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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



Well, hello Watchung Hills Lodge #885. The vote to merge the Plainfield Lodge and the Watchung Hills Lodge took place at the July 2nd meeting. The outcome was 48 for and 5 against the merger. The meeting ran smoothly, everyone who desired to speak, either for or against the merger, was able to do so. Each member who spoke had good points to convey and was able to speak without any interruption by disagreeing members. It was an important meeting to attend and I thank everyone who was a part of it. This merger should be looked at as a very positive thing for our lodge. Lodges need to grow, adapt and change with the times. The Plainfield Lodge was our mother lodge and I welcome this merger and I'm looking forward to the continued growth of Watchung Hills #885. Some formalities need to happen with the Grand Lodge before the official change is in effect. Once this happens I would like us to schedule a meet and greet, I'll keep everyone posted on this future date.

The record is skipping, the record is skipping, the record is skipping, the record is skipping. I recently attended my fourth consecutive Grand Lodge Convention and each time I've come back from the reunion, I come away with the same feeling. Proud to be part of such a great organization, one who is able to make a change in people's lives. I have said the following each time I've gotten back from the convention, but I have to say it again. It is so impressive to hear the hoop shoot and scholarship winner's acceptance speeches. It is by far the best part of the convention. The male winner for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship, Mark Ansell – along with his mother, father and twin brother (who also won an Elks Scholarship) was homeless for a substantial period of time during his high school career. Despite this major hardship, he was able to graduate from high school at the age of 16 and get accepted to the University of California-Berkeley where he will major in engineering. His speech was a highlight of the week.

I attended the convention solo this year, my wife stayed behind anticipating the birth of our first grandchild. I was a bit apprehensive about going alone this year, but those feelings were quickly dashed. I arrived in Indianapolis on Saturday the 4th of July. The 3rd place match of the Women's World Cup between Germany and England was scheduled that evening and it was something I wanted to watch, but not by myself in a hotel room. So I ventured out to find a suitable establishment in which to do so. Once there I quickly struck up a conversation with Tom Dasher of the San Mateo Lodge #1112 and Ed Burns of the San Francisco Lodge #3, who were both there for the same reason. We shared stories about our respective lodges and enjoyed watching the match together. We even got together the next night, at a different but very similar establishment, to watch the gold cup match between the USA and Japan. It was interesting to hear about their lodges and how things are run there. Moral of the story, as long as there are Elks close by – you have a kindred spirit to talk to. I encourage everyone to attend a Grand Lodge Session at least once, you won't be disappointed.

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Anthony Ciufio
- Glen Kusmick
- Lillian Obzanski
- 8 Mark Emilianow
- 9 James Kerr PER
- Rose Roy
- 11 William Springer
- 14 Kelly Lowell
- 15 Richard Van Jaeckal
- 16 Rita DeFilippis
- 17 Barney Coughlin PER
- Richard Pasquarella
- 21 Richard Stites
- 22 Michael McNicholl
- 24 Sinead Conlon
- 28 Wayne Sockwell
- 30 Melodie Doremus

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 year has come to an end for Area 4 Ambassador Jady Waiser but, the friendship with her and her Mom Michelle will last forever. Congratulations to Jady for a wonderful year and we thank her so very much for being our Ambassador for Elk Year 2014-2015.

Wildwood was a lot of fun and Jady certainly did enjoy herself. She received an award from the State Special Children's Committee and then we proceeded to the boardwalk for food and fun.

The Camp Moore season begins July 1st and we wish nothing but fun for all the children attending this year.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

Betty A. Volker, PDD, Chair



Quote of the Month

"Regret for the things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for the things we did not do that is inconsolable."

--- Sydney J Harris



(Rain Date: Sun, 9/20/15)

1 pm to 6 pm

\$15 in advance

\$20 at the door

\$7 children age 12 & under

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

It is with sadness that our Lodge marks the loss of our members:

William Corcoran Jr.

Art Lewis

Lodge 2252 Future Events

9/13	9/11 Memorial Service
9/19	Pig Roast
9/21	Golf Outing
10/18	SCC Halloween Party
12/13	SCC Christmas Party



The next Initiation will be held on Saturday August 15th at 4:00. We will be welcoming Joe and Mary Ellen Carpenter, Valerie Misiak, Mistie Lowell, Bob Kelley, Hank Cuslick, Charlie Boschen, and Jake Kaar into the order.

Welcome new member Tom Kophamel who demitted in from Middlesex 1488.

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary

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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.

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11/2015

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12/2015

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02/2016

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04/2016

Olaf "Duke" Anderson

John Balog

Jim Devizio

Kim Devizio

John Doremus

Melodie Doremus

William Esposito

Debbie Metner

Mike Killea PER

Mickey Metner

William Seavey PER

Robert Venitelli

05/2016

Art Coon

John Volker PER

06/2016

Stanley Autocunas PER

Andy Kavanaugh

09/2016

Fran Bellew PER



D I S T R I C T G O I N G S O N	
8/13	District Veterans Meeting at East Brunswick 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
8/15	District Veterans Picnic at Lyons Hospital 11:00 AM
8/22	District Veterans Picnic at Menlo Park 11:00 AM
8/25	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	



AMERICANISM



This year's Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held on Sept. 12th at Menlo Park. Hopefully I will see many of you in attendance this year.

Please remember, if you have flags that are no longer worthy of flying, please deposit them in the mailbox located in front of the lodge.

Also, please keep in mind the Sept. 11th Memorial Ceremony is coming up soon. Being the 11th falls on a Friday, I will be holding the ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 4pm. This is a solemn ceremony that merits the attendance from all! Please plan on spending a short period of your time to honor and remember the souls lost on that day in this nation's most horrendous attack. WE CAN NEVER FORGET!!!

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Anyone willing to donate desserts will be, as always, greatly appreciated!

In closing, remember to pray for our troops and fly your flags with pride!
Liz Egan, Chair (Egan180@verizon.net)

Watchung Hills Lodge 2252

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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
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Membership & Membership Retention	Paul Lowell, PER
Memorial Committee	Liz Egan
Public Relations	Kathleen Olesen
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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

2015 GOLF OUTING

Monday, September 21
Tee off time is 8:30 am

Cost is:
\$100.00 per player (in advance)
\$125.00 @the door

Questions: Contact Kathleen Olesen or Debra Case



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.

We will have Menlo Park Veterans at our Pig Roast this September.

The District Veterans Committee will be hosting picnics at both Lyons Hospital and Menlo Park Veterans Home. All lodge members are welcome to come out and volunteer their time.

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services

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9	10 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15 Initiation 4:00 pm
16	17	18 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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