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UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 9**
NASHVILLE NIGHT
- APRIL 16**
DOCK CLEAN-UP
- APRIL 17**
LODGE OFFICER INSTALLATION
- APRIL 22**
ANNUAL FISH FRY
- APRIL 30**
WALKOUT ON DRUGS
- MAY 7**
KENTUCKY DERBY DAY
- MAY 13-14**
STOCK'S POUNDCAKE
FUNDRAISER
- MAY 13 - 15**
CAMP MOORE
PREPARE FOR OPENING
- MAY 22**
FASHION SHOW
- MAY 29**
CLAMBAKE
- JUNE 3 - 5**
NJ STATE CONVENTION
IN WILDWOOD
- JUNE 4**
CONVENTION PARADE
- JUNE 12**
FLAG DAY ON THE BAY
- JUNE 17**
TIKI BAR OPENS

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Exalted Ruler Bill Joyce

To My Brothers and Sisters,

Tonight as I enjoy my corned beef and cabbage I'll be reminded of our 2007 Grand Marshall, Harry F. McGarrigle III, riding proudly in a RED Mustang convertible representing us in the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Atlantic City. Bob Kadelski really out did himself this year with several bus fulls of revelers and a delicious meal at the Lodge afterward. Thanks to Bob and his crew of Leprechauns!

Joe Kelly headed up a trip to The Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven to deliver St. Patrick's Day goodie bags and monetary donations last week. Thanks to Julie Mandes and the Youth Committee for making the Irish Potatoes and to all the bakers who graciously contributed cookies. I know our veterans appreciated this treat!

The Five Year Capitol Improvement Plan for the Lodge will be presented at the April 4th Trustees meeting. Budgets will also be reviewed at this time. Paul Consorte and I have been hard at work preparing a Power Point presentation for this meeting. Come out and see our ambitious plans for the Lodge and give your input. We all have a stake in our Lodge's future!

Support our Youth Committee's Dictionary Project and our Boy Scout Troop by purchasing a "Stock's" Pound Cake on May 13th and 14th at the Lodge. Karl has generously made his signature pound cakes available for this special fund raiser - an example of why he was Elk of the Year for 2010!

If you've called the Lodge lately you've probably been surprised by our sophisticated automated phone system. "Fast" Eddie Spreng put in many hours to make the new system easy to use. From this system you can access the Friday Night Food menu, Banquet Room rental information, Lounge hours and directions, and up coming events. Check it out. It brings us a little closer to 21st century technology!!

***Fraternally,
Bill***

INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW LODGE YEAR.
THE ELKS YEAR RUNS FROM MARCH 31ST TO APRIL 1ST. AS YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER, WE WILL BE STARTING THE NEW YEAR. OUR LODGE CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF HOLDING OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ON PALM SUNDAY. THIS YEAR IT TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, APRIL 17 AT 4P FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR ELK OF THE YEAR, OFFICER OF THE YEAR, AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.
BILL JOYCE WILL AGAIN BE INSTALLED AS OUR EXALTED RULER AND RICH POOLE WILL RETURN AS LEADING KNIGHT, STEVE MAHAN AS LOYAL KNIGHT, AND FRAN HEINEMAN WILL BE MOVING FROM CHAPLIN TO LECTURING KNIGHT. HARRY F. MCGARRIGEL III WILL SERVE AGAIN AS TREASURER AND GEORGE GLOMB RETURNS AS SECRETARY. FRAN CHAMBERS AND BOB KADELSKI WILL RETURN AS INNER GUARD AND TILER, AND LINDA FISHER WILL AGAIN BE ESQUIRE.
PAUL CONSORTE WILL BEGIN A NEW TERM AS FIVE YEAR TRUSTEE.

