Elks Lodge 411 on Chestnut Ridge Road in Morgantown, on Sunday morning at 11:00. The bus will have a large cooler available to chill down

your drinks (BYOB) and will whisk you in comfort to the casino and dog track. Sound good? Well it gets even better! Once we arrive you will be given \$20 in gambling chips and \$5 in food chips (or \$25 in gambling chips) for you to enjoy the gaming tables or machines and great buffet. We will leave the casino at 5:00 PM and return to the Lodge by 6:30. All this for the amazing price of \$15.00 per person if we have

45 people sign up. The \$15.00 covers the cost of the charter bus charge. If you are interested in going on this excursion and having fun with your fellow Elks just e-mail ggoz-dzik@horizoncrm.com or call the Lodge at 304-599-1943 to reserve your place. We will need a deposit by July 12th. You can make out and mail your check to Morgantown Elks Lodge 411, 3385 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26508.

Wednesday IS Pasta Night at the Lodge

Don't forget that Wednesday night is pasta night. Specially priced at \$7.00/plate, it's a bargain that you can't stand to pass up. With our addition of Executive Chef Dana Gib-

son, salad has been added to the menu for all that you can eat pasta. Add to this mixture toasted garlic bread. With a choice of two different sauces (typically a red sauce and a

white sauce) and even a choice of pasta noodles, you can't beat this deal anywhere in town! The pasta is served from 6:00-8:00 PM.



Elimination Dinner and LUAU

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 21, 2010. Here's your chance to win \$10,000. Tickets are now available.

This year's Elimination dinner will feature a new twist on an old "classic". Along with all of the standard Elks Classic Elimination Dinner offerings for a \$100 ticket (for two people) such as dinner, open bar featuring well

liquor, wine and beer, a chance to win some money and good times with old and new friends, this year the event will feature a Luau theme. We'll have grass skirts, drink specials, hopefully a pig roast, and maybe even some coconut bras! There will also be a DJ playing some old favorites and classic island tunes so bring your appetites and dancing shoes. We plan on

having a great time and hope to see you there!! Times for the event will be their usual times, but the Newsletter editor doesn't remember them right now. For more information and to purchase your tickets see Dawn Tatar, Robin Ware, Elyzabeth Maxey, Rebecca Berger, Cindy Stankos, Valerie Romec, John Penn, Herb Haines or your favorite bartender!

Friday Night Dinners and All Food Service

Morgantown Elks Lodge #411 is pleased to announce an exclusive catering agreement with Gibson Gourmet. Executive Chef, Dana Gibson, is ready and excited to take care of your every need! Friday night dinners will include special themed menus including Southern BBQ, Mexican, French, Grecian, Steak & Potato, Seafood, Country. Reservations for Friday night dinners are

strongly suggested for the very reasonably priced meals of \$12.00/person.

In addition, she will be catering all food events within the Lodge. For details and pricing information, please see her website at www.gibsongourmet.com.

Reservations for any of our food events is strongly recommended. Call the Lodge at

304-599-1943 for reservations or contact Gibson Gourmet at 304-598-8885 or by email at danagibson-gourmet@gmail.com for further information.



PER Cash Bash, Saturday, July 24, 2010

The PER Association (i.e., that's the Past Exalted Ruler Association) will be holding their annual cash bash on Saturday, July 24, 2010. The format will follow our standard format for cash bashes at the Lodge, with dinner and drinks provided during the time of the cash bash. Tickets will be drawn every 15 minutes for a prize of \$200 with a grand prize drawing at 9:00 PM of \$1,000. Entertainment and music by Al Anderson and Friends will also be part of the program. I hope that you will find it worthwhile to contribute to these worthwhile activities by purchasing tickets (\$25/person) and coming out to the event.

Charities Supported by the Past Exalted Rulers Association

The monies raised in this cash bash are used to support the many charities that are supported by the Morgantown Lodge 411 Past Exalted Rulers Association. Throughout the year, requests are received by the organization.



