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THANKSGIVING, 2006

ELKS CARE – ELKS CARE



by Ron Panuska

This was the best Thanksgiving Dinner at Pt. Pleasant Elks Lodge in the past several years. Two hundred and two meals were served and enjoyed by all. The many volunteers from both St. Gregory's Pantry and our own Elks served the 27 turkeys, 21 from the Pantry and 6 from Hatteras Press which were cooked over two days.

Many thanks to Mueller's Bakery for the rolls & bread, St. Gregory's Pantry and Ocean Road School for supplying 25 freshly baked pies.

This year's menu consisted of fruit cocktail, rolls & breads, turkey, stuffing, homemade gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and cranberry sauce. Dessert pies were apple, pumpkin, cherry, blueberry and coconut custard. Coffee, tea, apple juice, soda and cranberry juice were served. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

LODGE OFFICERS 2005-2006

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Soccer Shoot	Greg Smith	920-7516
The Antler	Marianne Chickene	840-0891
Friday Night Dinner	John Gartz	892-4147
Convention	Linda Muir	295-3285
Banquets	Dory Lennon	908-415-8314
Flag Day	Charles Scanlon	899-1191
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Dru Kegreiss

My Brothers & Sisters: I am very proud to serve our Lodge as Exalted Ruler once again however unfortunate it came about.

I would like to thank PER Dino Castronova, Joe Chickene, PSP John Veprek and all the PERs and Lodge officers for putting together a beautiful and fitting memorial service for ER Ted Holmgren. Don't forget that Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 10 AM is the Elks Memorial Service in the Lodge room followed by breakfast in the Grill Room.

On the weekend of Nov. 10 and 11 Leading Knight Jim Byron and I attended the N.J. State Elks Assn. Fall Conference in New Brunswick. It was great to see a lot of the old faces I worked with before. I was sooo proud to represent our Lodge. It surely was an honor to stand before State President Robert Jani and present the National Foundation with a check for \$5,000, a check to Camp Moore for \$3,000 and a check for the Army of Hope for \$1,000.

If you are not a member of the Elks National Foundation, or even if you are, I ask you to join by calling Dino at 732-528-5582. All it costs is \$10.00 per year for 10 years or \$100. at once. It is money well spent on "The Great Heart of Elkdom".

On November 8th we had our District Deputy

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Skidmore

**COME ON DOWN TO
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
6-8 P.M.
STILL ONLY \$9.00
SUPPORT YOUR LODGE!!**

If your birthday is this month, the Lodge would like to buy you a drink. Please sign this coupon and present it to the bartender for your free drink. This coupon is good on any day this month.

Happy Birthday Clip Out Coupon

December, 2006

(Pt. Pleasant #1698 Members Only)

Name _____

Member # _____

Date of Birth _____

Verification of DOB may be required by bartender. Limit (1) coupon per member per month.

LADIES NIGHT MALE REVUE



Okay girls....get those calendars marked...because we are hosting a "Ladies Only Male Revue" fund-raiser.

All proceeds from the eve will go directly to the Lodge operating fund, so we NEED a good turnout. Tell all your friends and their friends too...the room can accommodate 200 and we'd like to see it FULL!!!! The show will be **FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH. DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8 PM...SHOWTIME WILL BE FROM 9 TO 11 P.M.**

TICKET PRICES ARE \$15.00 IN ADVANCE AND \$20.00 AT THE DOOR.

The show will feature four (4) dancers from the AMAZING DANCERS Company. Their references gave them excellent reviews so it looks to be a fun evening, done in good taste.

Tickets are on sale at the Grill Room Bar. Early ticket purchasers will be accommodated with group table reservations. **ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE 21 OR OVER.**

Call Colleen for any further info at (732)

DON'T FORGET, WE'RE COLLECTING PRESENTS FOR THE SENIORS AT COUNTRY MANOR IN DOVER. PLEASE LEAVE NEW UNWRAPPED GIFTS IN THE BOX MARKED "COUNTRY MANOR" THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THEIR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS:
DECEMBER 22, 2006**

ELK OF THE MONTH

by Dru Kegreiss

PEG DIEKER

Peg is the true embodiment of the phrase Elks never forget their deceased members: She keeps Harry's memory alive by doing all the things he used to do. She's always there in the kitchen for anyone who asks her for help! Peg ran the dinner for our District Deputy's Homecoming and made it seem effortless.

She is truly a caring Elk.

Congratulations, Peg.

