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ER Dino Castronova presenting a placque to John Kaufman



The Veteran's Committee

"I DIDN'T KNOW THAT"

by Bob Haugh

John Kaufman, described by many as a polite energetic, quiet man who has the unique ability to focus on positive endeavors, was honored January 15th at a testimonial buffet.

"I didn't know that" seemed to dominate the banquet hall when his tour of duty in the U.S. Army was revealed, starting with landing at Normandy and serving until his honorable discharge in December 1945. John then married his bride, Ann. We learned that after a brief tour of private life John joined the U.S. Navy and served until 1954. All this became a side job when he became a dedicated father of four children.

Testimony revealed his enlistment to dedicated service and persistent efforts to visit and communicate with hospitalized and disabled veterans. He has proven

his determination to ensure that all veterans will never be forgotten. John was also recognized for many years of service to the Special Needs Children's Committee, Friday Night dinners and many Elk functions. He and Ann are a team! To John Kaufman: Our hopes are for many years to come you will continue to inspire us. We thank you and your family!

The successful buffet was the result of "the powers of cooperation." ER Dino and the House Committee led by John Gartz met, discussed and designed all aspects of this event to make the day so perfect. The preparation, cooking and serving led by Georgianna Walsh became an "all hands on deck" event. We especially thank John & Nancy Seifert for their creamed S.O.S. Cus Dalik coordinated the research of John's military ex-

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Dino Castronova

Hi once again! Let's recap the past month. First I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We had a New Year's Eve party in the Grill Room and about 65 people had a great time. Thanks to the House committee, Georgianna, Carol and all those who helped and attended.

We had an initiation at our last meeting. I thank Joe Rager, Joe Miller and John Veprek for filling in and helping us out.

Great job, Sharon & Bob Hough and their crew for putting together the testimonial for John Kaufman. It was a great evening and so well attended.

Now it is February already...deadline for placing your order for sausage is February 15th and pick up is Wednesday, February 22 after 5 PM.

A reminder to those who park in front of the garbage bins, please don't use this space as it makes it impossible to throw trash in the bins without getting you car wet from leaking garbage bags..

Finally, check your Antler for the Beach Party on February 11th and the Atlantic City Bus Trip on February 18th.

That's my news for this month - See you at the Lodge.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Diane Omdal

REMINDER: NEW OFFICERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2006-2007 YEAR. IT'S OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR SO LET'S KEEP THE AUXILIARY GOING!

Upcoming events:

February 22, 2006: Secret Pal and Pot Luck Dinner. A sign up sheet will be available at our February business meeting so we know who is making what and we have a variety. Those of you who have a secret pal, bring a gift. This is your time to reveal yourself.

March 14, 2006: Business Meeting

March 28, 2006: Visitation – Please bring your gift donations to the February or March Business meeting. Join together with a few other members and chip in for a nice gift for the auction.

John Kaufman, Continued from Page 1

experience and service to the Veterans Committee, including efforts to restore and establish a suitable mooring for the battleship New Jersey in N.J. As a point of interest, on the Sunday following Easter Sunday each year all N.J. Elks have an exclusive open invitation to visit the Battleship New Jersey.

Introductions by Cus Dalik began with Joe Chickene's offering of a blessing (and confessions). Kudos, plaques, certificates and gifts were presented to John by ER Dino, Chairman State Veteran's Service Cus Dalik, Past N.J. Elks State President John Veprek, S.E. District Deputy Ray Hallock, S.E. District Chairman Gerry McIntyre and comic Joe Abradi. "Antsy the Clown" gave an emotional thank you to John for including her on trips to bring smiles to the faces of our Vets.

Awards presented to John were: "Years of Dedicated Service" by ER Dino; "Elks National Service Award" by Ray Hallock and the "Grand Lodge Award for Outstanding Service" by John Veprek, PER, PSP.

Demonstrating John's willingness to share and care, he, assisted by our new Veteran's Chairman Mike Travisano, honored Lou LaStella as Veteran Volunteer of the year 2005/6 for our Lodge. Congratulations, Lou.

We extend our appreciation to Victoria Castronova, Gary Grasso, Carol McMenamy, Mitch Fiedler, Colleen Castronova for assisting the House Committee. We thank Gloria Adamo for the centerpiece at the Kaufman table and the Ladies Auxiliary for their never ending efforts to make our banquet hall and lodge more elegant.

