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ELECTION OF CUS DALIK PER, DDGER

by Paschal Drew

Brother **Custer Dalik, Fr.**, P.E.R., D.D.G.E.R. was honored by a herd of Elks (many bearing an array of well earned initials after their names) gathered at the Lodge to witness and celebrate the acceptance of his most recent position.

Brother Cus received his jewels of office for **District Deputy, Grand Exalted Ruler, Southeast District, New Jersey** at a ceremony conducted by our Past District Deputies, John Veprek, Jr., Step Avidisian, Ray Kern, Ray Hallock, Mike O'Neil and Clint Sprague. In attendance were other past and present national, state and district office holders; Arthur Mayer, Bob Jani, Richard Bard, Connie Cantwell, Don Tonachio and Mike Tempora. Ted Holmgren, E.R.,

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SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S PICNIC

More than a dozen fire and first aid vehicles blared their sirens as they gave approximately 80 children a ride through Pt. Beach, Pt. Boro & Bay Head.

The parade was the culminating event of a day of fun organized by the Special Needs Children's committee. The day was packed with action. Some 20 boat owners volunteered their services to give the kids a ride on the Metedeconk River. Afterward there was a picnic at the Lodge which included games, live music, dancing, a clown and a visit from several members of the Pt. Beach police department. Refreshments were grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian ices and ice cream.

The most anticipated part of the day, however, was when the children boarded the first aid & fire trucks. **ELKDOM IN ACTION!!!**

LODGE OFFICERS 2005-2006

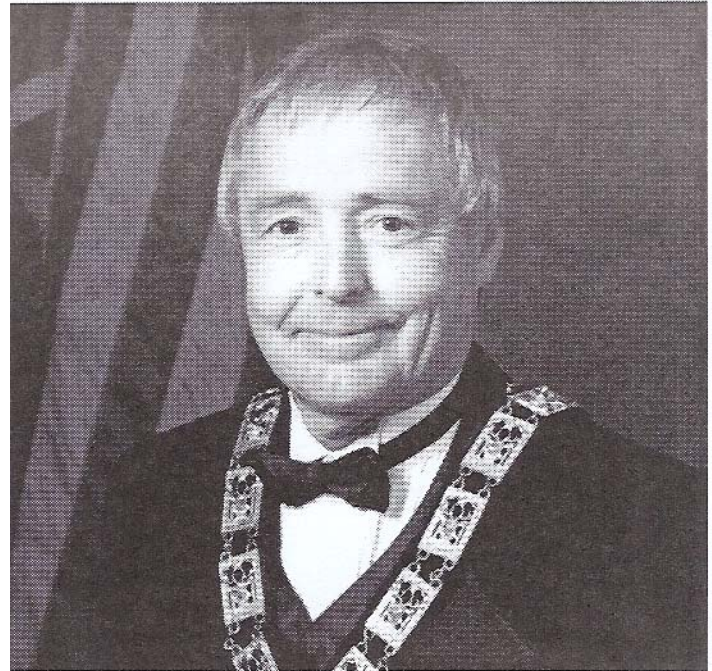
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Ted Holmgren

Summer is coming to a close but we will be gearing up for a very busy fall season at the Lodge. Octoberfest is scheduled for September 16th barring a tropical storm. If you are available to help out get in touch with Cus Dalik. If not, come by and enjoy!

Our 60th anniversary party and pig roast is on October 7th. Colleen Castronova is running this and meetings are every Monday at 7:30 PM.

The NFL season is kicking off on September 10th and once again all the games will be on TV via Direct TV in the Grill Room. The kitchen will be open featuring a lunch menu.

We have a number of other activities brewing, stay tuned for details.

Congratulations to Cus for a lovely ceremony commemorating his selection as DDGER and thanks to the House Committee for a great job, planning and running this affair.

