



# Lodge Happenings



**POUGHKEEPSIE LODGE #275**  
**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**  
**Charter Granted June 20, 1894**

**DECEMBER**  
**2017**

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My Fellow Members,

Wow! 2017 is just about in the history books. Where has it gone? With December, I want to remind everyone that we only have the first Lodge meeting for this month. It just happens to fall on Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, which has roots back to one of our famous members, U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, or FDR for short. We will be holding Initiation for up to (6) six new members, so stop down and attend the meeting, and

welcome our new members. We would love to see you and you can witness all of the changes and hard work your fellow members have been accomplishing.

Looking back on November, I want to first say, that our annual Country & Western Night was "Off the Hook!" The food was awesome, the entertainment was spectacular, and the fellowship was second to none. We had just short of 250 in attendance, and the one thing that I noticed, it was a lot younger crowd, which was nice to see. I want to give "Big Elks Kudos" to Chairman Deke, Ticket Chairman Allan, Chef & Kitchen Chairman Eddie Z and the usual cast of kitchen characters (Frank1 and Frank2, Glenn, Barry, Dante, Marc, ZigZag, Barry, Norm, and others in support). The last person that I noticed that worked all day in the kitchen, and it was great to see him, was Skinner. Great Job everyone and Thank You. PS- I know I've forgotten a few of you on the committee, my apologies in advance. As Newsletter Chairman Deke edits my column, maybe he can add a few that I missed back in here. (hint hint hint). Also in November, Christina and her gang, held another "Paint & Sip" event where we had almost 50 participants painting a nice Winter scene. Even yours truly, had his hand at the ole' paint brush. Watch out John Kesselmark, there seems to be a lot of other painting talent within the membershipJ... Christina and her Team always does an outstanding job and is one of our most creative talents that have gotten involved. Great Job!

Moving into December, which is jammed packed with good happenings, starts off with Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Town of Poughkeepsie Winter Festival Parade. Did I mention Parade? Not only are we going to have a pre-parade Bake Sale, the Poughkeepsie Elks will be having a Float in the parade. (This oughta be interesting) This was the brain child of, guess who? Our creative thinker Christina and her merry band of Snowflakes. You might even see our mascot Elroy the Elk in attendance. I wonder who they're going to find to stuff into that thing? I mean, fill. Anyway, come to the parade, join in, or watch and heckle, it will be a lot of fun. So, stay tuned to the next newsletter to find out all of the particulars. The following day, the first Sunday in December, is set aside, where all Elks Lodges their yearly Memorial Service for the Members we have lost during the past year. Chairwoman Kim has been putting a lot of time into the preparations, and I'm sure it will be a very solemn affair. This event will begin prompt at 11am on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcomed. To Our Absent Members! Also, on December 10<sup>th</sup> is our 20 Week Club Dinner and final drawings. Kim and Arnie have put a lot of time into this event, and again it was sold out. For all that bought tickets, Thank You and hope to see you there at the Dinner. Also, Thank You to you both for a great job. Next up, on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> is our yearly Children's Christmas Party headed up by our Youth Chair Seana.

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## 2017-2018 OFFICERS

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Est. Loyal Knight	Sara Dempsey
Est. Lecturing Knight	Brian Mallet
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Chaplain	Kim Acard
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Inner Guard	Michael Tompkins
Secretary	Raymond Strohm, PDD
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Organist	Larry Hazard
Justice	Paul O. Sullivan

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Daynor White & Tom Conger

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David S. Carroll

## ELK OF THE YEAR

Jerry Terwilliger



## PLAN AHEAD....

**Elks Memorial Service - Dec 3rd**

**Evening Holiday Decorating  
Party - Dec 3rd**

**Kid's Christmas Party  
Dec 17th**

**Xmas Eve Party  
Dec 24th**



# Secretary's Desk December 2017



## Membership:

As of November 28<sup>th</sup> we have 1062 members and 54 delinquents (5.2%).

## Absent Members

Paul Murray, 16 year member  
Sam Shaffer Sr., 41 year member

## Delinquent Members 2017-2018

All delinquent members were recently sent letters requesting they rejoin the Great Herd of Elks. If you are delinquent or know someone who is, please contact the Secretary.

## Upcoming Dates

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Elks Memorial Service  
11:00am  
December 7<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Meeting with  
Initiation 7:30pm  
No Second Meeting in December!

## Newsletter & BUZZ

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## Thank You Veterans

Poughkeepsie Lodge extends its sincerest Gratitude to  
all the Veterans who have Served our Country  
Veterans of Poughkeepsie Lodge.

