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EXALTED RULER MESSAGE

Members All,
Thanks to all our members who helped make our audit and DD visitation successful.

Fall activities have kept us busy with the Street Fair, Special Olympics and **Mary Blackadder's** Tag Sale.

Events such as the above mentioned and more are very dependent on volunteerism. Without you helping and giving of your time we cannot have these events succeed. The members, who are always here, need more help. Many of you who joined our lodge need to get involved. Most committees can use an extra pair of hands. We are dedicated to work for many charities which depend on our financial support and volunteer effort. Please join us: your time and support is a gift to many people.

Members, please remember November is Veterans month. Our veterans need all types of support. Please make an effort to do whatever you can to help them, believe me when I say it is wholeheartedly appreciated.

December 4th is Memorial Day Sunday and we will be having a ceremony in honor of our fallen Elks. Please make it a point to attend this service and share your dedication to our brothers and sisters.... And a Happy Holidays to all.

Respectfully,
Liz, ER

ELKS MEMORIAL DAY

On Sunday, December 4, 2011 the Yorktown Elks will be holding its annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor the memory of those members of our Lodge who died in 2010 and 2011. This short, yet poignant, ceremony will commence at **3:00p.m. at our Lodge**. All Lodge officers are expected to be in formal dress and should meet at the Lodge by 2:00p.m. for a brief presentation preceding the 3:00p.m. ceremony.

Your attendance at this important event would be greatly appreciated by the families of our recently deceased members and would further serve as a fitting tribute and show of support to keep the memory of our departed members alive.

A collation will be held at the Lodge following the Memorial Day ceremony for all members and guests in attendance.

Yours truly,
Charles J. Scheld

**IMPORTANT
DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**VETERANS
DAY
NOV 11**

**SPECIAL
OLYMPICS
NOV 12
ADAPTIVE
GAMES**

**THANKSGIV-
ING DAY
NOV 24**

**LODGE
MEMORIAL
DAY
SUNDAY
DEC 4**

**CHRISTMAS
DEC 25**

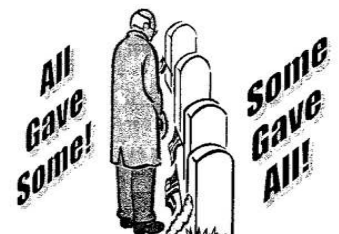
**LODGE HOOP
SHOOT
SATURDAY
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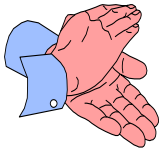
**BINGO
EVERY
THURSDAY
DOORS OPEN
1700 HRS.
GAME
START 1850**

SPECIAL MESSAGE Let Us Never Forget

A 'Veteran' -- whether on active duty, discharged, retired, or in the military reserve -- is someone who, at one point in life, wrote a blank check made payable to: 'The United States of America,' for an amount of 'Up To, and Including His or Her Life.'

**GOD BLESS
THEM ALL**

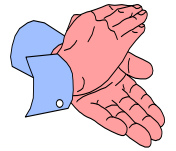




THANK YOU



THANK YOU



KUDOS KORNER

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY AND RICH DESILVA

Once again, **Mary** has already reached the per capita goal for ENF and has received \$ 2000 in Grants from Grand Lodge for reaching this plateau. This money will be used to fund the projects we specified in the applications. Her effort provides us with a significant boost in funds which we make available to our community. Super Job Mary!!

Rich has become the second member of our Lodge to reach the \$ 1000 donor level to ENF. Thanks for your kind generosity and dedication to this program.

Their achievements were acknowledged by **Al Schrock** with appropriate awards during his DD visit .

NYSEA MAJOR PROJECT - CEREBRAL PALSY

Members and Friends...As you know, one of the most important fundraisers for the NYSEA Major Project is the Mid Hudson District Raffle. This year our Lodge was allocated thirty \$100.00 tickets. First prize in the raffle is \$10,000.00. Second prize is \$1,000.00. The drawing will be held on March 3, 2012 at Beacon Lodge. All individuals purchasing a raffle ticket (or a portion thereof) are entitled to attend the drawing where there will be a complimentary buffet with free beer and wine. Please let me know if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket or if you would like me to put one aside for you to pay at a later date. Thank you again for your continued support in this very worthy charitable cause.