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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 CARRY 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, March 1

- The Security System was installed but still needs some minor adjustments to give us full coverage of the property. We have 16 cameras and 2 video screens.
- The Trustees continue to work on the 5 year plan which will address the various goals, projects, funding, and payment method for the Lodge. The plan will be discussed at the April 5th Trustee meeting. **The plan will be finalized and presented to the Membership at the 1st Lodge meeting in April on April 12th. WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.**
- The Trustees endorsed the hiring of a Structural Engineer to develop plans for the opening of the wall in the old Bingo Room for a new Tiki Bar. This motion was approved by the Membership at the Lodge meeting.
- The Trustees agreed on Guidelines to assign Boat Slips in a consistent manner. These guidelines will be used in the assignment of the 2011 slips.

Next meeting - Tuesday, April 5th @7p

House Committee Report - Rick Votta, Chairperson

Spring is here and that means baseball, the final four, the masters, and the Kentucky Derby. The Phillies season opener is April 1st at 1:05p. The Lounge opens at noon. The Friday night food committee will be serving up lots of ball park food so stop in and enjoy the afternoon in the Lounge. The final four is the next day on the 2nd. The masters begins April 7th. We are also planning a fun day for the Derby.

Our new and improved kitchen is ready to handle the expected surge of hungry customers for the annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 22nd.

Mark June 17th on your calendar for the official opening of our Tiki Bar. A special Friday night dinner is planned.

If you have any comments or suggestions to improve our lodge just drop me an e-mail at rvotta@richardsonair.com or leave a message at 609-266-9826.



Trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor And Orioles vs Red Sox Game on June 5th
Contact Bartender Art for Details

Friday Night Food Committee – Nancy Muncer, Chairperson

During Lent the "chefs" will make every effort to have a seafood item on the menu for those observing this time of year. The April menus are not set for the month but will be posted on the Lounge board, on the website and the Lodge phone as soon as possible.

Keep in mind that on Good Friday, April 22nd the Friday Night Food volunteers will have a night off so that Tom Tucker and his crew can do their usual great job with the annual Fish Fry.

The Phillies opener game is Friday April 1st at 1:05p. The Lounge will open at noon that day; there will be dogs, kraut, beans and/or chili, soft pretzels and more at modest prices. But don't overindulge as Friday Night Food will be served the same day beginning at the usual 5:30p.

Go Phillies!!!

We will also be doing a Derby Day again on May 7th so dust off your hats; more details to follow. And mark your calendar for June 17th. The Tiki Bar will be reopening.

Volunteers are still needed so if you are interested in helping with Friday night food, simply call me at 609-289-1010.

Sun, Sand and Style Fashion Show - Tonia Harris, Chairperson

FROM FRIGID TO FASHION

Although it's cold out there, the Brigantine Elks Sun, Sand and Style Fashion Show Committee has already begun planning this year's event. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22, 2011, and remember to buy your tickets early since it was a "sellout" event last year. In addition to the hottest trends for the Summer of 2011, it will also feature a tribute to "Brigantine Then And Now". The Committee promises to bring you another wonderful champagne brunch and a runway of community celebrity models. More details will follow.

Editor's Corner - Susan Marie Pierce (609-892-8300; antlers@brigantineelks.com)

April 1st begins a new Lodge year, and we have some important announcements to make.

Sometime in May you will be getting a survey from us asking for your evaluation and suggestions about the Antlers Newsletter and the Lodge website. We sincerely want you to respond. Getting information to Lodge Members is of the utmost importance to us as our responsibility is to make sure that you are getting useful information easily, timely, and consistently.

We will take all responses into consideration as we determine the pertinent changes to make. Rest assured, you will be able to respond to us anonymously without giving your name if you choose to do so.

"Heads up" - a new feature called Questions and Answers About the Elks is coming in the May issue.

The questions will come from you and the answers will come from Lodge Officers, the Secretary, or Committee Chairs. These are some questions that have come from Members:

- Can you explain to me what the Trustees do?
- Who makes the decisions about how things are run?
- It seems to take years to get to know the Lodge and its inner workings. How do I start?
- What if I work away from the shore and can't attend meetings. Does this work against me?

