

THE BULLETIN

JANUARY 2023

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Five Year

Don Burns 609-477-8615

Four Year

Jason Ispanky 215-630-3229

Three Year

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Two Year

Grason Jones, PER 609-306-2943

One Year

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Justice

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Elk Members,

A brand new year is a time for reinvention for many. With the start of a new year, take the time to reflect on the past and ring 2023 in with renewed intentions for the next 365 days. This year, as you prepare to usher in your resolutions, don't forget to share a few New Year wishes with your friends and loved ones. Happy New Year!

I cannot express how very impressed I was with the Youth Activities Committee's Kids' Christmas Party. With craft stations, ginger bread houses, face painting, Grason Jones as Santa, games, hot chocolate stations, gifts of all kinds and laughter filling the lower ballroom! The kids had a great time! I have received numerous thank yous and compliments on the event. You rock YAC committee: Toni Smith, DK Kish, Kristen Bailey, Lisa Jantz, Chrissy Heineman, Shelley Nelson, Scott & Karen Walter, Barbara Rose, Patti McDonald, Anne Marie Petit-Clair, Grason Jones, and my boys Kyle and Logan. I sincerely apologize if I forgot anyone.

Melissa Sprague never disappoints with her entertainment events and the Christmas Social was no exception! The festive event was the perfect event to jingle and mingle with one another. Thank you for all that you do Melissa!

Fraternally,
Jesse Smith
"Respect, Honor and Gratitude"





Women's Auxiliary

Hello Members,

Please let me know if you would like to join the Auxiliary, membership is \$10. For the members, it is time to renew, please see Rosemary or Charlotte.

If you know anyone who is sick, hospitalized or has recently passed away, please notify Cynthia Groffie at 609-239-2569.

MEETING REMINDER

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30pm

GENERAL MEETING – SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30pm

Heather Cheesman, PER
President

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President

Heather Cheesman 609-298-7828

Vice President

Nancy Debnarik 609-870-2048

Secretary

Christina Heineman 609-954-2302

Treasurer

Patty Marosovitz 609-658-6936

Conductress

Linda Delucia 609-529-5844

Chaplain

Cynthia Groffie 609-239-2569

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Three Year

Carole Moore 609-433-7979

Two Year

Shirley Solarski 609-731-9752

One Year

Rosemary Becker 609-915-6754



Sandwich Night Menus 6pm-7pm \$10

January 4, 2023
January 11, 2023
January 18, 2023
January 25, 2023

ENF - Grilled Cheese, Bottomless Soup
House - Pork Roll or Cheesesteak, Salad, Dessert
Convention - Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Regular, Big Dog or Buffalo Style
Auxiliary– Homemade Meatball Parm Sub, Fries



Secretary Notes

It is nearly time for membership statements to be sent from Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge per capita fee for each member has been raised by \$5.00. This is not an increase in local dues, but in the amount that the Grand Lodge requires each member to pay.

EARLY BIRD: In early February, I will be hosting an in-person early bird membership day where you can come into the Lodge to remit your dues payment (cash, check or credit card).

Balloting of Life Membership candidate Ralph Cianfrano will be held at the January 16, 2023 meeting.

Every 5 years, the Lodge must submit a **General Revision of all its Bylaws and House Rules** to Grand Lodge. The bylaws committee compiled the recommendations presented at December 19th Lodge Meeting. Additionally, these were sent via email on December 8th. Hard copies of the proposed revision can requested from the Secretary. The Bylaws Revision vote will be held on January 16, 2023

Jessica Waite
Lodge Secretary

Elks Care - Elks Share

Leading Knight's Message

I hope every member and your family had a wonderful holiday and a happy new year. I like to thank all the members for all their hard work over the past year. I would like to thank Nancy and Tom, our custodians, for all their hard work with keeping the lodge clean and sanitized over the last year. Everyone have a wonderful 2023.

Bill Cranmer
Leading Knight

Membership

PROUD TO BE AN ELK

The lodge grows when members propose new candidates to become an elk. Be an Ambassador for the lodge. Bring a family member and/or friend to one of our functions and promote the lodge.

