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# "VIEWS" FROM THE LODGE ON THE LAKE



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#### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXALTED RULER

## A message from your ER

Brothers and Sisters of East Brunswick Elks Lodge #2370

Fall is upon us and looking back over the summer, despite the impact the pandemic had on us we were super busy with the Friday night summer series. A GI-ANT THANK YOU to Tommy, Bill and Patty for their generosity in donating their time. They really rocked our Friday nights and gave us an amazing night out.

We recognized our Officer of the year Johnny Alfinito and our Elk of the year Trisha Hancocks. A wonderful time was had celebrating these individuals who embody the meaning of what it is to be an Elk. Their humility and selfless dedication to the lodge as well as the community it serves is an inspirational example for us all. So much has been happening at the lodge! If you have not been to the lodge lately. you should come down and welcome the St. Joseph Crew Team! Falcon Rowing formed in August of 2010, they are the first and only scholastic rowing team in Middlesex County! Falcon Rowing Inc. is a 501©3 nonprofit organization dedicated to support and train athletes from Middlesex County for competition in amateur rowing. Head Coach Tom Langowski (class of 03) has been leading the team. Together with their parents, the team has been working on our property cleaning up debris, dropping mulch and even put in a temporary

dock to access the water. Come down on a Sunday, late afternoon and watch these outstanding athletes practice on Farrington Lake. They have generously offered to allow our members the use of their dock when they are not actively training. Stay tuned for some exciting news regarding this new friendship.

In case you were not aware. we are back to our regular meeting schedule of the first and third Thursday of each month. Attending meetings is important and a vital way for you to know what is actually going on at the lodge and share your valuable input. Chairs are spaced apart and please don't forget your masks! Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout the lodge and everyone has been wonderful practicing proper social distancing.

As we increase how often we are open I must say the fireside room looks just lovely decorated for fall with the high top tables that the lodge membership voted on to purchase. Keep your eyes open for the delicious menus and specials that are coming up. Be sure to stop by the special needs display case and see their beautiful artwork! I want to thank all of the members and guests who have stepped up and helped out with the Friday night events, our rentals and countless other projects. It is the team work that makes the dream work! You have all worked so hard and through your efforts have shown our lodge in such a positive light. What an honor it is to have

you as members of this lodge!



As we continue to move forward I hope you are as excited as I am for the upcoming events and ideas that the House Committee is working

We have an awesome lodge with outstanding members who continue to do amazing things!

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in the near future!

Fraternally Yours, Exalted Ruler

Jennifer Hammill

# OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu 1	Fri 2 Dinner & Mu-	Sat
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4	5	6	7 Wings & Things—menu varies	8	9	10 Fall Concert
11	12	13	14 Wings & Things—menu varies	15	16 Dinner & Music by the Lake 5p	17
18	19	20	21 Wings & Things—menu varies	22	23 Dinner & Music by the Lake/Birthday Bash 5p	24
25	26	27	28Wings & Things—menu varies	29	30	31 Hallow- een Party

### **Events at a Glance**

OCTOBER 10th—FALL CONCERT Noon to 5p

**OCTOBER 16th—FALL CLEAN UP DAY** 

**OCTOBER 24th—HOOP SHOOT** 

**OCTOBER 31—Halloween Party** 



#### Secretary's Message October 2020

The lodge is slowly opening up with many new & exciting things happening. Come down & see for yourself.

**Dues payments are now overdue.** We have a few members who have not paid for the 2019-2020 Elk year. The key lock was changed as of April 1st. If you're having problems paying, please contact me or Exalted Ruler Jen Hammill and we can arrange something. Don't be embarrassed or too afraid to let us know if you are having difficulties. These are trying times for us all & know that Elks care & Elks share.

Dues payments can now be processed online at: <a href="www.ebelks2370.com">www.ebelks2370.com</a> If you do pay online please email me a rcpt. so I can get your card out to you as soon as possible. Branna1955@gmail.com

We have a new application for membership. Joseph Krisza was proposed by Ann Brucato. Keep in mind building up our membership. If you know anyone who you think would be a good candidate for membership, bring them with you.

Respectfully.

Annie Brucato, Secretary

#### **ENF MESSAGE**

We received the Freedom Grant of \$2,500 which is being used to purchase welcome home kits for veterans. See Colleen if you can help out in any way with the distribution of these kits.

We also received the Spotlight Grant of \$2,000 which is being used to purchase winter jackets for underprivileged children in our area. These jackets will be given out at the North Brunswick Library on October 31st. See Aimee if you can help with this project.

