## THE BULLETIN

#### **MARCH 2023**

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Five Year
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One Year
Bruce Smith 609-558-1306

**Justice** Hank Elmer PER, PDD 609-610-6780





### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Hello Fellow Elk Members,

It is bitter sweet to realize that this is my last message as Exalted Ruler of Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085. It has truly been an honor and privilege to have served as your Exalted Ruler for 2022-2023.

It is hard to find the words to express just how appreciative I am of our Lodge Members and the Members of the Women's Auxiliary. Through relentless dedication and sacrifice, our Members have shown repeatedly what Elkdom is. Together, we have raised thousands of dollars for our charitable endeavors; supported our Veterans; provided scholarships for our youth; we have sponsored some great kids to attend Camp Moore; and along the way, we had a lot of fun doing it.

I would like to thank my remarkable wife Toni and my boys for supporting me, for standing by my side, for jumping in wherever they could to help, and for believing in me.

Far too many individuals have supported my efforts to mention, however please know that I could not have performed my duties without your support and dedication as well. I sincerely thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing the further success of Bordentown Elks Lodge 2085 under the leadership of the incoming 2023-2024 Officers and Chairpersons.

I sign off this last time as your EXHAUSTED Ruler.

Fraternally,
Jesse Smith
"Respect, Honor and Gratitude"





## Women's Auxiliary

Hello Members,

We are thrilled to announce that from March 1st to March 22nd, we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Providence House, a local non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter and supportive services to families and children in need.

With the ongoing pandemic and economic challenges, many families are struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table. That's why we're inviting our community to come together and help make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

We are looking for donations of nonperishable food items, such as canned goods, pasta, rice, and cereal, that will help provide meals and nourishment to families and children who rely on Providence House's services.

Donations can be dropped off at our designated collection box at the entrance into the lodge. We encourage everyone to get involved and help make a positive impact in our community. Let's come together to support those who need it most!

The Women's Auxiliary Presents The Fabulous Greaseband April 14th tickets are \$30.

**Huge dance floor** 

Free Parking

Bring your own snacks

Reserved seating

Contact

Jody Turner 609-273-1425

Terri Jewell 609-213-8507

For tickets or go to

Bordentownelks.org

#### **AUXILIARY OFFICERS**

**President**Heather Cheesman 609-298-7828

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Nancy Debnarik 609-870-2048

Secretary Christina Heineman 609-954-2302

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Chaplain
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#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Three Year
Carole Moore 609-433-7979

Two Year Shirley Solarski 609-731-9752

One Year
Rosemary Becker 609-915-6754





## Sandwich Night Menus 6pm-7pm \$10

March 1, 2023	ENF - BBQ Chicken
March 8, 2023	House - Pork Roll or Cheesesteak, Salad, Dessert
March 15, 2023	Convention - Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Regular, Big Dog or Buffalo Style
March 22, 2023	Auxiliary– Meatball or Sausage Sub, French Fries, Salad, Dessert
March 29, 2023	PER - Jack Becker's Famous Meatloaf



## **Secretary Notes**

If you'd like to remit your dues at the Lodge, you will find in the "Secretary's Corner" of the bar there are envelopes and membership dues slips. Please complete the remittance slip, enclose the envelope and leave the envelope with the bartender on duty.

Take a peek at our **delinquent list** posted in the bar. If you know someone on the list, please encourage him or her to get current. As required of me, I have notified all delinquent Members that they will be dropped from the rolls March 31st.

Balloting of Life Membership candidate Tom Carroll will be held at the March 20, 2023 meeting.

Jessica Waite
Lodge Secretary



## Leading Knight's Message

Over the last month we had a lot of great events. Like to thank Jesse our ER for hosting a fantastic Super Bowl event. Also Heather Cheesman and her Women's Auxiliary for the Dueling Pianos, it was a great show. Our Convention Committee also had their Super Bowl Bingo which was a huge success. Thank you all

Bill Cranmer Leading Knight

## Membership

### PROUD TO BE AN ELK

The lodge grows when members propose new candidates to become an elk. Be an Ambassador for the lodge. Bring a family member and/or friend to one of our functions and promote the lodge.

