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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



"THESE SO-CALLED BLEAK TIMES ARE NECESSARY TO GO THROUGH IN ORDER TO GET TO A MUCH, MUCH BETTER PLACE." DAVID LYNCH

THANK YOU TO TRUSTEE JOHN GARTZ, TRUSTEE TOM WATTER PER 2.5, LEADING KNIGHT LINDA GARTZ, TILER GEORGIANNA WALSH, AND MEMBERS BRIAN WILLS, AND CAROLYN WATTERS FOR ALL YOUR WORK WHILE WE WERE OUTSIDE. YOUR DUE DILIGENCE AND PERSEVERANCE ALLOWED THE BEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE FOR ALL TO ENJOY. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED TO COOK, SERVE, OR DONATE DINNER FOR OUR OUTSIDE DINNERS.

AS WE START TO GO BACK INSIDE PLEASE REMEMBER TO FOLLOW ALL COVID REGULATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDERS. WHILE INSIDE IS A STEP CLOSER TO NORMALCY, WE ARE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET. KEEPING ALL OUR MEMBERS SAFE IS THE HIGHEST OF PRIORITY.

THANK YOU TO TRUSTEE BRIAN COYLE AND TERRY FELDMAN FOR ORGANIZING AND FILLING THE BAGS FOR THE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HELD AT THE LODGE. THE KIDS OF THE COMMUNITY HAD A GREAT TIME. I KNOW I HAD A GREAT TIME AS WELL. I FEEL THIS SHOULD BECOME A NEW TRADITION IN THE LODGE. FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION UNTIL THE LODGE CAN OPEN UP TO EITHER 50% CAPACITY OR TO FULL CAPACITY LODGE MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD VIA ZOOM. PLEASE SEE THAT WEBMASTER TERRY LADU HAS YOUR CORRECT EMAIL AND CHECK YOUR SPAM FOLDER TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE THE EMAILED INVITES. TERRY'S EMAIL IS: TJLADU@GMAIL.COM.

LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CORRECTION TO THE OCTOBER ANTLER. THE LAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER IS CUS DALIK AND NOT CUSTARD DALIK. PDDGER DALIK YOU HAVE MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR THE MISTAKE.

LOVE AND CHEERS,

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NOVEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH



OUR ELK OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER IS CHUCK ACKERMAN

CHUCK ACKERMAN

CONGRATULATIONS CHUCK ON BEING NOVEMBER ELK OF THE MONTH! THANKS TO CHUCK AND HIS TANDEM BIKE CREW \$2,600 WAS RAISED FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN. THIS IS CHUCK'S 26TH YEAR RUNNING THE ANNUAL TANDEM BIKE TOUR. GREAT JOB CHUCK AND ALL THE TANDEM BIKE RIDERS. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO CHUCK ON BEING NOVEMBER'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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BOB BYRNES FOR BEING INSTALLED AS DISTRICT DEPUTY ON JULY 8TH BY STATE SPONSOR MALCOLM MCPHERSON JR PGER



NOVEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 8 p.m. <i>Lodge Meeting</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 8 p.m. <i>Lodge Meeting</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 1-3 p.m. <i>St. Gregory's Thanksgiving Dinner</i> 	27	28
29	30					

VETERANS NEWS

By: Nancy DeVito

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, THE HOLIDAYS WILL SOON BE UPON US. VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, THANKSGIVING, AND THAN CHRISTMAS.

THIS YEAR IS DIFFERENT AND HAS CAUSED MANY CHALLENGES. NORMALLY WE BRING LUNCH AND HAVE LUNCH WITH OUR VETERANS BUT DUE TO RESTRICTIONS AND SAFETY FOR US AS WELL AS THEM WE WILL BE DROPPING LUNCH OFF. WILLOW SPRING WILL HOLD THE LUNCH FOR THEM IN THE SPECIAL ROOM. WE MISS SEEING THEM AND WANT TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.

WE HAVE A FEW DATES FOR SANTA TO APPEAR AT BASE FOR THE MILITARY CHILDREN BUT ARE WAITING FOR THE FINAL CLEARING CONFIRMATION TO GO ON BASE.

I WANT TO MAKE A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE RENAISSANCE WOMENS'S CLUB FOR OVER 50 BACK-PACKS, BAGS AND STUFFED ANIAMALS FOR SANTA TO DELIVER TO THE MILITARY CHILDREN. THANK YOU TO PAT SPIELER, JAY SPEILER, STEPHANIE PANDOLFO, AND BARBARA KWIA TEK FOR DELIVERING THEM TO MY HOME. I TRUELY APPRECIATE YOU THINKING OF OUR MILITARY CHILDREN . GOD BLESS YOU.



Our annual Holiday breakfast on base is on Fri Dec. 4 as of right now, but we are waiting on a confirmed clearance of the date. Things change rapidly and we must keep our nations defenders healthy.

Times are hard for everyone so please wear your mask, be kind, and be patient.

God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans /Military!





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St. Gregory's Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Terry La Du

2020 has brought a great deal of changes to the way we do things and celebrating Thanksgiving is no exception. In the past the Elks have partnered with St. Gregory's Pantry to prepare, host and serve a sit-down dinner for over 100 guests. And besides a delicious meal of turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, yams, a variety of vegetables and other sides, we served mozzarella cheese from Joe Leone's as well as rolls & pastries from Muller's Bakery. After the sit-down dinner we made sure all guests received a meal to take home with them to enjoy over the weekend.

