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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



"You never know how strong you are, until being strong is your only choice". Bob Marley

Our Lodge is still enduring these difficult times and will continue to do so. I know our members will also endure these unprecedented times. We are Point Pleasant Elk Strong.

I'd like to thank DDD Bob Byrnes PER and Treasurer Ann Marie O'Hare for putting together a Food Drive By to benefit St. Mary's. Thank you to all the volunteers that showed up to assist. Thank you to all those who came out and donated. This event would not have been a success without you.



Zoom meetings will continue for Lodge meetings until further notice. Zoom Lodge Meetings are held just like a regular Lodge meeting. The meetings take place on the first and third Tuesday at 8P. Please check your weekly email, and Lodge website for information. If you do not get the emails and wish to receive them; please kindly email Webmaster Terry La Du so he may add you.

If you are in need of assistance please reach out to your fellow Elks and Officers. There is no greater time for the saying, "Charity begins at home" then now.

Stay Safe and Cheers,

Exalted Ruler Amanda

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JUNE ELK OF THE MONTH



OUR ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JUNE IS TOM WATTERS

Tom Watters PER 2.5

Tom is the man with the plan. He's always 10 steps ahead of you and you don't even know it! Tom has been working tirelessly scrubbing and sanitizing the Lodge. He's constantly thinking of ideas of how to allow social distancing for when we reopen.

He is always present at Lodge events even if he does hide in the kitchen. While he might be the Special Children Committee chair he is willing to assist all committees and activities.

Tom was also instrumental to getting the kitchen and upstairs repaired after last year's flood.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication! Congratulations, Tom!!

This is to inform you that because of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Advisory Executive Committee has voted to cancel the 2020 National Convention in Baltimore.

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These are very unfortunate times we are in. This action was a very difficult but correct decision to make.

Take care and be safe. Bryan R. Klatt Grand Secretary

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

May 1: ENF Potluck has been postponed; new date to be announced later.

May 2: Second Annual Tour de Boro had been postponed to Saturday October 3rd at 10A.

May 3: Walk Out on Drugs in Seaside has been postponed until September; exact date to be announced later.

May 8: A Tribute to Elvis had been postponed until Saturday August 29. Tickets that have already been purchased will be honored.

May 10: Mother's Day Ceremony and Brunch has been cancelled.

May 15: Grand Lodge will announce if the National Convention in Baltimore is being held.

June 5-7: New Jersey State Elks Association Convention in Wildwood has been cancelled. Please see letter from Malcolm McPherson Jr PGER

June 14: Flag Day Ceremony to be determined.

June 18: MC Committee Fill the Lodge to be determined.

June 20: 8th Annual Jim Hall Memorial Benefit for Homeless Veterans is postponed until further notice.

Please check our website for further updates between Antlers.

Letter from Malcolm McPherson Jr PGER New Jersey State Sponsor:

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson

April 13, 2020

Dear Members:

The safety of our members, their families and our communities is of the utmost importance to our organization. At this time, we have made the decision to cancel our Annual Wildwood Reunion. This will be the first time in our state's history that we have not gathered to install our newly elected and appointed state officers and conduct the annual meeting. I know many of you look forward to this gathering each year. I too will be disheartened that we are not able to gather with our fellow Elks to celebrate this past year's accomplishments and start off the new year with our new State President and Officers. However, we must adhere to the current regulations so that we can combat this outbreak and prevent further loss.

Please know that we are working diligently to maintain our organization and will be making alternative arrangements for events such as the Installation when we are again able to gather.

Again, please stay safe during this time and support the essential workers and medical professionals who are working endlessly to try to combat this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler

JUNE 2020

	1	2 <i>8 p.m. Lodge Meeting via Zoom</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16 <i>8 p.m. Lodge Meeting via Zoom</i>	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito



I HOPE EVERYONE IS WELL AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. IT IS HARD ON EVERYONE, BUT WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER. WE NEED TO HELP EACH OTHER AND DO OUR PART TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU TO ALL THE DOCTORS, NURSES, FIRST RESPONDERS', AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

I HAD THE RESTAURANT RAFFLE SET TO GO OFF ON MAY 30 BUT NOW I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THE LICENSES EXTENDING TILL AT LEAST SEPT. ALL I CAN SAY IS IT WILL HAPPEN JUST NOT SURE WHEN.

IT SADDENS ME TO SAY THAT TO DATE WE HAVE LOST 27 VETERANS AT MENLO PARK VETERANS HOME AND WE HAVE ALSO LOST VETERANS AT WILLOW SPRINGS. KEEP IN MIND THE VETERANS IN NURSING HOMES ACROSS OUR COUNTRY. PRAY FOR THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WE ALSO HAVE OUR FISHING TRIPS ON SCHEDULE BUT NOT SURE IF THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN, THEY MAY BE CANCELLED AS WELL.

OUR BABY SHOWER FOR THE MILITARY EXPECTING MOMS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE WHEN ALL IS CLEARED TO BE ABLE TO GO ON BASE.

THESE ARE SCARY TIMES FOR ALL. WHEN THERE IS CLEARS, PERHAPS WE WILL BE KINDER AND MORE CARING TO ALL. ELKS ARE KNOWN TO WORK TOGETHER AS A UNIT FOR THE GOOD OF ALL. WE ALL HAVE HAD OUR OWN STRESS SITUATIONS AND STORIES. WE ALL HAVE LOST PEOPLE WE CARE ABOUT OR KNOW. WE MUST PRAY FOR THEM AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES.





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FOOD DRIVE



ELKS GRANT INFORMATION

Hello to my Friends of Our Point Pleasant Lodge!

