



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 894th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monongahela Lodge #451 on Sunday, April 18th, 2021. The Advisory Board will meet at 12:15 pm and Delegates will meet at 2:30. Mask and social distancing is mandatory. District Deputy Mike Garlowich will be holding his clinic at 1:30. All ER's, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustee Chairpersons are required to attend.

**Advisory Board**—Committee chairpersons where appointed for 2021-2022. All District Officers are remaining in their chairs. District Deputy, Mike Garlowich will remain as DD for 2021-2022 year. Installation of District Officers will be held at the April meeting. The State Convention will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg from April 28-May 1st. Meeting dates for next year are as follows: 9/19/2021-Meyersdale; 11/21/2021-Canonsburg; 2/20/22-Washington; 4/24/22-Norwin.

**Business Practice**-Adaptive Insights will be initiating a new system for security of the FRS data begin submitted. Each lodge will have 3 email addresses that will be allowed to submit the FRS data. The email addresses will be controlled through the lodge secretary and CLMS. The next FRS submission will be April 16, 2021.

**OFFICERS 2020-2021**  
 President..... Tom Olzer  
 Vice Pres..... Jeff Wagner  
 Secretary..... Becky McCullough  
 Treasurer..... Lynn Stubenbordt  
 Chaplain..... Karen Ritch



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

**DISTR. CHAIRPERSONS—2019-20**

- Accident Prevention Ted Dornin
- Americanism Angela Yandora
- Business Practices Becky McCullough
- District Activities Tom Olzer
- Drug Awareness Jeff Wagner
- Government Relations Jim Stubenbordt, St Ch
- Home Serv/Leg Trust Tom Olzer
- Hoop Shoot Barb Gagliardi
- Lapsation/Membership David Pular
- Lodge Activities Joe VillaNeuva
- Memorial/Resolutions Mike Garlowich
- National Foundation Dawn Lynn
- New Lodge/Assistance Barb Gagliardi
- Public Relations Aquila Hilling St Chair
- Ritualistic Keith Hilling
- Scholarship/Leadership Ron Hawkins PSP
- Soccer Shoot Stan Welsh PSP
- State Association Mike Garlowich,DD
- Veterans Service Ted Dornin
- Youth Activities Keith Hilling
- Barb Gagliardi
- Stacey Huffman
- Gary Cox, State Chair
- Mark McHugh, State Chair
- Sam McCullough
- Joe VillaNeuva St Vice Ch

**Government Relations**—Jim Stubenbordt asked that all lodges keep their Charity Records Report up to date. Jim will also be giving a Government Relations Seminar at the Spring Convention on Friday at 1 pm.

**Legacy Trust /Home Service**-District donations as of January 31,2021 were \$11,198.00. A check was received from Scottdale Lodge for \$350.00 for Home-Service. Tom reminded everyone donations can be made through Igive, Amazon, Pay Pal. Information is on the State webpage..

**Lapsation/Membership**—Mike Garlowich reported we have 418 delinquents and reminded lodges to try and reach out to these members and send letters.

**National Foundation**-Aquila Hilling reported that our district received over \$47,000 in grant monies. The District donations to date are \$18,484.84 with 2 lodges making their per capita of \$4.80 March 31st is the deadline for this year.

**Veterans Services-Setting Sail on 2021-22**-Starting April 1 we'll be awarding more Freedom Grants, increasing the Welcome Home Kit reimbursement amount. Freedom Grant applications go online April 1 at 12:10 am Central Time. Lodges that provide beds along with their Welcome Home Kits will now be eligible for up to \$500 in reimbursement.

**Upcoming meeting**  
 Meyersdale #1951 9/19/21

