

# LODGE NEWS

## BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE #2556

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### Message from the Exalted Ruler

By ER John Phillips



First off I would like to congratulate our Members and Officers who received awards at the Installation Banquet in April. They were well deserved. We have been posting pictures of our award winners on our Facebook page and they have seen notable interest from members, family, and friends. If you

haven't already "liked" us on Facebook, please do; you can keep up on what's going on at the Lodge much more frequently than just from the newsletter.

Meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursday of each month. While Officers are expected to attend, I would like to see more members come out. We can't have a good idea of what our next fundraiser should be or what project we should take on next without input from our members. Please stop in.

This month marks the Ladies Auxiliary's annual Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue, which is one of my favorite events of the year. This year the

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### Elk of the Month

By ER John Phillips

May's Elk of the Month is another PER that helped me in making the decisions to take on being Exalted Ruler this year. This person told me from the start that he had my back.



With this in mind, he stepped up and willingly offered to be this year's Chaplain. With the dedication he showed to the Lodge last year, I am proud to name Dan Sullivan the Elk of the Month for May. ■

### Officer in Charge Schedule for May and June

5/2 Justin Testo • 5/9 Mike Pendergast • 5/16 John Littlefield • 5/23 Vacant Trustee  
6/6 Pete Fanfa • 6/13 Dan Sullivan • 6/20 Pat Walsh • 6/27 John Phillips

## Lodge Officers for 2013–2014

Exalted Ruler .....	John Phillips .....	376-8085
Leading Knight.....	Shane Hendry .....	461-7308
Loyal Knight.....	Doris Reichelt .....	658-2117
Lecturing Knight.....	Tom Hendry .....	461-3183
Secretary .....	Sue Jesmain .....	279-1463
Treasurer .....	Frank Higgins .....	423-4354
Esquire .....	Justin Testo .....	669-6895
Chaplain .....	Dan Sullivan, PER .....	279-9941
Tiler.....	Pat Walsh .....	528-4653
Inner Guard .....	Pete Fanfa .....	326-8160

Trustee, 5 years.....	Vacant .....	
Trustee, 4 years.....	Vacant .....	
Trustee, 3 years.....	Vacant .....	
Trustee, 2 years.....	Michael W. Pendergast .....	279-4286
Trustee, 1 year .....	John Littlefield .....	641-2431

House Chairman.....	Frank Higgins .....	423-4354
Event Booking .....	Tanya Testo .....	See below
Sickness & Distress.....	Karen Hudson .....	279-9649
Newsletter.....	Matt Wade .....	588-6426

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**[elksbooking@gmail.com](mailto:elksbooking@gmail.com)** or **669-6889**.

## Loucks SVP Installation Set For May 18 at Hilton Albany

**By Newsletter Editor Matt Wade**



**Future State Vice  
President PER  
Dale Loucks**

As reported in last month's issue of *Lodge News*, PER Dale Loucks was recently elected State Vice President of the North Hudson District by the Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers association of the North Hudson Districts.

Loucks will be installed at the Annual State Convention of the New York State Elks Association, which is being held at the Hilton Albany (former Crowne Plaza) at 40 Lodge Street in downtown Albany.

As this is Brunswick Lodge's first State Vice President since 2004, we ask that as many Members, Officers, and Ladies can attend, please do. We want to see an entire army of Redcoats at this event.

The night starts off with a cocktail hour at 6:15 pm. Dinner is served at 7:30 pm. Officer installation takes places directly after dinner.

You can read the preliminary program for the entire weekend on the State Association's website:  
<http://nyseelks.org/Spring2013Pgm.pdf>

Advanced tickets are required. Contact Dale Loucks ([loucksdale@aol.com](mailto:loucksdale@aol.com) or 275-3152) to reserve your tickets. Carpooling will likely be available. Ask Dale who else is attending when you purchase your ticket to find potential carpool mates. ■

## ER MESSAGE

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Ladies are also hosting a flea market. They're currently looking for vendors, so if you know any crafts people or organizations that would like to get their name out, contact Heather Silvernail ([castleheat03@hotmail.com](mailto:castleheat03@hotmail.com)). The pavilion and bar will be open.

