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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



"HOPE AND FAITH FLOWER FROM THE CHEERFUL SEEDS OF THE OLD YEAR TO THE SPROUTING GARDEN OF THE NEW YEAR'S DAWN." TERRI GUILLEMETS, "ANNUALS", 2004

2020 HAS BEEN A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR ALL WITHOUT A DOUBT. WE ENDURED EVERY CHALLENGE BEING THERE FOR EACH OTHER EVEN THOUGH WE ARE SOCIAL DISTANCED. HOPEFULLY THERE WERE GOOD MEMORIES TO OUTWEIGH THE BAD BECAUSE WE STAYED RELEVANT.

ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2020 DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER BOB BYRNES, ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT JOHN MOFFIT, ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT MANNY REGATEIRO, TREASURER ANN MARIE O'HARE, AND I PREFORMED THE ANNUAL ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE. THE SERVICE WAS DONE VIRTUALLY TO KEEP WITH COVID 19 REGULATIONS. THANK YOU TO TRUSTEE BRIAN COYLE FOR BEING OUR CAMERA MAN. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHOSE LOVED ONES PASSED. TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS FOR THEY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

ON DECEMBER 22, 2020 VETERANS CHAIR NANCY DEVITTO AND HER COMMITTEE DONATED LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO THE VETERANS AT WILLOW SPRINGS. GREAT WORK AND THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE IT HAPPEN.

THE MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MADE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO NOT HOLD THEIR ANNUAL TOY DRIVE DUE TO COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS. ON DECEMBER 22, 2020 THE MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE DONATED \$500 IN GIFT CARDS TO OCEAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 THROUGH 17. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE FOR THE KIDS.

AS 2020 ENDS I WISH EVERYONE THE HAPPIEST AND HEALTHIEST OF NEW YEARS!

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JANUARY ELK OF THE MONTH



OUR ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY IS RITA JACOBY

CONGRATULATIONS TO RITA JACOBY ON BEING THE FIRST ELK OF THE MONTH FOR 2021! NOT ONLY DOES RITA DESERVE THIS HONOR FOR HER HARD WORK IN THE LODGE BUT FOR BEING A NURSE DURING THIS PANDEMIC! SHE CAN USUALLY BE FOUND IN THE KITCHEN COOKING AMAZING FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS AND DECORATING THE LODGE FOR SEASONS/HOLIDAYS. RITA IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE BUT HAS SUPPORTED EVERY COMMITTEE. CONGRATULATIONS RITA ON BEING THIS MONTH'S ELK OF THE MONTH.

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.





JANUARY 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1 Happy New Year</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 8 p.m. Lodge meet- ing</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19 8 p.m. Lodge meet- ing</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
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VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and have a Very Healthy New Year.

This year has been the hardest year for all, and I hope things get better soon. We could not have breakfast this year, so we adopted two military families.

We received back packs with stuffed animals from the Renaissance Women's Club and donated them to the military children. This wonderful club is also donating a 60inch color TV which we will be giving to the Air Force for them to raffle for their fund raising to assist active members in need.

I made my favorite homemade crocheted Christmas stockings and filled them with goodies for Veterans in the nursing home. With donated yarn I was able to make and donate 200 homemade hats, and 30 scarves to our homeless Vets.

We sent Christmas and birthday cards to our Vets in Menlo Park and Willow Springs. A huge thanks to Stephanie Pandolph for always making sure they receive cards on special days each month.

Santa and I did a virtual storytelling with our military children thru the USO. We also went on base to make a video of us walking on to a C17, sitting in the cockpit pretending to have just landed the plane, and then walking off waving to the children. Inside the building we wished the children a very Merry Christmas and assured them that Santa will be at their house for Christmas eve. Santa's elves have worked extremely hard this year and his reindeer are all ready for the flight.



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FLUKE TOURNAMENT UPDATE:

Dear Captain and Crew,

Save the Date ! - Saturday July 24th, 2021

The 26th Annual Point Pleasant Elks Fluke Tournament Committee is now working on how to have easy registration, safe Captain meetings and a safe but awesome picnic for the after party. Please send an e-mail to: **fluke@pointpleasantelks.org** with the subject **“I WANT TO FISH THE TOURNAMENT”** to show you are interested in fishing this year, and how many will be in your boat. By us getting your e-mail, we will be able to contact you with coupons, updates, answer your questions and save on snail mail postage.

Have a Safe and Healthy Christmas and New Year!

Tight lines and fare weather, Your Pt Pleasant Elks Fluke Committee,

Also the Fluke Tournament Committee is seeking new members to assist with the event.

Any questions Members can contact John Veprek at 908-910-9363 or e-mail jvpsp@comcast.net

Dear Member,

As 2020 comes to a close, I'm sure that we all agree that it was a year that was filled with challenges, fears of the unknown, and vivid examples of how many people were impacted by Covid-19. We hope that you and your family are safe and are continuing to cope with this temporary "life" set back.

