



House Committee News



March was very busy at the Elks!

The Southampton Animal Shelter held a fundraiser on March 2nd. Many thanks to Elks volunteers, Ernie Kempermann, Kevin Fallo, Tom Bruzdoski, Donna Kempermann, Andy Smith and Kathleen who helped the Animal Shelter volunteers. Over 230 spaghetti and meatball dinners were served. The preparations started on Friday with setting up the room and rolling of meatballs. Many volunteer hours went into this event. Thanks to Rich for manning the busy bar.

Next up was our St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Fund Raiser on March 11th. It was a very successful event, well organized and executed thanks to our many **volunteers** and generous member donations. Again, thanks to our cooks, Kevin and Ernie. Kathy Foster made sure everything went out looking delicious, and from the compliments received, it was! Patty and Ron Foster handled the over 80 takeout orders. Mary Hunt provided, tickets, aprons and printed flyers. She also assisted that evening with the 50\50 raffle, as well as providing 4 raffle prizes. Thank you, Mary for all you do for the Elks, we can't thank you enough for your generosity! Marie Pinkus and Carmela Cicero were at the door to collect tickets and graciously welcome our guests. Bill Manley, who sold MANY tickets, (his lovely wife Sue helped set tables the day before), David Raynor, Jen Wisner, Matt Michaelis, Joy Hedges, Donna Kempermann, Andy Smith, Carl Runyon, Tom Bruzdoski and Lisa Moore all worked making the very busy evening go smoothly. Chuck Grodski and Brian Doroska kept the dish washing detail moving all night, they did a great job! Our bartenders, Chris Glynn and Ashley Doroska kept everyone happy! Donations of Rye Bread, 40 loaves of Irish Soda Bread, all table linens, placemats, napkins, coffee, and packages of cookies for the takeout dinners were all donated keeping our costs down. All of your efforts are very much appreciated. I hope I didn't leave anyone out, it was a real team effort.

I am so proud to report that a check for **\$5,000 will be given to NY STATE ELKS CEREBRAL PALSY HOME SERVICES.**

March 13th was Installation of officers. Ernie cooked the dinner, assisted by Carl Runyon, and Kathleen provided the desserts. Marie was at the door to welcome our guests and collect the donation. Ashley, Donna and Chris Glynn helped with the serving. Thank you to Kathy Foster for helping me set the tables which looked very festive! Congratulations to our new officers!

MAY 4th, a Saturday, there will be a party to welcome our State President, Brian Connolly. **SAVE THE DATE!** Hors d' oeuvres, dinner, live music and a great night to meet some of our new members. Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM. Tickets have to be purchased in advance. It's going to be a fun night and we are keeping the cost at \$25.00 due to a generous donation. Get your tickets starting April 8th at the bar. See Kathleen for any questions. Reserve your table of 8! Don't get closed out.

Tom Bruzdoski is planning a steak night on Friday, April 12th. Stop in at the bar next week for more details.

Don't forget **Queen of Hearts** has been moved back to **Thursday** night with a bar menu. **The Grille** is open April 7th, be sure to come down for a great brunch or lunch!

Welcome to all our new members, we initiated 7 last night. Get involved, volunteer and meet new friends. We look forward to seeing you take part in the activities. Hope you had a blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Kathleen Miller, Leading Knight
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