We were also approved for the Beacon Grant in the amount of \$3,500 for our Feed the Hungry program. We are doing a little something differently this year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are starting with a food pantry in October and possibly in February or March of next year and we will also do our regular deliveries for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. See Mary Tarrant for further details.

We will be applying for the Gratitude Grant in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for our Drug Awareness program. More details to follow.

There is no Promise Grant this year. We have used this in the past for our Halloween for All party. Obviously with the current Covid-19 situation, we were not going to hold that party this year, but we had plans to use it for backpacks for children in our area schools. Unfortunately, that grant is not available.

Thank you again for all your support to ENF. Remember, contributions can be made easily on-line. We are currently at \$2.33 per capita. We have a way to go to reach the Grand Exalted Ruler's per capita of \$4.75. The Gratitude Grant is dependent upon us reaching the GER's per capita. So please send in what you can. Even \$5 or \$10 is appreciated and will go towards our per capita.

Joan Scaduto, ENF Lodge Chairperson

#### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Joan Scaduto, Lodge Govt. Relations Chairperson ENF

Please give your Government Relations forms to me within one month from having your event.

The report is easy to do. I always have the forms with me at meetings. I will try to get a few in the box upstairs. Again, the GOVERNMENT RELATIONS MESSAGE information needed is as follows:

- # of participants
- # of Elks
- # of helpers
- # of Elk miles
- # of helper miles
- # of Elk hours
- # of helper hours

Any cash or non-cash contributions.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me at 732-567-6671 or e-mail me at ie927@hotmail.com

Thank you.

Joan Scaduto, Lodge Government Relations Chairperson



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### East Brunswick Elks Lodge Bar



## NOW OPEN

### Outdoor/Indoor Hours

Wednesday, 5 till 10pm Friday 5 till 10pm

Come on down to your lodge we are waiting for you! We have made improvements come check them out!

#### OCTOBER FEED THE HUNGRY—Mary Tarrant, Chair

As we transition into Fall, the Feed the Hungry Committee is also transiting into a new partnership with Aldersgate Community Outreach Center.

The Feed the Hungry committee worked in concert with the East Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department for many years, for which we are forever greatful. The recent retirement of our contact person at the Department plus the Department moving their food pantry responsibilities over to Aldersgate, the Feed the Hungry Committee has recently partnered with Aldersgate Community Outreach Center.

We look forward to working with Aldergate providing food to individuals and families in our community experiencing food insecurity. As they say, this could be the start of a beautiful partnership!

Once the dates of our upcoming food drives with Aldergate becomes available, I will let everyone know.

On that note, we are always looking for more members to join our very rewarding events helping those less fortunate. Please reach out to me if you would like to join the Feed the Hungry Dream Team at <a href="mailto:marrant@ymail.com">marytarrant@ymail.com</a> or 732. 501.7878.

Happy Fall ya'll,

Mary Tarrant, Chair Feed the Hungry Committee

#### OCTOBER HOUSE COMMITTEE - DENISE BRUCATO, PER-CHAIR

The Friday night dinners are going great. Tommy and friends are rocking out the East Brunswick Elks. I cannot thank everyone enough for helping out, it is truly a labor of love. It takes a village to create this venue.

Come out and enjoy the weather and atmosphere of the lodge on Farrington lake.

We are opening on Wednesday nights now. There is a limited menu for purchase.

Remember keep a 6 foot distance and wear your mask. It is very important to be safe and sanitize.

#### DRUG AWARENESS—Denise Brucato PER—CHAIR

LOOK OUT ON DRUGS has been postponed until further notice due to the Pandemic.

There will be no peer leadership in February 2021.

## Volunteers Needed



Looking for BARTENDERS to volunteer their time at our LODGE BAR. Knowledge of being behind the bar would be helpful but not necessary, will train. A class in Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) class is required and we will send you at no cost to you. This class can also be done online.

Please call or text Corrine at 732-713-8724 or email: corcamera18@yaho.com

### AMERICANISM OCTOBER 2020 GEORGE MICHAELS, PER

The elementary schools in East Brunswick have been sent the material for the Elks American Essay Contest. The topic this year is, "How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?" If any member has a contact in the East Brunswick schools, please encourage them to have the contest entered. Deadline for entries to be received by the lodge is 12/15/2020.

It is also time tor us to start thinking about our Citizen of the Year award for Elks year 2020-2021. If any of you have a person, who lives or works in East Brunswick, whom you believe worthy of this award, please submit their background to me for nomination.

