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Jim Byron, newly installed ER and his officers at the Officers' Installation on Saturday, March 24th.



On Saturday, 3/24, Jim Byron and his officers were installed into their positions for the New Elk Year. Besides Jim coming in as ER, Mitch Fiedler,-Leading Knight; Carol McMenamy-Loyal Knight; Valerie Famous-Lecturing Knight; Secretary-Helen McDermott; Treasurer-Colleen Castronova; Tiler-Gus Adamo; Esquire-Scott Famous; Chaplain-Joe Chickene and Inner Guard-Charlie Sherman. Family and friends enjoyed a fine meal with a choice of either prime rib or chicken francaise. A trio from the Imperial Music Center provided an enjoyable musical background to the evening.

The Ladies Auxiliary also installed their officers: Mary Bruce-President, Mary Skidmore-Hostess; Dee Dalik-Vice President; Katy Berrios-Secretary; Camille Cimino-Treasurer; Catherine Evans-Chaplain; Ann Kaufman-Inner Guard who are all looking for an active year

IT IS THE VETERAN

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who have given us freedom of religion
 It is the VETERAN, not the reporter who have given us freedom of the press
 It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who have given us freedom of speech
 It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble
 It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer who have given us the right to a fair trial
 It is the VETERAN, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.

LODGE OFFICERS 2007-2008

Exalted Ruler	Jim Byron	892-7937
Leading Knight	Mitch Fiedler	295-2561
Loyal Knight	Carol McMenamy	892-0045
Lecturing Knight	Valerie Famous	202-7030
Secretary	Helen McDermott	899-3186
Treasurer	Colleen Castronova	295-0989
Tiler	Gus Adamo	899-2722
Esquire	Scott Famous	202-7030
Chaplain	Joe Chickene	840-0891
Inner Guard	Charles Sherman	714-8771
Organist	Vacant	

Trustees: Paul Brundage 370-9697
 Dino Castronova 528-5582 Connie Vuocolo 899-2716
 Gary Laudisi 785-1962 Bat Masterson 492-2089

COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE

House	Don Nickerson	295-0639
Bldgs.& Grounds	Richard Wright	892-2407
Americanism	Charles Scanlon	899-1191
Handicapped Children	Dan DiCorcia	899-1031
Community Relations	Roger Pyrtko	899-3354
National Foundation	Dino Castronova	528-5582
Investigating	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Indoctrination	Rocky Berrios	840-0239
Membership	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Lapsation	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Youth Activities	Joe Rager	295-1636
Tearoff Raffles	Cus Dalik	295-8370
Publicity	Jan Picarell	892-4522
Memorial Day Service	Dory Lennon	908-415-8314
Visiting	Vacant	
Audit	Terry La Du	899-4635
Lodge Scholarship	Joe Rager	295-1636
Drug Awareness	Chris Phillips	
Nat'l Veterans Service	Mike Travisano	899-5115
Government Relations	Vacant	
Lodge Activities	Vacant	
Lodge Photographer	Marianne Chickene	840-0891
Hoop Shoot	Greg Smith	920-7516
Soccer Shoot	Dino Castronova	528-5582
The Antler	Marianne Chickene	840-0891
Friday Night Dinner	Joe Rager	295-1636
Convention	Linda Muir	295-3285
Banquets	Colette Martiak	899-2923
Flag Day	Charles Scanlon	899-1191
Webmaster	Terry LaDu	899-4635
Bar Steward	Jay Ramirez	899-8620
Octoberfest	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Justice	James Holzapfel	349-1600

LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Mary Bruce	892-5921
Hostess	Mary Skidmore	899-2575
Vice President	Dee Dalik	295-8370
Secretary	Katy Berrios	840-0239
Treasurer	Camille Cimino	899-6168
Chaplain	Catherine Evans	899-5071
Inner Guard	Ann Kaufman	295-1604



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

After the last election, Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass) was named head of the Congressional Finance Committee with the Democratic victory. After taking the reins, he stated that "I have more power than knowledge" referring to his humility at the prospects of the job. I thought his quote was also applicable to a new ER. While the position commands power and respect, the knowledge comes from you, the members of the Lodge. I encourage everyone to get involved in helping to make our Lodge the best it can be. You do not have to be a committee chair or committee member to have a good idea become a reality. Likewise, advice from someone who has done it before is always helpful. Thank you all in advance for your participation.

Just a reminder, we are marching in the Pt. Pleasant Memorial Day Parade. Attire is a white golf shirt, blue pants with our white baseball caps. Although I have yet to work out the details with our House committee, all participants will be welcomed back at the Lodge for a picnic and the Exalted Ruler's new and improved "bottomless cup of cheer".... read free beer! Hope to see a great turnout!!!

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

I am very proud to serve as your new President for the year 2007-2008. All our officers for the past three years are still going strong like the Energizer Bunny.

Ladies, don't be concerned about chairing any of our upcoming events because you will have the opportunity to select your own committee members to assist you. . So, let's all work together to have a very successful year.

