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

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 29 - Lodge 2428
Golf Outing
Nov. 1 - Community Night
Nov. 7-9 - Lodge Striper Tournament
Nov. 29- B Street Band - fundraiser
(details to follow)



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Exalted Ruler's Message For September 2008



To My Brothers and Sisters,

It's hard to believe that Bayfest is already here, but as I write this the membership is beginning to gather at the Lodge under Jeanne and her committee. It takes more than one hundred and fifty people volunteering their time over the last six months to stage an event of this size. I can't imagine how many donated hours that adds up to. It's really going to be a great weekend! I can't believe how hard it is to write about something right before it

happens, but no one will read about until after it's over. Especially when you've watched and been apart of the planning, and the anticipation is so high, I'm sure Jeanne is feeling the same nervous energy I am. I'll just leave it that I am psyched for this weekend. Just a reminder that the proceeds of Friday night food on Labor Day weekend will be going to upgrade the TV's in the lounge. It will be a great place to watch football this fall. By the way check out the notice of the Wing Off competition on Sunday October 12th. That should be a really good time. With all the volunteering and charitable work that's been going on around the Lodge it's nice to know that working hard for the good of the Lodge and community can be fun. Especially when there are plenty of people to share the load, this is really what friendship and fellowship are all about and after all isn't this why we joined the Elks. You should all take a well deserved break over the Labor Day weekend and enjoy your family and friends. I hope that everyone has a safe and fun holiday and I hope to see you soon at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Dave

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.

Brigantine City Block Party

On Wednesday evening August 20th the Brigantine Elks were a big hit as they sold Funnel Cakes to passers by during an evening of fun in the central business district. There were 2 bands, street performers, and all the stores and service organizations on the island participating. John Livesny, and Jay Mandes were our funnel cake experts for the evening. Brian Smith and his electrical crew were a huge help hooking up a 240volt 30 amp circuit to power the fryer. Phyllis from La Samana was kind enough to let us tap off their power supply to give us a great location to sell from. Over One Hundred and Fifty Dollars was raised for our charities, and the goodwill created for our Lodge by these members efforts was a big bonus.

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

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Food and Football

It is my unhappy duty to inform the membership that Labor Day is less than one week away. Where has the summer gone? I don't know about you, but I'm going to do my best to enjoy what little summer we have left, the good news is fall is so great in Brigantine. This is usually the nicest time of the year here so we will make the best of it, starting with Friday night 8/29, when Friday night food dishes out seafood for all! The menu includes fried shrimp; Fresh Cleaned Crabs courtesy of Doug, and Dee, there will also be Steak for the non fish eaters. There will be salads and sides and hopefully a surprise or two. The money raised will be added to the already donated Eight Hundred plus dollars to purchase two new flat screen TV's for watching football this fall. The Friday Night Food Committee at their last meeting decided it would be a good idea to help add to the money for TV's donated one dollar at a time to a jar in the lounge.

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Brigantine Lodge 2428 is donating 12 greenhead traps to the City of Brigantine. These will be placed by the city where the need to get rid of the dreaded flying teeth is greatest. Anyone who has been in town this summer knows how bad they have been this year, hopefully over time this will reduce the greenhead population. We will also be giving one away free at Bayfest to a lucky guest.

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Past Exalted Ruler and Past State President Harry F. McGarrigel III won the 50/50 drawing at the annual Bayfest on Aug. 22-24. It was the first time in 30 years that Harry has ever won the 50/50. And not one cry of "Fix!" went out from the crowd.

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Friday Night Dinner Committee

Submitted by Nancy Muncer

Many thanks to the volunteers in August! They included Don Goodin and family, Karl Stock and his crew, Linda Cammerota and her friend Jannesa from the Palm, new members Bob and Nancy Walker and their family, and a special thanks to Lynn Arnold for the tilpia donation on Linda's night. Volunteers are **still needed** for the following September Friday nights - the 5th, 12th, 19th. The sign-up board is in the lounge. The committee is also sponsoring out annual Wing-Off on Sunday, October 12th, during the Eagles game (start time 4:15 pm). A sign-up board will be posted by the Friday Night board if you want to participate (we suggest a minimum of 4 dozen wings per entry). A prize will be awarded for the tastiest entry.

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!



Trustees Report

Congratulations to the two newly elected trustees, Paul Consorte and Jeanne Di Cecco, who were installed at the membership meeting on August 5th. The newly developed "REQUEST FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS" form is available in the box next to the Treasurer's Office. When requesting a donation, please complete the form and place it in the Trustee's mailbox in the lodge foyer.

The Trustees approved:

(1) A contract in the amount of \$500.00 for spot ads and Radio Remote Broadcasts for Bayfest.

(2) A \$200.00 donation to the Scouts.

The Trustees denied a request for \$4000.00 from the Scholarship Committee for the purpose of funding one additional scholarship for this year. The recent lease granted by the Tidelands Resource Council, and the implications of adding an additional boat slip, was also discussed and reviewed.

The Exalted Ruler presented information regarding an eight camera Video Surveillance System for lodge use, which would cost approximately \$1000.00

The Trustees are in the process of reviewing same.

The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 4th at 7:00 pm. As always, members are invited to attend.

Submitted by:

Nancy Tregnan, Trustee Chairperson



Congratulations Dolores and Ken Landgraf

(pictured above)

On your winning the coveted Pig of the Year Trophy. Thank you for both for all your efforts on behalf of The Lodge over the last year.

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.

Americanism Committee

Joanne Delaney and Donna Fulmer are working with Dr. Gussie and the Brigantine North School on this year's Essay "What Freedom Means to Me. The local winners will advance to the Elks South District contest in the early winter. They are also working to distribute Pledge of Allegiance cards to the younger students to help them learn the Pledge.

