THE BULLETIN

MAY 2024

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Elk Members,

During the month of May, we celebrate so many special days. Some are fun and some more meaningful. This May, we can join each other watching the Kentucky Derby or celebrating Cinco de Mayo, National Barbecue Day or a special day for all the moms, Mother's Day.

May is also known as National Military Appreciation month. This focuses on our great Country and the freedoms we enjoy. Let's not forget days such as Loyalty Day, VE Day, Armed Forces Day, Military Spouses Day and Memorial Day. These special days bring me to an important topic in Elkdom and across the country. 'RED Shirt Friday'. The Acronym R.E.D. stands for Remember Everyone Deployed and is believed to have started by wives of those in the Canadian Military around the year 2000 and then picked up in the United States a few years later with the Elks following suite.

There are many members of the U. S. Military in our local community who had been deployed, are currently deployed, or are ready and willing to answer the call at any given moment. Let's be sure to let them know that we are here to honor and support them near and afar. I encourage all of us, as Elks and American Citizens, to join this initiative and show our support by wearing RED on Friday's, not only during the month of May, but all throughout the year.

God bless America, our community, and our troops.

Fraternally, Scott D. Walter

"Supporting our Community through Fidelity and Charity"





Auxiliary

Hello Members,

We are off to a great start to the new year having just completed our first event, Greaseband, which has been sold out for some time now. The event was a big success, and we are currently in the process of booking it for next year as well. The next event on the calendar is the Mother's Day flower sale which will be held May 8th – 10th from 5:30 – 7:30 and will be set up near the members entrance. Please stop by and pick up a flower or two for the special moms in your life!

If you know anyone who is sick, hospitalized or has recently passed away, please notify Cynthia Groffie at 609-239-2569. And finally, memberships renewals for 24/25 are currently underway. If you have not already renewed your membership, please drop your application and payment off at the lodge, behind the bar. If you need to change any of your biographical information, please reach out to Barbara DeLuca, Membership Chairperson, via email at barbarade026@gmail.com and she will forward you an application to be completed by you and returned along with your payment in the amount of \$10.00. Be sure to mark your sealed envelope "Auxiliary Membership" before leaving it with the bartender. Once Barbara processes your membership, you will receive a new membership card, which you will need to sign and show at our monthly Auxiliary meetings.

In addition, the Auxiliary is now accepting applications for **new** memberships.

Membership is open to both men and women and you do not need to be a member of the Lodge to become a member of the Auxiliary. If you are interested in joining or know someone who might be interested, you can find applications for membership in the bar area. If you have any questions regarding membership, please reach out to Barbara DeLuca, Membership Chairperson, via email

at <u>barbarade026@gmail.com</u>.

MEETING REMINDER

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

Kim Muehleisen President



AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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Heather Cheesman 609-298-7828

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One Year Rhoda Jasko 609-651-1446



Sandwich Night Menus 6pm-7pm \$10

May 1, 2024	ENF - Mexican Lasagna
May 8, 2024	House - Pork Roll or Cheesesteak, Salad, Dessert
May 15, 2024	Convention - French Dip Sliders
May 22, 2024	Auxiliary - Crispy Chicken BLT's
May 29. 2024	PER- Homestyle Meatloaf



Secretary Notes

We are just 20 days into new Elk Year and have **less than 130 delinquents!** Take a peep at the delinquent list to see if you know someone on the list, and encourage them to pay their dues.

Balloting of Life Membership for Paul Castonquay, a member in good standing for 43 years, will be held at the May 20th Lodge Meeting.

Jessica Waite
Lodge Secretary





Leading Knight's Message

As I begin my second month as your Leading Knight, I want to thank the PER's, officers and members for your support.

For baseball fans, we have Major League Baseball on DirectTV in the bar area to watch your favorite teams.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to another month of service, fellowship and growth!

Joe Ratajczak Leading Knight



PER

We are looking forward to working with new ER Scott Walter and his new team.

Jesse Smith, PER
Chairperson

Motorcycle Committee

The Motorcycle Committee was pleased to congratulate the two Tax Relief Raffle winners. They were both Elk members of area lodges winning the \$1000 and \$500 prizes. Thank you all for the support. As our committee grows and strives we donated \$500 to the BIC, bikers for brain injured children April 13 at the Old Bridge Elks lodge. We have begun visiting other lodges on Thursday evenings. We attended Hamilton, Deptford and will continue to support a different lodge every week. Our own Bordentown Fill the Lodge is June 13. Come out and meet members from other lodges. Food, music and fun. Keep an eye out for upcoming information.

Jack Becker, Jr Chairperson



Lodge Activities

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!

Roe Weaver 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.

SAVE THE DATE: The State AOH annual picnic, Sunday, September 8th at Lacey Lodge #2518, 900 Beach Blvd, Forked River, NJ 08731. 12Noon - 5pm. Tickets will be available in the near future with ticket price. You can obtain tickets from me or purchase at the door.

