

May 2022

THE MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN OF THE MIDDLETOWN B.P.O. ELKS LODGE 2179 251 Church Street • Belford, New Jersey 07718 • (732) 495-2733 • www.middletownelks2179.org

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of U.S.A. A Fraternal Organization EXALT RULE R'S

Well, the month of May is upon us and one month down and it has been one whirl wind of a month, so much happening things to plan for and meetings to attend. But with your help and support and advice anything can be achieved.

Things are buzzing in the lodge, a big feather in our cap, we have a District Deputy Designate in our ranks, our very own Mike Dickie. I am so happy for Mike, he has worked very hard over the years to make this Lodge the best in the District and all that hard work has paid off. Congrats Mike.

Rich Jaeger Exalted Ruler

The April Spaghetti dinner was a super big

success over 50 dinners served, we sold out of everything Tom Cribbin had to run out and get more meatballs, the meatballs donated and made by Sue Foster went so fast and they were very good. Thanks Sue and thank you to the kitchen staff - Betty and Kathy for all that you do.

Hall rentals are back to full strength which brings in a huge amount of revenue to the lodge. Thank you to Al Smith keep up the good job. So when you see Al setting up the hall jump in and give him a hand.

I failed to mention in my last bulletin that Lecturing Knight Billy Nicholls has won placed 1st in Ritual Competition and also won awards for highest total score in the whole competition, that is awesome. He did a great performance. Note to officers' competition is starting again soon, So in the words of Mike Roche "learn that poem". New class on May 15th.

Well, the long-delayed Middletown Saint Paddy's Day parade went off well. Thank you to all that marched including my granddaughter who marched with me. I could have not been prouder as your Exalted Ruler leading you. (sorry Mike we will have a Scottish Day for you too).

The Ladies Auxiliary Bar Crawl was a big hit, fun was had by all. The ladies plan this event for two times a year. So show them your support and buy some tickets and Tee shirts when run this again. Thank you, Tisa and Ginger, and all of you wonderful and fabulous ladies.

The Special Children / Youth Activities Easter Party was a whole lot of fun, I

enjoyed helping to stuff the Easter Eggs (I did take a few jelly beans) and who was the

Easter Bunny? Thank you, Ron Steinberger, for cooking for the kids and guests. And thank you to our Easter Bunny, Tom Walsh.

The races are back! We will be having our own Kentucky Derby Races in the Lodge on May 7th so bring some extra cash and bet on your favorite pony, this is a great event and fun filled for winners and losers.

In closing I want to thank everyone who makes the lodge what it is. Mostly the house and grounds crew who keep the building standing. Last item, bartenders are needed desperately! See Charlie or Nick if you are interested.

Yours in Brotherhood.

Rich Jaeger, ER

Ever Practice Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelty



ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS 2022-2023

EXALTED RULER
LEADING KNIGHTFran Corridon
LOYAL KNIGHT AI Smith, PER
LECTURING KNIGHT Donald Desfosse, PEOY
LODGE SECRETARY Edward Hahn, PDD732-670-1775
LODGE TREASURER \ldots . Mike Trieste, PDD $\ldots\ldots$. 908-902-3447
TILER Dave Bennett
ESQUIRE John Steakin, Jr.
CHAPLAIN John Steakin, Jr.
INNER GUARDMichael Quilty, PEOY

TRUSTEES

ONE YEAR TRUSTEE Robert Fairhurst, PER 732-977-7216
TWO YEAR TRUSTEEKevin Brittain, PER732-371-7513
THREE YEAR TRUSTEEMichael Anghelone732-546-7734
FOUR YEAR TRUSTEE Ron Steinberger
FIVE YEAR TRUSTEE Richard Miranda

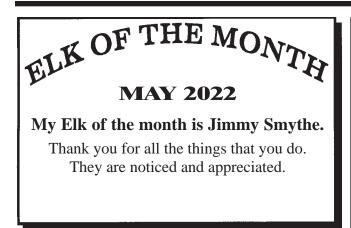
HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Nick Figaro, PVP Members: Fran Corridon, PER Al Smith, PER Donnie Anderson, PER Charlie Diehl Jimmy Smythe

Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

ACCIDENT PREVENTION Donald Desfosse, PEOY
AMERICANISM John Plumacher, PEOY732-500-6084
ARMY OF HOPE Mike Parulis, Jr., PER848-218-8308
AUDITING
BLOOD BANKJohn Plumacher, PEOY732-500-6084
BULLETINJohn Desiato
CONVENTIONFran Corrdion
DRUG AWARENESS AI Smith, PER
ELKS MEMORIAL DAY. Daniel P. Maloney, PDD732-915-9351
FLAG DAYDaniel P. Maloney, PDD732-915-9351
GOLF TOURNAMENT Francis Corridon
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS. Donald Desfosse, PEOY
HALL BOOKINGS AI Smith, PER 732-495-4633
HOOP SHOOTRon Steinberger
HOUSE Nick Figaro, PER
HOUSE & GROUNDS Jason Bossick
INDOCTRINATION Edward Hahn, PDD732-670-1775
INVESTIGATION Charlie Diehl
JUSTICE
LAPSATION
LODGE ACTIVITIES Donald Desfosse, PEOY
MEDIATORKen Massicotte, PER
MEMBERSHIP Edward Hahn, PDD732-670-1775
MOTORCYCLE Andy Howard 908-902-8268
NATIONAL FOUNDATION Edward Hahn, PDD732-670-1775
NATIONAL SERVICE Francis Corridon
OFFICERS TRAINING Daniel P. Maloney, PDD 732-915-9351
PARADES Edward Hahn, PDD732-670-1775
PUBLIC RELATIONS Donald Desfosse, PEOY
RITUAL Ed Hahn, PDD & Dan Maloney732-670-1775
SATURDAY CLUB Ike Dziadzio732-337-9306
SCHOLARSHIPRich Niekrash732-671-0463
SICKNESS & DISTRESS Mark Kelly
SOCCER SHOOTOUT Tom Cribbin, PER 347-451-7913
SOC. COMM. WELFARE AI Smith, PER732-495-4633
SPECIAL CHILDREN Tom Cribbin, PER347-451-7913
YOUTH ACTIVITIES Charlie Diehl





ROBERT "CAPT. BOB " SEE



Come out and celebrate your MOM with us At our Mother's Day Breakfast

On Sunday, May 8th at 10:00 AM Breakfast will be served followed by a Short Elk service honoring MOM. All members and Family are welcome.

Cost: Adults \$8, Children \$5, Moms Free

Please contact Rich Jaeger so I can get a count of who is attending. 732 241-3753 text or call / rjaeger@verizon.net

MIDDLETOWN ELKS #2179 PRESENTS





SATURDAY MAY 7th

COME DOWN TO THE LODGE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FUN WITH OUR OWN HORSE RACES

THERE WILL BE 6 RACES AND FIRST RACE @ 3:00 PM FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE THANKS TO THE LADIES AUXILLARY



COME DOWN AND ENJOY ELKS HONORING FLAG DAY

Flag Day will take place Sunday, June 12 at 11:00 am

Refreshments will follow.

For further information call Dan Maloney at 732-915-9351.



Elks and Patriotism

The Order of Elks is committed to promoting the patriotic principles of individual freedom, opportunity, and dignity. In 1911, the Grand Lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself an Elks member, designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

Freedom Is Not Free

BY 1988 AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC CADET MAJOR KELLY STRONG

I watched a flag pass by one day. It fluttered in the breeze. A young marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud. With hair cut square and eyes alert, He'd stand out in any crowd.

> I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years. How many died on foreign soil, How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea? How many died on foreign soil? No, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

I heard the sound of taps one night When everything was still. I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times That taps had meant, "Amen!" When a flag had draped a coffin of a relative or friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives, Of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea, Of unmarked graves in Arlington. No! FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a proud member of the Citizens Flag Alliance which supports legislation prohibiting physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

South Central District Committee meetings for the Month of May will be held at Eatontown Lodge #2402, 216 Broad St., Eatontown 07724 Ph: 732 542-9735

The following Committees will be meeting: Army of Hope, Convention, Membership & Member Retention, National Veteran Service, Parades.

Meeting Date: 5/17/2022 at 7:30 pm, Dress code casual.

If anyone needs a ride, let me know. Rich Jaeger, ER Ph: 732 241-3753 rjaeger@verizon.net







your hard work. Very appreciated

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2022-2023

President
I st V.P Michelle Fairhurst
Treasurer
Recording Secretary Debbi Gerardi 201-978-7223
Corresponding SecJanet Desfosse732-788-4839
Chaplain
Executive Board
Kathy Corridon
Tisa Dziadzio
Lisa Hahn 733,757,3981

LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

May 25th..... Ladies Auxiliary Meeting June 29th..... Ladies Auxiliary Meeting



Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Happy May, getting closer to summer. Convention is coming . Always a great weekend. If you missed the bar crawl, you missed a great day. Tisa, awesome job. Everyone had a great time . Thank you ER Rich Jaeger and PER Don Defosse for cooking all the food and feeding us when we got back. Thank you ladies for donating all the food. Thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who came or bought a shirt to support us.

May 7th, Charlie Diehl is having Day at the Races -Kentuckey Derby time. Ladies are cooking again all food donated by our great Ladies Auxillary. You ladies are the best. Starts at 3pm, come down have a drink see some friends or bring some friends. Great way to spend the day and support the lodge. Hope to see you there.

May 4th, Spaghetti dinner, 6 to 8pm, home made meatballs and sauce, chicken parm yummy. Sunday May 8th, Mother's Day breakfast and beautiful service by the men officers. Moms eat free, 10am to 12pm. Bring the family.