CALLING ALL "ANTLERS" 12 TO 20 YEARS OLD

Joe Rager and Dru Kegreiss are starting an Antlers program in our Lodge. This organization is for young people between the ages of 12 and 20 of good moral character, citizens of the U.S.A., who believe in God and will be sponsored by a Lodge of the B.P.O.Elks. The Antler's major objectives are:

- . To quicken the spirit of American Patriotism
- . To teach respect for parents and love of home
- . To inculcate the fundamentals of good citizenship
- . To aid in a worthy cause
- . To establish foundation of character
- . To promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members
- . To respect the convictions of others in the matters of worship and religion is true Americanism.

If you know of anyone who fits this criteria, call Dru at 732-899-6101 or Joe at 732-295-1636.

HO HO HO!!!
SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN
DECEMBER 10TH AT 12 NOON
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED
PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S
WRAPPED CHRISTMAS
PRESENT CLEARLY MARKED WITH
HIS/HER NAME

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pre-visit and on November 13th we were judged for the Ritual contest and had our DD homecoming. It is an honor to have DD Cus and his wife Dee represent both our Lodge and the District. I am very proud of all the great works of our Lodge that DD Cus was able to tell all the other Lodges. I am also proud of all our Lodge officers as they performed a beautiful rendition of our initiatory ritual. Thanks to PER Joe Miller, PER Dino Castroniva the candidate, and Jack Cimino for filling in.

Thanks also go to John Gartz, Peg Dieker, Ron Panuska and all the members of our outstanding and hardworking House Committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 3rd: Elks Memorial Service

Dec. 10th: 12 Noon: Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 10th: 3-6 PM Dino's Pasta Sunday featuring his homemade gravy, meatballs and sausage. Only \$8.00

Dec. 17th: Egg Nog Party, Members Only and no children please.

Dec. 31: New Years Eve in the Grill Room

Jan. 5th: Male Revue

Feb. 11th: S.E. District ENF Charity Ball

Feb. 24th: ENF Beach Party

Feb/March: Date to be announced: AC Bus Trip

Congratulations to the Golden Elks midget cheerleaders who took 2nd place in the Eastern Regional Conference. These dedicated and talented young ladies will be representing us as Pt. Pleasant Golden Elks in the National Competition in Disney World on December 5-8, 2006. We wish them the best: **GO GIRLS!!!**

Finally, I'd like to wish you & yours the happiest of Holidays and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

God Bless you all and God Bless America

BOWLING TOURNAMENT, FEBRUARY 17TH

\$125. FOR A 4-PERSON TEAM, INCLUDES 1ST GAME, 1ST DRINK AT LODGE, BUFFET WITH CASH BAR. EXTRA PERSON IS \$10.00



DECEMBER, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 Come on down	2
3 Memorial Service 10AM Breakfast following	4 Darts Monday Night Football Boy Scouts	5 Lodge Mtg. 8 pm	6 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm Pop Warner	7 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	8 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 Come on down	9
10 Children's Xmas Party 12 Pasta Dinner 3-6 pm \$8.00	11 Darts Monday Night Football Boy Scouts	12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8 pm House Mtg.	13	14 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	15 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 Come on down	16
17 Egg Nog Party Members only No children	18 Darts Monday Night Football Boy Scouts	19 Lodge Mtg. 8 pm	20 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm	21 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	22 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 Come on down	23
24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	29 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 Come on down	30
31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY— BRING A COV- ERED DISH TO THE GRILL ROOM	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3	4	5 Friday Night Dinner 6-8 MALE REVIEW 8 P.M.	6

DINO'S FAMOUS SAUSAGE SAUSAGE SALE

ORDER BY DECEMBER 29, 2006
 PICKUP ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10 AT 6 PM
 \$5.00 PER POUND, CHECKS ONLY

_____#SWEET _____#MILD _____#HOT _____#THERMONUCLEAR

PLEASE PLACE IN ENVELOPE WITH CHECK IN TRUSTEE MAILBOX



HOOP SHOOT NEWS

by Greg Smith

November 4, 2006 was the starting date of this year's Elks National Hoop Shoot competition. Our local event was held again at Pt. Beach High School. I want to thank Gary Smith, Rick Rutyna, Joe Rager, Georgianna Walsh, John Walsh and Peggy Dieker for their assistance with score keeping, rebounding, awards presentation and clean-up. Great Job! Thank you.

We had 17 school champs competing and the three boys and three girl winners will advance to the Southeast District competition in Howell on Dec. 16th. In the 8-9 year old boys division John Venturi won with 21 baskets. The 10-11 year old winner was Noah Yates and the 12-13 year old winner was Kevin Donohue. The girl's 8-9 year old winner was Lindsey Havens. The 10-11 year old winner is our current State Champ Lauren Hughes with 21 baskets. The 12-13 year old winner was Casey Fehring. Congratulations and good luck to our six local winners. Contratulations also go to all 17 of the shooters for being their school champs.

