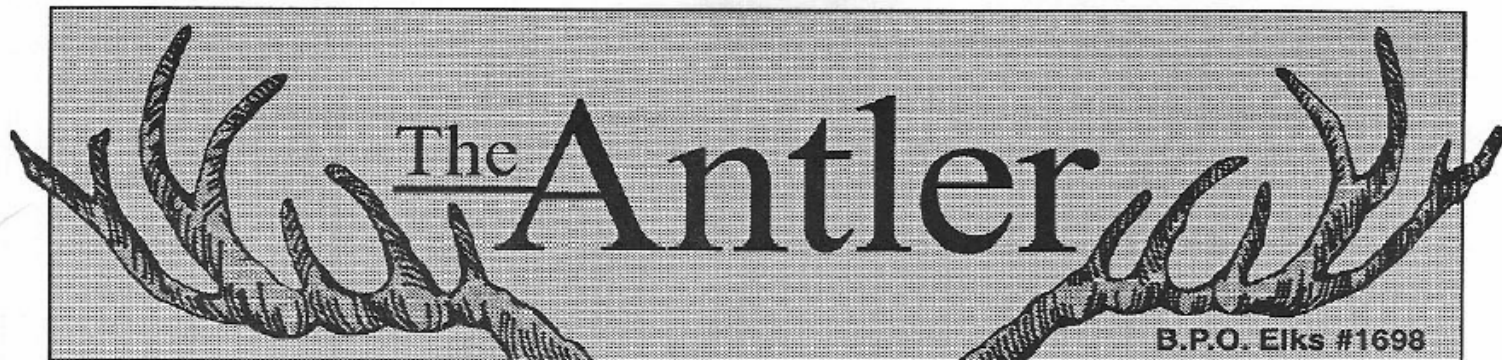




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

I would first like to congratulate Dawn for having such an outstanding year. Her shoes may be small, but they will certainly be hard to fill! On that note, I am very humbled that our Lodge has put their trust and support in me to lead the upcoming Elk year. I am excited to work with all of our great members, appointed chairs, and my team of officers to continue this forward momentum.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and my personal story. I was born and raised in Manasquan. I graduated from Manasquan High School and then attended pharmacy school in Philadelphia for 5 years. Immediately after graduation, I moved back to the shore and married my college sweetheart, Jessica. We bought our home in Point Pleasant in 2003 and started our family. We have 3 daughters: Ava (7), Brynn (4), and Reese (4), who over the last three years, have been seen running around the grill room and mooching food!

My parents were very active within the Manasquan community. My mother served as PTO president and my father as a councilman. They instilled the important value that you must be an active part of the community in which you live. I feel that the Elks are a vital part of Point Pleasant and, therefore, exemplify this value.

In a lodge that has over 700 members, it is hard to get to know everyone personally. However, now that you know a piece of my story, I hope to get to know a piece of everyone else's story over the next year.

In closing, I feel that communication is the key to success. Please know that I want to meet each and every member. I will be starting "gripe" sessions once a month. It will be held one Thursday morning each month at the lodge, where any member can feel free to meet with me with any questions, comments, or concerns. The first one will be held Thursday, April 18, at 10 a.m. in the Lodge grill room.

Fraternally,

Clifford I. Van Nest



(left to right) Sisters Ali and Megan with ER Cliff



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House Committee News

By Brian Coyle

My name is Brian Coyle and I am excited to be the House Committee Chairman for the upcoming year. Our first Committee Meeting for the new Elk year is Monday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m. We welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Committee to meet us on the 8th and share your ideas and support.

Cornhole is on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 7-10 p.m. It's like horseshoes but with bean bags and is a lot of fun. Come and check it out!

Dino's next Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Sun., April 21, from 4-7 p.m. \$10 per person for pasta dinner served with homemade sausage and meatballs, salad, and dessert.

March was a very busy and successful month. Thank you all for supporting the Lodge events including Elk, Officer, & Citizen of the Year Dinner, St. Patrick's Day, Easter Egg Hunt, and Friday Night Dinners!

Thank you to Antsy the Clown and the Easter Bunny (Fred Frick) and everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.