Send your questions to the Lodge or drop an email to antlers@brigantineelks.com

Do you read George's Column?

You won't see it here because it comes out weekly not monthly. You can read it in several places - the Brigantine Times and the Beachcomber local papers or our Lodge website. Secretary George reports the *Elks News* every Friday. You will enjoy his sense of humor and his turn of phrase.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." Leo Buscaglia

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN LODGE DUES ARE PAYABLE, AND THE APRIL 1ST DUE DATE HAS ARRIVED. IF YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN AROUND TO SENDING YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO. WE VALUE YOU AS A MEMBER AND WANT YOU TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING

Annual St. Patty's Day Parade and Party

It was a bright and beautiful day on the Atlantic City Boardwalk for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 12th. However, it did seem as though it was "raining leprechauns" when the two busloads of marchers arrived with the Elks float and band to participate in the annual parade. The marchers received a warm welcome as they moved along the boardwalk parade route.

Following the parade, which was enjoyed by the participants, the marchers returned to the lodge for a fun-filled party featuring Irish food presented by the elves who remained behind. Music was provided by DJ "Henry the Hat".

Thanks to Chairperson Bob "O" Kadelski" and his committee for insuring a great day for the Irish - and on Saturday everyone at the lodge was Irish for the day!



BOB KADELSKI, COMMITTEE CHAIR WITH THE BUSY LEPRECHAUNS



JANE PELTONEN STRUTS HER STUFF



TOP: HARRY MC GARRIEL PAST GRAND MARSHALL
BELOW: MARIE SHANNON AND FRIENDS AT THE PARTY



NASHVILLE NIGHT - SATURDAY APRIL 9TH - LINDA FISHER, CHAIRPERSON



Howdy, ya'll,

It's almost that time again! The great Elks Nashville Night.

Auggie, Linda, and crew have been busy moseying down that country road to bring you the best ever Nashville Night. Things are rounding-up nicely.

So shine those boots, put on that cowboy hat (and chaps if you have them), grab a partner, and head on down to the Elks on Saturday April 9th for a good ole rootin-tootin country night.



**DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS WOULD BE APPRECIATED
PERHAPS EVEN UNWANTED GIFT CARDS OR GIFTS,
PERHAPS AIRLINE MILES. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A TRIP TO NASHVILLE.**



NJ State Convention in Wildwood June 2nd - 5th - Allyson Arnold, Chairperson

Come to Wildwood for the NJ State Elks Reunion

enjoy a weekend vacation getaway .

Stay at the oceanside motel with your friends from the Elks (& make NEW friends!)

- it's affordable

- it's fun

- it's a worthwhile trip



We want YOU to join us in Wildwood.

See the sign-up board in the lounge for info or email with questions to BrigElksGoToWW@hotmail.com

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

Our Special Children Camp needs us!



Each spring for a number of years now, our Lodge has sent a work crew up to Camp Moore to prepare the camp to open. This year's weekend will be May 13th - 15th. All members are invited and there are many different jobs, including cleaning, painting, plumbing, carpentry, raking leaves, gardening, and a hundred and one other things to do.

The Camp relies on our Lodge for the number of jobs we accomplish. You will need to bring work clothes and gloves. The camp provides us with any tools or supplies necessary.

SEEKING DONATIONS

WE ARE BUILDING THE LODGE FLOAT FOR THE NJ STATE ELKS PARADE AND ASK FOR YOUR HELP. IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE ITEMS AND CAN DONATE OR LOAN THEM LET US KNOW BY PHONE 609-266-9826 OR EMAIL.

BRIGELKSGOTOWW@HOTMAIL.COM

IF YOU CANNOT DROP OFF AT THE LODGE, WE CAN PICK THEM UP.

