

THE ANTLER

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Hello Members,

Fall is here, and our schedule is packed—so buckle up and Let's Go!

A Look Back at September

- ELKFEST: John and Linda Gartz, you outdid yourselves again! Thanks to your planning and our incredible volunteers, it was a massive success. We worked hard, had some fun and showed the community what the Elks are all about.
- Army of Hope Picnic: Thank you to Jackie and the MC for their hard work supporting this worthy cause. Each committee made a \$1,000 donation!
- Lodge Crawl: A huge shout-out to Brian and Terry for a fantastic Magical Mystery lodge crawl visiting Summit, Springfield/Hillside, Woodbridge, and Red Bank. We met some wonderful and very hospitable Elks along the way. Thank you to John and Dennis for assisting the bus driver. Not even a Nor'easter could slow us down!

Kitchen & Dinner Updates

- Thursday Nights: The kitchen is now open Thursdays starting at 6:00 PM!
- Forks Around the World: Thank you for supporting our Friday dinners! Our bagpipers kicked off the series with "1/2 Way to St.

Patty's Day" to a packed house, raising enough funds to march with us at the 2027 Wildwood Parade!

- Upcoming Dinners: Get ready for Hungarian, Italian, Polish, and German nights. Pick up a passport at Hungarian night—fill it by attending all four dinners to enter for prizes!

Member Recognition

- October Elk of the Month – Jackie Whitley: Jackie has embraced Elk life to the fullest. Thank you for everything you do, Jackie—enjoy your parking spot! (See the full write-up below.)

Upcoming October Events

- District Deputy Visit | Tailgate Party | Howell & Brick SCC Charity Balls
- MC Game Night | SCC Flannels & Fall Fun Night | New Member Initiation
- MC Breakfast | 2027 Fluke Tournament Meeting | Lodge Halloween Party (Check the lodge calendar for specific dates and times.)

As I prepare to represent us in the Flag and Toast Contest, know how proud I am to represent the Best People On Earth! Stay safe, have fun, and see you around the lodge.

Faternally,
Dawn Christensen, ER

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OCTOBER ELK OF THE MONTH

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

ELK OF THE MONTH JACKIE WHITLEY

Jackie Whitley is our October Elk of the Month!

Since joining the Elks last year, Jackie has hit the ground running—starting right out of the gate by playing Mrs. Claus at the SCC Children’s Christmas party.

In April, she stepped into leadership as our Esteemed Lecturing Knight. She takes her officer role to heart, whether she is greeting members, coordinating Initiation name tags, delivering ritual, or making motions. Jackie also serves as our Army of Hope Chairperson, leading a team that ran two hugely successful Friday Night Dinners and raised \$1,000 for donation at the annual AOH Picnic. To top it off, she recently stepped up as Co-Chair for the Americanism Committee.

Jackie is a bright, positive light in our lodge, and I am extremely grateful to have her on our team. Thank you, Jackie, for your outstanding dedication—we look forward to watching you continue to grow in your Elk journey!

Dawn Christensen

Exalted Ruler

October 2026		Point Pleasant Elks #1698				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ Shuffleboard League 6pm Kitchen open	² All Lodges Wear Red Friday Night Dinner 6-8pm Hungarian	³ Howell Charity Ball
⁴ District Flag and Toast Tailgate 12-4	⁵ Lodge Closed District Mtgs Brick 6:30pm	⁶ Lodge Mtg 7pm DD Official Visit	⁷	⁸ SCC Mtg 6pm Shuffleboard League 6pm Kitchen Open	⁹ All Lodges Wear Red Friday Night Dinner 6-8pm Italian Brick Charity Ball 6-10pm	¹⁰
¹¹ Golf Club Meeting 9am Football Sunday	¹² Lodge opening 6pm Monday Night Football	¹³ SCC Mtg 6pm	¹⁴	¹⁵ Shuffleboard League 6pm Kitchen Open	¹⁶ All Lodges Wear Red Friday Night Dinner 6-8pm Polish	¹⁷ SCC Flannels & Fall Fun 6pm
¹⁸ MC Breakfast 9-11am Football Sunday	¹⁹ Lodge opening 6pm Monday Night Football SED Training Brick 6:30	²⁰ Lodge Mtg 7pm New Member Initiation	²¹ Veterans Committee Mtg	²² Shuffleboard League 6pm Kitchen Open	²³ All Lodges Wear Red Friday Night Dinner 5-7pm German MC Game Show 7-10pm	²⁴
²⁵ Football Sunday	²⁶ Lodge opening 6pm Monday Night Football	²⁷ House Mtg 6pm Fluke Mtg 7pm	²⁸	²⁹ Shuffleboard League 6pm Kitchen Open	³⁰ Lodge Halloween Party 6-10 pm	³¹ Happy Halloween



FORKS AROUND THE World

★ A 5-WEEK DINNER SERIES ★
CELEBRATING GREAT FOOD
& GREAT CULTURES!



