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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 5-7
PEER LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 9
NOMINATIONS FOR LODGE
OFFICERS

FEBRUARY 14
VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 20
NEW MEMBER INITIATION

FEBRUARY 23
ELECTION OF LODGE
OFFICERS

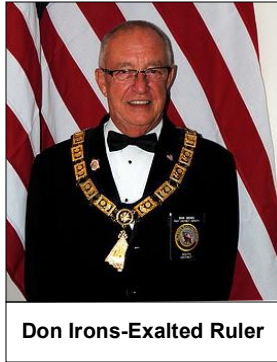
FEBRUARY 28
"BRIGANTINE LIVE"

MARCH 12
ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



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Don Irons-Exalted Ruler

To my Brothers and Sisters:

February is a very important month for your Lodge. It is the time when we plan for the New Year including Officer Elections, selection of Committee Chairs, budgeting and setting dates for major Lodge events in the coming year.

The most important activity is the election of a new Exalted Ruler and all the Chair Officers. As I have stated previously, nominations for officers will be the first regular meeting in February. Elections will be held the second meeting in February should any of the positions nominated be contested. We will be appointing Committee Chairs, too. As previously requested if you have any interest in one of these positions **please see me as soon as possible**. Sadly, we have only 20 positions to fill and over 900 members to fill them but the challenge to get members to volunteer is daunting. It seems the same people continue to step up and do what needs to be done in order for our Lodge to provide the wonderful environment we all enjoy and the support we provide to our charities and members of our community. As we all know, fresh faces and fresh ideas are the life blood of any successful organization so please consider getting involved with your Lodge.

All dates for our main fund raiser events have been scheduled. The first of many will happen on February 20th starting at 5:00 PM at the new member Initiation. We will welcome over 30 new members-please join me in making these new Elks feel a part of our Lodge and encourage them to get involved in all aspects of Lodge events and activities. On February 28th at the Lodge from 3-6 PM come and enjoy the Lighthouse Players in an SNL take-off –"Brigantine Live". Good food, good entertainment-all for \$30 a ticket. See you there.

March is shaping up to be a very busy month starting with the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Atlantic City Boardwalk on March 12th. As always, on Palm Sunday we will hold the Installation of our new Exalted Ruler and Chair Officers. Make sure you attend and pledge your support to these fellow members who will lead our Lodge in 2016. And let's not overlook the Fish Fry on March 25-Good Friday. This will be a sellout so please get there early and enjoy our delicious seafood dinners.

A final reminder is that we meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. Please do your best to attend, participate and enjoy the company of your fellow members.

Yours in Elkdom,

Don

Board of Directors-Paul Consorte

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The Budget process for the Lodge Fiscal year started in January with a review of the time table and requirements at the Board of Directors meeting. A meeting was held with the Chairs of the various committees to review their requirement and the time frame for submittal. The target is to present the budget at the first General Meeting of March and approval by the membership at the second meeting of March.

Work has started on the front bathrooms. Completion is currently schedule for the middle of February.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Jim DeStefano for his time and effort in greatly enhancing the Lodge security system both in quality and coverage. Job well done!

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

Upcoming Events: Feb. 18 We will visit and bring good wishes to the 50 Veterans who reside at the Voorhees Rehab Center.

Mar. 9 We will prepare, deliver and serve dinner to the 80 Veteran Residents and staff of Veterans Haven-South in Ancora, NJ.

Mar. 10 St. Patrick's Day visit to the Vineland Veterans Home. We will deliver Irish Potato's and good wishes.

Mar. 11 Friday Night Food at our Lodge by the Veterans Committee.

WEBSITES TO VISIT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELKS

www.brigantineelks.com
 www.elks.org
 www.njelks.com

LOUNGE HOURS
 MONDAY 3PM - 11PM
 TUES-THURS 2PM - 11PM
 FRIDAY 2PM - 12AM
 SATURDAY NOON - 12AM
 SUNDAY NOON - 10PM

MEMBERS - PLEASE USE YOUR CARD KEY AT THE LOUNGE ENTRANCE. YOU MUST SIGN-IN ALL GUESTS PER NJ STATE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE COMMISSION.

REMEMBER
 "EACH MEMBER OF LODGE 2428 MUST CARRY HIS PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE LODGE, AND HE SHALL WILLFULLY DISPLAY HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD IF REQUESTED TO DO SO."

To all members from your Lodge Secretary, Allyson Arnold

On Saturday, February 20th we will be bringing in a new class of "baby Elks"! The indoctrination begins promptly at 5:00PM with the initiation following at 6:00. If you are a sponsor please be sure your candidate is in attendance. ALL sponsors and ALL members of Brigantine Lodge #2428 are welcome to attend as well! After the ceremony we enjoy a full dinner together and then the fun begins in the lounge . . .