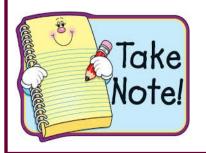
#### **Special Needs Committee:**

Tuesday Night Social 2018-2019
2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month 7-8:30p

Expectation: Dates will remain the same, activities subject to change

#### OCTOBER BARTENDER SCHEDULE

1-Oct Thursday	Board and Lodge Mtg	Chris Hancocks
2-Oct Friday	Dinner/Music	Corrine/Donna
7-Oct Wednesday	Bar Open	Corrine
9-Oct Friday	LODGE CLOSED	
10-Oct Saturday	Bands/Food 12-5p	Corrine/Donna
14-Oct Wednesday	House/Bar Open	Corrine
15-Oct Thursday	Lodge Mting/Bar Open	
16-Oct Friday	Dinner/Music	Corrine/Donna
21-Oct Wednesday	Bar Open	Corrine
23-Oct Friday	Dinner/Music	Corrine
28-Oct Wednesday	Bar Open	Corrine
30-Oct Friday	LODGE CLOSED	
31-Oct Saturday	Halloween/Band/Dinner	Corrine/Donna



East Brunswick Elks Lodge 2370 has a new Facebook page. It can be viewed at https://www.facebook.com/eastbrunswickelks.lodge

#### October Birthdays 2020

- 02 Corey Gallino
- 03 Lorene Giordano Lewis Gorden



- 04 James Milner
- 09 Cheyanne Bylina
- 14 Robert Hopps
- 17 Lisa Lee
- 18 Michael Harris
- 19 Roberta Mitchell
- 21 Michael Koch
- 22 Jim Hancocks

- 24 Sam Fisher
- 26 Jeffrey Fishman
- 27 Alexandra Nieves
- 29 Karan Hannalla
- 31 Jennifer Killeen

CONGRATULATIONS TO

SEPTEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH:

SEPTEMBER
OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Come join us for your birthday celebration. Just show your driver's license and your membership card to get your free drink during your birthday month.



East Brunswick Elks Lodge Presents

## Friday's by the Lake

October 2, 16, 23, 2020



### Time: 5 till 10pm

With Tommy Aboussleman and Friends Band, Playing our Favorite Songs

#### Plus, a Delicious Dinner Prepared by our Chef Mark Kroen

- \*Bring your chairs, small tables
  \*We are social distancing and when you
  are up out of your seats you will need a
  mask.
- \*Weather permitting and dates subject to change.

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  Join us at: East Brunswick Elks Lodge 2370

  21 Oakmont Ave, East Brunswick, NJ 08816



## Youth Activities Committee: Newsletter October 2020

Our local lodge's fall annual Soccer Shoot occurred on 9/25/20 at 6:00 pm in conjunction with Piscataway lodge # 2414. Congratulation to **Lexi Schumacher** for coming in 1st place at the 12-year-old girls' level. Come join Lexi when she competes again at ur District's "Batters Up" competition on 10/16/20 at Piscataway High School starting at 6 pm (weather permitting).

We need volunteers to help run this year's District's "Batter's Up Competition" and "Soccer Shoot" Please contact Aimee if you will be there with your favorite Elks shirt.

10/4/20 our lodge's Youth Activity Committee will be hosting the "Adopt a Road" clean-up event from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm. All Boys & Girls Scouts, and Elk members are invited. Please register with Aimee and spread the good word, please!

Our Annual local "Hoop Shoot" will occur on Saturday, October 24 from 10 am - 12 pm (Oct. 25th-rain date). We are looking for girls and boys to compete in the FREE event of the ages 8-13 years old. This event will be held at Bicentennial Park in East Brunswick. Volunteers will be needed to help run this event with Aimee.

YAC committee needs members to help out with our Spotlight grant by purchasing youth jackets. We need to spend \$2,000 for the children of our community. This event will now be held at our lodge because all libraries have declined to participate due to COVID-19. Jacket distribution will occur in November

Sincerely Submitted by,
Aimee K. Schneider
smile2laugh2@gmail.com
(732) 207-3774
Youth Activities Committee Chairman



## NEW JERSEY ELKS CENTRAL DISTRICT SOCCER SHOOT

Congratulation to **Lexi Schumache**r for coming in 1st place at the 12-year-old girls' level.

