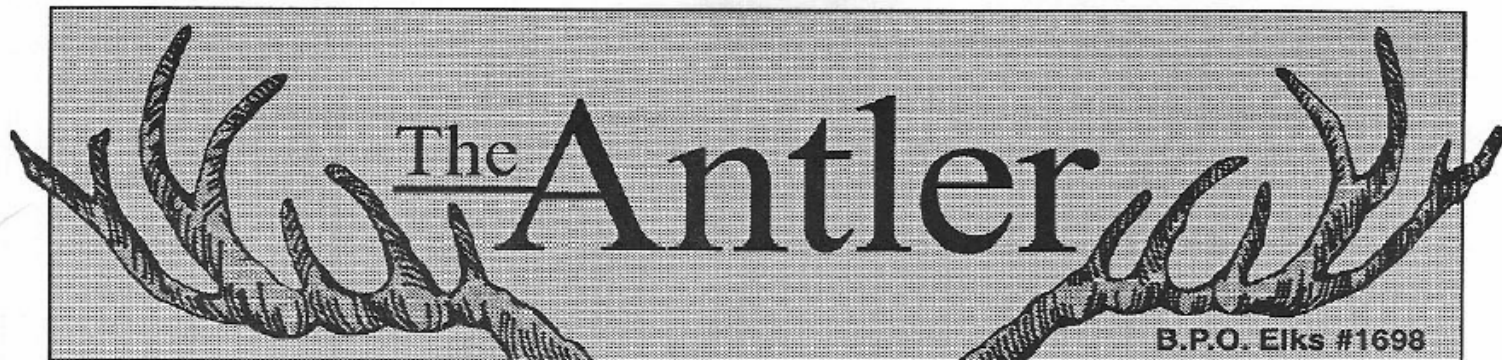




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Back from Austin, Texas where I attended the Grand Lodge Convention. What an experience! I met with brother/sister Elks from all over the country and it was quite interesting to hear about their Lodges. It was nice to share Elks fellowship with the Lodges in our District and in the State of New Jersey.

Some of the highlights from Grand Lodge Convention are as follows:

- ◇ Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Thomas S. Brazier from Santa Cruz Lodge #824.
- ◇ The Elks National Foundation is now offering a \$1,000 Beacon Grant. This Grant is available to all Elks Lodges for an on-going, charitable, Elks-driven community project.
- ◇ The Resolution passed for allowing a Lodge the adoption of alternate initiation rituals.
- ◇ Membership applications are now online at the Elks.org website.

These are just some of the highlights. Of course, other topics were discussed and voted on at the Grand Lodge Convention, which will be discussed at our Lodge Meeting.

Five months into the year and our Public Relations Committee has been working very hard, in an effort to project a positive public image and to cultivate relationships with the media. And that hard work has paid off. You can't pick up an Ocean Star newspaper anymore and not see something regarding the Point Pleasant Elks #1698 on one of the newspaper pages. And the advertising of Lodge events has shown an increase of members in attending these events....all because they read it in the Ocean Star. And let's not forget that the power of positive public relations is believed to have a positive effect on increasing mem-

bership. With a positive public relations image, members are proud to be a part of such a great organization. Keep up the outstanding work and kudos to Donna Rotunno and our Public Relations Committee!

We have a membership goal at the Lodge of a "Plus One." In order for us to be able to continue the fine work we do within our community, as well as with the Veterans, Youth, Special Needs Children and all the other worthwhile Elks programs, we must increase our membership. Now here is my challenge to all of the members of this Lodge (myself included): I challenge each and every member of this Lodge to bring in one new member. If every one of us could bring in just one new member each, our membership will increase dramatically!

And, on a final note, I'd like to say thank you to all the great members of Point Pleasant Lodge #1698 for all your support and inspiration. You are the BEST and I couldn't do it without you!

Fraternally,
Dawn Tortoriello

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House Committee News

The fence is in. Will try to get people to put up after Fluke Tournament.

Wings, Clams, & Mussels Nite, August 25th. Drink Specials ...come out for a great time!

Thanks to everyone who helped at the Fluke Tournament.

New tables have been ordered for upstairs. Should be in by beginning of August.

The kitchen is going good since taking over. Please keep coming out and supporting the Friday Nite Dinner!

Thanks to Gus Schipani for cooking and serving Italian sausage and meatball sandwiches July 6th. A great crowd turned out and made the night a success.

Dino's Pasta Dinner: August 19th. Includes salad, pasta, meatballs, sausage, dessert and coffee. **Cost: \$10.** These dinners help offset the cost of the 2013 convention.

SAUSAGE*SAUSAGE*SAUSAGE

Once again Dino is taking orders for his homemade Italian Sausage at \$5.00/lb.

Orders due by August 18th.

_____ # Sweet

_____ # Hot

_____ # Thermo Nuclear Hot

Make check payable to BPO Elks #1698 and place in the Youth Activities mailbox with your order.

