



# Huntington Lodge, No. 1565, B.P.O.E.

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## Exalted Ruler's Message

'Tis the season to be jolly, to be with our loved ones and to share with our fellow Elks the joy of the Holiday Season. This is the time to thank God for the joys of our lives. The season is kicked off with Thanksgiving, a holiday that became a national event by the a letter by a young girl named Sarah Hale who wrote to Abraham Lincoln in 1863 and requested that the day be made to honor the first settlers and thank God for the gifts he had bestowed on us all. In December, we have Christmas, Hanukkah and a culmination of celebrations until at last there is New Years Eve to remember the year gone by and to celebrate the New Year ahead.

The Elk District Deputy visit to Smithtown and Islip at Smithtown and Hicksville went very well. The Initiation Ritual was done all by memory by Smithtown and Islip Lodges. It was a spectacular job and the event was a good time. Of all the rituals I've witnessed as and Elk Smithtown and Islip were the best.

What a great Vets dinner we had with our Veteran friends from the V. A. Hospital in Northport. Alex, our gourmet chief prepared a special meal for over 100 veterans who came to our party for them.

Victor Spadora himself came to deliver the best music ever. He really got the party going. I can not think of a better way to celebrate the dedication and service our veterans gave to our country. A crew of helpers for the event included kitchen help, servers, drivers, and dancers. A big thank you goes to all those who participated with the event.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony at Huntington town hall on November 7th was attended by Jim Vaughn, Jack Safarik, Alex Kankula, Bill Kohout, Mike Colamónico and Tony Mastriano. The ceremony this year was highlighted by the patriotic display of American flags which was sponsored by

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## Huntington Elks Holiday Party 2010

The Huntington Elks  
looks forward once again to  
bring the Lodge together  
in a loving festive  
Holiday Gala Celebration.



Date: **Sat. December 11**

Time: **7 PM till...**

Cost: **\$20 per person**

includes Gourmet Buffet from *Marconi Manor* with Six Hot Entrees to choose from  
Free Egg Nog

**Cash Bar with specials and happy hour**

**Music by Victory Entertainment**

(You loved them at the Fighting 69th Party and Our 80th Anniversary Party)

**Please bring a toy for the Toys for Tots if you can**

There will be a special recognition of all those members who have been with  
the Elks for 30 years or more.

**Tickets will be available at the door,  
but if you are attending to help us please RSVP to  
Ginny Gaun at [vgaun@optonline.net](mailto:vgaun@optonline.net) or call 631-421-9778  
or Jack Safarik at [jjsafarik@aol.com](mailto:jjsafarik@aol.com) or call 631-664-6135  
and indicate how many will be attending.**

Huntington Kiwanis. Jimmy Vaughn said of the display: "Words cannot describe the beauty of this display. It must be seen to be appreciated. The program was an excellent remembrance of all those that have ever served our country."

Coming up this month is the Elks Memorial Day. It is the day that we gather to make reflections on all the members of the lodge who have pass away during the year. It is the Golden meeting of recollection, the Homecoming of those who wander the Mystic Roll call on those who will come no more. Living or dead Elks are never forgotten never forsaken... We cordially invite all family members of the deceased and ask that our officers and members be present for the beautiful ceremony.

The Holiday Party that everyone's been waiting for will be held on Saturday December 11th at 7 PM. Most of us remember the 80th Anniversary Party and the Great Gala Fundraising Affair for the Troops of the 'Fighting 69', and the music that made them dance at the Veterans Day VA Dinner and Entertainment Night. Well he's back!!! Victor Sadora will be donating the music for the event. In addition, we will have FREE Egg Nog for those 21 or over. This year's food will be served by the award winning Marconi Manor and will feature six hot trays of food, and much more. Party starts at 7p.m. and will end when Victor runs out of music...which means never, only Kidding. We will also be honoring those members who have been Members for at least 30 years. A special presentation and award will be given for this event. This will be the event of the year, Cost \$20 per person. If you could bring a toy for the Toys for Tots it would be appreciated.

Tickets will be available at the door but if you are attending please help us with a RSVP to Ginny Gaun at vgaun@optonline.net or call 631-421-9778 and indicate how many will be attending. Or you can call Jack Safarik at 631-271-5238 or e-mail him at jjsafarik@aol.com

So, come one, come all! Bring the whole family and enjoy the Holiday Spirit just like the old days.

Finally, my thanks and congratulations to our newly elected and installed Esteemed Lecturing Knight Marcus Gardega. Marcus stepped up to fill the open officers position. I am very happy to have him aboard. He will be a great asset to our lodge!

Have a Happy Holiday! May God's love touch us all!

Fraternally,  
Exalted Ruler Bob Gaun

# FRIDAYS

## LIVE MUSIC DINNER • DANCING

*featuring Executive Chef Alex  
in the kitchen*

**195 Main Street • Huntington**

**Open to the Public**

**Call 631-271-1565 for info**

**EVERY FRIDAY 7:30-11:30 PM**



**No Cover Charge • Cash Bar • Dinner Menu Available  
Credit Cards Accepted**

## LODGE HOLIDAY CLOSING



The Lodge will be closed from December 20th thru January 4th and will reopen on Wednesday, January 5th.