I want to thank Lorraine Gabriel for taking charge of the Dark Horse for so many years.

Also, many thanks to Dolores Brown for taking care of the cakeless cake sale for so long. She is moving out of town and can't do it anymore. Much luck to Dolores & Irv in their new home. Ann Kaufman will be taking over this job...seems nothing is too much for Ann to do and you can always count on her. Thanks, Ann

The Ladies' Auxiliary would like to congratulate Jim Byron, the new Exalted Ruler and his Officers. We wish them a great year for 2007-2008.

Upcoming Events:

A large yard sale is planned for May 5th at 1308 Cottage Pl. Pt. Pleasant from 9 to 4 PM.

Our Auxiliary is invited to march in the Memorial Day Parade on Bridge Avenue in Pt. Pleasant. Please try to make it, Ladies.

May 8: Business Meeting. Refreshments: Dawn Cherry and Diane Cavalieri.

May Social: To be announced at the May 8th Meeting.

DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE:

The Lodge is missing several round and long banquet tables. If anyone has borrowed these tables, please return them as soon as possible.

ESSAY CONTEST

"What a veteran means to me" is once again the theme of the 4th Annual Jim Goddard Essay Contest. 300-400 word essay to be turned in to Lodge Veteran's Chairperson by May 1, 2007. All Juniors/Senior children/grandchildren of an Elk in good standing are eligible to vie for Grand Prize of \$500.

BIG BAND DANCE

Bring your dancing shoes as the songs of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and many others will be played for your listening and dancing pleasure by the 15 piece Imperial Dance Band.

DATE: Saturday, May 19, 2007

TIME: Doors open at 7:00, Music starts at 7:30

**COST: \$20 per person in advance
\$25 at the door**

For reservations or additional information, contact Terry La Du at 732-899-4635 or go to the lodge's website and browse the Lodge Events page.

FOUND

**LADIES GOLD BRACELET POSSIBLY LOST
AT
INSTALLATION
CALL GRILL ROOM AFTER 1PM AT 732-**

**JAZZ IT UP WITH LIVE JAZZ MUSIC AND
\$3.00 MARTINI SPECIALS OF YOUR CHOICE
STARTING MAY 5TH AND EVERY SATURDAY
NIGHT IN THE GRILL ROOM**

IT WAS FIRST REPORTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DINNER ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE ELK'S CONVENTION IN WILDWOOD. CHARLIE SCANLON AND HIS GREAT CREW HAVE AGREED TO COOK ANOTHER OF THEIR FABULOUS DINNERS, SO **THERE WILL BE A SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER ON JUNE 2ND**

FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

DUE TO THE INCREASE OF PRICES PASSED ON TO US BY OUR DISTRIBUTORS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THERE WILL BE A PRICE INCREASE IN THE GRILL ROOM AS OF MAY 1ST. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE IN PRICED IN OVER 3-1/2 YEARS.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Antler Editor is on vacation from 5/24 until 5/29. Anything for the June Antler MUST be in the Antler box at the Lodge, mailed to 158 Everest Dr. Brick, NJ 08724 or on her e-mail (jchickene@verizon.net) by May 30th. or it will not be included.



MAY, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	2 Meetings: SNC 8 PM Pop Warner Cub Scouts	3 Line Dancing Shuffle-Board	4 House: Chili Marmalade Chicken/ Beer Battered Fried	5 After dinner Enjoy live Music & dancing in the Grill
6 Trustee's Meeting 11 am	7 Boy Scouts	8 Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 8 PM House	9 Vets Mtg. 7 PM	10 Line Dancing Shuffle-Board	11 Cus' Crew Apple Pork Chops/Shrimp Scampi	12 After dinner Enjoy live Music & dancing in the Grill
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 Boy Scouts	15 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	2 Meetings: SNC 8 PM Pop Warner	17 Line Dancing Shuffle-Board	18 Elks Crew: Breaded Chicken Cordon Bleu/ Coconut Crusted	19 Big Band Dance Doors: 7:00 pm Music: 7:30 pm
20 COME ON DOWN AND ENJOY PASTA SUNDAY 4-7 PM Trustee Mtg.	21 Boy Scouts	22 Ladies' Auxiliary Social 8 PM	23 Vets Mtg. 7 pm	24 Line Dancing Shuffle-Board	25 Golden Elks Crew: Linguini w/ Baby clams/ Chicken Parmagiana	26 After dinner Enjoy live Music & dancing in the Grill
27 Pt. Pleasant Memorial Day Parade Bridge Ave.	28 Boy Scouts MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31 Line Dancing Shuffle-Board		Add Vets meetings

Lodge Barbecue for all participants after the Memorial Day Parade May 27th
Hot Dogs/Hamburgers/Salads

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO MAKE SAUSAGE?



It's not as easy as it sounds! Dino has his own "sausage committee" and plans to make a new batch for sale four times a year. He makes it sweet, mild, hot and thermonuclear. The entire process takes three days, one day to mix the recipes for the differing spice levels and another to put the mixture through the sausage making machine. Then the finished sausages "hang" for 3 days before they are cut and packaged. Next time you buy prepackaged sausage in a supermarket think about the hours it takes to make it.