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However, two main charities receive the majority of the money under the control of the PER Association. These are the Christmas Food Baskets for the Needy, and the Christmas in July night at the WV State Elks Association State Major Project.

Christmas Food Baskets
Morgantown Elks Lodge #411 has a long-standing tradition of providing baskets of food to needy families. Last year, approximately 50 food baskets were delivered to needy families throughout

the local area administered by the Lodge. Each basket contains about \$50 worth of staples, so that no one goes hungry at Christmas time.

Christmas In July at the State Major Project

Those long-time Elks already know about the WV Elks State Major Project, which is a one week camp for handicapped children. There are two separate camps, one in the North of WV, held at our own Camp Muffly in Monongalia County, and one in the South near Princeton. Each of these camps draws approximately 50 children. A

highlight of the North Camp has been the appearance of Santa Claus, who brings gifts for all of the campers. By tradition, the Morgantown Lodge, under the guise of the PER Association has provided major funding of the gifts for these campers.

Propositions for Membership

As of the writing of this Newsletter, we have the following people in various stages of the process leading towards initiation. These candidates will be balloted upon in the next few meetings and will be new members if they go through our initiation ceremony. Anyone whose name is given here should expect to come to the Lodge Meeting on Monday, July 19, 2010.

1. Mr. Kenneth Botham, proposed by John Penn
2. Ms. Susan Costa, proposed by Lisa Stender
3. Ms. Sheri Fortney, proposed by Richard Thomas
4. Mr. Ted Hastings, proposed by Herb Haines
5. Mr. Jeffrey Keller, proposed by Herb Haines
6. Mr. Terry Lewis, proposed by Tom Montague
7. Mr. Sammy Marrone, proposed by Cindy Stankos
8. Mr. Eric Shreve, proposed by Staci Pell
9. Ms. Tamara Woods, proposed by Megan Rowand
10. Ms. Christie Yost, proposed by Staci Pell

Card Night at the Elks???

In our last newsletter we asked people to come up with something they would like to do at the lodge. While we were sitting around the bar in the grill room on Saturday for the Queen of Hearts, some of us tried to think of activities that some of our members might enjoy. A suggestion was made that we could have a card night at the Elks. It could be any card game you would like to play. How about Crazy Eight's? Canasta? Pinochle? Bridge?

Or

any others you might think of. If you enjoy playing cards why not come up to the Lodge on Wednesday, have a pasta dinner and stick around to play cards. At this moment in time no card game is set in stone, nor are the number of different card games that could be played. We could have a table of four members playing Crazy Eights, another table learning to play Bridge (John and I can teach and help), another table playing

Poker or Pinochle. If you want to join us come up one Wednesday and let someone know that you are interested in playing some cards. We could play for fun or for chips that we can redeem for prizes. Your thoughts on this are welcome. We will have to wing it from the beginning and see how many people would be available but it could be a fun night out and it would help the lodge. If anyone is interested in helping organize this please see Gloria or call her at 304-685-2092.

*Card Night is organizing at
the Elks Lodge*



Double the Impact of Your Gift to the ENF!

Did you know that many employers will match gifts given to non-profit organizations by employees and spouses, even if they're retired?

Matching gifts are an easy way to help fulfill your philanthropic objectives and make a larger impact; all without emptying your checkbook!

To see if your employer has a matching gift program in place, visit www.elks.org/enf/MatchingGifts.cfm or check with your Human Resources office today.

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Advertising space is being sold to help offset the costs of newsletter production. With over 200 members who receive the Newsletter each month, and an ever-growing set of friends of the Elks Lodge #411 Newsletter, advertisements are sure to reach your Elks friends.

Examples of advertising in this month's Newsletter include an advertisement from Waterfront Pharmacy. We

appreciate their ad very much and hope that you will stop in and see them. The main point is that you too can advertise in this newsletter for prices as low as \$10.00 for a one-month's listing. Contact John Penn, our new Newsletter editor, at jpenn@we-learn-horizon.com or 304-685-1755 for further details.

Calendar of Events

Don't forget to ask the bartender for your free drink when you come in to visit on the day listed below, which is your birthday or anniversary.

