

# **ANTLERS NEWSLETTER**



[www.brigantineelks.com](http://www.brigantineelks.com)

**January, 2017 Volume 9- No.1**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January 1  
New Year's Day**

**January 6 & 13  
Proposed Member  
Investigations**



**Pat Orchard  
Exalted Ruler**

**Hi Everyone,** Welcome to 2017. How quickly 2016 flew by! I am enjoying the year, so far, as Exalted Ruler. I continue to meet many Members and welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. In reviewing 2016, the Lodge held many successful events that allows us to support our Elks charitable efforts and community charitable programs. The Flag Day and Memorial service were inspirational for those who attended as we remember our deceased members and recommit our loyalty to the American Flag. The Special Children's and the Veterans Committees continue to dedicate their efforts to those with needs. Also, the Lodge's efforts to increase our volunteerism within our membership continue to move ahead. All these efforts are done by all of you. It makes me proud to be the Exalted Ruler of such a dedicated group of members that "spread the good word of Elkdom" through your deeds and actions. I know we will continue these efforts through 2017.

Planning for 2017 begins in January with preparing budgets, reappointing committees and scheduling our social events for the year. The lessons of the past and the hopes for the future continue to allow the Brigantine Elks Lodge 2428 to plan for what we need to promote to and offer our community and all of our Members. There are many needs in the community and many hopes for what we as Elks can offer. We must also consider the maintenance of our Lodge which is one of our greatest assets but also a great expense. Maintaining our Lodge for our Members as a "home away from home" takes many hours of volunteer work. Your offer to volunteer, regardless of your skills, is most appreciated. We welcome all of you to "offer" your time and energy. Time is one of our most valuable resources. When you offer us your time, the Lodge truly appreciates it.

Some of the ongoing programs planned for 2017 for the Brigantine Elks Lodge #2428 include ongoing Veterans efforts by the Veterans' Committee, continued plans for the Special Needs Committee, all of the many Elks social events open to community, the Golf and Fishing events and many other events that are planned for our Membership. Keep watching for your weekly and monthly updates from the Lodge. And don't hesitate to call, email or see me in the lounge with ideas and thoughts that you may have for the Lodge. I always appreciate your feedback. Here is a thought for this month:

Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." – Warren Buffett

Let's plant those "trees" for the future of the membership of the Brigantine Elks Lodge #2428.

Enjoy the quietness of the month in Brigantine and the hopes of no bitter cold weather. See you at the Lodge. **Pat.**



**INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

ER MESSAGE	1
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	2
VETERANS SERVICES	2
DISTRESS AND SYMPATHY	3
LODGE EVENTS	3-4
LODGE CALENDAR	5

**BRIGANTINE ELKS LODGE  
#2428**  
400 WEST SHORE DRIVE  
P.O. BOX 44  
BRIGANTINE, NJ 08203  
(609) 266-9826  
(609) 266-7108 FAX  
(609) 266.2260 EMERGENCY  
HFMGIII@MSN.COM

**EXALTED RULER  
PAT ORCHARD**  
exaltedruler@  
brigantineelks.com

**SECRETARY  
ALLYSON ARNOLD**  
ALLYSONARNOLD@  
HOTMAIL.COM

**NEWSLETTER  
DENNIS REILLY**  
ANTLERS@BRIGANTINE  
ELKS.COM

**WEB MASTER  
DAVID WEINER**  
webadmin@  
brigantineelks.com

**OPERATIONS MANAGER  
DON MILLER**  
DMILL1@YAHOO.COM  
609-266-9826

**WEBSITES TO VISIT  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ABOUT THE ELKS**

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

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

**Board of Directors-Tom Paolucci**

No New Updates.

**Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair**

WOW! What a party we had for the many Veterans and guests that joined us for the Army/ Navy Game on 12-10. Our Veterans from the Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven arrived in style escorted by the Brigantine Police and Fire Departments, and 18 motorcycles manned by our Legion Riders. Inside the A.C.F.D. Sandpipers Pipe and Drum Corps serenaded our Veterans as they passed through an Honor Guard from the Legion and VFW Posts. ER Pat Orchard welcomed the Veterans and guests and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Our national Anthem was sung beautifully by Katie and Grace Kelly. Then Brigantine Mayor, Phil Guenther offered warm words of Welcome and Thanks to all of our Veterans. The ceremony concluded with Sgt. Ike Rucker U.S.M.C. leading us in Grace followed by a rousing rendition of "Amazing Grace" by the "Sandpipers". Within minutes Lodge members and "Antlers" youth began serving Shrimp Cocktail to our guests. A football from each Service Academy and twenty \$25.00 Wawa cards were raffled off to our guests. We served over 125 Prime Rib/Crab-cake Dinners topped off by Stocks pound cake and ice cream. After dinner was cleared away our BINGO crew went into action and ran many spirited games throughout the afternoon. Walking past the overflow crowd of Bingo players and listening to their laughter I couldn't help but feel that our JOE PYLE was looking down from heaven with warm delight over the job Karen, Ron, and Maryanne did running the Bingo game. The game began with an Army squad determined to give Navy everything it could handle. After an afternoon of Football, Friendship and Fellowship, Pulled Pork sandwiches, and deviled eggs were served to all. Then our Veteran guests began to depart with a take home Stocks pound cake. Many THANKS to John Hand Jr. and Sr., our OUTSTANDING kitchen crew, our Servers and Antlers, and all of our wonderful members who helped make this event happen. Special Thanks to Stocks Bakery who provided a beautiful decorated cake, plus additional cakes for dessert plus Take Home pound cakes for every Veteran! Thanks Everybody, God Bless and Merry Christmas. Joe

PIC-1 Joanne, Johanne and Donna with our beautiful Stocks Pound Cake. PIC-2 ER Pat begins the Welcome Ceremony. PIC-3 The Bingo games begin!



