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# BULLETIN

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CHARITY IS #1 IN OUR HEARTS

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## *from the desk of the Exalted Ruler*

Hello Members of the Red Bank Elks Lodge #233. I want to first start off by saying this is definitely not the way I wanted to start 2020-2021, I am sure you neither. But we are Elks, pull us apart and we will band back together even stronger and with a bigger bite. So stay strong and if you need anything reach out to your officers. Be ready for the largest, loudest installation party as soon as we are back to normal.

I want to say that this social distancing we are going through right now, really has opened my eyes to how much I love all of you and how much I need you in my life more than you know.

I want to give a huge shout out to Guy W. Opie for running a very successful year, for always being there when I would throw a fit. Always having the members best interest at heart and making sure I did not burn the building down. Thank you from the bottom of my heart Guy, I learned so much this year from you. I also want to say thank you to our house: David Dalton, Sergio Hjoraj, Beth Hjoraj, Donna and Steve. Thank you very much for making sure the business and activities at the lodge ran smoothly. The officers this year were amazing, always there ready to lend a helping hand, reaching out to committees, attending district meetings, ya'll rocked. Committee Chairman, this year we had so many committees that in years past were a little stagnant and now they are flourishing, thank you and I look forward to this continuing to grow this year. Rose and Eileen ya'll superstars, the things you do behind that magic door, I don't know how you do it. The second biggest shout out is to all of you, THE MEMBERS without you this lodge would be nonexistence. Thank you to everyone for stepping up and coming out and most importantly being a part of Elkdom and a part of my life.

I hope ya'll are ready, buckle up it is going to be a fun year this year. Our possibilities are endless this year, we are learning so much going through this pandemic it will help our lodges to grow in the future, especially with technology. Members let us know what makes you come to the lodge? What you want to see at the lodge? Remember this is not our lodge this is your lodge and you have a vote just like the rest of us. You can't win if you don't play. Remember that, we are all about new ideas and new adventures.

Reminder Wildwood is coming up and we are still planning on going. Cat Sizelove, PER is in charge of the Wildwood convention. We have a small window of time left if you would like to join us on this most amazing weekend in Elkdom.

Lastly I want to end this letter to all of you with a thought: The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life. Richard Bach

Fraternally,  
Chemayne Myers  
Exalted Ruler



*from the desk of the Secretary*

Dear Members,

I have been writing these letters every month for the last few years as Lodge Secretary and rarely do I struggle as much for words as I am right now.

I truly hope that you and your families are doing well with all that is going on. The Lodge is still standing however it has a noticeable lack of energy, just waiting for us all to return.

We are working to hold lodge meetings by video conferencing so the business of the Lodge can continue. This does have it limitations though since not all members will be able to attend. We are hoping to find a solution that suits everyone, please keep an eye on your emails. If nothing else you can count on the Lodge Officers to keep the lodge going during this shut down.

Congratulations to our outgoing ER Guy W. Opie and his lovely wife Nancy for their successful Lodge year. We look forward to seeing what your next move in Elkdom and Welcome you as the President of the PER Association.

Congratulations also to our incoming ER Chemayne Myers and all the Lodge Officers for the Fraternal Year 2020-21. This has been an unprecedented beginning starting with the Installation via Social Conferencing, your grace and lead-

ership under pressure is a testament to us all. Hopefully your term gets much more normal soon.

Now is the time to remind members that your yearly dues payments should have been received by now, this is currently quite awkward for me as everyone has other things to worry about then their Elks dues. Please do what is best for you and if we can help, please let me know. If you are able you can make your payments on our website [www.redbankelks.org](http://www.redbankelks.org).

We will get past this difficult time and will be back doing the important work of the Order, helping those in need. Please stay healthy and safe, God Bless you, your families, our nation's military, all the first responders and health care workers.

And always May God Bless America!

Fraternally,  
Eileen Brennan-Watts, PDD  
Secretary  
Red Bank Elks #233

*The Red Bank Elks Lodge #233 welcomed fourteen new members in on March 12, 2020.*



**Congratulations to the new 2020-2021 President of Red Bank Antlers Lodge #33  
Sienna Kennett!**



**Scholarship Update:**

Your scholarship committee has completed the judging of all applications submitted to the Red Bank Elks Lodge through the Elks National Foundation website. Based on financial need, the desire for higher education, essay content and high scores on academic and leadership abilities, five (5) scholarships have been awarded by this Lodge. The competition was intense and the scholars noted below have received letters from this committee advising them of their well-deserved scholarships, and commending them for their academic achievements, leadership skills and determination.

Simultaneously, our selected scholars were reviewed by the District, State and National Levels, and I am extremely pleased to announce that one of our scholars, Paige Comerford, is now competing as a semi-finalist at the National level.

Your support of the scholarship program has quite literally made college dreams come true for deserving students in our community. That is no small contribution! Due to the generosity of the Red Bank Elks the following scholars have been awarded one-time scholarships:

- Paige Comerford – Red Bank Catholic School - \$1,700
- Casey O’Neil – Middletown High School South - \$1,700
- Katherine Harby – Rumson-Fair Haven - \$1,200
- Allyson O’Brien – Middletown High School North - \$1,200
- Emily Boguszewski – Middletown High School South - \$1,200

All recipients will be recognized and celebrated at our Youth Day Breakfast on May 3, 2020.

