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Eddie the Elk Wears a Bow for a Good Cause



In a better effort to connect with our community, we are going to put a bow on Eddie the Elk (Elk out front) for different causes. April is Organ Donation Awareness month! Most of us know someone who has had an organ donated to them. Do you know how to become an organ donor? Please see the below article Grand Lodge wrote on Donate Life and sign up to save a life!

Organ & Tissue Donation Program





The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue.

The Grand Lodge, Fraternal Committee is asking Elks Lodges nationwide to promote the Organ Donor Program in their Lodge Bulletins and Lodge Web sites to help inspire members and citizens in their communities to make these life-saving donations.

The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate life America Web site, www.donatelife.net. Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer - 14,502 - organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! The effort of Lodges to promote the program through their Bulletins and Web site can gain them five points in their quests to be named an All American Lodge. More incentives will be announced in coming years as the program takes shape throughout Elkdom.

For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, click on the Donate Life icon to go to the *Donate Life* web-site, or by logging onto www.donatelife.net. This is a great way to show that "Elks Give from the Heart."

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Or drop in the Antler mailbox in the Lodge.



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Dear Elks and Friends,

Five years ago I was installed as Lodge Esquire for the first time! Who knew then that with the love, support, and guidance of the Lodge I'd become Exalted Ruler. This is a huge honor and privilege to be voted in by all of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for entrusting me with your faith.

We have some exciting projects to beautify our Lodge even more! Thank you to Ron and Mike for spear heading the projects and keeping them on track last

year. I have great faith you will continue to do so this upcoming year!

Thank you to Nancy "Antsy" DeVito, PER Fred "Easter Bunny" Frick, and all the volunteers for a fun, and successful Easter Egg Hunt. As always a great time was had by kids of all ages!

With this being our 70th anniversary year I am hoping to pull in a little history every month into the Antler. If you have some Lodge history you'd like to contribute please let Esteemed Loyal Knight and Antler Editor Julie O'Such know. We'd love your input!

look forward to seeing everyone at our first Lodge meeting for 2016-2017 on Tuesday, April 5 at 8PM to support your officers!

Love and Cheers, Amanda

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Lodge Meeting 8 pm House Meet- ing 7:15 pm	6 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	7 Line Dancing Shuffleboard MC Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13 SCC Meeting	14 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	15	16
17	18	19 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	20 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	21 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	22	23
24 MC Poker Run & Southern BBQ 9 am—5 pm	25 Leading Knight Training	<i>26</i>	27	28 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	29	30

Elk of the Month

By ER Amanda Horton and The House Committee

Karen Navarro

Our Elk of the Month for April is Karen Navarro. Karen is a newer member of the Lodge coming in in the fall of 2015! Since becoming a member she has been very active. She is involved with the House Committee. Karen's husband, Dan is involved with the Motorcycle Committee. Karen is always willing to help for events around the Lodge. She has cooked a few Sunday NFL lunches with Dan and waitressed several Friday night dinners. There is great faith that she will do a fantastic job as the Membership Chairperson for 2016-2017.

Congratulations to Karen Navarro our Elk of the Month for April!

March House Committee News

by Brian Coyle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Elk/Officer/Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet. Thanks to Johnny Unda and Crew for cooking, Linda Kopet and Terry Feldman for helping upstairs and everyone who helped set up and break down. Congratulations to Hugh Hild - Elk of the Year, Phyllis Willever - Officer of the Year and Dan Richards - Citizen of the Year.

Preliminary numbers for the kitchen show we made a profit of \$2,885 over the year. That number is pure food cost and sales and does not include overhead such as utilities, equipment maintenance, etc.

Thanks also to Susan Longo, Hugh and Bob Byrnes for pitching in on St. Patrick's Day in the kitchen with me when Johnny was sick.

Thank you again to everyone for supporting the kitchen throughout the year. A big thank you to Johnny Unda, Chef Larry, Hugh, Johnny Bones, Quiet Ed and to everyone who volunteered to help for Friday Night Dinners and Sunday NFL Lunches. Thanks to our servers/bussers/runners who also donated almost \$3,000 in tips back to the Lodge this year.

Elks National Foundation

As of 3/19/2016 Point Pleasant #1698 is at \$5.853. We have satisfied both the Grand Exalted Ruler and New Jersey State Elks Association President's Goal.

