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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brothers All,

The summer is over and fall is upon us. I hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is my favorite season, with the dropping of temperature and changing of the foliage, it is by far the most beautiful of the seasons. Fall brings on the start of football, baseball playoffs, hockey and yes hunting. I wish all you football fans and your teams the best of luck this season. It is going to be tough beating America's team this season although Bill Dailey and his skins handed us a tough loss we are still very committed to going to the show this year. As for the Yankees and the Mets, well you all know how that turned out, very disappointing and better luck next year guys. It is too early to talk about the Devils and Rangers, so we will wait a little on that. As for my favorite sport, hunting. I shot a doe a couple weeks ago and Brian Boyce, Jr. got a nice seven pointer as for Phil and Brian Sr. well lets just say one of those deer. Phil keeps on wounding is gonna die sooner or later and Brian, Jr. has to get out of bed to get in the woods to see any deer.

We had our Annual Jim McInnes Crab Tournament, thanks to our Chairman Dennis McInnes and his team. The kids had a great time. The food and games were outstanding and our winners took home a couple bucks. I know how disappointed everyone was the 9-11 service being canceled. It seems there was a miscommunication between us, the township, the marina and the people who are taking over for stretch. I am confident that this will not happen again, for there is a committee being formed on this matter and we have two of our members who are on that committee (Joe Megrath-Chaplain) and Bob Santoro-Veterans Committee).

I would like to thank Ed Hahn for a great day of golfing. We got the day in before the rain came. Just a reminder to some, although golf is not a very physical sport it is a long day and you must pace yourself. If you don't, you could wind up sleeping at the bar, isn't that right Eddie K. LOL. Welcome to Elkdome Rookie.

The PERs had their annual horseshoe tournament and the winners are Rich Centanni and Jim Seely. Nice shooting



Michael Parulis, Jr.
Exalted Ruler

gents. Speaking of PERs, our baby PER Nick Giuriceo had his Testimonial Cocktail Party. Nick and his family would like to thank all who came. It was wonderful party for a man who has done so much for our lodge and continues to do so.

I would like to thank the members once again for showing their thoughtfulness and generosity. Member Tom Fette and the Italian American Club had a benefit here and was a great success. Speaking of a great success had about that 80's dance Todd Syrdale and his crew did a fine job. The music was hot, the food was cool and the people were delighted. It is always nice when we help out such an organization as IMPACT which helps Autistic children in Middletown. The Special Children Committee worked very hard on it and I thank you Todd

and your committee, my wife and I had a wonderful time. To all officers and committeemen, our previsit is coming up, you should have your reports started for the District Deputy. If you do not, please see myself or the Lodge Secretary for report forms.

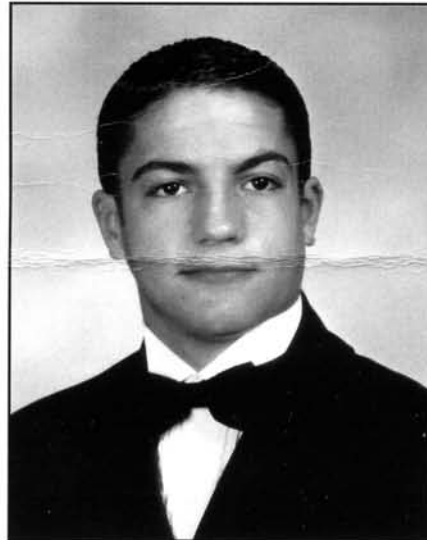
Last thing to mention is that the Veterans Committee will be hosting a Comedy Night on Halloween this month. I know tickets are selling fast so get them while you can this is going to be another gut buster, don't miss it. Please be advised this is not a G rated show everyone is fair game especially on Halloween ooooohhh. I almost forgot to tell ya all I saw an old face in the bar the other night and had a few drinks with him. Why it was our own Donald Desfosse, hey welcome back Donny, nice to see ya! Well thats all for now and don't forget we can do anything to keep Elkdom growing by just pitching in a little bit at at time. Please remember to use that website There is alot of info on that site. Which does not make it is the bulletin all the time so please check it regularly and send us some replys. Remember the best ideas come from you the members. Well thats it and I hope to see all around the club.

United We Stand , Divided We Fall
Fraternally yours, Michael Parulis, Jr.

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ELK OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2008

Although very opinionated at times, this gentlemen always has the best interests of the lodge at heart and is always there to lend a hand whether it be Drug Awareness, the kitchen or committees in the lodge. My Elk of the Month is Brian Copeman.

Special Children's Committee

Hello Brothers,

We at the SCC hope everyone had a great summer. We started our Spaghetti Dinners again, my thanks to Nick Giuriceo for running the dinners and all his help. These dinners would not happen without him. As of this writing we are getting ready for our 80s dance to benefit the group Impact. This group works to help children with Autism here in Middletown. I am looking forward to a fun night. We at the SCC are currently in the process of planning our Charity Ball. If anyone has a child they wish to be considered for our poster child, who needs our help please contact me. Well that's it for now. Please do not forget our Spaghetti Dinners on the first Wednesday of every month. We are also having our Halloween Party on October 26 from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Take Care and Remember
We are all Gods Special Children
Thank you, Todd Syrdale

12th Annual William J. Grant Memorial Horseshoe Tournament



1st Place



2nd Place



3rd Place

Secretary's Corner

I would like to thank everyone who attended P.E.R. Nick Giuriceo's Cocktail Party. Special thanks to Carol Maloney, Mike and Linda Brazauckas, Dan McCartan, C.J. Bolin and Sheri Brant for making the party a success.