And a big thank you to Johnny Unda and his fantastic and dedicated kitchen crew! Johnny Unda will continue his culinary skills in the kitchen serving up delicious Friday night dinners. Also, look for news on his week-day lunch menu coming soon!

Please check out our website and flyers in the Grill Room for announcements about upcoming Spring events including Bar Bingo, Karaoke, CPR Class, Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day services and other fun events.

Please remember that dues for the new Elk Year are due by April 1. By order of the Grand Lodge, there is no grace period this year and members with unpaid dues will be unable to access the Lodge and Grill Room until dues are brought current.

NJ Elks Family Scholarship

The NJSEA is pleased to announce the **NJ Elks Family Scholarship**. This scholarship program will run from April 1 through July 15, 2013. Any son, daughter, step-child, grandchildren, or step-grandchild of an Elk in good standing may apply. You must have been a paid up Elk member prior to March 31, 2011 and your current dues (2013-2014) must be paid.

This \$750 scholarship is available for graduating High School Seniors (May or June 2013) as well as currently enrolled Full Time College Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors at a two or four year program. In order to have the greatest impact on the most eligible lives of our students, all members' offspring meeting these requirements are strongly encouraged to apply.

The New Jersey Elks Charities will award 25% of those applying with this \$750 one time scholarship. Each year of eligibility must be applied for separately. That's right, you may have up to \$3,000 of your college tuition paid through your scholarship awards.

Applications will be judged on Honors and Awards; Extra-curricular Activities; Leadership; Work and Community Service. There will be separate scoring for High School and College students. Full details and application instructions on the NJ Elks Family Scholarship will be posted on the State Website March 15, 2013: **NJELKS.ORG**.

Scholarship News by Jan Picarell

As the April Antler goes to press, our local High Schools are entering the 4th academic marking period and, as always, a crucial one for students particularly graduating Seniors. As the Seniors in both our High Schools began this final year, many applied for the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Award. Our Guidance Counselors did an outstanding push to encourage their Seniors. We are pleased to report that 26 Seniors applied, an historical number. Our Scholarship Committee reviewed the applications and selected 4 boys and 4 girls to be evaluated at the Southeast District level. All entrants had outstanding profiles in academics, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and community service. They are all Point Pleasant Borough High School Seniors: Sydney Brannick, Jessica Macchi, Abigail Miller, Alexandra Lokerson, Matthew Piccolello, Anthony Perello, Christopher Doblowsky, and Matthew Peled.

The District Chair and the Committee recommended Matthew Piccolello and Sydney Brannick to the Elks State Scholarship Committee. The State recommended Matthew Piccolello to the National Committee for Most Valuable Student Award. At this writing we await their determination in April.

The Lodge's Scholarship Committee's final task is to select 10 graduating Seniors for our five Memorial Awards to be given in June at their respective honors assemblies. Of course, we do rely on our counselors for their recommendations. They are: The Bobbie Meserol, The Tim Rex, The Van Duyn, The Robert Haugh, Sr., and The Donald Koch, PER.

Thank you again for supporting the major 50-50's, past committee activities, and, of course, March Madness and the Triple Crown this Spring.



Elk of the Month

By the House Committee



Tim Jennings

Our Elk of the Month is: Tim Jennings, but we all know him as “Spanky.”

Tim has been a proud Elk for about 3 years. Most recently, he has been behind the scenes helping at the Lodge and does it with a smile.

“Spanky” has been a part of our great kitchen crew that has been working so hard for us all year. He has been helping with Friday night dinners, banquets, and special events. When not in the kitchen, you may find Spanky in the Grill Room with a friendly greeting for everyone. He is always willing to help to ensure everyone else has a good time.

Tim, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for the Lodge.

“Congratulations on being Elk of the Month for April!”



Organ & Tissue Donation Program



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes, and life-saving tissue.

