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UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 3
Wildwood Convention & Parade**

**June 9
ACHS Band Show and Presentation**

**June 10
Youth Peer to Peer**

**June 11
Flag Day Ceremony
-New Member Initiation.**

Flag Day-June 14

**June 18
Fathers Day**

**One Flag-
One Country-USA!!**



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**Pat Orchard
Exalted Ruler**

Hi Everyone,

As you read this note, many of us will be in Wildwood for the annual New Jersey State Elks Convention. I am pleased to say we have over 70 marchers signed up to represent our Lodge, Brigantine #2428 in the annual parade. It is my honor to be leading our members down the Wildwood parade route to show our strength and commitment to the Brigantine Elks #2428 Lodge. It is also exciting that so many members will be wearing the Brigantine Elks Logo shirt and hat. Wherever you go, you will often find another fellow "Elk". Display your membership proudly!

The Memorial Day weekend began on Sunday with the Annual Memorial Day ceremony where the Elks along with many other Community organizations, were honoring our many Veterans both living and deceased. Joe Kelly and his Veterans' Committee honor our Veterans' in so many ways throughout the year so those Veterans are never forgotten. Thanks to the Veterans' Committee for bringing the true meaning of honor to those who served our country.

The Lodge then kicked off summer with a great clambake. Thanks to Jim DeStefano and Maggie Conn for their hard work in putting together another packed event for all the community of Brigantine. Brigantine loves those Elks crab cakes!! It is always a special time to see the folks of the community come together after a long winter to share "snow stories" and their plans for their summer at the beach! Many folks in the community thank the Elks for putting on these summer events. However, none of these events would occur without the help of our volunteers. Again, thank you all for taking time to volunteer your time to make these events happen.

On a more serious note, an important issue that the Elks focus on nationally is community drug awareness and education. The Brigantine Lodge #2428 developed and is holding these programs that support these national efforts. On May 30th, the Lodge sponsored a parent, grandparent, caregiver evening to discuss drug awareness within our community and your family. Beginning to solve the growing issue of drug addiction within our communities starts with parents' and community members' awareness and education on drugs. The Lodge held this parent evening to begin the awareness that drug use often starts locally and not in some faraway place. With the support of many other community programs, (Brigantine Municipal Alliance, JTAC, and others) we are committed to help our youth know we are there to support drug avoidance. To continue these efforts, on June 10 a "Peer to Peer" youth event will occur. There will be an all-day event for teens working together with a well-respected speaker to understand options versus drugs. If there is any youth that you think may have an interest in attending the June 10th session at the Brigantine Presbyterian Church, please let me know. It looks like a great day for the attendees. Also, if you have an interest in being a chaperone during or all day, also let me know. The day starts at 9:30AM and ends at 5 PM. While there is no single answer to drug issues in the community, our Brigantine Lodge #2428 is committed to be part of the solution.

Now back to summer. With Clambake behind us, the Committees are quickly organizing for Seafood Fest and Bayfest. Seafood Fest is July 29th with Bayfest not far behind on August 24, 25th and 26th. Each event takes much planning and many volunteer hours. So, if you were unable to help out for Clambake, watch out for the other event sign up boards or let Dennis Reilly (antlers@brigantineelks.com) know that you are free to volunteer time for one of these events. Don't forget Friday Night Food. Friday Night Food services are alive with good food and music. The House Committee is working hard to give you a relaxing evening at the Lodge after a busy week. Stop by to have dinner, meet some friends and enjoy the beautiful summer. See you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Pat

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LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY-THURS- 3PM -CLOSE
FRIDAY 2PM - CLOSE
SATURDAY NOON - CLOSE
SUNDAY NOON - CLOSE

**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-Pat Orchard

No Updates for June

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

Vineland Veterans Home Picnic—On Thursday June 8 we will travel to the Vineland Veterans Home to prepare and serve a Picnic Lunch to our Veterans who reside there. All are invited to join us. **THANK YOU to our Benefactors:** Stocks Bakery, Toys for kids fund.

WAWA Snafu—The 16 (\$25.00) Wawa cards we used for door prizes at the Veterans Appreciation Day event were not validated. We have replaced the cards and are attempting to locate those who won the cards in order to give them new cards. If you know of anyone who won a card please contact Joe Kelly 267-994-7975 to arrange a replacement.

