



Freehold Elks Lodge #1454

The Tale

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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER

Members All,

Now that the issues with publishing the Tale have been resolved, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of this prestigious lodge for electing me to this honor of being Exalted Ruler. I am very proud and committed to upholding the great traditions and legacies of this lodge. I would like to thank my officers for pledging their loyalty to me and the lodge, and am looking forward to continuing a great year and prosperity.

When the Elk year started back in April, we hit the ground running. We have a lot of great things planned this year at the lodge and we need your support. The pandemic has hit us all very hard and the lodge was no exception. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!**

In June, we celebrated the Grand Re-Opening of our Speakeasy. This has been a huge success. If you haven't joined us yet, Please do!! The Food, Drinks, Music, & most important the company is GREAT!! Come down & enjoy the fun! The Third Sunday every month, our Breakfast Committee with the help of the wonderful Women's Auxiliary hosts an "ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST" for \$9. Our next Breakfast is September 19. It's the best deal in Town!!!

Our Veteran's Committee held a very successful Pork Dinner in May & a Summer Afternoon Festival in the beginning of August. A great time was had by all. I am very proud to announce that Mary McPaul, our Veteran Chairperson, was recognized by the NJ State Elks Association at our Annual Convention in Wildwood for all of her time, hard work and commitment to our Veterans. We are so proud of you Mary and everything you do!!

Our Membership Committee, led by Joe Pindilli, has been recognized & celebrated by the NJ State Elks Association for ranking 5th in the state for new members out of 109 lodges & per capita the Freehold Elks Lodge is Number 1 in the South Central District. This is an amazing accomplishment for our Lodge. Thank you to Joe Pindilli for all of his hard work & commitment to the Freehold Elks Lodge.

The Motorcycle Committee held its Annual Army of Hope Poker Run in May. It was the most successful Poker Run to date. It was a great day filled with fun, laughter, memories and GREAT food! Our Annual Bike Raffle, for a 2021 Road King Harley Davidson Motorcycle worth approximately \$21,500.00, will be held on Saturday, October 9th. The Motorcycle Committee, under the fine direction of Joe Pindilli, have been working hard to sell raffle tickets for the motorcycle. The money is used to support our Lodge and donations to charities such as Special Needs Children, Boy & Girl Scouts troops, Local Fire Department & First Aid Squads, Senior Dinners and our beloved Veterans. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please contact Joe Pindilli at 908-635-4788

Our Lodge Renovations will be continuing. The rooms upstairs will be receiving a much needed face lift and we are currently working on the Vanderveer Room. Please contact me or Joe Pindilli if you would like to come down, share some laughs and help restore the beauty of this lodge!

Save the date!!! Saturday, November 27th, will be our 1st Annual Lighting Up the Lodge. It will be a great night of laughs, games, hot chocolate, arts & crafts, FOOD & special appearances by Santa and his Friends! Come down with your family! It will be a night to remember!!!!

Keep an eye out for our emails with all the details of our upcoming events and I hope to see you at the lodge soon!

Fraternally,
Joe Reese, Exalted Ruler



UPCOMING

AUGUST

**Fill the Lodge & 100th Anniversary
Thursday, 8/19**

**Lodge Meeting
Wednesday 8/25**

**Steak & Lobster
Saturday, 8/28**

SEPTEMBER

**Lodge Meeting
Wednesday, 9/8**

**Army of Hope Picnic
in Lacey Sun. 9/12**

**Sunday Breakfast
Sunday, 9/19**

**District Committees
Tuesday, 9/21**

**Lodge Meeting
Wednesday, 9/22**

Canning 9/25

**DD Pre-Visit
Tuesday 9/28**

OCTOBER

**MC Raffle Party
Saturday, 10/9**

**Lodge Meeting
Wednesday, 10/13**

THE TALE

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Loyal Knight	George Conley	609 577-7201
Lecturing Knight	Christine Reese	347-739-6254
Secretary	Patricia Hamilton	732 685-9493
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Tiler	Jessica Schoener	843-516-3030
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4 Year Trustee	Joseph Pindilli	908 635-4788
3 Year Trustee	Richard Hamilton, PDD	732 677-6036
2 Year Trustee	Keith Weber,PER	908 337-3501
1Year Trustee	Christopher Malvone	908 256-2651
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LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Americanism	Christine Reese	347-739-6254
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Auditing	George Conley	609 577-7201
Breakfast	Barbara LaForge	732 462-4254
Convention	George Conley	609 577-7201
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Parades	Donald Wirth	732-735-3179
Public Relations	Coleen Weber	908 670-6878
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Shuffleboard	Barbara LaForge	732 462-4254
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Secretary's Message

After over a year of event and meeting cancellations, Zoom meetings and a loss of being able to socialize we are finally almost back to normal. In person meetings have resumed and we have had a number of successful and fun events. More are planned and hopefully this new variant doesn't stop us in our tracks.

