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**BRIGANTINE LODGE # 2428**

# **ANTLERS NEWSLETTER**

February, 2012 Volume 2- No. 2

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEB 3-5**  
PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**FEB 5**  
SUPER BOWL PARTY

**FEB 8**  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**FEB 10**  
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

**FEB 17**  
5TH ANNUAL SOUP COOKOFF



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**Exalted Ruler Bill Joyce**

**To My Brothers and Sisters,**

The Capital Improvement work has begun! The old Bingo room kitchen and closet have been demolished by a volunteer crew. The permit process is moving forward. We will be completing much of the work ourselves, and I invite all members to be a part of this project. Whether doing demolition, building, painting, or making a donation for materials, we would love to have everyone participate. The handicapped bathrooms and service bar are just the start of what will likely be five years of improvements. One of the improvements will be opening the Lounge walls to expose our beautiful water views. (Pictured below) Check the website for a schedule of work dates and join the 2428 Crew.

The Banquet Room double doors have been replaced and are in the process of being trimmed out. Due to water damage, some of the flooring had to be replaced in order to secure the new doors. This is a long needed repair, and my thanks go out to Dave Biggins and Paul Consorte.

Friday night food rocked the house on the 13<sup>th</sup>. After a delicious meal served by Linda and Carolyn, DJ Augie Doggie had the crowd up and dancing. Stop in on Fridays and join the fun. Remember, you can always check the menu on line or by calling the Lodge.

The Super Bowl will be here before you know it. Who do you pick to win? Art and Donny have quite a party in store so come on out and enjoy the fun and food on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

Hope you are all keeping warm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of our absent members.

***Fraternally,  
Bill***



BEFORE RENOVATION



AFTER RENOVATION

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**LOUNGE HOURS**

**MONDAY 3PM - 11PM**  
**TUESDAY - THURSDAY**  
**2PM - 11PM**  
**FRIDAY 2P M- 12AM**  
**SATURDAY NOON - 12AM**  
**SUNDAY NOON - 10P M**

**MEMBERS - PLEASE USE  
YOUR CARD KEY AT THE  
LOUNGE ENTRANCE.  
YOU MUST SIGN-IN ALL  
GUESTS PER 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."**

**Board of Directors Report - Paul Consorte, Chairperson**

The first Board of Directors meeting was held in January. The new board consists of the five trustees, the ER, and the three Knights. The board has the same responsibilities as the trustees had in the past, which is the oversight of the Lodge assets.

The new Banquet Room doors were delivered and installed by Dave Biggins.

All paperwork required to start construction on the Bingo Room and the Bulkhead has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge. Upon the positive response from the Grand Lodge and the necessary permits from the city and the state, construction will begin.

The next Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00PM.

**House Committee Report - Rick Votta, Chairperson**

Exciting things are happening at our lodge. Work has begun on our new handicapped bathrooms and service bar. The work will enhance our banquet facility and allow us to have a full service bar for outdoor use. Architectural plans are posted in the lounge.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having our SUPER BOWL PARTY. Don, Rick & Bob promise lots of great food. So stop in with your friends.

In conjunction with our party, we will be raffling off a big screen LCD TV. All proceeds will go to help our vets. Tickets are \$5.00 & available in the lounge.

If you have any comments or suggestions to improve our lodge, just drop me an e-mail at [votta@richardsonair.com](mailto:votta@richardsonair.com) or leave a message at 609.266.9826.

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

Submitted by: Linda Camerota

February is here and it brings two much anticipated events: the special Valentine's Dinner on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Soup Cook-Off (please note date change!) on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Dot, Nancy, and I are already planning the menu for the 10<sup>th</sup>. It will feature a special appetizer and salad, Surf & Turf, and a dessert buffet. We will also have live music in the dining room. Reservations are required with both the number of people and requested time. Call Nancy at 609-289-1010 to reserve.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> is the time to showcase your favorite soup recipe. Sign-up on the board in the lounge and bring a crockpot-full of your creation. All tasters are welcome for this Friday "Souper-Bowl"...only \$7.00 for all the soup you can eat with salad, bread, and dessert.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Laura will be cooking one of her specialties, and Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> is TBA at press time. Please check the web for updates. Also, an e-group has been started for those who attended the open house for FNF. If you wish to be added to the group, please email Linda at [LindaCamerota@comcast.net](mailto:LindaCamerota@comcast.net). This is a great way to see what is going on and start to get involved.

As a clarification, full dinners ARE available in the bar area. We apologize for any misunderstanding!

Lodge Events

# SAVE THE DATE!

**FEBRUARY 3-5, 2012**  
OCEAN PLACE RESORT AND SPA - LONG BRANCH, NJ

## ELKS PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held from February 3-5. The Youth Committee thanks the members for their support of this important event for our youth. We will have a report on the conference in next month's Antlers.



