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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



Expanding on the communiqué from the Past Exalted Rulers message from last month's bulletin, the one that reminds members that the Lodge officers need to be replaced with people who want to be an active part of our order and not just recycling the same faces. This is very true and right now it may seem like a daunting task to take on. It all starts with baby steps. Start off by coming to more meetings. Let's face it, the business of the Lodge isn't supposed to be discussed at our daily social gatherings, but it is. The major problem with this is and it's been said before, the information is never quite right. There might be some truth to what's being discussed, but more often than not, the information being disseminated is twisted enough just to start dissention and it's all started from rumor. So come to the meetings, see what's going on with the Lodge, learn the procedures of the order – be a decision maker. It's the only way to keep the Lodge going in a positive direction. I always get a kick when I hear members say, maybe not exactly like this – but close, "Did you hear what happened at the meeting? The people who are in charge of making decisions for the Lodge, made a decision and they didn't ask me". Be a part of the progress of the Lodge, come to meetings. Becoming an officer may seem like something you might want to try, but your concern might be what kind of support are you going to get from your fellow members? My feeling is this – not long ago the buzz in the lounge area was "you know what – **they** should do this..." and now I'm hearing "you know what – **we** should do this..." It's a major shift change; I hope you feel this too. In other words, with the current mood of good will and the vivacious emotions of our Lodge when the changing of the guard does occur, the outgoing officers instead of handing over the reins of the Lodge and saying good luck buddy you're going to need it. They will be able to proudly hand over the "key" to the Lodge, laid out in palms of their hands, as to say - "behold, here is the "key" to the Lodge, guard it well". I'm confident in saying that you'll have support from the Lodge, so think about being more involved in the future.

Finally, as this new Elk year is about to begin let us honor our members who have gone before us with the spirit of good fellowship and work toward a fantastic year filled with unfettered cooperation, profitable events and positive changes.

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



Quote of the Month

"Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling."

--- Margaret B. Runbeck



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Rainell Hubacek
- 3 George Dealaman Jr.
Melanie Savulich
- 6 William Heilman
- 9 Wally O'Neill
- 10 James Basille
- 11 James McFadden
- 16 Christina Reiss
- 30 Barbara Meller
Edward Otto

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..



On February 14th the Lodge hosted a Valentine's Pasta fundraiser. We had 37 people come out on the snowy evening to enjoy a great dinner prepared by Liz Egan.

We are thrilled to announce the profits from the event went to purchase men and lady's clothing for the Veterans at New Jersey State Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. The home provides a dignified environment to Veterans who have honorably served our country, and are now in need for nursing home services. Menlo Park was delighted to get everything on their residents "wish list".

Special thanks to all of the ladies that help put this successful event together: Liz Egan, Kim Devizio, Deb Case, Mel Doremus, Debbie Sigiel, Linda Helmsetter, Audrey Lipinski and Kathleen Olesen.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Area 4 Ambassador Jadyn Waiser has been invited to Summit Lodge for the East Central District Charity Ball on April 25, 2015. I will be joining the Waiser family as Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 2252 SCC sponsor. If anyone wants to join us, please let me know.

Camp Moore applications have been received from families and sent to the state SCC office for scheduling. Any new applications will be submitted as they arrive in our office.

The next Central District Special Children's Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015 at South Plainfield Lodge starting at 8pm.

Happy Easter!!

Betty A. Volker, PDD, Chair

FISH FRY



MENU

Tempura Batter Fish

Seafood Salad

Coleslaw & Chips

Assorted Desserts



GOOD FRIDAY, 4/3/15

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

\$14 Adults/\$6 Children

D I S T R I C T G O I N G S O N	
4/9	District Veterans Meetingat at Piscataway 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
4/13	District SCC Meeting at South Plainfield 8:00 PM
4/14	Past District Deputies Meeting at Piscataway 7:00 PM
4/28	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	

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.

04/2015

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

06/2015

Gerry Del Piano PER
Barbara Verdic

08/2015

Dan Larsen

11/2015

Stephen Terrible PSP

12/2015

Debra Case
Barney Coughlin PER

02/2016

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03/2016

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04/2016

Olaf "Duke" Anderson
Jim Devizio
Kim Devizio
Debbie Metner
Mickey Metner
William Seavey PER
Robert Venitelli

06/2016

Stanley Autocunas PER
Andy Kavanaugh

09/2016

Fran Bellew PER

How To Get
New Members?
ASK THEM !



Community Blood Drive

The lodge hosted a Community blood drive on March 3rd with the help of the New Jersey Blood Services (NJBS). On a snowy, icy winter day we had 45 fantastic people come in to register, 8 were deferred, 31 donated whole blood, 6 individuals sat an extra 15 minutes to donate a double dose red blood cells!! Our goal was 30 units which we unbelievably surpassed! Our final count was 43 units!

Our NJBS coordinator indicated our drive made a huge impact on the current blood supply, especially when blood levels are critically low due to weather impacting so many drives. A special Thank You to Kim Divizio who invited the young men in the Steam Fitters Apprentice class and many of our local fireman to join us. Additional Thanks to Linda Helmsetter and Kathleen Olesen for setting up this successful event.

Proud beyond words!

Inside the bulletin April 2015

I would like to thank all the newly installed officers of the Lodge for their continued dedication and support of our Lodge.

The new state tee shirt is available for purchase. A sample and order forms are hung at the Lodge. Orders need to be in by April 15th. The back of the tee shirt portrays this year's state pin which can also be ordered at \$2.50 apiece. If you are interested in buying a state pin, please contact me at either bseavey@comcast.net or 908.884.5547.

William Seavey, PER

Americanism Essay Contest Winners



Photo by: Kathleen Olesen

Back row : Liz Egan, Americanism Chair, Laibah Siddiqui, Sarah Young, Thomas Krause, Bill Seavey, ER,

Front row : George Tsimis, Luke Anderson and Kyle Schlingloff



AMERICANISM



Watchung Hills Elks Americanism Essay Contest ceremony was held on February 22. This year's topic: "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me". Over 300 essays were submitted and winners were chosen at both the elementary and middle school levels. Seventh grade winners from the Warren Middle School are: Thomas Krause 1st, Sarah Young 2nd, and Kyle Schlingloff 3rd. The elementary Central school winners are fifth graders Laibah Siddiqui 1st, Luke Anderson 2nd, and George Tsimis 3rd.

Sarah Young & Luke Anderson advanced to the District Level. They will receive additional checks from the District for their commendable efforts. Even more impressive is the fact Sarah Young has placed 3rd in the State Level! She will receive yet another check donated from the State Level, along with a full size flag and lapel pin. We have much to be proud of regarding all the young students who participated in our essay contest, and sending sincere congratulations to all the winners! I will be presenting the District and State checks to the children soon.

On March 15 we celebrated the Citizens of the Year at the Woodbridge Elks. Our esteemed winner was Russell Leffert, a man who served Warren and Watchung in numerous ways over the years, including 30 years as a police officer to Chief of Police in Warren. Russell is a humble man who exemplifies what a truly caring individual is, and more than deserved this prestigious award.

In closing, I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter!

Please remember to pray for our troops!

Yours in Elksdom,

Liz Egan, Chair (Egan180@verizon.net)



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The New Elk Year has kicked in and that means it's time to renew your membership. A reminder to members that the Card Reader will be swapped out on April 4th. If you have not received your renewal by now or need assistance, please contact me. For those who have renewed, thank you.

Government Relations: All Chairpersons please submit your End of the Year reports no later than April 15 so we can finalize and submit the Annual Report to Grand Lodge before the end of the month.

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