But Memorial Day isn't just about barbecue chicken and the start of summer. It's a day to remember those members of the military that have been lost during active duty. We Elks are known for our dedication to Veterans; we are just as dedicated to their memories.

Please join your Officers in walking in the Poestenkill Memorial Day Parade. Honor the memory of those heroes—many of whom were probably dear members of your families—that have been lost by making this simple gesture. It's the least we can do.

Following the parade, come enjoy the rest of your day at the Lodge, complete with a delicious meal and some fun sales and bartering at the flea market. I'm looking forward to my favorite day of the year and hopefully seeing you all out at the Lodge! ■

### Lounge to Remain Open on Fridays During the Summer

We've had great success with the Lounge bar and kitchen offerings on Fridays and will continue this service throughout the summer. Why cook on a Friday after a long week? Come on down, have a cold one (or two) and enjoy some excellent bar food selections. Move on out to the deck and enjoy the summer warmth. We're also looking for patio furniture to include on the deck so if you have any patio furniture or rope lighting you want to donate or you know someone that might, contact Justin or Tanya Testo. We're looking forward to seeing our regulars and some new faces! ■

### Looking for Committee Members and Fundraising Event Coordinators

We're continuously looking for members to help us out with our committees and fundraising events. It's not a huge commitment, but it can make a huge impact. If you have an idea for an event we can host to raise funds for the Lodge or a supported cause, contact ER John Phillips or Tanya Testo. ■

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## SECRETARY'S CORNER

SUE JESMAIN SAYS...

By now everyone has received dues notices for the 2013–14 Elk year.

Please support the Lodge by **paying your dues!**

Please have your payment in as soon as possible. Your dues pay your Lodge's expenses. If you didn't pay by April 1, you are delinquent until paid. New members, transfers into Brunswick, reinstatements, and delinquent members are always welcome back to Brunswick.

# Upcoming Events

Recurring events (occurring each week):  
**Fridays:** Happy Hour 6-8 pm, Kitchen open 6-9 pm

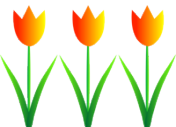
MAY	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	28 Sunday Breakfast 9 am–noon	29	30	1 Lodge Off Mtg 7 pm Zumba 5:30 pm	2 Aux Off Mtg 7 pm	3	4 Spring Clean Up 9 am Zumba 9 am
	5 VA Hosp Visit 12:30 pm	6 Zumba 6:30 pm	7	8 Zumba 5:30 pm	9 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	10 Red Cross Blood Drive 1–6 pm	11 Zumba 9 am
	12 Mother's Day Breakfast 9 am–noon	13 Zumba 6:30 pm	14 Bocce Pizza Party 6 pm	15 Zumba 5:30 pm	16 Aux Mtg 7 pm	17	18 Zumba 9 am Loucks State VP Installation
	19	20 Zumba 6:30 pm	21	22 Zumba 5:30 pm	23 Lodge Mtg 8 pm	24	25 Zumba 9 am
	26	27 Memorial Day Chicken BBQ & Flea Market	28 Bocce Court Cleanup 6:30 pm	29 Zumba 5:30 pm	30	31	1
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Zumba 9 am	
For a full version of this calendar, visit us online at: <a href="http://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgecalendar.cfm?LodgeNumber=2556">http://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgecalendar.cfm?LodgeNumber=2556</a>							
2	3 Zumba 6:30 pm	4 Bocce League 1 <sup>st</sup> Game 6 pm	5 Zumba 5:30 pm	6 Aux Off Mtg 7 pm	7	8 Zumba 9 am	
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# JUNE

# What's going on at the Lodge...

Brunswick Elks Lodge #2556

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 13  
9:00 am—Noon 

**Adults: \$10 Children: \$4**  
(children 5 & under free)

Call the Lodge for reservations at  
279-1344.