**SUPER BOWL PARTY**  
Sunday, February 5  
The Fun Starts at 4:00PM  
Game Time 6:30PM  
Great Food, Great Friends,  
Great Game!

55" TV Raffle

Feel free to bring a dish for the buffet.

**Help  
save  
lives**



## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Please donate at the Lodge on  
Wednesday, February 8  
1PM - 7PM

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

Friday, February 10  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Special Appetizer

Surf & Turf

Dot's Salad

A Selection of 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.

FEBRUARY 17



## 5th Annual Soup Cookoff

Bring a Crockpot full of your favorite soup or just stop in to savor the flavors. For just \$7.00, you can have all of the great soup you can eat, bread, salad, and dessert. A sign up board is in the lounge.

## Happy Anniversary, Absecon Lighthouse - submitted by Phyllis Glomb

To celebrate the 155th anniversary of the completion of the Absecon Lighthouse, my daughter Kim and I climbed to the top of the lighthouse in Atlantic City. With 228 steps, it is the third highest lighthouse in the US. It was a hard climb, but the view was worth it! Believe me, it was a ONCE IN A LIFETIME experience. Pictured below is the stairwell and the view of Brigantine.



Lodge Notes



**ATTENTION PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The 2012 Brigantine Elks Scholarship application is now available on line. You can find a link to the application form on the home page at [www.brigantineelks.com](http://www.brigantineelks.com). Applications will also be available in the lounge at the Elks lodge.

Applications must be filed by May 30, 2012. The student must be a senior who will graduate in June, 2012.

**THANKS FOR MAKING OUR KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY A SPECIAL ONE**

Submitted by Terry and Lenny Kachur,  
Chairpersons

Santa paid a visit to Brigantine Lodge #2428 on Sunday, December 12th, to visit all the good children of our members. There were grandkids and step kids and, surprisingly, many very young kids. The Banquet room was decorated by Donna and Bill Michelowski and looked great! Don Miller, Karl Stock, and Rick Jacobs were in the kitchen cooking up a storm. Frank and Eleanor Vesely were all decked out to help Santa, Dot Mathieson bought a whole lot of Christmas presents! Mike Riordan and Stan Vitale provided the music. The cleanup crew had the Banquet room cleaned up in no time, and everyone who attended had fun. Every year, it's a great day for our Lodge.

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**

**PASSINGS**

TED BILLEN  
GAYNELLE CALABRESE  
FRANK KOCH  
FRED SIMONE

*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).*

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

ELAINE CONNOR  
JIM DICECCO  
MARK GILL  
BILL MCGARRIGEL  
SAM STORINO  
TOM TUCKER

**About the Pull Tab Money Committee**

Submitted by Kathy Joyce, Chairperson Pull Tab Committee

The Pull Tab (PT) Machine in the Lounge is the main funding for the charitable donations recommended by the Community Activities Committee to the membership at our Lodge meetings. Throughout the week Sue Consorte, Marge MacCarthy, Rudy Weiss and I collect the money from the machine, replenish the bartenders PT banks, refill the machine, and keep track of the winning tickets. Marge orders the new games and closes out completed games. I make deposits when necessary and submit our report to the NJ Legalized Games of Chance Commission each month. John Waldron is our "go to guy" if we need help.

Our Committee works behind the scenes to keep your PT monies available for the Lodge's charitable donations. So please continue to support our efforts by taking a chance at the Pull Tab.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

- |    |             |              |
|----|-------------|--------------|
| 1  | Neil        | Brassell III |
|    | Frank       | Howardell    |
|    | Joseph      | Pascarella   |
|    | John        | Simone       |
|    | John        | Williams     |
| 2  | Robert      | Maxwell      |
| 3  | Dr Robert   | Dimaio       |
|    | Jeffrey     | Hoffberger   |
|    | Tom         | Knoell       |
|    | Christopher | Nee          |
|    | Mark        | Pellico      |
| 4  | Emmett      | Turner       |
| 6  | Donna       | Borghise     |
|    | Connie      | Walsh        |
| 7  | Donna       | Bakely       |
|    | Barbara     | Dragon       |
|    | Jayne       | Eells        |
|    | Elizabeth   | Leon         |
|    | Rudy        | Sellitsch    |
| 8  | Philip      | Maguire III  |
|    | James       | Mills Sr     |
| 9  | Mary Ann    | Kozack       |
| 10 | William     | Hoffman      |
|    | Paul        | Kabala       |
| 11 | Alan        | Dickinson    |
| 13 | Shaun       | Holland      |
|    | William     | Smith        |
| 14 | William     | Amend        |
|    | Shirley     | Harazim      |
|    | Joseph      | Picone       |
| 15 | Thomas      | Miscannon    |
|    | Buck        | Pflanz       |
| 16 | Kurt        | Mayro        |
|    | Andrea      | Ronchetti    |
| 17 | William     | Gowdy        |
|    | Leo         | Parsio       |
| 18 | Lawrence    | Camp         |
|    | Joseph      | Flynn III    |
|    | John        | Watson       |
|    | Fred        | Wirschning   |
| 19 | Ron         | Reeves       |
| 20 | Michael     | Kelly        |
|    | Ed          | Spreng       |
|    | Warren      | Stilwell     |
|    | Carole      | Thomas       |
|    | Robert      | Walker       |
| 21 | Susan       | Bailey       |
|    | John        | Secatore     |
| 22 | Anthony     | Bertino      |
|    | James       | Nadwadny     |
| 23 | James       | Joyce        |
| 24 | Sarah       | Huff         |
|    | Louis       | Mosiello     |
| 25 | Glenn       | Parks        |
| 26 | Tom         | Chisholm     |
|    | Robert      | Howardell    |
| 27 | Edward      | Egnor        |

