



# ECHOES



From the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885

## Exalted Ruler's Message

- Danny Larsen, PER



Happy September!

It seems like these "ER Messages" become the tick tock of time as it slips by – and it does slip by.

We have been very busy in our District, with the Membership Drive at Camp Moore, the Veterans Picnics at Lyon's Hospital and Menlo Park Veterans

Home, The Army of Hope Picnic at Lacey Lodge (always a memorable event), the Flag Retirement Ceremony at Menlo Park Veterans Home, hosting the VP Clinic, Elks night at the Somerset Patriots Baseball Stadium, Bingo Night to support the Somerset Children's Center and of course our own Pig Roast and Family Picnic with invited Veterans.

The Elks are all connected and yet very individualistic; each Lodge has its own character and we are part of our District which is part of our State Association which is part of a larger region which is part of the national chain of Elks making up the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a nationwide network of Elks Giving and Helping, Caring and Sharing. A series of cogs, gears, motion and wheels all working to improve

the quality of life and assist those less fortunate than ourselves.

My thanks go to each and every one of you for adding to the Character and Vitality of our Lodge.

If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Member, please offer them an application.

We are working to initiate a group of new members sometime in late October – I would love to see you all there as part of the supporting audience or as a new member.



## Elks Care - Elks Share

To receive a full-color bulletin by email, ask us to update your email address by sending it to [membership@elkslodge885.org](mailto:membership@elkslodge885.org) or by visiting <https://www.elkslodge885.org/subscribe>. We do not have current email addresses for everyone!

### Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885

1 Elks Trail  
 Warren, NJ 07059  
 908-668-9727  
[news@elkslodge885.org](mailto:news@elkslodge885.org)  
[membership@elkslodge885.org](mailto:membership@elkslodge885.org)  
[www.elkslodge885.org](http://www.elkslodge885.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/Elks885/>

## Officers

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exalted Ruler             | Danny Larsen, PER     |
| Esteemed Leading Knight   | David Lewis           |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight     | Dave Dante            |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | Candace Benzel        |
| Secretary                 | Paul Lowell, Sr., PER |
| Treasurer                 | Donna Lowell, PER     |
| Esquire                   | Betty A. Volker, PDD  |
| Chaplain                  | Kathy Schulz          |
| Inner Guard               | John Pizzigoni        |
| Tiler                     | <b>(vacant)</b>       |
| 1 Year Trustee            | Francis Bellew, PER   |
| 2 Year Trustee            | Martha Pizzigoni      |
| 3 Year Trustee            | Denise Heilman        |
| 4 Year Trustee            | Stephanie Zitsch, PER |
| 5 Year Trustee            | Deborah Figel         |
| Justice                   | <b>(vacant)</b>       |

## From the Secretary

- Paul Lowell, Sr., PER

September is here and we still have thirty three members who have not renewed their membership for the year.

Reminders have be mailed and I ask those of you to please contact me as soon as possible. Let me know if you are ill or having trouble with renewing your membership, everything will be kept confidential.

You can call me at 908-230-7303 or by e-mail at [xcg395@verizon.net](mailto:xcg395@verizon.net).



## Committee Chairs

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Army of Hope             | Danny Larsen, PER       |
| Americanism              | <b>(vacant)</b>         |
| 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         | <b>(vacant)</b>         |
| 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        |

## Hoop Shoot

- Francis Bellew, PER



Our annual Hoop Shoot will be held at the Warren Middle School on Friday November 1, 2019 with a snow date of November 15, 2019 (also a Friday).

Set up will begin at 6:00pm and the shoot will run until 9:00 pm. As usual I can use all the help I can get, to make this event a success. Please contact me by phone or email.

Elks Care Elks Share  
 Fran Bellew, PER, Chair  
[fatbobs1960@gmail.com](mailto:fatbobs1960@gmail.com)  
 908.405.2922



## Government Relations Committee

- Paul Lowell Sr., PER



Committee Chairpersons are reminded to submit your monthly events to me as soon as possible and no later than the 25th of each month. I can also send you a 2019-2020 Charity Work Book in PDF format if you want one.

## Public Relations

- Mike Ryder

Hello all! I try to get to all our events, not just to enjoy them and have fun like everyone else but also to gather photos that can be shared for our Public Relations efforts. I greatly appreciate the photos that a few of you send to me by text-message but there's another way to help through social media.