Dropped members can be reinstated for a \$30 application fee. Also, a 2/3rd vote at a general Lodge meeting is required. Once this is accomplished, you will need to pay the prorated dues. No back dues are assessed.

Jack Becker, PER
Chairperson



Entertainment

A Tribute to Steely Dan will be on January 21st. Doors open at 7:30pm and show starts at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$30 per person.

Melissa Sprague
Chairperson

PER

Our next PER Meeting will be on January 25, at 7:30. We will meet with the ER and his Officers at 7:15pm or immediately after the Wednesday Night 50/50 drawing. Our next Sandwich Night will be on March 29th. The menu for this dinner is “Jack Becker’s Grandmother’s Famous Meatloaf”.

Edward Taddei Jr., PER
Chairperson

Veterans/America

On Saturday Dec 17th myself and Sandy Schmelia participated in Wreaths Across America at Brig. Gen. William C Doyle Veterans Cemetery. We sponsored 78 wreaths and placed wreaths on some Elks from our lodge.

The State Veterans asked our Veterans Committee to sponsor a veteran family in need. We got a female veteran age 40 with 2 children, one girl age 16 and an infant 1 month old. We have purchased gifts for this family at a value of over \$600.00 which we will deliver to them. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Jim Turner, US Navy
Chairperson

Lodge Activities

The next scheduled Lodge Activities meeting will be on Friday, January 27, 2023 at Hightstown Lodge. The monthly meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month, as scheduled and the location is rotated throughout the district lodges.

The district encourages all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, and any officers to attend and participate. The meetings are very informative and usually review the Statutes and have training sessions. All are welcome!

Hank Elmer, PDD
Chairperson

Army of Hope

The State Army of Hope Committee continues to remember/assist the families of our New Jersey fallen heroes, the severely wounded soldiers/veterans and those with severe post-traumatic stress disorder and their families.

Hank Elmer, PDD
Chairperson



ENF

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, meet the needs of veterans, and invest in the communities where Elks live and work. The ENF has a scholarship program, the Community Investments Program, the Hoop Shoot and the Drug Awareness Program, plus it supports the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. You can learn more at elks.org/enf, or by talking to me! I can also tell you more about the ways to support ENF's work. Our 2022-2023 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80, we are currently at \$3.63, so please send in your donations or give here: [DONATE](#)

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visit elks.org/enf. Review the [2022-20223](https://enf.elks.org/appropriations) grants and appropriations at enf.elks.org/appropriations.

Our next sandwich night will be January 4th, serving up grilled cheese and homemade soup, hope to see you there! Stay tuned for a Trivia Night!

Student of the Month

Lodge Committee Chair Ellen Benowitz presented six local students with their Certificates and \$25 Gift Cards for being honored as November's Students of the Month. Thank you Ellen, Great Job. Many thanks to Jimmy Mitchell for the generous donation he made to the Elks in memory of his mother Rose Mitchell.

Grason Jones, PER
Chairperson

Convention 2023

Please be on the lookout for updates in the New Year.

Patty Marosovitz *Chrissy Heineman*
Co-Chairperson **Co-Chairperson**

Trustees

Winter is here and with that comes cold temperatures, snow and ice. In an effort to avoid accidents, we ask that if you see standing water or ice around outside of the building, please reach out to an Officer so that we can immediately address the issue.

In preparation for spring clean up, Digger's Tree Service removed the large tree next to the garage. The concrete will be replaced this spring for easier access to the garage side door and picnic area.

Happy New Year!

Bruce Smith
Chairperson



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2085

11 Amboy Road, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505

Five Year General Revision of the BYLAWS and HOUSE RULES.

Every 5 years, the Lodge must submit a General Revision of all its Bylaws and House Rules to Grand Lodge. After review, the bylaws committee has compiled the attached recommendations to the lodge including proposed changes, as well as, unchanged items.

Bylaws Committee Proposal: **December 19, 2022**

Bylaws Revision Vote: **January 16, 2023**

The following are the substantive proposed changes, additions and deletions.