#### Sickness and Distress

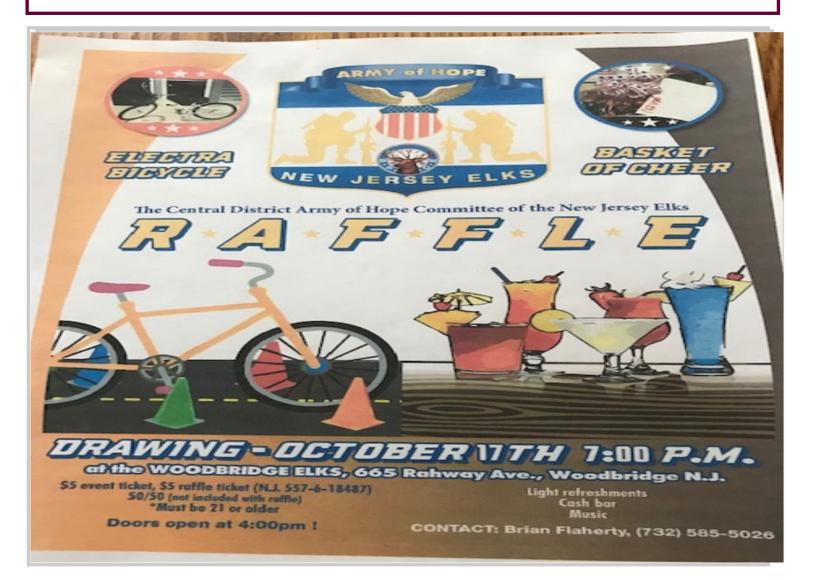
Let us send out prayers to all who are touched in anyway by COVID-19.

#### Scholarship Committee Marion Walko, Chair

The Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship, which is open to all high school seniors who plan on attending a 4 year college or university, has become available on August 5, 2020. The deadline for submitting this application is November 15, 2020. Scholarship applications are available online at www.elks.org/mvs. Please visit this website for all rules and restrictions. Scholarship awards range between \$4,000 and \$50,000 (paid over 4 years). Students are encouraged to begin the application process as early as possible.

The Elks Legacy Scholarship is open to high school seniors who plan on attending a 4 year college or university and who are children, grandchildren, step-children, step-grandchildren of Elk members in good standing. Awards for this scholarship are \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year for 4 years). For further information, please visit www.elks.org/leg.

Marian Walko MVS Coordinator





### Hold the Date

## Saturday, October 31





## Halloween, Band, Food and Beverages

Details to Follow

Members and their guest are
welcomed







## **HOOP SHOOT**









ELKS NATIONAL FREE THROW "HOOP SHOOT" CONTEST For all Boys and Girls – Ages 8 Through 13

When: Saturday, October 24th @ 10: 00 am - Promptly

Where: East Brunswick: Bicentennial Park

176 Hardenberg Lane, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 (Please wear comfortable clothes and sneakers)

**Contact**: Aimee Schneider: Youth Activity Sports Chairperson

smile2laugh2@gmail.com (732)207-3774

**Registration**: Bring a copy of the athlete's birth certificate

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

House Chair: Denise Brucato PER Banquet Chair: Joan Scaduto Secretary: Annie Brucato Bar Manager: Corrine Larsen Kitchen Chair: Mark Kroen Rich Huddock
Chris Hancocks
Colleen Murphy
Jeannie Lebosky
Daphna Langballe
Rick Langballe
Loretta Medina
Eileen Vogel
Melissa George

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# Join A Committee!

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Americanism: George Michaels PER
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Banquet Chair: Joan Scaduto PER
Bar Manager: Corrine Larsen
Bldg & Grounds: John Alfinito
Drug Awareness: Denise Brucato
Communications: Melissa George
Convention: Daphna Langballe
Feed the Hungry: Mary Tarrant
Financial Advisor: Pete Zinchuck

Government Relations: Joan Scaduto, PVP

House Chair: Denise Brucato
Hoop Shoot: Aimee Schneider

Hospital Equipment: Chris Hancocks Indoctrination Training: Joan Scaduto, PVP Internet/Webmaster: Lorene Giordano

Kitchen Chairs: Mark Kroen

Lodge Activities: Jennifer Hammill ER
Membership/Retention: Joan Scaduto PVP
National Foundation: Joan Scaduto, PVP

National Veterans Svcs/Army of Hope: Colleen Murphy, Beverly Christensen, Patricia Wragg & Andrea Evans

Newsletter Editor: Lorene Giordano

Parades: Jennifer Hammill

Public Relations: Karan Hannalla

Ritual: Joan Scaduto PVP Scholarships: Marian Walko

Special Children: John Alfinito and Loretta Medina

Youth Activities: Aimee Schneider