**Facebook:** (<https://www.facebook.com/Elks885/>)

1. Do a "Check-In" and select "Watchung Hills Elks #/885." If you don't see it, type in "Lodge 885" and it should show up in the results. Or you may see one of our Facebook events.
2. Tag us in one of your Status Updates by appending this to the end of your post – "@elkslodge885" and then click on "Watchung Hills Elks #/885"

**Instagram:** (<https://www.instagram.com/elkslodge885/>)

1. In the location field, select "Watchung Hills Elks #/885" - You can search by entering "Elks 885" if we're not already in your location list.
2. Or Tag us in the caption by appending this – "@elkslodge885" and select our lodge from the results.

**Twitter:** (<https://twitter.com/ElksLodge885>)

1. Tag us in your Tweet by appending "@elkslodge885"

## Elks on Social Media

Did you notice that the ENF (Elks National Foundation) has a podcast? The Podcast is called "Midday with the ENF" and you can [subscribe through iTunes](#) or listen to it directly on the web (<https://www.elks.org/enf/midday.cfm>). On YouTube they have channel called "Elks National Foundation" (<https://www.youtube.com/user/ElksNationalFndn>) and sadly only has 595 subscribers – how is that possible with over 1.5 million members? Go on over, watch some videos, perhaps share them with friends and finally... subscribe.

The Grand Lodge DAP (Drug Awareness Program) also has a strong presence on the web and social media. They've created "Teen Drug Awareness" (<http://elksteenzone.org/>) and "Kid's Zone" (<http://elkskidszone.org/>) websites, and also have a presence on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/elkskidsdap/>).

Social Media only works when people interact there –

I hope to see you!

## Email and Text Messages

If you aren't already getting our weekly emails about lodge updates, or would like to receive this bulletin by email – please take a moment to subscribe – <https://www.elkslodge885.org/subscribe>. We do not spam your inbox, nor do we sell or share your addresses with anyone else.

## Veterans Services

- Francis Bellew, PER



Both of the Central District Veterans Picnics went great!

This year we had a good showing of members who came out to help. **Special Thanks** to our new member, Thom Boyle for coming out to participate. I would also like to thank all the members of the lodge for providing all of the beverages.



Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

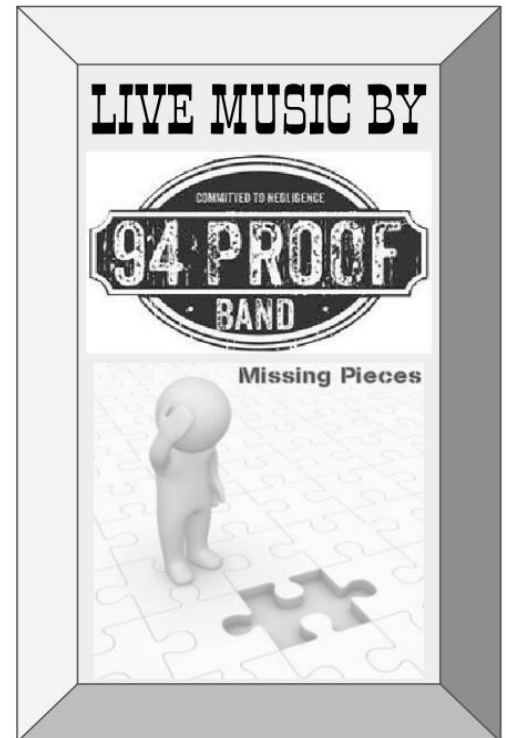
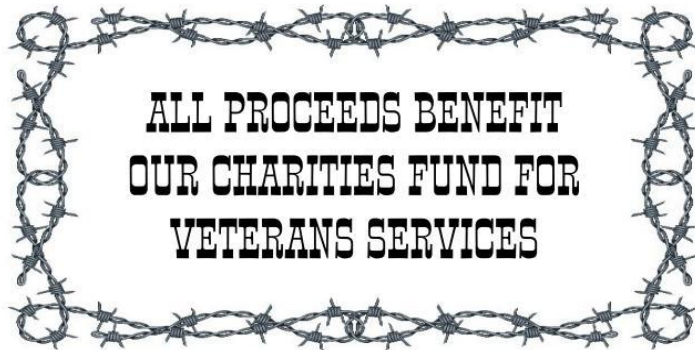
# Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885

# ANNUAL PIG ROAST



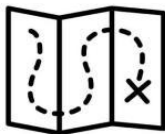
## September 28 Saturday, 1-7 PM

**SMOKED BRISKET, BBQ CHCKEN, BURGERS, HOTDOGS, DESSERTS AND  
EVERYTHING FROM THE ROOTER TO THE TOOTER**



### Tickets:

Adults are \$20/ea in advance, \$25 at the door  
Kids 5-17 are \$10/ea, Children under 5 are free



Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885  
1 Elks Trail  
Warren, NJ 07059

Questions? Call Donna Lowell at 908-941-6669 ★ [www.elkslodge885.org](http://www.elkslodge885.org)

Public Relations, continued

- Mike Ryder

HELP TACKLE BLOOD SHORTAGES AND DONATE BLOOD!