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Zumba	2 Friday Night Social Dinner	3
4 Grand Lodge in Orlando, FL	5 Grand Lodge in Orlando, FL	6 Grand Lodge in Orlando, FL Lion's Club Zumba	7 Grand Lodge in Orlando, FL Wednesday Night Pasta	8 Grand Lodge in Orlando, FL Zumba	9 Friday Night Social Dinner	10
11	12	13 Zumba	14 Wednesday Night Pasta Line Dancing Indoctrination	15 Zumba	16 Friday Night Social Dinner	17 Wedding
18	19 Lodge Meeting with Initiation	20 Lion's Club Zumba	21 Wednesday Night Pasta Line Dancing	22 Zumba	23 Friday Night Social Dinner	24 PER Association Cash Bash
25	26	27 Zumba	28 Wednesday Night Pasta Line Dancing	29 Zumba	30 Friday Night Social Dinner	31 MHS Class Reunion

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

July 1—Randy McCartney
 July 2—Don DeVall
 July 3—Bernie Simons
 July 3—Christine Wade
 July 6—Jim Montague
 July 6—Charles Weaver
 July 6—Marilyn Smith
 July 8—Mary Gallegly
 July 8—Dorothy Simons
 July 9—Carol Kapnick
 July 10—Lisa Rosier

July 12—Mary Margaret Stenger
 July 13—Rebecca Berger
 July 13—Daleen Cornwell
 July 13—Robert Thieme
 July 15—Danny Baliker
 July 15—Stacy McMillen
 July 16—Dusty DeWeese
 July 17—Clark Hall
 July 18—Sandra Batson
 July 18—Jacqueline Stenger

July 21—Danica Wilburn
 July 22—Roy Sexton
 July 23—Adam Macias
 July 26—Tom Wilhelm
 July 26—Angela Celey
 July 27—Mike Evanoff
 July 28—Lisa Edwards
 July 28—Susan Ornick
 July 28—Don Stenger
 July 28—Tom Zinn
 July 31—Jeff Compton

July Anniversaries

July 3—Mike and Lisa Shizak
 July 6—Charles and Melinda Weaver
 July 11—Kent and Christine Pauley
 July 20—Richard and Barbara Campbell
 July 23—Jim and Patricia Crytser
 July 25—Robert and Joyce Harris
 July 28—Richard and Dottie Davidson
 July 29—Jim and Kathryn Bennett
 July 29—Robbie and Libbie Stankos
 July 30—Tom and Christine Wade



By Gloria Gozdzik

With editorial contributions by John Penn

Our organization is dedicated to patriotic service and charitable work. It is to be expected that an organization dedicated to patriotic service should seek to promote a proper knowledge of, and respect for, the American Flag, and all that it represents. The Order of Elks has done this in many ways. Perhaps the most effective of its prescribed activities is the Flag Day Service. Each Subordinate Lodge is required to conduct this service annually on June 14th, the anniversary of the birth of the American Flag.

The idea of a Flag Day Service was first suggested to our Order by the then Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1907 Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia. Of the dates submitted for consideration at that time, June 14th was adopted by the session and was called "Elks Flag Day." The following year, in Dallas, the Grand Lodge approved a ritual for the Flag Day ceremony. The 1911 Grand Lodge session at Atlantic City made the observance of Flag Day mandatory for Subordinate Lodges by the adoption of Section 229 of the Statutes: It shall be the duty of each Subordinate Lodge to hold the service known as "Flag Day Services" at the time and in the manner prescribed by the ritual of the Order. It was not until August 3, 1949 that the President of the United States signed Public Law 203, designating June 14 as Flag Day. Thus, our Order was not only the first fraternal organization to celebrate Flag Day, but made this

Flag Day at the Morgantown Elks Lodge

ceremony mandatory years before the date on which the observance became a nationwide practice by legal decree. This year we combined our Flag Day ceremony with honoring the police officer of the year. The Flag day ritual began when our exalted ruler, Herb Haines, read the history of our flag. As our country changed and grew, so did our flag. Betsy Ross is generally attributed the honor of designing our first flag. Betsy would often tell her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of the fateful day when three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress came to call upon her. Those representatives, George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross, asked her to sew the first flag. This meeting occurred in her home sometime late in May 1776.

