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UPCOMING EVENTS

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BAYFEST 2011

SEP 1
BLOOD DRIVE

SEP 5
LABOR DAY

SEP 10
SOCCER SHOOTOUT

SEP 11
PATRIOT DAY

SEP 26
GOLF TOURNAMENT



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Exalted Ruler Bill Joyce

To My Brothers and Sisters,

The "Dog Days of Summer" are in full swing. I'm certainly glad that it finally cooled off a bit. Now we can really enjoy the last few weeks of summer with our friends and families.

Calling all members! Bayfest approaches! This three day fun fundraiser is the most important event of the year. Dave and his committee have been working hard with weekly organizational meetings. The volunteer opportunities are endless. Please check out the sign up board in the lounge. Our charities depend on ALL members doing their part. Also, keep in mind that the DH Mohn One Mile Bay Swim will be held on Sunday at 9:00 am with registration beginning at 8:00 am.

Speaking of Bayfest, the committee has gotten approval from the membership to donate \$911.00 to the Brigantine 911 Memorial and \$1000.00 to our own Alex's Lemonade Stand from LAST year's proceeds. More donation requests will be presented to the membership for approval in the coming months.

The Handicapped Children's Committee chairperson, Dee Brown, and her crew did a fantastic job with Seafood Fest. The event was well organized and ran smoothly with plenty of volunteers. Thanks to all members who volunteered to help out.

Friday Night food is going strong. While enjoying a delicious dinner, you're also making it possible for the Lodge to purchase kitchen equipment. This equipment in turn helps our events to be more successful – A double win!

The Trustees and I met with our accountant recently to discuss the Lodge's 501c3 account. In the last ten years we have distributed approximately \$700,000 to various charities. That's quite an impressive amount! Thanks to all of our volunteer members.

Joe Holland has been working with the Trustees to plan for our new bulkhead and floating docks. I anticipate the work to begin in late winter.

The Lodge will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, September 1st from 1 to 7 pm. We need at least 30 people to donate for the drive to be a success. One donation can help save up to THREE LIVES. You can make an appointment on line at www.redcrossblood.org or call Kathy Joyce at 609-948-5821 and leave a message. Please spread the word.

At the Grand Lodge Convention I met many Elks from across the country and was pleasantly surprised at the number who had visited our Lodge. All of their comments were very positive. It's nice to know that our Lodge is so well regarded and enjoyed by our brothers and sisters.

*Fraternally,
Bill*

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Trustee Report - Paul Consorte, Chairperson

- The Trustees discussed the purchase of a new grill which is needed for the Bayfest event. After deliberation, it was decided that the Friday Night Food Committee would purchase the new grill.
- Other equipment needed for Bayfest is additional tables and chairs. It was evident with the Seafood Fest event that these items were necessary for Bayfest. After some discussion, it was decided that the Lodge would purchase the tables and chairs.

The next Trustees' meeting is scheduled for September 6th at 7PM.

House Committee Report - Rick Votta, Chairperson

Summer is winding down, and that means the football season is upon us. The lodge again will be televising all the football games every Sunday. Art already has the first week schedule up on the TV's. We will also be offering food each Sunday.

HELP!! The Friday night food & house committee needs your help. We are looking for 18 team leaders to prepare Friday night food. The leaders would be responsible for assembling a group of 4-5 people to buy, cook, and plate dinner. Right now we would need a commitment for two dinners/year.

Look for construction to begin in the fall on our new tiki bar.

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.

Friday Night Food Committee – Nancy Muncer, Chairperson

As the summer comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped prepare our weekly dinners. Great Job! I'd also like to thank our fellow Elks and their guests for your continued support and hope that you keep in mind that we are all volunteers.

The Folchers will be kicking off Labor Day week-end with their "Philly Night" menu of Roast Beef or Roast Pork sandwiches, Herr's® potato chips, Dots' salad topped with a soft pretzel and, of course, Breyers® Ice Cream or a Tastykake® for dessert. Volunteers are needed for the remainder of the month. Check the sign-up board, website, or phone system for menus as they become available.

