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Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 29 - St. Pat's Day meeting
- Jan. 31 - Pinewood Derby 10:30am
- Feb. 9 - Elks Community Blood Drive
- Feb. 24 - Lodge Elections
- March 14 - St. Patrick's Day
- April 4 - Nashville Night
- April 10 - Fish Fry



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Trustees meeting 7pm	4	5	6 Friday Night Food	7
8	9	10 House Comm. 6pm & Lodge meeting	11	12	13 Friday Night Food	14
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22	23	24 House Comm. 6pm & Lodge meeting	25	26	27 Friday Night Food	28
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Exalted Ruler's Message For February 2009



To my Brothers and Sisters,
We are coming round to the end of the Lodge year, elections are this month and I'm hopeful of everyone in the Lodge being involved in the process. It's your Lodge; you control what goes on in it. This is a large organization and your comments, ideas, and participation are needed to continue to improve it. This is a team effort, and for many active members a labor

of love. So bottom line, if you are interested in a position or have an idea you can see me, or have someone nominate you (current Officers included) at the first Lodge meeting in February. Any campaigning should fall within the Order's Statutes of what is proper; Secretary George or I can help you with that. State your case for your election, just remember that we are all brothers and sisters and we all should have the utmost respect and consideration for each other. It's fine that we disagree, but how we treat each other while disagreeing should separate us as Elks from everyone else.

In other business, over the past almost 2 years, I have been an enthusiastic advocate of upgrading our facilities. You all know I believe our Lodge property should be one of the jewels of Elks lodges. We have concentrated on deferred maintenance, upkeep, painting, and small scale renovations while trying to improve the members enjoyment of the lounge, such as the flat screen TV's. This fall and winter I was hoping to get some of the larger improvements approved by the Lodge and to get started on them. We have been saving money for these things, but now with the economy the way it is, and with nobody really knowing where it's headed, I think we should be conservative and watchful of what we spend. I've talked with Harry and other officers and we agree that patience is needed at this time. This doesn't mean we stop improving our facility, it just means we hold off on committing large dollars to something if we can avoid it right now. Smaller projects and cosmetic fix ups will actually increase in frequency as they are more often low cost and able to be completed by members. So when you can, stop in, and see what's going on, if you can help please do. You don't need to be handy as there are lots of things that need to be done that are not construction oriented. I know all the committee chairmen love it when someone asks to help.

The Lodge cleanup week is going good, and I've made a list of other tasks I want to undertake this winter. Repainting the Lounge will start next week and we'll go from there. I want to make this building a place the members love to come to and are proud of when they are here. With your help it will be!

Speaking of something to be proud of, go to WWW.brigantineelks.com Fran and her committee are doing a wonderful job on the website. Six months ago we were in the computer dark ages and now we are actually functioning and thriving in the virtual world. There are a lot of people who have paved the way, Thank You all! I keep promising to make this message shorter, but it's hard to stop when there's so much to tell you all, sorry Jeanne.

-- Fraternally, Dave

PERs Preside First Meeting in February

The first meeting in February is when the Past Exalted Rulers come out to preside at the Lodge meeting. It only happens once a year and it's usually one of the more enjoyable meetings of the year. It is also the meeting when nominations are made for the next years Lodge officers. The repast after the meeting is an upgrade from our usual hoagies which is another reason to come on out. Hope to see you on Feb. 10th.

19 People To Be Voted On For Membership Feb. 10

The following people have been interviewed and will be voted on for membership during the Feb. 10 general meeting -- Maria Handle, Arthur Burlington, Frank Kern MD, Tommy LePera, Margaret Daniel, Harrison "Bud" Tyson, James DiBella, Ben Blaise Spinelli, Patrick Joseph McMahan, Gail Gallagher, Jacob Vargo III, John Blosinski Jr. Michael McMahan, Fred Wirschning, William Ronca, Devan Desandis, John McCrane, Franklin Hauer, Joseph Picardi and Charles Bond (by dimit).

