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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



Our Lodge had our annual pre-visit and official visit from our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Alice Leonhardt, on 9/30/14 and 10/2/14 respectively. I am pleased to announce that we received a positive and encouraging review. For those who are unfamiliar with the purpose of the District Deputy visit, it's to review the overall "health" of the Lodge. The DD and her officers mainly survey the finances, the officers, the committees and the general repair of the buildings and grounds. Her primary focus are our finances and she found them to be sound. She was very happy to see that our cost of goods sold (COGS) is at 41%. This represents a decline for the third year in a row. COGS refer to the carrying value of goods sold during a particular period. Although, there is room for improvement, we should all be very pleased that the number has declined to where it is.

Alice also complimented our Treasurer and Secretary on their performance of their duties to our Lodge.

For Alice's official visit, the officers of the Lodge performed the initiatory ritual and brought in three new members. Although we read our parts, we were complimented, not only by Alice, but others who were in attendance on our rendition of the initiation. Kudos go out to all the officers for their efforts that night. It takes dedicated members and officers to make a great Lodge. I thank everyone for their continual help in making our Lodge a truly great place to belong.

Speaking of our three new members. I would like to welcome Bill "Bah" Mobus, Fred Pether and Don Strickland to our Lodge. These new members are not unfamiliar with the Lodge and many of you already know them. But for those of you who do not, please introduce yourselves and welcome them to our Lodge.

Finally, please remember our Grand Exalted Ruler, John Amen's, mantra for this year – new members. Invite your friends down to the Lodge and show them around, then hand them an application!

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



Quote of the Month

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good."

--- Malcolm Gladwell



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tracy Hart
- 2 Danny Larsen
Angelo Paoella
- 6 Bob Lallis
- 8 John Brennan
- 10 Spencer Ekberg
- 17 Larry Chiaravallo
- 18 Kim Girgus
- 19 Andrew Forbes
- 20 William Esposito
- 23 William Corcoran Jr.
- 25 Franklin Donatelli
- 27 Thomas Bumby
- 30 John Doremus
Joseph Gettinger

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.

Elks Care

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

The Annual Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 14th from 1-4pm. The signup sheet will be up in the Lodge on November 1st and the *deadline for signing up children will be December 1st*. Ages are 11 and under.

Thank you to Denise Heilman for planning and running the annual Halloween Party and to everyone who helped. Everyone had a great time; the Mad Scientist was a big hit and all thanks to you!!

We have two children receiving therapy at the Somerset Treatment Center.

The next SCC District meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10th at Carteret Lodge at 8:00pm.

Betty A. Volker, PDD, Chair

SCC CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday, December 14, 2014
1:00 – 4:00 pm

*Santa will be coming to visit children
11 years old and under*



AMERICANISM



It is with the best of intentions that I will be stepping in as Chair of the Americanism Committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lynn Spurrier, along with her committee, Kim Devizio & Kathleen Olesen for their support during Lynn's term, and I look forward to their continued support while I become more familiar with this well recognized program.

I am also seeking nominations for this year's Citizen of the Year award. Please e-mail me your nomination, along with a synopsis of the reasons why you feel this person is worthy of such a prestigious award. (Please submit to: EGAN180@VERIZON.NET)

Looking forward to seeing many of our members & friends at our annual Memorial Service on Dec. 7th @ 4pm.

In closing, please remember to thank a Vet on Nov.11th, and wishing all a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Yours in Elksdom, Liz Egan, Chair

ECHOES BOOSTERS

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 Ciufu
George Dealaman
William Heilman
Arthur Lewis
Ken Pawelek
Laura Pawelek
Vincent Oliva
Melanie Savulich
Edward Staeger
Thomas Mac Stoker
Betty A. Volker, PDD
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

Elks Share

D I S T R I C T G O I N G S O N	
11/10	District SCC Meeting at Carteret 8:00 PM
11/13	District Veterans Meeting at Plainfield 7:30 PM
11/25	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	



Lodge 2252

Elk's Memorial Service

The Annual Elk's Memorial Service will be held at 4 pm on Sunday, December 7. Our Lodge Officers will be performing the Service.

At the conclusion of the Program, refreshments will be served to those in attendance.

ELKS

VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH



As a nation, we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11. As Elks, we observe the entire month as Veterans Remembrance Month.

"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Throughout November, the Order increases its efforts on behalf of veterans with sincere gratitude. Elks do more than just remember veterans and how their service secured and preserves our freedom; Elks reach out to these men and women.

Lodges welcome veterans for a meal or special celebration. Elks stop by hospitals and nursing homes to visit with an adopted veteran. They write letters and collect gifts to provide comfort and meet needs; plan events and outings to keep veterans active; and bring attention to the heroic deeds of our veterans. Elks assist families of active service men and women to ease their burden, and also honor families of fallen soldiers.

From Lodge to Lodge, Elks recognize and say thank you to veterans. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs like Adopt-a-Veteran and Army of Hope, and supports the work of VAVS representatives in VA hospitals across the country. With funding from the Elks National Foundation, the Elks Veterans Service Commission strives to provide aid and comfort to any veteran in need.

