



**BRIGANTINE LODGE # 2428**

# **ANTLERS NEWSLETTER**

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## **Upcoming Events**

- FEBRUARY 6**  
SUPER BOWL TAIL GATE PARTY
- FEBRUARY 8**  
NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS  
AT 7:30P LODGE MEETING
- FEBRUARY 9**  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
- FEBRUARY 11**  
VALENTINE'S DINNER
- FEBRUARY 16**  
BIRTH OF THE ORDER OF ELKS
- FEBRUARY 19**  
CANDIDATE INITIATION
- FEBRUARY 21**  
PRESIDENTS DAY
- FEBRUARY 27**  
STOKES BREAKFAST
- MARCH 10**  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY VISIT  
TO VETERANS HOME & HAVEN
- APRIL 9**  
NASHVILLE NIGHT
- JUNE 3 - 5**  
NJ STATE CONVENTION  
IN WILDWOOD
- JUNE 4**  
CONVENTION PARADE



**Exalted Ruler Bill Joyce**

## **To My Brothers and Sisters,**

The holidays are now behind us. It's time to focus on closing out this Lodge year and starting anew on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I am working with the Trustees and committee chairs on next year's budget. I have to thank both the Trustees and the House Committee on a fantastic job. The guidance, oversight, and planning of our Trustees has the Lodge finances on a solid and steady course. The House Committee continues to make improvements in the Lounge and banquet room. Friday night food and Sunday football have been extremely successful and we now have Wii bowling on Wednesday nights.

Our first meeting in February will be run by our Past Exalted Rulers. The PERs will open nominations for Lodge officers. We have a very solid core of officers and I hope they will continue to rise through the chair positions. I am available to help any member having an interest in an elected or appointed position in the Lodge.

Our annual essay contest awards dinner was held on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were many of our Lodge officers and members, our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Walk Lesyk, our South District Vice President Mike Thomas, Brigantine North School teachers, administrators, students and parents. The program and dinner were orchestrated by our Americanism Chairperson Joanne Delany. Compliments to the chefs and all of the members who made the dinner such a success. All the winning essays about "Why I am proud to be an American" were very inspiring. The two top essays were read aloud to the audience by the students. (See the article elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

While February is a short month, it is notable for some very important days: the Birth of the Order of Elks, President's Day, Valentine's Day and, of course for all football fans, Super Bowl.

As you read through this Newsletter you'll find a number of instances supporting what The Grand Lodge sums up as Elks: "The Elks are the premier charitable organization in our community". We should all take pride in our fellow members and our Lodge. We continue to grow and be strong.

Don't forget the Super Bowl Tailgate Party in the lounge on Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>!

***Fraternally,  
Bill***

### **LODGE ELECTIONS**

**ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, OUR LODGE PAST EXALTED RULERS WILL CONDUCT THE REGULAR 1ST MONTHLY LODGE MEETING. THEY WILL OPEN THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING 2011-12 ELKS YEAR. THE OPEN POSITIONS ARE EXALTED RULER, THE 3 KNIGHT'S CHAIRS, SECRETARY, TREASURER, TILER AND 5 YEAR TRUSTEE. THE APPOINTED OFFICES - INNER GUARD, CHAPLAIN AND ESQUIRE ARE FILLED BY THE NEW EXALTED RULER.**

**ON TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND AT THE REGULAR 2ND MONTHLY LODGE MEETING, ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD. SHOULD THERE ONLY BE ONE PERSON NOMINATED FOR A POSITION THE SECRETARY CASTS A UNANIMOUS BALLOT.**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOICE THEIR INTEREST TO RUN FOR OFFICE AND EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE - COME TO THESE MEETINGS**

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**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**LODGE MEETING**

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY  
@ 7:30P

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

3RD WEDNESDAY @7P

**TRUSTEE MEETING**

1ST TUESDAY @ 7P

**COMMUNICATIONS MEETING**

2ND THURSDAY @ 6P

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY  
@ 6:30 P

**VETERANS SERVICES**

1ST MONDAY @ 6P

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

3RD THURSDAY (AS NEEDED)  
@ 7P

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND - HEAR WHAT IS  
GOING ON AND LET YOUR  
THOUGHTS BE HEARD**

**LOUNGE HOURS**

MONDAY 3P - 11P

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

2P - 11P

FRIDAY 2P - 12A

SATURDAY NOON - 12A

SUNDAY NOON - 10P

**MEMBERS - PLEASE USE  
YOUR CARD KEY AT THE  
LOUNGE ENTRANCE  
AND YOU MUST SIGN-IN ALL  
GUESTS  
(REQUIRED BY NJ STATE  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE  
COMMISSION)**

