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BRIGANTINE LODGE # 2428

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUGUST 5
5 YEAR PLAN**

**AUGUST 22, 23, 24
BAYFEST**

**AUGUST 24
ONE MILE SWIM
STANDUP PADDLEBOARD RACE**

**SEPTEMBER 2
GOLF OUTING**

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



LEADING KNIGHT, RICH POOLE

To My Brothers and Sisters,

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

I am writing this upon my return from Grand Lodge Convention. It was my pleasure to represent BPOE Lodge #2428 at the convention. We voted on twenty-two resolutions. ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship winners' speeches were inspiring, and the winners were deserving.

Congratulations to our Lodge scholarship winners Jacob McClaskey, William Amend, Jr; Donald Roguszewski; Joseph Mooney, and James Bailey. Thank you to the Lodge Scholarship Committee for a job well done. The winners will receive the award at the Seafood Fest.

The Lodge has been busy! On July 19th, we initiated forty-five new members, preparations for the Seafood Fest were going on, and planning for Bayfest is now underway. Both events require all hands on deck to be successful. Thank you, Pat and committee, for what was a great seafood fest.

I will say how proud and grateful I am for everything everyone is doing. You can feel the energy flowing throughout the Lodge. You know, volunteering and helping your community can be very tedious and time consuming. It is what we make of it, and with lots of people helping, we're making it fun and getting things done.

Elks Care — Elks Share

Sincerely,
Rich Poole

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The following is from remarks made by GER-Elect John D. Amen-GL Newsletter:

First, let me explain a little bit about our motto this year, "Elks: Elevating America." Elks elevate, or lift America by their good works in their communities. The good works make America a better place to live and work. When we go into a Veterans Hospital and entertain the patients with a game of cards or a healthy snack, we are "Elevating America." We make our country higher and better than before we performed that voluntary act. When we grant a scholarship to a student who would otherwise miss the opportunity to attend college, we "Elevate America." The work to educate our young regarding the dangers of illicit drugs carries forward the theme "Elks: Elevating America." Likewise, when we help a fellow Elk who is sick or in distress, we are taking a step toward our motto "Elks: Elevating America." I think you now have the meaning of what is meant by our motto.

If we are to hold ourselves out as thoughtful substantial leaders in our communities, then we must act the role as well as talk about it.

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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

Work continues on the exterior of the Lodge with new concrete being installed at the back yard's front entrance. Work is continuing on the roof and drink rail, and shortly the parking lot will be recoated with new parking space restriping. When the parking lot work starts, there will be no access to either park or enter the Lodge from the front of the building. This will occur over two days, and we ask that all members please respect the closed off areas. Grand Lodge does provide volunteer insurance to the local Lodges, but it is very limited, and Trustee Tom P. has been in contact with our insurance carrier to increase our coverage and to expedite obtaining coverage before the Seafood Fest. The Lodge voted to purchase the volunteer insurance at our last Lodge meeting on July 8th with a premium not to exceed one thousand dollars. Tom is also reviewing our other coverages with Glenn Insurance and hoping to present his findings at the next Board of Directors meeting. We will be posting signs along the bulkhead asking that cigarette butts not be thrown into the bay as some are landing in members' boats and have caused damage to them. The annual report has been completed and will be reviewed at the next BOD meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, August 5th, at 6:00pm followed by the representation of the five-year plan at 7:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend both meetings, and any and all input and questions are welcome. It's your Lodge. We want to know your thoughts, and it's important to you to know what's going on.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Because of the approved leave of absence granted to ailing Exalted Ruler John Waldron, at our August 12 meeting, the floor will be opened for nominations to fill the vacant position of Exalted Ruler.

Then at the next meeting on August 26, further nominations will be accepted. Immediately following will be the special election to fill the vacancy.

Secretary George E. Glomb

Brigantine Elks Lodge #2428

Take Pride in Your Lodge!

Your Lodge needs a hand, and you can help. There are many little jobs that need to be done around the property, and the truth is, we cannot afford to pay people to do them all. Boat slip holders, when you come in after a day of fishing and you put your trash in the cans in the yard, if the can is half full or more, take the trash bag to the dumpster and put in a new bag. We are keeping extra bags in the bottom of the trash cans for this purpose. If you move the outside furniture around, please put it back where you found it. Smokers, please empty the ash trays when you leave and don't throw your butts on the ground or into the bay (members' boats docked close to the bulkhead have gotten burn marks on them). If you see trash around the property, please pick it up. If you empty a cardboard box, break it up and throw it in the dumpster. If you take or use something, put it back where you found it; don't lean it against a wall or set it on a table. This Lodge is all of ours, and it is up to all of us to keep it nice. All of us need to take an interest and help.

