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Spring Ahead ...



Left to right: Joe Abradi; Mike Travisano; Joe Chickene; Arnie Van Duyn; Bob Scott; John Kaufman



Exalted Ruler's Message



This is it! My last ER Message for 2012 Elk Year! I have been thinking a lot about what to write and all that I can think of is how honored and lucky I have been to be a part of an organization that is so supportive of our local community's and county's Veterans, Special Needs Children, Youth Activities, and Education. And, I am deeply grateful for all our members who volunteered for our events and for those of you who came out and supported the events.

Last month we had our Annual ENF Beach Party. Even though it had a small attendance, we raised over \$900.00 for ENF. I would like to thank all of you who attended! And, those of you who sponsored and donated to this great event: Gary Laudisi, Phyllis Willever, Greg and Rita Smith, Eddy Z, Dawn Tortoriello and Bob Scott, Jack Secor, Marianne and Joe Chickene, Joe Leone's, A&P Liquors, Blue Claws, Sand Bar, Long Board Grill, Bar A, Farrell's, Coal Fire Pizza, and The Shore House. A Great Big THANKS goes out to my crew of helpers: Victor and Colleen Castronova, Greg and Rita Smith, Gary Smith and Margaret, Bob Kierstead, Dawn Tortoriello and Bob Scott, Adrienne Dayton, Dave, Les Hill, Tim Haley, and those of you who I forgot!

I would like to thank Tom Watters and his crew for putting on a Rock'n Charity Ball on February 24th, 2012. Tom, I would also like to thank you and your committee for all that you did this year for the Special Needs Children and our Lodge!

Nancy "Antsy" DeVito, I also would like to thank you and your committee for all that you did for our Veterans and our Lodge. Also, thank you for another successful year with Line Dancing!

To my team of Officers and Trustees: Dawn Tortoriello, Cliff Van Nest, Kyle Walters, Valerie Famous, Shirlene Taskowitz, Jack Secor, Gus Adamo, Helen McDermott, Kim McLure, Pat Drew, Ron Panuska, Mike Travisano, Bob Kierstead, Rob Cook, and Joe Miller, **I THANK YOU** so much for your time and unconditional commitment in helping to make this Lodge a success!

We all need to thank Bob Scott for all his effort in making our Membership in the PLUS this year. It takes a lot of time and patience to manage the Membership Committee. THANKS, SCOTTY, for all that you do!

Last, and the Best for Last, I would like to thank Tim Haley for all his hard work, endless time, and unconditional commitment as this year's House Chairman! Tim, you are a true Elk, Gentleman, and a Friend. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Fraternally,
Scot L. Famous



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House Committee News

By Tim Haley

The Lodge attic has been cleaned and rearranged. Please keep it that way when storing items. Pop Warner has some old trophies and plaques stored there. Please take a look at them and remove them from the attic.

Super Bowl Sunday had a great turnout. Thanks to the Cause Café for putting out a great buffet!

Congrats to our own, Kyle Walters, who traveled to the Super Bowl w/o a ticket but wound up getting one and was able to attend the game.

Thank you to the anonymous person who paid for the Elks Super Bowl buffet.

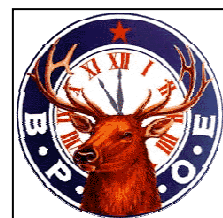
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Friday: 11 am—8 pm
Sat. & Sun.: 3-7 pm

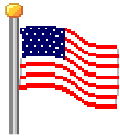
Kitchen hours may be extended for special events.

Thanks to all who came out for the "Beach Party!" A special thanks to all who came early that day to decorate and to Scot Famous and Victor Castronova who helped me take the decorations down the morning after.

Thank you to Scot Famous, the beach party committee, and all the donors who were so generous with their gifts this year!

Thanks to Tom and Carolyn Watters for organizing and running the Special Needs Charity Ball this year and all who attended.





Attention Cruisers:

All passengers cruising aboard the fabulous Celebrity Summit on May 13, 2012, we are having a **BON VOYAGE PARTY** on Sunday, April 22, 2012 at 2 pm. Meet and greet your fellow passengers and have a *hull* of a good time!

Lodge Endorses New Scholarship by Jan Picarell

At a regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2012, Trustee Rob Cook, presented a motion to create the Robert D. Haugh, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. It was approved unanimously. Bob Haugh passed from us on February 2, 2012, after an extended battle with cancer. He was a member of Lodge 1698 for 27 years serving in many capacities, including Trustee. This scholarship will be awarded to graduating Seniors who will continue their education in the vocational fields: the trades, etc. Mr. Haugh, a graduate of Union County Technical, was in welding and marine construction in particular. The awards will be given in June 2012 at both High Schools. His wife, Sharon, their children, and grandchildren are most appreciative of this honor. Poppy is very happy now!!!

2011-2012 Americanism Essay Contest by Jerri Parlow



Each year the Americanism program of the Elks Grand Lodge sponsors an essay contest. This year's theme was "Why I am Proud to Pledge Allegiance to our Flag." Over 200 students from grades 5 through 8 participated.

