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MESSAGE FROM OUR EXALTED RULER



Hello Members,

Fall is here and along with it some new events to help fund our charities! We just had super successful new music event called Lodgeapalooza. First time events can be tricky but this day was pulled together with a lot of hard work from an all-member team of volunteers. There was great live music, face painting for the kids, tasty BBQ,

2017/2018 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Michael G. Leonard
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Esquire	Jerry O'Connell
Chaplain	Thomas Vena
Inner Guard	Paul Baron
Tiler	Andrew Zeitlin

hamburgers & hot dogs. The Smash Tent was also a hit and let many visitors vent their frustration by breaking bottles and plates for a donation. Over 250 people attended the outdoor concert and our parking lot was transformed into a cozy festival venue. Thanks to Shades Apart, The Fiendz, High Disciple, and Asbury Audio for supplying some great sounding music. Most of all, thanks to the Elks who volunteered: Mike Yablonsky, Ron Housley, Bob Donnelly, Mike Charvala, Jeff Bryant, John Grew, Andy Kielich, Jerry O'Connell, Aron Lifschultz, Andy Zeitlin, Kim Granito, Elizabeth Olson, Preston Olson, Steve Hayden, Allen Pierce, Elaine Marlowe, Megeen Charvala, Annemarie Conte, Samyah Fowler, David Ricci, Linda Petros, and Denis Naughton. There will be a Lodgeapalooza 2 on next year's calendar for sure!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman	Bob Fanneron
Trustee	Frank Fresco
Trustee	Gene Meyers
Trustee	Mike Charvala
Trustee	James Walsh

One of our programs that continues to deliver is First Fridays. It was about 2.5 years ago that First Fridays began, and since then the lodge has put on approximately 30 live music concerts with September being the biggest one so far and shattering the attendance record by 30 percent!

Another new member program is Sunday football at the lodge. This is all very new, so Sundays are still a little slow. I'm hoping in October more people decide to stop in for a Jets or Giants game and bring a friend or two. If attendance doesn't improve, we'll chalk this up to an experiment that just didn't work out. We will continue to try new things until we find a good fit. If you have suggestions or ideas to share, please do!

SOCIAL MEDIA

[Members Only Facebook page](#)

[Public Facebook page](#)

[Our website](#)

Finally, Wildwood fundraising has already begun and on Friday, October 12th West Orange will be hosting a night of "Left, Center, Right". A flier with details is inside.

See you at the Lodge!

Michael G. Leonard
Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Fellow members,

October is upon us and Elkdom is moving at a rapid pace. Just a reminder that the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship program deadline for applications is approaching. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2018. This scholarship contest is open to all high school seniors who are U.S citizens. A total of almost \$2.5 million dollars in scholarships will be awarded nationally.

Elks National Foundation, which gives out grants to local lodges for community service projects, is in full swing again this year. Our lodge needs to meet the Grand Lodge per member giving goal of approximately \$4.85. Last year we surpassed the goal and earned \$10,000 for service projects. These included donations to Essex County Special Olympics, purchasing beds for homeless veterans going into new apartments, funding of the South Orange Elks Rent Party Garden on our front lawn, 2 scholarships for needy Boy Scouts to Leadership Camp, 75 gift bags with essential living supplies for Veterans in 2 VA hospitals. The list goes on and on.

Currently we are at \$2.40 per member giving level. If any members are interested in making a donation to Elks National Foundation on behalf of our lodge, please contact me or you can go online to our Lodge website : soelks.com and go to the members section and click "Donate" on the Elks National Foundation box. Please add a note with your name so that you can be noted in the ENF system. Every dollar gets us closer to free grant money for community support.

The Elks annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw contest will be getting underway shortly. Our Lodge contest will be held in November at St. Joe's School Gym in November. More details to follow.

Again, thank you for your continued support !

Bob Donnelly, Past Exalted Ruler

Secretary

SPECIAL CHILDRENS COMMITTEE

The Special Children's Committee needs your help. We will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for Elks Camp Moore. We are asking for the memberships help with this venture. Sometime within the next few weeks we will be mailing tickets to the membership to sell. Please help us sell all the tickets. The money raised enables us to send kids to Elks Camp Moore.