Friday Night Food is purchasing a new stainless steel grill with some of our profits. As I have said in previous articles, our proceeds go back into the lodge in equipment, upgrades, etc.

Patriot Day - Joanne Delaney

Never forget 9-11. In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 each year. This year will be the 10th Anniversary of that tragic day in our history. It is a solemn remembrance of those who tragically lost their lives and a grateful tribute to our first responders during the terrorist attacks on the United States. Display Your Flag; Display Your Flag at Half Staff.

**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."**

Spotlight on Drug Awareness From the Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge has many beneficial programs, including Drug Awareness. Its website, www.elks.org, is a tremendous resource for parents and children. Here are tips for parents that may help you identify if your child is using drugs.

Watch List For Parents

As a parent, you should look for signs of depression, withdrawal and hostility:

1. Changes in friends.
2. Negative changes in schoolwork, missing school, discipline problems at school, activity changes.
3. Increased secrecy about possessions or activities.
4. Use of incense, room deodorant, or perfume to hide smoke or chemical odors.
5. Subtle changes in conversations with friends, more secretive using coded language. "Four twenty" is a code name for a time to get high.
6. Change in clothing choices: new fascination with clothes that highlight drug use.
7. Evidence of drug paraphernalia, such as pipes, rolling papers.
8. Evidence of inhalant products, such as hairspray, nail polish, correction fluid, and other common inhalants.
9. Bottles of eye drops, used to mask blood shot eyes or dilated pupils.
10. Missing prescription drugs - especially narcotics and stabilizers.

These changes often signal that something is going on and often that involves alcohol or drugs. Seek professional help in dealing with this problem.

Brigantine Elks Scholarship Committee—John Waldron, Chairperson



One of the highlights of the Seafood Fest was the awarding of the 2011 College Scholarships to four



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE SCOTT MAHAN, FRANK CALABRESE, GAYNELL CALABRESE, ALYSSA WILKINS, JOHN WALDRON, MELANIE HARUM AND GUY WILKINS.

of our worthy graduating high school seniors. The award winners were Melanie Harcum, granddaughter of Scott and Tonia Harris, who will be attending Lycoming College; Brianna Parnes, granddaughter of Steve and Eileen Mahan, who is entering the nursing program at Delaware Community College; Katheryn Weaver, daughter of Frank and Gaynell Calabrese, who will be attending the University of Texas, and Alyssa Wilkins, the grand daughter of Guy and Leigh Wilkins, who will be attending McNeese State University. We wish them all the success at college and are proud to help them get started.

The Brigantine Elks Scholarship program provided \$10,500.00 for the school year 2011/2012 to the recipients. A word to our

members. **Two Scholarships went unused this year.** A word to the wise, if you have a high school graduate next year, please apply for our local, state and national scholarships. This is one of the best things we do as an organization, so please be a part of it. Remember that your child, grandchild, and stepchild are all eligible.

Bayfest 2011 Committee – Dave Biggins, Chairperson



Important: the *Brigantine Elks Bayfest Open Water Mile*

D.H. Mohn Memorial Swim will

occur on Sunday at 9:00 AM not at 6:30 PM.

There will be NO youth **aquatic** events this year at Bayfest.

See www.brigantineelks.com for more details.



BAYFEST "BROADWAY BREAKFAST on the BAY" GOES POPS

On Sunday, Aug 28th from 10-11AM, as part of the Broadway Breakfast on the Bay, Jeffrey Coon, vocalist for the Ocean City Pops and star of the Walnut St. Theatre, will be performing the Best of Broadway, accompanied by talented pianist, Jeff Uhlig.

Guests will be entertained from 8-10AM by concerts featuring Michael Crawford, among others. This breakfast buffet will feature a NY inspired menu including Cheese Blintzes, Lox & Bagels, Potato Pancakes, made to order omelets, and much more! A full cash bar will be available.

Don't miss this great event to benefit Elks' Charities!!

Elks Golf Tournament



The Brigantine Elks are holding their 6th Annual Golf Tournament on **September 26th** at The Links at Brigantine. The format will be a best ball scramble with a shotgun start followed by a dinner at the Elks Lodge.