**POINT PLEASANT
ELKS**

*Great Food.
Great Friends.
Great Cause.*

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25	 1/2 WAY TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Celebrate halfway to St. Patrick's Day with traditional Irish favorites!	
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2	 HUNGARIAN DINNER Enjoy authentic Hungarian dishes full of rich flavor and tradition!	
FRIDAY OCTOBER 9	 ITALIAN DINNER Classic Italian recipes the whole family will love!	
FRIDAY OCTOBER 16	 POLISH DINNER Hearty and delicious Polish favorites you won't want to miss!	
FRIDAY OCTOBER 23	 GERMAN DINNER Savor German tradition with bold flavors and great company!	



JOIN US FOR ALL 5 DINNERS
AND BE ENTERED INTO A

Chance

TO WIN SPECIAL PRIZES!

★ WIN ★
★ SOME GREAT ★
★ PRIZES! ★





POINT PLEASANT ELKS

820 ARNOLD AVENUE
POINT PLEASANT, NJ 08742

★ GREAT FOOD. GREAT FRIENDS. GREAT CAUSE. ★

Point Pleasant
Elks Lodge 1698

Hungarian Dinner Night

Friday, October 2, 2026

Featuring:

- Beef Goulash
- Cucumber Salad
- Palacsinta
(for dessert)

ONLY
\$16.00



POINT PLEASANT ELKS
FRIENDSHIP • SERVICE • COMMUNITY
People Helping People

Good Food Brings People Together ♥

Italian Night

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Buon Appetito!

MENU
Spaghetti & Homemade Meatballs
Fresh Salad
Italian Bread
Italian Cookies for Dessert

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9,
2026**
DINNER STARTS AT
6:00 PM
\$15

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ARE WELCOME

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

POLISH NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Presented by THE SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Featuring:

❁ 3 HOMEMADE
POTATO / WHITE
CHEDDAR PIEROGI

❁ GOLUMPKI
(STUFFED CABBAGE)

❁ KIELBASA & KRAUT

❁ HALUSHKI
(CABBAGE & NOODLES)

❁ RYE BREAD



\$17
PER PERSON



BROWNIE WITH
VANILLA ICE CREAM



MEETING SCHEDULE

POINT PLEASANT #1698 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

LODGE MEETINGS- 1st AND 3rd TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT JULY AND AUGUST- 3rd TUESDAY ONLY.

DECEMBER -1ST TUESDAY ONLY.

LODGE MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7PM.

HOUSE MEETING- 4th TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. If you or your committee has an idea for an event, function, or dinner you are encouraged to attend. We will assist you on obtaining a date on the lodge calendar and any other assistance you may need.

BOARD MEETING- TBD

VETERANS COMMITTEE- Meetings are held on the 3rd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7PM.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE- Thursday June 18 @6PM. Moving forward All meetings will be on the 2nd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 6PM.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE- 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm

MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE- During riding season, they meet 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month following the lodge meeting. Off season they only meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, following the lodge meeting.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS- Are held on the first Monday of the month. The meeting spot rotates among the 11 lodges in our district. The full list of meeting spots will be posted as soon as that schedule becomes available. Veterans and SCC meetings begin at 6PM- food served at 6:30PM- all other meetings begin at 7PM.

14TH ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY



POINT PLEASANT ELKS #1698 14TH ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 4TH
12:00PM – 4:00PM

Members and Guests

Homemade hamburgers, potato salad, hot dogs, chili dogs, sausage
and peppers, pulled pork.....

Select Beverages Included
Donation \$25.00 in advance
\$30.00 at the Gate

Gift Auction
50/50 Raffle

4:25PM Game in the
Grille Room

Last Man Standing Tickets



VS.