The committee will also be hosting a Halloween Party for the Jespy's on October 29 th at the lodge. And on December 15 th Santa will be making an appearance at the annual Special Children's Christmas Party.

Anyone interested in joining the Special Children's Committee please contact me on 201-207-1228. We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

James Walsh, PDDGER
Chairman SCC

VETERANS COMMITTEE

“So long as there are veterans, The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

1. This summer, our lodge participated in two picnics at local Veterans hospitals. The first was held at the Lyons facility on June 16th and the second one was held at the East Orange facility on July 21st. We have received thank you letters from each facility. The veterans thoroughly enjoyed the food, but they really appreciated the socks and t-shirts.
2. On October 7th the Harrison/East Newark Lodge will be sponsoring a charity motorcycle veterans run, “Ride for Our Heroes”. For those who want to participate, check-in is at 11 AM at the Harrison/East Newark Lodge, 408 Harrison Ave, Harrison, NJ. Departure will be from the lodge at 1 PM, returning to the lodge for a buffet/pig roast/BBQ. For additional information, call 973-485-9478.
3. On October 18th the East Orange Veterans Hospital will be sponsoring a Bingo Night for the veterans. Details for donating to the event or you are interested in helping as a volunteer please see John Dilley.
4. Increasingly, women veterans are using VA maternity benefits. In order to share information on the VA's maternity benefits and to support Veteran's healthy pregnancies, the VA's NJ Health Care System will honor and support Veteran moms and dads by hosting a baby shower on Saturday, October 20th. Our lodge will be making a donation on behalf of the lodge, but should you wish to personally participate or donate you should contact either John Dilley or Jimmy Walsh.
5. The Welcome Home Kit program for homeless vets is progressing nicely. We just received our latest reimbursement from Grand Lodge, and I will be buying the next gift card at Walmart today.

John Dilley
Chairman, Veterans Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Lodge continues to operate on a solid footing fiscally. We have now paid for most of the repair work that needed to be done to our Lodge. This included a new beer cooler in the basement, air conditioning upgrades, a new beer tap system, replacing our old oil heating system with a new gas system, as well as some other minor repairs. Barring any unforeseen “surprises”, we should remain in good shape.

We had an extremely successful First Annual Lodgeapalooza this past weekend. After all expenses are accounted for, I expect that we will have raised approximately \$2200. This is GREAT for a first-year event. I expect even bigger numbers next year! Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success.

The number of members who still have not paid their respective dues continues to fall. For anyone who still has not paid their dues, please do so. We need these funds to continue our charitable work and to continue to make upgrades to our Lodge. Please contact either myself or Bob Donnelly if you have any questions.

As a Lodge, we continue to have success renting out our space to both Members and non-members for private parties. Please keep us in mind for any party events!!

Ron Housley

SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellow members,

The Elk Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program has begun. The contest is open to all high school seniors who are US citizens. 500 scholarships totaling \$2.44 million will be awarded. The contest runs until Nov 15th. For details go to www.eks.org Go to Elks National Foundation and then click on scholarships. Applications are completed online and local applicants be partially judged by our Scholarship Committee. Top applicants are then passed along to the district, state, and ultimately national level.

Good luck to all!

Bob Donnelly PER
Scholarship Chairperson

OUR LODGE NEWSLETTER IS GOING GREEN

Dear Members,

We are asking that anyone with an email address please start receiving this newsletter electronically. We spend a lot of money each year printing and sending paper newsletter that could be delivered in a snap electronically. The email version of the newsletter will get to you faster, it's in full color, it has clickable links embedded in it, and you are essentially giving the lodge more money to spend on our charitable endeavors. Currently we are still sending over 50 newsletters via the mail and that's way too many.

Please email me at: southorangeelks@gmail.com

HELP THE LODGE BY RECEIVING OUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

LODGE UTILIZATION

Our lodge is available for parties and events! We have a maximum capacity of 100 for a cocktail party and about 80 for a sit-down dinner.