The starting time of the event still needs to be finalized, so stay tuned. The cost of the outing is \$80. If you just want to join us for dinner, the cost is only \$20.

The proceeds will benefit the Lodge Capital Improvement Fund in order to help the Brigantine Elks better help others. Keep in mind that we now have a Five Year Plan for Capital Improvements to the Lodge. Your support is greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Paul Consorte 610-772-0718 or Jim DiCecco 266-1335.

BLOOD DRIVE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 1-7PM

The Red Cross volunteers will be at the Lodge all afternoon. Please stop by to donate. The Red Cross provides blood products to nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the country. Accident victims, as well as patients with cancer, sickle cell disease, blood disorders, and other illnesses receive lifesaving transfusions every day. There is no substitute for blood, and volunteer donors are the only source.





Veterans Services Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson

CONGRATULATIONS to Ted Billen who was presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award by his fellow members of the Veterans Service Committee on Friday, August 5. For years Ted has been a driving force in directing our efforts to assist area Veterans. Thank You, Ted.



PICTURED FROM LEFT: JOE KELLY, TED BILLEN, AND ER BILL JOYCE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ELKS

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS RELATING TO ANYTHING REGARDING THE ELKS, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM ANSWERED BY THE OFFICERS, THE SECRETARY, OR COMMITTEE CHAIRS.

SEND YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE LODGE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ANTLERS OR DROP AN EMAIL TO ANTLERS@BRIGANTINEELKS.COM

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU PASSINGS

BOB KADELSKI'S SISTER

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

BILL SPENCE, JIM MITCHELL, AND MICHAEL PRIORI EACH HAD SURGERY. ALL ARE RECOVERING AT HOME

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)

TO ALL ELKS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST.

PLEASE CONTACT THE EXALTED RULER, BILL JOYCE, FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

EAGLES TRAINING CAMP TRIP



On Monday morning, August 15, members of the Lodge Veterans Service Committee escorted two bus loads of Veterans from the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland to the Philadelphia Eagles Training Camp at Lehigh University. We all had such a great time last year and have been looking forward to the trip back. The Eagles provided lunch, and our Lodge provided dinner during the return trip via a check for \$400.00.

SAVE THE DATES:

October 31, 2011 2:00PM
"RECREATIONS" Show at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland.

December 10, 2011 12:00 Noon Army/ Navy Game at our Lodge.

NEXT VETS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Monday Sep. 12, 6:00PM
- Monday Oct. 3, 6:00PM
- Monday Nov. 7, 6:00PM

Membership Reminder - Joanne Delaney

To all sponsors and members: A list is posted in the lounge of all members who have not paid their annual dues. If you know someone on the list, please reach out to them; we don't want to lose them as members of Brigantine ELKS Lodge # 2428. If you know someone on the list who is experiencing hard times, please contact Secretary George Glomb or Joanne Delaney.

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.

Americanism - Joanne Delaney, Chairperson



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the Labor Movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American Workers. It constitutes a yearly National Tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of Our Country. The first Labor Day was celebrated Tuesday, September 5, 1892, with a parade in New York City. In 1894 it was selected as the 1st Monday in September. In 1895 it was made a National Holiday. Enjoy your Holiday; you worked hard for it!

Essay Contest

This year's topic for the essay contest is "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to Our Flag". I will be contacting BNMS with the information, and we will set dates for the essay deadline and the dinner to recognize the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in both divisions. This is for students enrolled in 5th to 8th Grades. Anyone interested in reading the essays sometime in November, please let me know. Joanne.

Member Reminder - Jim DiCecco, Operations Manager

The Lodge facility is used by our community throughout the year for special events, such as weddings, birthday parties, repasts, etc. We depend on the income from these events to help pay our bills and contribute to lodge improvements.

We want to insure that these functions provide a good experience for our clients. In light of this, I want to remind all members to respect the atmosphere of the event and the privacy of those using our facility.

