

BRIGANTINE LODGE
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October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Trustees meeting 7pm 2	Friday Night Food 3	4 Soccer Shoot
5	6	7	8	9	Friday Night Food 10	11
12	13	House Comm. 6pm & Lodge meeting 14	15	16	Friday Night Food 17	18
19	20	21	22	23	Friday Night Food 24	25
26	27	House Comm. 6pm & Lodge meeting 28	29	30	Friday Night Food 31	

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 29 - Lodge 2428
Golf Outing
Oct. 4 - Soccer Shoot
Nov. 1 - Community Night
Nov. 8- New Class
Nov. 7-9 - Lodge Striper Tournament
Nov. 29- B Street Band - fundraiser
(details to follow)
Dec. 14 - Elks kids Christmas party



Antlers



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Exalted Ruler's Message For October 2008



To my Brothers and Sisters.

What a Bayfest we had! Everyone should be proud of the bang-up job that was done, the spirit of fun, cooperation, hard work and fraternity, combined to really make it a great weekend. So many good ideas worked so well that Harry, stood up at our regular meeting and said that it was the largest check the Lodge ever received, and Harry's been around a while. Way to go Brigantine Lodge #2428.

As we go into the fall there are still lots going on at the Lodge, just check out all the stuff in this Antlers. Friday night food is going back to its roots this Friday with a Five Dollar Dinner, Sausage and Peppers, Burgers, Dogs, or a big Chef's Salad; it doesn't get much better than that! There is so much going on that if I try to list it all I'll be writing all day. I will say how proud and grateful I am for all the stuff everyone is doing. You can feel the energy flowing throughout the Lodge. You know, volunteering and helping your community can be very tedious and time consuming. It is what we make of it, and with lots of people helping, we're making it fun, and getting lots of things accomplished. If you have an idea, don't be shy, bring it up and let's talk about it. One more thing, as most of you know we have been working to upgrade our computer systems and I was really hoping to be able to give you some good news, but as computers sometimes will, there has been a glitch and it won't be until next month that I can update you with some good news. The fall can be the best time of year in Brigantine, make sure you all take the time to enjoy it.

Fraternally, Dave

For the good of the Lodge

For the first time in a number of years the officers of your Lodge will be participating in the statewide ritual contest for all Elks Lodges.

They will be judged by the South District Ritual Judging Team at the District Deputy visit to our Lodge on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at our regular meeting. Most of you have only seen the ritual performed at your own initiation, and I'm sure it was all a blur for you that evening, I know it was for me. This would be a good time for you to sit back and listen to the story that the Ritual tells. Your Lodge officers have already started practicing, and there is a tremendous amount of work that goes into putting on an impressive performance, and the officers should be commended for their efforts. Ray Angelestro is coaching the group, along with assistance from Harry, and Allyson Arnold.

Golfers Wanted!

The Links at Brigantine Beach will again be the setting for our Lodge's annual Golf tournament. Monday September 29th is the date. It will be a shotgun start and food and fun back at the Lodge. Please contact Jim Dicecco, or Paul Consorte for more details. You don't have to be Tiger Woods to come out and have a really fun time!



The Cub Scouts will meet at the Lodge the 2nd Thursday of every month. Put it in your calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts!

House Committee

Submitted by Fred Tocherman, Chairman

The committee meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:00pm before our regular Lodge meeting. All members are always welcome to attend. If you wish to use any part of

the Lodge building or grounds you must schedule it through the committee. Our facility is getting so busy that conflicts will occur if not scheduled properly. There is a form in the Lounge for you

to use if you want to rent the banquet hall. If it's a meeting or an activity that doesn't require use of the kitchen or Lodge support, then a phone call to the chairman is usually sufficient. Of course Lodge activities take precedence. There is a calendar book in the lounge for scheduling, any member may look at it, but no one is to write in it. All entries will be made only by the Chairman of the House Committee or by the Exalted Ruler.

