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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



"BELIEVE IN MIRACLES...HOPE IS NEVER LOST." ELDER JEFFERY R. HOLLAND

DECEMBER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAGICAL MONTH FOR ME. TO ME, THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE A CERTAIN MAGIC IN THE AIR. THIS YEAR BELIEVING IN SIMPLE MAGIC, SPIRIT, AND HOPE HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT. AS COVID CONTINUES TO REAR ITS UGLY HEAD WE MUST HAVE HOPE.

LIKE SO MANY OTHER EVENTS OUR ANNUAL ELK MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR. THE OFFICERS AND I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES THIS YEAR. THE OFFICERS AND I FEEL THAT FOR THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS ALIKE WE WILL BE HOLDING THE ELK MEMORIAL SERVICE VIRTUALLY. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND OUR WEBSITE WE WILL BE POSTING THE SERVICE FOR ALL TO VIEW.

THERE IS ONLY ONE LODGE MEETING THIS MONTH. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 8P VIA ZOOM WILL BE OUR LAST LODGE MEETING FOR 2020. PLEASE CONTACT WEBMASTER TERRY LADU WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO BE ON THE INVITE.

LASTLY, PLEASE HAVE THE HAPPIEST, SAFEST, AND HEALTHIEST OF HOLIDAY SEASON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN 2021.

LOVE & CHEERS,

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DECEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH



OUR ELK OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER IS TOMMY WATTERS

Congratulations to T-Rex Tommy Watter on being December's Elk of the Month! While Tommy is a newer member, he has been around the Lodge his whole life. Tommy has dressed as an elf for SCC Christmas parties, and a T-Rex for several events. Tommy also has assisted in many Lodge events and functions before he was even a member. Recently, he assisted Carolyn with bringing the tables and chairs from the tent to inside the Lodge in the rain. Tommy, thank you and congratulations again!!

In an effort to keep everyone safe the following events have been postponed or cancelled.

AUGUST 29: A TRIBUTE TO ELVIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SATURDAY MAY 1ST. ALREADY PURCHASED TICKETS WILL BE HONORED.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH NEW JERSEY STATE SECRETARY JOYCE POWELL RELEASED THE FOLLOWING SYNOPSIS:

THIS MORNING THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS HELD THEIR FALL CONFERENCE VIRTUALLY TODAY ON ZOOM WITH 210 PARTICIPANTS. THE LODGES OF OUR ASSOCIATION DONATED \$661,246 TODAY TO OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN, VETERANS, DRUG AWARENESS, ENF, AND SCHOLARSHIP. THIS JUST PROVES NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ARE ELKS STRONG. NOT EVEN A PANDEMIC CAN STOP THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS. IT IS GOOD TO BE AN ELK BUT IT IS BETTER TO BE AN ELK FROM THE GREAT STATE OF NEW JERSEY.



DECEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8 p.m. Lodge Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 7 p.m. Scholarship Super 50/50 Drawing	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		

VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito

It looks like this pandemic should be called the never-ending nightmare!! I hope you all are staying safe.

On Veterans day our Committee joined up this year with Atrium School to bring lunch to the Coast Guard station and we donated towards there mural fund. We had a nice write up in the Ocean Star along with pictures delivering lunch to the Coast Guard station.

I would like to thank Julie Edvardson for delivering the food to Willow Springs for our Veterans luncheon.

Our annual holiday breakfast at base is cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Sadly, the holiday parties for there children are also cancelled.

However, the USO reached out to Santa and Mrs. Claus to read a Christmas story to the children Virtually. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit Pennsylvania, and Southern NJ simultaneously. These children have enough to worry about dealing with COVID-19, and one or both parents deployed.

Santa will assure them that nothing will stop Santa.



Merry Christmas to All!

God Heal America

Heal the sick

Bless Our Veterans /Military





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

"NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH"

Chicago, IL, October 19th, 2020: An estimated twenty million Veterans are living in our communities. Each with a different story, they all shared a common pledge: to support and defend this country.

In an effort to honor and support these Veterans, Elks National President Paul R. Ryan has proclaimed November to be Veterans Remembrance Month.

The Elks have a pledge. "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And that's as true today as it was more than 100 years ago, in 1918 when the Elks built a 700 bed hospital in Boston and donated it to the government, helping to create a precursor for today's VA Medical Centers.

