

ANTLERS NEWSLETTER



www.brigantineelks.com

December, 2015 Volume 7- No.12

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 5
TRIM-A-TREE CHRISTMAS
PARTY

DECEMBER 6
MEMORIAL SERVICE

DECEMBER 12
ARMY-NAVY GAME WITH
VETERANS

DECEMBER 13
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PARTY

DECEMBER 18
SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

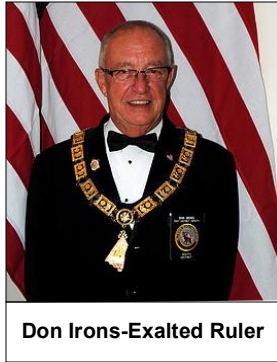


INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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

To my Brothers and Sisters:

I am choosing to start my message to the Lodge with a topic that has been bothering me for some time.



Don Irons-Exalted Ruler

Some members feel that we are not transparent with all aspects of Lodge operations. Let me explain why I believe this is not true. If you want to know how and why decisions are made, the Lodge has many ways for you to get information. You can start by attending our Lodge's regular meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 PM every month. In addition, the Board of Directors meet the 1st Monday of every month. Every member is encouraged to attend. Our House Committee meets the 3rd Monday of every month and again, attendance is encouraged. In fact, as a member, you are encouraged to attend ANY committee meeting that you wish. Meeting times and dates are shown on the calendar every month in our newsletter, The Antlers. Also, meetings are posted in the Lounge on the White Board. Finally, all decisions are brought to the meeting

room floor to be voted on by the General Membership. Given all the options listed above, I don't understand how anyone could imply that we are not transparent.

With the holidays upon us, the Lodge will be a very busy place! We start with our annual Trim-A-Tree Party on December 5th at 6:00PM. This is a covered dish party so a sign up board is posted in the Lounge for you to list your favorite dish. Please plan enough for 6-8 people. You can also bring an ornament for our tree. That same evening we will be drawing the winner of the Elks National Foundation 50/50. This event has always been a nice evening together for our members.

Sunday, December 6th at 11:00 AM is the mandatory members' service to honor our members who we lost this year. If you have never seen this program, please try to attend-it is a very moving experience.

December 8th is our regular meeting at 7:30 PM. I have something different planned for this meeting. I have received special permission from our Grand Lodge Sponsor to invite our Antler Youth Lodge #23 to our meeting. The purpose in doing this is for them to learn how to plan and run a meeting. Please try to attend and show support for the Youth in our community.

December 12th is the Army/Navy Game. Our hard working Veterans Service Committee invites Veterans from the various Veterans facilities to have lunch at the Lodge and watch the game. The afternoon is a great event with the support of our city Mayor, the VFW and the American Legion Color Guards. Veterans will receive an escort from the bridge by the Brigantine Police and Fire Departments, along with the Legion Motorcycle Riders.

December 13th is our Annual Children's Christmas Party. This party includes the arrival of Santa Claus with gifts for children of our members, step children and Grandchildren. Note: you must sign up the children you are bringing on the sign-in board so that we insure there is a gift for them. What a fun time watching the children having a happy Christmas experience!

December 18th is an emotional day as we invite children with special needs from the Brigantine School System to a very special Christmas party at the Lodge. We ask each child to give us a wish list. The Special Needs Children Committee then puts up a small tree in the Lounge with the first name and the request on a card hanging from the tree. Our members exemplify that Elks Care-Elks Share by picking a card from the tree and fulfill the request through their personal generosity. All cards have always been picked by a member of the Lodge.

As you can see, we are a very busy and caring Lodge and I thank everyone for their contributions. On December 24th the Lounge will close at 7:00 PM and remain closed for December 25th. We believe this is an important time to spend with your families. **On behalf of all the Officers and myself, we wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!**

Yours in Elkdom, Don

**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
DON IRONS
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
609-266-9826

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

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

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

Work has started on the new roof over the member lounge and banquet room. The work should take about three weeks to complete which includes new duct work for the HVAC units for the lounge and banquet room. A coating of fibered aluminum will be applied to the new roof in the spring.

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

Army/Navy Game Sat. Dec. 12--We will once again be hosting Veterans to join us for the annual Army/Navy game at our Lodge. The Veterans will arrive at 11:15 and after a brief Welcome ceremony a Prime Rib/Crabcake dinner will be served. After dinner, Bingo and fellowship will take us to kick-off. PLEASE consider inviting and escorting a Veteran [relative, neighbor, friend etc.] and join us to show our appreciation to all of our Veterans".