Dropped members can be reinstated for a \$30 application fee. Also, a 2/3rd vote at a general Lodge meeting is required. Once this is accomplished, you will need to pay the prorated dues. No back dues are assessed.

Jack Becker, PER Chairperson



#### **PER**

To All Lodge Members, the PER Association will be Celebrating the Installation of The Women's Auxiliary (4pm) along with the Lodge Officers (5pm) on March 25th. Immediately following is their Reception. Come Dine, Dance and Celebrate with the Incoming and Outgoing Officers. The Event will be catered by Toscano Ristorante and Steak House. Zack and his Team will provide the culinary excellence that we have had the pleasure to experience in the past. Music will be provided by DJ Frank Oliveti to keep everyone entertained and dancing. Tickets are available at the Lodge Bar or through the Lodge Secretary. The next PER Meeting will be on March 22, at 7:30. We will meet with the ER and his Officers at 7:15pm.

Our next Sandwich Night will be on March 29th. The menu for this dinner is "Jack Becker's Grandmother's Famous Meatloaf".

Edward Taddei Jr., PER

Chairperson

### **Convention 2023**

Convention would like to congratulate Marty Sierra on winning the Super Bowl 50/50. Be on the watch for our next raffle for Spring.

Please have contracts for Wildwood in by Marche 5th for the free room drawing. If not interested in the free room drawing please have contracts back in and paid in full by April 1st.

Patty Marosovitz Chrissy Heineman
Co-Chairperson Co-Chairperson

## **Lodge Activities**

The next scheduled Lodge Activities meeting will be on Friday, March 24, 2023 at Bordentown Lodge. The monthly meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month, as scheduled and the location is rotated throughout the district lodges.

The district encourages all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, and any officers to attend and participate. The meetings are very informative and usually review the Statutes and have training sessions. All are welcome!

Hank Elmer, PDD

Chairperson

## **Army of Hope**

The State Army of Hope Committee continues to remember/assist the families of our New Jersey fallen heroes, the severely wounded soldiers/veterans and those with severe post-traumatic stress disorder and their families.

Hank Elmer, PDD

Chairperson



#### **ENF**

The Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, meet the needs of veterans, and invest in the communities where Elks live and work. The ENF has a scholarship program, the Community Investments Program, the Hoop Shoot and the Drug Awareness Program, plus it supports the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. You can learn more at elks.org/enf, or by talking to me! I can also tell you

More about the ways to support ENF's work.

Our 2022-2023 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80, we are currently at \$3.87, so please send in your donations or give here: DONATE

A 501(c)(3) public charity, the Elks National Foundation helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. For more information on the ENF, visitelks.org/enf. Review the 2022-20223 grants and appropriations at enf.elks.org/appropriations.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our last sandwich night! We are currently selling hearts from now until 2/15 that will be hung in the bar. The large heart is \$5 and your donation helps ENF! Find me in the bar!

#### Student of the Month

Our Committee Chair Ellen Benowitz hosted another Student of the Month on Wednesday February 15, 2023. Ellen presented 6 students from our area schools with Certificates of Merit and a \$25 Gift Card. Thank you Ellen for a job well done.

Grason Jones, PER Chairperson

## **Special Youth and Charities**

Save the Date. April 6, 2023.

\$10,000 Dinner catered by beautiful downtown Toscano Restaurant. Dress Code Business Casual. No hats, Bermuda shorts ok, blue jeans ok, no rips or tears, no tank tops, no t-shirts, collard shirts.

Grason Jones, PER

Chairperson

#### **Trustees**

Thank you to the Can-Do committee for dedicating your Wednesdays to our Lodge!

