



ECHOES

From the Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 885



Exalted Ruler's Message

- David Lewis, ER



Happy New Year to all.

We've been waiting for a new start and finally it's here. I know most of us feel the same and sort of wish 2020 were just a bad dream. But all in all 2020 was really not that bad. Sure we missed out on some big events like the conventions in Wildwood and Baltimore, fun times around the pool, certain golf outings and just some of our regular parties.

As true Elks we put all that behind us and let what we joined up for shine through.

- The ladies got together and were able to put cooked meals together for some of the ARC homes in our community.
- Assisted the food bank with donations for the needy. Grants were applied for and received to assist in food-banks and for the vets.
- The gang got together and worked on the lodge, scraping and painting both the lodge and garage. A new garage door was installed and window replaced in our entry-way.
- The sewer project was completed along with plumbing repairs inside and outside of the lodge.

- Maxey Hall had the roof repaired, trees were removed, new grass planted and other cosmetic repairs that needed to be done.

All this was done while maintaining good social distancing practices. Yes, it was difficult but we came through like Champs.

Now with the lodge open and times beginning to return to normalcy, let's all reflect on what we were able to accomplish and not what we may have missed out on.

As Elks I feel we are held to a higher standard and from what I have witnessed in the past year you didn't let me down. I am proud to be an Elk and even prouder to say I'm a Watchung Hills Elk.

January has come and gone, the holidays are over and winter is barreling through. I'm sure we all are looking forward to some warmer days ahead. There are still things ahead of us yet.

Super Bowl Sunday is coming and after that the Daytona 500 yeah!!!! Let's not forget Valentine's Day, too....

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Officers

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | David Lewis |
| Esteemed Leading Knight | Kathleen Olesen |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight | (vacant) |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | Candace Benzel |
| Secretary | Paul Lowell, Sr., PER |
| Treasurer | Donna Lowell, PER |
| Esquire | Betty A. Volker, PDD |
| Chaplain | Kathy Schulz |
| Inner Guard | John Pizzigoni |
| Tiler | (vacant) |
| 1 Year Trustee | Martha Pizzigoni |
| 2 Year Trustee | Denise Heilman |
| 3 Year Trustee | Stephanie Zitsch, PER |
| 4 Year Trustee | Deborah Figel |
| 5 Year Trustee | Michael Ryder |
| Justice | (vacant) |

20 Committees chaired by 13 Members.
 3 Vacancies.
 Few with more than 1 member.



WE NEED YOU!

Committee Chairs

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Army of Hope | (vacant) |
| Americanism | (vacant) |
| Auditing | Kim DeVizio |
| Buildings and Grounds | David Dante |
| Charities | Betty A. Volker, PDDGER |
| Drug Awareness | John Pizzigoni |
| Elks Memorial Day | David Lewis, PER |
| Elks National Foundation | Bridget Horn |
| Government Relations | Paul Lowell, Sr., PER |
| Hoop Shoot | Fran Bellew, PER |
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| Membership | Paul Lowell, Sr., PER |
| Parades | Melodie Doremus |
| Pool | Kim DeVizio |
| Public Relations | Mike Ryder |
| Ritual | Betty A. Volker, PDDGER |
| Scholarships | Fred Hayeck |
| Soccer Shoot | Fran Bellew, PER |
| Special Children | Betty A. Volker, PDDGER |
| Veterans Services | Fran Bellew, PER |
| Wildwood Convention | Stephanie Zitsch, PER |
| Youth Activities | Fran Bellew, PER |
| Youth Tournament | Fran Bellew, PER |

Exalted Ruler's Message

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I know there is a party scheduled for the Super Bowl although it's limited to 38 guests so sign up if you like to attend. And not to forget, John has been serving breakfast on Sunday mornings along with several other members helping and adding their own mix to it, too.

A special thanks to Candice, Adam, Kathy, Shaun, Steph and Kim and of course any others I may not mentioned for their assistance.

The golf committee would like to remind members to save the date of June 11th for their annual Deb Case Memorial Golf Outing.

Some of our members will be trying to add some special dinners for a Friday evening once or twice a month, so please try to come out and support them and our lodge.

February is also the time for officer elections. The first meeting will be a PER meeting for nominations with voting to follow on the second Thursday meeting.

I'd like to take this time to say Thank You for being able to guide the lodge through this past year as your Exalted Ruler. Truly it wasn't the best year to do this and I may have missed out on a few things as ER but I'm glad I was able to help with all that was accomplished. I'm looking forward to this upcoming year and I'm willing to help out as best I can.

Again, Thank You --

Yours in Elkdom
 David Lewis, ER

From the Secretary

- Paul Lowell, Sr., PER

Expect to see your 2021-2022 Annual dues notice in the mail soon. The Billing is being performed by Grand Lodge which saves the lodge money. It also gives you the member the option to renew your membership online, and you still have the option to pay it as you have been.

Please read the notice carefully. Also please forward any changes such as if you have moved, changes to your email and phone. The new membership cards will be available at the end of February.

Applications on hand for membership:

- Freddie Hayeck proposed, by his brother Anthony
- Craig Calderaro, proposed by Glen Goodis
- Lia Garcia and James Currie, proposed by Scott Locke

ENF Committee

- Bridget Horn



We are selling hearts at the bar for the ENF-\$2 for a small \$5 for a large- proceeds to benefit ENF. See flyers in this bulletin.