I want to share our ENF Grant Information with you. I have listed the Grants that we will try to secure this year:

Gratitude Grant (must hit PerCapita) Amount: \$2,000

Already approved, Use-Food Banks

Beacon Grant (only 300 nationwide) Amount: \$3,000

May apply June 1, Use-Veterans Holiday Breakfast

Promise Grant (only 300 nationwide) Amount: \$2,500
be for our Special Needs Picnic, not taking place this summer)

May apply June 1, Use-Teen Peer Leadership (Next year this will

Freedom Grant (only 300 nationwide) Amount \$2,500
Health, or Educational Support

May apply June 1, Use-Must be used for Veteran's Homelessness,

Spotlight Grant (only 300 nationwide) Amount \$2,000
Programs

May apply June 1, Use-Veteran's Family Program and/or Literacy

And last but not least:

The Impact Grant for \$10,000. The Impact Grants are designed to set a standard of excellence in community leadership through service. The Elks National Foundation is looking to award Impact Grants to Lodges who intimately understand a problem in their community, have a unique idea about how to solve it and who are ready with the volunteer power to get it done! Impact Grants are competitive. Funding is limited.

If you have an idea regarding the Impact Grant, PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL ME. We all need to brainstorm this one. That is a huge amount of money and it can be used to help our community if we develop just the right program. I will put a team in place to try to develop a workable idea and to discuss this Grant further.

Thanks for taking the time to read through all of this. So many of you contributed to ENF last year and this year as well. You can see what we can get back for all you do. I'll send out the second annual ENF Pledge in July. Please be as generous as last year. We achieved a per capita revenue of \$11.50 per Member.***That was OUTSTANDING!!!!***

Thank you to a great Membership and Officer Team!!

Ellen Veprek, ENF Chairperson
ellenveprek@gmail.com

...In Friendship,
732-691-6554,

Annual Fluke Tournament Cancelled Due to Corona Virus Pandemic

The 26th Annual Fluke Tournament has been officially cancelled by the Fluke Tournament Committee. The reasons cited were the following:

- 1- Inability of raising Sponsor funding which pays for the fixed costs of tents, porta-potties, food, insurance;
- 2-Not knowing what the requirements will be for social distancing, gathering size etc.
- 3-Not knowing how many fishermen will want to be part of a public event:
- 4-Not having funding for marketing
- 5-And the Top Reason is.....if you can't do it right...Don't do it at all.

It is disheartening for the Committee not to be able to deliver our annual contribution to our Lodge Fund raising efforts, however, we can not risk losing money or compromising the health or safety of anyone on the committee, our members or those that would attend the Tournament.

Thank you for your understanding.

John Veprek Jr. Tournament Director

A NOTE FROM PHYLLIS, PER

I would like to Thank all my officers, committee chairman, and members for all their support this year.

At this time I would like to recognize the following;

Elk of the Year-Brian Coyle

Officer of the Year-Manny Regateiro

Citizen of the Year-Station 75 Past Deputy Chief-Charles Willever

Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Service Commendations Award:

Karen Laudisi

Linda Gartz

New Jersey State Presidents Commendations Award:

Mike Travisano

Ronald Panuska

I would also like to thank all the Elk of the Months for everything you did this year.
Phyllis Willever ER 2019-2020

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Bryan R. Klatt

Grand Secretary



2020 Program Cancell...



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May 1st, 2020

Dear Campers and families,

Everyone from the New Jersey State Elks Association – Elks Camp Moore hopes that this notification finds you and your family safe and healthy during this time of uncertainty. NJSEA – SCC has continuously been closely monitoring the developments related to the COVID-19 global pandemic with the safety of our campers, staff, and members as our top priority.

Elks Camp Moore's leadership team, trustees and advisors have recently met to discuss the remaining 2020 camping season and after much deliberation, it has been decided that Elks Camp Moore will be canceling and NOT holding any of our previously scheduled 2020 summer residential camp program or our Fall weekend adult respite programs. After having multiple conversations with the health department, our international staffing agencies, the American camp association, our camp's nursing team, and other support agencies we find the recommended guidelines for stricter social distancing, allowable on-site group sizes and additional safety procedures it would be extremely hard for us to guarantee the safety of our camp community. Upon the final release of guidelines and recommendations we will be able to better address and plan for future programs although as this information might not be released until less than a month of the projected start of the programs we don't feel this will be enough time to appropriately and thoroughly respond.

We understand that canceling our camp program which many of our campers and staff have been looking forward to since the moment they left us last season is extremely difficult to process, especially since at this time they need it the most. We know that many of the campers already have a suitcase packed and our new and returning staff that would have been traveling from all around the world were prepared to have another great season with you all. That being said, we wanted to provide you with enough time to make alternative plans for the season if required. We want to also ensure you that we are working on finalizing our plan to offer some virtual online camp gatherings as well a "Camp in a Box" packages for our campers and families to still have a small Elks Camp Moore experience. More information regarding this will follow via email to those families enrolled and/or waitlisted.

We can ensure you that Elks Camp Moore is planning on returning for the 2021 camping season and planning and preparations are being put into action very soon to make the camp better than ever. Upon being able to return to typical business we will be conducting larger capital improvements to our facility, updating and improving many of our themes and activities, and getting ready to welcome you all back into our programs. Everyone will need to complete a new 2021 camp application for the upcoming summer season when they become available in the fall. You will need to speak with your local Elks Lodge as you have done this season to ensure that you complete the required paperwork necessary to attend.

We miss you all and hope to see you next summer as well as online this upcoming summer during some of our virtual programs. If you have not already connected to us via Facebook, I encourage you to like and follow our page to stay updated and connected to us this summer.

Wishing you all health and safety during this time.

Todd Thompson
 Director of Elks Camp Moore
elkscampmoore@njelks.org

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.

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