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Travisano

On Saturday, April 14th the Boy Scouts did a good job raking the Veteran's Memorial Park. We are still trying to acquire the rest of the materials needed to complete the work getting permanent lighting on the American Flags.

Our paver project is moving along. Our chosen contractor is waiting in the wings to meet with the committee and "powers to be". We should still attempt to get as much information and costs on engraving of the pavers as we can for this fund raiser. We need to determine to whom we want to sell the pavers, we may choose to offer them to veterans throughout our area and/or open it up to the entire community. I am still waiting for information from the Eagle Scout who has an "in" on the engravers.

We have and will continue the campaign to collect donations for Iraq and when the community receives word in the newspaper, we hope to collect more. On March 23rd 5 packages were shipped to the military addresses we know in Iraq and Nancy DeVito is ready to ship another 3 boxes. Everyone can inquire for additional names and addresses of military personnel in Iraq or Afghanistan. Burnt Tavern Rehab has placed a collection box at their facility and our collection boxes remain in the Grill Room for our Elk members to get involved.

Please donate, Help us help our troops.

The Jim Goddard Essay Contest is a \$500.00 scholarship contest open to High School students children or grandchildren of Elk members in good standing. The essay title is "What a Veteran Means to Me", and is due no later than May 1, 2007

On May 15th the Veteran's Committee will volunteer and take part in "Casino Night" at Burnt Tavern Rehab Center.

The Memorial Day Parade is Sunday, May 27th at 1:00 PM. We need Lodge participation and support.

Please join us!

Visit our web site for more Veteran information and "NVSC 2006 Year in Review".

If you know anyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq or Afghanistan by giving their name, their families may receive a "Medal of Valor" in their honor. Please read the note on the Veteran's bulletin board that explains the details.

The next NVSC SED meeting is May 7th at 8:00 PM hosted by Lacey Lodge.

Our next NVSC #1698 meetings will be May 9th and 23rd at 7:00 PM.



Greg Smith, Lauren Hughes, Kelly Hughes

HOOP SHOOT NATIONAL FINALS

by Greg Smith

Lauren Hughes, age 11, our N.J. State and Northeast Central Regional champion competed in the National finals on 4/21 in Springfield, MA. Lauren did GREAT by sinking 20 of 25 shots, but at this level of competition every shooter is close in scoring. As it turned out, 23 of 25 won first place, 22 of 25 won second, 21 of 25 won third, and 20 of 25 was Lauren's fourth place. I think that's pretty darn good too! Congratulations, Lauren. We are proud of you!

At the awards banquet all 72 participants received the Elks Hoop Shoot Medal and a National Finalist engraved plaque. The guest speaker was "The Spin Doctor", Dan Wetzels who is a motivational speaker and does basketball tricks at the same time. Sounds strange but he was very good and all the kids enjoyed it; he also gave them an autographed poster.

All-in-all it was a great weekend. The Hughes Family, Tim, Betty, sister Kelly and brother Kieran had a good time, especially at the NBA Hall of Fame. The kids got to beat me up on the racquetball court on Saturday. Tim & Betty..thanks for dinner!

So ends another year of the Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest. Pt. Pleasant is honored to be home to the two-time State Champs and current N.E.C. Regional champs. To Lauren, congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors. Oh, P.S. Lauren & Kelly both still have 2 more years of Hoop Shoot eligibility!



LOCKS OF LOVE

John Eckhardt of Pt. Pleasant Lodge is shown above having his 14" pony tail cut off by Dru Kegeress of "Dru Eric Creative Hair Studio" in memory of Michael Romano, 11 years old, a child cancer victim who has since passed away.

Locks of Love is an organization that benefits children who suffer from an autoimmune disease called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. Other recipients are cancer survivors, victims of trauma such as burns and rare dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

JOHN MADE A DIFFERENCE!!

For more information on Locks of Love, they are located at 2925 10th Avenue North, Suite 102, Lake Worth, FL 33461

**DON'T FORGET EVERY THIRD
SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS
PASTA SUNDAY
COME ON DOWN TO THE GRILL
ROOM BETWEEN 4 AND 7 AND
ENJOY DINO'S HOMEMADE
GRAVY, SAUSAGE AND MEAT-
BALLS
STILL ONLY \$8.00**

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Shelley Wright	Bank Teller, Provident Bank	Barbara Nickerson
Anne Sherman	Branch Mgr. Hachik Dist.	Karen Verga
Jason F. Keogh	U.S. Air Force	James Byron, ER
Theresa Withstandley	Clerk/Steno	Demit from Red Bank #233
Kathleen R. Uhrig	Product Specialist	Demit from Red Bank #233

APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>MEMBERSHIP #</u>	<u>ELK YEARS</u>
William Sedlacek	83	01874	30
Charles Brady	71	01823	32
Daniel Hennessy, Jr.	65	01215	43

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