According to Betsy, General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. Betsy, a standout with the scissors, demonstrated [how to cut a five-pointed star in a single snip](http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html). (See <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagstar.html> in our printed version of the newsletter). Impressed, the committee entrusted Betsy with making our first flag.

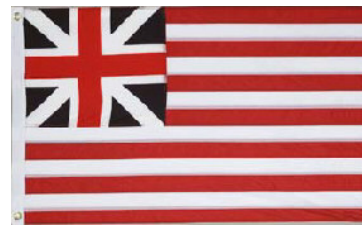
Until that time, colonies and militias used many different flags. Some are famous, such as the "Rattlesnake Flag" used by the Continental Navy, with its venomous challenge, "Don't Tread on Me."



Another naval flag had a green pine tree on a white background. The one shown here is the "Liberty Tree" flag.



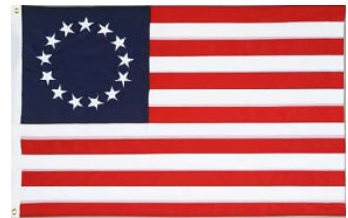
Other flags were quite similar to Britain's Union Jack or incorporated elements of it. This is not surprising. Many colonists considered themselves loyal subjects of Britain — many colonists came from Britain, and King George III ruled over the colonies.



On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill "in compliment of the United Colonies." Obviously a new flag was needed.

According to Betsy Ross's dates and sequence of events, in May the Congressional Committee called upon her at her shop. She finished the flag either in late May or early

June 1776. In July, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud for the first time at Independence Hall. Amid celebration, bells throughout the city tolled, heralding the birth of a new nation.