- PURPLE CARPET (10' X 20') (ONLY NEED PURPLE!)
- ANY COLOR ASTROTURF (10' X 20')
- AN OLD STYLE WHEELCHAIR MADE OF WOOD NOT METAL OR A BENTWOOD ROCKING CHAIR (CAN BE WELL USED!)
- SPARE BICYCLE WHEELS
- FELT (ALL COLORS)
- LANDSCAPE LAWN EDGING (THE BLACK PLASTIC TYPE)
- PLYWOOD SCRAPS
- WOOD TRIM (1/4" TO 1/2" ROUND)
- GLUE

The Lodge rents a van for anyone who needs a ride; we leave on Friday at 11:00am and get to the camp in mid-afternoon. There are some members who car pool up on Friday night and Saturday morning. There is a sign up board in the lounge, leave name, phone number, and transportation mode. We usually finish work early on Sunday and are back at the Lodge by lunch. We stay in a big cabin and sleep on beds; you will need to bring a sleeping bag/blanket, pillow, and towels. This is the South District's Weekend, and we are joined by a number of other Lodges. Deerfield Lodge usually cooks breakfast, lunches, and dinners for all of us, and, we usually bring a snack for around the campfire on Saturday night. The good feeling you get from helping lasts for a long time.

Camp Moore is the New Jersey State Elks Association's major project. Over Six Hundred special needs children visit the camp each year. There is a one to one staff to camper ratio, and the camp has a nurse onsite 24 hours. There is no charge to the kids as the Elks Lodges of New Jersey pay all the expenses for the camp and the kids. An important part of the camp is that the parents get a rest while their children are at the camp.



ADOPT-A-VETERAN PROGRAM

THE ELKS OF AMERICA HAVE LONG BEEN SUPPORTERS OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS AND WERE THE FIRST ORGANIZATION TO BUILD VETERANS HOSPITALS IN WORLD WAR II. THE ELKS HAVE MADE A PROMISE THAT "SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS, THE ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM"

WHICH VETERANS ARE ADOPTABLE?
VETS IN HOSPITALS, ASSISTED CARE FACILITIES, NURSING, CONVALESCENT, RETIREMENT HOMES AND SENIOR LIVING CENTERS; VETERANS LIVING AT HOME WHO ARE SHUT IN, LONELY, DON'T DRIVE, HAVE FEW FAMILY OR VISITORS.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?
SEND CARDS ON BIRTHDAYS, HOLIDAYS, SEND A LETTER OR POSTCARD AT ANY TIME, VISIT THEM, TALK TO THEM, GIVE A PHONE CALL. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS

HOW DO I PROCEED?
CONTACT JEANNE DICECCO AT 609-266-1335 FOR INFO.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU PASSINGS

JOYCE BIGGINS' FATHER

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, FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Veterans Service Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson

Saint Patrick's Day Visits - On Thursday March 10 our merry group of Leprechauns visited both the Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven to deliver Irish Potatoes, Shamrock Cookies and other goodies to our Veterans. THANK YOU to all of our bakers and especially to our YOUTH ALLIANCE who made 75 bags of Irish Potatoes for our Vets. On behalf of our Lodge, each facility was given a donation of \$500.00 for their resident activities fund. Sure Irish eyes were smiling, and Marge "The Sarge" McLaughlin sends greetings to all of her Brigantine friends.

Nashville Country Music Night on Saturday April 9th - Don't forget to get your tickets now and help support the Lodge Veterans Service Committee activities.

Veteran ID Card - Bring your DD-214 (Discharge) and a photo ID to the VFW on Thursday March 31 from 6:30p to 8p. Per Ronnie Powell, representatives from the Atlantic County Clerk's office will be on hand to process the ID applications.

Flag Day at the Bay Mark the date [June 12] and plan to escort a Veteran to a fun day of food, fellowship, and fishing--More to follow.

