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# Lodge Happenings

**POUGHKEEPSIE LODGE #275**  
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**JANUARY  
2017**



My Fellow Members,

Let me first start by saying, "Happy New Year to all of our Members and their respective families, and I want to wish everyone a very prosperous and healthy New Year." I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge where we may be able to work together on one of our various charities dedicated to our Youth, Veterans and Community.

Though this is a new calendar year, we are in our last quarter of our Elk year. During the first meeting in February, which has been designated as PER Night, not only will we be initiating our New Members, we will be nominating our Officers for the ensuing year. I can't convey strongly enough the importance in not only having a good leadership team, but also having an even better support staff in maintaining and operating a successful Lodge.

As many of you know by looking around your various communities, volunteers are hard to come by. Thus, volunteerism is extremely fragile. As your Exalted Ruler, I have to wear multiple "hats" in dealing with various personalities, values, and ideologies, in order to keep the Team together and moving in the right direction. This, my fellow Members, is no easy task. It can be stressful and it takes a lot of work. Therefore, when we need to make change(s) we implement and measure our successes by the culmination of "little" wins, rather than by instantaneous reform. Why am I saying all of this? Because people in general resist change. This can then lead to a difference of opinion(s), followed by lack of appreciation, resentment, and finally, they pick up and leave. I want everyone to know that "ALL" of our volunteers are an important asset and a precious commodity that we cannot afford to lose. Finally, in today's day and age, it's easier to walk away rather than staying in the fight. But, remember what made America Great; Teamwork, Commitment, Self-Sacrifice, Care, and Patriotism. If we all work together, we can, we will, be the best Lodge in the state. So, leave your personalities at home, and make a commitment to your Lodge and to our Order no matter how difficult. This is in part why we are considered, The **Best People On Earth**, the BPOE, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Please keep this in mind.

Looking back at December, we had a lot going on at the Lodge. To pull all this off, it requires the help of many hands. Therefore, we need to "Thank" the following for all their hard work and support during this very hectic month. First, we had our yearly Memorial Service which was put together and finely orchestrated by our Chaplain Lynn Strohm. It was also nice to see PER and Deacon Dave Nash again at the Lodge as he delivered this year's Eulogy. We had a great turnout in remembering our fellow Members who have passed during the year. Nice job Lynn and Thank You Dave. Secondly, our Inner Guard Kim Acard, and with the assistance of Arnie Rosenburger, ran our yearly 25 Week Club and Dinner Raffle. These both were huge successes and I want to Thank Kim and Arnie for a job well done. Also, all of our Members that helped in selling and purchasing tickets for these fundraisers. Then we get into our artistic and wonderfully dedicated, Lodge Decorating Committee. If you've been inside the Lodge,

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#### 2016-2017 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Fred Wright IV, PER
Est. Leading Knight	James Gordon, PER
Est. Loyal Knight	Sara Dempsey
Est. Lecturing Knight	Jane Anderson
Esquire	Michael Tompkins
Chaplain	Lynn Strohm
Tiler	Brian Mallet
Inner Guard	Kim Acard
Secretary	Raymond Strohm, PDD
Treasurer	David Carroll
Organist	Larry Hazard
Justice	Paul O. Sullivan

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fred Wright IV, Paul Roman, Barbara Hogan,  
Pete Scileppi, Tom Conger & Bill Phillips

Board Chairman - Fred Wright IV, ER  
Recording Secretary - Paul Roman

#### PER ASSOCIATION

Ray Strohm PDDGER, President

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Daynor White

#### BAR CHAIRMAN

Norm Dennis

#### KITCHEN CHAIRMAN

Jerry Terwilliger

#### BANQUETS & BOOKINGS

Chef Joe Massa

#### NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Derek "Deke" Gardner

#### BINGO CHAIRMAN

Jane Anderson

**OFFICER OF THE YEAR**  
Michael Tompkins

**ELK OF THE YEAR**  
Frank LeFevre



## PLAN AHEAD....

**QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING  
WILL RESUME SOON!**



**January 14th - Band Night**

**March 18th - Irish Night**

# HAPPY NEW YEARS

## *Membership:*

Membership as December 19, 2016:

Active Members: 1041

Delinquent Members: 42



## *Propositions for Membership*

Lewis Rabin Proposes Deborah Rabin

James Goodwin proposes Gerard Faster Taggart

Donald Andrews proposes Chuck McCarthy

## *Dues 2017-2018*

Dues notices for the 2017-2018 Elk year will go going out later this month. Due to an increase in the Grand Lodge insurance premium, the dues will be going up **\$.50** this year. Regular membership will be \$95.50 and Life/Honorary Life membership will be \$42.50. In the dues notice will be a request to update your information for our records. Please review and make corrections where necessary.