This November, as well as every month of the year, Elks will serve thousands of Veterans across the country. When Veterans are hospitalized and recovering, Elks are there. When Veterans are living in a home away from family, Elks are there. When Veterans are exiting homelessness and moving into a home, Elks are there. Because Elks are always there for Veterans. Altogether, our volunteers served more than 1 million Veterans last year, in ways big and small.

This Veterans Remembrance Month, we urge you to join the Elks in recognition of and service to the Veterans in your community. Let us remember the words of Elk member and President John F. Kennedy who said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

There are nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership of around 800,000. Elks members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God. To learn more and to join us in service, visit www.elks.org

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THANKSGIVING NEWS

2020 Thanksgiving Day Dinner Terry La Du

2020 has brought a great deal of changes to the way we do things and celebrating Thanksgiving is no exception. In the past the Elks have partnered with St. Gregory's Pantry to prepare, host and serve a sit-down dinner for over 100 guests. And besides a delicious meal of turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, yams, a variety of vegetables and other sides, we served mozzarella cheese from Joe Leone's as well as rolls & pastries from Muller's Bakery. After the sit-down dinner we made sure all guests received a meal to take home with them to enjoy over the weekend.

No sit-down dinner this year!!!!

So working with St. Gregory's and Mary's Table, we prepared meals for delivery as well as takeout for this year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Mary's Table, a group started after Super Storm Sandy, delivers over 200 meals every Thursday to their community. So the Elks now have a new partner in supporting this tradition of providing for our community. Elks still cooked the turkey as before, but the sides were prepared by the Mary's Table team and delivered to the Lodge.

Reservations for deliveries & take-out were taken through 11/18 and by then we had 351 meal requests to be delivered to 88 different addresses with 17 drivers doing the deliveries. An additional 26 meals were requested up front for take-out. We also were planning on 50 more walk-up take-out meals for those coming to the Lodge on Thanksgiving between 1 to 3 p.m.

Due to Covid restrictions we were limited with the number of volunteers that could work at the Lodge on Thanksgiving Day and these included a mix of Elks, Mary's Table volunteers & our Boy Scouts.

Special thanks goes to the kitchen crew that cooked 42 turkey breasts and made the gravy: Ron Panuska, Mike Travisano, Hockey Schmidt & Terry Feldman.

On Thanksgiving Day, Brian Coyle and Terry Feldman created an orderly process for getting the food from the kitchen to the serving trays where Karen Towney, John Toole & Terry La Du prepared the individual meals, supplemented by bread & dessert portions that Anne Marie O'Hare provisioned. In the end we totaled 429 meals being prepared.

The Mary's Table volunteers organized the meal deliveries that each driver would handle with our Boy Scouts acting as runners to get the meals up to the drivers. Helping with coordinating the drivers as well as dealing with any walk-up take out requests was Bob Byrnes.

Many thanks need to go to Joe Leone's for their generous donation of various entrees, sides, bread, rolls and other goodies. Also thanks to Mueller's Bakery for their delicious cupcakes, cookies, pastries, rolls and bread that enhanced the dessert offerings and fine rolls to be included with each meal. And this year Mike's Crumb Cake joined our list of contributors with a generous donation of crumb cake.

In addition, many thanks go to Rob Cook and Chris Munyan who picked up the pastry/roll donation from Mueller's and delivered meals.

Finally, we were able to donate trays of turkey, gravy, rolls and other dishes to the Valentine House which was much appreciated.

LODGE NEWS

The quarterly closing report and 2020-2021 budget is available for review. If interested in reviewing either report please email Ann Marie O'Hare at treasurer@pointpleasantelks.org.

Information required is your name, membership number, phone number, and email address.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) 2020-2021 Scholarship Year begins on-line August 15, 2020. The application deadline is November 15th. All graduating 2021 High School Seniors may apply for the Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship and if you are an Elk child or grandchild, you may also apply for the Legacy Scholarship at Elks.org. Point Boro and Point Beach Seniors may ask their Guidance Counselors for assistance. They are quite knowledgeable about these scholarships and the application requirements. Scholarship grants range: \$4,000-\$50,000 over 4 years. Here is the MVS url: enf.elks.org/mvs.

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