Thank You to our Benefactors: the Elks National Foundation and Joe Gilson.
Next Meetings - Mondays @ 6p on April 4, May 2, June 6

Donating old Cell Phones = Phone Calling Cards

Our Lodge participates in the Cell Phones for Soldiers program, and our community has been very generous supplying our lodge with old, unused cell phones. In turn, we have received a supply of Cell Phone Cards to distribute to service men and women who have family living in Brigantine. To date the Cell Phones for Soldiers program nationwide has generated more than 90 million minutes of free talk time to our service men and women.

The average roaming fee from Afghanistan is \$3.99 a minute, making a call home a rarity for many of our military.

Last January, the Elks were commended for collecting phones that generated over 15,000 minutes of calling time in just two months. To date, the Elks have generated over 81,000 minutes or 1,350 calling cards to be distributed for our men and women serving in the armed forces.

If you have a family member or know someone serving our country overseas and would like us to send them free calling card(s), please contact Jeanne DiCecco at 266-1335 or email to jjdicecco@comcast.net with your service member's mailing address.

One phone call can truly make a difference.



Summer and the Annual Clambake will be here soon! - May 29th

Chairman Joe Hartnett is being joined by new co-chairs Denny and Eileen Reichard to head our first big summer event. The Clambake is held the Sunday before Memorial Day each year and is always a fun time. New members are encouraged to join the committee and lend a hand. You can contact Denny and Eileen by e-mail at surfupoib@comcast.net or leave a message with Joe at the Lodge. You will have a great time and help your Lodge!

Dock Cleanup Day - Saturday, April 16th 9a

Bring your hammers and be prepared to also do some painting.

Bayfest 2011

The first meeting of this year's Bayfest Committee is set for Wednesday, April 6th at 6p.

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.*

WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELKS

www.brigantineelks.com
www.elks.org
www.njelks.com

PUBLIC SERVICE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF BEING AN ELK. IN KEEPING WITH THIS TRADITION, WE CREATE AND PARTICIPATE IN MANY PROGRAMS TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITIES AND DEMONSTRATE THAT *ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!*

OUR MEMBERSHIP DONATES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN GOODS AND SERVICES TO CHARITY.

OUR LODGE AND LOUNGE ACTIVITIES ARE JUST A SMALL PART OF OUR COMMITMENT TO MEMBERSHIP. DEEPER PARTICIPATION IN OUR LODGE'S LIFE IS A TESTIMONY TO YOUR DEDICATION. ACTIVITIES ARE POSTED IN THE LOUNGE, IN THE ANTLERS NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

Member Profile - Julie and Jay Mandes



Julie Mandes moved to Brigantine from Havertown, PA after being hired for a teaching job in Galloway Township. Then High School "Sweetheart" Jay relocated and they were married. They had a busy work life, Jay as a Systems Engineer and Julie as a fourth grade teacher. Along came 2 sons – identical twins – who were equally energetic.

Joe and Mike Mandes started fundraising for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation at the age of 10 after their mom heard about the Foundation while at work and told them about it. Michael had the idea of running a weekly stand for the cause in the summer. They got approval from the city and did so starting on the corner of 9th and Ocean in front of their Pop-Pop and Mom-Mom's house. The first year, their Pop-Pop and Mom-Mom, Michael and Ann Ricca, had the idea for the boys to run a big stand at Family Fun Day. They did so. The next year they ran a weekly stand at the mini-golf course and ran stands at big community events such as Family Fun Day, the Historical Society's Flea Market, the Brigantine Triathlon, and Hooked on Fishing; the next year they ran stands just at big events. Realizing they could put their efforts into one big event and raise just as much money if not more, the family together ran one big stand yearly from then on to fund Pediatric Cancer Research. Initially this stand was held at Family Fun Day and was known as the Mandes Family Stand. Our Lodge Elks invited the family to run a stand at Bayfest.

Don Irons invited Julie and Jay to join the Elks 4 years ago after he noticed Joseph and Michael's volunteer work. Julie and Jay were not involved in volunteer work prior to their support of the boys' efforts. Now they are involved in so much more. Because of the large community support, their stand has become known as "Brigantine's Own Alex's Lemonade Stand". Julie has been our Lodge's Youth Committee Chairperson for 3 years now.