Golden Elks Pop Warner 2012 Scholarship Award Recipients

By Donna Tranchita

On June 4th and June 5th Point Pleasant Beach and Point Pleasant Borough High Schools held their senior awards night. The following Seniors each received a \$500.00 scholarship:

Kevin O'Connor	Point Pleasant Borough
Steven Krohn	Point Pleasant Borough
John Dunbar	Point Pleasant Borough
Cody Coleman	Point Pleasant Beach

Scholarship Report by Jan Picarell

We are happy to report that 4 Elk children have applied for the NJ Elks Association Legacy Award. They will be awarded in June 2013. They are Alexandra Lee and Meredith Lee, children of Richard Lee; Tyler Rotunno, child of Jerry and Donna Rotunno; Justin Grace, child of Charles Grace. We wish them success.

Attention incoming High School Seniors!! You may begin applying for the Elks National Most Valuable Student Scholarship beginning September 1, 2012, online at **ELKS.ORG/ENF/SCHOLARS**. If you have any questions, call me.



August 25, 2012

2-7 pm

**Come down to the Lodge for
Wings, Clams, and Mussels
Drink Specials Too!**



Elk of the Month

By Dawn Tortoriello

Bob Scott

Our Elk of the Month is: Bob Scott

Bob has been retired from the railroad for 2 years and he has been putting in more hours at the Lodge than when he worked!

He has been the Membership Chairperson for the past 2 years and has done a great job. Last year he had Point Pleasant at a plus for membership! He is continuing to work hard this year to do the same.

He is also the Co-Chair of the House Committee. He is at the Lodge every day between 6:30 and 8:30 am checking on everything. He sometimes is at the Lodge 3 or 4 times a day. And you can't miss that beautiful ramp on the side of the building. And, soon enough, our fence will be fixed too.

Bob has also taken over the kitchen. On Thursday's he cooks breakfast for about 15-20 business people. This has brought the Lodge some additional income. He drives all over checking prices and purchasing food for Friday Night dinners. This has made our members very happy having fresh food every Friday. And, Bob is also in the kitchen helping cook the dinners. Since taking over the kitchen, the Lodge has made a nice profit on the Friday Night Dinners!

Bob, thank you for all your help and CONGRATULATIONS on being August's Elk of the Month!



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.*"



Beginning November 2012, the Antler will no longer be mailed. It can be accessed through our website, or hard copies can be picked up at the Lodge.

If a hardship exists, such as living out of state or not having a computer, you need to contact Dawn Tortoriello ASAP at 908-600-6605 for additional instruction.



Casino Night
Saturday, August 11, 2012
7-11 p.m.
If you would like to donate a prize,
Please contact Phyllis Willever at
732-714-1149



Monmouth Park Picnic
Saturday, September 29, 2012
11:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
\$35.00 Per Person
Includes: Admission, Program, Use of Facilities, Food, Beverages,
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First Come First Serve
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Fundraiser for the Lodge
See Bartender for Sign-Up Sheet and Tickets
For More Information Contact:
Bat @ TMBATMANANHORSES@AOL.COM



Veterans Committee News

By Nancy DeVito

The Super 50/50 raffle drawing is almost here. Good Luck to all who supported our Veterans. The support and generosity of people like you who care about those that have served our country help to make this important Veterans Committee fundraiser successful. God Bless All Veterans!

Our fishing trip which was to be held on June 19 was cancelled due to mechanical problems with the boat and will be rescheduling as soon as it is in working order. I know the Army is looking forward to the day of fishing.

We will be doing care packages shortly and will be joined by our very own Daisy Troop from Point Pleasant. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. If you're hot here, can you imagine this heat x 10 with gear on your back!?! So please, no perishables. "PLEASE DON'T FORGET THEM."

Our Veterans Committee will be assisting in cooking for several military family picnic's in August and September. Antsy the Clown will be at about six family picnics and Smilo the Clown will be helping out as well.

I would like to thank the 514th Force Support Squadron at Joint Base McGuire for making me an Honorary Commander and inviting me to attend the change of Command ceremony on August 4th.

On August 5 at the Lacey Elks Lodge, there will be the flag retirement ceremony. If you wish to attend, the ceremony starts at 12:00 noon.

The Jerry McIntyre Mash picnic will be held at the Brick Lodge on September 22. More info soon to follow.

October 13, mark your calendar's, you don't want to miss out on all the fun at the Veterans Annual Dinner Dance with "Surprise Entertainment."



This is Eric and Josh. Both are in Bethesda Hospital. They ask for PRAYERS! So when you go to sleep at night say a little prayer for them and all our men and women. It's hero's like these men that make me want to do more! How about you?

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Thursdays
4-7 pm

Fri

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Half-Price
Drinks
3-7 pm

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5	6	7	8 <i>NVSC</i> 7 pm	9 <i>Shuffleboard</i> <i>Line Dancing</i>	10 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	11 <i>Casino Night</i> 7-11 pm
12	13	14 <i>Cornhole League</i> 7-10 pm	15	16 <i>Shuffleboard</i> <i>Line Dancing</i>	17 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	18
19 <i>Dino's Pasta Dinner</i>	20	21 <i>Lodge Meeting</i> 8 pm	22 <i>NVSC</i> 7 pm	23 <i>Shuffleboard</i> <i>Line Dancing</i>	24 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	25 <i>Wings, Clams, & Mussels</i>
26 <i>Breakfast</i> 9 am-Noon	27	28 <i>Cornhole League</i> 7-10 pm	29	30 <i>Shuffleboard</i> <i>Line Dancing</i>	31 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	

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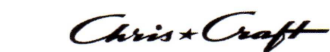
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