



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 864th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monessen Lodge #773 on Sunday, September 20, 2015. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

Election of Officers

Aquila Hilling of Uniontown Lodge was elected President of the Southwest District at the April Meeting. Also elected were Garry Cox of Canonsburg Lodge as Vice President, David Pular of Connellsville Lodge as Secretary and Dawn Lynn of Norwin Lodge as Treasurer.



OFFICERS 2015 - 2016

President.....Aquila Hilling
 Vice Pres.....Garry Cox
 Secretary.....David Pular
 Treasurer.....Dawn Lynn



- At the **Spring Convention** Jim Stubenbordt of Canonsburg Lodge was appointed State Asst Secretary/Treasurer, Jack McGrogan of Scottdale Lodge as State Tiler and Joe VillaNeuva of Connellsville Lodge as State Chaplain.
- **Mark McHugh** of Canonsburg Lodge #846 was sworn in as District Deputy at the Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis.
- **Americanism Essay Contest Winners:** Div I; Kaydin Phillips (Uniontown), Kelsey Skonezny (Connellsville) and Chloe Miller (Monessen). Div II; Jordan Miller (Monessen), Haley Galante (Monessen) and Hannah Layton (Uniontown).
- The 2015-2016 theme for the **Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contests** is "**Just Don't Do It.**" The poster contest is for grades 3,4 and 5 and the essay contest is for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays and posters must be turned in to local Lodges by January 6, 2016.
- The **Most Valuable Student and Legacy Scholarships** are now available at www.elks.gov. The MVS deadline to local Lodges is Dec 6th.
- The Fall issue of the **State Newspaper** can be viewed at: http://www.thepaelk.us/The_Pennsylvania_Elk/Welcome.html.



Congratulations Stan Welsh Monongahela Lodge #455 State President 2015-2016

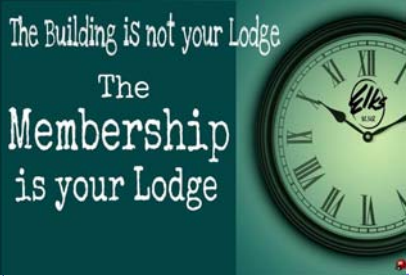
Fall Convention

The Fall Convention of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg on October 8-11, 2015. Room reservations must be made by September 24, 2015. DSVP Aquila Hilling will host the Southwest District hospitality room on Friday and Saturday.



Grand Exalted Ruler Ronald L Hicks will make his official visit to our state at that time.

District committee chairpersons meet with their state chairpersons on Friday afternoon. There will also be special seminars on Business Practices and Membership on Saturday afternoon.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 20 Monessen
 October 18 Monongahela
 November 15 Canonsburg
 January 17 Norwin
 March 20 Scottdale
 April 17 Connellsville

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