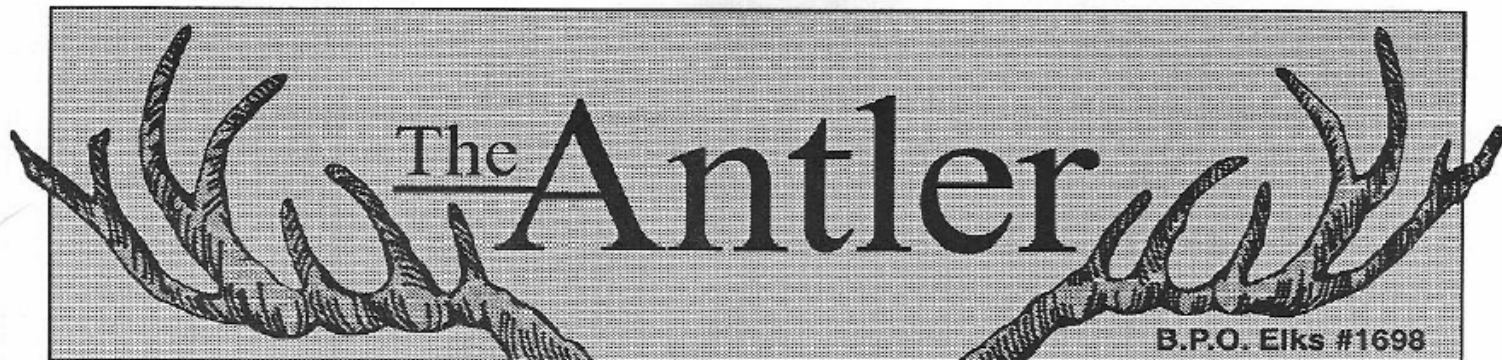




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



It's hard to believe I am about to write up my last Antler article for the 2012-2013 Elk year as Exalted Ruler. It has been a great year for me, because of all of you. Together, with what we have accomplished this past year, Point Pleasant Lodge #1698 is now a model Lodge in the South East District!

Our final Report Card for the year: A+++!!! Some highlights as follows: Two of our members received the Grand Exalted Rulers Citation for Excellence. Since this will be announced at the dinner being held on March 9, 2013, for now I can't reveal the names; Point Pleasant came in First Place in the District for the monthly publication. Congratulations and thanks to Eileen Miller and the great job she does with the Antler; The Lodge received the Grand Exalted Rulers Award for Excellence. The Lodge had a full complement of Officers, none of which were Past Exalted Rulers, for the 2012-2013 Elk year, Kudos!; Greg Smith did another fine job this year with the Hoop Shoot Contest, and two students from Point Pleasant were able to compete within the district. Thanks, Greg!; The Lodge **far** exceeded the "plus one" for membership goal. The Lodge ended the year at a PLUS TWENTY-FIVE! GREAT JOB, Bob Scott; Our team of four-Bob Byrnes, Gus Schipani, Bob Scott, and Kyle Walters came in First Place in the District at the Bocci Ball Tournament. Proceeds from this event went towards Army of Hope. Another First Place for Point Pleasant!; Point Pleasant exceeded both the State goal and the Grand Lodge goal for ENF per capita; which, at

the time of this writing is at 6.941, by March 31 it will be more. Cus Dalik-thanks so much!; The Grand Lodge rewarded both the Point Pleasant Lodge and the ER with "Making a Difference Special Citation," in grateful recognition of meritorious participation in the 2012-2013 program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Congratulations and thanks to all the members!; Point Pleasant had both a State Finalist and a National Finalist in the Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest! Sydney Brannick, daughter of our Chaplain, Mike Brannick, was a State winner and Matthew Piccolella from Point Pleasant is a finalist in the National Competition. Matthew will be advancing to Chicago for National consideration! Best of luck to Matthew and once again, thanks to Jan for doing such a good job as Scholarship Chairperson; And, finally, stay tuned for the results of the 2012-2013 "All American Lodge." At the time of this writing, the Lodge has just entered the contest. Keep your fingers crossed!

All in all, words cannot truly express the feelings I have about how I was blessed this year with such wonderful members as you. This past year has been exceptional, filled with some obstacles and challenges that we all have managed to persevere and overcome. The Point Pleasant Elks would never have reached its full potential without the help of all the members and I want to say thank you to everyone for everything you did.

Jay-Bird, you and your bar staff, Marilyn, Al, Ducky, Billy, Karen, Bat, and Johnny Unda all did a fantastic job this year mixing drinks and serving beers! Thanks so much. The bar had an outstanding year. To the Lodge Officers, Board of Directors, and the Committee Chair-people: I want to thank you for all your time and hard work. Your selfless devotion to the Lodge has helped it become what it is today. To all the members of Point Pleasant Lodge #1698: I want to thank you for being you! You're the best! And finally....."Don't cry because it's over, SMILE because it happened." - Dr. Seuss. And I am smiling from ear to ear! Hope you are too! Thanks everyone for an outstanding year. God Bless our families and loved ones, God Bless our troops, and God Bless America!