The Can-Do Committee is at the Lodge every Wednesday morning. If you can spare a few hours to join in their efforts on Wednesdays or any other day, please reach out and let us know.

If you see something around the Lodge that needs attention, please let us know.

Bruce Smith

Chairperson



#### **Veterans/America**

I would like to thank Jim Turner for serving as Chairperson for the Veterans Committee for the past two years. We appreciate all he has done for the committee and happy to see him staying on the committee to help us out.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7:15pm. We are always looking for new volunteers to help us out. If you think you might want to learn more about our committee and join, please come to a meeting. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:15pm

The Veterans Committee will be doing Wednesday Dinner on April 5th. The menu will be Italian Roast Pork Sandwich with Spinach and Provolone Cheese made by Frank the Baker, on Torpedo Roll, Potato Wedges, Salad, Dessert and Coffee. Please come out and join us for dinner.

Sandy Schemelia Chairperson



#### **Women's Gourmet**

Women's Gourmet has openings for additional tables. Prospective table captains should contact Jessica Waite for more information. (609) 937-9843.

Jessica Waite Chairperson

#### **Men's Gourmet**

Men's Gourmet is on the 9th this month. As previously announced, the price for Gourmet has increased to \$50 per person. The Menu Entree is a selection of Root Beer Pork Chop or Pan Roasted Branzino. There are a few openings at some tables if you are interested in attending.

Edward Taddei, Jr., PER Chairperson



## **Special Children's Committee**

Our next Sunday breakfast is set for March 19th. See you all there. As a reminder, the price of breakfast is \$10. The menu has not changed and we hope to bring you our good hot breakfast as always. Elks Camp Moore applications are out for the 2023 season. Please contact me for an applications 609-731-8616 or <a href="mailto:kyle.wisn@gmail.com">kyle.wisn@gmail.com</a>). It is now a completely online process and I can easily step you through it.

P.S. SCC needs your help. We have been very successful in raising money for activities for kids, I thank you all for your help. We are running out of kids. We need kids to enjoy our bowling events, our baseball games, and going to Camp Moore. If anyone knows of special children in our area who would like this, please send them our way. We are also in need of members to come and help out at our activities. Extra hands are always needed and appreciated.

You can always contact me at 609-731-8616 or kyle.wisn@gmail.com

Kyle Wisn

**Chairperson** 

## Chaplain

#### **Member Sick List**

Heavenly Father, we ask that you grant these special people a speedy recovery and a future full of good health. Amen.

#### **Departed Members**

William Nelan

May Almighty God grant our brothers the rewards of good life and offer comfort and solace to their bereaved families. To our absent members. Amen.

If you are aware of anyone who is sick, hospitalized or has unfortunately passed away, notify **Chaplain Stephanie Kowalski (609)227-1738 or <u>StephKowalski3@outlook.com</u></u>. It is important to us that we show respect to our Members at all times, most importantly in death. As we no longer call their names on the Roll, let us honor them one last time. It has been a pleasure being your chaplain for 22-23 Elks Year.** 

Stephanie Kowalski

Chairperson

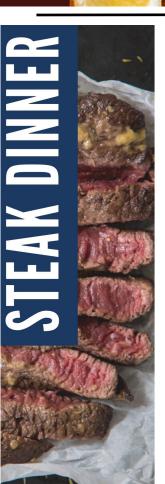
## **ELK OF THE MONTH**

APRIL	2022 - Patty Marosovitz	OCTOBER	2022 - Vira Jaskir
MAY	2022 - Libby McAleavy	NOVEMBER	2022 - Rich Brettell
JUNE	2022 - Darlene DeLuca-Campbell	DECEMBER	2022 - Tom Fratticcioli
JULY	2022 - Tara Woodcock	JANUARY	2023 - Lisa Jantz
AUGUST	2022 - Larry Hannawacker	FEBRUARY	2023 - Karen Walter
SEPTEMBER	2022 - Ralph Cianfrano	MARCH	2023 -