Just a little reminder about Friday Night Food, and how it is so important to the Lodge. The proceeds from FNF are being used for equipment to upgrade our ability to serve customers at our events. So far we have purchased a new three burner griddle, two new burners for steamers and corn, new pots and colanders, an additional funnel cake machine, and we made a nice donation to our Lodges general fund at the end of our last fiscal year. Our next big item to purchase is a new large commercial grill for the outside, one of our old household type grills is on its last legs. Additionally, last week money raised on Friday Aug. 29th was combined with the more than \$800 dollars donated by our member's generosity to purchase a new 40" flat screen TV for the Lounge. As there were over four hundred dollars still left in the TV fund the committee will be asking the lodge at the next lodge meeting to approve additional funds to purchase another TV. Contrary to the opinion of some the reason to have nice TV's in the lounge is to increase revenue during the fall and winter. The Committee knows that if you want members to use the lounge then you must make it nice for them to want to come to. Let's face it, the new technology is so good that people will choose where to watch the game because of it. If you have any questions or comments you can call me on my cell at 609-334-1847

FALL BOAT SLIP RENTALS

The Board of Trustees has approved the monthly rental of boat slips to individuals on the Waiting List as they become available as a result of slipholders removing their boats. The monthly fee is 50. If you are currently on the Waiting List and interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please return the form that was mailed to you immediately.

Individuals on the Waiting List will be given preference according to their placement on the list.

Individuals who are not currently on the Waiting List and are interested in Fall rental of a slip can leave a note in the Trustee Mailbox in the Foyer, or contact Nancy Tregnan at (609) 264-0212 to find out about availability.

The Brigantine Youth Alliance

The Brigantine Youth Alliance, will be meeting at our Lodge on Tuesday Oct, 7th at 7:00pm, this new group is coming together under the direction of Julie Mandes Brig. Lodge Youth Activities Committee Chairperson. Please stop by and give Julie a Hand. This group of kids is made of all the youth groups on the island getting together to volunteer for Charitable causes. They are trying to make our community a better place, and we should give them all the help we can.

A New Jersey State Elks Association trip for two to Las Vegas includes five nights and lodging for two.

The drawing date: November 15. The bartender has tickets for sale.

Bayfest Report

What can I say? Wow, wow, wow. I thought we did well last year but this year the Bayfest Committee and the volunteers really blew me away! This year we had over 1200 hours of volunteer hours in the weeks preceding and the three days of Bayfest 2008. Time and again, I am continuously surprised by the members of this lodge and their volunteer spirit. People came up and told me they "didn't sign up for anything but just put me where you need me." You gotta love it! Steve Mahan served as Treasurer but not just Treasurer, he coordinated the Ad Book with Harrah's and handled all of the ads and booster that make up such a substantial part of the income of the event. It was an enormous amount of work. Thanks, Steve! The publicity committee, led by Terry Kachur, did a spectacular job. They arranged not just the ads our two newspapers and the Press, but the sign coming on to the island, the Channel 2 slides and the flyers in the windows of our local merchants. Terry, you and your team are invaluable. Thanks for a job well done.

Otto and Joe and the Kitchen Crew went above and beyond. They made the menu changes and challenges of being so far away from the pavilion look easy. Thanks so much for everything you and your team did.

Art did a bang up job again this year. We loved the banner flyovers on the beach! He did a great job not only with our beer vendor but all the hours prepping the ice and making sure we had towels and aprons and taking care of the lawn and the sprinklers so we didn't get wet unexpectedly. Also raffle ticket seller extraordinaire. You are the best, Art. Thank you for everything you did so quietly and so well. John Livezey ran the water events again this year. He did everything from contacting the lifeguards, ordering the trophies and medals, setting up the course, signing people in and making everything flow as scheduled. Nice job, Live Easy! Augie Doggie's Drum Circle was a hit again on Sunday. I wish the workers could have enjoyed the rhythmic sounds that were heard in the Banquet Hall. Everyone was really into the music. And, Augie, this year's design on the shirts was undoubtedly one of your best. We sold a record number of them this year. Jane Peltonen did another wonderful job with the Kid's Room. She kept the kid's busy with bingo and all kinds of crafts. The wall mural was great. It wasn't just the kids who enjoyed that, I saw more than one parent with brush in hand.