Government Relations Committee

- Paul Lowell Sr., PER



We are still lacking in reporting. I have sent numerous requests to the various committee chairs for their input. Any charitable work please let me know about. When we donate the lodge to Civic and local groups for meetings and events we also get credit for. I would really like the reports before the 25th of every month.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Superbowl Sunday!



SUNDAY – 02/07/2021
5:30PM TO 10PM
38 people MAX (COVID)
Must sign-up to attend
Sign-up sheet is at the lodge
All Appetizers are welcome!

Boosters

- Echoes Boosters

November 2019

- Stephen Terrible, PSP

February 2020

- Olaf (Duke) Andersen
- Chris Bellman
- Kenneth Burd
- Daniel Ciarlariello
- Donna Clancy
- Mike Dalton
- George Dealaman, Jr.
- Donna Forman
- Kim Frazier
- Frank Giannelli
- Jane Giannelli
- Pat Guerra
- Bill Heilman
- Bruce Helmstetter
- Linda Helmstetter
- Bridget Horn
- JEB Irvine, PER
- Danny Larsen, DDDGER, PER
- Donna Lowell, PER
- Paul Lowell, Sr., PER
- Nancy Micou
- Kathleen Olesen
- Ken Pawelek
- Laura Pawelek
- Kathryn Schulz
- Elia Shehady
- William Sorensen
- Ed Staeger
- Paul Steager (thru 2022)
- Vito Truglio
- John Tucker
- Richard Van Jaeckel
- Stacy Van Liere
- Robert Venitelli
- Betty Volker, PDD
- John Williams

March 2020

- Rosemarie Abate
- Stanley Autocunas, PER
- John Balog
- James Basille
- Fran Bellew, PER
- Wayne Carlson
- Barney Coughlin, PER
- Melody Doremus
- Stephen Engler
- Tina Engler
- Fred Fennimore

- Tracy Fennimore
- Gary Grant, PDD
- Pia Grant, PER
- Thomas MacStoker
- Debbie Metner
- Mickey Metner
- Michael Naumoff
- Richard Pasquarella
- Joseph Selinko
- Michelle Waiser

April 2020

- Gerry DelPiano, PER
- John Doremus
- Michael Ryder
- Tim Velazquez
- Ralph Weber

May 2020

- Ralph Thompson
- Bryan Mroz
- Kim Devizio
- Jim Devizio
- William Esposito
- Scott Locke

For \$10.00 a year, you too can be an Echoes Booster.

Proceeds offset the cost of printing and mailing the Bulletin. Thanks to those who have already pledged their support.



ENF
Candy Heart Contest



GUESS THE NUMBER OF HEARTS AND WIN!!

\$1.00 PER GUESS



CONTEST WILL RUN FROM 1/23/21- 2/28/21

WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON 2/28/20 @ 4:00 PM

(WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT)

WINNER WILL RECEIVE:

BRAGGING RIGHTS

\$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO MARINOS TRATTORIA IN WATCHUNG

THE JAR OF CONVERSATION HEARTS

If no exact guess is made, closest guess without going over will win.

In the event of a tie – 2 gift certificates will be given.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ENF

****Conversation hearts were counted by Steph, Kim and Bridget who will not disclose to anyone the number of hearts, nor will they enter in the contest.**

Any questions, please contact Bridget.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT**



Happy Birthday PSP Steve Terrible!

BIGGEST HEART CONTEST

THE BIGGEST HEART CONTEST IS RUNNING FROM JANUARY 15TH UNTIL A DATE TO YET BE DETERMINED by Grand Lodge.

\$2.00 DONATION FOR A SMALL



\$5.00 DONATION FOR A LARGE



These proceeds will count towards our lodge per capita!
Thank you for the continued support.

ENF

Biggest Heart Cookies

ENF BIGGEST HEART COOKIES - \$1.50



**Delicious and beautiful homemade cookies by Mel
Part of the proceeds will benefit Elks National Foundation**










2/1 Delores Caporaso
John Misiak
2/2 Ralph Weber
2/3 Walter Rehberger
2/4 Darlene Rymer
Betty A. Volker PDD
2/8 James Naples PDD
2/9 Alfredo Lopez
2/10 Francine Gargano
2/14 Allan Anderson
Charles Di Marco

2/16 Joy Kerr
2/17 Barbara Tumolo
Bryan Wyszowski
2/18 Margareta Warlick
2/19 Scott Locke
2/22 Jorge Cabral
Donna Rubinetti
2/23 David Gubitosi
2/24 Justina Buro
2/27 Karen Loeffler
2/28 Adam Benzel
Charles Mott
Jacqueline Stasium

FEBRUARY 2021

Find the calendar online at our website: <https://www.elkslodge885.org>, then click Events and then "Main Calendar"

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---|-----------|--|--------|--|
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  Lodge Meeting Officers – 7 pm General – 8 pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7  Super Bowl 55! 5:30PM | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13  |
| 14  | 15 | 16 BOD Meeting 7 pm | 17 | 18  Lodge Meeting Officers – 7 pm General – 8 pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21  | 22 | 23  PER Meeting 7 pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28  | |  Every Sunday! Whiskey & Eggs Starting 10AM | |  Officer NOMINATIONS : February 4 Officer ELECTIONS : February 18 | |  |
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"So Long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."