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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

It feels great to be home from Grand Lodge Convention that took place in Reno, Nevada. However, it was awesome to meet so many fellow Elks and learn of all the great programs and projects they work on to make Elks great. I feel renewed and refreshed from seeing and hearing about all we do as an organization. I was so proud to be able to attend a special session at Grand Lodge that honored one of our own. Dennis Torode was awarded the Marvin M. Lewis award for outstanding contributions to The Boy Scouts of America. This award is given on a national level to an active Elk member who has significantly contributed to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Congrats, Dennis, I could not think of anyone else who deserves this more than you. The most important resolution that did NOT get passed at Grand Lodge was a constitutional amendment that would allow members to join at the age of eighteen. This was the hot topic that week, but other news and information will follow at our next meeting. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Millard Pickering for being elected our new Grand Exalted Ruler, and Bill Caufield for taking his oath as our new District Deputy.

Although I was away for our appetizer contest, I heard that the event was fantastic. Not only did it bring our members together, it also raised more money for the bathroom fund. It is wonderful to see some new ideas in action, and I encourage anyone that has fresh plans to come forward. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our house chair, Brian Coyle, to make these ideas come to fruition.

At the time I wrote this article, the fluke tournament has not yet taken place. I would like to thank John Veprek, PSP, and all who have helped to get this event off the ground. I would also like to thank all who have worked before, during, and after the event, and let you know that our lodge appreciates all you do.

In closing, I am so proud of all the members of Point Pleasant Lodge 1698. In as little as four months, so many wonderful things have happened this year. I feel a great sense of fraternity each and every time I walk into the lodge. Voltaire was once quoted, "We are rarely proud when we are alone." I truly believe our lodge's sense of pride originates from the common bonds we all share as fellow Elks.



Fraternally,

Clifford I. Van Nest

A candid shot of ER Cliff and Lacey's ER, Lou Zigarelli, in Virginia City, Nevada.

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House Committee News

By Brian Coyle

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Atlantic City Bus Trip. We had a blast and raised \$800. for the Bathroom Fund. Look for info on another trip this fall.

Thanks to Gary Laudisi for fixing our AC upstairs and downstairs and keeping us cool this summer.

Thank you to Tim Haley and everyone who supported the Appetizer Party on July 20.

A big thanks to everyone who has helped to make Friday Night Dinners a success, especially Johnny Unda, Hugh, Hockey, Eddie McDermott, Lorraine, and Rosemary.

Elks Day at the Races is Oct. 5. \$35 per person. See flyer in Grill Room and contact Bat with questions.

Look for info in the Grill Room on Italian Hot Dog Night with Gus Schipani for a Saturday night in late August/early September.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, Oct. 27, for Point Pleasant Elks first TAILGATE PARTY. More details coming soon!

Big thanks to Tommy Laffman, our produce guy, for donating produce for our Friday Night Dinners. We appreciate it!

Check out our new video golf game in the Grill Room and show us your best shot.

The kitchen is open Wed.-Sun. for lunches starting at 11:30 am. Check the flyer in the Grill Room or on our website for more details. Please come out and support Friday Night Dinners from 6-8:30 pm also. If you haven't stopped by in awhile, come in and say hello and have a great meal.

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- P.M excursion to a Winery in Tuscany- with wine tasting & Dinner.

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Elks of the Month

By the House Committee



Lorraine and Rosemary DiGiovanni

Our Elks of the Month for August are Lorraine and Rosemary DiGiovanni.

The DiGiovanni Sisters have been members of the Elks for almost 2 years and are always quick to offer help for Lodge events and activities. Although mostly behind the scenes, Lorraine and Rosemary have really come into their own this year as valuable members of the House Committee and regulars on the Kitchen Crew for Friday Night Dinners. You may have seen them washing pots and pans or working the dishwasher, reminiscent at times of an I Love Lucy episode. Both ladies have also given their time for Mother's Day and Flag Day Services, Fluke Tournament, and Special Needs Children's Picnic as well as many other Lodge and Grill Room events.

Beyond their dedication to supporting the Elks, both Lorraine and Rosemary add so much joy and laughter to any event they participate in. They brought a lot of laughs to the Atlantic City Bus Trip too! Lorraine and Rosemary have a great sense of humor and a generous attitude that makes you smile when they are around.

As newer members, their enthusiasm and ideas are greatly appreciated and set a fine example of getting new members involved. Both women offer their time and support and do it with a smile and a generous heart.

Thank you, Lorraine and Rosemary. We appreciate your support and great attitude.
Congratulations on being our August Elks of the Month!



Oktoberfest

Volunteers are needed for the Oktoberfest. The sign-up sheet will be in the grill room or you can contact Carolyn Watters at cnh2os@comcast.net or 732-295-4269. Thank you.

THANK YOU

On behalf of his niece, Lorraine, and nephew, Mick, Johnny Unda would like to thank everyone who shared in the ceremony honoring his brother, Mikey.

Thank you to Uncle Paul and also to Eddie Lynch for his wonderful speech about Mikey and Gina for the pictures.

Thank you to Billy L., Jay, Suzie, Brian, Terry, Sharon Haugh, Hugh, Hockey, Helen, Barbara, Bob Scott, and everyone for the condolence card. Thanks also to Eddie Z from US Subs, Chef Dean, and Leon from the Idle Hour and Chef Larry for all their help with food donations. A big thank you to the lodge for letting us use the hall for the services and thank you to everyone who attended.