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



**Ted Billen** - At our last meeting, a moment of silence was conducted for Ted Billen. The following reflection was offered "Ted, I know right now you are resting in God's bosom. Although you were close to ninety and afflicted with ailments and pain, you left your warm home and attended our meetings because you possessed a deep desire to help those Veterans less fortunate than you. You were and always will be an inspiration to us. We Thank You for your service to our country and we Thank You for being our friend. God Speed, Ted."



**Saint Patrick's Day Visits** - On Thursday, March 15, we will be visiting Veterans at Meadowview Nursing Home, the new Northfield VA Clinic, the Vineland Veterans Home, and Veterans Haven. We will be delivering Irish Potatoes, shamrock cookies, and other homemade goodies, along with our best wishes. Please

consider making some cookies or other goodies for us to deliver and also consider joining us for the trip as Sure it will be a Great Day for the Irish!

**Super Bowl TV Raffle**  
Please support this wonderful raffle of a 55 inch TV, as the proceeds will benefit our Veterans Committee. Special Thanks to Art Wrightson for spearheading this effort.

**THANK YOU TO OUR BENEFACTORS:**  
Larry Keys in memory of Tony Ricchini  
Michael and JoAnne McMahon.

**Next Meetings**  
Monday, February 6 - 6:00PM  
Monday, March 5 - 6:00PM

**Operation US Military K9 Care**

Working Dogs have been used by the U.S. Military since World War I. Dogs and their handlers trained in teams as scouts, trackers, sentries, and for mine/booby-trap/tunnel and water detection of hostile forces. Dogs were used in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. There are approximately 600-700 of these canines in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. These dogs are faced with more formidable enemies than they have faced before, along with vicious climate and rugged terrain. The United States War Dog Association was established in 2000. This organization's moral support project is Operation US Military K9 Care. It consists of collecting donated items from a Wish List and assembling care packages to be delivered to the active Military Working Dog Teams. Financial donations are needed to defray the shipping costs of the packages and to purchase Wish List items that are in short supply or are special in nature.

A donation box will be set up in the Lounge for donated items. Financial contributions can be made to the Elks Veterans' Service Committee and will be used to purchase Wish List supplies. We will be collecting Wish List items now through February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Items for our K9 Friends**

- Dog blankets – it's winter in Afghanistan
- Large rope chews
- Kong 3" rubber balls – tennis balls are too soft
- Collapsible nylon dog bowls
- K9 shampoo and conditioner
- K9 grooming tools
- K9 ear wash/eye drops
- K9 Advantix, Flea and Tick Treatment
- Sm. Box (1lb) dog biscuits

**Items for Handlers**

- Micro meals
- Hand warmers
- Snacks
- Card/miniature games
- Toothbrush/paste
- Tea/coffee/sugar/creamers
- Hot Coco mix
- Instant foods
- Power bars
- Dried fruit

There are many more items on the Wish List at [www.uswardogs.org](http://www.uswardogs.org) .

**Please help our U.S. Military Working Dog Teams who have been deployed to the Middle East. Thank-you!**



DOG PATROL ON BRIGANTINE BEACH DURING WWII. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIGANTINE HISTORICAL MUSEUM.





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F E B R U A R Y ~ 2012						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 WII BOWLING 7:00PM	2	3 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30PM  PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	4  PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
5  PEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE	6 VETERANS COMMITTEE 6:00PM	7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00PM	8 WII BOWLING 7:00PM 	9	10 VALENTINE'S DINNER 	11
12	13	14 LODGE MEETING 7:30PM <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	15 WII BOWLING 7:00PM  HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:30PM	16	FEBRUARY 17  5th Annual Soup Cookoff	18
19	20	21	22 WII BOWLING 7:00PM	23	24 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30PM	25
26	27	28 LODGE MEETING 7:30PM	29 WII BOWLING 7:00PM			