The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate Life America website, www.donatelife.net. Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer—14,502 organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, go to the **Donate Life** website. This is a great way to show that “*Elks Give from the Heart.*”

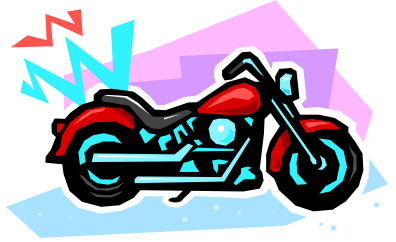
Motorcycle Committee

A new committee is being started at Point Pleasant Lodge, the Motorcycle Committee (MC). The committee's main objective is to raise funds to be used for the building and grounds of Point Pleasant Lodge.

Whether you ride or are a motorcycle enthusiast, come and join this committee and help make a difference at our Lodge.

The first meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Grill Room.

Please contact Charlie Scanlan at 732-740-4908 if you have any questions.



Elks Chili Contest by Tim Haley

Thanks to all who entered and all who voted in the Elks chili contest. Johnny "Unda" won by 1 vote. Liz Cantaloupe came in second and Sharon Haugh came in third. The event raised \$200.00 towards building repairs.



Thank You

I was able to raise over \$1,200.00 for the Miracle Plunge thanks to the generosity of our members.

Cliff Van Nest

An Open Letter from Brian Kierstead, Leading Knight, to all Members of Pt. Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698:

Dear Members:

I am the Chairman of the Convention Committee for the 2013 NJ State Elks Convention. The convention will take place in Wildwood, NJ, from **June 7th-June 9th**.

Accommodations: We have secured the Gold Crest Motel as our "Lodge" away from the "Lodge!" Please see the Registration Form on the next page regarding costs, deposits, and deadline dates. I am aware that some of our members like to keep the same room from year to year. If you have any special requests or accommodations, please state them in your reply or contact me as soon as you can. I can't make any promises but I will do my best to help you.

Parade: The parade is on Saturday, June 8th. For the 2013 Parade, we are keeping our dress code. Shirts will be provided to anyone who does not have one and who will be attending the parade. To help with costs, we are asking that anyone who still has their shirt and hat from last year, to please use them again this year. At the bottom of the registration form I will need you to select whether or not you will be marching. If you are, and you do not have a shirt from last year, please indicate how many shirts to order and what sizes.

The sizes are based on men's sizes and run as follows: XS, S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X, or 3X. Any woman marching in the parade should order one size below what you would normally wear in a woman's size. For example, if you wear a woman's size L, then order a size M. The shirts will be worn with tan pants and white sneakers.

Please note: Anyone receiving a shirt who does not march in the parade will be liable for the cost of the shirt.

Our committee goal is to give our Members a fun filled event while streamlining costs. While the prices of the motel, food, and drinks have all gone up since last year, our committee is determined to keep Member costs the same.

With that in mind, we need your help:

Fund Raising: Several committee members have some great fund raising ideas but they cannot do it alone. It is crucial that the Members help support the fund raising events. Please remember that lodging, entertainment, and meals at Convention are not "lodge budgeted events." The Lodge will advance the monies for these costs. However, it is up to the convention attendees to generate the income to offset the costs. This is done through fund raising events and by the overall cost to the Member for Convention. As we are keeping the cost the same as last year, please help support our Lodge to achieve our goal of making Convention *"a fun filled event while streamlining costs."* Below is a "Free Weekend Raffle Ticket." Each ticket is \$25.00. You may purchase as many tickets as you like. The ticket must be completed and returned to me with a check payable to Point Pleasant Elks. **Under no circumstances will cash be accepted.** Raffle tickets are due by Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, May 10, 2013, at 7 pm. Winner does not have to be present.

*Fraternally,
Brian Kierstead, Leading Knight*

Return this portion by Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Name:

Contact Info:





Registration Form

Elks Annual Convention
June 7-9, 2013
Wildwood, New Jersey



Single: \$300.00
2 Adults: \$380.00
Additional Adults (21 & Over): \$ 80.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)
Additional Children (under 21): \$ 30.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)

A 50% deposit must be received as soon as possible to guarantee your room. Final balance due must be received no later than **Monday, April 15th**. Any cancellations received after the deposit has been received or after final payment has been made **will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$100.00.**

NO CASH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED. For your convenience, you can pay by check or credit card. **Please return the bottom portion with your preferred method of payment.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Adults/Room: _____ # of Children/Room: _____

Marching in the parade: Y N Number of Shirts: _____ Size(s): _____

For Credit Card Payments:

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CID or Security ID (3 or 4 digit #): _____

For Check Payments: Make check payable to: **Point Pleasant Elks**

Mail to: Brian Kierstead, 1103 Gardenia Dr., Brick, NJ, 08724 or put in the Leading Knight mailbox at the Lodge.

