



Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 2252

# Echoes Bulletin

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## Lodge 2252 Officers

EXALTED RULER

**William Seavey PER**

ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT  
(open)

ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT

**Debra Case**

ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT

**Liz Egan**

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**Paul Lowell Sr. PER**

TREASURER

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(open)

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INNER GUARD

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3 YEAR TRUSTEE

**Kathleen Olesen**

4 YEAR TRUSTEE

**Paul Lowell Jr. PER**

5 YEAR TRUSTEE

**Francis Bellew PER**

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## Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



A friend of mine, who is not an Elk, asked me this past summer, "What is the significance of Elks greeting each other with the saying Hello Bill!" I told him that I had never heard that before and I questioned him on the accuracy of his statement. He told me he had heard it somewhere and asked if we still use that salutation. Again I said I had never heard this and our conversation died on the subject and I forgot all about it. That was until recently when I saw him at a party when he handed me a postcard he purchased online. The card had a postmark dated Nov. 3rd, 1909 from Altoona, PA, with the Hour of Eleven depicted on it with the saying "Hell, O Bill" on it. This jogged my memory of our summer conversation; I thanked him for the card and told him I would have to find out what it was all about.

Here is the abbreviated history of the origin of Hello Bill. According to Elks.org, Hello Bill dates back to the 1897 Elks National Re-Union which was held in Minneapolis, MN. Brother William Goddard was a member of the Minneapolis Lodge #44, not only was he their treasurer for "a great many years", he was also a part of many other committees including arranging for the National Re-Union that year. He spends a great deal of time at the Re-Union Committee headquarters and when visiting Elks came in to inquire about - this, that and the other thing, they were told to "Go over there and ask Billy Goddard". It was a constant strain of "Billy can tell you", "See Billy, he knows", etc. This was repeated so often, that when stranger Elks approached Brother Goddard they greeted him with "Hello Bill, I was told to see you", and so the custom started of greeting each other with "Hello Bill". In a few days the saying spread to the streets, with Elks from all parts of the country, and passing each other they sang out cheerfully "Hello Bill!" and they carried the greeting back to their home lodges. What struck me about this story was that not long after the beginning of the BPOE, some members were occupying the same officer chair for longer than one year - for better or worse, I guess some things haven't changed.

Going back to the postcard my friend gave me, I'm not sure what is meant by it but the Hour of Eleven is being indicated by a stern faced women with a rolling pin in one hand pointing to the number twelve. Is that what her husband had to look



### Quote of the Month

**"If you see someone without a smile, give 'em yours!"**

--- Dolly Parton



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Wayne Balla
- 9 Ken Pawelek
- 12 William Apgar Jr.
- 16 Terry Keith
- 21 William Meller
- 22 Gerry DelPiano PER
- 30 Fran Bellew PER

*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

The annual **State Committee Sponsored Golf Outing** is being held Monday, April 27, 2015, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Price is \$100 per person and includes refreshments at the turn, lunch at Edison and prizes. Sponsorships are \$100 for a Tee and \$50 for Greens. Watchung Hills has voted to sponsor a tee for \$100. Please make checks payable to NJ State Elks Special Children's Committee (NJSE SCC).

Four Camp Moore applications have been submitted for four of our adults to be scheduled for a little vacation. Applications are still coming in and will be submitted to the State.

The Central District Special Children's Committee has agreed to lend a hand to **Autism Speaks**. We are currently running a Super 50/50 raffle and the tickets are \$5.00 each and still on sale. Please see Betty Volker or the bartender to purchase your ticket.

The Polar Plunge is being held on March 14, 2015 at Manasquan Beach. Our State President Pete Smith is once again "Freezin for a Reason" and looking to reach his goal of \$10,000.00. All proceeds will support Elks Camp Moore and Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. To make a personal donation, please contact State President Pete Smith.

Betty A. Volker, PDD, Chair



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.

03/2015

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

04/2015

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

06/2015

Gerry Del Piano PER  
Andy Kavanaugh  
Barbara Verdic

08/2015

Dan Larsen

11/2015

Stephen Terrible PSP

12/2015

Debra Case  
Barney Coughlin PER

02/2016

Sandra Burd PER

03/2016

Chris Burd PER  
Ken Burd  
Tony Cuifo  
Bruce Helmstetter  
Linda Helmstetter  
Thomas Mac Stoker  
Ken Phillips  
Betty A. Volker, PDD

06/2016

Stanley Autocunas PER

09/2016

Fran Bellew PER

(ER Message cont'd)

forward to when he got home? I wonder.

I mentioned Elks.org before and according to the website, Watchung Hills has 202 active members. Of which only 25 are registered on the website, 3 have logged in in the past 90 days and 16 haven't used the site for over a year. Obviously, **Elks.org** is an underutilized resource for us. I encourage everyone to log on and register. It's a very informative website which can answer most, if not all, of your questions about the Elks and their programs.