New Rates for Boat Slips

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank the many members who participated in the Trustees' meeting on Jan. 6 to express their opinions on the boat slip fees. The ideas and opinions were essential in enabling the Board to reach a decision that is both fair and in the best interest of the Lodge. The rates below reflect a four-year plan that was unanimously adopted by the Board. Thanks again for your patience and positive contributions. Fraternally, Nancy Tregnan, Trustee Chairperson. Boat Slip Rates: **20-FOOT AND UNDER:** 2008: \$700, 2009: \$770; 2010: \$785; 2011: \$805; 2012: \$820; **25-FOOT AND UNDER:** 2008: \$850; 2009: \$935; 2010: \$955; 2011: \$975; 2012: \$995; **25-FOOT AND OVER:** 2008: \$1,000, 2009: \$1,100; 2010: \$1,125; 2011: \$1,150; 2012: \$1,175. We will review the rates again in 2013.

Brigantine Antlers Now Online

The Antlers is now available on www.brigantineelks.com. For those of you who have given us your updated email address, you will receive an email each month when the Antlers is posted. This will include a link to the Antlers page. The Antlers is in PDF format, which means you need Adobe Acrobat Reader to view the posting. There is a link to the Adobe Reader website, in case you need to download it. However, most personal computers come with Reader already installed. Some of you have already received the January Antlers by this method. However, of the 180 email addresses that we have, about 25 of those were incorrect. This is either because of misunderstanding of handwriting, or because the address is no longer valid. Anyone who did not receive the January email and would like to help save the Elks thousands of dollars a year in postage fees, should send their latest email address to webadmin@brigantineelks.com.

Snowbirds!

We miss you and we're jealous to! You can keep up with your Lodge at www.Brigantineelks.com Drop us a note and let us know where you are and how your doing. If there's any fun things going on at the Florida Lodges that we could copy, let us know.

Hoop Shoot Happenings

Hats off to Bucky Amend, son of member Bill Amend, for traveling to Lower Township on Sunday, Jan. 4th to compete in the Elks South District Hoop Shoot. Bucky made 25 out of 25 at the foul line to win top honors in the 12 to 13 age group. Bucky, family, and friends will be traveling to the Woodbridge High School on Sunday, February 8th to compete against the best in New Jersey. The school and community should all be proud of the great job Becky's done so far.



Lounge Looking Maaaavelous!

With the help of a few good men (and women), the lounge improvements were finished in the course of one week! At left is the new floor under reconstruction. At right Eric Tucker applies some finishing touches.



Brigantine Elks Lodge Community Blood Drive

The Brigantine Elks Community Blood Drive, under the direction of the American Red Cross, will be held Monday, February 9, from 1pm-7pm, in the Banquet Room. Appointments are preferred. For an appointment please contact: The Brigantine Elks Lodge at: (609) 266-9826 any day after 2pm. Your blood donation can save a life! Thank you.

Request For Old Lodge Pictures

Submitted by Fran Heineman, Elks Webmaster

Kathy Joyce has written a History of the Brigantine Elks for our new website, www.brigantineelks.com. After hours of interviewing our founder and first Exalted Ruler, Harry McGarrigel III, and our current Secretary, George Glomb, Kathy has collated the information to tell a great story of the early years of Lodge #2428. Over the years, our lodge has undergone several transformations, and we would love to add a visual history to enhance the written one. The current lodge, which was the old Brigantine Boat Yard, was not established until 1975. Prior to that, meetings were held at Tom Battle's Restaurant and Bar which was located where Trump Marina now stands. The installment of the first 65 members took place at St. Phillip's school in 1970. The Brigantine Motor Inn served as the lodge from 1970-1975. So, if you have any pictures of our lodge in its many phases, the old boatyard, pictures of the original members, Tom Battle's bar, the Motor Inn, or any others that you think might be relevant, please let us borrow them to scan into our website. We'd like to know what the photo depicts and the year, if possible. Please drop them in an envelope with your name and a phone number enclosed. They will be returned promptly. You can leave them in mailbox of Bill Joyce, Leading Knight, at the lodge.