Veterans Committee

By Nancy DeVito

I would like to congratulate Dawn and her officers for a successful year and to also wish Cliff and the new incoming officers all the best for the coming year.

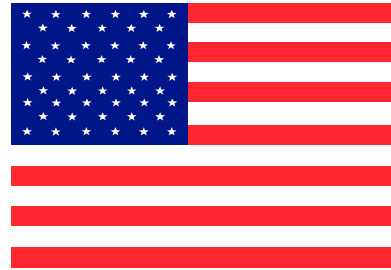
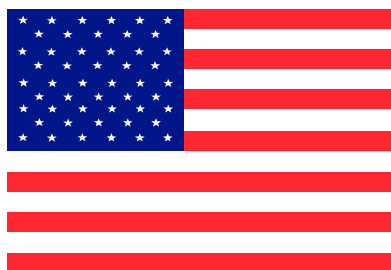
The Veterans Committee is getting ready for the coming year. Our fishing trips are on schedule and we are getting ready for our 50-50 Raffle in July. As soon as we have a confirmed date, we will be applying for the license and the tickets will be made. I hope all members support and help out our Veterans. "Freedom isn't free."

Soon we will be putting together care packages for the troops. The Girl Scout Troop from Howell would like to join us again. They are collecting Girl Scout cookies for the troops. All donations are appreciated but **"Please –No More Books."** They are heavy and cost too much to ship. Thank you.

If you're wondering what to buy that special someone, you can always buy a paver. If interested, please see Mike Travisano.

May 19th we will be treating our Veterans from Burnt Tavern Manor to a day at the Blue Claws Stadium. I pray for a beautiful day for these special guests.

I had the pleasure of being invited to the awards banquet as the Honorary Commander of the 514th Force Support Squadron. It is always a tearful moment when they have the table of honor for our fallen soldiers. **"Never forget."** Our Elks Lodge is very well respected by Joint Base McGuire.



(Left to right)
SrA Christy Harris, Nancy DeVito, Maj. USAF Regina Reyes

Our Veterans Committee will be doing the Joe Corbi pizza fundraiser. Please see any Committee Member and they will be happy to place your order.

Building Improvement Committee by Gus Adamo

Since the Elks is a non-profit organization, we are in need of donations from our Members to update our **Second Home**.

The bathrooms need to be handicapped accessible and two more garages are needed for outdoor storage. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to Point Pleasant Elks. You may mail it to the Lodge to my attention or put in the secretary's mailbox down in the Grill Room.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 732-899-2722.

April 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue Terrific Tuesdays Noon-4 pm	Wed	Thu Thirsty Thursdays 4-7 pm	Fri	Sat Happy Hour 3-7 pm
	1 April Fool's Day	2 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	3 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	4 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	5 Friday Night Dinner	6
7	8 House Committee Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	10	11 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	12 Friday Night Dinner	13
14	15	16 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	17 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	18 Gripe Session 10 am Shuffleboard Line Dancing	19 Friday Night Dinner	20
21 Pasta Dinner 4-7 pm	22 Earth Day	23 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	24 HB Bobbi	25	26 Friday Night Dinner	27
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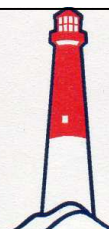
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Jay Ramirez

Membership: Dues notices all went out. Please send in your dues, as no one will be allowed in the club on April 1, 2013, unless dues have been paid. There will be no grace period as per Grand Lodge. The House Committee Chairman, Brian Coyle, and the bartenders will be checking cards starting April 1, 2013.

LODGE OF SORROW

Stephen Dougherty—February 15, 2013

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