We have initiated 38 new members since April 1st and we welcome them all. We are down to 15 members whose dues are delinquent. If you are one of the 15, please get your dues in ASAP. We are already 1/3 of the way into our "Elk Year" already so it's time to get up to date. Since this is the first Tale in a long time being mailed to our membership, once again I request your email addresses if you are not receiving emails. Communications are mostly via email and if I do not have your email address we cannot keep you up to date on lodge happenings and events. Send an email to me at **freeholdelks@gmail.com** and add us to your contacts.

We have to acknowledge our "Baby PER" Tom Kurzweil for steadily guiding us through one of the toughest years our lodge ever faced. Tom showed strong leadership and adaptivity in dealing with the limitations imposed by the pandemic and we all owe him a debt of thanks. Belated Congratulations to our Exalted Ruler Joe Reese and we wish him continued success this "Elk Year." We continue to face challenges and Joe has led a smooth transition and we wish him continued success for a great year. Since April 1st we have had several successful fundraising events and look forward to a full schedule this year.

As we approach our 100th Anniversary of Elksdom we need our members to come down to the lodge and enjoy seeing friends and support our lodge. Let's all get together and work together to make this year a great one!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Patty Hamilton, Lodge Secretary

(732) 685-9493, freeholdelks@gmail.com

Army of Hope Committee

Our Annual NJ State Elks Association Army of Hope Picnic is on September 12th at Lacey Elks Lodge #2518 in Forked River. This is the annual event to honor the memory of our Fallen Heroes and raise money for the families left behind, as well as our seriously wounded. Please come down for a very special day for all of NJ Elks and help celebrate the lives lost. Great food, beverage, music and a very special day of remembrance. This year we will have a special commemoration of the 20th anniversary of 9/11 which led to the need for the Army of Hope Committee. Tickets are \$25 and if you wish to avoid a line and purchase them in advance, please reach out to me.

Rich Hamilton, Chairman

Motorcycle Committee

Your Freehold Elks Motorcycle Committee is well on the way to what looks like Another Successful Season.

The Freehold MC has been tremendously busy. We've Supported as many other lodges as possible and we're seeing the same in return. Last week the Veterans Event / Bike Show was a Big Success and was well supported by our members and other Lodges. Also during July, we took the Raffle Bike to the NJ Festival of Ballooning. The 3 day event was our Most Successful to date. We sold over 900 tickets!! It was a lot of work for all those involved, but well worth the effort. We've already confirmed our commitment to take part in next year's festival. To top off a Great July The Freehold Elks Motorcycle Committee Presented a check for \$3000 to the Miracle Run Committee. It was the 2nd highest Donation amongst all of the Other lodges. It was a proud moment for myself and all who participated and worked so hard to make it possible. Our Raffle Ticket sales are moving along briskly. Special Thanks to Our Ticket Sales Leaders Linda Malvone, Margie Conley and Mike Scotto, and also our Littlest Sales lady, Victoria Reese for all they do.

We had our 3rd Annual Delaware Tubing trip on August 15th. This year we did it from the PA side of the river. It was a Great Time just floating down the Delaware and hanging with our Elk family and friends. This event gives members and friends associated with Our Lodge and Other Lodges an opportunity to get to know each other, and often results in new friendships. This is always a really fun event for all.

We're about 6 weeks away from our Biggest event, the Bike Raffle Party on October 9th. Christine Reese, Margie Conley and Crew are already hard at work with the planning and preparations. There'll be live music by Just Killin Time, an Epic Tricky Tray, and all you can eat food as well as vendors and more. This event is open to everyone, not just members of the Motorcycle Committee. It will be a great time; try not to miss it!

See you soon, Joe Pindilli, MC President

**Steak & Lobster Night
Ticket Deadline is
Wednesday, 8/25
Get your tickets now
for our
fabulous end of
Summer Event!**

100th Anniversary Committee

Since 2016 I have reached out to our members to plan a great celebration and we have had some very dedicated members step up and join in making plans for a 100th year. Our lodge is now in it's 100th year of Elkdom and service to our community. This is something all of our members to be involved in.

Much has been done with the improvements to our lodge over the past several years. Our lodge meeting room has be restored to the glory of 1922 with volunteer efforts. The downstairs bar area and adjacent "Red Room" have been transformed into our "Speakeasy" with a cozy feel and lot's to enjoy. We are currently renovating our Vanderveer Room and creating an area to house our memorabilia and awards, as well as meeting space. There are many more lodge improvements to be done by volunteers stepping up and continuing to help thanks to all.