Charles J. Scheld

Lodge NYSEA Project Chairman

HELP WANTED

Position - Catering Co - Chair

Anthony Venditti has notified the Trustees that he is seeking some relief for some of the duties of Catering Chairperson. At this time we are seeking interested individuals that may be interested in discussing volunteering for the position to work with Anthony as a Co-Chairperson. If you would like to be a valuable part of the a critical income source for the lodge and would like to know more about the responsibilities, please contact **Dave Yazzetti** or **Rich D'Andrea**

LODGE MAJOR PROJECT—SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On September 17, our volunteers enjoyed a beautiful fall day at FDR park while helping run the Fall Games/Cycling event....Our thanks go to the following who helped make the day a success. **Bryan Bagala, Bruno Bagala, Mary Blackadder, Vic Bonci, Clara Cartelli, Noreen Charlonis, Marty Flannery, Grace Gibney, Jim Hamilton, Danny Lopresti** and his grandson **Sebastian Virga, Lori Moore, Kathleen O'Keefe, Bill O'Reilly, Joe Pikula, and Jim Vignola.**

On October 15, The Hudson Valley Region held its Golf Competition at the Mohansic Park Golf Course and Driving Range. Once again our volunteers served to help make their skills competition a success: they were; **Mike Adamovich, Paul Egan, Rich D'Andrea, Jim Hamilton, Bobby Kramer, Danny Lopresti** and his grandson **Sebastian Virga, Bill O'Reilly, Joe Pikula, Tom Pikula, Jerry Sammon, and Charlie Scheld.**

Thank You ALL for the great support for this program....hope to see you at the next event....Adaptive Games at Saint Agatha's in Nanuet on November 12.

Joe

ENF - Elks National Foundation

Elks members. There are over \$8 million dollars spent on Youth Activities ie, Scholarships, Hoop shoot, Soccer shootout, Drug awareness, Americanism contest and the Veterans Program. ENF – Elks National Foundation does many things with the donations they receive from our members.

Thank you to the following people who donated \$10.00 or more for the year 2011-2012 to the Elks National Foundation. Through your donations we made our per capita and applied for and received a \$2,000 grant. This grant will be helping the senior citizens in the Yorktown community. As many of you may know, there is major construction being done at the Yorktown Senior Center to make it a more desirable place for the seniors to meet and socialize. There is a need for several items to furnish this Center, one in particular is chairs with arms that are accessible for handicapped people. This is where you people have helped, because of your donations to Elks National Foundation we can purchase the chairs. We also distribute dictionaries to St. Patrick’s and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton third graders.

Michael Adamovich, Andrew Alimonti, Dennis Beers, Gerald Beyer, Mary Blackadder, Virgil Borrelli, Thomas Bradley, William Calcutti, Jim Capone, Richard Cariello, Ben Colabattista, Bruce Conkling, Michael Cook, Richard D’Andrea, Luis Delgado, Al De Prado, Mary De Silva, Richard De Silva, Thomas Dunning, Paul Egan, Robert Falco, Roland Faucher, Teddy Galgano, John Galvin, William Geis Jr, Elizabeth Gentile, Wayne Gorski, John Gravenese, Arthur Greason, Mark Hembury, John Hufnagel, John Hyler, Teddy Izzo, Charles Jones, Dennis Kivel, William Kivel, Lothar Kosche, Robert Kramer, Barbara Leifels, Vincent Lemma, Vincent Licenziato, Frank Luongo, Michael Magnani, George Mann, James Mallon, Peter Mastropolo, Michael C. Miller, Michael Mullins, Patrick Murphy, James Pagano, Richard Paul, Wayne Perosky, Frank Petriello, Anthony Poli, Arlington E. Pullins, Ed Santiago, Charles Scheld, Robert M. Selja, Andrew Tumolo, Arthur Turner, Fred Versaci, James Vignola, David Yazzetti, and Ilona Zabolotny.

If there are members who would like to contribute, mail a check to the Lodge, or you have any questions about Elks National Foundation, please call me at 914-962-7723.

