

ANTLERS NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 3,4,5
NJ ELKS CONVENTION**

**JUNE 12
FLAG DAY CEREMONY**

**JUNE 14
FLAG DAY**

**JUNE 19
FATHER'S DAY**



**Pat Orchard
Exalted Ruler**

Greetings!

This has been a very busy first quarter for me, and it looks like there is more to come. By the time you read this we will be at the State Convention in Wildwood NJ. June 2, 3 and 4 are the convention dates. It is a great opportunity to meet other Elks from all over New Jersey. If you are reading this early enough to attend the Parade on June 4, look for us near 24th Street & New Jersey Ave at 11:30 AM to start marching. We will be happy to have you join us as a last minute marcher. You will need to wear black shoes and black slacks with a black belt and a white collared shirt we will provide the vest and hat and the rest of the uniform of the day. We hope that Linda Fisher will again be voted "Best in State Esquire" as she has been 2 times

past. Our Brigantine Antlers Lodge will also be marching with us along with the Atlantic City High School Marching Band. Free food and refreshments will be provided for all those who march on June 4th. Fun times for those who love to party! It is hard to believe that the summer events are upon us already. The rainy weather has not helped. By the time you read this letter, Clam Bake has passed. Seafood Fest is the next big cookout event. Flag Day observance will be on Sunday June 12th. Please look at the lodge calendar for details. One of our members will be using the Banquet Room on Sunday June 12th for a wedding reception, so we will conduct our Flag Day Ceremony outdoors. Let's hope the weather co-operates. (Harry has taken this challenge to control the weather.) This reminds me to ask all of our members that visit the lounge during those times that we rent the Banquet room for private events; please be attentive to those members and guests who rent our Banquet hall for private events. I want to thank you in advance for respecting this request.

Finally, by the time you get next month's copy of the Antlers newsletter, I will be representing you at the Elks National Convention in Huston Texas. I am pleased and proud to be your representative and spokesperson at both National next month and the State Convention this month. You can hear my reports about the great things that are happening all over the country and all across the State by attending the general membership meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. (That is the one that follows each of the conventions). As always, I am proud of the things that our Lodge does for our community and will make it known to all I encounter on behalf of this Lodge. I am honored that you elected me to represent you and I will do my best to promote the trust you placed in me. Now let's enjoy summer (when it gets here.)

HONOR OUR FLAG!!



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No Report at this time.

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

It was a Wonderful day at our Lodge as numerous Veteran Guests were treated to a Crab Cake Luncheon with Cheeseburgers, and hot dogs to boot. After lunch it was time for flounder fishing on the "Fishfinder" or Bingo in our Lodge. Special THANKS to: Our Police and Fire Depts., Legion Riders, VFW and American Legion Color Guards, the AC "Sandpipers" Pipe and Drum Corps, and our Super Bingo Crew. Our kitchen crew assisted by our good friends from the Sons of the American Legion, did an Outstanding job. THANKS to all the members who helped out- you gave our Veterans a nice Sunday away from the home.

Memorial Day Service-- Please plan to attend the Brigantine Memorial Day Service to be held on Sunday. It is well to Remember those who gave so much. **Vineland Veterans Home Picnic--**On Thursday June 9 we will be cooking a picnic lunch for our Veterans at the Vineland Veterans Home. This is always a fun event and all members are welcome to

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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."



Pictures, starting at upper left.

Katie and Grace Kelly sing the National Anthem. Veterans listen to Grace given by Sgt. Ike Rucker -U.S.M.C. Vineland and Vets Haven Vets receive a rousing Welcome to the Brigantine Elks Lodge.

Lodge Events

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**Submitted by Nancy Tregnan, Chairperson**

The Community Activities Committee (CAC) is a standing committee responsible for the disbursement of donations which are requested from groups and/or individuals within the community. Funds are derived from profits from the Legal Games of Chance.

The committee reviews all requests for donations prior to presenting same for a vote at membership meetings. Members may question, discuss, amend and approve or disapprove motions. The current members of the CAC Committee are Linnie Cassidy, Linda Fisher, Dave Peterson and Richard Poole.

In addition, the committee maintains a spread sheet listing all approved donations. This list is posted on the bulletin board outside the meeting room on the second floor.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

The Walk Out on Drugs was held on a cloudy and cool Saturday morning May 7, 2016. There were over 70 members of the various Elks Lodges from the South District, the Antlers Lodge #23 and concerned members of our community that came out to show solidarity in the fight against drug and alcohol abuse. Our district to date has raised over \$3,100. Thank you to Joe Campitelli for his continued support of the Walk Out. I would also like to thank the Brigantine Police and Fire Departments, Beach Vans and for all who assisted in making the Walk Out on Drugs a huge success.

Rick Pennestri PER- South District Drug Awareness Chairman**Secretary's Corner – Allyson Arnold**

I am happy to report we initiated 26 new members bringing our total membership to 970. Regarding members with unpaid dues, your Lounge and Lodge privileges have been suspended until your dues are paid. Please mail a check for \$68 to BPOE #2428, PO Box 44, Brigantine, NJ 08203.

The challenge of getting all your new cards delivered to you successfully has proved a challenge and prompts me to remind ALL to please make sure I am updated with your new addresses (even temporary one's), phone numbers & email's.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

**PASSING
JOE CAPRA**

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

**PAUL FULLER
LINDA REAP
FRANK LATRELLE, JR.
ANDY MASON**

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, PAT ORCHARD FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Wildwood Convention—June 3rd, 4th, & 5th

To date we have 13 confirmed rooms reserved for this weekend, and the hotel is filling fast with only a few rooms still available. So if you wish to reserve a room, please call Dave B. at 610-721-4956 as soon as possible. The Hospitality room will be \$15.00 per person and will be payable on arrival. Hospitality will include dinner on Thursday night, Friday continental breakfast, lunch and dinner, Saturday continental breakfast lunch and dinner, and Sunday continental breakfast. There will be draught beer, (regular and light) wine, draught root beer, sodas, and setups for mixed drinks, various juices and coffee and tea. As a way of reducing the hospitality fee from 40.00 Dollars to 15.00 Dollars we ask that anyone wishing mixed drinks to bring their own alcohol. Check in time on Thursday is anytime, but on Friday is 2:00pm. **Marchers are needed on Saturday for the 12:15 step off**, if you need a ride on Saturday morning please contact Don Irons to make arrangements. Food and refreshments will be provided to all marchers free of charge.

Our Lodge stays at the Lollipop Motel (2301 Atlantic Ave, N. Wildwood). Check our website for additional details!!

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◀ May 2016	June 2016					July 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Quizzo 7-9	2	3 Friday Night Food 5:30	4 NJ Elks Convention Parade
5	6 Veterans Committee 6:00	7 Board of Directors 7:00	8 Quizzo 7-9	9	10 Friday Night Food 5:30	11
12 Flag Day Ceremony 11:00	13	14 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Flag Day	15 Quizzo 7-9	16	17 Friday Night Food 5:30	18
19 Father's Day	20 House Committee 6:00	21 Antlers Meeting 6:30	22 Quizzo 7-9	23	24 Friday Night Food 5:30	25
26	27	28 Lodge Meeting 7:30	29 Quizzo 7-9	30	Notes: Check website for up- dates and special email announcements from the Communications Committee!	