Our Banquet Committee has spent time researching and securing a venue for a fantastic celebration on October 21, 2022 in the Crystal Ballroom at the Radisson on W, Main St. Our 100th Anniversary Pins and coins are here and available for sale.

We have had fundraisers at Buffalo Wild Wings, Super Bowl and have an upcoming canning event planned for September 25th. There are also tickets at the bar also for fundraising for the Anniversary.

We have several committees you could be a part of and we are reaching out, once again, for you, our members to get involved. We need our members, old and new to support this committee. It's a great achievement to reach 100 years and it needs to be celebrated in a big way! Please join us on Thursday, August 19th at 7:30 p.m. This will be a short meeting just to bring everyone up to date and to welcome any new members who wish to get involved. I hope to see you there,

Rich Hamilton, Chairman

SpeakEasy Grill

The Worse Kept Secret in Town is The Freehold Elks SpeakEasy Grill. It's Been Great to see so many of our New Members coming down and enjoying themselves. Playing Pool, Shuffle Board, Eating our Great Food or Simply just hanging on the couches enjoying our Large Screen TV's. Open Thursday and Friday nights. Bar opens at 4pm and Food is available from 6pm till close. We Kick Prohibition to the Curb in our Speakeasy.

Thursdays Special-\$5 Pizza Night, Plus our regular menu, Homemade Meatball Parm Sandwich,-Sabrett Italian Hot Dogs- Chicken Cutlet Tenders- Jersey Burgers-Hand Cut Fries and Much More.....Can't come down? Order Ahead for a Take Out Order. Good Times are had here!

Joe Pindilli, Speakeasy Manager

Veterans Committee

The Freehold Elks Veterans Committee has been a very busy bunch,

First we formed a formal committee with 15 members. We are meeting once a month (the date varies based on current activities) to discuss fundraising ideas and results. We would like to recognize the many new #1454 members that have eagerly joined and actively participated in the events that were held.

We have been delivering the home kits to vets in our area, we have also stocked our inventory for those kits and we are ready to do more.

In July, we held a "Shake-a- Can" for the Vets and the small group of eager volunteers raised close to \$2500.00.

There was some serious can shaking being done that day.

On August first, we held our First Annual Summer Festival and Bike Show. The committee would like to establish this as an annual event to help the veterans and bring in dignitaries to attend. We had 4 winners of our bike show, live music provided by the Hecktones featuring Jo Wymer, our "All American Cooler" raffle was a huge success, our very own Keith Weber, PER won.. Many of our sponsors and vendors donated door prizes which were also raffled off. The festival was attended by 227 people, all of which had a great time.

We also picked the winner of our \$500.00 Amazon Gift card raffle. Jacki Koharsky sold the winning ticket. The Raffle itself raised over \$2000.00.

We are planning another gift card raffle (maybe Wawa) and a pork dinner around Veterans Day.

If you are interest in being a part of this dedicated and highly motivated committee, raising money for the veterans, reach out to Mary McPaul, Veterans Chairman, (732-489-0510) or Mikey Bones (732-890-4292).

Faithfully submitted:

Mikey Bones- Freehold Elks Veterans Committee.

Sunday Breakfast is back!!!

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Sunday**



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Happy Birthday Members!



August

- 2 Jeffrey Conover
- 3 Michelle Salva
- 7 Bruce P. Applegate
Emil F. Stefanacci
- 8 Arthur J. Stinton, PER
- 13 Johathan R. Biggs
John T. Cernak
Joyce Turback
- 22 Karolynn Sparacio
Kevin Sullivan
- 25 George W. Beck, LM
Robert Kenny
Christopher Malvone
- 27 Donna Brown
Frederick Trotter, LM
- 28 Robert Forman, LM
John Gierlowski, PER
- 29 Patti Sanserverino

September

- 1 Thomas E. Kurzweil, PER
- 2 Joseph P. Noble
- 3 Patricia Glanville
- 4 Mary Ann Hayes
- 5 Elliott Subveri
Glen Trahan
- 6 Tina Calabro
Paul Travia, LM
- 9 Richard A. Giunco
Edwinna Howell
- 10 John Kenny
Tamara L. Miller
- 12 Gary R. Corliss, LM
Andy Harris
- 13 Wilmer C. Bahr, LM
- 14 Johnny Calabro
Chris Dowling
- 15 Breana Schueler
- 16 Barbara Mueller
- 17 Edward McDonald
James F. Quinn, LM
- 19 David Bocock
Glenn Davis
- 21 Robert Driscoll
Richard Thomas
- 22 Joseph Ribas
- 23 Christopher Mazzotta
- 24 Robert E. Trilby, PDD
- 25 Liam Goodwin
- 27 Karen Burst
Timothy Loftus