## *Upcoming Meetings*

January 5, 2017 – Regular Meeting

January 19, 2017 – Regular Meeting, Balloting on Candidates

February 2, 2017 – PER Night, Initiation, Nominations of Officers

February 16, 2017 – Regular Meeting – Voting on Officers

## *Nominations/Voting for Officers 2017-2018*

Nominations for 2017-2018 Officers will take place during the February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Nominations will be closed at that meeting unless no nomination for an office is received. Voting for Officers will be the following meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. No additional nominations will be accepted at this meeting unless none was received at the last meeting.

## *New Website*

Check out the new Lodge website at [www.bpoe275.org](http://www.bpoe275.org)

## Missing Members

**Do you know any of these Elks?**

**Let them know they are missed!**

Send Payment to: Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge 275  
20 Overocker Rd. Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Eric Amato  
David Baier  
James Berryann  
Jay Burkhard  
Salvatore Ciralo  
Robert Demattio  
Vincent DiFrancesco  
Robert Ferris  
Jason Hennessy  
Paul Kefor  
Randall Kesting  
Uwe Krueger  
Jason Liguori  
Tracy Lopez  
Louis Malagrino  
Dorwin Morse  
Michael O'Dowd  
Robert Paris  
Arthur Plog Sr  
Raymond Schmitz  
Shawn Sheldon  
James Skapetis  
Deborah Sylvester

Heather Berardi  
Mary Bumpus  
Andrew Ceroni  
Scott Cookinham  
  
Desmond Dunkley  
Joseph Hardy Jr  
Harry Johannessen Jr

Alan Kozlowski  
Ernest Lavigne  
Mario Liguori  
Robert Mackey

Laura Moyse  
Michael Page  
Lawrence Peretta  
Tom Polakowski  
Robert Schoonmaker  
Ron Shipley  
David Stevens  
John Trunk

**TOTAL DELINQUENT - 42**

## **Past Exalted Rulers Association**

The Annual meeting of the Past Exalted Rulers Association of Poughkeepsie Lodge 275 will be held on **Monday January 9, 2017 at 7:00pm** at the Lodge.

All Past Exalted Rulers that are members in good standing of Poughkeepsie Lodge are welcome to attend.

Raymond Strohm, Chairman

**ER message continued....**

all the theme paintings on the windows around the bar were crafted by Arlene Mund. What a great job. Also, with the decorations inside and out, we need to Thank Jim and Mary Long, Don and Arlene Mund, Trustee Paul Roman and JoAnn, our Newsletter Editor Deke Gardner, Uncle Norm, and who can forget our own "Humble Bumble" Chuck Andrews and his wife Debbie. To all, Great Job, and Thank You. Then we had our yearly Children's Christmas Party led by our Esteemed Loyal Knight Sara Dempsey and her fine crew of Elves. I believe we had over 80 presents given out by Santa Deke and his helper, Mrs. Christina Claus, to the children and grandchildren of our Members. Food was provided by our kitchen staff, and who can forget Uncle Norm's yearly donation of (2) two bicycles which are raffled off in support of the Youth Activities Committee. Thank You All and a Wonderful Job! Finally, I want to recognize and thank our bartender and fellow Member Christina Nolan for coming up with the idea and putting into motion her "Merry Miracles" project. She put together a beautifully crafted assortment of gifts to be raffled, all loaded into a sleigh and even pulled by a reindeer. At last count, she raised over \$2500 which went to support a needy family with gifts and food for the Holiday. What a great idea, and Thank You Christina and all that supported her idea. Oh, I almost forgot, our yearly Christmas Eve Party at the Lodge put on by our fabulous Kitchen Staff. It was a great time had by all, and Thank You. Before I close this long winded paragraph, I'm sure I missed some people with the above Thank You's. For that, I apologize, but remember that you are appreciated. So, Thank You to All, and All a Good Night. God Bless and be Safe.

ER Fred

PS.. Don't forget to checkout our new website [www.bpoe275.org](http://www.bpoe275.org) for all happenings and upcoming events.



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
DINNER & DANCING  
JANUARY 27th**

Salad @ 6:30 Dinner @ 7pm

Dancing from 8-10pm

**\*NO reservations required!**

Dinner & Dancing \$15

Dancing only \$10

Music by Russ Allen or Guest (TBA)

**Dinner choices are:**

**Stuffed Chicken Parm,**

**Cod or Grilled Steak**

**Adult beverages available at the bar**

*\*You may reserve a table for 6,8 or 10 people  
by calling the Lodge Mon-Fri 9am-12pm*