(Please contact the Lodge at [bpoe275@verizon.net](mailto:bpoe275@verizon.net) if you are a veteran and not on the list)

Frank	Albano	Richard	Fernandez	James	Long
Mark	Alongi	George	Finn	John	Lowe Sr
Ernest	Arico	Robert	Florence sr	Robert	Lysko
John	Atherly	Joseph	Foglietta	Rudolph	Macak
Fred	Becker Jr	Bernard	Fountain	William	Mackey
Patrick	Becker	Harold	Fountain	Richard	MacLeary
Ronald	Berg	Richard	Fraleigh	Robert	Magee
Edwin	Bernstein	Richard	Frank	Robert	Magill
James	Bliss	Louis	Fusaro	Francis	Magurno jr
John	Boland	Salvatore	Gallo	Richard	Maier
John	Bordi jr	Harold	Girdlestone	Keith	Mara
William	Borgos	Richard	Glasgow	Tony	Marchese
Kenneth	Boyd	Stephen	Gleason	John	Marcus
Michael	Browne	William	Gleason jr	Keith	McArthur Sr.
Michael	Bunten	Albert	Goulette jr	Michael	McDermott
Ralph	Burgess	Carl	Grabala	Patrick	McDonald
John	Burke	Gary	Gross	John	McNair
William	Butsko	David	Gunn	Donald	Miller
James	Canora	Edward	Gyger	Dante	Miscadra
David	Carroll	Wayne	Hamilton	John	Montross
Walter	Cashdollar	Robert	Hanke	Philip	Moore
Robert	Chapman	Carl	Hartner	Clarence	Munson
Francis	Christensen	Jason	Hennessy	Daniel	Murphy
Donald	Clickner	Leroy	Hentz	James	Murphy
Thomas	Cochran	George	Herrmann	Paul	Murray
Richard	Cole	James	Herrmann	Donald	Neubauer
L	Cookingham	Ralph	Herrmann jr	Anthony	Nicolis
Alan	Cooper	Edward	Hotaling	Daniel	O'Connor
Neil	Cotter	Thomas	Incorvaia	Alvin	O'Hara
Harold	Craig Jr	John	Jackson	William	Oldfield Sr
Dennis	Crawford	John	Jacques	John	Oles
Kenneth	Crowe	John	Jakobsen	James	Palumbo
Peter	Csizmar	Robert	Jesionek	John	Paterson
Jay	Curtis	Todd	Jicha	Robert	Pollard
Robert	D'Errico	Andrew	Johnson	Bernard	Potrzeba
Andrew	Daniels	James	Johnson	Allen	Preston
John	Danko	Kenneth	Johnson	Wayne	Primeaux
Charles	Darrow	Dave	Keller	Frederick	Pullman
Frank	Derasmo	John	Kelly	Michael	Raguseo
Edward	Desmond	Charles	Killmer	Erick	Reitberger
Ralph	Destefano	William	Kirchner	Louis	Retzer
John	DiMarco	Edward	Kirschner	Stephen	Reverri
James	Donohue	Dudley	Knapp jr	Albert	Richard
William	Donohue	John	Kolosky	John	Ripo
Ronald	Duclos Sr	Jefferson	Koonce	Anthony	Roberts Jr
John	Duffy	Anthony	Kownacki	Joseph	Robinson
Normand	Dumas	Michael	Laffey	Michael	Rodack
Robert	Durland	John	Lane	Fredric	Ross
John	Duval	Michael	Lawsing	Michael	Rowan
Thomas	Falcone	Jack	Lister	Gary	Rozell

William	Ryan	Gerard	Sprague	Charles	Tuttle
Valentino	Sammarco	Leo	Stanszak	Llmar	Vana
James	Santimaw	Robert	Stickle	Sheldon	Vetter
Carl	Sassaman	Victor	Stopski	George	Vicari
Timothy	Scott	Matteo	Surico	Joseph	Vumbico
Clayton	Seaman	Wesley	Sutton	Richard	Weiner
Edward	Seifts	Paul	Swenson	Barry	Wheeler
John	Sewalk	Thomas	Swierczek	Duane	White
Ronald	Shields	Peter	Taylor	Raymond	White
John	Simmons	Elwood	Thorn	Philip	Williams
Roy	Sivertsen	Ronald	Tomlins	John	Wowk
Matthew	Smith	Thomas	Trainor	Ralph	Yando
C	Sorensen	Daniel	Tuohy		
Robert	Sorrentino	Lawrence	Turk		

We know there are names missing from this list. Please contact the Lodge at [bpoe275@verizon.net](mailto:bpoe275@verizon.net) or (845) 454-6660 so we can update our roster.



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
DINNER & DANCING  
DECEMBER 15th**

Salad @ 6:30 Dinner @ 7pm

Dancing from 8-10pm

\*NO reservations required!

Dinner & Dancing \$15

Dancing only \$10

**Suggested Gratuity \$2 per person**

Music by Harvest Duo

**Dinner choices are:**

**Roast Beef or**

**Stuffed Sole**

**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*

*(Free Ballroom lessons*

*10-10:30 upon request)*

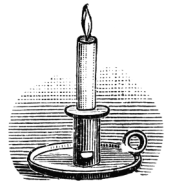
**\*NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION\***



**Elks Memorial  
Service  
Sunday, December  
3rd, 11am**

**"In Memory of Our  
Absent Members"**

**Refreshments to  
be served  
following the service**



**20 Week Club Party**

Sunday, December 10th

2-6pm

Dancing 2-5pm

Roast Beef Dinner Served 5pm

Wine, Draft Beer & Soda



**Children's Christmas Party Sunday, December 17th @ 1pm**

Children and Grandchildren of current Elk members who have paid their annual dues through March 31, 2018 are welcome to attend. Ages from birth to 8 years old are eligible.