The annual Lodge Hoopshoot will take place at Croydon Hall on Sunday November 23 at 9:00am. More information will follow in next bulletin.

Dan Maloney, Secretary



In Memoriam

The Ladies Auxiliary recently lost a very lovely member... Linda McGrogan. passed away a few weeks ago. Linda was a past officer of the Auxiliary, holding the position of corresponding secretary. Linda, also was lady of the year under Marge Smith's Presidency. She loved to line dance and enjoyed the functions of the Auxiliary. She loved to model at the Fashion Show. Linda had a beautiful voice, having majored in music at the College of New York. She loved to sing at Pete D'Antone and Harry Chamber's summer parties. She loved Kenny G and also country music but she had to be in the mood to sing. She loved to go to concerts at Sandy Hook and be with her friends and her husband Larry, who was her soul mate. She was so happy being married to him. She loved to spend the weekend with Rose Anne, Ed, Ellie, and Herb down near Smithville Inn and stay at their mobile home. She also was great friends with Kay and Dave. She was always ready to help anyone. She chauffeured Mike Nesfield anytime he needed a drive. She was also always offering to drive me to the doctors when I hurt my foot. She was a member of the 4 o'clock club and loved to talk with Ken and Jane Thompson, (everyone loved Ken) Linda loved the Christmas holiday and after my husband Danny passed away she insisted I come to her house on Christmas Eve and become a part of her family holiday. Her parents and cousins came and her father, who had a great baritone voice would sing a little and tell us what show he was going to be in. I think Linda inherited his wonderful voice. She always had a very large Christmas Tree with ornaments from all her friends. I enjoyed this for many years until Linda become ill, then she did not feel like doing all the decorating. She loved flowers and was very happy to receive the lovely flowers from the Auxiliary, after she came home from the hospital. She used to say she had no luck with plants and that she killed plastic. However, she always had a great garden in the spring, planting tomatoes and cucumbers in containers, she supplied friends and neighbors with her veggies. She was also a member of the V.F.W. and loved to be in the company of Bill and Sandy Wetzel and had pet names for him. She was always proud to fly the American Flag and was rewarded each year by the V.F.W. She had a wonderful personality and was always gracious and my dear friend you will be missed.

With Deepest Sympathy, Chris Marchetti





Veterans Committee

Dear Members,

This month the Veterans Committee proudly presents our annual "Comedy Night at the Elks". This event will be held on Friday, October 31, 2008. Tickets are on sale now, so either see any Veterans Committee member or call me at 908-601-1721 and reserve your table now! Tickets are \$45.00 per person for the Dinner and Show.

We did receive a Thank you card from Bravo Company thanking everyone for your donations over the past few months. I am proud of the Middletown Elks 2179 for really digging deep to help. This Committee would be nothing without every one of you. I hope we can help more Vets' in the future, understand what we can do as an unit. This lodge is working its way back on the map. I know people are starting to notice us again. Hope to see everybody at our "Comedy Night".

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Bob Santoro, Chairman



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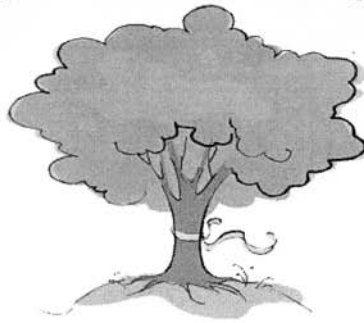
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lives to put together the most
meaningful day for our family (Aug.
8th 2008). Their words strong
enough to show our thanks for the
contributions made. We are asking
the ELKS to send our love and thanks
to all that supported and came out
to celebrate this day.

We want to say an extra thank
you to Marion Shannon, Al "Buster"
Pollard, Evie Pollard, Cathy Merker,
and Elaine McCormick. The event
was a success.

Lots of love & thanks

Pollard Family

James, Danielle, Graigory, Lyndsey

COMEDY NIGHT

AT THE ELKS

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Veterans Committee



by: Robert H. Murray (Author)

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Abstract

The author takes us through an amazing seventy-nine year journey, from poverty to respected attorney, while concealing the fact that he was legally blind. From a first encounter with his blindness, to his final surrender and admitting that he is blind, he does not allow his blindness prevent him from reaching his goals. The author unveils his life in an orphanage; foster homes, service in World War II, thirty years of teaching, public office, admission to the Bar at age sixty-nine and beyond. As his life unfolds he rarely mentions his blindness.

★★★★★ Inspiring , 09/07/2008

Reviewer: Carol

I always knew Bob Murray was a wonderful, charismatic human being. Blind Man's Bluff allows the reader the opportunity and privledge to learn of his life from humble begins to success while remaining consistant in humility and personality. The world would be a better place if there were more people like Bob Murray in it! I am truly blessed that he was my teacher in KHS! *KEANSBURG High School*

Was this review helpful?

★★★★★ **An incredible life . 07/13/2008**

Reviewer: Roz

What a compelling autobiography of a truly fascinating man. It is so gripping to read about each phase of his interesting life. All you can think is how is it possible that one person can be confronted with so much negativity yet endure through it all. It's unbelievable that so many barriers stood in his way yet he was able to overcome each and every one by his relentless perseverance and constant positive attitude. I read half of the book through watery, blurry vision either from laughing at his Irish humor relaying certain situations or from feeling so touched and sad at the many adversities he had to face. I hope those "dark clouds" he mentions have finally all dissipated and the next eighty years for him and his wife are "easier". I wonder who will play Bob when this book is made into a movie.

Member of the Elks

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12	13	14	15 CANDY BAR BINGO	16	17 BINGO	18
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