## 2023 Convention Committee Steak Dinner

Friday, May 12, 2023

#### **Two Seatings**

6:00 pm Seating: Upper Ballroom

7:00 pm Seating: Bar Area (First Come First Serve)

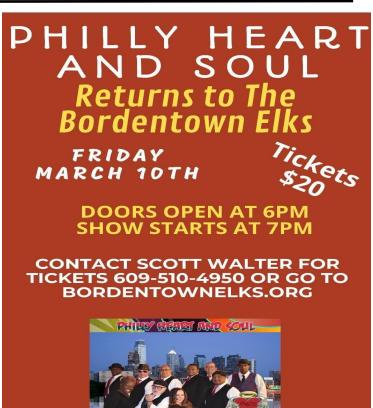
#### **Tickets & Reservations**

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

Reservation required by May 6, 2023

#### **Contact:**

Don Wirth (609) 273-7189 donwirth@comcast.net



FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE











#### **Together Everyone Achieves More**



## 2022-2023 Committees and Chairpersons

AMERICANISM	Jim Turner	609-203-6696	MEMBERSHIP	Jack Becker, PER	609-915-6815
ARMY OF HOPE	Hank Elmer, PDD	609-610-6780	INVESTIGATION INDOCTRINATION	Grason Jones, PER Danny Sholes, PDD	609-306-2943 609-870-7216
Audio Video	Scott Walter	609-510-4950	MEMORIAL SERVICE	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
AUDITING	Michael Grant, Jr	609-744-9911		,	
BAR	Barry Mollis	609-954-4902	MOTORCYCLE	Jack Becker Jr.	609-947-4615
Bingo	Chuck Betros	609-510-6030	Parliamentarian	Rich Groth	609-203-5718
BLOOD DRIVE	Patty Marosovitz Dave Rooney, PER	609-658-6936 609-610-2358	PER Association	Ed Taddei, PER	609-280-3364
BULLETIN	Jason Campbell	609-668-5167	PUBLIC RELATIONS		
Camera Club	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	QUOITS LEAGUE		
0	Dan Dametta	000 500 0007	RITUAL COACH	Danny Sholes PDD	609-870-7216
CAN DO	Dan Parrotta	609-588-0807	B	Maliana Caragua	000 470 7004
CHARITIES	Erin Derrico		RENTAL AGENT	Melissa Sprague	609-470-7631
COMMUNITY WELFARE	David Rooney, PER	609-610-2385	SAFETY	Don Burns	609-477-8615
CONVENTION FLOAT	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	SCHOLARSHIPS	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
PLOAT	Patty Marosovitz Christina Heineman	609-658-6936	SECURITY CAMERAS	Bill Perna	609-529-6811
PARADES (DISTRICT)		609-954-2302	SICKNESS AND	Stephanie Kowalski	609-227-1738
TARABES (DIOTRIOT)	Robert McVicker PDD, PST, PVP, PER	609-731-1225	DISTRESS		
DRUG AWARENESS	Rosemarie Weaver	858-414-5341	SHUFFLEBOARD	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
ELKS NAT'L FUND	Stephanie Kowalski	609-227-1738	SPECIAL CHILDREN	Kyle Wisn	609-731-8616
ENTERTAINMENT			SPECIAL YOUTH & CHARITIES	Grason Jones, PER	609-306-2943
FLAG RETIREMENT			STUDENT OF MONTH	Ellen Benowitz	609-847-2622
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	Sandy Schemelia	609-213-0068	TRUSTEES	Bruce Smith	609-558-1306
Golf	Kevin Marosovitz	609-658-5628	VETERANS	Sandy Schemelia	609-213-0068
GOURMET - WOMENS	Jessica Waite	609-937-9843		<b>,</b>	
Gourmet – Men	Ed Taddei, PER	609-280-3364	WHEELCHAIRS & EQUIPMENT	Jason Ispanky	215-630-3229
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S BOWLING	Sue Giancola	609-324-9010	Women's Auxiliary	Heather Cheesman, PER	609-298-7828
House Governing Body	Bill Cranmer	609-658-7459	Youth Activities		
INSTANT RAFFLE	Bill Cranmer	609-658-7459			
LODGE ACTIVITIES	Rhoda Jasko Hank Elmer, PDD	609-610-6780			
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#### Committee Chairs,

See the officer that is assigned to your committee below. If there is a district meeting that you cannot attend, please notify the officer that is assigned or the Exalted Ruler.

