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UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 3,4,5
CAMP MOORE**

**OCTOBER 25
HALLOWEEN PARTY**

**OCTOBER 31
HALLOWEEN**

**NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY**

**NOVEMBER 29
COMEDY NIGHT**

WATCH OUT FOR KIDS!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!

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To My Brothers and Sisters,

Please keep John Waldron in your prayers for a full recovery.

September has been very busy around the Lodge. Jim DiCecco has been doing a great job renting out the Banquet Hall with a lot of weddings. As requested, the members visiting the Lounge have respected the fact that the Hall was rented and guests were present. In addition, Friday Night Food continues to be a great time. Michelle Mauro and her Committee have assured me the Halloween Party to be held on October 25th will be a great time for all. Eagles Football on Sundays in the lounge is a terrific way to spend the afternoon with eight TVs and a free buffet. For those of you who don't know, Don Miller, Dave Peterson, Joe Cidas, and Rick Jacobs show up every Sunday at 9 AM to get the buffet ready. They have earned a big "Thank You" from everyone. Dave Weiner has all the plans in order for a great Comedy Night on November 29th. Last year was a sell out so get your tickets early.

Much is being planned for the upcoming months. We're working on the Trim-a-Tree party, the children's party, and the Special Needs Christmas party.

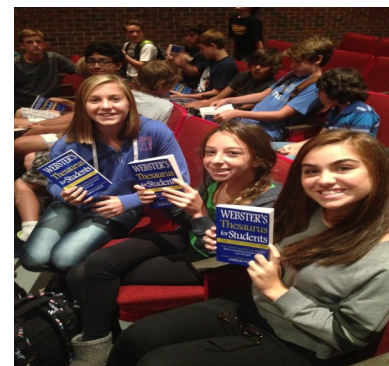
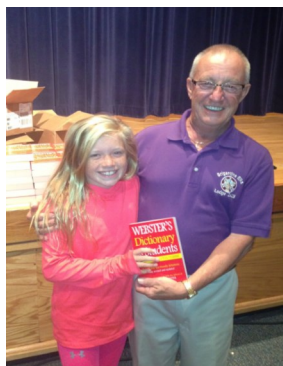
In closing, remember what we stand for: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.

Fraternally,

Don

Dictionary Project Comes to Brigantine Middle School- September 19

Exalted Ruler Don Irons and Youth Committee Chair Dennis Reilly presented dictionaries to students at the Brigantine Middle School. Principal Kathy Fox and her staff arranged for the presentation to take place in the school auditorium. The Dictionary Project is an Elks Grand Lodge Youth Activity. The goal is to present a dictionary to every third grade student in the US. Brigantine Lodge also presents 6th grade with Spanish-to-English dictionaries and the 8th grade with a Thesaurus.



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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.”**

Board Of Directors-Dave Biggins

We are close to finishing our roof and bar rail project, and it is coming out great! The next time you see Jeff Wynkoop or Ed Randzo, thank them for their efforts on behalf of our Lodge. We continue to review and evaluate our insurance policies and needs; once finalized, we will be reporting to the Lodge. As part of the yearly inventory of Lodge equipment and assets, we will do a review of equipment condition and needs for our events. Some equipment was brought back to life after Sandy but now has reached an end of its reliability and safety. I have asked a member to look at all the Lodge equipment and report back. A complete repaving of the front parking lot was added to the back end of the five year plan. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday, October 7th, at 7:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Football is back! We will continue with our tradition of showing all of the games each Sunday and serving up great food. Bring your friends and enjoy the season.

The area behind the bar is for the bartenders only. Please refrain from going behind the bar without the permission of the bartender on duty.

Rick Votta-House Committee Chair

Attention-Boaters with slips!!

Hours are due November 1, 2014, and please let Jeanne Di Cecco know if you will be pulling your boat out for the season so she can offer them to those on the wait list for striper fishing. Fall slips will be available according to priority on the wait list and size of boat, from time of availability until December 1 for a nominal fee. Jeanne can be reached at C:610-420-4800.

Volunteer Hours Available-Help Needed

Attention Boaters with slips, on waiting list, and all Brigantine Elks.

Do you need to accumulate volunteer hours in order to keep your slip or place on the wait list?