Article III: Life and Honorary Life Membership, Section 1.

Deletion. “, and who shall attained the age of not less than 65 years.” Reflects the 2022 Statute Amendment, which no longer requires age to attain Life Membership.

Article III: Life and Honor Life Membership, Section 3.

Addition. Adoption of limitation of Life Membership totals of Fifteen percent (15%).

Article IV: Meetings, Section 1.

Change. Changed section to reflect Monday meeting days.

Article IV: Meetings, Section 2.

Change. Changed section to reflect Monday meeting days.

Article V: Elective Officers and Duties, Section 6 and Section 7.

Change. Separated Offices of the Trustees and the Board of Directors. Included Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors as reflected in the 2022 Statute Amendment.

Article VI: Appointed Positions and Duties, Section 4.

Change. Removed value of annual membership dues, to reflect compensation of then-current annual membership dues.

Article VIII: Committees, Section 1.

Change. Updated to reflect inclusion of Financial Reporting System described within the Statutes.

Article IX: Club Operations and Management, All Sections.

Change. Defined “House Committee”.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 1.

Deletion. Varying age of applicant and installments of initiation fee.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 2 (b).

Change. Updated to reflect \$2 increase.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 2 (c).

Change. Updated to reflect \$2 increase.

Article X: Fees and Dues, Section 2 (d).

Change. Updated to reflect \$10 decrease.

House Rules, 10.

Change. All non-members must leave the Lodge by 7:15pm when a Lodge Meeting occurs.

Order of Business

Change. Reports of committees presented alphabetically.

Women’s Gourmet

Ladies Gourmet has openings for additional tables. Prospective table captains should contact Jessica Waite for more information. (609) 937-9843.

Men’s Gourmet

Men’s Gourmet is on the 12th this month. The menu has not yet been decided upon, so look for an email immediately after the 1st of January. All responses will need to be in by Monday, January 9th.

Edward Taddei, Jr., PER
Chairperson



Special Children's Committee

We had a great last month. Our next Sunday breakfast is set for January 15th. See you all there. As a reminder, the price of breakfast is \$10. The menu has not changed and we hope to bring you our good hot breakfast as always.

P.S. SCC needs your help. We have been very successful in raising money for activities for kids, I thank you all for your help. We are running out of kids. We need kids to enjoy our bowling events, our baseball games, and going to Camp Moore. If anyone knows of special children in our area who would like this, please send them our way. We are also in need of members to come and help out at our activities. Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

You can always contact me at 609-731-8616 or kyle.wisn@gmail.com

Kyle Wisn
Chairperson

Chaplain

Member Sick List

Heavenly Father, we ask that you grant these special people a speedy recovery and a future full of good health. Amen.

Departed Members

Mark Sniadach

May Almighty God grant our brothers the rewards of good life and offer comfort and solace to their bereaved families. To our absent members. Amen.

If you are aware of anyone who is sick, hospitalized or has unfortunately passed away, notify **Chaplain Stephanie Kowalski (609)227-1738 or StephKowalski3@outlook.com**. It is important to us that we show respect to our Members at all times, most importantly in death. As we no longer call their names on the Roll, let us honor them one last time.

Stephanie Kowalski
Chairperson

ELK OF THE MONTH

APRIL	2022 - Patty Marosovitz	OCTOBER	2022 - Vira Jaskir
MAY	2022 - Libby McAleavy	NOVEMBER	2022 - Rich Brettell
JUNE	2022 - Darlene DeLuca-Campbell	DECEMBER	2022 -
JULY	2022 - Tara Woodcock	JANUARY	2022 - Ken Jewell
AUGUST	2022 - Larry Hannawacker	FEBRUARY	2022 - Heather Cheesman
SEPTEMBER	2022 - Ralph Cianfrano	MARCH	2022 - Chrissy Heineman



Felix and Fingers Dueling Pianos

Friday, February 17th, 2023

7-10 pm

\$20 per Ticket

Event is open to the public. Bring your own snacks, no outside alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages are permitted.