Hank Elmer, PDD

Chairperson



ENF

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 2024-2025 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80, we are currently at \$0, 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 2024-2025 grants and appropriations at enf.elks.org/appropriations.

Our next Sandwich Night is May 1st Sticking with the "Impasta Lasagna" this month's special is Mexican Lasagna, Spanish Rice, Salad, Chips & Salsa, and Dessert for \$10! You can't beat it AND you're supporting a great cause!!

Always looking for more volunteers, the more the merrier! Email Stephkowalski3@outlook.com

Stephanie Kowalski

Chairperson

Student of the Month

Our Student of the Month Chair Ellen Benowitz awarded another 6 local students this past April 17th with Certificates of Merit and \$50 Gift Cards. Ellen is also working with her committee members on the selection of Scholarship Winners. Thank you Ellen and Jessica.

Grason Jones, PER
Southwest District Chairperson

Special Youth and Charities

Many thanks to those who supported our April 4th 10K Dinner. The final split was shared by 4 members. A good time was had by all with a fabulous dinner prepared by Toscano. Our next dinner will be October 3rd, 2024. Thank you to my outstanding committee members Jeannie Johnson, Mike Kobylinski, John Tyrill, Barb DeLuca, Spin Doctor Bob Cook, Bill Cranmer and Bob Undertaker Faber.

Grason Jones, PER

Chairperson

Trustees

With warmer weather coming our way, the Trustees are collecting proposals to finalize the parking lot repair from the sewer replacement and lay a new foundation for the dumpsters. As always, if you notice something around the lodge needing repair, please reach out to one of the Trustees to let us know.

Bill Perna

Chairperson



Veterans/America

If you are a new Elks member and looking to join the Veterans Committee we meet on the third Wednesday of the month. You can contact Sandy Schemelia – Veterans Chairperson at 609-213-0068 or email schemelia@aol.com for more information.

In an effort to *honor those who served* the Veteran's Committee is looking to compile a *list of our Members who served*.

Let us know who you are and what branch you served in. You can contact Hank Elmer, PDDGER PVP PER at (609) 610-6780 Email hankelmer@optonline.net or Sandy Schemelia Veterans Committee Chairperson at (609) 213-0068 Email schemelia@aol.com

Sandy Schemelia
Chairperson

Convention 2024

Hotel room assignments have been posted on the cork board in the bar area. A sign up sheet will be posted on May 1st for anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with any of the events in Wildwood. Please let us know if you have any questions. Upcoming events: May 3rd Steak Dinner \$25 per person. Two seatings 6pm or 7pm. May 5th Cinco De Mayo 1pm-5pm. \$15 per person, all you can eat nacho and taco bar.

We are currently selling Mother's Day 50/50 Tickets \$10.00 per ticket. 200 will be sold. Winner will receive 50% of the proceeds. Winner will be selected Saturday, May 11th. See Patty or Chrissy for tickets.

Patty and Chrissy Co-Chairpersons







Special Children's Committee

We will be back in September. Elks Camp Moore applications are out for the 2024 season. 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. You can always contact me at 609-731-8616 or kyle.wisn@gmail.com

Kyle Wisn Chairperson

Shuffleboard

We are down to our last 2 matches for this season. All 6 teams are running neck to neck. Our First Lady Karen Walters is leading with 3 Hangers and 5 other players running close behind her with 2 Hangers ea. Our Grand Master Shuffleboard Banquet will be Friday May 24th in the Mirror Room.

Grason Jones. PER

Chairperson

Chaplain

Member Sick List

Susanna Kochy, Silvia Cunningham, Hank Elmer, Dean Howarth, Danny Sholes, Ed Treadaway Heavenly Father, we ask that you grant these special people a speedy recovery and a future full of good health. Amen.

Departed Members

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 Kevin "Skippy" Marosovitz at broadstautosales.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.

Kevin Marosovitz
Chairperson

ELK OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2024 - James Wysocki OCTOBER 2023 - Barbara Callahan DeLuca
MAY 2024 - NOVEMBER 2023 - Barry Mollis
JUNE 2023 - Don Wirth DECEMBER 2023 - Ken Jewell

JULY 2023 - Christina Heineman JANUARY 2024 - Melissa Sprague

AUGUST 2023 - Terri Jewell FEBRUARY 2024 - Donna Mahoney

SEPTEMBER 2023 - Libby McAleavy MARCH 2024 - John & David Woolston

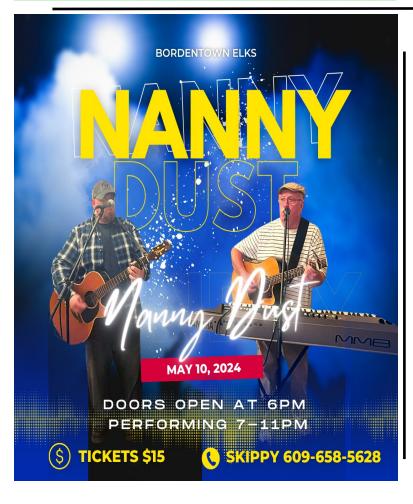




\$26 for 18 holes*

2023 rates are subject to change

















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2024-2025 Committees and Chairpersons