Jay Mandes is a quiet and steady volunteer. He constantly works for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, the Kids for S.J.C.F., funding refreshments for countless meetings, taking photos of all activities, supporting Elks programs along with the Youth Alliance and Julie. All with a smile on his face. Julie says, "None of it would be possible without him! Volunteerism is a Family Affair!"

In 5 years our Lodge will probably add 2 new members when the Mandes twins come of age.

Membership/Lapsation Committee - Joanne Delaney, Chairperson

Congratulations to our Lodge for exceeding the Lapsation goal requested by our State! Coming up on year-end only 15 Members out of 700+ did not pay their dues for the year giving us a 2 ½ % Lapsation rate. Unfortunately they cannot be active Members any longer. We are 1 of 118 Lodges in NJ.

It is hard to believe that several weeks ago we initiated 22 new Members, and the Lodge Secretary now has 16 new applications.

NEXT CLASS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 9TH

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 1 DAVID FABRY
ROBERT O'DONNELL JR
RITA ROSSETTI
LOUIS EZZIE
LOUIS DE FEO JR
- 2 SAM CHATIS
HARRY MC GARRIGEL III
- 3 ROBERT GUZIK
BERNADETTE CROSSLAND
THOMAS COOKER
GUY WILKINS
MATTHEW DORAN
MARK OWENS
- 4 DANIEL GALLOWAY
THOMAS MONAHAN
LAWRENCE URBANY
RICHARD HERBEIN
- 6 DONNA BROOKS-BOND
7 GARY KLEINCHESTER
KATHY MARSHALL
ANTHONY MENDICINO
- 8 FLORENCE DALESSIO
SAUL GROSSMAN
LAWRENCE PECAN
- 9 JOHN BEWLEY
- 10 RICHARD DELANO
- 11 FRANK FITZPATRICK
WILLIAM GLOSE
CHARLES MARTIN
- 12 JOHN MODUGNO
MARIA HANDLE
MICHAEL CHISHOLM
- 13 STEVEN DRANOFF
THOMAS VOLPE
- 14 MICHELLE MAURO
ROBERT GARGUILO
DENISE EVANS
JOHN LAWSON
- 15 ANTHONY IATAROLA
KEN RAYMOND
THOMAS MORELL
EILEEN KRATTER
- 16 ROBERT FRANTZ
CHARLES DILKS
- 17 JOSEPH HOLLAND
THEODORE BILLEN
- 18 KEITH MOORE
WILLIAM SPENCE
- 19 MARY STEWART
- 20 DEBORAH PIERMATTEI
JOHN LOFTUS
SUSAN MARIE PIERCE
ROBERT WALKER JR
- 22 MARK SCHRENK
JOAN MULLIN
- 23 ELIZABETH DOWNEY
GREGORY DE PIANO
- 24 KARL STOCK
- 25 LYNN ARNOLD
NANCY MUNCER
JOHN LEONARD
- 26 THOMAS KECK
- 28 CHAFE KELLE
JAMES MAYS
- 30 ANTHONY SENTORE
DONALD BALDWIN
BRUCE MATERN



Community Activities Committee (CAC) - Kathy Joyce, Chairperson

Miracle on the Mountain Fundraiser for Camp Moore. This is the major project of the NJ State Elks organization. We will be collecting items throughout the month of April so start gathering all usable/wearable clothes, blankets, comforters, shoes, stuffed animals, pocketbooks, etc. for collection. All items must be in plastic garbage bags! Bring your donations to the Lodge any day after 3p. Items donated will be distributed to those in need throughout the country and around the world. Clothing needs to be in GOOD condition.

Thirteen cents will be given to Camp Moore for every pound of clothes donated. Last year, the first time this was done, over \$1,200 went to Camp Moore. We hope to do better this year and with your help, we will. Let's do what we can to keep smiles on the faces of our Special Children!
Any questions, call Kathy Joyce @ 609-948-5219 or John Betz @ 856-455-3429.