Congratulations to our winners: Grade 8: 1st Place, Alex Barnes, Antrim School; 2nd Place, Hillary Muller, Antrim School; 3rd Place, Chyanne Thompson-Quartley, Antrim School; Honorable Mention, Ariana Garcia, Antrim School. Grade 7: 1st Place, Rachel Beaton, Antrim School; 2nd Place, Tommy Watters, Memorial Middle School; 3rd Place, Jillian Guzik, Antrim School; Honorable Mention, Zen Smith, Antrim School. Grade 6: 1st Place, Nicholas Lodato, Memorial Middle School; 2nd Place, Laura Tomaino, Memorial Middle School; 3rd Place, Owen McCarthy, Memorial Middle School; Honorable Mention, Colton Carls, Memorial Middle School. Grade 5: 1st Place, Ryan Jasaitis, Nellie Bennett School.

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Thank You.**



Veteran's Committee News by Nancy DeVito

The Veteran's Committee is having a new coin made up to raise money for our Veterans and for the good of the order by helping the Lodge balance the budget.



The coins will be available in mid-March. With a donation of \$10.00, you will receive a coin.



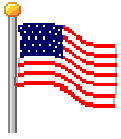
On February 16, 2012, the Southeast District held their Veterans Luncheon at Toms River Elks Lodge. We invited the USO representative for Joint base McGuire. The Point Pleasant Elks Veteran's Committee was proud to present her with a \$500.00 check and a crocheted blanket with the USO emblem on it for them to raise additional money.

Have you ever wondered what the empty box in the Lodge foyer is all about??? Well, it's for goodies for the troops! Let us not forget them! Care packages are very much appreciated by our troops and helps to boost their morale. Freedom isn't free. Let us ALL help and be thankful.

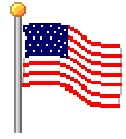
Pavers are still available!

Jean Sebastani supported the troops by making over 20 beautiful lap blankets for our care packages. They were shipped over at Christmas time. What a nice package to get on their cold nights. Thank you, Jean, for your continued support.





**NJ South East District
National Veteran's Service Commission
Scholarship Essay Contest**



Enter the Sixth annual Master Sgt. Jim Goddard Scholarship Contest!
Grand Prize: \$600.00; Runner Up Prize: \$400.00

Who is eligible? High School Seniors that are the children or grandchildren of an Elk in good standing.

What is the contest? An essay consisting of 300 to 400 words. Each essay is to have student's name, contact information, high school, and Lodge affiliation in upper right hand corner. Essay is to be in a sealed envelope and submitted to your Lodge Veteran's Chairperson.

Subject: "What a Veteran Means to Me"

All essays must be submitted to the Committee no later than May 7, 2012.

So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks will never forget them!

Save the date

NJ State Elks Convention—June 1-3, 2012

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Please contact Cliff at cliffvannest@gmail.com or

732-306-5935

Also needed: a Parade Chairperson

**Elks Super 50/50 Raffle Winner will be drawn on
March 30, 2012. Only 100 Tickets will be sold.
\$20.00 each. Ask bartender for ticket(s).**



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.*”

Elk of the Month

by Scot L. Famous

Rich Vanata

March 2012 Elk of the Month goes to Rich Vanata. Rich and his talents have been a great asset to our Lodge. Rich has done remarkable handiwork on our front porch, kitchen, and many other projects that have been completed this year and last year.

Thank you, Rich, for donating your time and unconditional commitment to Point Pleasant BPOE #1698!

Congratulations Rich!!!

Articles for the April 2012 Antler are due by March 26, 2012. Please submit to Eileen Miller at **PPElksAntler@yahoo.com** or put in the Antler mailbox at the Lodge. Thank you.

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue Terrific Tues- days From Noon-4 pm	Wed	Thu Thirsty Thurs- days 4-7 pm	Fri	Sat Saturday Twofers 3-7 pm
				1 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	2	3
4	5	6 Lodge Meet- ing 8 pm	7 NVSC 7 pm	8 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 Trustee Meeting 7:30 pm	13 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	14	15 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Party
18	19	20 Lodge Meet- ing 8 pm 1st Day of Spring	21 NVSC 7 pm	22 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	23	24 Installation of Officers 2012-2013 4-5 Cocktails 5 pm Ceremony 6-10 Dinner & Dancing
25 Breakfast 9 am—Noon	26 Trustee Meeting 7:30 pm	27 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	28	29 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	30	31

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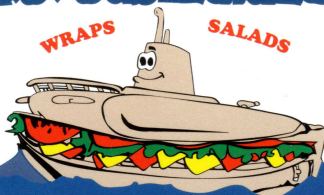
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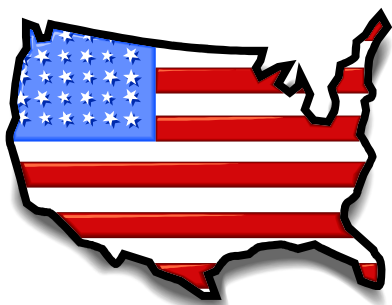
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PROPOSER

No applications for this month.

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Lee Dawson—Died January 6, 2012
Robert D. Haugh, Sr.—Died February 2, 2012



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