I would like to thank everyone who cooked meatballs and sauce and made all cupcakes for everything this year. I made a few phone calls and you all came through I truly apprieate it. I hope to see everyone at the upcoming events this year. Check the bulletin or call me see what's going on. The ladies are working hard to bring a few more things back this year. Janet is getting things going with a Steal Bingo in January. Tisa is looking into a Band Night, maybe a BBQ this summer. So watch the bulletin.

We are keeping traditons going and remembering the ladies who have past. You ladies never stop working, your the best. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY. If you would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary, please feel free to reach out to me or Tara Mirenda, who is our membership chair.

Fish Fry was very yummy. The men did an awesome job. Betty Anghelone is running a gas card event it goes off July 1st, if you are interested please call her. Our next meeting is May 25th at 7:30 pm and then June 29th at 7:30 pm. See you there.

Ginger Smith, President

BULLETIN BOOSTERS

Each booster helps to offset printing and mailing costs of this monthly newsletter. Boosters are for one year, and payable in advance. Please note your name, and when it is due. Thank you. ANY OVER DUE HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM LIST

January Tom & Flo Gormley February Tom McColgan April In Memory of Gene Ruck Mary Ruck Ed and Frann Glenney In Memory of Lou & Kay Dandorph Bill and Joan Burger Edna Bryk In Memory of Ray Bryk May Joan McTigue Jim and Pat Waked Mary and Richard Bryk Nicholas and Donna DiGrigorio June In Memory of Dan Marchetti Dan and Carol Maloney In Memory of Robert J. Brant July

Chris Marchetti Red, White, & Blue Mike and Nancy Brandine, Jr.

Address

City

August In Memory of Jack Spann Joe and Rosemary Keeney John and Kathy Steakin Ed and Lynn O'Kane September In Memory of Mary Brant Frank and Dianne Zechman October In Memory of PER John McTigue In Memory of Kathleen L. McCartan Dan McCartan Al and Cathy Grabau Bob and Alice Eckert In Memory of Bob Brant Kathleen Brant November In Memory of Willy Fix Chuck and Adrianne Bolin

Cathy Grabau December In Memory of Ken Thompson Jane Thompson "God's Little Miracles" Coach Saige

Please check to see if your payment is due - those more than two months in arrears will be dropped. Thank you for your support.

Please support your Bulletin Committee expenses of printing and mailing with a Booster. \$10.00 per person for a year • \$15.00 per couple Complete this coupon and send your check to: Middletown Elks #2179 ATTN: Lodge Secretary 251 Church St., Belford, NJ 07718 Name

State_

Zip

IF YOU HAVE A WHEELCHAIR AND DON'T NEED IT ANYMORE. PLEASE RETURN.

<u>May</u> Ladies Birthdays

1st - Mikey

- 2ND SHARON BEATTIE
- 2nd Tisa Dziadzio
- 8th Christina Crawford
- 9th Mary Bryk
- 16TH BETTY ANGEHLONE
- 20th Jean Robbolino
- **28TH SHERREE PATTERSON**
 - LADIES... ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAYS!

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Please remit your dues for 2021-2022. \$20.00 If you have any questions, please feel free to call Janet Desfosse 732.788.4839 Corresponding Secretary

SUNSHINE CHAIRLADY MESSAGE

Any Member Ill....or in the Hospital.... Please contact Cathy Grabau at 732-739-2933 to receive flowers or get well message...Thanks Cathy





Middletown Elks B.P.O.E. #2179 251 Church Street Belford, New Jersey 07718

or Current Resident

Calendar Events For May 2022							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 rental	2 NEW ER DINNER	3	4 SCC SPAGHETTI DINNER	5	6 RENTAL	7 KENTUCKY DERBY	
8 MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 10:00 AM	9	10 CORN HOLE	11 INDOCTRINATION	12 REGULAR MEETING	13 RENTAL	14 ^{Rental}	
15 NEW CLASS	16 darts	17 CORN HOLE	18 ^{FOP}	19	20	21	
22	23 DARTS	24 CORN HOLE	25 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	26 REGULAR MEETING	27	28 RENTAL	
29	30 DARTS	31					

Calendar Events For June 2022								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			1 CORN HOLE	2	3 LODGE CLOSED	4 LODGE CLOSED		
5 RENTAL	6 DARTS	7 CORN HOLE	8	9 REGULAR MEETING	10	11 RENTAL		
12 FLAG DAY <u>11:00 AM</u> RENTAL	13 darts	14 CORN HOLE	15 ^{fop}	16	17	18		
19 FATHER'S DAY SOFTBALL	20 DARTS	21 CORN HOLE	22	23 REGULAR MEETING	24	25 RENTAL		
26	27 darts	28 CORN HOLE	29 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	30				