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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

This Elk year has come to an end. I would like to thank all the members who supported myself, the Officers and the lodge committees throughout the year. I would like to congratulate and wish PER John Steakin, Sr. and his team of officers all the best for the fraternal year 2024-2025. I would also like to thank Madam President Ginger Smith and the Ladies Auxiliary for everything they did all year. To our Committee Chairmen, what a great job this year and thank you for all the hard work.

I would like to thank all the members that came out to support the Officers as we competed in the State Ritualistic contest in Long Branch. It is my pleasure to announce that the Officers of Middletown Elks 2179 are the State Ritual Champions for the fraternal year 2023-2024. Congratulations to our first place winners PER/ Lecturing Knight Al Smith, Esquire John Steakin, Jr. and Chaplain Jim Lampert. We also would like to congratulate PER Al Smith for winning the Corky Cornelius for the highest score at the ritualistic contest. I would like to congratulate all the Officers and thank our coaches PDD Ed Hahn and PER Kevin Brittian and our Candidate PDD Mike Dickie for all their hard work and support.



**Donald Anderson
Exalted Ruler**

Now Middletown will have the honor of representing the great State of New Jersey at our Grand Lodge Session in Austin Texas as we compete in the National Ritualistic Contest.

On March 2nd, our Special Children's Committee will be hosting their annual Charity Ball, please come out and support our committee and our ambassador. On March 6th, please come out and support our Special Children's Committee at the spaghetti dinner. On

March 16th, please come out and sign up for our Elks Wildwood Convention. Any questions, please contact PER Fran Corridon. On March 17th, please come out to our Saint Patrick's Day at the lodge, starts at 12 noon (Food & Music) any questions please contact PER Fran Corridon. On March 29th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, please come out for our fish fry dinner. That same evening from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, we will be having karaoke in the lounge. Again I would like to say what an honor it was representing Middletown Elks Lodge 2179 throughout the year.

People will remember your example, not your advice.

Donald M. Anderson, Exalted Ruler





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HOUSE COMMITTEE

- Chairman: Nick Figaro, PVP
- Members: Al Smith, PER
- Donald Desfosse, PER
- John Steakin Sr., PER
- Charlie Diehl

Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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ELK OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2024

**My Elk of the Month is
Brian Phillips.**

Thank you for all
your hard work.

#getyourelkon



ASK A FRIEND to JOIN



CONVENTION SIGN-UP

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

CONVENTION DATES

JUNE 6-8

Any questions, please contact PER Fran Corridon



Special Children's Committee



Middletown Elks Welcomes You To Join Us
For Our Monthly Spaghetti Dinners!

January 3rd, 2024

Special: Lasagna

February 7th, 2024

Special: Buffalo Chicken Penne

March 6th, 2024

Special: Stuffed Cabbage

April 3rd, 2024

Special: Penne Vodka

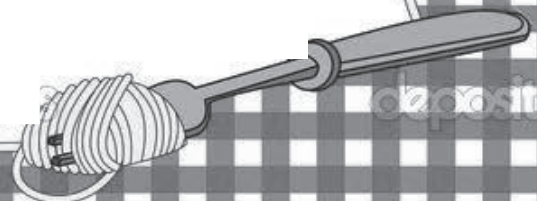
Menu:

\$10 Spaghetti with Meatballs or Sausage

\$12 Monthly Special

All meals come with Salad, Bread, and Dessert

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TRUSTEE'S MEETING

3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 PM

**Please have vouchers and all other business
for our review submitted to the Trustee's mailbox
prior to this time.**





St. Patrick's Day
March 17th
Starts at Noon
Food and Music

Fish Fry 

5:30 to 8:00pm

MARCH 29TH

Karaoke in the Lounge

7:00pm to 10:00pm





Spotlight Lady

**My Spotlight Lady for March is
Joyce Dollinger.**

Joyce you are always there to help out. Long time member who jumps right in to support the Auxilliary. We appreciate everything you do. Thank you.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

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LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 16th Wildwood Convention Signup
- March 17thSt. Paddy's Day
- March 23rdInstallation
- March 29th Fish Fry and Karaoke



Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Happy March, spring is in the air. Another Winter gone. ER Don Anderson, PER Al Smith, Ike Dziodzia, John Martinez and I took a ride to Long Branch for PEER Leadership . The kids really seemed to like it. They were having a good time. Past president Tisa Dziodzia went for the weekend to shaparone the Middletown kids. What a great weekend for the kids. Cheeseburger in paradise food was yummy. Nice crowd in the bar. Great job gentlemen.

The Ladies Auxiliary lost a great women this month. Ginger Rooney was an icon of the Ladies Auxiliary. She taught us all alot. I was honored to learn from her and be her friend. She will be missed.

Superbowl lots of yelling at the TVs and a lot of fun, great day and great food. Mark your calendars, Wildwood is coming, always a fun weekend. We started to remodel the kitchen at the lodge. We are all so excited to see the results. The Ladies Auxiliary took it on with a lot of help from everyone in the building. Definitely a group effort. So if your around stop in check it out. St. Paddy's day is coming, kitchen will be in full swing. Fish fry and karaoke on March 29th, come out eat some dinner then stay and support Brian Phillips, maybe he will sing, too. March 23rd is installation all new officers take over. Now the biggest news yet ER Don Anderson and his team of officers won the STATE RITUAL on February 26th. Middletown has never won it. They also get to compete in the national ritual competition on June 29th in Austin, Texas. PER Al Smith also won 1st overall highest points for state ritual. I am so proud of all of you. So many nights of practice and years of work paid off. CONGRATULATIONS GENTELMEN !!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALWAYS BE KIND YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE SOMEONES DAY

Ginger Smith President



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May

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June

In Memory of
Dan Marchetti
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In Memory of Robert J. Brant

July

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August

In Memory of Jack Spann
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September

In Memory of Mary Brant
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October

In Memory of PER John McTigue
In Memory of
Kathleen L. McCartan
Dan McCartan

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In Memory of Bob Brant
Kathleen Brant

November

In Memory of Willy Fix
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Cathy Grabau

December

In Memory of Ken Thompson
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MARCH LADIES BIRTHDAY

3RD . . . TARA MARANDA

5TH. . . . JANET DESFOSSE

27TH. . . ELENOR D'ANTONE

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY!

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Please remit your dues for 2022-2023.

\$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....

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					1	2 CHARITY BALL
3	4	5 CORNHOLE	6 SCC SPAGHETTI DINNER	7	8	9
10	11	12 CORNHOLE	13	14 REGULAR MEETING	15	16 WILDWOOD SIGNUP
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 CORNHOLE	20	21	22	23 INSTALLATION
24	25	26 CORNHOLE	27 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	28	29 FISH FRY AND KARAOKE	30
31 EASTER						

Calendar Events For April 2024

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1	2 CORNHOLE	3 SCC SPAGHETTI DINNER	4	5	6
7	8	9 CORNHOLE	10	11 REGULAR MEETING	12	13
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21	22	23 CORNHOLE	24 LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	25	26	27
28	29	30 CORNHOLE				