To learn more about the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, visit www.elks.org/vets.



VETERANS COMMITTEE

I would to thank those members who have donated items to the veterans at Menlo Park. To date we have collected \$300.00 which can be reported to Government Relations. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

At my last District meeting I learned of a new program. It is called the "Overseas Coupon Program". It is designed to help military families with grocery expenses. All you need to do is clip "manufactures coupons" ONLY!! put them in an envelope and drop them into the collection box which is already at the lodge. The coupons must be for food and non food items and can be up to 1 year expired. Again, they must be clipped. Anything else is not acceptable. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Remember, if you see a vet or current member of our military thank them for their service to our country. Elks Care, Elks Share

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services
Cell: (908) 405-2922 / hawgrider05@verizon.net



Welcome Bill Mobus, Fred Pether, and Don Strickland into our order. All three were initiated on October 2, 2014.

Of the twelve members who have not renewed their membership this year I have only heard from one. I ask that you please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

NJ State Elks Association will be holding Training Sessions for all Members and those who are thinking about becoming an Officer at Toms River Lodge #187 on Sunday November 2, 2014. If Toms River is not good, there will be another one at Wayne Lodge #2181 on Sunday November 9, 2014. Registration is at 8:30 AM, sessions run from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary
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November - Inside the bulletin ...

Our Lodge lost another member last month. Rodger Plutar passed away on October 11th. I enjoyed our conversations and he will be missed.

Please remember, if you would like the officers of the Lodge to perform the Ritual of Memorial Services at your wake when the time comes – please convey your wishes to your loved ones.

On a different note. It is time to start thinking about Lodge officers for next year. If anyone would like to be more involved in the Lodge and wants to become an officer, please speak with any PER or current Lodge officer with any questions you might have about what would be expected of you. Thank you. William Seavey, PER

Youth Activities



Hoop Shoot

The Lodge Hoop Shoot will be held on November 8, 2014 at the DLC Warren Gym. It is located at 271 Mountainview Road, Warren. It is open to boys and girls ages 8 - 13. Age is determined by the child's age on April 1, 2013. Let your kids and friends and neighbors know. Volunteers welcome.

Yours in Elkdom,
Fran Bellew, PER, Youth Activities Chair
Phone: (908) 405-2922 / E-mail:
hawgrider05@verizon.net

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Americanism	Liz Egan
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Hoop Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
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Public Relations	Kathleen Olesen
Ritual	Betty A Volker, PDD
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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

October 11, 2014



Help Elks build stronger communities with a donation to the Elks National Foundation.

Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express.

Please note: The ENF is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations to the Elks National Foundation, Inc. are deductible for federal income and estate tax purposes.

Ways to Give

If you have not contributed to the ENF yet, please consider doing so. Donations can be made over the course of ten years or as a one-time donation. Either way you can go on-line; It's the ENF that has provided us with grant money to continue our work within the community, so your support to the ENF pays it forward to our lodge.

Mike Killeya, PER Chair



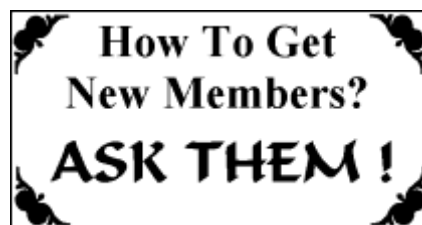
<http://www.elks.org/ENF/GivingMethods.cfm>



MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Most Valuable Student Scholarship applications are available for download at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. If you know a high school senior who is eligible, please have them contact me at bseavey@comcast.net, or direct them to the Elks website, www.elks.org for more information. Applications should be dropped off at the lodge to the attention of Mike Killeya no later than December 1, 2014.

Mike Killeya, PER, Chair



Elks Membership

To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God.

You must be sponsored by a member of the Elks Lodge and reside in the jurisdiction of the Lodge you wish to join. You also need two other Elks who will be your co-sponsors. The Elk who proposes you for membership must obtain a Membership Application from the Lodge Secretary.

After your proposer fills in the required portion, you will be given the Application for Membership. Fill it in, following the instructions and answering all questions. Return the completed application to the Lodge Secretary.

Your application will be read at a regular Lodge meeting. It will then be forwarded to the Investigating Committee, who will call you and set up a time for you and your sponsor to meet with the committee so that they can interview you.

After the interview is concluded, the committee will report to the Lodge concerning your membership. The members will be given a notice not less than 10 days nor more than two months before the vote will be taken.

When the vote is concluded, you will be notified and asked to present yourself and your spouse for indoctrination. During indoctrination, you will learn more about the Order's programs and charities. You will also be told during the program the date you will be initiated.

After initiation as an Elk, you can take part in all meetings and social functions of the Lodge.

If for any reason your application is rejected, you can submit a new application for membership after six months from the date of rejection.

Local lodges are everywhere and can be found using our online directory to locate a Lodge near you.

<http://www.elks.org/who/join.cfm>



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9	10	11  VETERANS DAY	12	13 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	14	15
16	17	18 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	19	20 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	12-1	12-2	12-3	12-4 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	12-5	12-6