Friday Night Dinner Committee

Submitted by Nancy Muncer

Friday Night Food is still going strong! The Baked Potato Bar was a big success. Special thanks to Toni Harris, Karl Stock, Dot Mathieson, Paul Consorte, Steve and Eileen Mahan for providing their favorite meatloafs. The Feb. 6 menu is not set yet, but mark your calendar for Feb. 13, as John Hand and crew are repeating their Valentine's Day Dinner with Prime Rib or a Seafood Combo. Live music will be provided in the Lounge. Don't miss this event! On Feb. 20 we are holding our 2nd Annual Soup-er Bowl Cookoff. Last year we had 13 entries. If you want to enter your favorite soup, see the sign-up board in the lounge. If you just want to sample some soup, for a small fee you can sample as many soups as you want plus salad and bread, AND you get to vote for your favorite soup! Volunteers are still needed for Friday Night Food. If you would like to try a night, the winter or early spring are the best times. Fewer dinners are served during this period and it's a great way to get your feet wet. We have two reliable waitresses and there's always someone available to help in the kitchen if needed. Call Nancy Muncer at 609-289-1010 with any questions. (See photos of past Friday night dinners below)



Above left: Norm Wagenheim and Dot Mathieson help out in the kitchen during Friday Night Food. **At center,** many diners enjoy a home-cooked meal. **At right:** (L to R) are Dot Mathieson, Terry Kachur and Eileen Mahan preparing the buffet.

2009 Wildwood Convention T-Shirts On Sale Now No Pockets \$10, Pockets \$12.50.

The order form is posted in the lounge. Thanks for your support.

Attention All Members

We, the Elks Lodge #2428, are the chartering organization for Brigantine's Cub Pack #23 and Boy Scout Troop #23. John Livezey is the Scout Master of the Troop and the Pack Committee Chair and Cindy Powers is the Cub Master for the Pack. They need your help to serve on the scouting committee. Committee members do supportive things like fund raising, public relations, book keeping, advancement tracking, transportation, and other behind the scene things to help the pack and troop run smoothly. Committee members don't have to go camping, if they don't want to. They meet once a month at the lodge.

We are also looking for people who enjoy the outdoor life, and like camping, fishing, climbing, etc., to work directly with the scouts. If you are 18 or older, and have an interest, you may qualify to be one of our scout leaders. You need not be a member of the Elks to do this.

John Livezey is hosting a scout committee meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd, at the lodge from 8 pm - 9:30 pm. Anyone interested please attend. John Livezey cell:609-233-6047. email: deliver10@comcast.net. Need not be a member of the Elks to be part of this committee.

Cub Scouting in Brigantine

Cub Scout Pack #23 is holding their second annual **Pine Wood Derby**, aturday, January 31st at the Elks Lodge. Registration and weigh ins will be at 11:00AM with racing to begin at 11:30AM. For information please email John Livezey at deliver10@comcast.net or call 609-233-6047.



Thanks to all the good lodge members who helped out with the Elks Childrens and Special Needs Children's Christmas parties in December. At left are just a few of the volunteers. At right are event chairpersons Terry and Lenny Kachur nestled in between one of Santa's reindeer. Behind them is the balloon house Lenny constructs each holiday season.



Please, Please, Please

Get the Lodge your E-Mail address; it will greatly simplify communication within the Lodge. Also if you could update your phone numbers, and add your cellular phone numbers. Thanks in advance.-- ER Dave Biggins.

Lodge E-mail address: HFMIII2428GEG@verizon.net

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OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:

www.brigantineelks.com

Members who requested E-Mail delivery, at some point this month we are hoping to go through a dry run of our E-Mail delivery system, so you may receive this Antlers newsletter a second time.

Sickness and Distress: Allyson Arnold is handling the sending of care packages, flowers, fruit baskets, etc. to any Elk who is sick or in distress. Please let her know as soon as possible if you know of someone who is in need of our help. Reach her at home at 266-1940, and feel free to leave a message. Her work number at the Beach Cab is 266-TAXI (8294).

Saint Patrick's Day on the Horizon!