AMERICANISM	Sandy Schemelia	609-213-0068	MEMBERSHIP	Jessica Waite	609-937-9843
ARMY OF HOPE	Hank Elmer, PDD	609-610-6780	Investigation Indoctrination	Grason Jones, PER Scott Walter	609-306-2943 609-510-4950
AUDIO VIDEO	Scott Walter	609-510-4950	MEMORIAL SERVICE	Jesse Smith PFR	609-647-5974
AUDITING	Michael Grant, Jr	609-744-9911	MEMORIAL GERVICE		
BAR	Barry Mollis	609-954-4902	MOTORCYCLE	Jack Becker Jr.	609-947-4615
Віндо	Patty Marosovitz Gina Bassani	609-658-6936 609-915-2276	Parliamentarian	Rich Groth	609-203-5718
BLOOD DRIVE	Dave Rooney, PER	609-610-2358	PER Association	Jesse Smith, PER	609-647-5974
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	Jesse Smith, PER	609-647-5974	RENTAL AGENT	Melissa Sprague	609-470-7631
COMMUNITY WELFARE	David Rooney, PER	609-610-2385	SAFETY	Bruce Smith	609-558-1306
CONVENTION FLOAT	Kevin Marosovitz Patty Marosovitz	609-658-5628 609-658-6936	SCHOLARSHIPS	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
	Christina Heineman	609-954-2302	SECURITY CAMERAS	Bill Perna	609-529-6811
PARADES (DISTRICT)	Robert McVicker PDD, PST, PVP, PER	609-731-1225	SICKNESS AND DISTRESS	Dave Wriggins	609-694-2763
DRUG AWARENESS	Rosemarie Weaver	858-414-5341	SHUFFLEBOARD	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
ELKS NAT'L FUND	Stephanie Kowalski	609-227-1738	SPECIAL CHILDREN	Kyle Wisn	609-731-8616
ENTERTAINMENT			SPECIAL YOUTH & CHARITIES	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
FLAG RETIREMENT			STUDENT OF MONTH	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Jessica Waite	609-937-9843	TRUSTEES	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
Golf	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	VETERANS	Sandy Schemelia	609-213-0068
GOURMET - WOMENS	Jessica Waite	609-937-9843		·	
Gourmet – Men	Ed Taddei, PER	609-280-3364	WHEELCHAIRS & EQUIPMENT	Jason Ispanky	215-630-3229
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S BOWLING	Sue Giancola	609-324-9010	Auxiliary	Kim Muehleisen	609-577-3451
House Governing Body	Joe Ratajczak	609-658-7150	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Jesse Smith, PER	609-647-5974
INSTANT RAFFLE	Bill Cranmer	609-658-7459		Antonia Smith	609-578-7113
LODGE ACTIVITIES	Roe Weaver	858-414-5341			

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.

Joe Ratajczak Better Parades (Float), Entertainment, Charity, Can-Do Stephanie Kowalski Bingo, Youth Activities, Drug Awareness

Chris Longo Membership, Americanism, Special Children, ENF



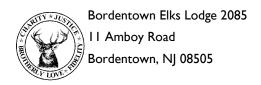


May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SANDWICH NIGHT	2	3 STEAK DINNER	4 BEATLES TRIBUTE
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 LODGE MTG	7 BINGO 7:00	8 SANDWICH NIGHT FLOWER SALE	9 MEN'S GOURMET FLOWER SALE	10 UBR LIVE MUSIC FLOWER SALE	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY	13	14 BINGO 7:00	15 SANDWICH NIGHT	16 WOMEN'S GOURMET	17 BURGERS & LIVE MUSIC	18
19	20 LODGE MTG	21 BINGO 7:00	22 SANDWICH NIGHT	23	24	25 KARAOKE NIGHT
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 BINGO 7:00	29 SANDWICH NIGHT	30	31	

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 - 3RD 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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MAY

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

Elaina Apatoff
Dominick Azzaro
Jeff Baylog
Daryl Bell
Erin Bergin
Michael Braender
Timothy Bryan
Barbara Callahan DeLuca
Cristi Cartwright
Paul Castonguay

Paul Castonquay
Catherine Chenkus
John Cifelli Jr
Eileen Cook
Jennifer Coon
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Nicholas Debnarik III
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Matthew Innocenzi
Joanne Jackman
Grason Jones

Emanuel Kalargheros

Henry Kessler William Leach Chris Longo Carlin Lovejoy Jr Michael McDonough John Miller Carole Moore

Joan Napolitano Marco Nini

Merry Parker

Frank Nucera III Christopher O'Leary James Panek

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