Point Pleasant sent \$4,495.00 to Elks National Foundation. We received \$4,000.00 back from Elks National Foundation; \$2,000.00 Freedom Grant and \$2,000.00 Gratitude Grant. Having reached the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.65, we can now apply for the Gratitude Grant. We have used the Gratitude Grant in the past to help out St Gregory's Pantry.

Easter Egg Hunt By Nancy DeVito

Our Easter Egg hunt was a big hit! I would to thank Brian Coyle and Suzie Longo for cooking our food, our Easter Bunny helpers, Regina McCabe for making the cupcakes, Irene Marquis, Julie Edvardsen, Phyllis Willever, Holly Ribertone, Rosemary Di Giovanni, Ann Marie O 'Hare, Jennifer Burns for her awesome pictures, Antsy the clown "AKA Nancy DeVito" and Our Easter Bunny "AKA Fred Frick".

God was on the side of Elkdom! The weather held out. It was bit cold but all in all the hunt went off without a hitch. We dyed the eggs, ate lunch, had the hunt and back into the lodge for cupcakes, rice krispies treats, goodie bags and prizes for our six winners.

The grandmother of my dear little friend Darien "Squeaks" almost in tears thanking us for the invitation to the hunt. Their family has gone through so much this past year. Darien, age 6, has gone through brain surgery and deals with issues every day. Thank God he is strong willed and is recovering and dealing with his medical issues. It was nice to have her family there together to enjoy watching him have fun. They greatly appreciated us thinking of him. He's a kind, brave little man!



I have to say that watching these kids dye their eggs and hunt for their eggs is priceless to watch.











Veterans Committee

By Nancy DeVito

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of our Elkdom year. Congratulations to outgoing ER Bob Byrnes and his slate of officers for a successful year and we wish continued success to Amanda and her slate of officers in the coming year.

I was not able to attend the installation because I was at an awards banquet at Joint Base McGuire. I did not know I was going to be announced as a dignitary along with Major General Joseph A. McNeil, Commander David Pavey, Chief Warbrick, POW Captain Ralph Galati what an honor. Also, at the table were Honorary Commander Mark Lorio and his wife Liz and Honorary Commander Regina Acuri. Congratulations to all the nominates and award winners, they were well deserved. God bless our Air Force.



Our fishing trips are on the calendar at the fishing club. The third Tuesday of the month for June, July and August.

We will being running our super 50/50 for the Veterans for July's fluke tournament. We are in the process of getting the paper work in for the license.

Mark your calendars, October 15th Veterans dance! I know we have a way to go but I don't want you to miss out. DJ Shirlene will be in the house so get your dancing shoes ready because it will be a night to remember.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts for their generous donation of girl scout cookies and thank you Bill Vandernoot for thinking of our troops.

POINT PLEASANT ELKS MC POKER RUN & SOUTHERN BBQ April 24th 9-11 AM Poker Run Sign In **Point Pleasant Elks** 820 Arnold Avenue 12-5 PM **BBQ BUFFET** LIVE MUSIC

\$20.00 per person
All Elks and Guests invited
Rain or Shine
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Johnny Unda's Wiffle Ball Tournament and BBQ



SATURDAY May 14th 12-4pm

BPOE #1698 Stadium, 820 Arnold Ave., Pt. Pleasant Beach \$20/Person, Kids under 12 are free

BBQ Included (Chicken, Burgers, Bratwurst, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Salad) Lemonade Stand, Drink Specials

Four Man Teams (picked out of a hat)
2 Inning Games—3 Out Innings; Double Elimination Tournament
1st and 2nd Place Wins Trophies

Tickets behind the bar at Elks Lodge or contact Johnny at 848-210-4168

Basket Raffle to benefit Special Needs Children Event Proceeds to Benefit The Building Improvement Fund JIM GIASULLO



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Single: \$320.00 2 Adults: \$400.00

Additional Adults (21 & Over): \$ 90.00 (includes Friday and Saturday) Additional Children (under 21): \$ 40.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)

A **50% deposit** must be received no later than **Monday, March 21st**, to guarantee your room. *Final balance* must be received no later than *Monday, April 18th*. Any cancellations received after the deposit has been received or after final payment has been made <u>will be subject to</u> a cancellation fee of \$100.00.

NO CASH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED. For your convenience, you can pay

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