

Greetings All,

These summer months are flying by. I hope everyone had a great 4th of July. The officers and myself were in Austin Texas at the annual Grand Lodge Convention. We were representing the state of New Jersey in the Ritualistic Contest. I am proud to say that we came in 16th place in the country. Thanks to all our officers and coaches and everyone that cheered us on and donated in any way to help us get there, and perform with the very best of the best. Great job PER Don Anderson for putting such a winning team together. During our Grand Lodge Meetings there were 21 resolutions voted on and 18 were passed and 3 were voted down. On July 19th the SCC committee held a lobster, clam and shrimp dinner at the lodge. It was a Grand Slam! Great job chairmen PER Tom Cribbin and PDD Mike Dickie and their entire committee and crew! DJ Nick kept the music playing all night long. Thanks PVP Nick Figaro. Can't wait till next year. Wednesday, September 4th will kick off our first spaghetti dinner of the year, come on down, one and all!

On July 21st we attended the DD Jewel Investiture in Jamesburg. The officers of Jamesburg did an awesome job with the Installation Ceremony. Congratulations DD Joe Debonis, I look forward to working with you this year.

On July 29th we were happy to have the Miracle Run stop at our lodge for some refreshments. Thanks to Don Anderson, Nick Figaro, Rich Merenda, and Mike Dickie for making their stay enjoyable.

I am sad to report that we lost a Lifetime member, Marty Flynn and our Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, Linda Bennett this past month. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, they will both be missed dearly.

Please don't forget our Annual Run For the Kids is Sunday, August 4th. Contact Tom Cribbin or Mike Dickie for more information.

August 11th is our Camp Moore trip, sign up in the lodge.

August 17th is Jane Thompson Bus Ride to ???. Be there or be square.

We have a district meeting on Tuesday, August 20th, Chairman please attend or get someone from your committee to cover for you.

August 23rd is our Annual Golf Outing, please see Charlie Diehl for details.

August 24th is our PER, EOY, LOY, Past Lady President BBQ from 530pm-1030pm. Live music by High Strung Band. See DMA or Ginger for tickets.

We will be bringing in a new class shortly, please hand in any applications that are outstanding and if you are planning to ask a friend to join, now is the perfect time to do it. Thank you!

I think that's about it for this month. See everyone around the lodge.

ELK OF THE MONTH for August are The Dynamic Duo of Brian Boyce and Colin Tyburcy. Thanks for all the great food and fun! Keep up the great work!

Stronger together, Embracing Camaraderie, Driven by Purpose, United in Elks Pride! God Bless the Elks and God Bless America.

Fraternally yours,

John Steakin Sr.

Exalted Ruler