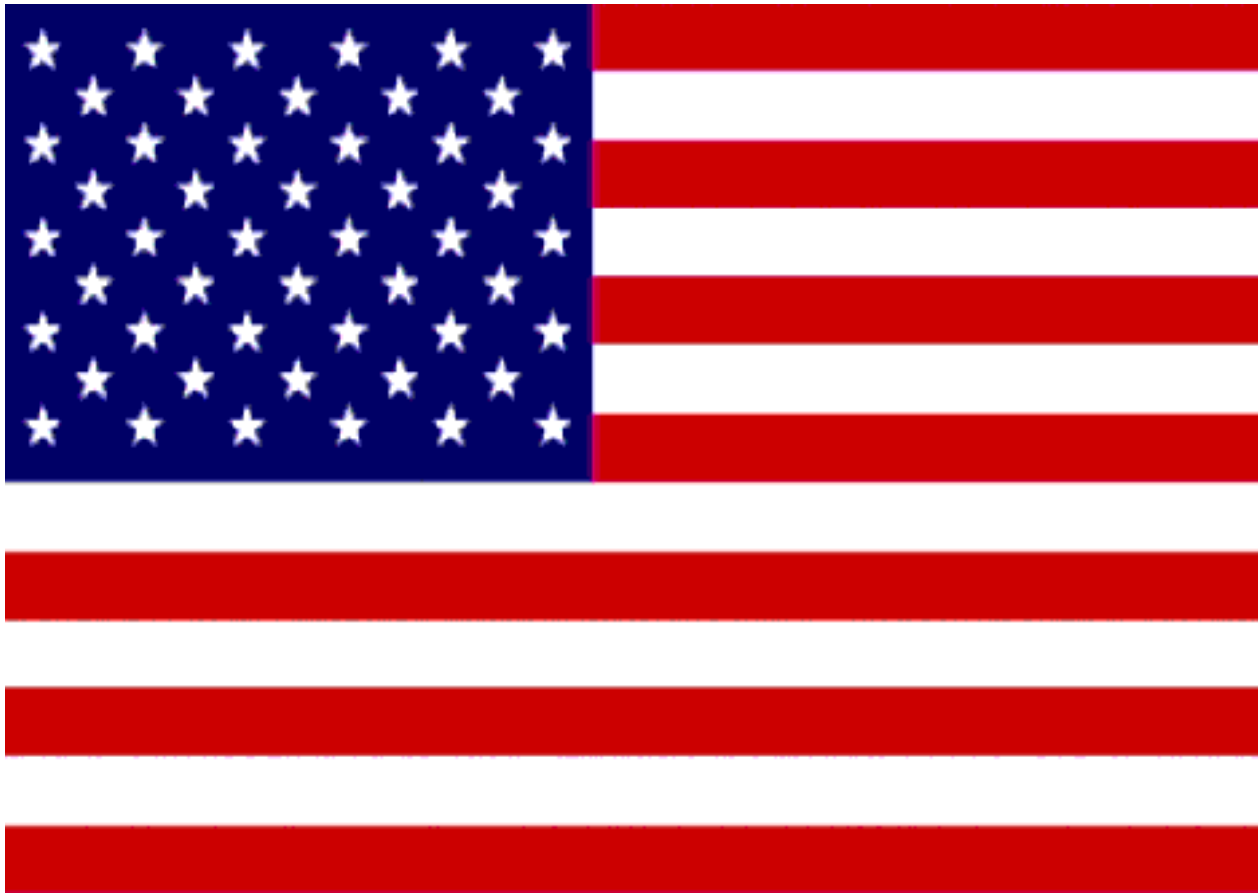


On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." <http://www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagtale.html>

Over the years the flag has been modified as new states entered the union. The thirteen stripes recall the thirteen colonies and the field of blue has grown as a more stars were added as new states entered the union. Now 50 stars emblazon our flag.

Police Officer of the Year

During the Flag Day Ceremony at the Elks Lodge, Officer Tony Bice was honored as the Morgantown Elks Lodge 411 Police Officer of the Year. He was recognized for his efforts in the war on drugs in Monongalia County. As you will recall, one of the Elks National Programs concerns the effort to keep drugs out of the youth population.



Our American Flag

Morgantown Elks Lodge 411 and the Dictionary Project

By Gloria Gozdzik

As you already know, the WV Elks Association and the Morgantown Elks Lodge #411 charitable work includes sponsoring two camps in West Virginia for disabled children, having fundraisers for a variety of local charities (e.g., the Bartlett House, Animal friends), in addition to our own charitable works (e.g., the Christmas baskets). While researching projects where our Lodge could expand our charitable work, I discovered The Dictionary Project in the Elks National Magazine.

The Dictionary Project is a non-profit organization that raises money to buy dictionaries for third grade students in schools across the United States. Accomplishing this goal relies on teamwork. To this end, our Lodge 411 will partner with The Dictionary Project by committing to sponsor

two or three third grade classrooms in the Monongalia school district this year. Why the third grade? The third grade is a critical year in a child's education where reading and writing play an integral part in the development of the future abilities of the student. The students benefit not only from having their own personal dictionary, but also from the knowledge that leaders in their own community have made a significant investment in their academic success.

This is an ambitious project and we would like to have dictionaries in the school(s) for the upcoming school year. There is no cost to the student or to the school. In our pilot project we would like to identify two or three schools that would introduce the project to the teachers and students. To show our commitment to succeeding in this project, we have purchased eleven (11) different books including seven (7) dic-

tionaries (including 2 Spanish/English dictionaries), a thesaurus, an Atlas, a "how to" use a dictionary/thesaurus, and a vocabulary builder from which the teachers can select the books they believe will benefit their students.

This year's funding for the project has been provided by donations from some of our members. A great big thank you to those who have said they would support this initial effort.

If you would like to get involved in this endeavor and would like to work on the planning of this project, that would be great! If you just want to make a donation to help kick start this new project that would be great too. We have about 4 months to come up with a plan. Contact me via email at ggozdzik@horizoncrm.com or by phone 304-599-5799.

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