*As part of our Elk Family, you will be pleased to know that your fellow members at Point Pleasant Lodge continue to be relevant in our community during this pandemic and have continued living and practicing our motto, **"Elk Care, Elks Share"**.*

In conjunction with our local fund raising, we have secured Elk National Foundation grants from our National Headquarters that help us fund our activities at the local and state levels. Even while Covid-19 was devastating the general population, your Lodge provided \$15,000 to help an 8 year old girl with therapy costs to help her walk again, \$2,500 to help Homeless Veterans get a new start in their own apartment, \$2,000 for New Mothers of deployed Servicemen, \$5,500 to our local Food bank, and most recently, helped prepare 430 Thanksgiving dinners to our local community.

As Elks, whether time or donations, giving feels more important this year. Supporting the causes we care about brings us closed to them, especially when being close isn't always possible. It helps to make a difference – often a tangible one – in the lives of others.

*Please help us to continue our great work in our community with a donation to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). We know this year has been hard; if you can't donate to the ENF right now, we understand. But if you are able to give, it would mean so much for so many! **Thank you and Happy Holidays!!***

Sincerely and In Friendship,

Ellen Veprek, Point Pleasant Elks ENF Chairperson

732-691-6554, ellenveprek@gmail.com

Our "Pledge Form" is enclosed and don't hesitate to call if I can be of help!!

POINT PLEASANT ELKS #1698

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

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ENGRAVED "PAVER".**

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POINT PLEASANT ELKS 1698, ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION - “PLEDGE FORM”

The Elks National Foundation is an amazing asset to our Point Pleasant Lodge!

We are asking for your assistance by making a tax-deductible gift to our Elks National Foundation. A donation to “ENF” is an investment in our Lodge Community.

Your donation will help fund College Scholarships, Veterans Services, Youth Activities, and more. Your donation amount will be noted on your Lodge Membership Account. We will keep very accurate records of these donations. Your name will be placed on a plaque that is located in The Grillroom. Thank You.

You may donate in several ways and in any amount. Everything is appreciated!

____ Attach a check to this form and return it to Point Pleasant Elks Lodge 1698, 820 Arnold Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742 c/o ENF Coordinator, Ellen Veprek

____ You may pledge \$100 over the course of 10 months. Call to meet with our ENF Coordinator, Ellen Veprek, at 732-691-6554. Your selected credit card will be charged on the first of each month for the next 10 months. You will receive an e-mail receipt of the \$10 charge each month.

____ Or you may go online at elks.org/enf Your donation will be visible on your Pt. Pleasant Elks Membership Account. Please call me and advise me this is your choice.

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Home Phone: _____
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I pledge to donate \$_____ to The Elks National Foundation.

Thank you for being a member of our great Lodge. I will call the contact above to confirm my receipt of your pledge form. Thank you for Caring!

Please call me

with any questions. (or e-mail me at: ellenveprek@gmail.com)

Sincerely and in Friendship,

Ellen Veprek, ENF Coordinator (732-899-5121 or 732-691-6554)

Point Pleasant Elks Scholarship News

Terry La Du

Scholarship Committee Chair

Scholarship Super 50/50—Once again, thanks to your support, the Fall Scholarship Super 50/50 was another sellout with all 100 tickets being sold. Winning ticket was #96 held by Ronnie La Du. The Winter Scholarship Super 50/50 tickets will be available soon in the Grille Room or contact me at 732-899-4635. Drawing will be Friday, March 19, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Grille Room.

ENF Most Valuable Student Contest—Lodge judging for MVS scholarship applications has been completed. I would like to thank Liz Smith for assisting with this year's judging. We had 5 applicants this year, 1 boy & 4 girls, which is fewer than last year. The top 3 girls and the boy will now proceed to be judged at the District level before State & National judging occurs.

Scholarships for Elks Families

Emergency Educational Grants—Emergency Educational Grants provide financial assistance to children of deceased or totally disabled Elks in the form of renewable, one year grants of up to \$4,000. The grant is for education assistance only and is not intended to cover the entire cost of a college education. Applications are available starting May 1 and must be submitted to the ENF by October 31. To obtain an applications contact the ENF Scholarship Office at 773-755-4732 or scholarship@elks.org. For more info. visit enf.elks.org/eeg.

Legacy Awards—This program offers 300 college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to children & grandchildren of Elk members. Applications available on line beginning September 1, 2020 and must be submitted by January 29, 2021 at 11:59 a.m Central Time. For more Information about eligibility requirements and to obtains the online applications visit enf.elks.org/leg.

New Jersey Elks Family Scholarship - These \$750.00 scholarships are available to children, grand-children and great-grandchildren (step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grand-children) of New Jersey Elks. High school seniors as well as college freshman, sophomores, and juniors can apply. A student should apply each year of eligibility. It runs from April 15th to June 30th each year. Applications will be available om the NJ Elks website, www.njelks.org, on April 15, 2021.

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