**REMEMBER**

**"EACH MEMBER OF LODGE  
2428 MUST CARY HIS PAID-  
UP MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR  
ADMITTANCE TO THE  
LODGE, AND HE SHALL  
WILLFULLY DISPLAY HIS  
MEMBERSHIP CARD IF  
REQUESTED TO DO SO."**

**Trustee Report - Paul Consorte, Chairperson**

**Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, January 4th**

The Trustees endorsed and the Membership approved the purchase of a 16 Camera Security System for the interior and exterior of the Lodge.

The Annual Boat Slip letter will be sent shortly please pay attention to the dates for both the deposit and balance of payment.

The Trustees continue to assess a direction for a plan to address the Bulkhead and Floaters. The targeted time frame is early to mid summer which would allow us time for permitting and to arrange for financing with construction starting spring of 2012.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, February 1st @7p**

**House Committee - Rick Votta, Chairperson**

**No report this month**



**JOIN US FOR SUPER BOWL 45 ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6**

**WATCH THE GAME ON THE BIG SCREENS WHILE ENJOYING GREAT FOOD, GOOD FRIENDS, AND LOTS OF FUN - PRIZES, TOO.**

**BRING A GUEST AND MAKE SURE THEY SIGN IN.**

**Friday Night Food Committee – Nancy Muncer, Chairperson**

Thanks to Kathy Joyce for overseeing Friday Night Food while Mike and I spend a few weeks in sunny and warm (I hope) Florida.

Next up in the kitchen:

**February 4th** - Karl Stock and Tom Tucker - shrimp stuffed with crabmeat or steak kebobs, spiced baked potatoes, Dot's salad and Stock's desserts.



**February 25th - Phillies Night**

with Sue and Fran Folcher -  
Roast Pork or Roast Beef  
Sandwiches with Provolone,  
Pepper Pot Soup, soft pretzels,  
Cole slaw, Breyers Ice Cream,  
Tasty Cakes  
Music



DON'T WANT TO COOK - COME ANYWAY  
TASTE THE ENTRIES  
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE

All dinners are served 5:30p - 7:30p. Check our website or the sign-up board in the Lounge for menus.



**THANKS TO ALL YOU FELLAS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO HELP SPRUCE UP OUR LOUNGE AND HALL LAST WEEKEND!  
THE LODGE IS LOOKIN' GOOD**

*You're Invited to a Valentine's Day Dinner*

*Friday, February 11  
5:30pm - 7:30pm*

*Special Appetizer*

*Surf & Turf  
(filet mignon and jumbo skewered shrimp  
w/cilantro lime butter)*

*Dot's Salad*

*A Selection of Homemade Desserts*

*Dinner will be accompanied by romantic music*

*For reservations call 609.289.1010 or 609.266.2346*

*Dinner is for members and their guests, only.*

*Lodge #2428 4th Annual Soup Cookoff  
Friday Feb 18*



Once again, it's time for our annual soup cookoff. Bring a crockpot full of your favorite hot soup to the lodge on the 18th.

Friday Food will provide rolls, crackers, salad, and dessert.

*There is a sign-up board in the lounge.*



**Editor's Corner** - Susan Marie Pierce (609-892-8300; [antlers@brigantineelks.com](mailto:antlers@brigantineelks.com))

HOORAY! THE ANTLERS TEAM HAD SOME MUCH NEEDED HELP WITH THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!  
 NEW MEMBER-TO-BE PHYLLIS GLOMB JUMPED IN FOR PROOFREADING  
 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT SOME ARTICLES TOGETHER (FROM SCRATCH OR DO EDITING),  
 I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.  
 ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS, JUST PASS THEM ALONG.