Fraternally,
Dawn Tortoriello

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	Co-Chair: Bob Scott	552-6169
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House Committee News

The Beach Party hosted by the Lodge Officers went well.

Come out and support the Lodge members at the **March 9th** Elk of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Officer of the Year. Please see ER Dawn for details.

Thanks to all who came out for the Lasagne Cook-off. Johnny Unda took First Prize.

St. Patrick's Day, Sunday, **March 17th**, come out for some good corned beef and fun! Drink specials, 50/50. The House Committee will be running the event and it is sure to be a great time!

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **March 24th**-bring the kids!

Check out the new jukebox down in the Grill Room. It has more selections & also takes cc.

Bob Scott & Paul Brundage, House Committee Co-Chairs, would like to thank all the committee members for a great year!!

Easter Bake Sale

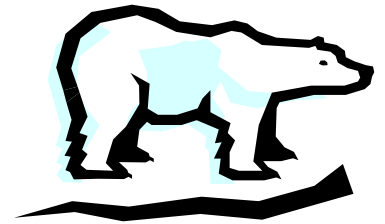
On Good Friday, **March 29**, there will be an Easter Bake Sale. Donations are appreciated. Please contact Janice Knorr and/or Carolyn Watters for more information.

St. Patrick's Day Party
Sunday, March 17th
Corned Beef
Drink Specials
50/50

JOIN ME AS I TAKE THE PLUNGE! By Cliff Van Nest

The 6th Annual Elk's Miracle Plunge takes place March 16, 2013 at 12 noon. This is a fundraising event that raises money for the Children's Specialized Hospital, Cooley's Anemia, and Elks Camp Moore. I am trying to raise \$1,000. for this great cause! Join me and the hundreds of plungers on the Asbury Park beach (by Convention Hall) by registering today. Don't forget to have FUN! Showcase your favorite costume as you run into the ocean! After the plunge, event participants are invited to celebrate their fundraising efforts at Bar Anticipation, which includes live entertainment, food and beverages, and gift auction. The Miracle Plunge is a great way to have fun, meet new people in your community, and to support three great charities. Hope to see you on the beach in March! Thank you!

Website: <http://miracleplunge2013.kintera.org/cliff>



Elk of the Month

By Dawn Tortoriello

John Gartz



Our Elk of the Month is: John Gartz!

Maybe we saved the best for last...

John has been a member for a good amount of years now. He is a must to have around for the Fluke Tournament and Oktoberfest. All the equipment we have at the Elks is old, and somehow every year John keeps it working. And let's not forget about Convention. John is instrumental in setting up for Convention and breaking down afterwards at the motel. And any time that John is fixing something at the Lodge, not far behind is his wife, Linda, pitching in and helping out too! Whenever something breaks at the Lodge, we always turn to John for his advice before we call someone in and spend money. I just can't say enough about everything he does. If I had to list everything John did this past year, it would take up all the pages in the Antler!

Thanks, John, for all that you do! **Congratulations** on being the Elk of the Month!

An Open Letter from Brian Kierstead, Loyal Knight, to all Members of Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698:

Dear Members:

I am the Chairman of the Convention Committee for the 2013 NJ State Elks Convention. The convention will take place in Wildwood, NJ, from **June 7th-June 9th**.

Accommodations: We have secured the Gold Crest Motel as our "Lodge" away from the "Lodge!" Please see the Registration Form on the next page regarding costs, deposits, and deadline dates. I am aware that some of our members like to keep the same room from year to year. If you have any special requests or accommodations, please state them in your reply or contact me as soon as you can. I can't make any promises but I will do my best to help you.

Parade: The parade is on Saturday, June 8th. For the 2013 Parade, we are keeping our dress code. Shirts will be provided to anyone who does not have one and who will be attending the parade. To help with costs, we are asking that anyone who still has their shirt and hat from last year, to please use them again this year. At the bottom of the registration form I will need you to select whether or not you will be marching. If you are, and you do not have a shirt from last year, please indicate how many shirts to order and what sizes.

The sizes are based on men's sizes and run as follows: XS, S, M, L, XL, 1X, 2X, or 3X. Any woman marching in the parade should order one size below what you would normally wear in a woman's size. For example, if you wear a woman's size L, then order a size M. The shirts will be worn with tan pants and white sneakers.

Please note: Anyone receiving a shirt who does not march in the parade will be liable for the cost of the shirt.

Our committee goal is to give our Members a fun filled event while streamlining costs. While the prices of the motel, food, and drinks have all gone up since last year, our committee is determined to keep Member costs the same. **With that in mind, we need your help:**

Fund Raising: Several committee members have some great fund raising ideas but they cannot do it alone. It is crucial that the Members help support the fund raising events. Please remember that lodging, entertainment, and meals at Convention are not "lodge budgeted events." The Lodge will advance the monies for these costs. However, it is up to the convention attendees to generate the income to offset the costs. This is done through fund raising events and by the overall cost to the Member for Convention. As we are keeping the cost the same as last year, please help support our Lodge to achieve our goal of making Convention "a fun filled event while streamlining costs."