This is a list of your "neighbors" that are requesting to become members of your Lodge. We will ballot on their acceptance at our regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, February 9th.

Applicants Ready for Balloting

Sheri Brutsch
 Walter Brutsch, Jr
 Marc Daniels
 James Davis
 James Dickson
 Maria Inez Dickson
 Joseph DiVenti
 Mary Ann Durkin
 Brian Feehan
 Rosemary Finan
 Frank Fusco
 Brenda Gilio
 Anna Marie Klaiss
 Janet Lieberman
 Richard Lieberman
 Michael Mattiacci
 George Moore
 Florence Moran
 Raymond Mott
 Robert Ochs
 Mark Pollicino
 Steven Roseman
 Francis Medford Smith
 Stephen Stone
 Louis Tate
 Nicholas Thomas
 Scott Traeger
 Leonard Westman

Applicants Ready for Initiation

Jeffrey Delson
 Michael Feely
 Ryan McTear
 Arthur Mulrooney
 Trevor Waldron

The above candidates were balloted on and accepted already but were unable to make it to the last class. They will join those listed at the February 20th class.

FYI

The Brigantine Lodge currently has 935 members!!

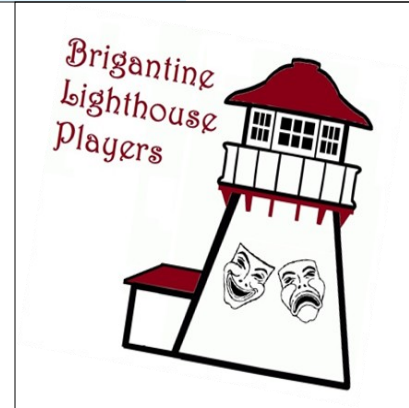
Lodge Events

“Brigantine Live” a Fun Afternoon Event

The Brigantine Lighthouse Players are donating their time to perform along with Elk Members in this second dinner theater. But this is happening Sunday afternoon, so is it a luncheon theater? Anyway we have a great line up of Saturday Night Live type performances with both Original and some Classic skits. We also hope to have a Special Guest Host. We've invited someone- however they have not yet agreed to appear. But the show must go on. There is a Food Donation board and Volunteer list in the lounge for those who wish to help. For those who want to attend, tickets are \$30.00. This includes all you can eat buffet, coffee, tea and lots of deserts!

SO....**Mark Your Calendar for February 28 2016 at 2:30PM** for a great time Live entertainment Sing-a-long, audience participation game shows with prizes, some talented entertainers and maybe a Special Guest Host!!

Hope to see Your Face in the Place!!! Ed Young-Dinner Theater Chair



Comedy Night Wrap-Up

The 3rd Annual Elks Comedy Night Event went off without a hitch last November. The Elks banquet room was packed to the max to watch Big Daddy Graham, Spins Nitely and Nicky Attitude take control of the room and fill it with laughter. Even self proclaimed funnyman and MC Ed Young got some laughs. Event Chairperson David Weiner said this year was the most successful, we didn't run out of food and all 3 comics were just as good as the next. Headliner Big Daddy Graham once again donated the proceeds from his book and CD sales back to the Lodge. More importantly, the event raised over \$3000.00 for its intended Elk charity.

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU
PASSING
NONE**

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS
JAYNE EELLS
GEORGE GLOMB
ANDREW CONNOR
MARK HEENAN
JACK MATHISON
PHYLLIS GLOMB**

EILEEN KRATTER SENDS CARDS, CARE PACKAGES, FLOWERS, FRUIT BASKETS, ETC. TO ANY ELK WHO IS ILL OR IN DISTRESS. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO COULD USE OUR HELP AND THOUGHTS, PLEASE LET EILEEN KNOW AT 609-266-4323 (H). SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE EXALTED RULER, DON IRONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS.



**Catching Their Breath after the Comedy Show are L-R:
Spins Nitely, Big Daddy Graham and Nicky Attitude**



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◀ January 2016	February 2016						March 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Veterans Committee 6:00	2 Board of Directors 7:00	3 Quizzo 7-9	4	5 Friday Night Food 5:30	6 Peer Leadership Conference	
	8	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30	10 Quizzo 7-9	11	12 Friday Night Food 5:30	13	
1 	15 House Committee 7:00	16 Antlers Meeting 6:30	17 Quizzo 7-9	18	19 Friday Night Food 5:30	20 New Member Initiation 5:00	
21	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30	24 Quizzo 7-9	25	26 Friday Night Food 5:30	27	
28 "Brigantine Live" 3:00-6:00	29	Notes: Check Website for Updates!					