No sit-down dinner this year!!!!

So working with St. Gregory's and Mary's Table, we will be doing deliveries as well as takeout for this year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Mary's Table, a group started after Super Storm Sandy, delivers over 200 meals every Thursday to their community. So the Elks now have a new partner in supporting this tradition of providing for our community. Elks will still cook the turkey as before, but the sides will be prepared by the Mary's Table team and delivered to the Lodge. On Thanksgiving, a small team of volunteers will use the system that Mary's Table uses to prepare the meals and organize the delivery of what we expect to be 150 meals. We are also planning on providing 50 take-out meals for our neighbors.

If you are interested in receiving a meal delivery, please contact Laurie Clayton of Mary's Table by November 13th. She can be reached at 732-600-5454.

Due to Covid restrictions we are limited with the number of volunteers that can work at the Lodge on Thanksgiving and currently have the volunteers needed. If you wish to volunteer as a delivery person, please contact Laurie Clayton at the number above by November 13th.

Let's hope we can return to our sit-down dinner next year.

Happy Thanksgiving All

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MEDIA



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

"NOVEMBER IS ELKS VETERANS REMEMBRANCE MONTH"

Chicago, IL, October 19th, 2020: An estimated twenty million Veterans are living in our communities. Each with a different story, they all shared a common pledge: to support and defend this country.

In an effort to honor and support these Veterans, Elks National President Paul R. Ryan has proclaimed November to be Veterans Remembrance Month.

The Elks have a pledge. "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." And that's as true today as it was more than 100 years ago, in 1918 when the Elks built a 700 bed hospital in Boston and donated it to the government, helping to create a precursor for today's VA Medical Centers.

This November, as well as every month of the year, Elks will serve thousands of Veterans across the country. When Veterans are hospitalized and recovering, Elks are there. When Veterans are living in a home away from family, Elks are there. When Veterans are exiting homelessness and moving into a home, Elks are there. Because Elks are always there for Veterans. Altogether, our volunteers served more than 1 million Veterans last year, in ways big and small.

This Veterans Remembrance Month, we urge you to join the Elks in recognition of and service to the Veterans in your community. Let us remember the words of Elk member and President John F. Kennedy who said, "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

There are nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership of around 800,000. Elks members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God. To learn more and to join us in service, visit www.elks.org

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Origin of the Toast

In regard to the Elks' 11 O'Clock Toast and its origin, we have to go back long before the BPOE came into existence. One of the main contributions of Charles Richardson – in stage name of Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian and founder of the American branch of the Jolly Corks – was to deliver into the hands of newborn Elks the rituals and traditions of a fraternal organization started in England around 1010 A.D., the Royal and Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes, to which he belonged prior to coming to New York.

The RAOB, or Buffaloes as we shall henceforth refer to them, also practiced an 11 o'clock toast in remembrance of the Battle of Hastings in October of 1066. Following his victory, William of Normandy imported a set of rules, both martial and civil in nature, to keep control of a seething Norman-Saxon population always on the edge of a revolution.

Among those rules was a curfew law requiring all watch fires, bonfires (basically all lights controlled by private citizens that could serve as signals) to be extinguished at 11 each night. From strategically placed watchtowers that also served as early fire-alarm posts, the call would go out to douse or shutter all lights and bank all fires. This also served to discourage secret and treasonous meetings, as chimney sparks stood out against the black sky. A person away from his home and out on the darkened streets, when all doors were barred for the night, risked great peril from either evildoers or patrolling militia.

The hour of 11 quickly acquired a somber meaning, and in the centuries that followed, became the synonym throughout Europe for someone on his deathbed or about to go into battle: i.e. "His family gathered about his bed at the 11th hour," or "The troops in the trenches hastily wrote notes to their families as the 11th hour approached when they must charge over the top.

Thus, when the 15 Jolly Corks (of whom seven were not native-born Americans) voted on February 16, 1868, to start a more formal and official organization, they were already aware of an almost universally prevalent sentiment about the mystic and haunting aura connected with the nightly hour of 11, and it took no great eloquence by Vivian to establish a ritual toast similar to that of the Buffaloes at the next-to-last hour each day.

The great variety of 11 O'Clock Toasts, including the Jolly Corks Toast, makes it clear that there was no fixed and official version until 1906-10. Given our theatrical origins, it was almost mandatory that the pre-1900 Elks would be expected to compose a beautiful toast extemporaneously at will. Regardless of the form, however, the custom is as old as the Elks.

Source: <https://www.elks.org/history/NewsStory.cfm?StoryID=80543>

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.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) 2020-2021 Scholarship Year begins on-line August 15, 2020. The application deadline is November 15th. All graduating 2021 High School Seniors may apply for the Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship and if you are an Elk child or grandchild, you may also apply for the Legacy Scholarship at Elks.org. Point Boro and Point Beach Seniors may ask their Guidance Counselors for assistance. They are quite knowledgeable about these scholarships and the application requirements. Scholarship grants range: \$4,000-\$50,000 over 4 years. Here is the MVS url: enf.elks.org/mvs.

The Legacy Scholarship application is available on line beginning September 1, 2020 at this url: enf.elks.org/leg and is due February 5, 2021 @ 11:59 a.m.

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