Thanks, Jane! Larry Keys and the "Beer Truck Guys" did a great job again this year. Some of them worked double and triple shifts. Thanks, guys. Eric Tucker cranked up his commercial ice making machine at home and supplied us with ice, saving us money. Thanks for your help, Eric! We really appreciated it. Thanks also go out to Brian Smith, Nancy and Bob Walker, Don Irons, Ann Adams, Jack & Dot Mathison, Nancy & Mike Muncer, Sam Storino, Kathy & Bill Joyce, Linda Camerota, Toni Harris, Mae Campbell and many, many others who did so much behind the scenes. There are so many more people to thank but we're out of space. Here is the bottom line, though, for the curious. Last year we handed the Lodge a check in the amount of \$19,000. This year it was \$24,000. Needless to say, nothing could be done without everyone working so hard to pull off this event and the support of our ER, Dave, and the officers who put in their time, too. Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart. Hope to see you at the Volunteer Appreciation party on October 4th.

Fraternally yours, Jeanne DiCecco, Trustee, Bayfest Chair.

Lodge Calendar for 2009

There will be a meeting on December 4th at the Lodge to begin planning the Lodge's events and activities for 2009. It is very important that Committee chairpersons attend, also anyone interested in running a function or fundraiser. At this time we will be discussing the allocation of our 12 permits to serve alcohol to the public. There are so many good reasons to do this planning in advance, such as shared supplies, Advertising, and applying for permits. This meeting is also very important because we are going to try to coordinate with the VFW, Legion, City, and the churches, along with all the other groups that run events. You would not believe all the work that has to go into this. Otto Harazim from the house committee is the point person on this, and hopefully this will not only benefit us, but every other charitable group on the island also.

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).

TRUSTEE REPORT

The trustees approved the following items:

- Donation to Holy Spirit Boys and Girls Crew — \$125.00
- Donation to Rich Gargel Scholarship Fund — \$50.00
- Payment of State Annual Life Hazard Registration Fee — \$497.00
- Contract for Jazz Festival Band — \$600.00
- Contract Deposit to Links For Annual Golf Outing — \$400.00
- Painting of the wall on the bay side of the building in conjunction with the Art Contest which is being held for Brigantine students. The position of not approving donations to individual causes that are anonymously requested was reinforced by the trustees. Reinvestment of the Lodge Certificates of Deposit is being reviewed. Additionally, the purchase of a Video Surveillance System was further discussed. The Exalted Ruler will present a plan for same at the next trustee meeting on Thursday October 2nd. As always, any member is invited to attend and observe the proceedings. If you have any concerns which you feel should be addressed by your Board of Trustees, leave a note in the trustee mailbox in the lodge foyer. A reminder to boatslip holders — Volunteer Hour Lists will be due November 01, 2008.

Submitted by: Nancy Tregnan / Trustee Chairperson

Soccer Shoot Out Saturday October 4th At 4:00pm. Who has the best shot in Brigantine? There are four age groups. Sponsored by the Brigantine Elks Lodge.

Children's Christmas Party

The Elks Children's Christmas Party is Sunday December 14, 2008 at 1:00pm. Children, Grandchildren, Stepchildren, Step-grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews of Elks members in good standing are welcome. Bring the kids to see Santa, his Elves, the Toy Soldier, The Balloon House, and all the wonderful things we do for our kids. Food and Refreshments for all! Children 9 years old and younger only. Must be sponsored by a member of Brigantine Elks Lodge #2428 Lenny and Terry Kachur Chairpersons Volunteers Needed and Welcome.