*Ask for Arnie*

*Come join the Leisure Time  
Dancers on Wednesday's  
from 9am - 12 noon*

*Line Dancing 9am-10am*

*Ballroom Dancing 10am-12 Noon*

**(NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION)**



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November 6, 2016

Dear Past Exalted Ruler,

As a Past Exalted Ruler in good standing of the Mid-Hudson District #6180 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you are invited to become (or remain) a member of the "Mid-Hudson District Past Exalted Rulers Association". This allows you to attend and participate in the Annual Meeting and vote for State Vice President, State Trustee, and District Secretary/Treasurer, when they become vacant, as well as attend any other District meeting that may be called. The annual dues is \$10.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday January 8, 2017, at the Haverstraw Elks Lodge at 2:00pm (January 15, 2017 weather date). Voting privileges will be extended only to those Past Exalted Rulers who have paid their dues prior to the day of the Annual Meeting. Any PER who submits their dues on the day of the Annual Meeting will not be allowed to vote.

Please send dues to myself at the address referenced below, make checks payable to: BPOElks Mid-Hudson District.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments you may have. Keep up with District news by submitting to me your email address and checking our website.

Fraternally Yours,

***Raymond Strohm***

Raymond Strohm, PDDGER

Secretary/ Treasurer

Mid-Hudson District Past Exalted Rulers Association

Mail to: Raymond Strohm  
38 Swenson Drive  
Wappingers falls, NY 12590





## ELKS GOLF LEAGUE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Elks Golf League on Sunday, February 12th at 1pm at the Lodge. At the meeting we will discuss: Dues, league schedule and old business. All current league members and any Elk member in good standing are invited to attend. The league runs from mid April to the end of September. Please Join us!

## BAND NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

**Saturday,  
January 14th  
7pm till Lynda  
passes out!**



**Pizza Night  
and Bar  
Menu too!**

**Come out  
and enjoy!**

Don't forget Football Sunday's at the Elks! Football's not over yet! 10 tv's to watch all the games, free chicken wings and other goodies! Cabin fever? The wife or girlfriend is tired of looking at you? Then come on down and have some fun!

## SHARE THE FUN!



**Ask a Friend or Family  
Member to Join the  
Lodge!!!**

Applications Available at the FDR Wall



## LOOKING FOR BINGO VOLUNTEERS

***Bingo is back!***

We would love to have more people involved. Even if it's only once per month it would be a great help.

Contact Jane Anderson  
@ 914-475-2773

Join the Team and  
have a good time!!!



## ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

**Legacy Awards 2016** - \$4000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks.

Applications are available online at: <http://www.enf.elks.org/SCHOLARSHIPS>. **Deadline February 3, 2017.**

**Questions? Contact Jane Anderson, Scholarship Chairperson @ 914-475-2773**

**\*APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE & MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE\***

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CONTACT THE SECRETARY, RAY STROHM. THANK YOU.**

**FROM THE EDITOR**




**February Newsletter  
Deadline**

**FRIDAY JAN 20th**

**WE HAVE A NEW NEWSLETTER  
EDITOR COMING! THANK YOU!!!**

**HOOP SHOOT**



**Elks National Free Throw  
"Hoop Shoot" Contest**

**For all boys and girls ages 8 thru 13**

Contestant age group will be  
determined by their age as of  
April 1, 2016

Poughkeepsie Lodge will hold their Hoop Shoot  
at the Arlington High School on Saturday,  
January 7th, 2017 at 9am

**\*HELP IS NEEDED!**  
For more information, contact  
Richard Long @ (914) 489-7142

**ATTENTION LEISURE  
TIME DANCERS!**

**WINTER WEATHER  
CONDITIONS POLICY:**

Should the Arlington Central School District  
close or have a delay, dancing will be  
cancelled for that day.

**OUR NEW LODGE WEBSITE ADDRESS IS:**

**WWW.BPOE275.ORG**



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# JANUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Happy New Year!</b> Lodge Closed	2	<b>3 NO Bingo!</b>	4 Roast Pork Loin, Haddock, Meat & Cheese Lasagna	<b>5 Lodge &amp; Board Meeting</b>	6 Grilled Steak Bar Menu	<b>7 Pizza Night</b> Bar Menu
8	9	10 Bingo	11 Chicken Cacciatore, Stuffed Sole, Eggplant Rollatini	12	13 Grilled Steak Bar Menu	<b>14 Pizza Night</b> Bar Menu
15	16	17 Bingo	18 Meatloaf, Salmon, Cheese Ravioli w/ Meatballs	<b>19 Lodge &amp; Board Meeting</b>	20 <b>PRIME RIB</b> Bar Menu	<b>21 Pizza Night</b> Bar Menu
22	23	24 Bingo	25 Roast Beef Cavatelli w/ Meatballs, Flounder Florentine	26	27 Bar Menu <b>Dinner &amp; Dancing</b> Stuffed Chicken Parm, Cod, Grilled Steak	<b>28 Pizza Night</b> Bar Menu
29	30	31 Bingo				