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ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT

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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



The Installation of "New" Officers was held on March 29th. I want to thank the officers for their continued support of the Lodge and thank you to Jamie Lowell for stepping up and becoming our Esteemed Leading Knight. It was a well-attended event between officers, installing officers, members and guests there was about 50 people who helped celebrate the events of the day. For those who were unable to be there, I think it is very important to let everyone know that Paul Lowell Sr. and Kim Divizo were chosen, by me, as our "Officer of the Year" and our "Elk of the Year" respectfully. Here is what I said to them as their award was presented:

"Paul – The Lodge secretary is the unsung hero of the lodge. Most of your work is done behind the scene. It's important work that is vital in keeping the Lodge going in the right direction. You have occupied this position for many years. You have done your job well and with minimal complaining (that was a joke). This award is long overdue and well deserved. You are Watchung Hills Lodge #2252, Officer of the Year."

"Kim – As soon as you hear about an upcoming event, your response is not "how can I help"? But rather, "what do you want me to do". And more often than not you already have a game plan in place of how you are going to help and make the event a success. You do this every time and with a smile on your face. Any Lodge would be proud to have you as a member, but lucky for us you are a member of our Lodge. With that said – You are Watchung Hills Lodge #2252, Elk of the Year."

If you haven't done so already, please congratulate Paul and Kim on their accomplishments when you see them.

Since the last ER message, the St. Patrick's Day Dinner and the Annual Fish Fry were held. Each event was a success and both events raised more money than last year. Everyone had a great time and it was fun to be a part of two well-run affairs. Unlike the St Pat's dinner, where all the food is already cooked before the event starts, it just needs to be kept warm and the food needs to be plated properly before it goes out to the patrons. With the fish fry, the fish and French fries are basically cooked to order. So the "kitchen" staff has to be a well-oiled machine in order to keep up with the orders. Which it was, except for a minor hiccup. No sooner as the crack outside French fry cooking team, which consisted of Chuck Mott and Bob Lallis, said to me as I told them they were doing a great job in keeping up with the orders – "Hey we are the epitome of efficiency" – Chuck over heated the oil and instantly burned beyond recognition a batch of fries. We all had a good laugh, quickly resolved the issue and went on to fill the hungry diner's orders. So for those who are reluctant in volunteering for an event because it's too much work, it really isn't, it's a lot of fun, where memories are laid down – year after year and recalled with gusto in the future. I'm sure as we fill up the pots with oil next year, we will reminisce about the time Chuck almost burned down the Lodge (kidding). So please don't be afraid to help out. Thank you to everyone who helped out with both events.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Liz Egan
Demetri Ramoundos
- 7 Randy Sadlon
- 8 James M. Gold
William Luca
- 12 Paul Staeger
- 14 Paul Lowell, Sr. PER
- 16 Joseph Lencoski
- 24 Alyson Donatelli
Ralph Thompson
- 25 Phillip Keenan
Fred Pether
- 28 Robert Staeger

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..

Inside the bulletin May 2015

I'm going to try a new tactic; you are not allowed to come to the meetings. There is no need for anyone to attend, so if you are planning on coming to the upcoming meeting you will be turned away.

The Aid for Quaid fund raiser will held on May 30th. This event is shaping up to be a major happening. Please consider helping out with this event. Any questions please contact Kim Divizo.

Going back to the first paragraph, of course I was being facetious, but nothing has worked so far – so I thought I'd try some humor.

William Seavey, PER



(ER Message continued from cover page.)

Finally, I've come to the conclusion that people have a need to complain. I think it has to be a genetic nature of the human character. Case in point – I'm an avid shopper at the Stirling Shoprite. For those who don't know the store, it's has been in business without any major changes to the overall store for decades. They recently acquired the store space next to them for expansion. The new section just opened up a few weeks ago; it consists of a large produce area, freshly made meals, the deli, bakery, fish section, etc. The "old" store is slated to be finished in July. Now – during my first visit to the "new" area, I passed by two shoppers who knew each other, one was going in the other coming out. The one said to the other "how do you like it"? The other's reply was "there is no flow". No flow! They haven't finished the project yet. Instead of saying thing like - the place looks great, everything is new, etc. No Flow! Wait until the job is done before you make a decision if there is a flow or not. A few days later I went again to the store and again a similar situation happened. This women's reply to her friend was "there are too many choices of mushrooms". You have got to be kidding me. That women probably never had a mushroom in her life. Of all things to complain about, too many mushrooms! What does this all have to do with the Elks? I wonder. I wonder.

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



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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.
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

Sandra Burd PER

03/2016

Chris Burd PER
Ken Burd
Tony Cuifo
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Linda Helmstetter
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Paul Lowell Sr. PER
Thomas Mac Stoker
Ken Phillips
Laura Pawelek
Paul Staeger
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04/2016

Olaf "Duke" Anderson
John Balog
Jim Devizio
Kim Devizio
John Doremus
Melodie Doremus
William Esposito
Debbie Metner
Mike Killeya PER
Mickey Metner
William Seavey PER
Robert Venitelli

06/2016

Stanley Autocunas PER
Andy Kavanaugh

09/2016

Fran Bellew PER

Public Installation of Officers

Sunday, March 29, 2015



2015– 2016 LODGE OFFICERS

Top row (l to r): Dan Larsen, Betty Volker PDD, Andrew Forbes, Barbara Verdic, Kathleen Olesen, Paul Lowell Sr. PER, Fran Bellew PER