Lodge meetings will resume their normal 1st & 3rd Tuesday format beginning in September. Come and find out what's going on, and be heard. This Lodge is your Lodge and should not run on the efforts of its officers and a few volunteers. We need people, we need helpers, we need you to propose new members and most of all we need your input.

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Skidmore

Our first drawing for the 300 club will be at our September 12th meeting. Please make sure everyone to whom you sold tickets are paid up before the drawing or they will not be eligible to win.

We are planning a gift auction at the street fair on September 16th. We will have a booth on the Lodge grounds that Saturday. We are looking for prizes (new items worth \$25.00 or more). If you cannot donate we will take money donations. Let's all get involved and make this a success.

On October 24th we will celebrate our 60th birthday. Camille Cimino and her committee are in charge and more information will be forthcoming.

Dawn Cherry is chairing our Psychic Fair again this year. She currently has 10 psychics coming. We need finger foods to serve that evening. Please let Dawn know if you will donate food. We need volunteers to post flyers for this event and to help out during the fair. Please see Dawn for details. Also, tell all your friends to come out to have fun on October 27th.

Refreshment committee for October 10th business meeting are: Mary Bruce and Lorraine Gabriel.

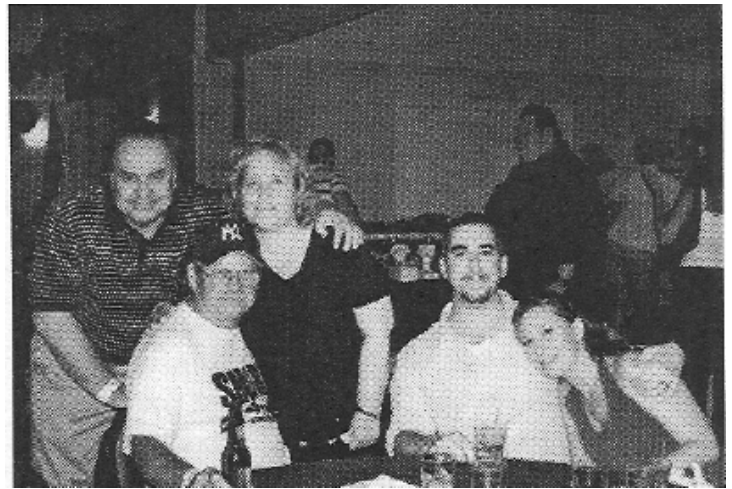
WANTED

To help celebrate our 60th anniversary anyone having any memorabilia of our Lodge depicting its history (pictures, articles, etc.) is asked to please call Carol McMenamy at 732-892-0045.

This pertains to all our Lodge members and all members and Exalted Rulers of the Southeast District.

LADIES AUXILIARY "300" CLUB YA GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!

Buy a number from 001 to 300 for \$5.00/month and the winner could receive \$1,000 if all numbers are sold. If all numbers are not sold the winner will receive 2/3 of the money taken in that month. It is a 12 month drawing and you keep the same number for each month. In order to win, you must be paid up for that month. For more info call Katy Berrios at 732-840-0239.



