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UPCOMING EVENTS

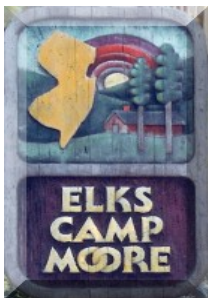
**FEBRUARY 2
SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**FEBRUARY 11
PAST EXHALTED RULER
NIGHT /NOMINATIONS FOR
OFFICERS**

**FEBRUARY 22
NEW CLASS INITIATION**

**APRIL 26
NASHVILLE NIGHTS**

**JUNE 7,8
WILDWOOD REUNION**



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EXALTED RULER RICH POOLE

To My Brothers and Sisters,

The first meeting in February is Past Exalted Ruler's night as well as nominations for Officers. As you know we are looking forward and planning for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and party, so please contact Bob Kadelski if you wish to assist. Our Nashville Night contact is Linda Fisher so please contact her if you wish to assist in planning that event. Please mark your calendar for the first weekend in June which is the annual

Wildwood Reunion weekend and parade. The parade is on Saturday and it will be an enjoyable day-a great way to represent our Lodge. Look for signup boards in the lounge.

The cost of goods has been rising on some products in the lounge and of course, Lodge expenses have also increased including gas, insurance and electric just to name a few. Due to these increases we have increased some prices. When the District Duty visits and inspects the Lodge, this will be one of the areas to be examined. Grand Lodge sets the percent mark-up for the cost of goods. We need to manage our prices carefully neither charging too much nor not enough. This is the reasoning behind the price increase on selected items. As a Lodge we need to maintain financial stability.

The clothing drive for Miracle on the Mountain is underway. Clothing, bedding, curtains, towels, shoes, pocket books and the like are being collected. The drive will continue through the end of February. Please drop off your items at the Lodge.

I would like to remind all members to become involved in the Lodge; Committee meetings are open to all. Lodge meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM.

Fraternally,

Rich

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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 - Paul Consorte, Chairperson

The Final Certificate of Occupancy has been received from the City for the Member's Lounge.

The Directors are currently reviewing the various projects for the Lodge as part of developing the new 5 Year Plan. Having a Plan on hand was of great benefit in the recovery from Sandy. If you have any areas of concern, please address them to me at consortepaul@aol.com and I will ensure they are considered as part of the process. We hope to have the plan together by early March in order to prepare the 2014/2015 accordingly.

The next Directors meeting will be February 4, at 7PM.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

PASSINGS
NONE

SICKNESS & DISTRESS
NONE

DOT MATHIESON 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 DOT KNOW AT 609-485-2467(H) OR 609-456-7621(C)

TO ALL ELKS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST.

PLEASE CONTACT EXALTED RULER, RICH POOLE, FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Elks Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per year for four years). The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards.

Applicants must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test or the American College Test by December 31, 2013.

The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application **by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Central Time on the January 31, 2014, deadline.** Go to the Elks National Website at www.elks.org for additional information.

Clothes for Camp Moore

We will be collecting clothes for Camp Moore again this year. We have done this for the last few years except for last year due to Sandy. This is an easy fundraiser for Camp Moore as we are paid by the pound for the clothes we donate. The clothes are distributed for reuse by those in need. Just drop off your old clothes in plastic bags at the Lodge and they will be picked from there. We will be collecting clothes from January thru the end of February. Thanks in advance for your donation.

Lodge Events



Superbowl Party, Sunday February 2, 2014

4 O'Clock Tailgate, Game at 6.

Prizes, Food, Fun !

Nashville Nights

Saturday April 26

Howdee to my Fellow Elks Members,

I reckon this be a great time to mark your calendars for Saturday April 26, 2014 as Nashville Nights makes its highly anticipated return. Make sure you dust off them snake-skin boots and grab a partner for a great night of dancing and partying to Jack Zawacki and the Motts Creek Pickers, great grub and drink. Contact Linda Fisher for more information on joining the committee.

Be there or be Square Dancing !
Nashville Nights Committee

Children's Christmas Party

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Children's Christmas Party. We were back at "home" this year and the party was bigger and better than ever! Special thanks go out to Mr & Mrs Santa (Mark & Cheryl Gill), the kitchen crew, the decorators, the gift buyers, the clean up crew and EVERYONE who was involved. So many people worked, gave their time, and donated money and gifts. Each year this party gets better and better for the children because YOU CARE!!

Thank You All, Terry & Lenny

Veterans Services Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson

Thanks to the generosity of our Benefactors, throughout 2013 the Veterans Committee was able to utilize \$12,558.00 in its efforts to enrich the lives of our Veterans and active duty military personnel. THANK YOU.

2014 DATES

Please mark the following dates and consider joining us for the upcoming events:

- St. Patrick's Day Trips to Veterans Homes- March 13
- Vineland Veterans Home Picnic- June 12
- Veterans "Day at the Bay"- June 22 - More to follow.

Thank you to our Benefactors: Joanne and Mike

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Dear Brigantine Elks #2428, I recently received your packages. And I must say they couldn't have come at a better time. The oatmeal went fast and so did pretty much everything else. My entire Platoon was very grateful. We wanted to write and say thank you very much. I am working on getting a flag flown here to send home to the Elks to show our appreciation. Again thank you and God bless.

Staff Sergeant Sweet, Joseph
150th Eng. Co. 133rd Eng. BN.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 	3 VETERANS COMMITTEE 6:00P	4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00P	5	6	7 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	8
9	10	11 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	12	13	14  FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	15
16	17 HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00P	18	19	20	21 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	22
23	24	25 LODGE MEETING 7:30 P	26	27	28 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	