**WATCHUNG HILLS ELKS  
Community Blood Drive**

Help reach the goal of 30 units of blood and be entered to win an NFL jersey of your choice!

**Tuesday, October 8**

**Watchung Hills Elks 885**

1 Elks Trail, Warren

1:30pm - 7:30pm

**COMMUNITY WALK INS WELCOME!**



To schedule an appointment:

[www.tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS](http://www.tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS)

Sponsor Code: **68349**

16 year olds must have NJBS Parental Consent Form signed  
Please remember to eat, drink, and bring ID

NYBC.ORG | 800.933.2566

**New Jersey Blood Services**

A Division of New York Blood Center

# 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!**



## Buildings and Grounds

- David Dante



- Trench work should begin in 1-2 weeks.
- Still waiting on estimates for roof-repairs.
- Kitchen fire suppression system needs to be updated.

## Special Children's Committee

- Betty A. Volker, PDDGER



Thank you to all who have purchased the 6 month calendar raffle and I certainly hope all of us win at least once. All proceeds from this raffle go to Elks Camp Moore.

The annual Halloween party will be held Sunday, October 20th at 1:00-3:00 pm. The annual Christmas party will be held Sunday, December 15th 1:00-4:00 pm. More information will follow in the next bulletin.



## Sickness & Distress

- David Lewis, Esteemed Leading Knight



Please send me your updates at [dclewis@optonline.net](mailto:dclewis@optonline.net) or (908) 227-8228.



## Soccer Shoot

- Francis Bellew, PER



Our annual lodge Soccer Shoot will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at the lodge.

We will be setting up at 8:00 am and starting registration at 9:00 am.

As usual I can use all the help I can get, to make this event a success.

Please contact me by phone or email.

Elks Care Elks Share  
Fran Bellew, PER, Chair  
[fatbobs1960@gmail.com](mailto:fatbobs1960@gmail.com)  
908.405.2922



# Cub Scouts Pack 182

- Mike Ryder

Our Cub Scouts have been active in August – Den 10 visiting [The Raptor Trust](#) and hiking through [The Great Swamp](#), Den 9's AOLs visiting with Warren's government, and events for the pack for Washington Rock history, Fossil Hunting at [Big Brook](#), Popcorn Kickoff (right here at the lodge), hiking through Elizabeth on [The Victory Trail](#), [JAKES Day fishing](#) at the [Pequest Hatchery](#) and the Top 100 Scout Day at [Dorney Park](#).

By running events throughout the summer we help to encourage kids to continue participating in Scouts when they return to school and keep them involved in outdoor activities.







9/1 Michelle D'Autorio  
 9/3 Jack Deangelis  
 9/10 Laura Pawelek  
 9/11 Deborah Figel  
 Joseph Raber  
 9/15 Jane McMillan  
 Valerie Misiak

9/18 Elia Shehady  
 9/22 Jeanne Cuthie  
 9/27 Allison Dobos  
 JEB Irvine PER  
 Barbara Verdic  
 9/29 Michael Metner

## SEPTEMBER 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      | 2<br><br><b>Labor Day</b><br>Picnic at the Pool<br>10am-6pm | 3   | 4         | 5<br><br><b>Lodge Meeting</b><br>Officers – 7 pm<br>General – 8 pm   | 6      | 7  |
| 8      | 9   | 10  | 11        | 12  | 13     | 14   |
| 15     | 16  | 17<br><br><b>BOD Meeting</b><br>7 pm | 18        | 19<br><br><b>Lodge Meeting</b><br>Officers – 7 pm<br>General – 8 pm | 20     | 21   |
| 22     | 23  | 24<br><br><b>PER Meeting</b><br>7 pm | 25        | 26  | 27     | 28<br><br><b>Annual Pig Roast</b><br>1 – 7 pm |
| 29     | 30  |   |           |   |        |  |
|        |   |   |           |   |        |  |

## Elks Care - Elks Share

Watchung Hills Elks #885  
1 Elks Trail  
Warren, NJ 07059

Address Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Union, NJ 07083  
Permit No. 492

### Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 is online!

Point your smart-phone's QR-Code reader application (freely available if you don't already have one) at these images to jump to our sites. Bookmark our website so you can check the Lodge calendar. "Like" our Facebook page so you can stay in touch with the daily goings-on.



<https://www.elkslodge885.org>



<https://www.facebook.com/elks885>

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