## 40th HOOP SHOOT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

This years event marks Huntington Lodge's 40th Hoop Shoot. Chairman Stan Seiffaff has been running the lodge program since its inception in 1961. Interestingly, the Elk's National Hoop Shoop program began in 1962. Another interesting fact was that Stan joined Huntington Lodge in 1962, a year *after* he started the lodge Hoop Shoot program. Come join Stan this year and give him a hand. You'll have a great time...

**Saturday, January 8, 2011 (Snow date January 8, 2011)**

**9am to 12pm**

**Birchwood Elementary School**

**Wolf Hill Road, South Huntington**

## HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND EXALTED RULER

Hon. Michael F. Smith, *Grand Exalted Ruler*

As we enter the holiday season we need to also be aware that we are well into our Elks year and that we are accountable for attaining the goals. I ask each of you to set some specific objectives to improve our Order. I ask that you commit to "Be Proud...Be Loud...and Be Visible" in your community and state. We need to come out of our cocoon and let our communities know who we are and what we provide in Veteran Services, Scholarships, Youth Activities and community services. Please make a resolution, and keep it, to let people know of our good works beyond our Lodge walls.



Many Lodges have holiday programs such as feeding those in need, hosting police or fire/rescue personnel, etc. I would hope we can start maxi-

mizing our good works by asking quality people to participate with us and encourage them to become a part of our great Order. As you plan your good works, be aware that the people involved might want to be a part of doing good for others. As you invite your local media to cover your activities, consider sharing what other projects your Lodge and our Order are involved in and ask if they might be interested in being a part of us. Ask the people who serve your community to become a part of your Lodge. Promote Elks Passion....(put some PEP in your step) with a purpose and let's turn this membership trend into a positive. Many people Care and many people Share. Why not ask them to be a part of our world?

Sandra and I send our very best to all of you in this joyful season. We have had the pleasure of making many new friends as we travel this great country, and we look forward to meeting many more. May God watch over you and your loved ones, our military and their families and all of those in need, both now and forever. Happy holidays and be safe!

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 2nd.....**General Meeting/Hanukkah** .....8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 3rd .....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10th.....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 11th.....**Lodge Holiday Party**.....7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 16th.....**General Meeting**.....8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17th.....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25th.....*Christmas Day*
- Dec. 31th.....*New Year's Eve*
- Jan. 1st .....*New Year's Day*
- Jan. 6th .....**General Meeting**.....8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7th .....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 8th .....Hoop Shoot, Birchwood Elem. Schl..9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 14th .....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 20th .....**General Meeting**.....8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 21st .....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 28th .....Friday Night Dinner/Dancing .....7:00 p.m.

*Please Party Responsibly*

### TOYS FOR TOTS

The holiday season is a special time of year for most children, a time filled with excitement and anticipation. Sadly, many families do not have the means to purchase even the most basic holiday gift. The Lodges participation in this year's TOYS FOR TOTS program can help make a child's holiday dreams come true. By fulfilling their hopes and wishes you, along with the Marines , will help make their holiday a time to remember.

We will have boxes at the Lodge where you can drop off the toys. The Marines will only accept NEW, UNWRAPPED toys.

We are so fortunate to have been born, raised and protected in this wonderful country of ours. God bless the USA.ting and let your voice be heard.

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR GIFT TODAY THE MARINES WILL BE PICKING UP THE TOYS AROUND DECEMBER 13TH.

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**LODGE MEETING NIGHTS**

First and third Thursdays of each month at  
8:00 PM.

**NOTICE TO PROPOSER OF APPLICANTS**

There is an Initiation fee of \$75.00 of which \$50.00 must accompany each application form. The Membership Committee meets at the Lodge Tuesday following the Lodge Session, and will be glad to hear from any Brother for or against any candidate. The Committee request that all sponsors accompany their candidates on evening of interview.

# Lodge Officers 2010-2011

**EXALTED RULER**

Robert Gaun

**LEADING KNIGHT**

Jack Safarik

**LOYAL KNIGHT**

Douglas Bassin

**LECTURING KNIGHT**

Marcus Gardega

**SECRETARY**

William Martin, PER

**LODGE TRUSTEES**

**ONE YEAR**

Nick Menza

**TWO-YEAR**

Robert T. Ryan, PDDGER,  
Chmn.

**THREE YEAR**

Walter Kuhn Jr., PER

**TREASURER**

Gordon Beaubien

**TILER**

Stan Sielaff

**ESQUIRE**

Judith Warden

**CHAPLAIN**

Robert Vandenburg

**INNER GUARD**

Wayne Cammer

**FOUR-YEAR**

Alex Kankula

**FIVE-YEAR**

Edward Farquhar, PER

**LODGE SPONSOR**

Kevin Schaefer, PDDGER