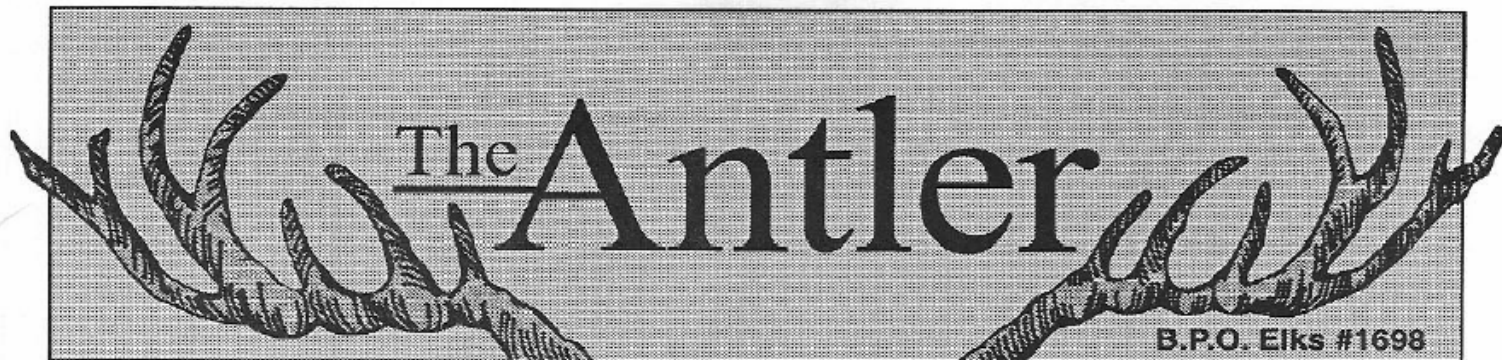




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



They say the holiday season is not truly over until the Super Bowl. I could not agree any further and I look forward to another great event for our lodge. Rumor has it, the generous silent donor will be donating \$500.00 worth of food again! Also, our house committee ensures me that there are some giveaways as well.

Winter lodge activities don't end there though. The Special Needs Children's Committee will be hosting a charity ball, the first annual Paddle Auction will be held, Johnny Unda will be having a prime rib dinner, and the Bar Olympics are sure to please. Please come down to support all of these great events that take so much hard work and preparation to make happen. If you can't attend these events, I encourage all of our members to just drop by and have a libation to help support our house.

At this time, I would like to personally thank our lodge's treasurer, Ann Marie O'Hare. During a recent visit by our District Deputy and his financial auditor, Ann Marie could not have shined any brighter. She has put in so many hours working to get our finances in order. I would also like to remind the membership that she has graciously donated her salary to the bathroom fund. Ann Marie embodies the true meaning of benevolence and we are very fortunate to have her as our treasurer.

In closing, I would like to thank each of our committee chairs. My days as ER are drawing close to an end and it has been so nice to work with each and every one of you. All of you have made our Elk year successful and your hard work and commitment should not go unnoticed. Thanks for all you and your committee members do for not only us, but also our community.

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 working so hard for our Friday Night Dinners. Please come out and support the Lodge on Friday nights and enjoy a delicious meal.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Egg Nog Party and New Year's Eve Party. Both were fun events with a great turnout.

Thank you to Phyllis Willever, Sharon Haugh, and Dee Dalick for organizing and running the Paddle Auction on January 31.

Super Bowl Sunday is February 2. We will have food at the Lodge and some giveaways. Come on down and watch the big game at the Elks. The Sea Hawks and Bronco's kick off at 6:30 pm and so does the food and festivities. Stop by earlier that day to get in on the pre-game action!

Please join us on Sat., February 15, from 6-10 pm for Johnny Unda's Prime Rib Dinner, Buffet, and DJ. Tickets are \$35. per person or you can pre-purchase a table of 8 for \$250. This will be held upstairs in the banquet hall. There will also be a door prize. Dinner, dancing, and prime rib for only \$35! This is a benefit for the Lodge. See details in Grill Room and Johnny for tickets.

Sun., February 23, is Bar Olympics at the Lodge. Show your athletic abilities at games such as shuffleboard, darts, pool, beer pong, and corn hole. Prizes for Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners will be awarded. \$10 registration for all athletes. Look for more details in the Grill Room soon on how to register.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be Sun., March 16, in the Grill Room with drink specials and corned beef sandwiches and platters available for purchase from the kitchen.

Elk of the Year/Officer of the Year/Citizen of the Year Dinner is scheduled for Sat., March 29. Details coming!

Look for flyers soon about an Elks Las Vegas trip, Sun.-Thurs., June 29-July 3.

House Meeting is Feb. 17 at 7 pm.



Registration Form

Elks Annual Convention
June 6-8, 2014
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Elk of the Month
By House Committee



John Toole

Our Elk of the Month is: John Toole.

John Toole, also known as Johnny Bones, spends a lot of time at the Elks Lodge and is always quick to offer a helping hand.

John has been a member of the Point Pleasant Elks for over 25 years. He knows a lot about the history of our Lodge as well as the town of Point Pleasant Beach and other interesting facts. If you are ever on Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, I would recommend having John as your "phone a friend!"

"Bones" is a big help to the House Committee with his assistance in setting up and breaking down for Meetings, Line Dancing, and other events at the Lodge. John has also become a regular part of our amazing kitchen crew on Friday nights and we appreciate his time and hard work.

