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BRIGANTINE LODGE # 2428

ANTLERS NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 29
LODGE/YARD CLEANUP**

**APRIL 7
PHILLIES HOME OPENER**

**APRIL 13
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**APRIL 20
EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 26
NASHVILLE NIGHT**

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

**MAY 3
WALK OUT ON DRUGS**

**MAY 18
FASHION SHOW**

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

**AUGUST 22,23,24
BAYFEST**

HAPPY EASTER!!



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EXALTED RULER RICH POOLE

To My Brothers and Sisters,

This is the last time I will be writing to you as your Exalted Ruler and, I must say, this is coming with mixed emotions. I enjoyed being the leader of this Lodge and will miss that role. Thank you for the opportunity to have this experience.

The Officers for next year are: John Waldron, Exalted Ruler; Rich Poole, Leading Knight; Dave Peterson, Loyal Knight; Pat Orchard, Lecturing Knight; George Glomb, Secretary; Harry Mc Garrigel III, Treasurer; Bob Kadelski, Tiler; Jay Mandes, Chaplain; Ed Young, Inner Guard; Linda Fisher, Esquire; Paul Consorte, Trustee; Jeanne DiCecco, Trustee; Dave Biggins, Trustee; Rich Adelman, Trustee.

John Waldron is the new Exalted Ruler. Let's get behind him the way he and so many of you got behind me. John's energy, abilities, and enthusiasm will move this Lodge forward, building on the things that you are already doing and adding to them as we see the needs in our community.

Thank you to Joe Kelly and the committee who headed up a trip to The Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven to deliver St. Patrick's Day goodie bags and monetary donations. Thanks to Julie Mandes and the Antlers Lodge for making the Irish Potatoes and to all the bakers who graciously contributed cookies. I know our veterans appreciated this treat!

Thanks also to Bob Kadelski and the members of his committee for the St. Patrick's parade and party. Everyone had a great time!

Nashville Night is April 26th. Tickets are available at the Lodge.

Save the dates of June 6 to 8 for the New Jersey State Elks Wildwood Reunion and Parade. It is a great time. Come out and support your Lodge.

As the summer approaches, our need for volunteers for events becomes critical. Please check the Antlers and our website often for listings of upcoming events that require volunteers. This is an important part of being a Brigantine Elk.

As an Elks Lodge, we must never forget that it is important to follow the Grand Lodge Statutes and Programs, to support our Veterans, that Special Children always have a place in our hearts, that we inculcate the principles of our Order- Charity Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Thank you for what you have given me.

Fraternally,

Rich

Lodge Cleanup will be Saturday March 29 starting at 9:00am. There are a lot of jobs both big and small to do, and many hands are needed. One of the bigger jobs is to put a roof on the fish cleaning station as it's needed to keep the seagulls away. Speaking of seagulls, we need to string fishing line to keep them away for our summer events. There is painting, yard work, flower planting, and lots of cleaning to be done. If you can come out and help make our Lodge a better place, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be serving lunch to the members who come out! See you the 29th.

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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

The Budget for Fiscal year 2014/15 will be prepared at the Committee level and consolidated by the Board of Directors. The Budget will be presented and voted on at the meetings in April. The new Security Systems for the two Bars and Liquor Room should be installed by the end of March. The Banquet Room and Banquet room bar will be painted to cover over some construction scars which occurred during the final phases of construction. The next Director's meeting will be April 1 at 7:00 PM.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU

PASSINGS

REGINA HERZ'S MOTHER

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

DON IRONS, LINDA FISHER, TONI HARRIS, MARIETTE PENNESTRI

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, JOHN WALDRON FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Veterans Services Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson

A GREAT day for our Veterans and a GREAT day for the IRISH! Thanks to our Antlers youth for the 140 plus bags of delicious Irish potatoes and THANKS to our membership for the tremendous outpouring of cookies, brownies, and cupcakes. All of your efforts are truly appreciated. Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!



Want to receive timely updates to happenings at your Brigantine Elks Lodge? How about those yummy Friday night food menus? We cannot do any of that if we do not have your email address. To provide us your email address, go to our website-www.brigantineelks.com, and you'll be in the know!!

Lodge Events

**Bayfest-August 22, 23, 24-2014**

There will be a short meeting of the Bayfest committee Monday April 7th at 7:00pm after the Vets committee meeting. **All are welcome to attend and be a part of our Lodge's largest fundraiser.** Help is needed, and any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Lodge Dues are Due!! Just a reminder that Lodge dues are due to the Secretary by March 31, 2014.

Phillies Opener Party! April 7- 3:05 PM Start.

Let's get behind our 2014 Phillies early-and often!

Camp Moore

Thank you to everyone who dropped clothes off at the Lodge for Camp Moore. The camp receives thirteen cents per pound for the clothes and the clothes are distributed to people who are in need. We will be making our annual spring visit to Camp Moore the first weekend in May. We will help in opening the camp for the 2014 summer season. We will also, as always, perform much needed maintenance on the buildings and grounds. The camp has come to rely on us to help keep it ready for the kids. This year we will be going on Friday, May 2nd. We will leave the Lodge at 10:30am in a passenger van, and we will return on Sunday, May 4th by noon. Some members will come later on Friday evening, and sometimes members come up on Saturday for the day. We stay in a cabin with hot showers and beds so it is pretty comfortable. You will need to bring bedding and towels. Members from other Lodges in the South District will be there also. Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast are provided. Bring work clothes, gloves, and a smile because the good feelings you get from helping the Special Children is certainly worth the trip! Camp Moore is located in the Watchung Mountains in North Jersey and serves over six hundred special children per summer. There are full time counselors on about a one to one ratio with the kids. A Nurse is onsite 24 hours a day, and a Doctor is on call. The kids stay usually a week at a time, and this gives their parents a well-deserved rest. As we have our last few trips up, we will be bringing boxes of toys (8 big ones) for the kids.

Service Dogs and Us - Information for all members

Service dogs are dogs that have been individually trained to perform a specific task for individuals who have disabilities. The disability can vary greatly, and so do the tasks that the service dogs perform. Service dogs aid in navigation for persons who are hearing or visually impaired, assist an individual who is having a seizure, calm an individual who suffers from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and even dial 911 in the event of an emergency. Many disabled individuals depend on service dogs every day to help them live their everyday lives.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), an individual with a disability is entitled to a service dog to help him live a normal life. The ADA protects the disabled by allowing them to bring their service dogs with them to most places, including restaurants, hotels, housing complexes, air and train travel, and Elks Lodges. Any dog can be a service dog, and service dogs do not need to be professionally trained.

Service dogs are often identified by a service dog vest or tag, letting the public know that it is a services dog; otherwise, their handlers will find themselves having to explain everywhere they go that their dog is a service dog.

We are not allowed to ask a person with a service dog what their disability is that allows them to have a service dog. We are allowed to ask if that is a service dog and what tasks the service dog is trained to perform.

Please do not attempt to pet a service dog without first asking permission from its handler. A service dog is working to protect its handler, and a distraction may prevent the dog from its primary responsibility.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00P	2	3	4 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	5
6	7 VETERANS COMMITTEE 6:00P	8 LODGE MEETING 7:30P	9	10	11 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 FRIDAY FOOD 5:30P	19
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