Hi Everybody--Yesterday we cooked, delivered and served a full Turkey and or Crabcake dinner to the Veterans and Staff at Veterans Haven South in Ancora, NJ. 16 of the Lucky residents won \$25.00 Wawa cards and Bay Fest shirts. Eighteen members of the Veterans Committee were able to make the trip and we all had a wonderful time--I really don't know if there is a better way to spend Veterans Day. THANK YOU ALL!



ATTENTION Bakers--if you would like to bake some home-made Christmas cookies/goodies for our Veterans we would appreciate it. Diabetic cookies are Welcome--Please mark as such. Please have your cookies to the Lodge by **Monday Nov. 30 by 4:00PM**. We will be packing cookies (5:00-6:00PM) in preparation for our Christmas Trips [Vineland Veterans Home, Meadowview Nursing Home, and Veterans Haven] on Dec. 3. **THANK YOU!!**

BAYFEST 2015- Jeanne DiCecco and Pat Orchard-Co Chairs

It was a great day. The weather was beautiful and all the many Elks volunteers were lined up to assist the hundreds of members and visitors to the Lodge for the annual end of summer event—Bayfest! The Committee thanks all of you for your volunteer time, your hard work and friendly smiles to all of our guests to the Lodge. They came hungry and they were fed well!! The sad part of the event is that it triggers the end of summerbut all enjoyed the music, food and hospitality for another great year.

The winners of the gift card raffle were:

- \$2000 – Donna Fulmer, Brigantine, NJ
- \$1000 – Bunny McGee, Brigantine, NJ
- \$500 – Brian Finley, Royersford, PA

Lodge Events

The Brigantine Elks held their 10th Anniversary Golf Tournament Sept. 28th at the Brigantine Links. The weather was perfect & the course played great, with rounds being completed in less than four hours! After their day of golf the players returned to the Elks, where a fabulous buffet dinner was served & fantastic door prizes were distributed. Four members of the original committee remain, Sue & Paul Consorte, Eileen Kratter & Linda Camerota. The Committee & The Elks thank all our sponsors, players & prize donors. It was a great day for all!



Committee members for all 10 Tournaments-Sue & Paul Consorte, Linda Camerota & Eileen Kratter

Women's Winning Foursome: Cindy Douglas, Sue Clark, Tricia Fox & Karen Bew

Men's Winning Foursome: John Savini, Joe Dempsey, Ray Mott & Andy Simpson

Elks Children's Christmas Party!

Our annual party will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, December 13 from 12:30PM to 3:00PM. Bring the kids to see Santa, his Elves, and more!! Open to Children, Grandchildren and Step-children of Lodge members. Children thru 9 years and accompanied by a Member are welcome. **Volunteers needed!** Sign up in Lounge. Questions? Call Terry and Lenny Kachur @ 609-266-7900 or 609-348-4549.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

PASSING

**TOM FOLEY-WIFE
EDWARD RANDAZZO-FATHER
RITA BYRNES-HUSBAND**

**SICKNESS AQND DISTRESS
DR JOHN DEGOVANN**

EILEEN KRATTER 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 EILEEN KNOW AT 609-266-4323 (H). SHOULD A MEMBER PASS, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM AN ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT EXALTED RULER, DON IRONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

The Antlers meeting this past Tuesday began with a presentation by Mr. John Murray, CPA to members in attendance. Topics included personal budgeting, checkbook management, your paycheck and the impact of taxes, and the importance of good credit to a successful lifestyle. Mr. Murray got an enthusiastic applause from the appreciative Antlers. The meeting ended with 5 new members being initiated. : L-R- O.Haider, N.Pontillo, T.Pontillo, E. Gresham,J. Geisler.



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



Non-Profit
 Organization
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 30
 Atlantic City, N.J.

Elks Care – Elks Share

www.brigantineelks.com

◀ November 2015		~ December 2015 ~					Jan 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 Quizzo 7-9	3	4 Friday Night Food 5:30	5 Trim-A-Tree Party	
6 Memorial Service NFL Football Lounge	7 Veterans Committee 6:00	8 Lodge Meeting 7:30	9 Quizzo 7-9	10	11 Friday Night Food 5:30	12 Army-Navy Game with Veterans	
13 Children's Christmas Party	14 Board of Directors 6:00	15 Antlers Meeting 6:30	16 Quizzo 7-9	17	18 Friday Night Food 5:30	19	
20 NFL Football Lounge	21 House Committee 7:00	22 Lodge Meeting 7:30	23 Quizzo 7-9	24	25 Christmas Day Lounge Closed	26	
27 NFL Football Lounge	28	29	30 Quizzo 7-9	31	Notes: Check website and digest for updates!! Bring blankets and hard candy- Collection box in Lounge for Nazha Cancer Center!		