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

KYLE RAGER DINNER DANCE

By Suzy Kronenberger

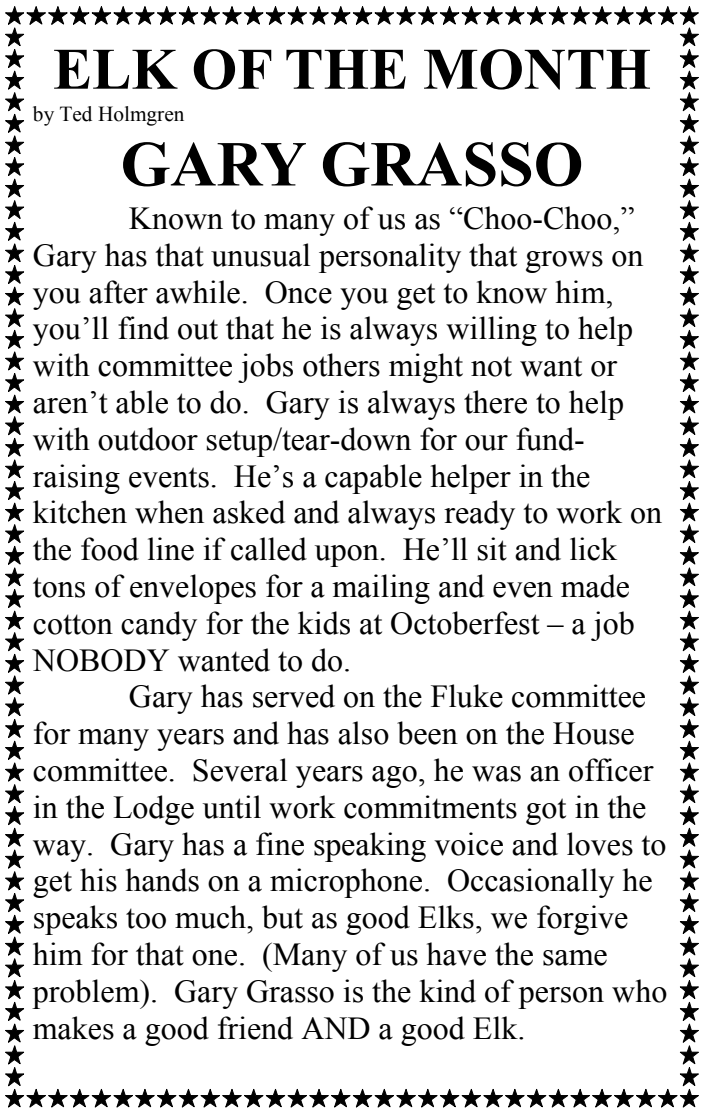
The Lodge was rockin' when friends & family of Kyle came out to a dinner/dance on Saturday, July 15, 2006. Kyle, a young Pt. Pleasant man, tragically lost his life last summer in an auto accident. This event was a celebration of Kyle's life and he would have been proud.

The Elks hall was decorated in a festive theme reminiscent of Kyle who was a great friend, avid fisherman, an aspiring musician, a serious college student with a passion for political science. He enjoyed sports, especially football and surfing. DJ Jackie Scott played a cross section of hot & cool music to entertain and set the mood. A fantastic hot & cold buffet from the Colonial Ranch caterers fed the hungry crowd. Mike Donahue, tending bar worked furiously to meet the demands of the thirsty. Winnings from a 50-50 drawing were donated back by Mary Gunsiorowski and many other generous friends made donations.

Kyle's dad, Joe Rager PER was overwhelmed and touched to see how many people cared and showed their love and support whether they were able to attend or not.

Thanks to all who participated in any way to remember Kyle. A substantial amount of money was raised and it was very generously matched by the Elks toward the Golden Elks Pop Warner Scholarship Fund. These funds will be awarded in memory of Kyle. The Golden Elks Football program was an important part of Kyle's childhood and continues to influence children today.

Deadline for the October Antler is: Sept. 22nd



ELK OF THE MONTH

by Ted Holmgren

GARY GRASSO

Known to many of us as “Choo-Choo,” Gary has that unusual personality that grows on you after awhile. Once you get to know him, you’ll find out that he is always willing to help with committee jobs others might not want or aren’t able to do. Gary is always there to help with outdoor setup/tear-down for our fund-raising events. He’s a capable helper in the kitchen when asked and always ready to work on the food line if called upon. He’ll sit and lick tons of envelopes for a mailing and even made cotton candy for the kids at Oktoberfest – a job NOBODY wanted to do.

Gary has served on the Fluke committee for many years and has also been on the House committee. Several years ago, he was an officer in the Lodge until work commitments got in the way. Gary has a fine speaking voice and loves to get his hands on a microphone. Occasionally he speaks too much, but as good Elks, we forgive him for that one. (Many of us have the same problem). Gary Grasso is the kind of person who makes a good friend AND a good Elk.