**Secretary's Corner** –Allyson Arnold

At our regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10th we will vote on the reinstatement application of Joseph Rifice. The Investigation Committee will be conducting interviews with all new candidates on Friday, January 6th & 21st from 6PM - 8PM. We will ballot on those who are interviewed at our February 14th meeting. The new Class will take place on Saturday, February 18th at 5PM. If you change your address, phone # or email address please remember to inform the lodge. Email your secretary with the updated info at [allysonarnold@hotmail.com](mailto:allysonarnold@hotmail.com).

The following is a list of current applicants who we have so far to join on February 14th (pending the investigation process):

Kristopher Anderson	William Brozaz
Patricia Cahaly	Joseph Chiarolanza
Steven Class	Paula DiMaggio
Joseph DiMezza	Bradley & Kathleen Johns
Robert Lyman	Thomas Magnotta
Michael McNamee	George Monahan
Michael Murphy	Bernard O'Connor
Robert Rankin	John Stahl

If you are a proposer of one of these applicants please check with them to be sure they are aware of the pending dates. If you have an app on hand for a new member you are proposing you should get that to the Secretary ASAP. The fees for new applicants are: \$100 for the initiation fee plus \$68 for dues.

**ENF Update**

The Elks National Foundation 50/50 mail-in and drawing was held at our annual Trim-a-Tree party on December 3 at the Lodge. I am happy to report we collected \$7,220. The winner of the drawing, a member from Cherry Hill, NJ, received \$3,610. The results of the mailing helped raise our Grand Lodge Per Cap to over \$6.80. This now puts the Lodge in a position to apply for all ENF Grant monies available in 2017.

Now more good news! When I called the winner he was very excited and said he wanted to donate \$1,000 to our Lodge. While speaking with me he changed his mind and said it's a 50/50 so he donated \$1800- half of his winnings- to our strong Veterans Committee, of which he is a member. WOW!

Regarding the Trim-a-Tree party and on a personal note, the covered dish buffet which was furnished by the attendees, was FANTASTIK! I would love to have the recipe for the spice cake with the walnuts on top- it was great! Thank you to everyone who supported this most important fundraiser. We truly are the BPOE-Best People On Earth!! Happy New Year !

Don Irons-ENF District Chairperson

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**

**PASSING  
JOE MCGEE**

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS  
KAROLE ANDERSON**

*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.*

**Members !!!**

**Are you interested in getting more involved in your Elks Lodge? You should be and we need you!! Do you have a special talent you would like to share with us? Do you have a fellow Elk you would like to work with on a Committee or event? Let us know. How? Dennis Reilly is our Volunteer Coordinator. He matches our Volunteers with the needs of our Committees and the Lodge. You can call him at 609-264-5039 or email him at [antlers@brigantineelks.com](mailto:antlers@brigantineelks.com) or [recognition\\_initiatives@comcast.net](mailto:recognition_initiatives@comcast.net).**

*Volunteerism-it is our way of life*



## Lodge Events

On Thursday Dec. 1, 2016 Our Veterans Committee distributed Cookies, Gift Bags, Donations, and Warm Christmas Wishes to our Veterans at the Vineland Veterans Home, Veterans Haven, and at the Meadowview Nursing Home. Our fellow 2428 Elks provided a wonderful supply of Cookies and other baked goods. Thanks for everyone's help as we were able to bring an abundance of Christmas Cheer to those who so deserve it.



## Volunteer Spotlight

As a part of the continuing emphasis on Volunteerism at our Lodge, we want to shine a spotlight on Members whose commitment to the values of Elkdome provides an inspiration for all to get involved and contribute to our Lodge goals.

### Tom Pantalena

For many years Tom has been a tremendous asset to the Veterans Service Committee. He volunteers for just about every activity our Committee undertakes and sees that the tasks he is assigned are completed in a more than satisfactory manner. Everybody likes Tom because of his easy going manner and his ever present smile. Whether it manning a carving station, making crab cakes, or running food out to the buffet line, Tom is always up to the task. Tom also attends many Lodge meetings on behalf of the Committee Chair.

Tom plays an active role on the Lodge 501C3 committee which insures the financial needs of our CAC, Special Needs Children, and the Veterans Committee can be met. Tom is an Army Veteran, a retired Northfield Police Officer, an avid Motorcyclist, a Family man and a great all around guy. (Tom is shown above in group picture of Veterans Committee with hands on his knees)

**Joe Kelly-Committee Chair-Veterans**

BRIGANTINE LODGE #2428  
 Benevolent and Protective  
 ORDER OF ELKS  
 United States of America  
 P.O. Box 44  
 Brigantine, NJ 08203



**Elks Care – Elks Share**

[www.brigantineelks.com](http://www.brigantineelks.com)

◀ December 2017 <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><b>January 2017</b></span> <span style="float: right;">February 2017 ▶</span>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Board of Directors 7:00	4 Quizzo 7-9	5	6 Friday Night Food 5:30- Investigations	7
8 NFL Prime Time Football  Lounge	9 Veterans Committee 6:00	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30	11 Quizzo 7-9	12	13 Friday Night Food 5:30- Investigations	14
15 NFL Prime Time Football  Lounge	16 House Committee 6:00	17	18 Quizzo 7-9	19	20 Friday Night Food 5:30	21
22 NFL Prime Time Football  Lounge	23	24 Lodge Meeting 7:30	25 Quizzo 7-9	26	27 Friday Night Food 5:30	28
29	30	31	<b>Notes:</b> Check weekly digest for updates!!			