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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Elks,

As most of you are aware, the government shutdown affected our men and women of the Coast Guard station of Manasquan/ Pt. Pleasant Inlet. These young men and women haven't received a paycheck since the onset, but continue to serve and carry out their duties keeping our waters safe.

Some of them have families and young children and have found it difficult putting food on the table and gas in the car. But because of who they are, they continue to find ways to make it happen. I have spoken with a few of these young men and women. I will tell you their spirits are not broken or bruised. Quote "peanut butter and jelly goes a long way"

Our Coasties should not have to suffer at the hands of politicians, who continue receiving pay and are not affected by the same shutdown they caused. Our Lodge stepped up, we donated what we were allowed by law, and became the drop off point for donations. I couldn't be more proud of Point Pleasant Elks! John and Ellen Vepreck manned the Wall Shoprite for 3 days bringing our mission to the public. The surrounding communities responded with donations of food, toiletries, baby supplies and gift cards. We were also able to purchase \$500 worth of gas cards and \$12,000.00 in Shoprite gift cards. THANK YOU John and Ellen for all you do!

Nancy DeVito and the Veterans comm. Will be hosting a pasta luncheon for these brave men and women and their families. Details to follow.

Super Bowl is just around the corner and we will be having a party in the Grill Room. Wii bowling will be returning soon! Watch for upcoming events.

A sincere Thank You to Phyllis , Mary , AnnMarie and the Paddle Auction Committee for making this years event a huge success. It was standing room only and Everyone had a great time.

**Fraternally Yours
Tom ER 2.5**

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February 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  <i>Dinner 6-8</i>	2
3 <i>Party 4pm</i> 	4	5	6	7	8  <i>Dinner 6-8</i>	9 <i>Plunge</i> 
10	11	12 <i>Lincolns Birthday</i> 	13	14	15 <i>Dinner 6-8</i> 	16  <i>Dinner for the Coast Guard</i>
17	18 	19	20	21	22  <i>Dinner 6-8</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28		



February Elk of the month



Christine McIvor

When our previous Sunday bartender was leaving for Florida we all thought Sunday's would never be the same. In steps Christine, and Sunday Funday's are better than ever! She has stepped up over this past year with the daily operations of the bar, keeping the Grill room open. Always cheerful and willing to help with bartending, Friday night dinners and all lodge functions. Your popcorn donations and drink specials are truly appreciated:) Thanks for All you do and Congratulations on being Feb. EOTM.

Membership award for dedicating class to

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr.

Presented by District Deputy Ed Eglentowicz





Antler boosters



John Kaufman	William Leinweber	Leonard Luccioni	Harold Wyckoff
George Pearce	Paul & Noemi Brundage	Rosemary Tassie	Steve Tassie
John Lynch	Kenneth Kaminski	Dennis Torode	Irene Marquis
Brian Coyle	Terry Feldman	Custer Dalik Jr	Peter Glen
Antoinett Depaola	Paschal Drew		

memorials

Gus Adamo	Gloria & Douglas Adamo
John Kaufman	Jim, Bill, Bob Kaufman
Sharon Haugh	Bob Haugh
Joe Abradi	Joan Abradi
Marjorie McGhee	Joe Auriemma
Sharon Haugh	Lois & Dave McWilliam
Thomas Fittin	Marion Fittin
Margaret Dieker	William Harrison Brown II
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Peter Glen	Peter Glen
Regina McCabe	Robert R. McCabe
James McCrohan	Rosemary McCrohan
Charles Gorrie	Barbara Gorrie

Veterans news

By: Nancy DeVito



Because of the Government shutdown our local Coast Guard personnel are not receiving their pay. Our lodge is collecting food, gas cards, diapers, wipes etc. Raising a family comes with many expenses so please keep our Coast Guard families in our prayers and donate money/items to help them get thru these hard times until they get paid. We are also hosting a dinner for the Coast Guard families on Feb.16th.

We are planning a Valentine lunch with our Vets, the date has yet to be decided. But they are looking forward to having our elk's company. 



On. Feb.22 Nancy DeVito and crew will be cooking Friday night dinner so come on down. Crabmeat stuffed shrimp, spaghetti on the side and or chicken franchise with spaghetti, salad, soup and desert.

Come on down you won't be disappointed!

We are planning our fishing trip for our Vets for June, July, and Aug.

The Veterans Committee will be running our biggest fund raiser of the year. The super 50/50 which will go off on the date of the fluke tournament. Please support our efforts in raising funds to help the veterans/military. We are depending on your support.

Remember we have the same weather as our soldiers serving our country away from there families so please pray for them and never forget those who have served and are serving.

Please be careful driving and stay warm.



