



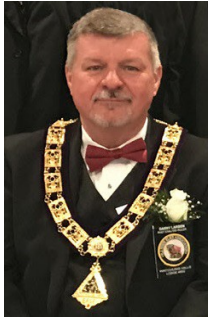
ECHOES

From the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885



Exalted Ruler's Message

- Danny Larsen, PER



It's August Already and summer is in Full Swing!

They say you get out of things what you put into them!

An ancient Chinese proverb says:

"If you want happiness for an hour—take a nap.

If you want happiness for a day—go fishing.

If you want happiness for a month—get married.

If you want happiness for a year—inheriting a fortune.

If you want happiness for a lifetime—help others."

-- Chinese proverb

I say, "A Piggy Bank that does not get fed is easy to carry!"

It's all in our hands, we control how we will perceive our World, how we will enrich and invest ourselves in each and every moment to make the most of our lives, for we cannot retrace our steps nor call back the days that are gone, our

thirst for Life, Love and Happiness will become our own Reward.

- The Parade Committee Awards Picnic will be held August 11 at South Plainfield Lodge # 2298.
- Veterans Picnic at Lyons August 17th and Menlo Park August 24th.
- Please be sure to set aside September 28th for our Annual Pig Roast and family barbecue.
- The Army of Hope Picnic at Lacey Lodge will be held September 8th which is always a memorable experience.
- The Flag Retirement Ceremony at Menlo Park Veterans Home will be held September 14th.

Please Welcome our newly installed members when you see them around the Lodge; if you don't know or recognize or as in my case remember their name it's simple...

Ask Them... Introduce yourself and make them feel welcome in our Lodge.

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Exalted Ruler	Danny Larsen, PER
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Chaplain	Kathy Schulz
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2 Year Trustee	Martha Pizzigoni
3 Year Trustee	Denise Heilman
4 Year Trustee	Stephanie Zitsch, PER
5 Year Trustee	Deborah Figel
Justice	(vacant)



Veterans Services

- Francis Bellew, PER



The Central District Veterans Committee will be hosting their Annual Picnics at both Lyons Hospital and Menlo Park Nursing Home.

On Saturday, August 17th we will be at the Lyons VA hospital. Then on Saturday, August 24th we will be at the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home. Set-up time for both picnics is 11:00 am. Anyone can come out and help.

All are welcome. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (908) 405-2922 or at fatbobs1960@gmail.com.

Thanks to all who donated supplies for our Care Packages; we were able to fill 27 boxes that are headed for Army personnel at Fort Dix.



Committee Chairs

Army of Hope	Danny Larsen, PER
Americanism	(vacant)
Auditing	Kim DeVizio
Buildings and Grounds	David Dante
Charities	Betty A Volker, PDDGER
Drug Awareness	John Pizzigoni
Elks Memorial Day	Danny Larsen, PER
Elks National Foundation	Joann Bataille
Government Relations	Paul Lowell, Sr., PER
Hoop Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Lodge Activities	(vacant)
Membership	Paul Lowell, Sr., PER
Parades	Melodie Doremus
Pool	Kim DeVizio
Public Relations	Mike Ryder
Ritual	Betty A. Volker, PDDGER
Scholarships	Fred Hayeck
Soccer Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Special Children	Betty A. Volker, PDDGER
Veterans Services	Fran Bellew, PER
Wildwood Convention	Danny Larsen, ER, PER
Youth Activities	Fran Bellew, PER
Youth Tournament	Fran Bellew, PER

Public Relations

- Mike Ryder

Bulletins

Folks, it takes hours to assemble the stories and photos for each issue, which I often cannot do in one sitting. I would really appreciate if Committee and Activity Chairs send me information for the next bulletin by the 15th of each month. In many cases, the announcements you make at lodge meetings are perfect – just email them to me.

New Member Initiation

We are grateful for all that came to help celebrate our new members including dignitaries:

- Past Grand Lodge Committeeman Pete Smith for South Plainfield Lodge #2298
- Past State President Steve Terrible Watchung Hills Lodge #885
- Past Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Francis J. Decibus Woodbridge Loge #2116
- Central District, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jim Kopcho Woodbridge Loge #2116 and wife Paula
- Central District Vice President Dan DeZaio Metuchen Lodge #1914
- Central District Ritual Committee Chair Person Judy Galambos Lodge #2085
- Esquire to the District Deputy Dennis Kopik South Amboy Lodge #784
- Exalted Ruler Joann Kopik South Amboy of Lodge #784



Back (L-R): John Pizzigoni, Candace Benzel, Pete Smith, Steve Terrible, Francis Bellew, David Dante, Kathy Schulz, Danny Larsen, Deni Heilman, Martha Pizzigoni, David Lewis, Deborah Figel, Paul Lowell, Jim Kopcho, Dan Dezaio, Betty Volker, Dennis Kopik, Francis J, Decibus.

Front (L-R): Susan Riecken, Jorge Cabral, Janice Wargo, George Mobus, Quaid Mobus, Cindy Mobus, Bryan Wyszowski, David Gubitosi, Anthony Patricco

Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder



New member Quaid Mobus receives his Citizen of the Year award.

(L-R: Quaid's father George, Quaid, PER Danny Larsen)



L-R: DDGER James A. Kopcho, PER Danny Larsen



Central District Vice President Dan DeZaio



L-R: Esteemed Lecturing Knight Candace Benzel, PDD Betty A. Volker

Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

Did you hear?