John is one of the friendliest and most observant people you will find at our BPOE and he goes out of his way to help everyone at the Lodge: bartenders, kitchen crew, and Lodge Committees.

Thank you, John. We appreciate your help and spirit of brotherhood at the Point Pleasant Elks Lodge.

Congratulations on being our February Elk of the Month!

SNCC CHARITY BALL

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Cocktail Hour: 5-6 p.m.

Dinner: 6-10 p.m.

Open Bar

Tickets: \$40/Person and

Are Available in the Grill Room

Johnny Unda's Prime Rib Dinner Buffet & D.J.

Tix: \$35 per person

Or Pre-Purchase a Table of 8 for \$250.

Door Prize!

Saturday, February 15, 2014

6-10 p.m.

This is a benefit for the Lodge.



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.*”

Antler Boosters 2013-2014

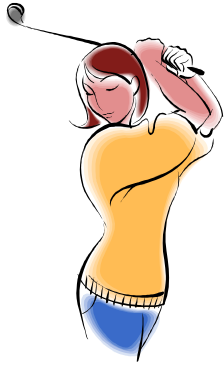
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Upcoming Events



Golf Outing
April 28, 2014
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12 Noon Registration
1 p.m. Shotgun Start
Scramble



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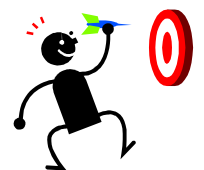
Food and Refreshments Back at the Lodge

Golfers Running This Event: Cus Dalik (732-600-6979) and
Bob Byrnes (732-278-9422)



Bar Olympics February 23, 2014

Lodge Grill Room
\$10/Registration Per Athlete
Gold, Silver, and Bronze
Awards



Events to include:
Shuffleboard, Darts, Pool,
Beer Pong, and Cornhole
More details to follow



Veterans Committee

By Nancy DeVito

It's hard to believe that January is over and we are into February, the Sweetheart Month. Our Veterans Committee will be celebrating Valentine's Day with our dear Veterans at Burnt Tavern Manor. We will be bringing them Eddy Z's awesome subs and salads and will present each Veteran with a red rose.

Last month I thanked everyone who helped out with the breakfast at base but missed one person who was a big help with prepping and serving at base - so sorry Carol Bernard. Carol often volunteers to help but more importantly she sends out all our birthday and Christmas cards to all our Veterans in Burnt Tavern Manor and Menlo Park Veterans home. Thank You for all you do. It's very much appreciated by me and by all the Veterans you acknowledge.



We are planning to help the Salvation Army who provide our homeless Veterans with food and shelter. The 732nd Air Wing Squadron from Joint Base cook for the homeless every second Thursday of the month in Perth Amboy. Anyone wishing to help serve is greatly appreciated. I asked the Air Force to gather essential information needed for us to help!

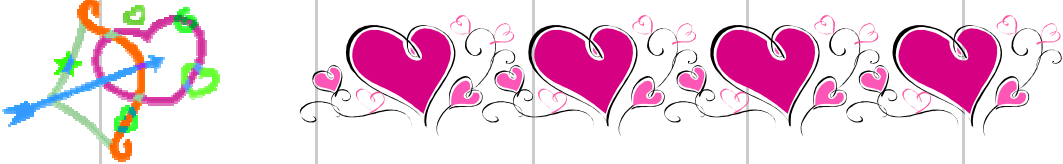
We are also collecting warm coats for our homeless Veterans. If you care to donate, please contact Nancy DeVito at 732-892-8961.

Pavers are also available for sale. Please see Mike Travisano if interested.

Care packages will be going out shortly. We are waiting on a date for the flight going down range from base. If you wish to donate to this project, our men and women serving will appreciate it very much. It's cold here and that means it's cold there. Please do not forget those who are serving.



February 2014

Sun Bar Opens At 12 pm Lunch from 12-6 pm	Mon Bar Opens At 3 pm	Tue Bar Opens At 3 pm	Wed Bar Opens At 3 pm	Thu Bar Opens At 12 pm Lunch from 12-5 pm	Fri Bar Opens At 12 pm	Sat Bar Opens At 12 pm Lunch from 12-6 pm
						
2 Super Bowl Groundhog Day	3	4 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	5 NVSC Meeting 7 pm	6 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	7 Friday Nite Dinner 6-8:30 pm	8 SNCC Charity Ball Cocktail Hour 5-6 pm Dinner 6-10 pm
9	10	11 Cornhole League	12	13 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	14 Friday Nite Dinner 6-8:30 pm Valentine's Day	15 Prime Rib Dinner, Buffet, DJ 6-10 pm
16	17 House Meeting 7 pm Presidents Day	18 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	19 Gripe Session 9 am NVSC Meeting 7 pm	20 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	21 Friday Nite Dinner 6-8:30 pm	22
23 Bar Olympics	24 Motorcycle Committee Meeting	25 Cornhole League	26	27 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	28 Friday Nite Dinner 6-8:30 pm	

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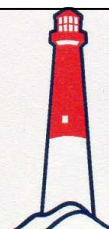
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**Anyone wishing to be an Officer or
Committee Chair for the upcoming
2014/2015 year, please contact
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I am resigning as Editor of the Antler and my last issue will be March 2014. Anyone who is interested in being the Editor, please contact Tom Watters at the above number. Thank you.

