

# Lodge Happenings



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

**MARCH**  
**2017**

Home Lodge of F.D.R.

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My Fellow Members,

As we move into the last month of the Elk year, I want to first express my sincere "Thanks" to all of the retiring Officers for their dedication, commitment and support during the past year and to also "Thank" and welcome the returning and new Officers for this coming year. Together, we have done a lot in moving our Lodge forward, but I will tell you that there is more to be done. In looking forward, the Trustee team continues to get stronger, and at the right time as our Lodge facility and grounds have been in need of attention, repair, upgrading and/or replacement. At present, we are putting the final touches on our small dining room which will tie it in nicely to our newly renovated main room. So be proud of your Lodge and stop down, take a look at the progress, say "Hello" and offer to help out on one of the many committees. Remember, "Many hands make light work".

This past Thursday night Kim and I attended the Lincoln Day Dinner held at the Poughkeepsie Grand and organized by the Town of Poughkeepsie Republican Committee. The reason you ask? They were honoring one of our most valuable members, Town of Poughkeepsie Highway Superintendent, Marc Pfeifer. It was a great night and an honor to be bestowed on one of the most hard working and caring individual's that I have ever had the opportunity to meet. Marc has also been one of the main cogs in the planning and implementation of our newly renovated banquet facilities and the small dining room. To top it off, Marc was recently elected by our Members to become our newest Lodge Trustee. Congratulations and "Thank You" Marc for all that you have done for our Community and our Lodge! I look forward in working with you and the rest of the Board of Directors this coming year.

In speaking of this coming year, there are (3) three things I'd like to focus on. First is to continue working on upgrading our Lodge and its infrastructure. Second is to re-focus on a few of the Elk Programs that have gotten away from us, specifically our Veterans, and Drug Awareness. If anyone is interested in working on either of these committees, please let me know. And finally, continue to work on our internal controls and expenses within our House. A lot has been done to date, but there is more to go. I'd like to "Thank" Tom Conger, Jen Montalto, Daynor White, Barbara Hogan, Dave Carroll, Norm Dennis, Jerry Terwilliger, James Johnson, Jack Brewster and many more for all of your support and guidance.

For upcoming events, our St. Patrick's Day Party again has Danny "O" and Tom McGrath at the helm and will surely be a great time. If interested, please call the Lodge and reserve your spot. Norm Dennis has been feverishly selling the Mid-Hudson District Cerebral Palsy Raffle Tickets and has scheduled a bus trip to Haverstraw Lodge #877 for the drawings. If interested, see Norm or call the Lodge. Thank You Norm for all that you have done in helping our Lodge make its State CP per capita. Awesome Job!

For advance warning, the Lodge will be holding its yearly Installation of Officers on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 @ 2pm. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

In closing, I need to Thank all of our Members that have again donated their time in renovating the Small Dining Room. With the big help of Marc Pfeifer, Joe Devens, Bill Phillips, Norm Dennis, Jim Goodwin, Ziggy and Henry Conrad. Awesome Job Guys and Thank You! Lastly, we have a few of our more prominent Members that have either been dealing with a medical issue or one of their loved ones. Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Charlotte Craven, John & Joan Kesselmark, Bernie Parise, Frank Nelson's wife Lynn, Duffy, Andy Daniels, Sara Dempsey, and especially, Pete Scileppi's little granddaughter Aurora Rose. Our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery are with you. Until next time, Keep Well and God Bless.

Fraternally,  
 ER Fred

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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

## HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Daynor White

## BAR CHAIRMAN

Norm Dennis

## KITCHEN CHAIRMAN

Jerry Terwilliger

## BANQUETS & BOOKINGS

Daynor White & Tom Conger

## 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!**



**March 18th - Irish Night**

**March 19th - Paint Party Benefit**

**April 30th - Scholarship**  
**Fundraiser Brunch Buffet**

## Secretary's Desk

### March 2017

#### *Absent Members:*

Eugene F. Healy, Member of  
Poughkeepsie Lodge for 44 years!



#### *Membership:*

Membership as February 21, 2017

Active Members: 1047

Delinquent Members: 36

Please check the Delinquent List for friends and family.

All Delinquent members will be dropped on March 30, 2017. "Friends Don't Let Friends Get Dropped"!

#### *Final Notice!!!*

All Delinquent members will be **DROPPED** from membership on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please, if you are on "The List" or know someone who is contact the Exalted Ruler or the Secretary ASAP. Arrangements can be made in certain hardship cases, please let us know. Keep the *Herd* Strong!

#### *Dues 2017-2018*

Dues notices for the 2017-2018 Elk year have been mailed out, please contact me if you did not receive one. Due to an increase in the Grand Lodge insurance premium, the dues have gone up **\$.50** this year. Regular membership are \$95.50 and Life/Honorary Life membership are \$42.50. In the dues notice you are requested to update your information for our records. Please review and make corrections where necessary.

