



# Lodge Happenings

Poughkeepsie Lodge # 275  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
Charter Granted June 20, 1894



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June 2020



Hello Everyone

I hope this finds everyone healthy and you are coping the best you can under the circumstances.

Although I don't have much to report on, I wanted to take a minute and remind the membership, that if anyone finds themselves needing additional help, please call me at the number below. Simple errands, groceries, medications etc. your lodge is here to help. I will keep your information confidential. We are all here for each other. We are all one family.

Please don't hesitate to call for any reason.

Stay safe and inside!

Fraternally Yours,  
Sara Dempsey  
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#### 2020-2021 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Sara Dempsey
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Est. Lecturing Knight	Lynn Strohm
Esquire	Michael Tompkins
Chaplain	Jean Jicha
Tiler	Vacant
Inner Guard	Vacant
Secretary	Raymond Strohm, PDD
Treasurer	Vacant
Justice	Paul O. Sullivan

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 yr Trustee - Bill Phillips  
2 yr Trustee - Marc Pfeifer  
3 yr Trustee - Peter Scileppi  
4 yr Trustee - Brian Mallet  
5 yr Trustee - Tom Conger

#### PER ASSOCIATION

Jane Anderson, PER

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Norm Dennis

#### BAR CHAIRMAN

Norm Dennis

#### KITCHEN CHAIRMAN

#### BANQUETS & BOOKINGS

Jane Anderson, PER

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Richard Filiberto

## Secretary's Desk June 2020



### **Lodge**

We are waiting anxiously for permission from the "Powers that Be" to re-open the Lodge. When that happens (hopefully soon!) We will send out an email to all members with the details.

### **Dues**

Dues are continuing to be processed as usual. Anyone who has not yet paid is now delinquent! See list in this newsletter. Regular membership dues = \$99.50, Life/Honorary Life Membership = \$46.50. Cash or Checks only. Check page 7 to find out if you need to send in your dues.

### **Absent Members**

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of our members:

**Joseph W. Peters** 10 Year Member  
**Keith Rauch** 17 Year Member  
**John D. Kolosky** 34 Year Member  
**Thomas J. Popavero** 39 Year Member

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**Elks Care - Elks Share**

Any of our members or friends that are having difficulties during these times Please, please, please reach out to us. We are ELKS, we take care of each other! We can help! We can shop, we can deliver, we can fix, we can comfort! We stand ready to hear the cry of affliction.

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## Secretary's Desk May 2020 continued...

### **June Meetings**

Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm (Hopefully)

### **Dues**

As of May 22<sup>nd</sup> **212** members have not yet paid their dues. You are no longer members "in good standing" and will not be able to partake in activities once we re-open. The office is open 9-11:30am M-F, you can mail in or drop off your dues.

### **275 BUZZ**

We have starting utilizing "Constant Contact" for sending out the **275 BUZZ** This is a weekly newsletter sent out on Wednesday's for members using email. If you are not currently getting the 275 BUZZ and would like to, please send your name and email to [bpoe275@verizon.net](mailto:bpoe275@verizon.net)

### **Phone Numbers**

Lodge (845) 454-6660  
Office (845) 454-6275

### **Email**

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Till next month .....



### Leisure Time Dancers

I just wanted to tell you that the Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge will remain closed for now due to the Coronavirus. When we are allowed to reopen, we look forward to resuming our LTD Dancing.

Stay Safe and we Hope to see you all soon on the dance floor.

Chuck, Joe, Jean and Dave



# FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

My Brothers and Sisters,

100 years ago, the United States of America was emerging from the Spanish Flu Pandemic. The lessons learned are being applied in living color on our TVs & internet and also by radio. Social Distancing, wearing masks to slow the airborne spread of the virus, restrictions on travel [just try driving to Florida with NY license plates!], closing schools and non-essential businesses, limiting agricultural activities and so on.

History teaches us that the 1917-1920 flu took a heavy human toll, wiping out entire families and leaving countless widows and orphans in its wake. Funeral parlors were overwhelmed and bodies piled up. It was also detrimental to the economy. Businesses were forced to shut down because so many employees were sick. Basic services such as mail delivery and garbage collection were reduced due to flu-stricken workers. In some places there weren't enough farm workers to harvest crops. At that time, even state and local health departments closed for business, hampering efforts to chronicle the spread of the flu and provide the public with answers about it. Beginning to sound Familiar?

Those of you in positions of responsibility don't need anyone to tell you that these are challenging times in which to operate an Elks Lodge! Caring for our members and looking after the finances of our Lodges, has taken on new meaning this year. And, like in 1917-1920, things are not likely to change until a vaccine is developed and widely available. For the foreseeable future this leaves us with challenges unlike any we have faced.

The downside is that we cannot conduct business as usual. No bar or food service; NYSEA Spring convention cancelled; Grand Lodge Convention cancelled, Lodge's not accessible; events called off; fund raising difficult, etc. The challenges are monumental. What can we do?

What we can't do is allow our creativity to be limited by a situation which we didn't create and over which we have limited control. What we will do is use every ounce of creativity that our members possess to ensure that Lodges remain intact while the outcome of our present situation reveals itself.

Meetings of up to 10 people allowed indoors – use Zoom or another technology platform for your Lodge meetings. Initiation – have it outdoors or limit the performing officers and candidates to less than 10 indoors. For Flag Service or Memorial Day gatherings – use the opportunity to visually display the flag in a prominent way at your lodge or in your community or on face book; send delivered food or supplies to the local Veterans Administration Homes to show you care; send CARE Packages to our troops to show your support. Can't do home visitation for sick or shut-in members – call or facetime.

Elks always do their best to follow the rules, CDC guidelines and Executive Orders during the State of Emergency. With phased reopening on everyone's mind, our own creativity is our most powerful tool and asset we have. I encourage each of us to use it. For over 150 years the Order of Elks has proven to be resilient during times of trial; the BPOE survived the 1917-1920 Flu Epidemic and, with God's help, we will emerge from this pandemic better than ever!

Fraternally,  
Paul Crumb, DDGER  
Mid-Hudson District #6180



# Norm's Car Show



Sunday July 26, 2020

12 – 4pm

Rain or Shine

Cars, Fun, Food, Games, Prizes and more

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## POUGHKEEPSIE LODGE SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Applications and instructions for the Poughkeepsie Lodge scholarships will be available June 1st. Deadline for submission is July 17th. You can access them online at [www.bpoe275.org](http://www.bpoe275.org) or pick them up at the lodge. The office is open Monday thru Friday 9 to 11am.

Good Luck  
Scholarship Committee

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