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UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH 12
ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

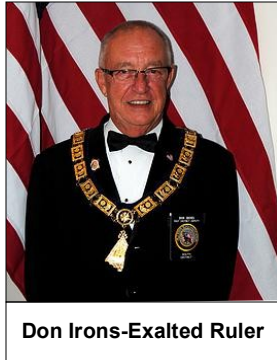
**MARCH 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**MARCH 20
NEW OFFICER INDUCTION**

**MARCH 27
EASTER SUNDAY**

**APRIL 23
NASHVILLE NIGHT**

**APRIL 29,30,31
CAMP MOORE OPENING**



Don Irons-Exalted Ruler

To my Brothers and Sisters:

At our first meeting on February 9, we held nominations for Officers for 2016-2017. No positions were contested so nominees were elected Officers for the following positions:

Exalted Ruler- Pat Orchard

Leading Knight- Dave Biggins-PER

Loyal Knight- Ed Young

Lecturing Knight- Dave Peterson

Secretary- Allyson Arnold

Treasurer- Harry F. McGarrigel, III

Esquire- Linda Fisher

Chaplain- Donald Szwak

Inner Guard- Joanne Delany

Tiler- Maggie Conn

Installation of Officers will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 4:00PM at the Lodge. If you have never attended an Installation, I strongly encourage you to do so. Feel free to bring a guest and please join us for dinner and dancing afterwards. This is the perfect opportunity to show your support for our new Officers for 2016-2017.

Also at this event- as the outgoing Exalted Ruler- I will be presenting awards for the Elk and Officer of the Year as well as the Citizen of the Year. These prestigious awards highlight the Best of the Best and I encourage all our members to be there and help me recognize and celebrate these outstanding Elks.

This is the last column I will be writing as Exalted Ruler but rest assured I will always be available for our new Exalted Ruler Pat and the members of our Lodge. In closing, let me remind you of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on the Atlantic City Boardwalk on March 12. There is a sign-up board in the Lounge. Please join us for a fun time with your fellow members and festivities back at the Lodge following the event.

Yours in Elkdom,

Don



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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."

Work continues on the front bathrooms, they should be completed by the second week in March. The delay from the original completion date was due to drain pipe problems which required us to remove a section of the cement floor. The Board of Directors would like to thank the following members for their time and effort in helping to rehab the bathrooms: Bill Schneider of Schneider Plumbing, Ed Randzo of S.A. Morris & Sons, Joe Pascarella of JCP Home Remolding and Rick Votta of Richardson Air Systems.

The Budget process is well underway for both the Lodge and House, which will be presented at the 1st meeting in March. The 501C3 budget was approved by the 501 Board and will also be present at the March meeting.

Secretary's Corner

Our Lodge initiated 28 new members on Feb 20th. This gives us a Lodge that is now 961 members strong! New dues notices have gone out. All members should pay their dues before our new lodge-year begins on April 1st. Welcome to:

- Brutsch, Sheri G
- Brutsch, Jr, Walter
- Davis, James L
- Delson, Dr Jeffrey
- Dickson, James D
- Dickson, Maria Inez
- Durkin, Mary Ann
- Feehan, Brian
- Finan, Rosemary
- Fusco Sr, Frank A
- Klaiss, Anna Marie
- Lieberman, Janet
- Lieberman, Richard M
- Mulrooney, Arthur
- McTear, Ryan
- Mattiacci, Michael
- Moore, George
- Moran, Florence
- Mott, Raymond C
- Ochs, Robert I
- Pollicino, Marc
- Roseman, Steven
- Stone, Stephen
- Tate Jr, Louis
- Thomas, Nicholas
- Traeger, Scott
- Waldron, Trevor
- Westman, Leonard A

Veterans Service Committee-Joe Kelly-Chair

Upcoming Events:

March 9---Cook , deliver and serve dinner to the 80 plus Veterans and staff of Veterans Haven. **March 10--**St. Patrick's Day Visit to the Vineland Veterans Home-- Deliver Irish Potatoes and warm wishes. **March 11--** Prepare FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD for the Lodge.

