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UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 1
New Year's Day**

**January 10
Quizzo Resumes**

**January 11
Americanism
Award Night**

**January 27
Drug Awareness
Community Event**

**January 27
Veterans Super
Bowl Kickoff Party**



**Pat Orchard
Exalted Ruler**

Hi Everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Now, it is January and a new year of 2018. This is usually the time when many of us look at our busy lives and make those resolutions for the next year. If I had a dollar for all those resolutions I made but had a hard time keeping, who knows what would have happened!!

In the past I've written out my resolutions for the year, but this January I decided I would not. Things change so much in the course of a year that I typically can't keep up with the changes. However, I sometimes fail to step back to see how much I actually *did* accomplish. I think we all forget to "step back" because of the pressure to do more with less, work quicker, juggle more activities and be the "perfect person". All too

often we hear the negative instead of the positive comments. Perhaps it is now time for all of us to "step back" and recognize all the good the Lodge does for our members, our community and for those special folks who need our help and friendship.

Working together, we can accomplish so much. Consider a hive of bees as a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes to the success of the hive. The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee understands the relationship that exist between each bee and the rest of the members of the community. Each individual bee is willing to accept the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary. If the bee decides not to be part of the hive, the bee will not survive.

As Elk members, we too can choose to recognize the relationships that exist between Each of us, our fellow members and our community. Each of these relationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can choose to take the responsibility upon ourselves to improve those relationships and in the process improve our community. We can also step up to learn more about the Elks and the Brigantine Lodge #2428 by becoming an officer or a committee chair. Like the bee hive, no organization can survive without new talent, new ideas and new opinions. February is the month for the elections of officers. Please consider the options of looking at being an officer. In the meantime, let's act like bees in the hive by accepting the responsibility of helping each other to be a successful Lodge.

My Best Wishes for a Happy 2018 and Stay Warm.

Pat



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LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY-THURS- 3PM –CLOSE
FRIDAY 2PM - CLOSE
SATURDAY NOON - CLOSE
SUNDAY NOON - CLOSE

**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
LOUNGE, AND HE SHALL
WILLFULLY DISPLAY HIS
MEMBERSHIP CARD IF
REQUESTED TO DO SO.”

Board of Directors-Pat Orchard-Chair

Best Wishes for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Veterans Services Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

Upcoming Events: Super Bowl Kickoff Party-January 27.

On Saturday January 27, 2018 Brigantine Elks Lodge 2428 will be hosting Veterans from the NJ Veterans Memorial home at Vineland, Veterans Haven-South in Ancora as well as local Veterans to a SUPER BOWL KICKOFF PARTY. Disabled Veterans Chapters 70 and 10 and Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 155 have also been extended an invitation.

Veterans and their guests will arrive at **11:00 AM** for check-in and seating. At 11:45 a Prayer, followed by a Flag Ceremony and Official Welcome will take place. At 12:00 Noon a meal of Prime Rib or Crab Cakes will be served to our Veterans and their guests. After the meal fellowship and of course Bingo will prevail. At 4:00 PM a “Tailgate” Supper will be served after which our guests will depart.

Hi Everybody—We had a great trip yesterday, December 7, visiting our Veterans at Vineland, Veterans Haven, and Meadowview. Along with our annual donations we distributed the major supply of Christmas Cookies provided by our Lodge membership. We also distributed bags of essentials to many of the residents. We were accompanied this year with Lt. Commander Noel Johnson of the U.S. Coast Guard and seven of his crew. When we arrived at Veterans Haven we were given a Thank You card from the residents for the support the Brigantine Elks provide. It was signed by Every resident! It was a wonderful day.



ENF Raffle Report-2017**Exalted Ruler Pat, All Members,**

Listed below are the results of the yearly ENF Raffle. The drawing was held at our annual trim a tree party on December 2. This year we had a very nice turnout. We changed the program this year splitting the winning amount among 3 winners. This change did not seem to affect participation. The winning tickets were drawn by ER Pat and Santa, also know as Steve Fromm. The winning amounts were verified by Assistant Treasurer Tom Paolucci.

Collected: \$7720.

50 % of that amount is \$3860.

Split among 3 winners- each received \$1286.

Winners were from Reading, PA, Collegeville, PA and Brigantine, NJ.