Free Weekend Raffle Tickets will be available at the Lodge. The cost for the ticket is \$25.00. Raffle tickets are due by Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The winning ticket will be drawn on Friday, May 10, 2013, at 7 p.m. If you win and have already paid for the weekend, you will be reimbursed. You may purchase as many tickets as you want. **NOTE:** I need a separate check to purchase tickets. Please do not include it in your check for the Convention deposit.

I look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

*Fraternally,
Brian Kierstead, Loyal Knight*



Registration Form



Elks Annual Convention
June 7-9, 2013
Wildwood, New Jersey

Single: \$300.00
2 Adults: \$380.00
Additional Adults (21 & Over): \$ 80.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)
Additional Children (under 21): \$ 30.00 (includes Friday and Saturday)

A 50% deposit must be received no later than Monday, March 18th, to guarantee your room. Final balance due must be received no later than Monday, April 15th. 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. 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: _____ Size(s): _____

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Mail to: Brian Kierstead, 1103 Gardenia Dr., Brick, NJ, 08724 or put in the Leading Knight mailbox at the Lodge.



N.J. South East District
National Veteran's Service Commission

Scholarship Essay Contest

Enter the 7th 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/ grandchildren of an Elk *in good standing or an Antler who has been active for at least 1 year.*

What is the contest?

Written essay consisting of 300 to 400 words. Each essay is to have students 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 6th, 2013**

Winner to be presented award May 19th

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

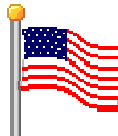
Veterans Committee News

By Nancy DeVito

On January 30, 2013, our Veterans were invited to St. Peters School to celebrate Veterans Day which had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. I must say it was one of the nicest celebrations honoring our Veterans that I have ever had the privilege of attending. A huge "thank you" to all the children and staff at St. Peters for including our Veterans.



Thank you to *Walgreens of Point Pleasant* for their donations and to the Girl Scouts of Point Pleasant for their help in assembling the care packages for the troops. They are on their way with the help of SGT. Wayne Hanna and McGuire Air Force Base.



Members of the Veterans Committee shared a special Valentine's Day with our Veterans at Burnt Tavern Manor. Thank you to US Subs once again for the best sub and salads, which our Veterans and committee enjoyed. We gave our Veterans a red rose and Valentine's Day Cards made by a Girl Scout troop in Howell. There is nothing better than to bring a smile to those heroes that feel forgotten. God Bless our Veterans!



Our Committee is looking forward to the coming year and hope to have your continued support.

Elk, Officer, and Citizen of the Year Awards

March 9, 2013

7-11 p.m.

**Tickets: \$10.00 each which includes Dinner & DJ
Cash Bar**

Tickets may be purchased from the bartenders.

**Easter Egg Hunt
March 24, 2013 at 11 a.m.**

Egg Dying, Food, and Hunt

**Join the Easter Bunny,
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March 2013

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Tuesdays
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*Thirsty
Thursdays
4-7 pm*

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Saturdays
Half-Price
Drinks
3-7 pm

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5
**Lodge
Meeting**
8 pm

6
**NVSC
Meeting**

7
Shuffleboard
Line Dancing

8
Friday Night
Dinner

9
Elk, Officer,
& Citizen of
the Yr. Dinner
7-11 pm

10
Daylight
Savings
Begins

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12
Cornhole
League
7-10 pm

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Shuffleboard
Line Dancing

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Friday Night
Dinner

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**Miracle
Plunge, AP**

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St. Patrick's
Day Party

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Deposit for
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Due

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**Lodge
Meeting**
8 pm

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Meeting
Spring Begins

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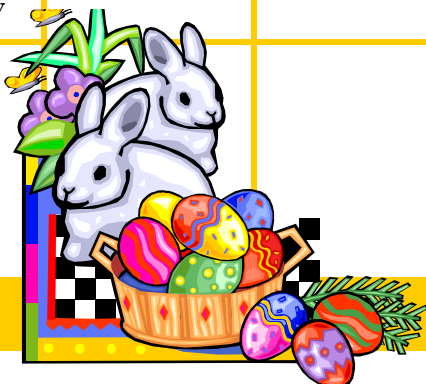
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Sunday**



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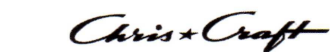
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News:

We are down to 21 delinquent members. Dues notices should be in your hands by now. The key cards will be changed. Anyone who has not paid their dues by April 1, 2013, will not be permitted in the Lodge as per Grand Lodge. There is no grace period. So, please, send in your dues so we can keep up all the good works in Point Pleasant. We have had another good year with our membership, ending the year in the plus! Thanks to all the members.

Bob Scott



Please submit articles for the April Antler by March 20, 2013. They can be emailed to: PPElksAntler@Yahoo.com or put in the Antler mailbox down at the Lodge. Thank you.

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