Hi Everybody--Yesterday we had a very nice session with the Veterans residing at the Voorhees Care and Rehab Center. Of the more than 200 plus residents at this facility, 45 are Veterans. Although not all of the Veterans could make our "Meet & Greet" it was an Honor to be with those that did. **Pic 1--**John Pucci discussed his six year Navy career and answered many questions from the Veterans. **Pic 2--**Tom Monahan helps a Vet find a spot prior to the session. **Pic 3--**Tom Monahan, John Pucci, and Mike Trendler await the opening of our "Meet & Greet".



Lodge Events

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party

The annual **St. Patty's Day Parade** will be on March 12, 2016. There is a sign up board posted in the lounge. You can purchase your tickets from the bartender. Badges this year are \$10.00-if you want one be sure to say so on sign up board. Badges have to be purchased early so get yours in. Bus will leave Lodge at 11:00 AM and parade starts at 1:00 PM. Festivities continue at the Lodge with food, music and piper band. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids under 12. **Come join us and be "green" for the day.**

Linda Fisher and Don Miller

**Nashville Night**

Howdee y'all,

It's time to bullet hole your calendar for Nashville Night 2016. The big hoedown will take place on April 23, 2016. Tickets are \$30.00 each.

So lasso your partner, dust off that cowboy hat, shine them thar boots and mosey on down for a rootin'- tootin' country night. Be sure to catch more information forthcoming...

See y'all then & there!!

Linda Fisher & Don Miller

**Fashion Show Info —Save the date!**

Our annual fashion show & champagne brunch will be held on May 15th from 12-3. The theme this year is "**A Trip Around the World**" and will feature the food & music of the greatest cities! The latest in fashions & fun celebrity models will be featured as well as a few surprises, of course! Sponsorship opportunities available to be part of this great event that supports special needs. Please call Linda Camerota 609-412-7020 for more info.

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU**PASSING**

**JACK MATHIESON
KARL STOCK'S WIFE-BERNIE
BOB WALKER-SISTER**

**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS
NONE**

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 THE EXALTED RULER, PAT ORCHARD FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

Camp Moore Spring Opening

Brigantine Lodge along with the other Lodges of the South District will be going up to help open the camp for the summer and to perform much needed maintenance. We will be going up the weekend of Friday April 29th. We will be staying in cabins with beds and showers. We will leave from the Lodge in a 15 passenger van at 11:00am on Friday and return on Sunday by appr. 12 noon. Some members carpool it up Saturday morning. There will be a sign up board posted in the lounge. Please bring bedding, work clothes, and gloves, and any other items you may need as there is plenty of room in the cabins. Pennsgrove Lodge will be cooking dinner on Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Our Lodge has gone up to open and close the Camp every spring and fall since 2006, and the Camp has come to rely on us. Believe me you will get satisfaction out of the work that we do that will stay with you for a long time.

Camp Moore is a summer camp for Special Children located in Haskell New Jersey in the Wachtung Mountains. Over the summer, the camp will be visited by over 600 Children and taken care by a staff at a one to one ratio. Not only do the kids have a great time, but it gives their parents a respite also. Camp Moore is the major project of the New Jersey Elks Association, and each child's camp week is entirely funded by the Elks Lodges of New Jersey.

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
| | | 1 Board of Directors 7:00 | 2 Quizzo 7-9 | 3 | 4 Friday Night Food 5:30 | 5 | |
| 6 | 7 Veterans Committee 6:00 | 8 Lodge Meeting 7:30 | 9 Quizzo 7-9 | 10 | 11 Friday Night Food 5:30 | 12 St. Patrick's Day Parade | |
| 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins | 14 | 15 Antlers Meeting 6:30 | 16 Quizzo 7-9 | 17 St Patrick's Day | 18 Friday Night Food 5:30 | 19 | |
| 20 Spring Begins New Officers Installed 4:00 PM | 21 House Committee 7:00 | 22 Lodge Meeting 7:30 | 23 Quizzo 7-9 | 24 | 25 Good Friday Fish Fry | 26 | |
| 27 Easter Sunday | 28 | 29 | 30 Quizzo 7-9 | 31 | Notes: Check Website for Updates!! | | |