Mary De Silva, ENF Chairlady

MEMBERS

Bruno Bagala	Patrick Murphy
Russell Braun	Robert Myers
Frederick Gauthier	Joe Pikula
Kevin Green	Gene Pullins
Donald Kenneally	Randy Stebbins
Anthony Martelli	Jesse Tiani
Joe McDonald	Fred Versaci
Alan Murphy	

CELEBRATION TIME

NOVEMBER

SPOUSES

Pamela Adamovich
Vanessa Jones
Millicent Masi
JoAnn Venditti



Ed & Marion Augustine
Virgil & Denise Borrelli
Irving & Sandra Breitbart
Joe & Virginia Cacciola
Robert & Joann Cole
Jack & Barbara McCarthy
George & Gail Ondek



DECEMBER

Mike Adamovich	William Graham	James Matthews
Anthony Alasco	Tony Grasso	Thomas Murphy
Fred Beardsley	Mark Hembury	Frank Petriello
Fred Bottega	William Hopper	Andrew Ryder
Noreen Charlonis	Charles Jones	Neil Ruocco
Steve De Lillo	William Kivel	Jerry Sammon
Max Elsworth	Lothar Kosche	Anthony Savo
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Karl Fischer	Michael Magnani	

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Carol Cook
Laurel Hopper
Courtney McCarthy
Caroline Murphy
Gail Ondek
Janina Percival
Gynette Pullins
Marie Ryder
Susan Williams

William & Vanessa Jones
James & Barbara Mallon
Robert & Dorothy Marro
Neil & Carol Ruocco
Andrew & Joanne Tumolo

TO ALL OF YOU, WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY



52 CLUB WINNERS

- 07/27 - Grace Gibney
- 08/03 - Grace Gibney
- 08/10 - Pete McKenna
- 08/17 - Pete Gubello
- 08/24 - Ben Colabattista
- 08/31 - Joe Metrovich
- 09/07 - Paul Egan
- 09/14 - Mike Adamovich
- 09/21 - Ben Colabattista
- 09/28 - Joe Pikula
- 10/05 - Anthony Cacciola
- 10/12 - John Gembecki

MEMBERSHIP

As of October 19th, there are 20 members in arrears. You are in arrears 6 months. Please forward your check.

Application for Membership

Hans Fischer Proposer **Don Simone**

LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary , in conjunction with several lady Elk members held a Tag Sale at the Lodge in October. Congratulations to **Mary Blackadder** and her team for doing an outstanding job in this successful fund raising effort. Thank You all

LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

ELKS National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Applications for senior High School students are available at the Guidance Offices of Lakeland and Yorktown High Schools. Application can also be downloaded from the ENF website at <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>. The DEADLINE for return of the scholarship applications to our Lodge is Friday, DECEMBER 2. Additionally, for seniors who are children or grandchildren of Elk members (living or disabled/deceased) ; separate applications including the ENF - Legacy Awards, - Emergency Educational Grants, and the New York State Elks Association Scholarship Award are available from the Lodge For Additional Information, call the Lodge @ (914) 245 - 9839

Jim Morrison Scholarship Chairman

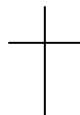
HOOP SHOOT

The Lodge hoop shoot contest will be held on Saturday, January 7, at the Yorktown High School. The local school competition is currently underway, and the winners in the 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 year old boy/girl divisions from Brookside, Copper Beech, Crompond, St. Patrick, and Van Cortlandtville schools will compete for the title of Lodge Champion. Winners will then compete in the District shoot –out to be held on January 22. Those contestants who continue winning will proceed through the New York State Regional and NY State finals, followed by the National Regional and National Finals in Springfield Massachusetts. National Champions then become enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Good Luck to all

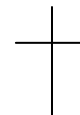
Mike Littleton, Hoop Shoot Chairman

Sickness or Distress as of 10/20/2011

IN MEMORIAM



Richard "Dick" Bennett 1925 - 2011
 Salvatore "Sam" Visconti 1925 - 2011



We send our Prayers & Best Wishes to all who are ill and/or recuperating at home or in the hospital:

Fred Beardsley, Pete Gubello, John Hyler, Bill Lynch, Peter Mastropolo, Joe Rago,

If you know of anyone who is ill or needs help, please call the Lodge (914) 245 - 9839

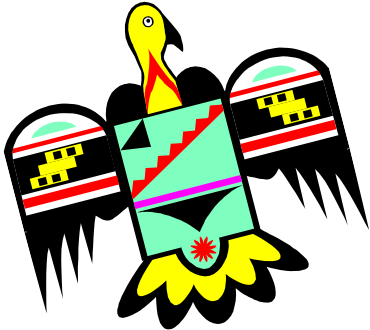


ELKS CARE
ELKS SHARE

Give Thanks



AMERICAN INDIAN
HERITAGE DAY



THANKSGIVING



CHRISTMAS



A TIME
FOR
THANKS



A TIME
FOR
GIVING



A TIME FOR SHARING

HAPPY
CHANUKAH

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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