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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



The Lodge recently hosted its annual Pig Roast this past September. This was the first time it was run by one of our newest members, Shawn Grabko. I think Shawn should be commended on the fine job he did. Many members and guests expressed their pleasure with the meal. Despite the not so ideal weather, I thought the turnout was very good. Although Shawn could have used more help leading to the picnic, it was nice to see so many members pitching in to help - set up, run and clean up after the event. Many hands make light work. So I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a well-run fundraiser. Again, if any member wants to help in any future event – please ask, I’m sure there will be a job for you. The other nice thing to see at the Pig Roast was the fact that the Maxey Hall was being used. Tables were set up within the hall and people were taking advantage of them to get out of the weather to eat their meal and enjoy each other’s company. It’s been a long time since that has happened.

As with any current civic organizations, membership has become an issue and with the Elks there is no exception. The Elks have seen a continued decline in membership since the 80’s. There are many reasons for this, but now is not the time to dwell on them. Instead we need to focus on growing our membership. One of our Grand Exalted Rulers programs for this fraternal year is to do just that – increase our membership. So I’m asking the members of Watchung Hills Lodge to be an ambassador of the Lodge when either on or off the property. We all have friends and acquaintances who know we are Elks, but they don’t know much, if anything, about the Order. Don’t be afraid to let them know what we are all about. Invite them to the Lodge for a get together or an event. Tell them to look up Elks.org for more information; there is a tremendous amount there. Remember, new members bring new ideas and a new energy to the Lodge. A Lodge with an increase in membership can only be a better Lodge than before.

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



Quote of the Month

"A stumbling block to the pessimist is a stepping-stone to the optimist."

--- Eleanor Roosevelt



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jamie Lowell
- Ken Labinski
- 5 Chris McCarthy
- Warren Sockwell
- 6 Norman Patterson
- 7 Ross Long
- 8 William Bamrick
- Joe Bazarnicki
- 9 Daniel Ciarlariello
- Bonnie Gold PER
- 10 William Seavey PER
- 11 Stacy Van Liere
- 13 Mike Dalton
- Bruce Helmstetter
- 14 Christina Hoyas
- Carl Streko
- 16 Lawrence Jackson
- 17 Steven McKenna
- 23 Henry A. Smith
- 27 James Devizio

If your birthday does not appear correctly on the monthly birthday list please contact our Lodge Secretary to have the information corrected in the Members Database.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Plans for both the Halloween and Christmas parties are under way. The SCC Halloween Party will take place on Sunday, October 26th, 1:00-3:00pm ages 3-11. The Mad Scientist is returning as well as the "Pumpkin Patch" where all kids will pick their own pumpkins.

The Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th, 1:00-4:00pm. Santa will be there giving gifts to all the kids. Ages 0-2, 3-6, and 7-10. We will be inviting all the families we support and all Lodge children are invited. That means sons, daughters, and grandchildren. Sign-up sheet will be up by November 1st and the deadline will be December 1st.

At our annual pig roast, we presented a check for \$500 to our Area 4 Ambassador, Jady N Waiser, who attended with her mother Michelle.



Photo credit: Kathleen Olesen

Betty A. Volker, PDD
Chairwoman



For \$10.00 a year, you too can be an Echoes Booster.

All proceeds will offset the cost of printing and mailing the Bulletin. Thanks to those who have already pledged their support.

11/2014

Barney Coughlin PER
Doug Reeder

02/2015

Ken Burd
Sandra Burd PER
Tony Ciufio
George Dealaman
William Heilman
Arthur Lewis
Ken Pawelek
Laura Pawelek
Vincent Oliva
Melanie Savulich
Edward Staeger
Thomas Mac Stoker
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John Volker PER

03/2015

John Balog
Edward Fehn PER
Donna Lowell PER
Paul Lowell Sr. PER
Alfred Meissner
William Seavey PER
Robert Venitelli

04/2015

Jim Devizio
Kim Devizio
J.E.B. Irvine PER
Thomas Keller Jr.
Mike Killeya PER
Guy Treppiccione