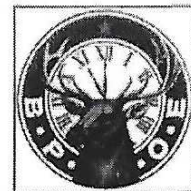
God Bless America and God Bless our Troops



Registration Form



Elks Annual Convention
June 7-8, 2019
Gold Crest Motel
Wildwood, New Jersey



Single: \$340.00
2 Adults: \$420.00
Additional Adults (21 & Over): \$ 100.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)
Additional Children (under 21): \$ 50.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)

A **\$100.00 deposit** must be received no later than **February 1, 2019**, to guarantee your room. **Final balance** must be received no later than **Monday, April 22, 2019**. Any cancellations received after the deposit has been received or after final payment has been made will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$100.00.

NO CASH UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED. For your convenience, you can pay by check or credit card or Pay Pal. Please return the bottom portion with your preferred method of payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

of Adults/Room: _____

of Children/Room: _____

— Marching in the parade: Y N

Number of Shirts: _____

Women Size _____ Men Size _____

For Credit Card Payments:

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MasterCard

American Express

PayPal

(circle one)

Name as it appears on card: _____

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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Mail to: BPO Elks Lodge #1698, PO Box 1069, 820 Arnold Ave., Pt. Pleasant Beach, 08742, Attention: Linda Gartz

or put in the **Lecturing Knight** mailbox at the Lodge.



POINT PLEASANT ELKS REFLECT ON OUR "EXTRAORDINARY YEAR"

Winston Churchill once said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is all about giving. 2018 has proven to be an extraordinary year for Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698. It was a year of changes but we faced new challenges head on, holding steadfast to the principles that govern the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity, to not only prevail but become stronger and more dedicated in the process.

In some instances it was just business as usual for us. Did you know....

Each Year, throughout the year, we host many events for our veterans and active service personnel – including but not limited to luncheons, fishing trips, and holiday parties and gifts.

Each May we host a Mother's Day Service and Breakfast in honor of and for all mothers.

Each June we celebrate the history of our American Flag at our Flag Day Service which all are welcome to attend.

Each June we give out several thousand dollars of scholarships to graduating seniors from Point Pleasant Beach High School, Point Pleasant Borough High School, and to Children with Special Needs.

Each July we hold our annual Fluke Tournament to raise money for our lodge, veteran's charities, and special needs children. (Unfortunately this year for the first time in 24 years the tournament was cancelled due to weather – the safety of the participants was our priority. Many participants donated their entry fee to one of our charitable causes instead of receiving a refund – thank you. Some of the food was donated to local shelters, veteran events, and other charitable causes.)

Each July we host a picnic (including boat rides and a ride on a fire truck) for special needs children from Camp Moore. (Unfortunately for the first time in our history we had to cancel the event this year due to weather – but not to worry we have other special things planned)

Each August the NJ Elks South East District has a Flag Retirement Ceremony to again honor our nation's flag.

Each September we host our annual Oktoberfest (Now Known as Elkfest) in conjunction with the Festival of the Sea, providing a family friendly place for visitors while raising monies for our lodge and to help those in need.

Each October we host a Tailgate Party to raise money for children with special needs. This year we raised over \$12,000.00 which has been used to pay for the much needed therapy for some local children.

Each November we work with St. Gregory's Pantry to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to those less fortunate – serving over 150 dinners at the lodge as well delivering dinners to those unable to attend.

Each December we host a holiday party for children with special needs in our community – including a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Each December we hold a memorial service in remembrance of our members who passed away during the year..."*The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues on the tablets of love and memory.*"

But, as stated previous, this would be a year of change for us...

In April 2018 we were notified by the Mayor of Point Pleasant Beach and the Town Council voted not to issue us a Social Affairs Permit for our Oktoberfest (held in conjunction for the Chamber of Commerce Festival of the Sea each year for over 20 years). This event had been our largest fundraiser – enabling us to continue to do charitable work for veterans and for children with special needs, work with local youth sports programs, support the local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops, and assist those in the community needing some help. Over the past 70 years we have been able to contribute over \$20.7 Million in cash and/or services to those who need some help. They told us a "story" about security concerns without even one piece of evidence that those who attended our Oktoberfest felt unsecure or in fear for their safety. So, in June we came together with other Elk members throughout the South East District and the State at a Point Pleasant Beach Council meeting in hopes to getting the Council to change their mind about issuing us the permit. Unfortunately we were met with opposition at the start... it was clear that the mayor and the council were putting commerce before community and business before charity.

"It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." Tom Brokaw

The Point Pleasant Borough Mayor Sabosik, the Town Council, the Police Dept., the Dept. of Public Works, and scores of volunteers understood the importance of being part of a community and helping others. They provided us with a venue – the Park on Arnold Ave., personnel and volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and security for the First Annual Elkfest on September 15, 2018. That day was a celebration of what we can accomplish when we work together – a good time was had by all. The monies we raised will enable us to continue to do charitable works throughout the community. There was another first that afternoon... we signed up over 50 people to become members of Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 who were later initiated at a ceremonies in September and October.