This kind of news has got to make you feel good about our School, and Lodge!

Scholarship Winners

This year's Elks \$3,000 scholarship winners were Nicole Jengeleski, Sharon Mahan, Katelyn Pennestri and Kasey Knoell. The \$1,500 scholarship winners were Lea Maxwell and Alexa Brunetti. Presentations were held at the Bayfest.. Congratulations!

New Members For Ballot

The following people will be on the ballot for new membership during the September 9 meeting: John Paul Bewley, Margaret Daniel, Raymond D. DeStephanie, Fran Folcher, Susan Folcher, Darin Hayes, Richard W. Herbein, Ken Innella, Keith Moore, Charles Myers, David Peterson, Susan Marie Pierce, Steve Przybycin, Ron Reeves, Russell Rodjinske, John Savini, Ed Spreng, Robert Terranova and James K. Weigold.

Nobody asked, he just did it!

Phil McGuire did a great job cleaning up the beach in front of our Lodge on Sat. 8/16. He collected a bunch of trash and stuff. It was a 3 hour job, but Phil got it finished and looking good on a hot sunny day. It will leave a good impression on our guests at Bayfest.

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.

Where does the bagged ice come from?

Just a reminder, the Lodge has bags of ice for sale for \$1 a bag. The Ice freezer is outside behind the Tiki bar. Just ask the bartender for the key and feed the can for bags of ice. Keys can also be purchased for two bucks at the lounge if you need ice during off hours. But where does it come from? No, not the Ice Fairy. Believe it or not; all those bags sold this summer (over \$600 worth) were bagged from our ice machine by Art Wrightson. Of course some other members did it once or twice, but no one keeps it up. It is really a rotten job. I did it once, it took forever, and every part of me hurt for two days. Art does this two or three times a week spring, summer, and fall! He does it on his own time usually before or after working a full shift in the lounge. He does it for events, for the fishermen, for the cove group, for all the members. So the next time you are at the Lodge stop and thank Art for doing a tough job, doing it well, and providing a great benefit to all of us.

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).



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.

To all members of Brigantine Lodge #2428

Today we have submitted our application to the Elks National Foundation for an Impact Grant in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty Six Dollars to purchase four beach wheelchairs. This will not only allow Special Children to enjoy our beach, and ocean, but also the old, and the infirm. A number of years ago under Per Frank Vesely who is now our state President, our Lodge purchased three very similar Wheelchairs, and donated them to The City of Brigantine, well now those three are one very old and used up piece of equipment. This chair gets as many as a dozen requests for use on a summer weekend day. The enjoyment derived from these chairs by people less fortunate is immense and our Lodge should be very proud of this past. Now by applying for this grant we are helping to keep that history of giving alive. Should we receive this grant the program will be a little different in that while the lifeguards of Brigantine will be in charge of the chairs during the summer, we will regain ownership in the off season. This will allow our Lodge to clean, maintain, upgrade, store, and repair them as needed. We will redistribute them to the Lifeguards in the spring ready for a full season. It will keep our members active in this, and also greatly extend the life of the chairs. I believe this will be a very fulfilling activity for our members to be involved in. You can count on me as volunteer number one. We should receive notice of acceptance from ENF by mid December. Many thanks must be given to Special Children's Chairperson Dee Brown for doing all the legwork, and to our Lodge publicist, Tonia Harris for the great job selling our vision and program on our application. Even if we don't get the grant, the work and effort put in by these members was extraordinary. The next time you see them, thank them. I have to add a BUT, in this day and age there is always a but. What if we do not get the grant? What should we do? I believe that this is too important to those in need to fail, if we don't get the grant we get to work to raise the Forty Two Hundred Dollars to purchase these wheelchairs. I hope all of you feel the same, we have plenty of time to plan, and member Rick Votta is bringing back the B Street Band on Thanksgiving weekend Saturday to benefit Special Kids, if need be that will be our funding start. This is why the Brotherhood of Elks exists, to help others. I think no matter what happens, we as a Lodge should make sure there are four new beach wheel chairs on our island come next summer. *Thanking you all in advance for your efforts. David Biggins, Exalted Ruler*

Elks Poker Run Recap

-- Well, the motorcycle event is long gone, but I seemed to have forgot to update anyone on the progress, etc. Been a very busy summer working on my house , trying to squeeze in a little fishing, etc., etc. I think it's only appropriate that we thank all those involved for their efforts in the event you didn't get to read it in the Beachcomber News. The day started off well at 6:30 AM with a large cast of volunteers to assist with the mission : To cook breakfast for 133 bikers and their friends, plus the Brigantine Fire & Police Dept and about ten other walk ins that just wanted to stop by. We totaled 75 breakfasts – donated 12 more to the city's finest. Most of our goods were given to us by local merchants. Joe's Seaside gave us a great deal on the eggs, Aversa's Bakery did the same for the fresh rolls and Joanne Delaney helped immensely with food ordering through her supplier(s) Totals were , \$ 375 gross, net \$230 that was given directly to the Galloway Elks Lodge who combined it with the daily total and turned over a check for over \$1300.00 ,I believe, to the Army of Hope Charity Volunteers that deserve credit are: Joanne Delaney Nancy Tregnan, Gail DeRitis, Otto and Shirley Harazim, Judee Rogo, Donna Ricchini, Linda Risso, Ginger Swist, Ron Bailey – (TK donation), Betsy Landry, Jaci Potts. Like you've always said " There's no shortage of volunteers at our great lodge ! " There were two others who's names escape me at this time and I apologize. In closing, thanks to the Lodge for the opportunity to have an event that did not have any past and had an uncertain outcome. Warmest Regards, Ed Potts.