Bottom row (l to r) Donna Lowell PER, Jaime Lowell, William Seavey PER, Liz Egan, Lynn Spurrier
(Missing from Picture: Deb Case)



2015 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Top row (l to r):
Michael Killyea PER, Dennis Peck PER East Brunswick Lodge #2370, Fran Bellew PER,
Barney Coughlin PER, Frank Glennon PDD South Amboy Lodge #784, Richard Phillips,
PDD Plainfield Lodge #885

Bottom row (l to r):
Ellen Phillips, PER Plainfield Lodge #885, Alice Leonhardt, District Deputy East
Brunswick Lodge #2370, Stephanie Zitsch, PER Plainfield Lodge #885



Elk of the Year
Kim DeVizio



Officer of the Year
Paul Lowell, Sr. PER



Photo courtesy of Kathy Manson

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Betty Bellanca, Central District Americanism Chair. Russell Leffert, COY, and Liz Egan, Americanism Chair



AMERICANISM



The Citizen of the Year celebration was enjoyed by all. Again, I would like to congratulate Russell Leffert on this honorable award!

At 7:30 pm on May 7th before the Lodge Meeting, the State Americanism Chair will present the State Award to Sarah Young, in honor of her placing 3rd in the state level essay contest.

As we close in on Memorial Day, please remember our men and women who fought, and continue to fight for our freedom. As always, please send a prayer for their safe return during this disconcerting time in our nation.

Sometime in June we will be holding our Flag Ceremony at the lodge. Officers are required to be in their tux, according to dress code.. More on this in next month's bulletin.

In closing, remember to fly your flags with pride!

Yours in Elksdom,

Liz Egan, Chair (Egan180@verizon.net)



VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Overseas Coupon Program designed to help our military families with grocery expenses is ongoing. The collecting of "new" clothing and toiletry items for the Menlo Park Veterans Home is also an ongoing program at our Lodge. If you haven't already read about them in past newsletters feel free to contact me for full details.

I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to these programs. I would also like to urge "all members" to contribute to these programs.

Every little bit helps.

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services
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The Seavey family welcomes in the new Elk year

Watchung Hills Elks 2252 is on



Search for Watchung Hills Elks.

Once there be sure to LIKE IT! And check it for upcoming events.



The Fish Fry Crew

L to R: Wally O'Neill, Chris McCarthy & Shawn Grabko



New Member Applications on hand as of 4/2/15: Joanne and Walter Rehberger of Berkeley Heights proposed by Debra Case, Mary Ellen and Joseph Carpenter of Warren proposed by Kathleen Olesen and Vinny Stoia of Dunellen proposed by Paul Lowell Jr.

The new Card Lock system was installed on April 3rd, you must have the 2015-2016 membership card to gain access into the lodge. Thank you for those who have renewed their membership.

Government relations: Please get your reports into the secretary as soon as possible for the new year. New Books will be available to all Committee Chairpersons in May.

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary

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Watchung Hills Lodge 2252

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Activities	Betty A Volker, PDD
Army of Hope	William T. Seavey, PER
Americanism	Liz Egan
Auditing	Stephen J. Terrible PSP, PGLC
Buildings and Grounds	William T. Seavey, PER
Charities	Doug Reeder
Drug Awareness	William T. Seavey, PER
Elks Memorial Day	William T. Seavey, PER
Elks National Foundation	Mike Killeya, PER
Government Relations	Paul Lowell, PER
Hoop Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Lodge Activities	Betty A Volker, PDD
Membership & Membership Retention	Paul Lowell, PER
Memorial Committee	Liz Egan
Public Relations	Kathleen Olesen
Ritual	Betty A Volker, PDD
Scholarships	William T. Seavey, PER
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

April 12, 2015



DISTRICT GOINGS ON	
5/11	District SCC Meeting at Plainfield 8:00 PM
5/14	District Veterans Meeting at Piscataway 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
5/14	VP Clinic at Piscataway 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
5/26	District Veterans Bingo at Menlo Park Veterans Hospital
5/28	District Army of Hope mtg at Edison 7:30 PM
For up to date information check out: http://www.njelks.org/ and click on NJ District Activities then Central District	



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KICK STANDS UP 11:00AM

REGISTRATION LOCATION:
WASHINGTON VALLEY FIREHOUSE
145 WASHINGTON VALLEY RD. - WARREN, NJ 07059

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Quote of the Month

"Failure is never final and success is never ending. Success is a journey, not a destination."

--- Ben Sweetland

Lodge 2252 HOUSE RULES

Elks shall conduct themselves as Ladies and Gentlemen at all times and refrain from use of profanity.

Refrain from discussions of politics and religion.

Anyone involved in disorderly conduct will be immediately suspended from club privileges.

Bartender has full right to terminate a members' privilege at the bar.

No beverages will be served after 1:40 am. Premises must be vacated by 2:00 am sharp.

Presentable dress is requested.

No unlicensed gambling permitted.

No pets allowed.

Guests must sign register.

No children on premises after 9:00 pm.

Anyone under age 21 cannot stand or sit at the bar.

Sexual harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Posted at the Lodge 2252 bar.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Indoctrination 7:30 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	20	21 Lodge Meetings New Member Initiation Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	22	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30 Aid For Quaid Motorcycle Run Picnic Noon to 6 PM
31	6-1	6-2	6-3	6-4 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	6-5	6-6