We had \$541 in expenses, which was deducted from the Lodge share. This left a net due to ENF of \$3319. This net amount will help jump start the 2018 ENF per cap, as we have already reached the per cap requirement for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Irons, PPD
ENF Chair

Sickness and Distress

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of our long-time member Kathy (Joyce) Henderson, who passed on December 12, 2017.

Kathy was a great volunteer on many projects. She was a Chair Person of our pull tab charity and she was a great help to me, teaching me how to chair this committee and making sure I understood the theory of pull tabs. She also enjoyed working in her yard and became a master Gardener, who would plant flowers by the tree outside of the Elks Lodge. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. At Kathy's request, no type of service will be held.

Regretfully submitted,
Don Irons, PER

Nomination of Officers-2018

The Nomination of Officers for 2018 will occur at the first Lodge meeting in February (February13). The meeting will be conducted by the Lodge Past Exalted Ruler committee. The goal will be to identify members who are interested in running for office or for appointment to a committee chair. Anyone who is interested should contact ER Pat Orchard or PER Don Irons. It should be noted that Don Irons, PER, will be running for the office of Exalted Ruler.

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU
PASSING**

**KATHY (JOYCE) HENDERSON
JANE PELTONEN- BROTHER**

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

CHARLES GILL-SURGERY

EILEEN KRATTER SENDS CARDS 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.

Volunteer Spotlight

The monthly Volunteer Spotlight is part of the Volunteer Appreciation Program that was started this year. The goal of the program first and foremost is to remind all members of the importance of volunteers to the continued success and sustainability of the Brigantine Elks Lodge. All members must share in the work that is needed to run the events, activities and operations of the Lodge. The sign up boards are posted in the Lounge for each event and if any member has a question regarding volunteer needs for any event they can contact the Committee Chair of the event, the Volunteer Appreciation Chair Dennis Reilly or the Exalted Ruler. Members are Spotlighted monthly who go the extra mile in volunteering their time and talents. If you know someone you would like to Spotlight, just email your information to Dennis Reilly, Committee Chair at :

ANTLERS@BRIGANTINEELKS.COM

Their contributions reflect the mantra of the Brigantine Elks-*Volunteerism- it is our way of life at our Lodge.*

Paul Consorte

Paul Consorte has been the quintessential volunteer, quietly involved in many activities, committees and events that have played a major role in creating the Lodge as we know it today. Paul's lasting contribution, and for which he was recognized by the Lodge with a Life Membership, was his leadership in bringing the Lodge back to functionality after the devastation wrought by Superstorm Sandy. With little background in construction, insurance and other business areas needed for the rebuilding process, Paul built a team of volunteers committed to do whatever it would take to make the Lodge a first-class facility that members would be proud of. After 8 months of constant work, the Lounge was open for business and the Lodge began booking events- an outstanding achievement given the scope of the task. Paul is a Trustee and member of the Board of Directors. He donates his time and financial expertise to help with the many operating requirements the Lodge has including building a budget and managing the monthly financials that are so important to the financial stability of the Lodge. He and his wife, Sue, find time to volunteer for the many Lodge events such as Seafood Fest and Bayfest, that support the charitable goals of our Lodge. If you have a question about the Lodge and you see Paul be sure to ask him. You can rest assured you can take his answer to the bank!!





YOUR DECISIONS WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Join us for a parent-teen workshop to:
Learn about decision-making, coping mechanisms, and more

With Guest Speakers:
Don Rodgers and Andrew Simpson Jr.

When: January 27th 2018, 10am-1pm

Where: Brigantine North Middle School

Door Prizes!!

Free entry & Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP to: Brigantine Elks, 609-214-9200, or
szwak904@gmail.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 Board of Directors 7:00PM	3	4	5 Friday Night Food 5:30 PM	6
Watch all the games! Join us on Sundays!	8 Veterans Committee 6:00 PM	9 Lodge Meeting 7:30	10 Quizzo 7-9PM	11 Americanism Award Night	12 Friday Night Food 5:30 PM	13
	15 House Committee 6:00 PM	16 Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	17 Quizzo 7-9PM	18	19 Friday Night Food 5:30 PM	20
Watch all the games! Join us on Sundays!	22	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30	24 Quizzo 7-9PM	25	26 Friday Night Food 5:30 PM	27 Vets Super Bowl Party Drug Awareness Event
	Watch all the games! Join us on Sundays!	29	30	31 Quizzo 7-9PM	Check Weekly Digest for updates!!	