

# THE GRAZING ELK



Trenton Lodge 105 BPOE

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The Lodge had a few very successful events in September. The bar has now open on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights for the NFL season. Bar food is available and on Monday nights there is free popcorn. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, our Blues Festival attracted 150+ people and all had a great time listening to the music and enjoying the food and refreshments. Thanks to Bob Habel and the rest of the Parade and Convention Committee for making that event the success it was. Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> was our Annual Antique Auto Show with over 50 cars entered for judging and attracted dozens of car enthusiasts. All had a good time viewing the cars and enjoying the food and beverages. Trophies were presented to all winners that were peer judged. Thanks to all the trophy sponsors for making that happen. Another great job by Teri Haremza and her Veterans Committee.

Other upcoming events include the Special Childrens Halloween Party on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and our member Halloween Party Friday night the 26<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind our Tuesday buffets and our Friday night Happy Hours. Please consult our Newsletter or the Lodge's Website and Facebook for dates and times for all events. All of our committees try very hard to plan and make these activities a success so please try to support all of the Lodge's events.

My pick for October Elk of the Month is Michele Strehlow Garrison. Michele is a new member, but thankfully has jumped in with both feet. She has helped out with the Blues Fest, Antique Auto Show and comes to almost every Tuesday night dinner and brings friends with her. I really appreciate that she answered my call, in last month's newsletter, for someone interested in taking on the Chairmanship of the Special Children's Committee when we very much needed someone. When you see Michele at the Lodge, be sure to say "hi"!

See you at the Lodge,

Roger



Thank you for all you do  
Michele Strehlow Garrison  
October's Elk of the Month

**Happy Hour** Every Friday  
Drink specials 5 to 7 Food ready by 6 pm  
Check the Weekly Update on Facebook for each Friday's menu. Donation requested.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

Sunday, November 18th at 8:00  
Benefits the Veterans Committee.



# FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



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 SecretaryBPOE105@yahoo.com  
 Lodge 609-771-0105  
 Cell 908-510-0422

Office hours:  
 Tuesday 5:30-9 pm  
 Friday 6:30 to 9:00  
 Other hours by appointment.

Regular Lodge Meetinge  
 September 5th & 19th

## Delinquent Members

**Please pay your 2018-2019 dues immediately.**

Stephen Basca	Jo Ann Hoagland	John Saville
Simon Belli	George Kopczyński	Vincent Scannella-
Kenneth Bleakey	Chris Lawton	John Sindora
Arthur Carroll	Jaysen LeSage	Donald Slabicki
Edward Colligan	Samuel Messick	N Smith
Steven Daroci	William Morton	Jefferson Wadkins
Janet Ellis	Thomas Prettyman	Tracy Winder-Paral
Gene Galli	Elizabeth Remer	Joseph Zaburski
Charles Hart	Richard Rutzler	Charles Zehl
Joseph Herzstein	Thomas Salvadore	

## Lodge Activities

October 19

**Oktoberfest**

October 26

**Lodge Halloween Party**

November 5

**Volunteer at Mercer St.  
 Friends Food Bank**

November 11

**Vendor Craft Fair**

November 18

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



**Elks Care - Elks Share**

Proceeds benefit  
 The Veterans  
 Committee

November 18th at 8:00 am



October 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> OPEN 7:00 NFL Bar food available Free popcorn	<b>2</b> Tuesday Buffet 6:00 pm Bar Open 5:00	<b>3</b> Regular Lodge Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>4</b> Trivia Night 7:30	<b>5</b> Happy Hour 5-7 Bar Open at 5:00 Karaoke	<b>6</b> TBD
<b>7</b> OPEN 1:00 NFL Bar food available	<b>8</b> OPEN 7:00 NFL Bar food available Free popcorn	<b>9</b> Tuesday Buffet 6:00 pm Bar Open 5:00	<b>10</b> Bar Closed	<b>11</b> Trivia Night 7:30	<b>12</b> Happy Hour 5-7 Bar Open at 5:00 Karaoke	<b>13</b> TBD
<b>14</b> OPEN 1:00 NFL / NASCAR PARTY	<b>15</b> OPEN 7:00 NFL Bar food available Free popcorn	<b>16</b> Tuesday Buffet 6:00 pm Bar Open 5:00	<b>17</b> Regular Lodge Meeting 8:00 pm	<b>18</b> Trivia Night 7:30	<b>19</b> Oktoberfest	<b>20</b> TBD
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<b>28</b> OPEN 1:00 NFL Bar food available	<b>29</b> OPEN 7:00 NFL Bar food available Free popcorn	<b>30</b> Tuesday Buffet 6:00 pm Bar Open 5:00	<b>31</b> Bar Closed			