Bill Cranmer Better Parades (Float), Entertainment, Charity, Can-Do Bob Faber Bingo, Youth Activities, Drug Awareness

Joe Ratajczak Membership, Americanism, Special Children, ENF





## March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 SANDWICH NIGHT	2	3 FISH FRY 6-8	4 WINGS, KARAOKE
5	6 LODGE MTG	7 <b>BINGO 7:00</b>	8 SANDWICH NIGHT	9 MEN'S GOURMET	10 PHILLY HEART AND SOUL	11
12	13	14 BINGO 7:00	15 SANDWICH NIGHT	16 WOMEN'S GOUMET	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY	18
19 SCC BREAKFAST	20 LODGE MTG	21 BINGO 7:00	22 SANDWICH NIGHT	23	24	25 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
26	27	28 BINGO 7:00	29 SANDWICH NIGHT	30	31	

LODGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS		
LODGE MEETINGS - 1ST AND 3RD MONDAY 7:30PM	HOUSE COM - 4TH MONDAY 7:30PM	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS- 2ND MONDAY 7:30PM	YOUTH ACTIVITIES - 1ST WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COM - 4TH MONDAY 7:00PM	VETERANS COM - 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:15PM	
MEN'S GOURMET - 2ND THURSDAY 6:30PM	WOMEN'S GOURMET - 3RD THURSDAY 6:30PM	
SHUFFLEBOARD—1ST & 3RD MONDAYS POST MTG	MOTORCYCLE COM - 2ND TUESDAY 7:00PM	
AUXILIARY GEN. MTG - 2ND WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	PER ASSN - 4TH WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	
AUXILIARY BOARD MTG - 1ST WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	MEMBERSHIP - 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:30PM	
CONVENTION COM 1ST TUESDAY 7:30PM	AUDIO/VIDEO COM - 2ND TUESDAY 7:30PM	



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Darlene and Jason Campbell **Editors** 



# MARCH

Please join us and say Happy Birthday to our March Birthday Elks!
Birthday Elks, please come to the lodge within the month of March and receive your free gift.

David Beagle John Becker Sr Connie Beckman Michael Benson Ron Bever David Black Charnel Bohn Joseph Bowen Charles Brick Robert Brophy Christopher Burns Janet Callahan Jason Campbell James Cannon Erin Carroll Sharon Carroll Thomas Carroll Lonnie Cathel Joseph Chenkus Jr Vincent Costa Joseph Crilly

Robert Currie

Paul Cutrupi

Michael Debnarik Michael Elko Raymond Fackenthall Jr Mary Fanelli Matthew Festa Ralph Fiasco David Goebel Michele Goodwin Michael Grant Sr Christopher Grant Richard Grouser Sr Catherine Gutterson Jonathan Guzik Lawrence Hannawacker Andrew Harp Marie Henry Michael Henry Joseph Hernandez Jeffrey Hickman Rachel Hill

William Jones

Maureen Kelly

Henry Josephick Jr

Stephanie Kowalski Kimberly Krauss Kenneth Kreidler Karl Krueger Arthur Landolfi Harry Letts Eric Lippincott Gary Lippincott Steven Lutz Kevin Lynch Lawrence McCarthy Barry Mollis David Morales Michael Murphy Ronald Natriello Scott Noble Stanley Olszak Bobby Osbourne Samuel Paglione Jr Edward Parker Jr. John Peterson Ann Marie Petit-Clair

Martin Potash Jr

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