06/2015

Stanley Autocunas PER
Gerry Del Piano PER
Andy Kavanaugh
Barbara Verdic

08/2015

Debra Case
Dan Larsen

09/2015

Fran Bellew PER



AMERICANISM



The Flag retirement service at Menlo Park Veterans Home was well attended by the Veterans from the Home. Our 9-11 service at our Lodge was well represented by our Lodge members and we all met the New Police Chief Bill Keane who was our guest speaker. A big thank you to Kim Devizio and Jamie Lowell for helping with the desserts.

It was with pride and dedication that I have enjoyed being the Americanism Committee chair but because of health reasons I have decided to step down. One of my Committee members Liz Egan will be taking the position as of November 1. I would like to thank my Committee Kim Devizio, Kathleen Olesen and Liz Egan from the bottom of my heart. I will be helping Liz get to know the Americanism programs and will still be on the Committee.

Please fly your flags proudly.

Yours in Elkdom, Lynn Spurrier, Chair

How to get a New Member...

ASK

D I S T R I C T G O I N G S O N

10/9	District Veterans Meeting at New Brunswick 7:30 PM
10/15	District Americanism at Woodbridge 7:30 PM
10/23	District Army of Hope mtg at New Brunswick 7:30 PM
10/28	District Veterans Bingo at Menlo Park Veterans Hospital

For up to date information check out:
<http://www.njelks.org/> and click on
NJ District Activities then Central
District

ASKING FOR YOUR HELP

Members all, the Menlo Park Veterans Nursing Home is in dire need of help with replenishing the clothing room for their residents. At this time I am asking for your help. Anyone who can donate new garments would be greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of their requests. Ladies knit slacks, elastic waist, Waist sizes 30" - 54"; Ladies summer shirts - NOT sleeveless large thru 2XL; Men's sweatpants, sweatshirts, and tee-shirts sizes large thru 4XL. I will also be hanging up their wish list consisting mainly of toiletries items. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please drop off your contributions in the box I have provided at the Lodge.

Remember to thank anyone you may see that are in our armed services, for without them we may not be enjoying the freedoms we have today. Elks Care, Elks Share

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

On April 1, 2014 we had 201 members on the rolls. We have initiated eight new members. We also have four who have passed away. There are twenty one Life Members and four Honorary Life Members. There are twelve members that are six months in arrears in renewing their membership.

Three Candidates awaiting Initiation:

Fred Pether proposed by Debra Case.

Donald Strickland proposed by Jim Devizio

William Mobus proposed by Debra Case

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary

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SOCCER SHOOT



This year's Lodge Soccer Shoot will be held on Saturday October 11, 2014 from 9AM til Noon. It is open to all youngsters 13 and under. Age is determined by the child's age as of August 1, 2014.

Anyone who can volunteer some time it would be gratefully appreciated.

Fran Bellew, PER, Chairperson

Watchung Hills Lodge 2252

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Activities	Betty A Volker, PDD
Army of Hope	William T. Seavey, PER
Americanism	Lynn Spurrier
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Soccer Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Special Children	Betty Volker, PER, PDD
Veterans Services	Fran Bellew, PER
Wildwood	William T. Seavey, PER
Youth Activities	Fran Bellew, PER

May 17, 2014

Elks Care - Elks Share

OUR BULLETIN'S GOING GREEN

Our Lodge is considering going green with our monthly bulletin come the end of the year. Our members will be able to read the latest versions:

1. Online

<http://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgenews.cfm?LodgeNumber=2252>

2. Via e-mail Please send your e-mail address to our Secretary at xcg395@verizon.net to insure you are on the monthly routing.

3. Members without e-mail or computers may stop by the Lodge to check out a hard copy.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	3	4
5	6	7	8 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10	11
12	13 	14	15	16 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25
26 SCC Halloween Party 1:00 – 3:00 pm	27	28	29	30	31 	11-1
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