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### MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Community Affairs *first Wednesday*    Marching - *second Tuesday*  
 Special Children - *last Tuesday*        Veterans - *third Wednesday*



# Holiday Vendor Craft Fair



Trenton Elks Lodge  
Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 9 am to 4 pm

Soup, hot dogs, coffee, tea,  
hot chocolate,  
soft drinks, bake sale.



Looking for vendors

If you're interested in renting a vendor space  
for \$20, or \$35 with electric, call the Lodge at 609-771-0105  
or Joan Siwy at 908-510-0422.



Chris Lawton	01
Raymond Whittaker	01
Joseph Lacovara Jr	02
Gay Ely	04
Raymond Laird	06
Walter Runowicz	06
Desire Dahlem	09
Michael Manfredi	11
George Kessler	12
Emily Reeg	12
Robert Zera	13
Richard Byer	14
Ralph Csogi	14
Kim Eastmead-Phillips	14
Josephine Kosco	16
Carmine Armenti	18
Thomas Bailey Jr	18
Michelle Carman	19
Joan Laird	23
Frank Pinto	23
Edward Jarosz	24
Diane Diaz	25
Walter Roberts Jr	31

### LODGE BULLETIN BOOSTERS

11/18	Daniel Brandt, Sr. Merton Trombly & Josie Kosco Lou & Joan Siwy
12/18	Rex Carpenter Sam & Shirley Giallella Frances Rocco
1/19	Ray & Charlotte Laird Frank & Dottie Szczec
2/19	Gabor Burson Lou & Evelyn Eggert
3/19	Nancy Jakubowski
6/19	Tony & Susie Jones Joe & Kathleen Jones
9/19	Raymond (Skip) Gamache, Jr.
10/19	Sally Houghton
10/19	Bill Ramsey
4/20	Larry Dun & Pat Vogt

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 ↓ BOOSTERS BELOW PLEASE RENEW ↓  
 9/18 Jim & Jewell Wade

### In Loving Memory of

9/18	James A. Carroll, Jr.
11/18	Bernie Michel, Jr.
11/18	Matt Kaniewski
11/18	John Brandt
11/18	John & Linda Kosco
12/18	Susanne Rocco
12/18	Dominic Rocco, Sr.
12/18	Dominic Rocco, Jr.
1/19	Edward J. Laird, Sr.
4/19	Gaetano Messina, Jr.
7/19	Gene Jakubowski, PER
9/19	Raymond E. Gamache, Sr.
10/19	Tom Kelly
10/19	Harry B. Houghton, PER, PDD
10/19	Harry S. & Pamela Houghton
10/19	James A. Panek

### Become a Bulletin Booster Today!

If you want to be a "Bulletin Booster" and/or have a loved one listed "In Loving Memory . . ." please fill in the form below and return it with a donation of \$15 for each listing for 1 year. Donations are due on the month and year of listing date.

Please list the following under boosters :

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Please list the following "In Loving Memory" .

\_\_\_\_\_

### OCTOBER TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

- October 2—Turkey
- October 9—Chicken Parmesan
- October 16—Beef Tips
- October 23—Ravioli with Meatballs
- October 29—Pork Chops



\$9 per person  
 Children under 12 free  
 Menu subject to change.

Check out the "Trenton 105" hooded sweatshirts, golf shirts and beach towels in the lobby display case. You know you need a new beach towel, why not support your lodge.