**Installation of Officers** will be held on Sunday March 29 at 2:00 pm. Cocktails at 1:00 pm. The current officers will be staying in the same chairs, with the exception of Jamie Lowell, who will be our Esteemed Leading Knight this year.

Please start thinking about attending the **Wildwood Reunion**, it will be held on June 5-7th this year. It would be nice to have a good showing this year.

Yours in Elksdom,  
William Seavey, PER

## Inside the bulletin March 2015

Please support the lodge fundraisers. A lot of work goes into these, please help make them a success. It's a small price to pay on your part, but it all adds up to make it a profitable event.  
William Seavey, PER

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner



**Saturday - 3/21/15**

4:00 to 8:00 pm

**Corn Beef & Cabbage potato and carrots  
& Irish Soda Bread**

**or  
Sandwiches served on Rye or Hard Roll  
with chips & pickle  
Coffee and Dessert  
Irish Coffee available at Bar**

### Price

**Sandwiches - \$8**

**Dinner - \$15**

**Cash Bar**

## FISH FRY



### MENU

**Tempura Batter Fish  
Seafood Salad  
Coleslaw & Chips**



**GOOD FRIDAY, 4/3/15**

**5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**\$14 Adults/\$6 Children**

## From the Past Exalted Rulers

Members, it is that time of year again, the time to nominate, elect and install new officers for the coming year 2015-2016. In case you are not aware, most, if not all the current officers will be staying in their current positions. We commend all of you for your commitment to our Lodge and our Order and staying as officers. As this is all well and good, we cannot continue in this manner forever. Members need to step up and take responsibility for these offices or we will no longer have a Lodge. No officers, no Lodge. Bill Seavey will be taking on Exalted Ruler for the fourth year in a row and this just cannot continue. People get tired, get exhausted and just plain burnt out from too many meetings, too many committees to be in charge of, too many fundraisers to plan and execute. The same people are doing this work all the time, day after day, fundraiser after fundraiser. It's time for different members to learn the lodge, learn the organization, learn the officer positions and give a break to those of us who have been doing the jobs year after year after year. Thank you, to all the officers who are continuing in their positions.



## VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Central District Veterans Committee started a program 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.

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services  
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## AMERICANISM



**The Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Woodbridge Lodge.** Our Honoree, as I stated in the last bulletin, is Russell Leffert, a man who has, and continues to donate his time to various organizations. Why not come and celebrate with us? Please keep in mind that tickets will not be sold at the door this year! If you're interested in attending, please contact me. (908) 963-4102 or [egan180@verizon.net](mailto:egan180@verizon.net). Tickets can be purchased until March 10<sup>th</sup>. at \$20 for adults & \$10 for children under 12, after March 10th the price will be \$30.per ticket.

I will update all in the April bulletin regarding the upcoming Americanism Essay Winners Ceremony, along with happy memories from the Citizen of the Year Celebration.

Wishing everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day! In closing, please remember to take in your flag during inclement weather.

Yours in Elkdome,

Liz Egan, Chair ([Egan180@verizon.net](mailto:Egan180@verizon.net))

## DISTRICT GOINGS ON

3/1	State Elections Central District at Piscataway 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
3/12	District Veterans Meetingat at Metuchen 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
3/15	Central District Americanism's Citizen of the Year dinner at Woodbridge Lodge 2:00 PM
3/24	District Veterans Bingo at Menlo Park Veterans Hospital
3/26	District Army of Hope Meeting at Carteret 7:30 PM

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



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Dues notices have been mailed. Please submit your membership renewal. The Card reader will be changed out April 4th.

The Following Members have not renewed their membership for 2015-2016. If you are friends and know them please have them contact the Secretary and we will work with them.

Kenneth Alligier  
Winsome Angus  
William Bamrick  
Rosario Bove

Bryan Chiaravallo  
Rose Roy  
Shawn Subach  
Michael Tenore

Government Relations: All Chairpersons please submit your reports before March 24th so we can close out the end of the year.

April 2015 will start my 11th consecutive year as your lodge Secretary. If anyone wants to know what is involved, please by all means get in touch with me.

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## MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	3 Community Blood Drive 1 - 7 pm	4	5 Lodge Meetings Officers - 7:00 pm General - 8:00 pm	6	7
8 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19 Lodge Meetings Officers - 7:00 pm General - 8:00 pm	20	21 St. Patrick's Dinner 4 - 8 pm
22	23	24 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28
29 Officer Installation 2 pm Cocktails 1 pm	30	31	4-1	4-2 Lodge Meetings Officers - 7:00 pm General - 8:00 pm	4-3 FISH FRY 5 - 8 pm Good Friday	4-4