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

by John Gartz

I wish to thank the House Committee for their consistent teamwork. Once again, you put together a wonderful event for John Kaufman's testimonial. Let me introduce the members of the House Committee:

Victor Castronova	Linda Muir
Peg Dieker	Ron Panuska
Bob Haugh	Joe Rager
Sharon Haugh	Diana Simpson
Diane Johnson	Gary Smith
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Alan Lavitola	Ed Whittles
Bob Muir	

If any member has a complaint or concern about our Lodge, please inform any of the above members of the House Committee.

Thank you

John Gartz, House Committee Chairman

John Kaufman wishes to thank everyone who attended, planned, set-up, cooked, or served his testimonial dinner.

FEBRUARY, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Meetings: Vets 7 PM HCC 8 PM Fluke	2 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	3 Nancy's Crew: 3 spe- cialty pastas/ Tilapia	4
5 Breakfast 9-11 AM SUPER BOWL PARTY ALL DAY	6 Boy Scouts Darts Fluke Mtg.	7 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	8 Vets at Burnt Tavern Dinner 6 PM	9 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	10 Pop War- ner crew: Chicken Parm/New England Baked Scrod	11 BEACH PARTY 7 PM GRILL RM
12 Breakfast 9-11 AM Trustee Mtg. 11 AM	13 Boy Scouts Darts Fluke Mtg.	14 Ladies' Auxiliary Mtg. 8 PM	15 HCC Mtg. 8 PM Last day for ordering sausage	16 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	17 Charlie & Bob: Soup/ Salad/Carving Station \$12.00	18 TRUMP BUS TRIP COST: \$30. RECEIVE \$25. BACK
19 Breakfast 9-11 AM	20 Boy Scouts Darts Fluke Mtg.	21 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	22 Pick up sausage orders after 5 PM	23 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	24 Cus' Crew Pork Chops/ Shrimp	25 Brick Lodge Charity Ball
26 Breakfast 9-11 AM Trustee Mtg. 11 AM	27 Boy Scouts Darts Fluke Mtg.	28 Ladies' Auxiliary Pot Luck Dinner				



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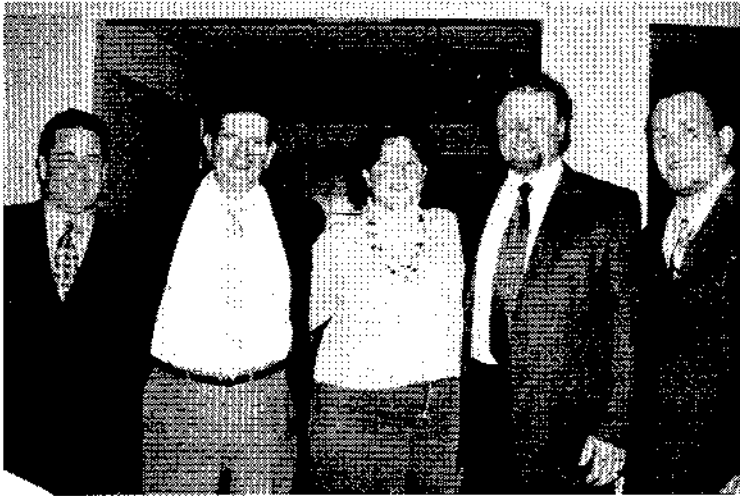
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The January 4th meeting began as usual with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Mike wished all a Happy New Year and reminded everyone that the committee would be hosting a Friday Night dinner on January 6th.

A Valentine's party is planned at Burnt Tavern Manor on February 8th at 6 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

Deer hides are being requested. If any hunters would like to donate one we will have them delivered to Lacey Lodge.

Blue Claws tickets for May 21st (Elks Day) at the stadium are available for anyone interested in attending.

The Southeast District is running a golf tournament and is requesting help. If interested, call Mike Travisano or Gerry McIntire.

Chairman Mike wishes to thank all who attended our visit to Burnt Tavern Manor on December 20th.

The next meeting will be Feb. 1st at 7 PM

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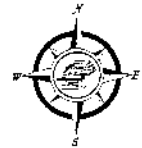
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