It has been brought to the attention of the House Committee that some of our members have not shown respect to the guests that rent our hall. Guests have complained about their function being disrupted. Our guests rent the hall with certain expectations of privacy. We need to do a better job of meeting those expectations. So please refrain from using the back bathroom, kitchen, or going into the hall when there is an outside event.

Rick Votta, House Committee

Lodge Events

Elks Lodge Annual Golf Outing

We have a new date and time for the Elks Golf Outing which benefits the Lodge Building Capital Improvement Fund. So please mark your calendar for September 2nd at 10:00am for a shotgun start. More information will be available at the Lodge for foursomes and sponsors. Please lend your support, as the fund has been depleted with the improvements to the Lodge over the last two years.

Veterans Services Committee -Joe Kelly, Chairperson

Eagles Training Camp Trip On Monday, July 28, we will be escorting our Veterans from the Vineland Veterans Home to the "Linc" for Military Day at the Philadelphia Eagles Training Camp. Over the years, the Eagles have treated our Veterans royally and the Veterans look forward to the trip. Dinner on the way back to Vineland will be covered by your Veterans Service Committee.

Care Packages to Afghanistan We continue to ship "Care Packages" to our combat troops in Afghanistan as well as other global hot spots. Six packages have been sent this month alone.

Upcoming Events NJ "Run for the Fallen"---Late Sept.

Veterans Day Dinner at Veterans Haven---Nov. 11

Next Meetings: Aug. 4 6:00PM

Sept. 8 6:00PM

Save the dates of August 22nd, 23rd, and 24th for Bayfest.

The following weekend is Labor Day, so it is very early this year. There will be live bands all three days with brunch and entertainment on Sunday morning. The one mile swim will be Sunday at 8:30am, and we will have standup paddleboard races also on Sunday at 4pm. On Saturday, we will have a kid's room with lots of stuff to do. We will be selling T-shirts designed by Augie all three days. The signup boards will be going up Saturday morning of the Seafood Fest. As you can see, we will be having a lot going on, and we are going to need lots of help. Please volunteer to support your Lodge's largest fund raiser! The next meetings of the Committee will be on Mondays, July 28th and August 11th. Both meetings will start at 6:00pm, and all are welcome!

Camp Moore

Members from our Lodge and volunteers from throughout the South District will be going up to Camp Moore to assist in closing it down for the winter and providing much needed maintenance throughout the camp. This year, a couple members will be staying a few extra days to rebuild the firepit as it has fallen into a state of disrepair. The Lodge will be providing a van for members to travel to the camp. We will be leaving the Lodge on Friday, October 3rd, at 11:00am and will be returning by van on Sunday the 5th by early afternoon. There are plenty of jobs to do and most are easy and can be done by most anyone (cleaning, painting, putting toys and such in storage, etc.)

Camp Moore is a Special Children's Camp located in Haskell, New Jersey, and is owned and funded by the 118 Elks Lodges of New Jersey. The kids usually attend for one week, and the ratio of campers to counselors is approximately one to one. There is a nurse onsite fulltime and a doctor on call. The kids love the camp and the parents of special children need to have a little break sometimes, and this provides a safe, fun place where they don't need to worry about their children.

Breakfast is provided on Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday, and dinner on Friday and Saturday nights. Please bring work clothes and gloves. There are cots in the cabins, but you will need to bring your own bedding and also towels for showers. Our Lodge has been attending both the opening of the camp in the spring and the closing of the camp in the fall for a number of years, and they have come to rely on the ability of the Brigantine Lodge members to help keep the camp up. It is a very rewarding experience, and you will get a real feeling of pride and satisfaction knowing that you have helped those less fortunate.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

JOHN WALDRON
ROBBIE MAXWELL
MAUREEN TONER
LARRY URBANY

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 ANN KNOW AT 609-204-9281 (H) SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT LEADING KNIGHT, RICH POOLE, FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00P			1 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	2
3	4 VETERANS COMMITTEE 6:00P	5 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	6	7	8 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	16
17	18 HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00P	19 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	20	21	22 BAYFEST	23 BAYFEST
24 BAYFEST	25	26	27	28	29 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	30
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