That's right; the Brigantine Elks will be celebrating the big day on Saturday March 14. We will kick off the festivities with refreshments at the Lodge starting at 10:00am. By 11:00ish we will be on the bus heading over to the Atlantic City Boardwalk to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Everyone who has walked the boards knows what a great time this is! We have a float and our own "Elks" band playing all the favorites. If you don't feel you can walk the whole parade route there is always room on the float. The bus will bring us back to the Lodge where the party will continue with an Irish Buffet dinner, the band playing and a Dj. Look for further details and announcements as we get closer to the wearing of the green. Chairwoman Sara Huff is thinking big, if you want to help there will be an organizing meeting on January 29 at 7PM.

A Big Thank You! to the Sunday Football Crew!

A big thanks from all the members to that small group who came in every Sunday before the pro football games and set up the serving area so when people brought food in to share there were warming trays, crock pots, and condiments available. Don Miller and Rick Jacobs also would warm up any extra's that were left after Friday food to serve to the members. They worked to make sure everyone on Sundays had a good time. There were other helpers as well, Linda Risso would come in early every week and help with the setup, Steve Mahan, and Mark and Sheryl Gill helped decorate before the big games, Bernadette Crossland did a ton of cleaning up, and Barb Grube did a some of everything. Last but not least THANKS to all the members who brought in all the great food during the year. Don't forget the Super Bowl Party, Barbs in charge and she's got some great food and entertainment for you!

Dr. Gussie Retires !!

Dr. William Gussie, Principal of Brigantine North Middle School for the past 12 years has retired effective December 31, 2008. Dr. Gussie is a great friend of the Brigantine Elks; He supported and encouraged our programs at school and in the community. There was always time for us in his busy schedule, and if anyone had kids at school under Dr. Gussie you know the job he did with all of the kids. He will be sorely missed at school, in the community, and by the Brigantine Elks. Thank You Bill, for everything! Mr. Brian Pruitt has been named Dr. Gussie's replacement and we are off to a great start, with all the things we're doing with the kids. The Mural project, Stokes Breakfast, and our Flag Day ceremony at the school are all on track.

Lodge Elections for 2009-'10

Don't forget Lodge nominations for Lodge officers are the first meeting in February (Tues. Feb. 10th) and elections will be held at the 2nd meeting in February (Tues. Feb. 24th)

Lodge Cleanup and fix up week

Thanks to all the members who were able to give some time to cleanup and do different projects and jobs around the Lodge. The tasks are not complete at the time this is being written, but we have finished the repair of the floor behind the bar in the lounge, and the lounge has reopened. Lots of cleaning and straightening, putting up plaques earned during the lodge year, and in general getting the old girl ready for another Lodge year. A couple of things that will stretch out over the next couple of weeks are cleaning the carpets including the stairs and 2nd floor, and repainting the lounge, at night it looks passable, but during the day you can really see that it needs a repainting. We also will be stripping the walls of any old or unnecessary wires or piping, adding another message board, and begin prepping for some lighting and sound upgrades. Lots of people have helped so far and here's a brief rundown. Leading Knight Bill Joyce is heading up the group fixing the lounge flooring, Don Miller, Ed Sprang, Steve Mahan, Chris Grube, Paul Consorte, Eric Tucker, and of course EOTY Rick Jacobs. John Hand lent tools and support. Brian Smith not only donated material for electrical runs, but got right in there installing conduit and wire. Bartender Art, Steve Mahan, Don Miller, Linda Fisher, Cheryl Gill, and newly admitted member Bill Toner emptied the lounge bar and area so the work could get started first thing Monday morning. Linda Fisher and Sheryl Gill are giving all the boxes and equipment a real cleaning, Barb Grube has been an organizing and cleaning machine in the kitchen, and Kathy Joyce has been a whirlwind throughout the building. Some material has been donated, Metro flooring provided the flooring behind the bar, and Coastline Painting owned by Island homeowner Fred Bowen gave us 10 gallons of paint. Its amazing how the membership jump in to get things done and nonmembers donate things to us so that we can continue our good work.