Skyler Mae Champion

License # 2025-70



For further information call Joe Pesany @ 732-233-6601 jpesany2@gmail.com
or call Donna Pesany @ 908-447-7938 primadonna59@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES 2026-2027

2026 NJ ELKS STATE CONVENTION

WILDWOOD, NJ

JUNE 5-7

2026 FALL CONFERENCE

OCEAN PLACE RESORT, LONG BRANCH, NJ

NOVEMBER 13-15

Miracle Run
July 26, 2026

Army of Hope Picnic
September 13, 2026

Path/Peer Leadership
February 4-7, 2027

State Ritual Contest
Feb. 27-28, 2027

State/District Elections
March 7, 2027

2026 State Convention
Wildwood June 4-6, 2027

2027 Fall Conference
Long Branch Nov 12-14, 2027



FLANNELS AND FALL FUN



**Flannels
and Fall Fun**

OCTOBER 17TH • 6:00
in the Grill Room

**COME DECORATE
A PUMPKIN
FOR \$5**
AND ENTER IT IN OUR
DECORATING CONTEST.
Everyone gets to vote!

*Kitchen
will be
open.*

**GET A TEAM AND PLAY IN OUR
FREE FALL TRIVIA EVENT!**
FEATURING THE CATEGORIES:

 BACK TO SCHOOL	 FALL SPORTS	 FALL MUSIC	 FALL FOOD	 FALL AT POINT
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Brought to you by the
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
OF LODGE 1698

HALLOWEEN PARTY

A Halloween-themed poster for a party at Point Pleasant Elks. The background is dark purple with silhouettes of trees, a full moon, and a witch's hat. A skeleton wearing orange sunglasses and a jack-o'-lantern are also featured. The text is in various colors and fonts, including orange, purple, and white.

Point Pleasant Elks
#1698 • 820 Arnold Ave., Point Pleasant, New Jersey

HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026
6:00 PM — 10:00 PM

COSTUME CONTEST

DJ PETER

LITE BITES FOR PURCHASE

• Mozzarella sticks	\$6	• Mac-n-cheese bites	\$6
• Zucchini sticks	\$6	• Chicken Tenders	\$6
• Jalapeño poppers	\$6	• French Fries	Lg-\$5 Sm-\$3
• Cheese pizza \$8			
• Pepperoni pizza \$10			

80TH ANNIVERSARY

🎉 CELEBRATE OUR 80th ANNIVERSARY 🎉
WITH LODGE MERCH



LEFT FRONT CHEST

BACK

2026 PARADE SHIRT - DRI-FIT SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT

S-XL..\$20 2XL..\$22 3XL..\$23 4XL..\$24

WE WILL BE WEARING THESE SHIRTS AT THE MEMORIAL DAY AND WILDWOOD PARADES.
IF YOU MARCH IN THE WILDWOOD PARADE, THE PARADE COMMITTEE WILL REIMBUSE YOU
\$10 FOR PARADE SHIRT, **AFTER** MARCHING.

SWEATSHIRTS

CREW NECK(C)- S-XL..\$30 2XL..\$32 3XL..\$33 4XL..\$33
HOODIES(H) - S-XL..\$30 2XL..\$32 3XL..\$33 4XL..\$33
ZIP-UP HOODIE(Z)- S-XL..\$35..2XL..\$37..3XL..\$39 4XL..\$40

NAME _____ CONTACT # _____

PARADE SHIRT- SIZE _____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

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SWEATSHIRTS- C-H-Z & SIZE _____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

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SWEATSHIRTS- C-H-Z & SIZE _____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ORDER

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT PARADE COMMITTEE.

QUESTIONS?? CONTACT DAWN C @ 908-415-5830 OR HEATHER @848-207-6022



ELKS VALUES

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

FOUR VALUES. ONE PURPOSE.



CHARITY

Elks care for our communities through acts of kindness, donations, and service that make a difference.



JUSTICE

Elks uphold fairness, equality, and the rights of all individuals.



BROTHERLY LOVE

Elks support one another with respect, compassion, and a true sense of brotherhood.



FIDELITY

Elks are committed to our Lodge, our members, and the promises we make to each other.



Elks Care. *Elks* Share. *Elks* Make a Difference.

Together, we strengthen our Lodge,
our community, and our future.



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THE BANQUET HALL IS OPEN

Book your next party with us!

Contact Terry at 732-513-3599 for details

BIRTHDAYS – SHOWERS – FUNDRAISERS – WEDDINGS – BAPTISMS – GRADUATIONS
ALL OCCASIONS