



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 879th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Norwin Lodge #2313 on Sunday, January 21, 2018. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

### Hoop Shoot

The Southwest District Hoop Shoot will be held at Connellsville Middle School on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The starting time is 10:00 AM with registration beginning at 9:00 AM. The Lodges are responsible for notifying the shooters of the date and time. The six winners will represent the District at State College on March 3, 2018.

Please send the original registration cards (not copies) ASAP to District Chairman Dave Pular, PO Box 153, Leisenring PA 15455. Please double check the birthdates **AS OF APRIL 1, 2018**. Birth certificates are required. The 'Ben K Ortman PSP Traveling Trophy' will be presented to the Lodge team making the most baskets.



UPCOMING MEETINGS	
January 21 .....	Norwin
March 18 .....	Washington
April 15.....	Connellsville

OFFICERS 2017 - 2018	
President.....	Keith Hilling
Vice Pres .....	Ted Dornin
Secretary.....	David Pular
Treasurer.....	Tom Olzer
Chaplain .....	Becky McCullough

### Membership

Congratulations on your improvement on membership/ delinquency for the start of 2018.

We are not there yet and only have a short time left before the end of the Lodge year. Our state sponsor, PGER Ron Hicks is encouraging us to finally reach our goals in both membership and lapsation. As of the January report, we have no Lodge in the Southwest with a membership loss making the membership loss list. We do have two Lodges with a high delinquency rate of over 10% and understand they are working toward their goal of reaching that plateau. We have made improvements in new membership gains/reinstatements and need to work on the 67 candidates waiting initiation before years end. The total of unpaid dues amounts to a loss of Lodge revenue of over \$11,000. Which no one can afford. Time to send your final notice on dues collection and give it one last push. There are 7 Lodges with a rate of over 20 delinquent members that are keeping you from maintaining a positive year.

I know it is always the same rah! rah! cry every year, but if you look at the overall picture, this and all other organizations are in the same boat in retaining membership. Give it one more shot.

Jack McGrogan, SW Membership/ Lapsation Chairman



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Congratulations to Henry Domasky and Gabrielle Fabery, both from Scottdale Lodge, for winning the **State Soccer Shoot**.
- **Americanism Essays** must be to District Chairperson Barb Gagliardi by January 30th.
- A **Home Service** contribution of \$3900 was received from Scottdale Lodge.
- A **Legacy Trust Fund** donation was received from Ron & Donna Hawkins for \$100 in memory of PDD Lou Cramer.
- **Drug Awareness** essays, posters and videos must be in the hands of District Chairperson Dawn Lynn by February 5th.
- The **11 O'clock Toast & Flag Charge** contests will be held at the meeting in Norwin on Sunday.
- **ENF** contributions were received from Canonsburg (\$1500) and Washing ton (\$1850) Lodges.



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