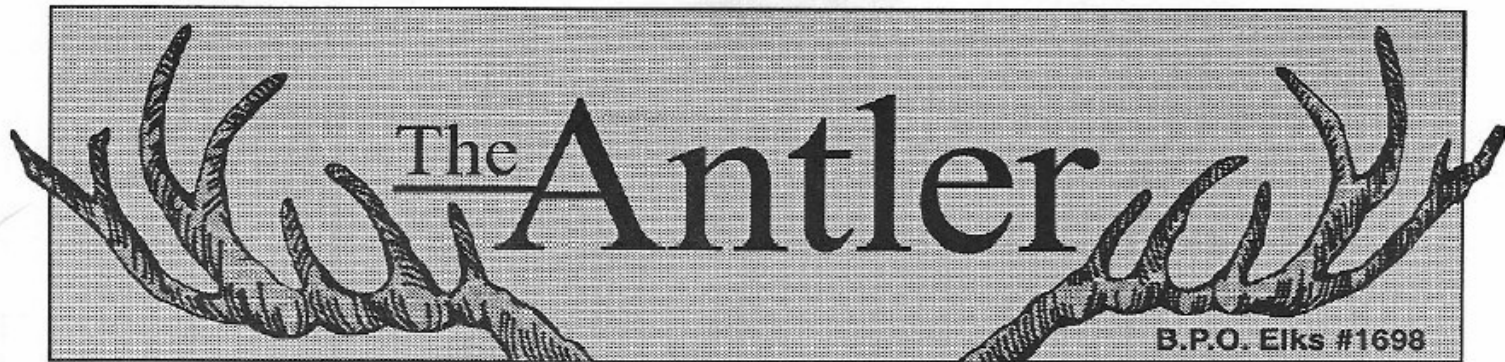
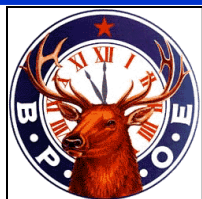




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Dear Members/ Friends

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. For those of you who do not know me, my name is

William Matthews, most call me "Wild Bill". I will have the honor of being your Exalted Ruler for the next twelve months. You will also have new officers which I feel, out of respect to you, the membership, I would like to welcome and introduce to you. As your Leading Knight: Barbara Lloyd, as your Loyal Knight: Melissa Macwhorter, and as your Lecturing Knight: Phyllis Willever. Other officers are: Esquire: "Rick " Emm, as your Secretary: Helen McDermott, as your Treasurer: Colleen Castronova, as your Tiler: Gus Adamo, as your Inner Guard: Jack Secor, and as your Chaplain: Susan Flickinger. Your Board of Trustees will be Gary Laudisi, Steve Flickenger, John Gartz, Robert "BOB" Byrnes, PER and VP elect and Thomas "Tom" Watters, 2x PER. To our editor, Karen Laudisi, thank you for doing our monthly Antler so members can stay informed of what's going on in and around our lodge. A big "Thank You" to all the officers and committee chairpeople who stepped up for Elk Year 2018-2019. Without all of you our lodge and membership, we would not be able to move forward and do great things for this lodge. I know you all have the best interest of our lodge in your hearts and minds and I look forward to working with all of you.

As you all know, our previous treasurer, Ann Marie O'Hare is stepping down this year to keep up with her busy schedule and to devote much needed time to her husband, our VP elect, Robert Byrnes. Ann Marie, on behalf of myself and the membership THANK YOU for all your dedication to this lodge and all we stand for, "You are the best"!! We will all miss you! I would also like to thank all the officers, trustees and committee chairpeople for all their hard work and devotion in this past year. I applaud you all!! Great job Everyone!!

Fraternally Yours,

William "Wild Bill" Matthews



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April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5	6	7
8  Bowling 4pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15  Bowling 4pm	16	17 House Mtg. Lodge Meeting	18	19	20	21
22  Bowling 4pm	23	24	25	26	27	28 Medication disposal day
29  Bowling 4pm	30					



APRIL ELKS OF THE MONTH



RON PANUSKA

MIKE TRAVISANO

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO KNOW RON AND MIKE THEY HAVE BEEN OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS CHAIRMEN FOR MANY YEARS AND WILL BE STEPPING DOWN THIS YEAR. AS MOST OF US ARE ON OUR WAY TO WORK IN THE MORNING, THESE TWO GUYS ARE HARD AT WORK AT OUR LODGE TAKING CARE OF ALL SORTS OF MISCELLANEOUS TASKS THAT HELP KEEP OUR LODGE IN DECENT ORDER. WHETHER IT MAY BE AN OUTSIDE OR INSIDE "FIXER UPPER", WITHOUT HESITATION, THEY JUMPED RIGHT IN AND TOOK CARE OF IT. YOU WILL ALSO SEE THEM AROUND THE LODGE WORKING FUNDRAISERS AND ENJOYING AN OCCASIONAL FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER. THANK YOU RON AND MIKE FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.