Veterans Appreciation Day

What a Wonderful day we had for our Veterans and guests. A huge turnout of Vets Committee Members and helpers enabled our Hall to be set up in record time. The on-time arrival of the Vineland Veterans, escorted by our Brigantine Fire and Police Departments and 24 Members of the Legion Riders was something to see. The stirring sounds of the A.C.F.D. "Sandpipers" serenaded the Veterans as they entered Our Lodge cheered on by our members. Color Guards from the Absecon VFW and our own American Legion Post 396 started the Welcome Ceremony. Don Irons led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Ed Young did a wonderful job singing our National Anthem and also "God Bless America". Brigantine Mayor Phil Guenther thanked our Veterans for their service and gave them a heartfelt Welcome to our City. Sargent Ike Rucker U.S.M.C. said Grace before Meals and then the Sandpipers presented an outstanding rendition of "Amazing Grace". Lunch followed immediately with the distribution of Crab Cake Sandwiches, Cheese burgers, Hot Dogs, and Cole Slaw. A dessert of delicious Stock's Pound Cake and ice cream soon followed. Then the "Fishfinder" arrived at our dock and the Vets were helped on the boat for a few hours of fishing and fun. The Vets who remained then played Bingo staged by Karen and Ron (and their many helpers from the Zumba Class)—What a fantastic, helpful, caring job they did!!! When our Fisherman returned a supper of Grilled Chicken and Fried Flounder Sandwiches was served with Cole Slaw and Deviled Eggs. After the last of the Stocks Pound Cake was served our Veterans bid us Farewell. **THANK YOU** to all the members of the Vets Committee (especially our stalwart Kitchen Crew) and our many other Helpers who made this day so special for our Veterans.



**Memorial Day
Ceremony**

ER Pat Orchard and Linda Cassidy present the Elks Lodge Wreath.

New Jersey Elks Association Summer Reunion (Wildwood Convention)

Every year our Lodge makes the trip down the parkway to participate in the State Elks Associations summer convention. This year's convention will as always be the first full weekend in June starting Thursday the 1st and running thru Sunday the 4th. We will again stay at the Lollipop Motel at the corner of 23rd Street and Atlantic Avenue. The Lodge has reserved 8 rooms on the first floor and each room has 2 Queen sized beds, along with a full bath and kitchenette, one room has a single king sized bed and will be noted on the signup board, along with pricing and room numbers. The hotel is requiring a three night minimum for this weekend. We have secured the covered parking area in case of inclement weather. A sign up board is posted in the lounge with additional details; the board is filling fast and after it is full room availability is unknown due to 2 other Lodges also reserving rooms. The Lollipop is located right on the parade route and is a great jumping off point for our Lodge's marchers. As I'm sure you know by now the Lodge will be transporting marchers to the parade and back to the Lodge afterward. You do not have to be marcher to come on the bus, but in order to receive a marchers outfit (golf shirt and baseball cap, both with our Lodge logo) you must march. This is a fun weekend and we will all see and meet many other Elks from New Jersey. If you have any questions you can call Dave Biggins at 610-721-4956.

Close to 80 Marchers !

If you did not pick up your shirt and hat, you can get them on Saturday. You will need to provide your own black pants, black socks, black belt and black shoes or sneakers. Sunglasses are ok. We need to all look the same. Regarding the complimentary greyhound bus on Saturday June 3rd. The bus will leave the Lodge at 10AM, not a second later or we won't make it on time. Please be on time. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 609-264-0289. Again, thank you all for stepping up to show your Elkdom.
Fraternally,
Don Irons -Parade Chairperson

Secretary's Corner

As the new Secretary of the Brigantine Elk's Lodge, it has come to my attention that you may have not received your "Letter of Notification" for payment of the 2017-2018 dues. In a concerted effort to expedite your receipt of this year's entry card, please send your \$68.00 check made out to:

Brigantine Elks 2428

P.O.Box 44

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Please include your membership number and we will mail your entry card promptly.