Once again, thank you to my Hoop Shoot helpers and to the school gym teachers for doing the preliminary shoot-offs in school.

Good luck to John, Noah, Kevin, Lindsey, Lauren and Casey.

**THE "300 CLUB" WINNER FOR
NOVEMBER, 2006 WAS: #25
AND THE WINNER RECEIVED \$900.**

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Trivisano

The Veteran's Committee will be cooking the Friday Night dinner on December 8th.

We are still trying to acquire the rest of the materials needed to complete the work at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Cement bench parts were delivered but we may have to skip any further work plans this year due to the coming winter.

The Veteran's Spaghetti Dinner held on Wednesday, November 8th did not have a good turn out but we had very good support from our committee members, not to mention the outstanding job Dino did cooking that day.

The Veteran's Day Service/Ceremony at Toms River Lodge on November 10th went very well. The Point Pleasant Elks Boy Scout Troop #3 did a great job.

Christmas gifts for the Veterans at Burnt Tavern Rehabilitation Center have been ordered and we will present them to the Veterans on December 21st at 1:00 P.M.

The Bowling Tournament fund raiser sponsored by the NVSC #1698 is scheduled for Saturday, February 17, 2007 at 1:00 PM at Ocean Lanes in Lakewood. Details are provided in the Antler. A suggestion was made and approved to proclaim the Bowling Tournament as the "Ted Holmgren Memorial Bowling Tournament." **Reminder:** Wednesday, May 16th has been reserved for the SED Gerry McIntire Golf Outing at Myry Run Golf course in Cranbury, NJ. Mike Donahue will attend our next SED meeting on December 6th to work out details and form a committee.

The next NVSC SED meeting will be on December 4th in Toms River. The NVSC for #1698 will be held on December 6th at 7:00 P.M.



Poster Children and their Moms: Kayla and Michael

CHARITY BALL 2006

by Katy Berrios

I would like to thank the members and their spouses of the Special Needs Children's Committee for all their help organizing the Charity Ball. Dee Plawski, Katy Berrios and Brenda Furmato set the tables featuring the beautiful centerpieces that Brenda made.

Joe Rager and his crew served a delicious dinner and the wait staff comprised of Gary Grasso's daughter, Nancy DeVito and Sharon Haugh were kept busy serving.

The hard work of setting up and breaking down tables etc. was done by Pete, Rocky, John, Eddie, Gus, Paul, Joe, Gary and without their muscle we might be there still.

A special thanks to all who attended which made the evening so special to our two poster children and their families.



The Ritual Team

On Saturday, November 18th, Point Pleasant Lodge performed the Initiatory Ritual as prescribed by Grand Lodge. The team is pictured here from left to right: Leading Knight Jim Byron; Loyal Knight Mitch Fiedler; Chaplain Joe Chickene; Exalted Ruler Dru Kegreiss, Substitute Esquire Joe Rager, Substitute Lecturing Knight Joe Miller and Substitute Inner Guard Jack Cimino. Not pictured is Dino Castronova as the Candidate. Congratulations to our team for a job well done!

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
John McKnight	Construction Worker	Charles Cushman
Harry Whittle	Retired Teacher	Reinstatement
Carmela Dunston	Retired Purchasing Agent	Carol McMenamy
Bryan Corino	Carpenter	James Byron II
Peter J. Guerriero	Block Operator, Amtrak	James Byron II
Graham Campion	Glazier, All American Glass	James Byron II
Doug Monahan	Delivery Driver	James Byron II
Matt Cusilk	Furniture mover, repairs	
	Pt. Beach Interiors	John Gartz
Robert Sugrue	Road maintenance NJ Turnpike	John Moffit
Patrick English	Agent/Owner	
	William Ball Real Estate	Anthony Falzarano
Burke Ellmers	Lab Tech/Water Testing	Patrick Crockin

PASTA SUNDAYS

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE
MONTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE 2007 STATE CONVENTION
FROM 3-6 PM ONLY \$8.00
DINO'S FAMOUS HOMEMADE
GRAVY, SAUSAGE & MEATBALLS**

**PT. PLEASANT ELKS LODGE
PRESENTS;
LADIES NIGHT MALE REVUE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH
DOORS OPEN AT 8 PM
SHOWTIME 9-11 PM
\$15.00 (\$20. AT THE DOOR)
CASH BAR**

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