



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



Three cheers to John Brudie as he recently became an Honorary Founder. For those who do not know, there are certain categories of donors to the ENF. In reaching this category John has donated at least \$1000.00 to our Charity and the next level of donation would be called Permanent Benefactor, honoring those who have contributed \$2000.00 to the ENF.

For the members who want the ENF to remind them that a payment is due, you must make a pledge to contribute x amount of money per year. The Foundation will then send you a notice when a payment is due. After a pledge is completed, a new pledge must be completed or the Foundation will no longer send notices. I covered this earlier but several members have recently approached me regarding this subject.

Right now, I am writing this using November's figures. We did not fare too well in November and fell to 17th in the state but retained our third place position in the District. Year to date we have donated \$2064.00 to the ENF. I hope we do better next month.

Last month's answers: Myron Holman preceded Bill Hay as secretary while John Brudie succeeded him.

This month's question: *What two members have the lowest member numbers and are still members of our Lodge?*

Walt Burke

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a happy and healthy holiday season. Now it's time to return to our daily routine. For me that means "getting down to business".

I have been associated with this Lodge for 28 years. I always thought of it as a mighty force in the District and in Elkdom. I remember when we had 700 members or more and were first in nearly everything in the District. Imagine my surprise when I took the ER position to find out that our membership had dwindled to a mere 298 - the lowest category on the books - 0-300 members!!!! How did this happen? What kind of neglect did it take for us to sink so low? Our Lapsation count as of April 1st was way over 50. After much hard work, it is now down to 32. Not a great improvement, but a step in the right direction. Sadly, we lost 4 members in death since March 31st.

All year long, many of us have attempted to build up our membership. I am proud to say that we have climbed out of the bottom position to the next level. Our membership now stands, as of this date, at 311, with 12 more applications on hand and 2 more promised. What a great job many of you have done, and the Officers and Members should be proud of what we have accomplished. Those of you who have not sponsored a new member should try to get a friend, family member or co-worker to join in with us. You all know the great work we do. Many people donate \$20 or more to a favorite charity or two during the year. Think of your Lodge membership dues as a donation to charity - only several different charities, not just one. Let's build Paramus Lodge back up to what it once was.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers of Paramus Lodge for their great determination during our Ritual season. Many of

our Officers attended many of the rituals performed by other lodges and Our Team took 2nd place

in the District. Both myself and Rick Marsh placed 2nd in our positions. It entailed many hours of hard work and practice and I believe we did a stellar job. Thanks to all the Officers and to John Brudie and Ed Hill for their coaching. We are first in my book and my heart!

Congratulations to my BEST friend, Diane Heron, for being awarded Elk of the Year. Di, you've done a lot in the past, but you've out-done yourself this year and deserve this award like no one else. I'm proud to be the ER in the year you won. Please watch your Triplet for details about Diane's "special night".

My friends and fellow members, I must now inform you that your membership dues will go up next year. Dues notices will be sent out shortly. Unfortunately, due to a secretarial error, we have been undercharging for dues for several years, and in addition, Grand Lodge has increased our fees to them. Therefore, your new dues notice will be about \$5.00 more per year than in the past. This works out to a little more than a 9 cent increase per week. I know that you are all feeling the economic crunch as am I, and if you have more than one member (such as Ed and myself) this amount is doubled and I am personally, truly sorry. However, like many things, it can't be helped. Please do not let this increase deter you in your determination to help others through the Elks. Remember, ELKS care, ELKS share. If you have trouble meeting your dues responsibil-



Candy Hill, ER

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PASTA NIGHT

Friday, January 2

Friday, February 5

Be sure to stop down for a delicious meal and meet up with old friends.

2008-2009 LODGE OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Candy Hill	Exalted Ruler
Glen Spaeth	Esteemed Leading Knight
Chip Morgan	Esteemed Loyal Knight
Rick Marsh.	Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Ed Hill. PER.	Esquire
Barbara Brudie	Chaplain
Chris Civello	Inner Guard
Jack Judd, PER.	Secretary
Patricia O’Shea.	Treasurer
Nick Sans.	Tiler
John Blume, PER.	Organist
Edward J. Siepiola PER.	One-Year Trustee
Patrick De Luca, PVP	Two-Year Trustee
Jim Hill	Three-Year Trustee
John Brudie,	Four-Year Trustee
John Heron	Five-Year Trustee

ities, please contact me and we can work things out. Your membership is valuable and important to us, and I hope it is important to you as well. As far as I can determine at this time, there should not be another increase in the near future. Always remember – every dollar we earn helps others in one way or another.

