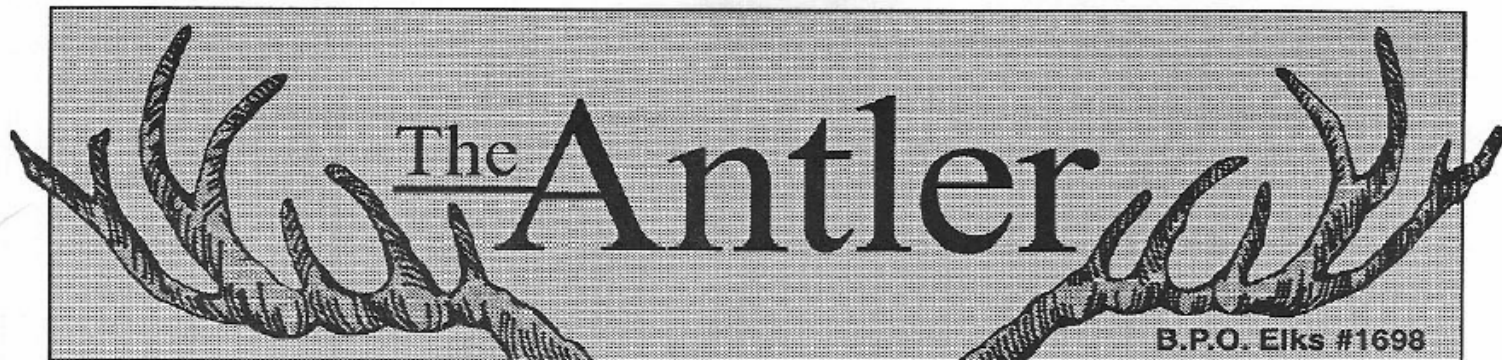




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



The motorcycle club sure did impress on their first event. The attendance showed up in full force and not only did they raise money for the lodge building fund, but more importantly collected valuable gifts for the Special Needs Christmas party. I would like to give a big thank you to the Scanlan brothers for all their efforts of not only starting the MC, but also hosting the first of many successful events.

On the same token, Nancy, what a great job you and your committee did on the Vet's Dinner Dance. It was so nice to meet the active military that were on hand and thank them and their families for their sacrifice to our country. And to all the Vets that attended—THANK YOU!

Late in November I attended the NJ State Elks Association's Fall Conference in Long Branch. Since Super Storm Sandy ruined last year's event, the memorial was very moving and I was glad to be there to represent our lodge. I am also happy to report that through all the lodges in the state, close to \$500,000.00 was raised for Elks Camp Moore and ENF. Our lodge contributes to both, and I am very pleased to say that we have met Grand Exalted Ruler Millard Pickering's ENF per capita and exceeded it by almost one dollar. "Great job" to all that have helped in this endeavor.

At this time, I would like to wish everyone and their families a Happy, Healthy Holiday and the best for a great New Year. It truly is "the most wonderful time of the year." As our ritual teaches us, "the witchery of wealth is not in having, but in sharing." This time of the year gives us each a great opportunity to live our obligation as Elks. Thank you each and every member for all you do. God bless our families this Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Clifford I. Van Nest

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House Committee News

By Brian Coyle

Thank you to Johnny Unda and everyone who has been helping out in the kitchen to make Friday Night dinners a success.

Thank you to Sharon Haugh and everyone who participated in the Pampered Chef Party, helping us raise \$537. for the bathroom fund.

A big thanks to Joe and Donna and everyone who helped make our first Tailgate Party a huge success. We raised \$2,030. for the bathroom fund.

We had a great time in Atlantic City and raised \$650. for the bathroom fund.

Thank you for all who supported the event and a big thanks to Johnny Unda for donating the delicious pork roll and cheese sandwiches. A special thank you goes out to Ken Kaminski from New York Bagel in Point Pleasant for donating the bagels!

The Egg Nog Party will be Sat., Dec. 21, from 3-7 pm in the Grill Room. We ask everyone who will be attending to bring a dish for all to enjoy (appetizers, entrees, desserts). Happy Hour prices will be in effect and the Lodge is providing the Egg Nog. **Wear your Ugly Christmas sweater, there's a contest!**

Please join us for **New Year's Eve** in the Grill Room. **\$12.** includes buffet starting at 8 pm and champagne toast at midnight. We will have music and Holiday Drink Specials too. Please buy your tickets in advance no later than Friday, December 27 with checks payable to Pt. Pleasant Elks. You can leave your check in the House Committee Chairman's mailbox at the Lodge.

Look for news in the Grill Room about our Paddle Auction coming on Friday, January 31st!

New Bar Hours effective Mon., Dec. 2:
Mon., Tues., & Wed: Bar opens at 3 pm
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.: Bar opens at Noon
Kitchen Hours:

Thursday Buffet Lunch: 12-5 pm
Friday Night Dinner: 6-8:30 pm
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Our next House Meeting is Monday, December 9 at 7 pm.



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Thank You



Elk of the Month
By the House Committee



John Sportelli

Our Elk of the Month for December is John Sportelli.

John Sportelli, better known as “Johnny Unda,” spends a lot of time at the Elks Lodge. In addition to his duties as Lodge Custodian, you can always find Johnny in the kitchen. Johnny loves to cook and loves to see people happy and having a good time.

Johnny draws a big crowd on Thursday when he bartends and serves up his famous Thursday Lunch Buffet! He is also donating his time for Friday Night Dinners for shopping, preparing, and cooking up delicious dinners. He has really stepped up the variety and quality of our Friday Night menu.