Youth Committee - Julie Mandes, Chairperson

Submitted a Youth Brochure into the NJ State Elks contest. We are waiting to see how we fared. Once the brochure is back in the lodge, it is a must see for all. It is a celebration of all of the work supported by the Youth Committee throughout this past lodge year; photos were taken mainly by Jay Mandes It will make all members proud.

Brigantine Youth Alliance supports Veterans. Ten youth got together to make Irish Potatoes for the Brigantine Elks Veteran's Committee to deliver to the Veterans at the Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Home. Fun was had by all while making and bagging over 300 Irish Potatoes! This was made possible by a Promise Grant received by the Youth Committee.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
BACK: ERIN COFFMAN, MICHAEL MANDES, HECTOR PALACIO, ADRIAN GONZALEZ, JOSEPH MANDES, RACHAEL KLAISS
FRONT: CONNOR BURBRIDGE, JOHANNA DURAZZI, AMANDA GLICK, DANIEL STINSON



Fundraising Efforts focused on Dictionary Program for Brigantine schools. The schools greatly appreciated our donation last year of Dictionaries, Thesauruses, and Spanish/English Dictionaries. They expressed interest in our continuing this initiative this year. Anyone who would like to support this effort can purchase items from our online EFundraising store which you can enter through the link on our Lodge's website. Also, you can purchase Stock's Pound Cakes at the Lodge on May 13-14. The Stock's Pound Cake fundraiser also benefits the Cub Scout Pack 23.

Walk-out on Drugs - Saturday April 30th



Brigantine Lodge will host this event and other Lodges from across the State join us as we march to raise awareness of the dangers of illegal drugs. Registration opens at the Lodge at 9a. The walk begins at 10a. Last year we followed the ocean and the bay, and it was a beautiful day outdoors. Coffee, donuts, and water will be provided, and hotdogs and sodas and juices after.

Sponsorship forms for the walk-out will be available in advance at the Lodge or can be filled out the day of the event. Funds raised go towards supporting the drug prevention program: the Elks Peer Leadership Conference.

Scholarships Committee - John Waldron, Chairperson

It's not too early to help your child, step-child, grandchild, or step-grandchild plan for college. If your child is graduating from high school this spring, our Elks Organization, (both National and State) and our local Lodge provide scholarship money for college education. It is imperative that you be familiar with the deadlines. The Brigantine Elks filing deadline is May 30th this year. The application is available on the websites for all 3 Elks Organizations: elks.org, njelks.org, brigantineelks.com. Also, you can obtain a Brigantine Elks Application at our Lodge, or we will mail you one if you contact us. Contact John Waldron at 609-266-3999. We are in the business of supporting charities, and college scholarships are an important part of our efforts. Please help us to be part of your child's success.



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<i>MARCH 27</i>	<i>MARCH 28</i>	<i>MARCH 29</i> TRUSTEES 7P	<i>MARCH 30</i> Wii BOWLING 7P	<i>MARCH 31</i>	1 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	2
3	4 VETERANS SERVICES 6P	5	6 Wii BOWLING 7P	7	8 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	9 NASHVILLE NIGHT
10	11	12 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 6:30P LODGE MTG 7:30P	13 ** ANTLERS ** ARTICLES DUE Wii BOWLING 7P	14	15 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	16 DOCK CLEAN-UP DAY 9A
17 PALM SUNDAY LODGE OFFICER INSTALLATION 4P	18	19	20 HOUSE COMMITTEE 7P Wii BOWLING 7P	21 YOUTH COMMITTEE 7P	22 GOOD FRIDAY ANNUAL FISH FRY 5:30P	23
24 EASTER SUNDAY	25	26 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES 6:30P LODGE MTG 7:30P	27 Wii BOWLING 7P	28	29 FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	30