COME ON OUT TO MEET AND GREET OUR "BABY ELKS" ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19TH  
 THE INITIATION STARTS AT 5P AND THE INIATION AT 6P

from the mailbag

*I just read the January Antlers and I want to thank you for choosing my jingles and buster (Boston Terriers) as a featured pictured with Santa. Scott and I lost Buster a week later. This particular newsletter will be with us forever. Once again, thank you.*  
 Tonia Harris

*Dear Elks Members and their families,*

*My family wants to express our gratitude for everything the Elks have done for our family over the years. Our son, Cameron Jackson, has a mild form of autism and has been a part of the special needs class at Brigantine Elementary for four years now. In spite of this, Cam is a happy- go- lucky, smart and charming eight year old boy who one day will be thriving on his own. He has an immense love of tools and can tell you what each one is used for as well as explaining how to build a house or install plumbing! He spends his time reading tutorials and how to's.*

*Each year he goes to the annual Elks Christmas party for special needs kids and has been sponsored by Dottie and Jack Mathieson who make sure to give him a very special gift from his "Santa list". For other families, this act of kindness is appreciated, for us it is so much more. The Christmas Party and sponsor program really mean the world to us at holiday time. It is a gift to all of us. This Christmas was especially unforgettable. It was set up for Cameron to ride on a fire truck. This snowballed into a much bigger and more amazing event. Captain Weidner of the Brigantine Fire Company was so inspired by Cameron that he started a program called "firefighter for a day". Cam was the first and there will be others.*

*Last summer, Cameron went to Camp Moore for a week, sponsored by the Elks Lodge. I was very hesitant to send my baby because it is a 3 hour drive away, but my Aunt Noreen and Uncle Joe Hanselmann (a Brigantine Elks Member) were familiar with the camp and urged me to let him go. My husband and I are so happy we did. It was such a beautiful and wonderful place. It was a break for us as well as a growth experience for Cam. He had a counselor who was basically one on one with him and now they are very close and we all talk regularly. This camp counselor became so much more to us, and I am grateful to the Brigantine Elks and Camp Moore.*

*We thank the Lodge for its community outreach. We would be honored one day to be involved with the Elks so we can help and give back to others.*

*Kristen, Mike, Cameron, Arianna and Brayden Jackson*

WEBSITES TO VISIT  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 ABOUT THE ELKS

[www.brigantineelks.com](http://www.brigantineelks.com)  
[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)  
[www.njelks.com](http://www.njelks.com)

**Elks Care — Elks Share**

**REMEMBER**  
 MORE INFO ON EVENTS AT  
 OUR LODGE WEBSITE  
[www.brigantineelks.com](http://www.brigantineelks.com)

As we approach February 16, the 'Birth of the Order of Elks' founded in 1868, it is fitting that we remind ourselves of what our Membership means. *(This comes from the history page on the National Elks website - www.elks.org)*

### **My Membership Card in the Elks**

By Robert S. Barrett, Chairman of the Good of the Order Committee of the Grand Lodge

I HOLD in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen-the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man. It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune. It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws; in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks.

IT TELLS me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practise charity in word and deed; to forgive and forget the faults of my brothers, to hush the tongue of scandal and innuendo; to care for the crippled, the hungry and the sick; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1,500 cities under good fellowship prevails - a home among brothers and friends; a borne dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household, are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

It tells me that should I ever be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that, as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford in Virginia, and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And, finally, it tells me, Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge Boom friends and brothers, who, when the Eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

(Scanned and reprinted from the January 1932 Elks magazine by Mike Jones PER Salisbury 699)

### **Annual Stokes Breakfast - Sunday, February 27 - 9a to 1p Raffle and Gift Baskets**

Our Lodge will be hosting the annual fundraiser to send the North School sixth graders away for a weekend to teach values through environmental education and reinforce positive development.

We do this every year and the money raised is the primary income for the getaway which takes place on March 9 - 11. Tickets available for purchase at the Brigantine North School Main Office or at the door on Sunday.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! WE WILL NEED A CREW TO HELP CHEF KOOCH SERVE UP A GREAT BREAKFAST. THERE WILL BE A SIGNUP BOARD POSTED IN THE LOUNGE.**

### **NASHVILLE NIGHT - SATURDAY APRIL 9TH**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS - PERHAPS UNWANTED GIFT CARDS OR GIFTS, PERHAPS AIRLINE MILES. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A TRIP TO NASHVILLE.**



**Veterans Service Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson**

**Cell Phones for Soldiers** - PLEASE remember to drop off your old cell phones at the Lodge. It doesn't matter what condition they are in. We end up getting Phone Cards for our Service Men and Women to use. If you know of any Service members serving in a combat area contact, Jeanne DiCecco who will send them some Phone Cards.