Thanks in advance,

Tricia Cosgrove -267 347 0179

2017 Elks Scholarship Applications-Due June 30, 2017

The scholarship application deadline is June 30, 2017. The scholarship is open to all students graduating in June. Students must be a child, grandchild or step child of a member of Brigantine Elks Lodge 2428. Applications are available at the Lodge or on the Elks website- www.brigantineelks.com. Bill Amend-Scholarship Chair.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**PASSING**

PETER DEMAYO

FRANK J. JANOSKI, JR.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**NONE**

EILEEN KRATTER SENDS CARDS 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 THE EXALTED RULER, PAT ORCHARD FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Volunteer Shout Out

The Second Quarter Volunteer Shout Out will be held on Friday, July 14 in conjunction with Friday Night Food. We have a growing number of awardees for this event, including some members from the First Quarter who were not recognized, monthly Volunteer Spotlight members and all Chairpersons who ran an event during this period. The goal of the Volunteer Appreciation Committee is to show Lodge members what volunteerism looks like in the person of their fellow members and to highlight the importance of volunteer contributions to the success of our Lodge goals. We may not be able to recognize all 1,000 members individually but we want everyone to know that our volunteer members are appreciated!! Let the Committee know if you have a candidate for this recognition event. Committee members: Dennis Reilly, Eileen Kratter, Joe Hartnett and Joan Finlay.

Volunteer Spotlight

This month we highlight 3 volunteer members each of whom exemplifies a different aspect of volunteerism.

Concetta Visciglia

Concetta is a new member who has embraced volunteerism with a passion. She recently retired and was looking for an outlet for her considerable talents and fortunately for Elks Lodge #2428 she found us! As they say, "no job is too small or too large" for Concetta. I met her while putting the shrimp cocktail sauce into the plastic cups in preparation for the Fish Fry. I believe she would agree that the best way for a new member to meet other members is by volunteering. It is also a great way to put your talents to work for a great cause. Recently initiated members should reach out to the Volunteer Appreciation members, to our Lodge Officers or any Committee Chair to find out how to get involved with Volunteerism at our Lodge.

Tom Tucker

Tom has been a volunteer member for many years and the Lodge has benefited from his many cooking talents, most notably the annual Good Friday Fish Fry. Tom is involved from beginning to end, ordering the ingredients, helping with the preparations and going through the hectic evening of cooking over 600 dinners. Each year it seems that the Fish Fry tries to outdo itself, always selling out and always proclaimed a huge success by customers and Elks alike. Tom also volunteers on other committees and events, using his talents to enrich the Lodge performance. If you have a talent, you can be sure there is an event or activity that can use it at the Lodge.

Mike Dooner

You really can't spotlight Mike Dooner without including his lovely wife Joanne, since they are always together when volunteering at the Lodge. Just a note that it is OK to bring your spouse or friend when you decide to volunteer. For new members, you met Mike when you came to have your "investigation" night at the Lodge. That word investigation is scary but fortunately, Mike is not. He is a great example of a Lodge member who enjoys volunteering and who makes a difference when he does. Mike's other volunteer partner is a restored Studebaker black and white antique Golden Hawk automobile. He and Joanne are kind enough to share this dream car with the Lodge and it is driven in all our parades, including the upcoming State Elks Convention Parade in Wildwood in June. Members who volunteer their skills and their hobbies help the Lodge while they enjoy doing what they like to do. It's a win-win for both.

Flag Day at the Elks Lodge

Come celebrate the symbol of liberty as emblem of freedom, our American Flag. Our annual Flag Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 11 at 11:00am. Light patriotic desserts and coffee will be served in the lounge following the ceremony. Hope to see you there.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1	2 Friday Night Food 5:30	3 Wildwood Con- vention and Pa- rade	
4	5 Veterans Committee 6:00 PM	6 Board of Directors 7:00 PM	7 Quizzo 7-9PM	8	9 ACHS Band Show and Presentation Friday Night Food 5:30	10 Youth Peer to Peer Drug Awareness Day	
11 Flag Day Ceremony New Member Initiation	12	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30	14 Flag Day Quizzo 7-9PM	15	16 Friday Night Food 5:30	17	
18 ANTLERS MEETING Fathers Day	19 House Committee 6:00PM	20	21 Quizzo 7-9PM	22	23 Friday Night Food 5:30	24	
25	26	27 Lodge Meeting 7:30	28 Quizzo 7-9PM	29	30 Friday Night Food 5:30	Notes: Check Weekly Digest for updates!!	