Gift certificates available at the Lodge for Tuesday night dinners. They make great gifts for the holidays.



Are you planning a party . . . call the Lodge for information on member prices for renting the banquet hall or the park.



## LAST YEAR'S DONATIONS WELL SURPASS \$1 MILLION A DAY

By *ROBERT A. GUILLEN* Committee Chairman

At the convention in San Antonio in July, I reported \$675,985,245 as the final total for our fraternal year 2017-2018 on our Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs. This is up from the 2016-2017 year end of \$334,292,982.

We had set a goal of \$365 million so that we would report more than \$1 million a day in donations. Well, that total is \$1,852,014 a day and worth sharing. Post this in your Lodge bulletin and web site.

Reporting the figures is crucial. We must continue to maintain our statistics to remain a non-profit organization.

Our goal in the Government Relations Committee is to assist the Lodges with matters regarding government entities. When we are able to explain to members of the different Government Agencies, Senators, Representatives, Congress, and Last year's donations well surpass \$1 million a day licensing and regulating departments, we can show them statistics of our charitable donations and work.

Our representative in Washington, D.C. can use all of this information to continue our attempts to change and improve the UBIT (Unrelated Business Income Tax), which would benefit all Lodges. We will continue to take our issue to the IRS and others to eventually make the changes necessary.

Our committee's goals and objectives are in our Grand Lodge manual, which can be downloaded from the Grand Lodge web site. Print a copy and follow the suggestions in it in dealing with government entities, with sample letters to legislators and public officials.

The section about using the internet to find and monitor legislation that may affect our Order is essential. Every state government has different rules to guide you through that process, but once you deal with the entity that produces the documents for the legislators, monitoring is simple. Excel spreadsheets are also available for Lodge and State Association Secretaries to make their reporting easier and more effective.

Other issues involving our Lodges and membership is responsible service of alcohol at our Lodges and to guests. Adhering to all state laws and regulations keeps us safe and maintains the integrity of our membership.

IRS audits of some of our Lodges and other non-profit organizations are still occurring. If your Lodge is contacted for an audit, contact your District Deputy, your State Sponsor, and the office of the Grand Secretary. There are procedures in place to assist you in these matters.

In the manual, there is also a section in educating members on Public Accommodations and other laws that directly affect day-to-day operations and how to comply with these law

*Our Lodge is looking for a Government Relations Chairperson to head up this important effort. If you are interested in*



Trivia Night returns Thursday  
October 4th. Don't miss the  
challenging fun!


## WELCOME

to Trenton 105's newest  
members **Maureen  
Mullen**, on the left and  
**Jill Strauss** on the right  
of our Exalted Ruler,  
Roger Chupik. Welcome  
to the brotherhood.



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### HOW TO KILL YOUR LODGE

**Don't come to meetings.**

**When you do come, come late.**

**Never accept an office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.**

**The officers asked for the job, let them do all the work.**

**Never pay your dues in advance. Wait until you get your money's worth and then wait a while longer.**

**It's good to talk about your officers failings to visitors, they might be a long time finding out.**

**If there are a few zealous workers in the Lodge, inform everyone, the Lodge is run by a clique.**

**Disagree with established rules and regulations, letting people know you have a mind of your own.**

**Keep talking to the brother next to you in Lodge meetings, it makes for good fellowship.**

**If one brother has said or done something you don't like, be mad at the whole Lodge.**



*Thanks, Jim Castelize for sharing this!*

### 2018-2019 Officers

Roger Chupik—Exalted Ruler

Janet Moskus —Leading Knight

Terri Haremza—Loyal Knight

Jim Castelize —Lecturing Knight

Joan Siwy —Secretary

Lou Siwy—Treasurer

Sue Reeg-Esquire

Emily Reeg—Chaplain

Nancy Jakubowski— Inner Guard

Joe Jones—Tiler

Jennifer Keyes-Maloney, ESQ—Justice

### TRUSTEES

Bob Habel—3 year

Tim Anderson—2 year

Eddie Jarosz—1 year