Speaking of helping others – our Lodge has outdone itself again. Your continued donations to our Social Services program in Paramus has won us the acclaim of the town. Food, pajamas and toys were all distributed to the less fortunate in the area and helped make Happy Holidays for those who otherwise would not have

had one. Thanks again to all of you who donated - Please keep up the good work, and let’s keep it going - hunger and deprivation do not stop after the holiday decorations are put away. Those of you who haven’t helped, please step up to the plate and donate something to this worthy cause.

As we start the new year, may we all share in each others good fortunes, help those less fortunate and enjoy health and prosperity. 2008 has been a rough year for all of us individually, and the country as a whole. Let’s all work together to make 2009 a better one for all.

Candy Hill

P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Officers for the year 2008-2009

- President John (Jack) Jutkiewicz
- Vice President Rich Cimiluca
- Secretary Debbie Kirkland
- Treasurer Patrick DeLuca, DD

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm, unless otherwise noted.



**PANCAKE
(AND EGGS, MUFFINS, AND MORE!)
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, January 18
 Sunday, February 17
 8:30 - 11:30
 \$5 per person
 Kids under 6 FREE



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1**

Featuring Beer Specials and a Huge Buffet
*Come down, enjoy the day, and support the
 Paramus Elks Softball Team*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21
WILDWOOD NIGHT**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT TRIPLET

MEMBERSHIP

On Tuesday, December 9, the following were initiated into our Lodge; the Class was in honor of Nick Sans:

- RON GESCHWINDNER TINA CRITELLI
- MICHAEL MARANO GARY DICSO
- LAURA SANS

The following have applied for membership into our Lodge:

- ANTHONY CASTELLby ED HILL
- CRAIG ROYERby NICK SANS
- CRISTOLI RUTEHby NICK SANS

Louis Pujol, Membership Chair

**NORTH NORTHEAST DISTRICT
ANNUAL CHARITY BALL**

February 28, 2009

**The Royal Manor
(formerly the Cotillion)**

**454 Midland Ave
Garfield, NJ**

\$60 per person

All funds raised benefit Camp Moore

Contact Bert McTague: 201-486-3426
 for tickets or more information.

PARAMUS HOSTS ITS ANNUAL SPECIAL CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Paramus Elks Christmas Party for Special (and Members') Children was a wonderful success. Chaired by Bert McTague, he and his staff of fellow Elks, friends and family members created a day of wonderful memories for the children in attendance.

Santa (Mac Kushner) and his elves (Lindsay and Christy Nelson) were well prepared for the children, singing songs, dancing and handing out presents that were especially selected for each individual child. DJ Burt provided music to get everyone into the spirit and, as usual, the Kitchen Committee and crew had plenty of delicious kid-friendly food to offer.



25th
Anniversary
of



THE ELEGANTS

at Paramus Lodge

FEBRUARY 7TH

Tickets available through
Candy Hill @ 201-327-6320
Cost: \$27.50 per person

Snow Flake Ball

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Our most elegant affair of the year!

Champagne Cocktail Hour

Full Course Dinner

Music and Dancing.

Black tie optional

Cost: \$27 per person



Lodge Phone: 201-262-5533

Lodge Fax: 201-262-3307

Lodge Hours: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 4:00 PM - Midnight

Fridays: 3:00 PM - 1:00 AM

Saturdays: Noon - 7:00 PM

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- AmericanismChip Morgan
- AuditingJohn Blume, PER
- Better ParadesCandy Hill
- Drug AwarenessPatricia O'Shea
- GamingJohn Heron
- Government RelationsLinda Boss
- HistoricalLou Pujol
- Hoop/Soccer ShootRich Cimiluca, PER
- House CommitteeEd Hill, PER
- Elks National FoundationWalter Burke
-Deborah Kirkland, PER
- IndoctrinationPER Association
- Kitchen CommitteeRich Cimiluca, PER
- LapsationLou Pujol
- Lodge ActivitiesGlen Spaeth
- MembershipLou Pujol
-Jack Jutkiewicz, PER
- PhotographyKathy Kirkland
- Public RelationsChris Civello
-Rick Marsh
- Scholarship & LeadershipJoan Merwede
- Sickness & DistressGlen Spaeth
- Special ChildrenBert McTague
- Triplett EditorLeslie Sonkin
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- Veterans ServicesLou Tucci
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