Tam Training

Calling all Officers, House Committee, Bartenders, Members who pour beer at events, and bracelet sellers. There will be a Tam (Techniques of Alcohol Management) Class at our Lodge on Sunday Morning October 5th at 8:00am. If you in any way serve alcohol or sell beer bracelets to the public at events you should be sure to take this class. This class will teach you to recognize and to react to prevent someone from being over served. This is by far the cheapest insurance we can buy, and we as a Lodge should take advantage of the opportunity. If you have taken the class before, check the expiration date on your Tam card, it must be renewed every three years. There will be Lunch served. Please call me to register at 610-7210-4956. The Lodge will pay the registration fee for you to attend.

Dear, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Don,

Please accept this letter as our formal request for Brigantine Lodge #2428 to cancel our second Lodge meeting in October. We normally meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. In October our second meeting will fall on the twenty-eighth. This will conflict with our Haunted House event, which has a very limited amount of time that it may run. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. I hope all is well with you and Steven. Fraternally, David Biggins Exalted Ruler

Boat slip holders and members on the waiting list

Volunteer hours must be submitted by November 1st with at least 25 hours recorded. If you are in need of hours call the maintenance committee chairperson Bill Joyce at 609-221-4738 or Dave B. at 610-721-4956

2nd Annual Striper Tournament

submitted by Mike Muncer and Guy Wilkins
On November 7, 8 and 9, the Elks will host their second Striper Tournament. There will be categories for both Surf and Boat. The Captains Meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7pm at the Lodge. An awards banquet will be held Sunday after the weigh-ins. For more information, contact Mike (264-0631) or Guy (266-0423).

New Class November 8th

On Saturday, November 8th, the Brigantine Elks Lodge will be inducting 10 new members. They include: Stephen Volpe, Joseph Boardman, James Miller, Barbar DePasquale, Harrison Tyson, Steven Dranoff, Edward Givens III, Stephen Gorman, Daryl Ashton and Fran Heineman. Congratulations!

Friday Night Food

This Friday, Sept. 26th, the Friday Night Menu will include Sausage and Peppers Sandwich, Cheeseburger or 2 Hotdogs, Dinner Salad, with French Fries and Dessert. All for \$5.

On Friday Night, October 10th, the menu will include a Seafood Combination with a 4-ounce jumbo lump Imperial Crab Cake broiled 4-ounce filet of flounder (fluke), fried 2 large shrimp, 2 sea scallops, 1 oyster, German Potato Salad, home-made cole slaw and, of course, Stock's Pound Cake.

How cool is this!!!!

Darin Hayes who is coming into the Lodge at our next class on September 27th is already making his presence felt. Darin has donated to the lodge a real Elk head! Yes, we will finally, after all these years have an Elk head in the lounge. You may be wondering what has been hanging over your heads all these years, well it is a Red Deer, or sometimes called a Mule deer. When you meet Darin you should buy him a beer and hoist a glass to our new genuine Elk.

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. -- Exalted Ruler Dave Biggins.

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Thank You To The Ladies of the Elks Brigantine Lodge #2428 will take place October 8th The doors open at 6:30pm. A \$15 donation is requested. All members are welcome.

If anyone has any Wheelchairs, Walkers, Crutches, or extra medical equipment in good condition that is not needed anymore the Lodge is always getting requests from people in need. If you would like to donate something please drop it off at the Lodge or call 609-266-9826 after 3:00pm any day for pickup.



Circle the calendar!!!!

On Sunday October 12th at 4:00pm the first Brigantine Elks football wing off will be held. Bring your best wings to the Lodge to be judged by your peers. There will be a much coveted prize for the winning wing recipe. Art will be up to his usual giveaways (and complaining how life's not fair to the Packers) He should try being an Eagles fan! Please no green wings, or blue ones for that matter. Just bring your best with enough to share.

