



The Ellette

Exalted Ruler's Message

It is now the middle of Winter. The days are cloudy and dark but just think, Spring is only seven weeks away. It will be nice to feel the Sun's warming rays announce once again the beginning of a new season. Don't forget to fly your American Flag on President's Day, February 17. Thank you to our Elk volunteers who assisted at the Fundraiser to benefit Rob Bagnasco on January 10! We needed you and you stepped up. Much appreciation to George and Betty Boyd, Bob Denien, Paul and Jamie Fairley, Kerri Ingwersen, Joe Mango, Wayne Marx, Artie and Sue Vita and Peter Vita. You understand what our mission is as a Charitable and Fraternal Order. We will continue to seek opportunities to help those in distress. Our Gratitude Grant was approved and with the funds we started purchasing supplies for the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry at the end of January. Just a reminder that nominations for new Officers will take place at our Lodge meeting this month on Tuesday, February 11. If any elections become necessary the voting will commence during the second meeting on Tuesday, February 25. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for a position but it is not just a title or badge of honor, a commitment is involved to attend meetings and follow through with the responsibilities of the station.

The Lodge team for the Elk year 2020-21 deserves your respect and support. Let's help them succeed by being good volunteers, providing cooperation and lending a hand. Our members that were motivated to recognize the dedication and hard work that our fellow brother Ed Gurba put into the rose garden need to be aware that the roses require some tender loving care. If you are available and know how to trim the stems, stop by the Lodge in the early Spring. I want to bring back Member's nights again on Fridays, but it must be managed by a Lodge Officer taking responsibility for tending the bar, arranging for the food, collecting the money and locking up. The Friday nights need to be operated with a financial benefit to the club. The purpose is not to just unlock the doors and give Elk members a place to congregate. This is an Elks function to support our Lodge. A robocall will be released with details of the event. In closing my message this month, I leave you with these words "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant".
Happy Valentine's Day

Fraternally,

Ken Donato / ER

Secretary's Message Official Announcements of Retirement

At this time I would like to formally announce my impending retirement from the position of Lodge Secretary of Smithtown Lodge. In addition I would also like to formally announce, on behalf of my wife Betty, that she will also be retiring from all her present positions within the Lodge. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our experiences and have tried our best to serve both our Lodge and the Benevolent Order Of Elks in that capacity.

We both plan to work right up to our retirement date of March 31st, 2020 and contribute in all respects to a smooth transition with whom ever the Lodge chooses as our replacements.

Fraternally,

George Boyd / Secretary