### Buffet Breakfast

## Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 4  
9:00 am — ???

### We Need Your Help!

We need to open up the pavilion, spruce up the grounds, and do various maintenance around the Lodge



*spring cleanup*

Brunswick Elks Ladies Auxiliary

## Memorial Day Chicken Barbecue & Flea Market

Monday, May 27  
Noon — 5:00 pm



**Our annual favorite, now  
with a Flea Market!**

**Half Chicken, Choice of 2 sides**  
(slaw, baked potato, macaroni salad, potato salad)  
**Soda and Brownie, Just \$10!**

Profits to benefit major projects  
(Cerebral Palsy Foundation)

**Advance tickets available at the Lodge**

## Friday Night Bar Specials

Domestic Drafts **\$1**  
Well Drinks  
Bottled Beer **\$2**

*Friday Nights from 6 to 8 pm*

Chicken Wings	\$8
<small>10 jumbo wings, celery, bleu cheese</small>	
Chicken Tenders	\$6
Chili Dogs (4)	\$2 <sup>75</sup>
<small>4 mini dogs: mustard, onions, Famous sauce</small>	
Slider	\$2
Cheese Slider	\$2 <sup>50</sup>

More menu options available  
*Kitchen Open Friday Nights from 6 to 9 pm*

# Update from the *Ladies Auxiliary*

## Message from the President

By President Linda Maguire

Welcome Spring! It's so wonderful to see the flowers blooming and hear the birds chirping early in the morning. It also means it's time for spring cleaning. There is a spring cleanup scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 am to get the pavilion and the grounds ready for the upcoming season. Please consider helping out by bringing your rakes, cleaning rags, and perhaps a potted flower to plant. Many hands make light work and can be a lot of fun too.

Installation is over, but I would be remiss if I didn't mention Nick Bragin, who was selected by the Past Presidents as the Ladies Auxiliary Man of the Year and to Theresa Sullivan for being selected Woman of the Year by PER Dan. Congratulations to both of you; the honors are well deserved.

The American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Friday, May 10 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Lodge. All are encouraged to donate. It is more important now more than ever, and all blood types are needed.

May 12 is Mother's Day and the Lodge is hosting its annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Anyone interested in helping out with this event by either setting up, waitressing, bussing tables, or cleaning up, should let ER John Phillips know as soon as possible. We usually have a terrific turnout, so please make your reservations early for one of the best breakfasts around!

## Auxiliary Officers

for the 2013-14 Elk Year

President ..... Linda Maguire  
 Vice President ..... Heather Silvernail  
 Advisor ..... Stephanie Silvernail, PP  
 Secretary ..... Dee Berney, PP  
 Treasurer ..... Connie Hooley

Trustee, 1 year ..... Barbara Horine  
 Trustee, 2 year ..... Ann Loucks  
 Trustee, 3 year ..... Judy Murray, PP

Lead Escort ..... Dolores Ostwald, PP  
 Escort ..... Mary Theresa Burns  
 Chaplain ..... Marion Altieri  
 Historian ..... Pamela Greenberg  
 Guard ..... Dorothy Bragin, PP  
 Guard ..... Crystle Murray

Mark your calendar for Monday, May 27; the Ladies are hosting their annual chicken barbeque. This year the event is spearheaded by Vice President Heather Silvernail, and our executive chef and barbecue master is ER John Phillips. Heather has added a new twist to this event: we will be having a flea market as well. The Lodge will be opening the bar for a cold beverage, and the pavilion will be open so people can enjoy their dinner on our beautiful grounds. This is one of our largest fundraisers, so please come out, enjoy the best chicken barbeque around, and support this charity event that benefits the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Join us that morning to march in the Poestenkill Memorial Day parade as we honor the memory of our service men and women. ■

### Lottery Calendar Winners for March 2013

3/3 Tom Clement • 3/4 Chuck Connelly • 3/7 Flora Lee Ashdown • 3/13 Evelyn Duvall • 3/17 Jim Busher •  
 3/22 Patricia Sharer • 3/26 Samantha West • 3/27 Mike Decker • 3/29 Loretta Raymond