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they simply have the heart." Elizabeth Andrew.

Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 certainly has had its share of highs and lows in 2018 – continuing to learn and grow each step of the way. One of the most important things to come out of this year has been heightened community awareness of who we are and what we do. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, What are you doing for others?" For the membership of Point Pleasant Elks and Elks throughout the State and the Country the real question is *What More Can We Do For Others?* It is with this mindset we look forward to what lies ahead in 2019, focused and ready to work – for charity and for our community. For more information about Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 or if you are interested in becoming a member of our lodge, please visit our website: www.pointpleasantelks.org or contact us – Phone: 732-899-7638 or E-mail: bpoe1698@gmail.com.



The Point Pleasant/Manasquan Inlet provides a place for fishermen, boaters, and those who wish to simply relax and enjoy the view. It is the Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet/Shark River that has protected these waterways since January 1856. According to their Facebook page their mission has been:

"The members of the Coast Guard serving at Station Manasquan Inlet/Shark River ensure the safety and security of the oceans, coastal area, and marine transportation system within their area of operation in America's Mid-Atlantic Region. We focus on risk reduction and prevention, but are prepared to respond with courage and speed to any maritime incident."

Due to the government shut-down the brave men and women of this Coast Guard Station have not received a paycheck. They continue to come to work each day and serve the community without being paid. They are there for us... and now we want to be there for them. The Point Pleasant Elks will be making a donation to our Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet/Shark River at the maximum allowed by Coast Guard regulations. We are also in the process of arranging a lunch and/or dinner for the members of Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet/Shark River and their families.

Additionally, we are setting up a donation box at our lodge for donations of canned goods and other non-perishable items. **Beginning this Friday, January 18th, anyone wishing to make a donation can come to the lodge at 820 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant, (side entrance please), between 3pm and 8pm Tuesday through Sunday.** The Point Pleasant Elks will be sure that the items are delivered to the Coast Guard Station Manasquan Inlet/Shark River. Please come in to help our local Coast Guard who have done so much for our community.

"Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special."

—George R. Bach



Save the date



2019 Instillation dinner

also

Elk, Officer, Citizen of the Year Awards

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Watch for your invitation

4pm



The Elks National Hoop Shoot Competition is now in the second stage. All local shoots are complete and district events are taking place all over the state and country. Our local contest was Nov. 17. We had a good turnout of kids and sent 6 winners to the Southeast District competition on Dec. 22 in Manasquan. They all did very well, winning 5 trophies. In the girls 8-9 division Antonella Umek took second place, as did Emily Cavanaugh in the girls 12-13 group! Kate Henn won first place in the girls 10-11 group, a repeat win from last year! She will compete at the NJ State competition in South Plainfield on Feb. 10. Congratulations and good luck Kate. In the boys 8-9 division Billy Cavanaugh took home a second place trophy and older brother Dan Cavanaugh shot well just missing placing in the 10-11 group. The boys 12-13 division third place trophy went to our Jaime Satrakian. I am very proud of ALL of our Pt. Pleasant shooters. Congrats to you all! I would like to say a big THANK YOU to my rebounders and scorers at our local shoot, they were Gary Smith, Logan Smith, Bob Byrnes, Terry LaDu, and Chuck Ackerman.

GOOD LUCK KATE AT STATE!!

Greg Smith, Hoop Shoot Chmn.

Winter Scholarship Super 50/50

Only 100 tickets sold- \$20.00

Drawing will be held at 8pm on March 15th

Do not have to be present to win.

12th Anniversary

**NEW JERSEY
ELKS**



John Sentner Memorial
PLUNGE

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Martell's Tiki Bar

308 Boardwalk, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Registration begins at 10am – Plunge at Noon

**PHYLLIS WILLEVER and BOB BYRNES
ARE PLUNGING!**

Show Your Support By Making A Donation!

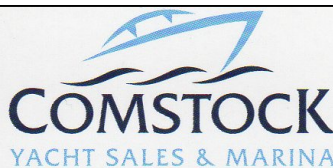
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Convention 2019 June 7th & 8th

Anyone interested in attending Elks convention weekend please fill out a registration form and return it with your deposit to secure your room. Due to multiple events happening in wildwood the same weekend it is important to reserve your room soon. If you have never attended it is a weekend full of good times with great friends and family. Dj, open bar Friday & Saturday, Saturday breakfast, Saturday night dinner and hamburgers and hot dogs available all weekend . Please put your registration form in the lecturing knights box.