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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Dear Members of BPOE 1698

Hoping all had a wonderful and happy Holiday Seasons with friends and family.

I want to thank Rita and her house committee for a great Eggnog/Ugly Sweater Party.

Please watch for the blast for upcoming events.

As we close out 2022 and welcome 2023 looking forward to another great year for Elks contributing to our charities and community.

Unfortunately as we ended 2022 we lost a great Man, Friend, Member. PGLC, PSP John E Veprek, Jr Passed away December 28, 2022. He is someone who can never be replaced. My deepest sympathy goes out to Ellen and his family.

Fraternally yours,

Linda

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JANUARY ELK OF THE MONTH

ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

ELK OF THE MONTH BY HOUSE COMMITTEE CHRISTINE MCLVOR

Our Sunday Funday Bartender Christine is a member and secretary of the House Committee. Always willing to help when needed with a smile and conversation on both sides of the bar.

Christine organized and ran one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Designer Bag Bingo. The event was a sell-out, with the attendees already asking about next year.

Please join us in Congratulating and saying Thank You to Christine.



VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito



I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays. It has been a very magical season for Santa and me. The Southeast District Veterans committee hosted a Christmas Party at our Elks for 18 Military families with 38 children. Thank you to my fellow elks for all there help from set up, day of the event, to clean up.



Your help was very much appreciated. Making magical moments for families is a feeling I will never forget.

Come the New year I pray that we can focus on helping our homeless veterans, the military personnel struggling to feed their families, and our veterans in nursing homes.

On a sad note, please pray for The Veprek Family. John you were a mentor and friend, you will be missed. Rocky Berrios a former ER has recently passed. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.





JOHN E. VEPRK JR.



John E. Veprek Jr.

Thursday, August 29th, 1946 - Wednesday, December 28th, 2022

Recommend this to your friends.



Obituary

John E. Veprek, Jr. age 76 of Point Pleasant passed away peacefully surrounded by his beloved family on December 28, 2022 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. He was born to Ruth and John Veprek Sr. in Hackensack on August 29, 1946. John attended Hackensack High School and studied Marine and Power Engineering at SUNY Maritime College, graduating in 1968. Later, he obtained a Masters in Business at New Jersey Institute of Technology. He moved to the Shore 50 years ago to start a family with the love of his life and best friend, Ellen.

John was honorably discharged as a lieutenant in the Navy Reserves and had a lifelong career at PSEG as an engineer. He dedicated his life to the BPO ELKS where he was a passionate and quintessential member, State and District Trainer, PSP and PGLC for over 40 years. He selflessly volunteered countless hours for the Veterans Committee, Drug Awareness Conference, Membership and Special Needs Children Committee and managed the largest fluke tournament on the East Coast for the past 25 years, all in the name of benevolence. "Johnny Fish" was also an avid fisherman, obtained his Captain's License and cherished his time out on the ocean with dear friends.

John was a loving husband, an irreplaceable father, a great humanitarian and a treasured mentor and father figure to many. His heart was big and he loved big. He truly was the salt of the earth. He leaves behind a legacy of compassion, unprecedented leadership and brotherhood, many treasured dad jokes and priceless wisdom that will be passed down for generations.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Ellen Veprek and two daughters, Mary Ellen Madden and Katie Veprek Stokes and husband Tim, brother Craig Veprek and wife Marianne, four adored grandchildren: Bryan, Kaili, Finnegan and Emerson and his nieces Janet Magley (Ryan), Diana Moran (Kieran) and nephews David Veprek (Tina) and Paul Veprek (Heather).

Captain John's Celebration of Life will be held at the Manasquan Elks on Sunday, January 15th, 2023 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm with an ELKS ceremony beginning at 1:45pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to "Point Pleasant Elks Charities" to continue to support our special needs community in Point Pleasant (Point Pleasant Elks #1698, 820 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant NJ 08742).

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.obrienfuneralhome.com



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- Rice
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Thank You!

JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	7
8 <i>Football Sun- day Food 2-5</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	14
15 <i>Manasquan Elks 1:30pm to 4:30pm with an ELKS cer- emony begin- ning at 1:45pm</i>	16 <i>2023 State President Meeting</i>	17	18	19	16 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	17
18 <i>Football Sun- day Food 2-5</i>	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	24
25 <i>Football Sun- day Food 2-5</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Friday Night Dinner</i>	31



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