THANK YOU !      THANK YOU !      THANK YOU !

Respectfully,  
Kathy Kapps  
Scholarship Chair

## Public Relations and Social Media

The process of public relations will be changing a little this year. Rose O'Connor will be monitoring our Facebook page, in charge of our bulletin and making sure we have articles going into the Elks magazine/newspaper and other media outlets in the community. If you are interested in helping with this committee please email me. [cmannornj@gmail.com](mailto:cmannornj@gmail.com)  
Since we are redeveloping the public relations committee there will be some things to help ensure it runs fluid.

1. All flyers will be emailed directly to Rose O'Connor. Members who post flyers directly to Facebook will be denied.
2. Please email flyers to: [roseoredbankelks@gmail.com](mailto:roseoredbankelks@gmail.com)
3. This does not mean informational posts or discussions on our page goes to Rose, ONLY FLYERS. The reason for this is so Rose can properly distribute them to Eileen for the weekly correspondence, the flyers get put in the bulletin and to ensure our calendar is updated.
4. Please know that no one's right to comment or discuss things on Facebook will be removed. Just use your best judgement in your comments and posts. Remember **NO** alcohol.
5. If your post is time sensitive please send a text to Rose letting her know of the sensitivity of the issue.

Thank you very much for your help maximizing the exposure of upcoming events. If you are not a member of the Red Bank Elks Members Only Page you can join by clicking on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/127022291191816>

Or by searching MEMBERS ONLY RED BANK ELKS

Thank You  
Chemayne Myers  
Exalted Ruler

# 2020 Charity Ball



NOT EVEN "STAY AT HOME" ORDER BY THE GOVERNER STOPS RED BANK ELKS!

VIRTUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS!



Please welcome the Red Bank Elks Lodge 233 officers for 2020-2021.

Exalted Ruler: Chemayne Myers  
Leading Knight: John Mac Donald, PER  
Loyal Knight: Rose O'Connor  
Lecturing Knight: Eugene Scheurer  
Secretary: Eileen Breenan-Watts, PDD  
Treasurer: Katelyn Hetrick  
1st yr Trustee: Dave Dalton  
2nd yr Trustee: David Edgar, PER  
3rd yr Trustee: Robert Mauro, PGLC  
4th yr Trustee: Michael Rodriguez, PER  
5th yr Trustee: Gaylord "Mike" Watts  
Esquire: Beth Hjaraj  
InnerGuard: Ron Peck  
Chaplain: John Hutley  
Tiler: Tyler Poyner



## BAR HOURS\*\*

**Sunday** 12:30pm - 8pm

**Monday** 6pm - 9pm

**Tuesday - Thursday** 5:30pm - 9pm

**Friday** 5:30pm - 12am

**Saturday** 12pm - 10pm

**\*\*The Red Bank Lodge is closed in accordance with Governor Murphy's order until further notice. Watch your emails for updates. Thank you.**

*Bartenders may make a call to stay open later but NOT close earlier...  
to open early first check with Sergio 732-965-7364*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### • BULLETIN CONTENT DEADLINE •

All content must be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the following month's bulletin. Please email to Rose O'Connor at [roseoredbankelks@gmail.com](mailto:roseoredbankelks@gmail.com)

### • VALID MEMBERSHIP CARDS REQUIRED •

You must have your valid membership card for entry to the lodge.

Bartenders will be asking for them - no exceptions!

### • SEND IN YOUR DUES •

Help your lodge do the important work that we do!

### • SICKNESS & DISTRESS •

If you know a member who is ill or in the hospital, please call Paul Morello at (732) 372-8327 so that we can be of assistance.



*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

## **Red Bank Elks Lodge No.233**

***Serving the Red Bank Community for over 125 Years!***

The Red Bank Elks believes in investing in our Youth, as they are our future. We have many activities and programs to support them and to motivate them to achieve, while having fun, in many areas of education, sports, and leadership

Youth Scholarship Programs for college-bound and trade students, offering thousands of dollars annually to support their education.

Basketball Hoop Shoot competition, part of National Program  
Soccer Shoot and Batters-Up competitions. Youth Sports Tournament in bowling, golf and tennis

Attendance for high school students at NJ Elks Peer Leadership program to teach about the dangers of drugs and making responsible life choices.

Newly formed Antlers Lodge No. 33, which provides a learning experience for 10-20 year olds in giving back to the community through volunteer service.

Veterans support programs for homeless vets, and programs honoring our Veterans and our Nation's Flag

Special Needs Children and young adult monthly dances and placement in NJ Elks Camp Moore with weekly and weekend Summer sessions.

Support of local need programs through donations to Lunch Break, Senior Center and Fulfill-Food Bank of Monmouth/Ocean.

***If you would like to be a part of our efforts in the Red Bank Community, why not consider being part of our membership?***

***For more information about our Lodge, our Activities or if you would like to join our Lodge or one of its committees:***

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