HELP WANTED
IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!
OCTOBERFEST IS FAST APPROACHING
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
HELP WILL BE NEEDED FOR SET UP
ON SEPTEMBER 15TH AND THE
BIG DAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
AS MUCH TIME AS YOU CAN SPARE WILL
BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
REMEMBER THIS BENEFITS
YOUR LODGE
SEE YOU THERE

THE VETERAN’S COMMITTEE IS PLANNING A BOWLING TOURNAMENT AT OCEAN LANES. \$125. FOR A 4-PERSON TEAM INCLUDES YOUR BOWLING, 1ST DRINK AT THE LODGE, AND A BUFFET WITH CASH BAR. AN EXTRA PERSON ON YOUR TEAM WILL BE \$10.00. MUST BE AN ELK IN GOOD STANDING. LIMITED TO 42 TEAMS. SEE DINO FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SHOOT THAT PUCK

by Dave McWilliam

Regular Thursday night Shuffleboard will resume on Thursday, Sept. 14th and weekly thereafter. A kickoff dinner will be held at Villa Victoria in Brick on Sept. 7th at 6:30 PM.

Over the summer, the players have been practicing; however, on a recent week it was apparent that the men have improved their game a little more than the women. In an effort to increase their team chances, the women had imported “Viola”, a hanger specialist from Florida (Gloria Adamo’s sister). She, along with Gloria, Lois McW, Honey O’K and Camille C. challenged a 3-man men’s team composed of Jack C, Gus and Dave McW. While the women came close one game, losing 56/55, the other two games resulted in record setting losses for the women 74/23 and 51/20. With practice sessions now over, it looks like it will be a long season for the weaker sex.

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
 September, 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.



SEPTEMBER, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Vets Crew: Flank Steak/ Catch of the Day	2
3	4 Labor Day	5 Lodge Meeting 8pm Officers Mtg.7:45	6 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM Pop Warner	7 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	8 House Crew: Pot Roast/ Catch of the Day	9 Mash Picnic Sea Girt
10 NFL Sunday Football	11 Boy Scouts Pig Roast Meeting 7:30	12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting House Comm Mtg. 7:30	13	14 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	15 NO DINNER PREP FOR OCTOBER- FEST	16 OCTOBER- FEST
17 NFL Sunday Football	18 Boy Scouts Pig Roast Meeting 7:30	19 Lodge Meeting 8pm Officers Mtg.7:45	20 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM	21 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	22 Elks Crew Coconut crusted tila- pia/stuffed chicken	23 Pop Warner Kids Dance
24 NFL Sunday Football	25 Boy Scouts Pig Roast Meeting 7:30	26 Ladies Auxiliary Social House Comm Mtg. 7:30	27 Pop Warner Exec. Bd.	28 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	29 Cus' crew Stuffed pork chops/ Shrimp Scampi	October 2 Golf Outing See article in the Antler

DINO'S FAMOUS SAUSAGE SALE

**ORDER BY SAT. SEPTEMBER 23, PICKUP ON WED. SEPTEMBER 27
\$5.00 PER POUND, CHECKS ONLY**

_____ # SWEET _____ # MILD _____ # HOT _____ THERMONUCLEAR

PLEASE PLACE IN ENVELOPE WITH CHECK IN PER MAILBOX

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Joe Rager, P.E.R. and Dino Castronova P.E.R. were among other 1698 officers, members, and friends at the ceremony. Later, all enjoyed the dinner feast served by John Gartz's House Committee. Most important of all, the day was enjoyed by Dee Dalik, Cus' wife, who doesn't expect to see her busy D.D. husband much in the next year, and Steven Dalik, Cus' son who may need to find a temporary replacement fishing buddy.