Non-Members

The lodge is available for use to Non-members for a donation of \$500 for 5 hours (add \$75 for parties of 70+ guests). The 5 hours is the total time for set-up, party, and clean-up. Alcohol may be brought into the lodge for an event, but it must be kept behind the bar and served to guests by an Elks bartender. No lodge-owned alcohol can be served. The kitchen is available for prep, storage, and to keep things cold in our fridge. No oven/stove use is allowed. Sterno cans may be used to keep hot things hot.

Members

Membership has benefits! As an Elk, you're able to use the lodge for 5 hours for a donation of \$300 (an extra \$50 for parties of 70+ guests).

Another HUGE benefit is that our entire cash bar (wine/liquor/beer) is available to you and your guests.

Your event must be YOUR event. By this we mean it's your party and you know all the guests. There is no such thing as member sponsored parties. Members can't be the front person for a neighbor's birthday party, a 5th cousin's bridal shower, or a school fundraiser, etc. These are NJ State laws set by the Alcohol Beverage Control. If we don't follow the law we put our liquor license at risk.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFO

October

5th First Friday 8pm
7th Jets/Giants 12 - 4 pm
12th LCR 7 pm West Orange
14th Jets 12 -4 pm
15th Lodge Meeting 8 pm
21st Jets 12 - 4 pm
28th Jets/Giants 12 - 4 pm

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

If someone you know is suffering from a medical, physical, financial or other crisis, please contact our Sickness and Distress Committee.

Fraternally,
James Walsh PDD
(201) 207-1228

For more up-to-the minute information about the lodge, our events, latest press or members info –
Please visit our website and social media outlets:

www.SOELKS.com

[Members Facebook Page](#)

[Public Facebook Page](#)



OCTOBER 7, 2018 RIDE FOR VETS

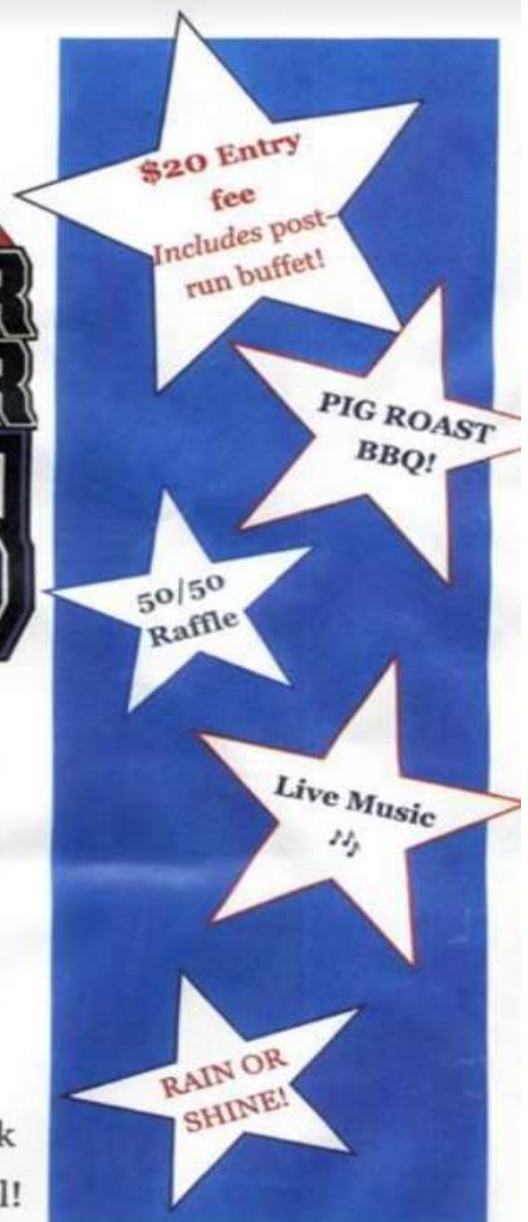
CHARITY MOTORCYCLE VETERANS RUN

Come out and ride with the Harrison East Newark Elks to benefit the East-Orange Veterans Hospital!

