

Perth Elks Lodge # 362

November 2022 Newsletter

- Executive Committee Meeting-Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 5 PM
- Potluck Supper-Friday, Nov. 4
- Lodge Meeting-Thursday, November 10 at 6 PM
- Remembrance Day Breakfast-Friday, November 11-8 AM to noon- cost \$10.00
- Elks Annual Christmas Dinner-Dec. 10 at 6:30 PM

Membership Growth

As part of the Strategic Plan to make our order sustainable, Grand Lodge has set a National Goal of a 5% increase in membership for all Lodges.

We need to report to Grand Lodge by March 31 that we are beginning the new year with 105 members.

At the beginning of January 2022, we had 99 Lodge members. As of Oct. 17, we had lost 5 members and gained 6 new members. We have 2 candidates who are eligible for initiation. We have 4 members who have not yet paid their dues for 2022. Do the math and you will see that we could start in 2023 with 98 members or 102.

If the National Membership doesn't reverse its downward spiral, we will cease to exist in 5 years.

So, Perth Elks needs to pick up at least 3 more members and possibly as many as 7 before the end of March.

Our Grand Exalted Ruler, Leonard Shane's theme this year is "Not Without You". His point is that we cannot reverse our National slide in Membership without you. Each and every Perth Elks member needs to think seriously about asking someone to become a member of our Lodge.

So, we can't look at other members or Lodges and tell them what they should do, we must do it ourselves.

Fundraising this fall

Since September 1 we have had an "Autumn Squares" project and a Roast Beef Dinner on October 1, 2022. Also, we have catered dinners for the Valley Horse and Saddle Club on October 15 and the SV Class of 1972 on October 22. We will be doing a Breakfast on November 11, catering dinners for the PA Seniors on Dec. 1 and the PA Firemen on Dec. 2. We will also be doing our Annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 10.

We are also going to do the Annual ticket sale on 1) a Christmas Basket and 2) a Christmas Dinner. A book of tickets sells for \$20.00. If every member could sell an average of 1½ books, that would be \$3,000.00. We should be able to sell 30 or 40 books at the Independent and possibly another venue.

The advantage of this project is it shares the fundraising among a lot of members and has the potential to raise \$4,000.00 for the Lodge. If you want more than one book let me know.

If you would be able to assist us with either the breakfast or one of the dinners, give us a call.

Also, it is your generosity in donating to the Christmas Basket and dinner that makes them so popular so if you can make a donation, we will need that as soon as possible as we need to submit a list of items donated to be able to receive our license.

"Try to come to the Lodge meeting next Thursday. We have some candidates to initiate so let's give them a proper welcome with lots of members present."

Fraternally yours,