**Saint Patrick's Day Visit - Thursday, March 10** We will be visiting both the Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven to deliver Irish Potatoes, Shamrock Cookies and other goodies to our Veterans. Please consider making some cookies or other goodies for our visit. We can never have too much to offer.

**\*\* DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND NASHVILLE NIGHT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH \*\***

THIS GALA SUPPORTS OUR VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE AND ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE EVENTS AND VISITS FOR OUR WONDERFUL, BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

NO DOUBT YOU'LL HAVE A GRAND EVENING

**Next Meetings - Monday @ 6p -February 7th, March 7th, April 4th  
All Members are WELCOME to attend**

**Americanism Committee - Joanne Delaney, Chairperson**

**Congratulations to the Americanism Essay Contest Winners** honored on January 19th with a dinner celebration and presentation of a Savings Bond The theme this year was "Why I Am Proud To Be An American"



**DIVISION 1 - 5TH - 6TH GRADE**  
1ST PLACE - ALIZA HAIDER  
2ND PLACE - SERENO WITHERS  
3RD PLACE - JOSEPH PORPORA

**DIVISION 2 - 7TH - 8TH GRADE**  
1ST PLACE - KYLIE MAGEE  
2ND PLACE - KALLI REGANATO  
3RD PLACE - DANNY GERSHMAN

**JOANNE DELANEY  
AMERICANISM COMMITTEE CHAIR**



**A REMINDER TO ALL**

**LODGE MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**

**COME ON IN AND EXPERIENCE THE ELKS LODGE PROCESS FIRST HAND**

**HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON AND LET YOUR THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS BE HEARD**



**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU SICKNESS & RECOVERY**  
SHEILA HAGGERTY  
TED BILLENS  
**PASSINGS**  
LOU WAGGENHEIM

*DOT MATHIESON SENDS CARDS, CARE PACKAGES, FLOWERS, FRUIT BASKETS, ETC. TO ANY ELK WHO IS ILL OR IN DISTRESS. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO COULD USE OUR HELP AND THOUGHTS, PLEASE LET DOT KNOW AT 609-485-2467(H) OR 609-456-7621(C); FEEL FREE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE.*  
**TO ALL ELKS AND THEIR FAMILIES**  
*SHOULD A MEMBER PASS AWAY, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM THE ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE EXALTED RULER, BILL JOYCE*

**ALL 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students from Brigantine North Middle School who entered this year's Lodge contest deserve a round of applause.** Their thoughts were expressed with such enthusiasm and heartfelt patriotism:

"I'm extremely proud to be an American. In America there are so many things I can do which people in other countries may never be able to do. America is spectacular."

"I'm proud to be an American because this country offers many opportunities. I've very grateful to all those that have risked and lost their lives for America, so that this country can be a land of opportunity."

"I'm lucky to live in a free country. You can explore any opportunities that interest you. Our country also helps other countries."

"Every morning I crawl out of bed worry free. I don't walk with a heavy heart on my shoulders like people limited of their freedoms."

"Americans are a proud people. We are a light of shining hope in a dismal world."

"I am proud to be an American citizen in a country where I have a right to speak my mind. America does have its problems but during the tough times Americans unite and remember that we are part of something that many people don't have - a free country."



**ELKS MISSION STATEMENT**

TO INCULCATE THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY

TO RECOGNIZE A BELIEF IN GOD

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND ENHANCE THE HAPPINESS OF ITS MEMBERS

TO QUICKEN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

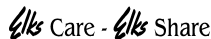
TO CULTIVATE GOOD FELLOWSHIP

TO PERPETUATE ITSELF AS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS GOVERNMENT

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH BENEVOLENT PROGRAMS, DEMONSTRATING THAT *ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE.*

**HOW TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER**

REACH OUT TO THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW. LET THEM KNOW WHAT ELKS DO. BRING THEM TO THE LODGE. LET THEM SEE THAT



AND THEN, JUST ASK THEM IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE ELKS. OFFER TO SPONSOR THEM.

