Message from the Exalted Ruler

By Exalted Ruler John Phillips

June turned out to be a busy month, with lots of things going on at the Lodge. I would like to thank all the members who helped with the Father’s Day breakfast, steak roast, and private parties that have taken place at the Lodge.

Special thanks to Brian Mortimer for helping with the lawns and coming back in as a Lodge trustee. We really needed the help and he’s doing a great service for his Lodge.

This month should ring true to us as Elks, seeing that we celebrate our nation’s independence. The Fourth is a great day to get together with family and friends to have a good time, but don’t forget to reminisce about what it means to be American, to be free. Grand Exalted Ruler Tom talks about it later in the newsletter.

The rest of July brings us a fundraiser, shower, blood drive, and graduation parties, but there’s always room for more at our Lodge. I hope to see you all out at the Lodge at some point this month. We can always use the support.

Elk of the Month

By ER John Phillips

This gentleman is no stranger to the Lodge. He has been there with a few words of wisdom and has been good with ordering and picking up food for a lot of events. Not only that, but he’s a multiple-time Past Exalted Ruler and has been dedicated to our Lodge for decades. Please thank Mike E. Pendergast for his help.
Lodge Officers for 2013–2014

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Loyal Knight......................................... Doris Reichelt ...........658-2117
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Inner Guard .............................................. Pete Fanfa ...........326-8160

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Trustee, 3 years .................................. Vacant ..........................  
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Trustee, 1 year .................................. John Littlefield ........641-2431

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**Recurring events (occurring each week):**

- **Mondays:** Zumba 6:30 pm
- **Tuesdays:** Bocce League 6:30 pm
- **Wednesdays:** Zumba 5:30 pm
- **Fridays:** Happy Hour 6:00 pm
- **Saturdays:** Zumba 9:00 am

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Message from the President
By President Linda Maguire

Summer has arrived, and with it sunny days—finally!

On June 5, I had the honor and privilege of presenting the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship to a student at Tamarac High School pursuing her education in the field of nursing. This award went to Jennifer Garcia. She is a lovely young woman, and is wished much success as she pursues her higher education.

The Elks participated in the Flag Day Parade in Troy on June 9. It was truly a beautiful day for a parade. PER Mike Pendergast and his grandson, Mason, decorated a flag-themed float which allowed Beverly DeWolf, Crystle Murray, and myself to ride. Bonnie Pendergast rode in the truck with Mike or sometimes walked with the Lodge members. We received many compliments along the way for our float. Way to go Mike and Mason!

On June 11, the Flag Day Ceremony was held at the Lodge. This is such a beautiful ceremony and the boy scouts did a wonderful job presenting each flag. Thank you to all the Ladies who attended and brought goodies to enjoy afterward.

A steak roast was held in the pavilion on June 15. There were games of cards, bocce, and just plain relaxing and visiting with friends. All who attended enjoyed salads and desserts prepared by Ladies Auxiliary members and Artie Boomhower. Our steaks were cooked to perfection by Gary Brannigan. Thank you to all who participated in this event; hopefully this will become a regular event.

The Lodge hosted a Father’s Day Breakfast on June 16. As always, everyone who attended enjoyed a delicious breakfast, this time by head chef, Justin Testo, and Matt Wade and John Phillips. Great job men! Thank you to the Ladies who volunteered their morning to waitress for this function. Thank you also goes out to Abby Kronau and Lily Kronau, two young ladies who are Auxiliary wait-staff-in-training.

At our general meeting on June 20, we honored our Charter Members and Past Presidents. Each was presented with a single red rose, the symbol of our Auxiliary. These Ladies are shining examples of strength, perseverance, and dignity, and we are so fortunate to have them in our Auxiliary. Without them, we would not have the Auxiliary that we have today.

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on

Lottery Calendar Winners for May 2013
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Jack Kaschak • Gloria Donovan • Carol Goodermote • Don Roy • Tanya & Tom Kane • Betty Hull
[No calendars were sold for the non-winning dates in May]
**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

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July 3 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the Lodge. Appointments are not necessary. It only takes a few minutes, and it is such a worthwhile cause. Please consider being a blood donor and save a life.

There’s still time to sign up for the October shopping trip. Please contact Judy Murray at 279-3921 or email her at murray128@nycap.rr.com.

Plans for our annual Penny Social are well underway. There will be two planning meetings before our September general meeting. Please mark your calendars for July 24 and August 21 both to start at 6:30 a.m. at the Lodge. If you have anything you wish to donate, and any tickets you may have taken, please bring them with you to the meetings.

I wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July. Until next month… ■

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**Kids Certificates of Achievement**

By PP Dee Berney

The following students volunteered their services at the Elks for the fiscal year 2012-2013:


Each student received a Certificate of Achievement from the Ladies Auxiliary and a letter thanking them for their volunteer service. A letter was also sent to their school district, to be placed with their school records, advising the school of their community service.

If you see one of these students, congratulate them for their hard work. Also, if you know of a student that has volunteered since April of this year, please advise Dee Berney at deeberney@hotmail.com, so that no child goes unacknowledged when the letters and certificates go out next spring. ■

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**Annual Chicken Barbecue**

Saturday, August 17

*Save the date*

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**More info to come next month**

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**American Red Cross**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

July 3, 1 – 6 pm at the Lodge

For more information—or to volunteer—call Dee Berney at 279-4228.

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Elks Carry Forth Our Nation's Patriotic Tradition  
By Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas S. Brazier

God bless America! How often we say this and what meaning is conveyed in those three words. “God” – the Supreme Being in whom a belief is required to be a Member of our great Order; “Bless” – to bestow good of any kind upon, to protect or guard from evil; and “America” – our country, our homeland. And this July we celebrate the 237th birthday of our great nation.

What did our forefathers think as they looked down on this young nation that they so carefully tended in its early days? There must have been many things that brought a smile to their hearts and let them know their sacrifices were not made in vain. As Elks, we carry forth that patriotic tradition of our founders to ensure the safety of our nation and its people. We are passionate about our way of life and our families, and we cannot envision living any place else on this earth. Next time you say those three words – "God Bless America" – stop to remember all of the people who have contributed to the formation of our country and its image as a "Beacon of Hope" in the world. Be proud of this heritage. Happy birthday, America!

As we begin our Grand Lodge Session in Reno, I want to welcome each new Officer and thank you for your dedication to our Order. We have a lot of work to do to continue the excellent traditions of our organization, and I know all of you will be up to the task. Remember to think creatively, implement decisively and ask for help where needed. Together, we will continue to grow and prosper in this great Order.

Venita and I thank all of you for your support and hospitality through this past year as we traveled through this great nation. We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate all of the hard work that you do. You are all truly "Beacons of Hope" in our lives and in the lives of those whom you touch. It was a privilege to serve as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. Thank you and God bless.

Online Membership App is a Valuable Tool  
By Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt

As of this writing, our Annual Membership Report filing period has closed, and final totals are being reviewed. Preliminary figures have our Order losing 23,000 Members or 2.6 percent. Each of us must take a vested interest in lowering the number of Members who are dropped annually for non-payment. This year, the total was nearly 60,000. They joined for a reason; what happened?

The online Membership application has been activated for a year. This has proven to be valuable for Members in sending membership invitations to friends and family via elks.org. Invitees can complete the application, then “click through” to apply online. Lodge Secretaries will be notified of these applications via the “Alerts” screen of CLMS2Web, and can import the data directly into their database with the simple click of a button.

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Upcoming Event Reminders
Blood Drive, July 3
Lodge Meeting, July 25
Auxiliary Officer Meeting, Aug 1
Annual Chicken BBQ, Aug 17
Lodge Meeting, Aug 22

Have a happy and safe Independence Day!

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Red Cross in Desperate Need of Blood Donors
By PP Dee Berney

The need for blood is constant and the blood supply must be regularly replenished. The Red Cross relies on generous donors to ensure that blood will be available for those who need it, whenever they may need it. With the many crises going on right now, the Red Cross blood bank has been very low.

Let's help out by taking about one hour of your time on July 3 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm to donate your blood and help out the many people in need. The Red Cross is revising their criteria so check with them to see if you are able to donate before you say "no".

For any questions relative to the Blood Drive, call Dee Berney at 279-4228 or e-mail at deeberry@hotmail.com. Walk-ins are always welcomed at these drives.

Booking Committee Members Needed
By Booking Chair Tanya Testo

I am very excited to say that our bookings are busy as can be! I have numerous phone calls, emails, and meetings with clients and events weekly. Our name, The Brunswick Elks, is getting out there as a fun and convenient place to hold an event.

With that said, I am looking for assistance to book all these events. It has become a full-time undertaking and needs more than one person for the process to run smoothly. I feel with some help here and there we can be even more successful.

I would appreciate if some Members could join me on the booking committee. The time put into this would average only about a few hours a week. It would also help with bouncing ideas around for future events. Thank you and I look forward to the help! You can contact me at elksbooking@gmail.com or 669-6889.