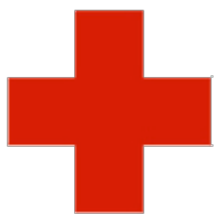
*[No calendars were sold for the non-winning dates in March]*

## PA Trip Reservations Due in June

Reservations are still being accepted for the October trip to Pennsylvania. The bus leaves the Lodge on the morning of Friday, October 18 and returns the night of Saturday, October 19. Have your reservations in to Judy Murray (279-3921 or [murray128@nycap.rr.com](mailto:murray128@nycap.rr.com)) by June 20. ■

## Fundraiser at American Legion in Wynantskill

Past Presidents Carol DeLair and Sharon O'Brien are hosting a fundraiser for their niece, Julie, who is only 33, and is a breast cancer survivor. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 19 at the American Legion in Wynantskill from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Sharon is making her famous Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti, salad, dessert, and soda or coffee for just \$10.00. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help defray Julie's medical expenses. ■



**American  
Red Cross**

*Together, we can save a life*  
**BLOOD DRIVE**

May 10, 1 – 6 pm at the Lodge

*For more information—or to volunteer—call Dee Berney at 279-4228.*

**The Lodge is in need of three Trustees.**

Anyone with a background in business, budgeting, auditing, accounting, or just plain common sense and integrity, contact ER John Phillips ASAP.

## News from Grand Lodge

### May is the Time to Brainstorm Family Activities at the Lodge

By Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas S. Brazier

As we look toward summer, we know many of our Members have children who will soon be out of school. Summer vacations are being planned, and many Members will be traveling. For those who are retired, they may be returning to their home Lodge from their “winter residence.” May is a good time to explore ways to provide a broad spectrum of activities, not only for Members but for those who may visit our communities.

The first possibilities are Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. A Mother’s Day Brunch for Members and visiting guests is a great way to show off your Lodge and generate interest in membership. Closer to home, a family barbeque or carnival is a good draw and may be used for recruiting new Members. June brings Father’s Day, another great chance for a family event such as a luau, steak night, or simply hamburgers and hotdogs by the pool.

While many Lodge Officers will be at Grand Lodge in July, your Lodge Activities Committee can plan for a July 4 celebration. Sack races, bocce ball, croquet and other lawn activities would make the day fun for the whole family. It doesn’t have to be elaborate, just something to provide Members and families with a place to share the day.

Other Lodge events do not necessarily need to be tied to a special holiday. Explore having an inexpensive family spaghetti feed on a Friday night, make-your-own tacos with a nominal charge per taco, or an ice cream social. Every activity contributes to promoting your Lodge and the perception that the Lodge is alive and prosperous. ■

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## Upcoming Event Reminders

Spring Clean Up, May 4  
VA Hospital Visit, May 5  
Red Cross Blood Drive, May 10  
Mother's Day Breakfast, May 12  
Bocce Pizza Party, May 14  
Loucks SVP Installation, May 18  
Chicken BBQ & Flea Mkt, May 27  
Bocce Court Clean-up, May 28  
Bocce First Game, June 4  
Sunday Breakfast, June 23

**Please join us at 9 am on May 4 for  
spring cleanup day!**

Current resident or



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## Red Cross in Desperate Need of Blood Donors

The need for blood is constant and the blood supply must be regularly replenished. The Red Cross relies on generous donors to ensure that blood will be available for those who need it, whenever they may need it. With the many crises going on right now, the Red Cross blood bank has been very low.

Lets help out by taking about one hour of your time on May 10 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm to donate your blood and help out the many people in need. The Red Cross is revising their criteria so check with them to see if you are able to donate before you say "no".

For any questions relative to the Blood Drive, call Dee Berney at 279-4228 or e-mail at [deeberney@hotmail.com](mailto:deeberney@hotmail.com). Walk-ins are always welcomed at these drives. ■

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