Check in is at 11am at the Elks, 408 Harrison Ave. Harrison, NJ.

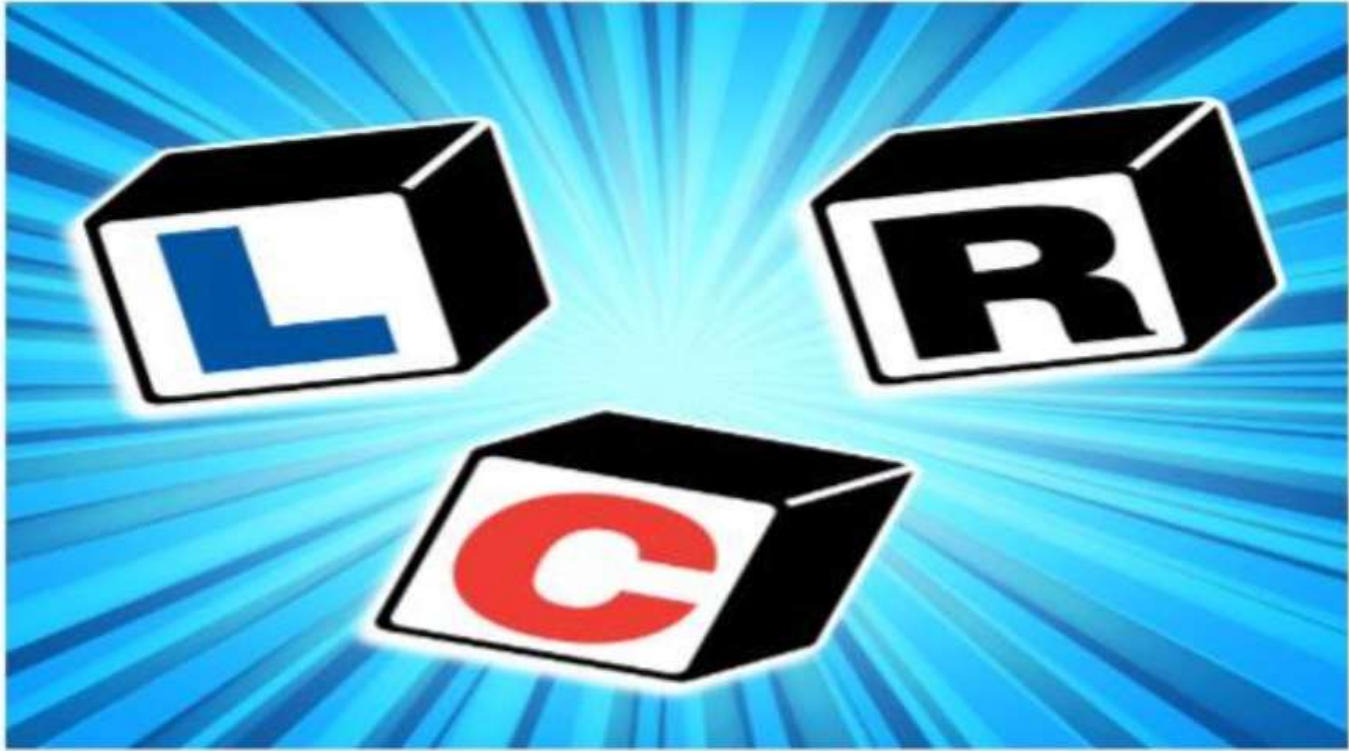
Departure from the lodge is at 1pm. We will return to the lodge for a post run buffet, pig roast BBQ, and live music!

For additional information call (973) 485-9478



HARRISON EAST
NEWARK ELKS
LODGE # 2326





JOIN US FRIDAY OCTOBER 12TH
DONATION \$20. 7PM START

INCLUDES: 1ST DRINK, 3 GAME TOKENS,
UNLIMITED HOT DOGS & SNACKS

KNOW RIGHT FROM LEFT TO QUALIFY

1 WINNER PER GAME LOTS OF FUN &
PLENTY OF LAUGHS EVERYONE WELCOME