Sign up at the bar or clip the coupon below and drop it off at the Lodge.

Deadline for signup is Sunday, December 3rd. Please fill out the sign up form completely.

Contact Seana Bailey (845) 242-2909 with any questions or donations.

CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ELK MEMBERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

**ER Message continued...**

I know she has a lot of support staff and I'm sure it will be another great event. Again, stop down and see the madness as the children visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, where they each receive a wrapped present. This is really special and this is where some of our raised funds go in support of. There is much more in December, so keep an eye on the calendar, the weekly "Buzz", or check us out at our website [www.bpoe275.org](http://www.bpoe275.org) to get the latest and greatest.

In closing, I would like to Thank everyone who donated non-perishable foods and coats in support of our Veterans during the month of November and I would like to Thank our Veterans Chairman Ray Strohm, PDD for his commitment to this fine group of Americans. I'm sure your donations will be very much appreciated as we head into the colder months. Lastly, the back office crew of Gail, Jen, Barbara, Jack, Tom, Norm and Daynor, have been doing a "Bang Up" job in getting our Lodge "business" running like a business. Great Job and Thank You! Lastly, our Trustees have been doing so much work around the Lodge, that when you see it, it makes you proud to be a Member of Poughkeepsie Lodge #275. Outstanding Job! With that, I want to wish everyone and their families a very wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe, and God Bless.

Fraternally,  
ER Fred

## **Christmas Eve Member's Buffet**

**Join us at the Lodge for the annual Member's Christmas Eve party and free buffet. The buffet will be out at 12pm. Lodge closes at 5pm.**

**\*\*There will be no lunch served\*\***

### **275 Veterans Service Committee**

We are reactivating the Lodge Veterans Service Committee. This past summer we arranged for an ENF Grant to "Liberty House" in the City of Poughkeepsie. Liberty House is a residential facility operated by Hudson River Housing dedicated to serving homeless veterans and providing guidance and assistance to veterans in navigating the government bureaucracy to obtaining the benefits they earned. We would like to establish a working relationship with Liberty House and focus on serving local veterans. If you would like to help us, contact us with your name, phone and/or email at [bpoe275@verizon.net](mailto:bpoe275@verizon.net) or 454-6660.



### **2018 Elks National Foundation**

#### **Scholarship Programs**

Please go to [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for further information

**Legacy Awards:** \$4000 scholarship for children and grandchildren of Elk's Members. The 2018 contest opens September 1st, 2017. The deadline is February 2nd, 2018.



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**THE AD FOR A BUSINESS CARD IN THE NEWSLETTER IS \$100 PER YEAR.  
CONTACT THE SECRETARY, RAY STROHM. THANK YOU.**



December 2nd, this Saturday we will be participating  
in the **Arlington Holiday Festival**.  
From 12 - 3 we'll be selling yummy baked goods,  
(your chance to get some of Lynda's famous  
pumpkin bread) and meet our one and only **Elroy**,  
our Elk mascot! Please visit our booth and of course  
at 4 pm get ready to see our 1st, **BPOE 275 parade  
float**.

In addition to the donations we've received and  
raffles, we are still selling \$5.00 ornaments at the  
bar to help fund this project.

Thank you again for all you do!  
**Christina**



Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge #275

**ELKS BUS TRIP**



**Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Connecticut Lodges**

Westbrook Lodge #1784

New Haven Lodge #25

Derby Lodge #571

Waterbury Lodge #265

Danbury Lodge #120




Brewster Lodge #2101

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# DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bar Menu Grilled Steak	2 Pizza Night
3	4	5 Bingo	6 Chicken Cutlet, Baked Cod, Cavatelli w/Meatballs	7 Lodge Meeting	8 Bar Menu Grilled Steak	9 Pizza Night Bar Menu
10	11	12 Bingo	13 London Broil, Baked Haddock, Manicotti w/ Meatballs	14	15 Bar Menu Grilled Steak Dinner & Dancing	16 Pizza Night Bar Menu
17  Kids Xmas Party	18	19 Bingo	20 Kielbasa & Perogies, Baked Floun- der, Stuffed Shells w/MB's	21 No Lodge Meeting	22 Bar Menu Grilled Steak	23 Pizza Night Bar Menu
24 Member's  Xmas Eve Party	25 	26 Bingo	27 Chicken Cordon Bleu, Baked Cod, Pasta w/MB's	28	29 Bar Menu Grilled Steak	30 Pizza Night Bar Menu