Did you know that the banquet hall is booked for weddings on just about every Saturday and that a majority of these wedding bookings require the Elks to setup the room? Did you also know that our Banquet and Bar Manager, Jim Di Cecco, must perform this task by himself each Saturday morning around 9:00 AM ?

Jim sure could use some help on Saturday mornings to set up the room. If you are available at 9:00 AM on select Saturdays and need to clock in some volunteer hours, or are just available to help out, please contact Jim Di Cecco to find out when he needs help.

Thank you.

Lodge Events

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

NJ Run for the Fallen On Friday September 26 members of the Veterans Service Committee will be manning five-mile markers in Strathmere and Ocean City to support the "NJ Run for the Fallen" "...to Honor and remember New Jersey Service members who have fought and died in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and New Dawn"

New Ice Machine for Veterans Haven For some time members of the Vets committee have been attempting to acquire an ice machine for the residents at Veterans Haven. It now appears that a brand new Manitowoc Indigo Series 500 Ice machine will be delivered and installed at Veterans Haven by the end of September. Hats Off to Tom Pantalena and the other members of the Vets Committee "Acquisition" team for making this wish become reality.

Member Support Please plan to attend the following events as they greatly assist our Veterans Committee in helping our Veterans: **Halloween Party, Striper Tournament, Comedy Night.** Many thanks.

Nov. 11--Cook, deliver, and serve a full course dinner [Turkey/Prime Rib] to the residents of Veterans Haven.

Dec. 4--Christmas trips to Vineland Vets Home, Veterans Haven, Meadowview Nursing Home.

Dec. 13--Army/Navy Game

Thank You to our Benefactors: Linda Fisher, Rick Pennestri.

Active Duty Troops Say "Thank You" for the Cup of Joe

.Our Lodge Veterans Committee in conjunction with Green Beans Coffee has been sending cups of joe to our soldiers all over the world. You can see the most recent 27 thank you's on the bulletin board in the lounge. Our Lodge has been doing this for a couple years now, and it is a great pick-me-up as a member of the Veterans Committee to receive such thankful e-mails. Special thanks to Patti Loers for spearheading this effort.

Second Annual Comedy Night Coming Up! — David Weiner-Chair

The Elks Second Annual Comedy Night to benefit veterans will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014. The tickets will cost \$30 each. This year's comedians will include **Scott Friedman**. Scott does a local daily talk show on 1450 on WPG Radio and performs comedy regularly in Philadelphia, New York City, and most recently, the Borgata. From Showtime comes the original music and comedy of **Spins Nitely**. He personally ended the Korean Conflict, was the first person to hold the door open for someone else at a WAWA, invented the upside down ketchup bottle, and has performed in bars, alleys, toll booths as well as XM radio and Comedy Central! And last but not least is **BIG DADDY GRAHAM** ! Big Daddy has performed over 4000 shows at comedy clubs, colleges, corporate and private parties, sports banquets, golf outings and fund-raisers in the tri-state area for over twenty years. He has been a staple at clubs like the Comedy Cabaret, Catch A Rising Star, the Funny Bone, Helium, the Comedy Factory Outlet, holding attendance records at many of those clubs. **TWO FUNNY PHILLY GUYS**, starring BDG and Joe Conklin has been playing to sold out houses at such theatres as the 1000 seat Borgata Music Box and the Broadway Theatre in Pitman. He has appeared on the SHOWTIME Comedy Club Network three times. His hilarious videos "Let's Call In Sick" and "Action News Theme" have aired on MTV and PRISM. He's been voted Philly's Funniest Comic by Philly Magazine, The City Paper, and other publications, a total of eleven times. BDG's annual Wing Bowl stunts are classics.

Comedy Night is going to be a hot ticket with this lineup, so make sure you get yours when they go on sale in late October.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

PASSINGS

DEVAN DESANDIS

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

JOHN WALDRON

DAVID BAKELY

MARIETTE PENNESTRI

LEA ANN KUNKLE 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 LEA KNOW AT 609-204-9281 (H) SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT EXALTED RULER, DON IRONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

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5  	6 VETERANS COMMITTEE 6:00P	7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00P	8	9	10 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	11
12 	13	14 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	15	16	17 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	18
19 	20 HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00P	21 ANTLERS MEETING 6:30P	22	23	24 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	25 
26 	27	28 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	29	30	31	