According to Danny Larsen we have a few new officers – Martha Pizzigoni accepted the invitation to serve as 2 Year Trustee, replacing PER Gene Bataille. Candace Benzel accepted the invitation to serve as Esteemed Lecturing Night, replacing Lisa Carracino.

Additionally, Melodie Doremus accepted an invitation to serve as the Parades Committee chair.

Please thank Martha, Candace and Melodie for accepting these roles and duties – and many thanks go out to Lisa and Gene for their past service.

From the Bulletin Board

You can read the August copy of the NJ Elks Central District bulletin here: <https://www.elkslodge885.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/dnlAugust2019.pdf>

Christmas in July

As reported by Stephanie Zitsch: “Thanks to all who came, we had a great time and sold out of all the food, while raising funds for next year’s State Convention parade.”



Boosters

- Echoes Boosters that have been renewed since November 2018

November 2018

- Ken and Chris Burd
- Stephen Terrible PSP

January 2019

- Stacy VanLier
- Denise Heilman
- Steve Logothetis
- Nancy Micou
- John Williams

February 2019

- Bruce Helmstetter
- Linda Helmstetter
- George Dealaman
- William Heilman
- Rich Pasquarella
- Thomas Mac Stoker
- Michelle Waiser
- John Tucker
- William Sorensen
- J.E.B. Irvine PER
- Frank Giannelli
- Jane Giannelli
- Ross Long
- Michael Naumoff
- Fran Bellew PER
- Barney Coughlin PER
- Donna Forman
- Charles Mott
- Duke Anderson
- John Misiak
- Valerie Misiak
- Stanley Autocunas PER
- Kim Frazier
- Daniel Ciarlariello
- Rober Venitelli
- William Sorensen

- Michael Metner
- Deborah Metner
- Paul C. Staeger
- Kathleen Olesen
- Michael Dalton

March 2019

- Timothy Lasecia
- William Jones
- James Basille
- Timothy Velazquez
- Ken Pawelek
- Laura Pawelek
- Fred Fennimore
- Tracy Fennimore
- Barbara Verdic
- Vito Truglio
- John Balog
- Betty Volker PDD
- Jim Devizio
- Kim Devizio
- Bill Seavey PER
- Michael Ryder

April 2019

- William Esposito
- Donna Lowell PER
- Paul Lowell Sr. PER



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.



WE NEED YOU!

How to get new members?
ASK THEM!

Facility Updates

- David Dante

- Trench work should begin in 1-2 weeks.
- Still waiting on estimates for roof-repairs.
- Some grading of the dirt around the pavilion was done by John Tucker, and will be completed after the sewer project is complete.
- Soft flooring behind the bar has been repaired
- Kitchen fire suppression system needs to be updated.

Government Relations Committee

- Paul Lowell Sr., PER



A new Elk year has begun and we start reporting the good deeds we do all over again for the fraternal Year 2019-2020.

We really short ourselves on what I receive from Committee Chairs. Please send me the following information as soon as possible after the event.

- Number of Attending
- Number of Elks
- Number of assistants
- Total Elk Hours
- Total Assistant Hours

Here is what we really short ourselves on:

- Total Elk Miles
- Total Assistant Miles.
- Non cash Donations
- Cash Donations.
- Number in Attendance -- include everybody, guests and Elks.

- Hours and Mileage include shopping, going to schools, back and forth to the lodge or where the event is taken place.

We report on the various groups using the lodge and grounds for meetings, such as the Scouts, HPBA, Warren PBA, American Legion, VFW, School groups, etc.



Sickness & Distress

- Kim Frazier is still recovering from serious injuries and staying with his daughter in Michigan.
- The Pizzigoni house had a serious fire – nobody was injured.
- Joanne Rehberger completed her first round of treatments.
- Jim DeVizio experienced a mild stroke, but is back on his feet.
- Kenny Phillips' sister is in the hospital



Special Children's Committee

- Betty A. Volker, PDDGER



On July 21st we participated in the NJ Elks Central District barbecue for the kids at Camp Moore. It was brutally hot but the volunteers persevered. **Thank you** to the following members and friends for helping out. Our members are what makes everything happen.

- Danny Larsen
- Dave Lewis
- Tony Lowenberg
- John Pizzagoni
- Paul Steager
- Betty Volker
- Michelle Waiser
- Bryan Wyszowski

- Luann Belly
- Thom Boyle
- Kim DeVizeo

Take a look at some photos on the next page.

Camp Moore Barbecue, July 21





8/1 John Williams
 8/4 Rick Ocetnik
 8/5 Janice Wargo
 8/6 Gary Cernuto
 Tina Engler
 Glen Kusmick
 Lillian Obszanski
 8/7 Frank Klemser
 8/9 Jim Kerr PER
 8/12 Owen Smith
 8/14 Kelly Lowell
 8/15 Pia Grant PER
 Rich Van Jaeckel

8/16 Rita DeFilippis
 Karen Waldorf-Tortorelli
 8/17 Barney Coughlin PER
 Rich Pasquarella
 8/18 Tracey Fennimore
 8/21 Rich Stites
 8/22 Mike McNicholl
 8/23 Patricia Liskowitz
 8/24 Sinead Conlon
 8/27 Andrew Case
 Niro Garcia
 8/30 Melodie Doremus
 8/31 Donna Forman

AUGUST 2019

Find the calendar online at our website: <https://www.elkslodge885.org>, then click Events and then "Main Calendar"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  Lodge Meeting Officers – 7 pm General – 8 pm	2	3 Luau Party 2-9pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20  BOD Meeting 7 pm	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 PER Meeting 7 pm	28	29	30	31

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"So Long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."