Please contact Linda Delucia: 609-529-5844 and/or Patty Marosovitz 609-658-6936 for tickets

Parties of 8 or more will have reserved seating.

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**SPECIAL
CHILDREN'S
COMMITTEE**

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST BUFFET**

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

Bordentown Elks Lodge
11 Amboy Rd
Bordentown, NJ 08505

Reservations contact Kyle
609-731-8616



**ALL YOU
CAN EAT
\$10**



Bordentown Elks
Presents
Countdown to Ecstasy
A Tribute to Steely Dan

11 Amboy Rd
Bordentown N.J. 08505

January 21st 2023

\$30 per person

Doors open @

7:30pm

Show starts @ 8:30

For Tickets Visit our website

Bordentownelks.org

Or call/text **609-203-7375**

Group sales available

Reserve Seating

Free Parking

Food available for purchase

Must be 21 or older to attend



SUPERBOWL BINGO

SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

STARTS AT 2
DOORS OPEN AT 12

Bordentown Elks

11 Amboy Road, Bordentown, NJ

Food for Purchase 12-3

COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

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BINGO

**EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT
STARTING AT 7PM**



2022-2023 Committees and Chairpersons

AMERICANISM	Jim Turner	609-203-6696	MEMBERSHIP	Jack Becker, PER	609-915-6815
ARMY OF HOPE	Hank Elmer, PDD	609-610-6780	INVESTIGATION	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
AUDIO VIDEO	Scott Walter	609-510-4950	INDOCTRINATION	Danny Sholes, PDD	609-870-7216
AUDITING	Michael Grant, Jr	609-744-9911	MEMORIAL SERVICE	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
BAR	Barry Mollis	609-954-4902	MOTORCYCLE	Jack Becker Jr.	609-947-4615
BINGO	Chuck Betros Patty Marosovitz	609-510-6030 609-658-6936	Parliamentarian	Rich Groth	609-203-5718
BLOOD DRIVE	Dave Rooney, PER	609-610-2358	PER ASSOCIATION	Ed Taddei, PER	609-280-3364
BULLETIN	Jason Campbell	609-668-5167	PUBLIC RELATIONS		
CAMERA CLUB	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	QUOITS LEAGUE		
CAN DO	Dan Parrotta	609-588-0807	RITUAL COACH	Danny Sholes PDD	609-870-7216
CHARITIES	Erin Derrico		RENTAL AGENT	Melissa Sprague	609-470-7631
COMMUNITY WELFARE	David Rooney, PER	609-610-2385	SAFETY	Don Burns	609-477-8615
CONVENTION			SCHOLARSHIPS	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
FLOAT	Kevin Marosovitz Patty Marosovitz Christina Heineman	609-658-5628 609-658-6936 609-954-2302	SECURITY CAMERAS	Bill Perna	609-529-6811
PARADES (DISTRICT)	Robert McVicker PDD, PST, PVP, PER	609-731-1225	SICKNESS AND	Stephanie Kowalski	609-227-1738
DRUG AWARENESS	Rosemarie Weaver	858-414-5341	DISTRESS		
ELKS NAT'L FUND	Stephanie Kowalski	609-227-1738	SHUFFLEBOARD	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
ENTERTAINMENT	Melissa Sprague	609-209-7232	SPECIAL CHILDREN	Kyle Wisn	609-731-8616
FLAG RETIREMENT			SPECIAL YOUTH &	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Sandy Schemelia	609-213-0068	CHARITIES		
GOLF	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	STUDENT OF MONTH	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
GOURMET – LADIES	Shelley Nelson	609-203-1732	TRUSTEES	Bruce Smith	609-558-1306
GOURMET – MEN	Ed Taddei, PER	609-280-3364	VETERANS	Jim Turner	609-203-6696
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S	Sue Giancola	609-324-9010	WHEELCHAIRS &	Jason Ispanky	215-630-3229
BOWLING			EQUIPMENT		
HOUSE GOVERNING BODY	Bill Cranmer	609-658-7459	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY	Heather Cheesman, PER	609-298-7828
INSTANT RAFFLE	Don Swanson, PER	609-217-6461	YOUTH ACTIVITIES		
LODGE ACTIVITIES	Hank Elmer, PDD	609-610-6780			

Committee Chairs,

See the officer that is assigned to your committee below. If there is a district meeting that you cannot attend, please notify the officer that is assigned or the Exalted Ruler.