HAPPENINGS:

MAY 13TH - MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE 10AM

JUNE 1ST & 2ND- NJ STATE ELKS CONVENTION- WILDWOOD, NJ

JUNE 10TH- FLAG DAY CEREMONY 11AM

DISTRICT ELKDOM NEWS

APRIL 9TH-DDGER CLINIC AT HOWELL ELKS, 7PM- ER, LEADING KNIGHT, SECRETARY AND HEAD OF THE TRUSTEES MUST ATTEND.

APRIL 21ST- MANAQUAN ELKS CHARITY BALL 7PM

APRIL 28TH- DISTRICT ELK OF THE YEAR DINNER. 6:30PM, BRICK ELKS. \$15 PP. SEE BILL OR BARBARA FOR TICKETS. ALL ARE WELCOMED



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Registration Form



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2018
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You can also register and pay for the convention on-line at
<http://www.pointpleasantelks.org/Convention.html>

VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito

I'd like to thank the outgoing officers and welcome the incoming officers. Together we can achieve great things. Our Veterans committee has plans for two raffles to raise money for our Veterans/military. Keep your eyes open for your 50/50 raffle tickets in the mail, the winner will be called at the fluke tournament. Second raffle is the restaurant raffle which the winner will be called Aug. 31. for \$5.00 you have a chance to win 5-\$100.00 restaurant gift cards. You don't have to be present to win for either raffle.

Our fishing trips are on schedule for June 19, July 17, and Aug. 21. I'm happy to say that our fishing trips have become popular at the Veterans Hosp. in East Orange and 7 Vets and an aid will be joining us.

Mark your calendars for July 8th and fund raiser at Lakewood Blue claws. A ball game clowns against the military. Gates open at 1:00pm. A donation of \$10.00 for adults and kids 10 and under are FREE. Please join us and have a good laugh. All proceeds will be used to help military families going thru hard times.

I had the pleasure of joining the 514th Civic leaders tour with other Honorary Commanders and Community leaders. We flew to Robbins AFB, in Georgia where they take care of all mechanical issues regarding the C5 Hercules aircraft, than on the Homestead Air Force Reserve Base in Florida where they maintain the F16 for war readiness. On the way back home where we were able to watch first-hand the air refueling of a C17 and the F16. What an great experience, I am so proud of our Air force and those who serve. Also we watched the aero medical team show us how they take care of our soldiers that have been hurt in arms way.



God Bless Our Troops and God Bless America



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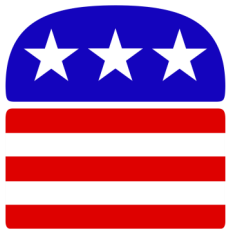
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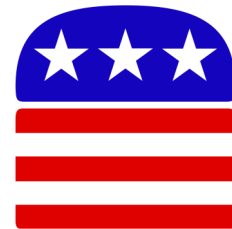


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DID THIS YEAR
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CONGRATULATIONS

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ELK OF THE YEAR

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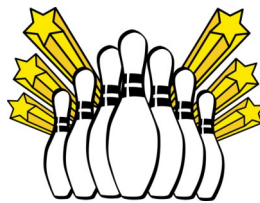


CHUCK ACKERMAN

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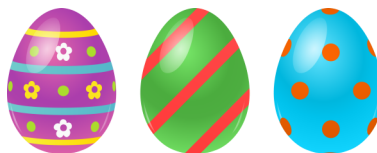
Wii Bowling

Sundays 4pm

In the Grill Room



EASTER EGG HUNT



Point Pleasant Elks Drug Awareness Committee

By Liz Smith



For those not aware, I have agreed to chair the Drug Awareness Committee for our lodge this coming year. I would like to increase this committee's presence this year by reaching out via the Antler and perhaps "public service announcement" type flyers.

I wanted to get some timely information into the April Antler, so I am diving in and writing my first article to discuss two items.

First I would like The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day that aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. This year's day is **Saturday, April 28' from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This is a great time to go through your medicine cabinet and collect expired or unneeded medications and safely dispose of them. This is the preferred method of getting rid of them as opposed to putting them in the garbage (potential for abuse) or flushing them down the toilet (potential for pollution of water supplies). Click on https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html after April first for take back locations near you.

Is the Take Back program effective? The last one was in October of 2017 and in 5,321 collection sites nationwide over 456 tons of prescription medications were collected for safe disposal.

Secondly, if anyone wishes to be a committee member and help out, I could use the assistance. I am always looking for new ideas as well as those with a knowledge of what this committee has historically done. Thanks in advance to whoever can spare a few hours here and there.

I look forward to serving the lodge and our community in this position.



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Thank you,

"Wild Bill"



See ya at the Elks