Johnny is also a big supporter of house events and always puts the interests of the Lodge ahead of his own even when it takes him out of the kitchen at times. He does his best to make every event he cooks for us special and tries to ensure that everyone is enjoying themselves.

He is one of the nicest and most generous hearted people that I have had the honor to work with this year at the Elks. He has a smile and a “Hi Sign” to greet everyone and tells you to eat or “Mangia! Mangia!”

Thank you, Johnny. We appreciate your hard work, generosity, and spirit in all that you do to support the Point Pleasant Elks Lodge.

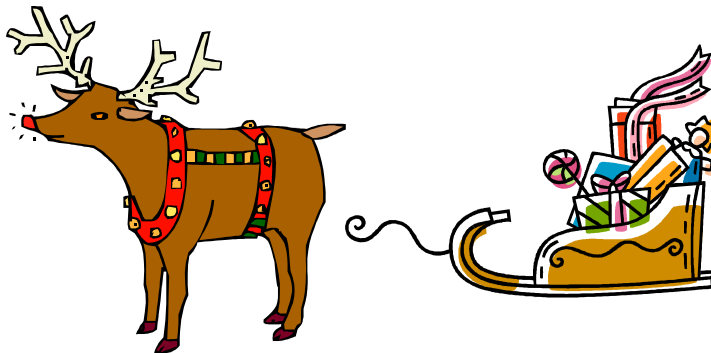


Children's Christmas Parties
December 8, 2013

SNCC: 11 am—1 pm

**Lodge Members: 2-4 pm*

**Lodge members need to
Bring a wrapped gift(s) for
Their children*





Charlie Scanlan with toys donated at the Motorcycle Committee's Pasta Dinner on November 3, 2013.

Some of the many guests enjoying the delicious food & listening to the great music!



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Elks Annual Convention

June 6-8, 2014

Wildwood, New Jersey

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More details to follow

Chaired by Bob Byrnes, Loyal Knight

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Hoop Shoot 2013
By Greg Smith, Chairman

The Elks National Hoop Shoot competition is underway again.

Our local event was held on November 16 at Point Beach High School. We had 20 shooters and the bleachers were full of spectators! This was a pleasant sight compared to 2012 when we were all affected by Hurricane Sandy. Here are our 6 local winners that will compete at the Southeast District competition in December:

Boys:	8-9	William Martis
	10-11	Matthew Lee
	12-13	Santino Giamba
Girls:	8-9	Erika Marinelli
	10-11	Clair Cooper
	12-13	Nicole Sharkey

I have to give a big **THANK YOU** to my Hoop Shoot helpers: Georgiana Walsh, Joe Rager, Dino Castronova, my brother, Gary Smith, Joe's nephew, Cole, and my friend from Brick, Paddy Doyle. You guys make it happen.

New Year's Eve

Grill Room

\$12 includes buffet starting at 8 pm

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Music

Holiday Drink Specials

Buy your ticket(s) by Friday, December 27th

Checks payable to:

Point Pleasant Elks

Checks can be put in the House Chairman's mailbox

Veterans Committee

By Nancy DeVito

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. November 11 was Veterans Day and as Elks and Americans we should be recognizing the Month of November as Veterans Remembrance month. I would like to thank Cus Dalik for the wonderful Remembrance Ceremony, Bob Scott for cooking, Carol Bernard, Regina McCabe, and Irene Marquis for setting up the room. Our Veterans from Burnt Tavern Manor enjoyed the ceremony and our hospitality. I greatly appreciated their help so that I was able to march in the NY Veterans Day parade along with the Air Force.



Never leave a Fallen Comrade



**God Bless our Veterans, Troops, and
God Bless America!**

On December 5, our Elks will be cooking breakfast out at Joint Base McGuire. This will be a huge undertaking but I have faith in my fellow Elks that we will succeed in making this the best breakfast ever.

We will also be putting together care packages for our troops so please don't forget them! We all are busy in our own lives and are lucky enough to be able to spend the time with our families. Remember the military and their families. It's cold here so imagine how cold it is for our troops. Useful items to donate: hot chocolate, coffee, cup-of-soup, hand warmers, chapped stick, granola bars, and beef jerky.

We will be visiting our Veterans at Burnt Tavern Manor for Christmas and will be delivering each Veteran a shirt with the Elks National Foundation emblem on it and Christmas cards made by our very own Cub Scout Troop. Thank you, boys, and Betty Torode, for thinking of them.

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bar opens: 12 pm Lunch from 12-6 pm	Bar opens at 3 pm	Bar opens at 3 pm	Bar opens at 3 pm	Bar opens: 12 pm Lunch: 12-5 pm	Bar opens: 12 pm	Bar opens: 12 pm Lunch: 12-6 pm
1	2	3 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	4 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	5 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	6 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30	7
8 Children's Christmas Parties: SNCC 11am-1 pm Lodge: 2-4 pm	9 House Meeting 7 pm	10 Cornhole League	11 Gripe Session w/ER 9 am	12 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	13 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30	14
15	16	17 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	18 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	19 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	20 Friday Night Dinner 6-8:30	21 Egg Nog Party 3-7 pm
22	23 Motorcycle Committee Meeting	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Buy ticket for New Year's Eve	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve In the Grill Room—\$12. Buy ticket by Dec. 27th				

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Egg Nog Party
Saturday, December 21, 2013

3-7 pm in the Grill Room

Bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share

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