If you need to clean fish, please do it before or after an outdoor function. If you're having a drink or a cigarette on the deck, please behave in a way that will not infringe on others' enjoyment of the day. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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| 1 | Elaine Connor
James Di Cecco |
| 2 | Donald Aubert
George Driscoll Jr
John Hall Sr
James King |
| 3 | William Michalowski |
| 4 | Edward Mannery |
| 5 | Joseph Kasper
Fran McGarvey
Ronald Vuillermet
Melissa Young |
| 6 | James Mc Elderry
Keren Putman
Richard Votta |
| 7 | Chris Grube
Kevin Reilly |
| 8 | Scott McNamee |
| 9 | Thomas Gribbin
Elmer Jones
Timothy Maguire |
| | Anthony Mechell
David Strathern |
| 10 | Fred Achey
Robert Ferris
Frank O'Connell |
| 11 | John Savini |
| 12 | Bruce Kaplan
Kevin O'Brien
Arlene Weissman |
| 13 | William Avery
Roy Benjamin
Eleanor Vesely |
| 14 | William Deane |
| 15 | Gary Collins Jr
Robert Danenhower
Robert Feeney
Mary Landgraf |
| 16 | John Frugoli |
| 17 | Stephen Gorman |
| 18 | Robert Fulmer
James Miller
Susanne Tochterman
Dean Walter Lafferty |
| 19 | Daniel Cullen
Michael Guntick
Edward Michalowski
Ben Spinelli |
| 20 | Kathleen Conneen |
| 21 | Christian Glomb |
| 22 | Bruce Bredickas
Gilbert Pagnoni Jr |
| 23 | Andrew Grossman |
| | Stephen Palis |
| 24 | Jacob Vargo |
| 25 | Dolores Miller
Jonathan Moffa
John Walters |
| 26 | Joseph Guglielmo
Fred Schall |
| 27 | James Dibella
William Gallagher
John Hand Jr
Edward Ritchie |
| | Michael Shimpeno |
| 28 | Robert Metzradt
Mariette Pennestri |
| 29 | Nicholas Prozzillo |
| | Armand Savino |
| 30 | Gaynell Calabrese
Natalie Ciano
Marvin Kline Sr
Walter Marshall |

Youth Committee - Julie Mandes, Chairperson

The Youth Alliance will be providing great fun for kids at the Bayfest Youth Room. There will be face painting, hair striping, Sand Art, Suncatcher Crafts, and more. Kids will have fun at the Dance Contests and Hoola Hoop Contests, too! Photos of this events will appear in the next Antlers.

Our Elks Drug Awareness Trailer was at the Municipal Alliance's **Hooked on Fishing** Event on August 20th. Elroy the Elk was present with giveaways for kids and families. It was a great day. Photos to come in the next Antlers!



Soccer Shoot Out is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, with a 3:00PM registration and a 3:30PM Shoot Out. It will be held at the 26th Street field. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please contact Julie Mandes if you'd like to help.

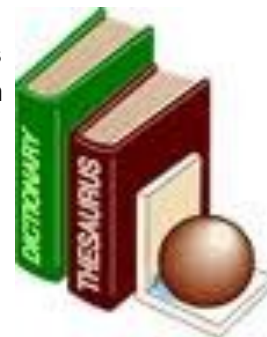
Support the Brigantine Elks Youth Committee

Buy Magazines and Restaurant Gift Cards Online
go to brigantineelks.com for details

Send your favorite college student a care package or restaurant coupon, or magazines to a soldier or other loved one. Let them know you're thinking of them.

Dictionary Program books are set to be delivered to the students this Month in Mid-September. Photos of this can be seen in the next Antlers! Thanks again goes to Karl Stock for the pound cakes for the Cub Scouts Sale that funded the program this year!

- 105-- 4th grade students will each receive a Thesaurus
- 85--- 6th graders will receive Dictionaries
- 90--- 8th grade students will receive Spanish-English Dictionaries



Elks Care – Elks Share

Dave Biggins, Don Irons, and Rich Poole delivered an Elk's head to Ed McGuire of the Greater Cape May Elks Lodge. The Cape May Lodge is undergoing expansion (which is great for Elkdom) and did not have an Elk's head of their own.

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