ELKS TRACK PICNIC



Saturday, October 5, 2013

Monmouth Park

Tickets: \$35/PP

Includes Food, Beverage, Program, Pen,
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1st Come, 1st Serve (Sold out last year)

Sign-Up at Bar in Grill Room Or See Bat Masterson



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."*



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August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue Terrific Tuesdays	Wed	Thu Thirsty Thursdays	Fri	Sat Happy Hour
			Lunch is served Wed. thru Sun. starting at 11:30 am	1 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	2 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30 pm	3
4	5 House Committee Meeting 7 pm	6	7 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	8 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	9 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30 pm	10
11	12	13	14	15 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	16 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30 pm	17
18	19	20 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	21 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	22 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	23 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30 pm	24
25	26 House Committee Meeting 7 pm Motorcycle Committee Meeting	27	28	29 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	30 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30 pm	31

Veterans Committee

By Nancy DeVito

On July 16 we hosted our second fishing trip with the Air Force aboard the Ideal. Even though it wasn't good fishing, it didn't dampen their spirits. They were very thankful for our invitation to fish and for the delicious meal when they got back to the lodge. Thank you to Eddie Z for the awesome sub. John Unda for the delicious gravy, meatballs, and sausage, and to all of my fellow Elks that helped to make their day special. Happy Birthday to John Kaufman and thank you, Ann, for the yummy birthday cake. It made the perfect dessert. Our next fishing trip will be August 20. We will be joined by the Navy.



Our Super 50/50 was a little off this year. I'm guessing people are feeling the effects of Sandy still. I hope things get better for everyone effected. The money we raise is greatly appreciated by all our Veterans we help. Here are some of the emails I received regarding the care packages which we send:

(Email #1)

Dearest Nancy DeVito and the Point Pleasant Elks,

*I wanted to extend an extreme **THANK YOU** for the care packages that were sent to Al Dhafra Airbase Chapel several weeks ago! I can't tell you how grateful we are to receive some comforts from home. It is not easy being so far away and, like myself, many of us feel the homesickness from time to time. Myself and two others, Airman First Class Richard Hayes and Staff Sergeant Anita Fisher, personally unloaded all the boxes and made them available for others here on base to enjoy. It warms my heart to know that we are appreciated for our sacrifice to this great nation. We would also like to thank you for the time and effort you have put into not only reminding us what we wake up for every day to defend, but also to thank you for what you have done for this country. If it wasn't for the veterans and family of veterans we would not be able to have this opportunity. Again from everyone here on base we Thank you!*

Sincerely,

Senior Airman Laura Stevenson

380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron/Force Protection

Al Dhafra Airbase, United Arab Emirates

Veterans Committee (Continued)

(Email #2)

Dear Point Pleasant Elks,

On behalf of the 380th AEW in Southwest Asia, I want to thank you and the young Girl Scouts who worked so hard at sending our troops the care packages. Guess what? Your packages arrived today, on the 4th of July!! I can't tell you how much all the goodies will be appreciated by the men and women serving here. It means a lot to know that there are citizens back home that show their support and are grateful for the sacrifices made by our military personnel. We are very appreciative of the generosity and time taken to put together so many wonderful packages.

Thank you so much,

*Chaplain Bruce Brewer
Wing Chaplain
380th AEW HC
APO, AE 09853*

(Email #3)

Nancy,

We did get the care packages and the crew has been enjoying the goodies. The jelly beans were a big hit. Please send me a list of the Girl Scout names that participated in the care packages. I would like to send each of them a picture of the ship as a thank you from the crew.

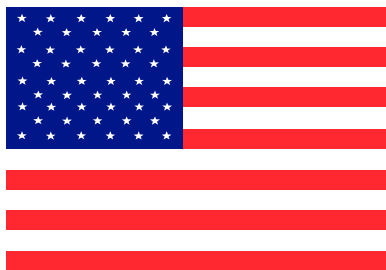
Thank you again,

*Austin
USS Gravelly*

The weathers been brutal. However, no matter how hot we are, just imagine how hot our military are with all their gear and with no chance of any AC! Freedom isn't free! Don't forget those who serve!

We will be helping with several family picnics this summer out at Joint Base McGuire so that they may enjoy their time with comrades and family.

November 2, Veterans Dinner Dance—Is it early to advertise the dance?? I think not. Mark your calendars today. You don't want to miss out.



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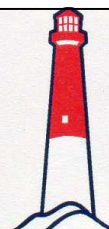
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Lodge of Sorrow

James R. Neral—died June 6, 2013

Diron Avedisian, PER, District Vice President, District Deputy, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight—died June 30, 2013

1st Annual Appetizer Party

On July 20 the Lodge had its' first Appetizer Party organized by Tim Haley. It was \$5.00 to taste and judge each entry. Bob Scott was the winner with his eggplant parmigiana but every entry gave him a run for the money including Barbara Romano's who came in 2nd.

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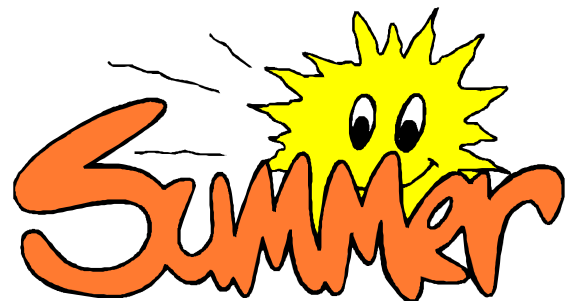
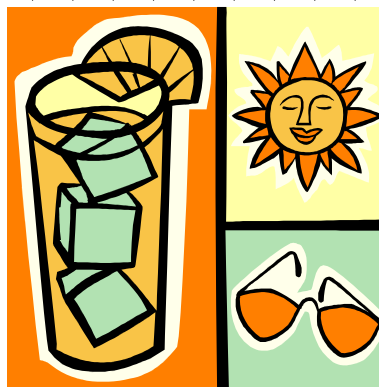
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