AFTER ALL, THE ELKS ARE THE PREMIER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IN OUR BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY

**Member Profile - Bill Kuchinsky**



Twenty-one years ago, Al Weidner did a great service to our Lodge. He sponsored Bill Kuchinsky to be a member! Kooch, as he is known throughout the Island, has always been an active member. In his younger days, Bill used to help set up the outside yard for our events, not the light white plastic tables we have today, but the old wooden tables with the plastic laminate tops. They were really heavy, and two people were usually needed to lift them. Oh, and we didn't have carts, so they had to be carried in and out for each event. Helping out with small jobs around the Lodge, Bill, along with Gary Platt, got involved helping the Veterans; he eventually started working in the kitchen during events. For the last several years (no one can remember how many), Kooch has been Chairman/ Point man and leader of our Stokes Breakfast every winter. The breakfast provides the majority of the funding to send the Sixth Grade class at the North Middle School to a nature camp for a half a week each year. The kids have a great time, and the parents who chaperone speak highly of the experience. It has become a rite of passage for the kids of Brigantine. Combining volunteerism with his love of cooking, Bill has run many breakfasts for the Lodge for many causes, raising thousands of dollars for our various charities. Working at Caesars for the last thirty-one years, he is currently a table games supervisor. A couple of years ago, Bill was a finalist for the casino's Good Citizenship Award, partly because of his work at our Lodge.

Originally from St. Clair Pennsylvania, Bill is married to Joanne, and they have two children, Leah 30, and Bill Jr. 26. Young Bill is a big help in our kitchen during Bill Sr.'s many breakfasts. Bill is an avid and accomplished fisherman who has helped a long list of Elks get that first striper. Playing football at Temple on scholarship under Coach Wayne Hardin, Kooch still fondly remembers playing opposite and getting beaten up every day at practice by Joe Klecko, later an All Pro for the Jets.

Kooch enjoys the many different people he sees at the Lodge. The Brigantine Elks gives Bill a sense of that small town feeling and of a place where there is always something going on. The location and views of the AC skyline are big draws, and Bill loves the upgrades that have been made to the lounge. If Bill could change anything about our Lodge, it would be getting more people more involved in our charitable events and the camaraderie of our Lodge.

Our Lodge is fortunate to have a member like Kooch!

**WILDWOOD ELKS CONVENTION JUNE 3 - 5**

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK-END. SAVE THE DATES!

THE MAIN FOCUS FOR OUR LODGE IS TO PARTICIPATE BY MARCHING IN THE PARADE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO COMMIT TO MARCHING IN THE PARADE ON SATURDAY SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR LODGE PROUD?

**PLANNING IS UNDERWAY SO STAY TUNED FOR THE DETAILS**

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- 1 JOHN WILLIAMS  
JOSEPH PASCARELLA  
FRANK HOWARDELL  
JOHN SIMONE  
NEIL BRASSELL III  
2 ROBERT MAXWELL  
3 DR. ROBERT DIMAIO  
MARK PELLICO  
CHRISTOPHER NEE  
TOM KNOELL  
JEFFREY HOFFBERGER  
4 EMMETT TURNER  
6 CONNIE WALSH  
7 BARBARA DRAGON  
ELIZABETH LEON  
JAYNE EELLS  
DONNA BAKELY  
RUDY SELLITSCH  
8 JAMES MILLS JR.  
PHILIP MAGUIRE III  
9 MARY ANN KOZACK  
10 PAUL KABALA  
11 ALAN DICKINSON  
13 WILLIAM SMITH  
SHAUN HOLLAND  
14 WILLIAM AMEND  
SHIRLEY HARAZIM  
15 BUCK PFLANZ  
THOMAS MISCANNON  
16 KURT MAYRO  
ANDREA RONCHETTI  
17 WILLIAM GOWDY  
18 LAWRENCE CAMP  
JOHN WATSON  
FRED WIRSCHNING  
JOSEPH FLYNN III  
19 RON REEVES  
20 MICHAEL KELLY  
CAROLE THOMAS  
ED SPRENG  
WARREN STILLWELL  
ROBERT WALKER  
21 SUSAN BAILEY  
22 ANTHONY BERTINO  
JAMES NADWADNY  
23 JAMES JOYCE  
24 SARAH HUFF  
LOUIS MOSIELLO  
25 GLENN PARKS  
26 TOM CHISHOLM  
ROBERT HOWARDELL  
27 CAPTAIN EDWARD EGNOR



