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# BRIGANTINE LODGE # 2428

# ANTLERS NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 15**  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**MARCH 29**  
LODGE/YARD CLEANUP

**APRIL 13**  
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**APRIL 26**  
NASHVILLE NIGHT

**MAY 2, 3, 4**  
CAMP MOORE OPENING

**MAY 3**  
WALK OUT ON DRUGS

**JUNE 6, 7, 8**  
WILDWOOD REUNION



EXALTED RULER RICH POOLE

### *To My Brothers and Sisters,*

March is the final month of our Lodge year for 2013-2014. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our officers for their support, encouragement, and hard work and for their continued efforts going forward. I am blessed to have been surrounded by such a great team. Our committees and their chair people have done a great job raising both spirits and money for our charities. They have had remarkable success in these difficult financial times. The Trustees have worked hard to put the lodge on a very stable financial foundation. And a special thank you to those who assisted and participated in rebuilding our Lodge.

I've met and become friends with hundreds of great people through my position as Exalted Ruler. You will continue to have a great leadership team, as most officers are continuing with their commitment. The officers are very proud of their performance of the ritual for the initiation of new members. It takes hard work and dedication, but it does make the Elks different and special.

As you know we are looking forward and planning for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15, and party, so please contact Bob Kadelski if you wish to assist. Sign up board are posted in the lounge. Our Nashville Night, April 26, 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 6-8, 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. Installation of officers for the 2014-2015 will be on April 13 at 4:00pm.

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.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their support and hard work. I can't count the times that I have received praise and thanks for OUR work from members of other organizations and the general public. I proudly respond to these kind words on behalf of OUR members.

*Fraternally,*

*Rich*



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### Lodge and Yard Cleanup

Mark your calendar for March 29 at 9:00AM- Let's get ready to rumble in 2014 !! We need all members on deck to clean house!



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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."

**House Committee– Rick Votta, Chairperson**

Thanks to Jim Hannan for his help in wiring the bar area. Friday Night Food now offers music! Bring your I-Pod and plug into our new sound system.

**NASCAR and Elks Make A Great Combination!**

The Sunday Football Crew invites Members and their Guests to join us in the Lounge for Sunday NASCAR Races. A complimentary buffet will be provided for attendees. Emails will be sent out as a reminder before each race. What a great way to spend quality time with fellow Members. Proceeds benefit the Lodge.

**OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**

**PASSINGS**

**JOHN DUTKIEWICZ**

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

NONE

**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, RICH POOLE, FOR ARRANGEMENTS.**

**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. Note: Camp Moore Weekend is May 2,3,4.

**Veterans Services Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson**

**St. Patrick's Day Trip** On Thursday March 13 the Veterans Committee will be visiting Veterans at the Vineland Veterans Home, Veterans Haven and Meadowview Nursing Home. We will be spreading some Saint Patrick's Day cheer--Please join us as it's always a Great Day!

**Attention Bakers & Goodie Makers** Please bake some Shamrock cookies, Irish Potatoes, or whatever sweet-treat is your specialty. Our Veterans so enjoy home made cookies. Please deliver your treats to the Lodge by Monday March 10 at 4:00PM.

**2014 DATES**

Please mark the following dates and consider joining us for the upcoming events:  
Vineland Veterans Home Picnic- June 12

Veterans "Day at the Bay"- June 22 - More to follow.

**Thank you to our Benefactors: Joanne and Mike**

**Next Meeting: - March 3 - 6:00PM**

Lodge Events

**Howdee to my Fellow Elks Members,**

I reckon this be a great time to mark your calendars for Saturday April 26, 2014 as Nashville Night makes its highly anticipated return. Make sure you dust off them snakeskin 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 Night Committee**



ON FRIDAY FEB. 7, 2014, OUR OWN JEANNE DI CECCO WAS HONORED BY VFW POST 6964 IN RECOGNITION OF HER OUTSTANDING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF OUR VETERANS. WELL DESERVED JEANNE AND **THANKS** FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR COMMITTEE.

**Membership comes with Rewards and Responsibilities**

As we begin another busy year of fund raising events, it is important to remember why we are members of Brigantine Elks Lodge #2428. Enclosed is a Chart of Events and the Charities they support. Each event has a Chairperson and that person is responsible to coordinate all the activities necessary to make the event a success. One way to spread the work around is to enlist the help of other members of the Lodge. Our organization, like most, must rely on its members' support to reach its goals. Sign up boards are posted in the Lounge for upcoming events and notices are sent through the Antlers Newsletter and in the local newspapers. Numerous requests are made for help and it appears that the same members sign up year after year and thus only a small core of members are helping the Elks achieve its goals. With over 800+ members, we should have an overflow of help for all our events. Without additional members supporting our events, we will be unable to meet our goals and remain the vibrant, community based charitable and social organization we want it to be. Please make this the year you roll up your sleeves and when the word goes out that help is needed- get involved!!

Events to Charities Relationship			
EVENT	CHARITY	EVENT	CHARITY
Fish Fry Clambake	→ { Wildwood Convention Fall Conference Grand Lodge Session	Bayfest B Street Band	→ { Scholarship Drug Awareness General Charities Americanism Youth Activities
Nashville Night Striper Tournament Halloween Party Comedy Night	→ Veterans Services Committee	Pull Tabs & Raffles	→ Elks & Community
Seafood Fest Fashion Show	→ Special Needs Children	ENF Raffle	→ Elks National Foundation
		Golf Tournament	→ Lodge Capital Improvement

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~ M a r c h 2014 ~						
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 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
16	17 HOUSE COMMITTEE 7:00P	18	19	20	21 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	22
23	24	25 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	26	27	28 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	29 
30	31					