Bill Cranmer
Better Parades (Float), Entertainment,
Charity, Can-Do

Bob Faber
Bingo, Youth Activities,
Drug Awareness

Joe Ratajczak
Membership, Americanism,
Special Children, ENF



January 2023



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 LODGE MTG	3 BINGO 7:00	4 SANDWICH NIGHT	5	6	7
8	9	10 BINGO 7:00	11 SANDWICH NIGHT	12 MEN'S GOURMET	13	14
15 SCC BREAKFAST	16 LODGE MTG	17 BINGO 7:00	18 SANDWICH NIGHT	19	20	21 TRIBUTE TO STEELY DAN
22	23	24 BINGO 7:00	25 SANDWICH NIGHT	26	27	28
29	30	31 BINGO 7:00				

LODGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LODGE MEETINGS - 1ST AND 3RD MONDAY 7:30PM	HOUSE COM - 4TH MONDAY 7:30PM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS- 2ND MONDAY 7:30PM	YOUTH ACTIVITIES - 1ST WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COM - 4TH MONDAY 7:00PM	VETERANS COM - 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:15PM
MEN'S GOURMET - 2ND THURSDAY 6:30PM	WOMEN'S GOURMET - 4TH THURSDAY 6:30PM
SHUFFLEBOARD—1ST & 3RD MONDAYS POST MTG	MOTORCYCLE COM - 2ND TUESDAY 7:00PM
AUXILIARY GEN. MTG - 2ND WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	PER ASSN - 4TH WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
AUXILIARY BOARD MTG - 1ST WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	MEMBERSHIP - 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:30PM
CONVENTION COM 1ST TUESDAY 7:30PM	AUDIO/VIDEO COM - 2ND TUESDAY 7:30PM



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Darlene and Jason Campbell
Editors



JANUARY

Please join us and say Happy Birthday to our January Birthday Elks!
Birthday Elks, please come to the lodge within the month of January and receive your free gift.

Roger Abbott
Jack Amantia
David Bartolone
Joseph Blauth
Robert Bliszc
Joseph Bonfonti Sr
Scott Brockway
Sheryl Burg
Ralph Burzachiello
Mary Jo Butera
Timothy Carey
James Carr
Anthony Cenneno
John Cifelli
Wayne Cox
Charles Craddock
John Daniel
Anthony Dilemme
Ken Ezzo
John Fanelli
Nicholas Fenton
Bruce Flynn
Daniel Foehr

John Fratinardo
James Gibson
Michael Grenz
Cynthia Groffie
George Grondski
Nicholas Haas
Helen Haley
Lawrence Hart III
Christina Heineman
Ralph Huff
Jeffrey Hurley
Jason Ispanky
Thomas Kennedy
Charles Kichling
Eric Liberman
Joseph Luizzia
David Majofsky
Brian Malloy
Dennis Martin
Brian Maugeri
Edward Mazzeo
Darren McGlone
James McVicker

Lorry Mendez
Matthew Militch
Mark Million
Carol Morea
Eric Morgan
Jack Mozloom
Arthur Napolitano
Antonietta Onorati
Daniel Pagano
Robert Papiez
Marina Pereira
John Platt
Michael Rapciewicz
Larry Reed
Christopher Reilly
Howard Rollins
John Rosina
James Runyon
Alfred Santaniello
Margherita Scordato
John Shestko
William Shipe
Alander Smith

Mark Sullivan
Kimball Terres
Heli Tharp
Barton Theberge
John Tyrell
Michael Van Pelt
Gerald Vaughan
Kenneth VonSchmidt
Vincent Yorkus
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