LODGE WII BOWLING HAS BEGUN WITH PRACTICE GAMES LEAGUE TO BE SETUP SOON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7P

PLAY THE NINTENDO GAME WEAR A WRIST STRIP WITH THE REMOTE AND BOWL IN THE LANES SHOWN ON THE TV

SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE LOUNGE OR CALL (609) 266-9826

COME ON OUT - HAVE A GOOD TIME - BRING A GUEST

## Polar Bear Plunge 2011 - John Hand and Augie Peltonen, Chairmen

This year an estimated five thousand people showed up and about 500 brave souls actually went into the icy ocean water to welcome 2011 and show their support for Fisher House. Following the plunge there was a huge party at Rod and Reel Tavern - a good time was had by all and Lodge Members continued their New Year's Day in our Lounge.

This event certainly brings our community together - residents, businesses, family and friends - it now has over 100 sponsors. While not an Elks function, many of our Lodge Members help out and even swim on the New Year's Day. Vice President of Fisher House, Derek Donovan and his wife Cathy and some of their staff came up to Brigantine for the second year in a row to take the icy dip in thirty-some degree water.

This annual fundraiser benefits the Fisher House Foundation which offers a "home away from home" where military families can stay at no cost and support their loved ones while they receive specialized VA/military hospital medical care. There are 53 Fisher Houses at the present time.

The Plunge exceeded its goal of raising \$25,000 and are on the road to raising even more. Funds for the plunge are raised through sponsor donations and the sale of shirts and other merchandise.

Look around our Lodge and see how many Members are sporting their "Polar Bear" sweatshirt hoodies.



Here are some of the brave souls who threw abandon to the wind and entered the frosty 34 degree surf at the Polar Bear Plunge.



## Youth Committee - Julie Mandes, Chairperson

### Peer Leadership Conference

We are preparing to bring youth to the Peer Leadership Conference in February.

Youth will be making Irish Potatoes again for members of the lodge to bring to the Veterans. The cost of this project which supports the Veterans Committee and the connection between veterans, youth, and our members is covered by the grant we received.

We are going for a grant through the Municipal Alliance to support our Peer Leadership Participation further.

The Girl Scouts were able to donate more funds than expected to support the Peer Leadership Conference through their Girl Scout specific Account.

Fundraising efforts through our eFundraiser online program have been successful in paying for one additional registration for the Conference.

### Fundraising

Our Efundraising continues. The link to this remains on our website or can be accessed by going to <http://magfundraising.com/BrigantineElksYouthCommitteeFundraiser>

The focus of our fundraiser is now the Dictionary Project for the local schools. The school leaders and teachers told PDD Don Irons and ER Bill Joyce that they were very pleased with the books we donated last year (Dictionaries, Thesauruses and Spanish/English Dictionaries). We are hoping to donate the same this year depending on the funds raised.



The Red Cross will be at the Lodge on Wednesday February 9th to hold its Winter Blood Drive from 1p until 7p.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JANUARY 30	JANUARY 31	1 TRUSTEES 7P	2 Wii BOWLING 7P	3	4 PEER LEADERSHIP	5 PEER LEADERSHIP
6 PEER LEADERSHIP  SUPER BOWL TAIL GATE PARTY	7 VETERANS SERVICES 7P	8 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 6:30P LODGE MTG OFFICER NOMINATIONS 7:30P	9 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 1P - 7P  Wii BOWLING 7P	10	11 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P "VALENTINE DINNER"	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 ** ANTLERS ** ARTICLES DUE	16 BIRTH OF THE ORDER OF ELKS  HOUSE COMMITTEE 7P  Wii BOWLING 7P	17	18 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P "ANNUAL SOUP OFF"	19 CANDIDATE INITIATION CEREMONY & DINNER 5P
20	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY	22 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 6:30P LODGE MTG OFFICER ELECTIONS 7:30P	23  Wii BOWLING 7P	24	25 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P PHILLIES NIGHT	26
27 STOKES BREAKFAST	28	MARCH 1	MARCH 2 Wii BOWLING 7P	MARCH 3	MARCH 4 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	MARCH 5