Brother Cus has volunteered uncountable hours to Elkdome, perhaps most notably to his beloved National Veterans Service Committee. He has held several official positions in the Lodge and has washed dishes after Friday Night dinners. He has chaired a State Committee & Lodge committees and has cooked hot dogs in the parking lot for innumerable affairs. He follows his suggestions with hard work. He practices what he preaches. His volunteerism is the embodiment of Elkdome.



Dan DeCorcia presenting a Proclamation to Chairman Mike Travisano and his committee at Pt. Pleasant Town Council Meeting

PIG ROAST UPDATE

by Colleen Castronova

Our first pig roast is slated to be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006**

RAIN DATE OCTOBER 8, 2006

From 1 to 9 PM. The event is actually to mark our 60th Anniversary, so we'll have lots of food for the vast amount of people we expect to attend. With a membership of over 800, we expect to "rock the house." In other words, we want everyone to attend and show their pride in turning 60!!

The tickets are only \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for 10 years or under. This includes all you can eat...all the beer or soda you can drink...and live music all day with the Mango's, The Ed Austin Bank and Outside the Box.

THE HAWK 105.7 will be setting up a booth to broadcast live from 2:30 to 4:30.

Along with our cash bar, we will also be featuring shot specials throughout the day.

What better way to end the summer and celebrate the lack of traffic???

Tickets are on sale at the bar and available at the door.

Call Colleen @732-295-0989 for info and to volunteer your services the day of the event. We can use the help.

THANKS EVERYONE!!!

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Travisano, Chairman

It is taking a long time but we are continually working on the Veteran's Memorial Park. We have planted flowers, repainted all the Lodge entrance signs and had a general clean-up/beautification of the park. We are continuing to do more by installing new benches, new lighting and plan to add a stone border around the flag pole area.

Our last fishing trip of the season was held on August 16th with guests from Vets Haven and Navesink Harbor. Not many fish were caught but it was a beautiful day and all enjoyed it. The Veterans returned to the Lodge and were treated to a fish luncheon/dinner. A prize for the first "keeper" caught and the biggest fish were given out. On this trip the same person won both prizes.

On August 15th the Veteran's committee was invited to the Pt. Pleasant Beach Town Hall where they were presented a Proclamation by the Mayor & Council given in recognition of the Elks National Veteran's Service Commission for their dedication to the support of America's Veterans.

The Veteran's Committee will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets at the Octoberfest of Sept. 16th

The MASH picnic is on 9/9/ at the National Guard Center in SeaGirt. Cost is \$10.00, children under 12 free. Our Lodge has been asked to bring a box of wine & a case of water. See me for tickets.

The SED NVSC District meeting will be held on Sept. 11th and the next NVSC meeting for #1698 will be held on September 6th.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Chris Olleamar	Certified Public Accountant	D. Gribble
Jurriann Doncila Parlow	School Teacher, Jackson	Carol McMenamy
Donna Firca-Tranchite	Coordinator Social Services, Union County	Carol McMenamy
Susan Gmahle	Home Maker	Ned Martin
Kathy Taylor	Retired Chocolate candy maker	Dru Kegreiss, PER
Paul Pantaleone	Utility Service Dispatcher, PSE&G	John E. Veprek, PER PSP
Peter John Kalibat	Retired Pharmacist	Bill Hennessy

PROPOSED FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Ronald C. Keifer #01434

37 Elk Years

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Our Elks Lodge is a business whose only "product" is to make the world a little better place through donations, volunteerism and the support of worthwhile causes. Like any business the production of these goods requires resources....time, money and interest. Help our business succeed with your support!

ELKS "GRIP & RIP IT" GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006 8:00 AM SHOTGUN START

LAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

\$110.00 PER GOLFER, SENIOR PRICE \$85.00

PRIZES, \$10,000 HOLE IN ONE, LONGEST DRIVE, 50-50

SIT DOWN PRIME RIB DINNER, 2 HR. OPEN BAR

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE GRILL ROOM

\$50.00 DEPOSIT REQUIRED, FULL PAYMENT BY 9/17/06

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