#### *Upcoming Meetings*

March 2, 2017 – Regular Meeting, Balloting on candidates

March 8, 2017 – Orientation of New Members

March 15, 2017 – Regular Meeting – Initiation of new Members

#### *New Website*

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

#### *Email*

Please send us your email address if you have not done so already. You will receive the weekly 275 BUZZ which informs you of upcoming events and news and the monthly Lodge newsletter a week earlier than by mail (not to mention saving the Lodge some money). Send to [bpoe275@verizon.net](mailto:bpoe275@verizon.net)

### **FINAL NOTICE!**

*The following Delinquent Members will be dropped from the roles of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks effective March 31, 2017. Please contact the Exalted Ruler or Secretary concerning any of these Members.*

*We can make arrangements.*

*"Friends Don't Let Friends Get Dropped"*

Eric Amato  
Heather Berardi  
Mary Bumpus  
Andrew Ceroni  
Vincent DiFrancesco  
Robert Ferris  
Jason Hennessy  
Paul Kefor  
Uwe Krueger  
Jason Liguori  
Tracy Lopez  
Dorwin Morse  
Robert Paris  
Arthur Plog Sr  
Raymond Schmitz  
Shawn Sheldon  
James Skapetis  
Deborah Sylvester

David Baier  
James Berryann  
Jay Burkhard  
Robert Demattio  
Desmond Dunkley  
Joseph Hardy Jr  
Harry Johannessen Jr  
Alan Kozlowski  
Ernest Lavigne  
Mario Liguori  
Louis Malagrino  
Michael O'Dowd  
Lawrence Peretta  
Tom Polakowski  
Robert Schoonmaker  
Ron Shipley  
David Stevens  
John Trunk

**TOTAL DELINQUENT - 36**



#### *Help!*

The Elks are looking for a "Few Good Members" to get involved with some of our committees. If you are interested in helping out with Veterans Service or Drug Awareness just to name a few, contact the Exalted Ruler or Secretary.



**FRIDAY NIGHT  
DINNER & DANCING  
MARCH 24th**

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:**

**Grilled Steak or**

**Specials (to be announced)**

**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)**



**IRISH NIGHT AT THE ELKS**

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm till 11:00pm

Dinner @ 7:00pm

Ham and Cabbage dinner with all the trimmings served  
with platters of corned beef, dessert and coffee.

Free Draft Beer and Soda

Music will be provided by the Cagney's

Basket of Cheer and 50/50

**Tickets \$30**

Anyone interested in helping out please contact one of  
the chairmen Danny O'Connor 204-7125

Or Tom McGrath 235-4573

Also there will be signup sheets on the Bulletin Board.

Join "Danny Boy" and his Clan of Leprechauns!

**Sign the RED Book early!**

Pick up tickets by March 4th



**BAND NIGHT  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 11TH**

**NO COVER CHARGE!  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

**JOIN US FOR A  
GREAT TIME!**

**INVEST IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

*When you're paying your dues this year, add a gift to the Elks National Foundation.*

A donation to the Elks National Foundation is an investment in our  
Lodge community. Through initiatives like Community Investments  
Program grants for Lodges, college scholarships, veterans services, youth  
activities, and more, the ENF puts resources in our hands to build a  
stronger community. Help us reach our per-capita goal with a gift today!

To learn more about the Elks National Foundation, visit [www.elks.org/enf](http://www.elks.org/enf).

**You invest. You give back.  
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# PAINT PARTY WITH A Purpose!



**Sunday, March 19th  
12-4 p.m.**  
Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge  
29 Overocker Rd.  
Poughkeepsie

**\$45 per person**

Reserve Your Tickets to help raise funds for medical expenses for 2 year old Aurora Rose, who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer

No Art Talent Needed!

Includes:  
\*All Materials  
\*Step-by-Step Instructions to Paint Your Very Own Aurora Borealis Masterpiece  
\*One Glass of Wine  
\*Light Fare  
\*Raffles!



Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge

# 2017 Scholarship Fundraiser



**\$1,000.00 Will be Given Away!**  
1<sup>st</sup>-\$500, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$250, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$150, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$50, 5<sup>th</sup>-\$50  
Donation \$25  
Drawing on  
Sunday April 30, 2017  
Includes Brunch Buffet 11am-1pm

2017 Scholarship Fundraiser  
POUGHKEEPSIE ELK'S LODGE 275  
\$1000 Dollars will be Given Away

FIRST PRIZE \$500  
SECOND PRIZE \$250  
THIRD PRIZE \$150  
FOURTH PRIZE \$50  
FIFTH PRIZE \$50

DONATION \$25.00 INCLUDES BRUNCH BUFFET  
Drawing to be held on SUNDAY APRIL 30th, 2017  
TIME: 11AM-1PM  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
JANE ANDERSON, LYNDA SCOTT, LYNN STROHM, JEAN JICHA

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

# LOOKING FOR BINGO VOLUNTEERS

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!!!



# Happy Anniversary

February 16 1868

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

**FROM THE EDITOR**



**April Newsletter  
Deadline**

**Wednesday,  
March 22nd**

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

**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:  
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# MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Roast Pork Loin, Baked Cod, Manicotti w/Sweet Sausage	2 Lodge & Board Meeting	3 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu	4 Pizza Night Bar Menu
5	6	7 Bingo	8 Braised Beef, Baked Haddock, Baked Ziti w/Meat Sauce	9	10 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu	11 Pizza Night Bar Menu <i>BAND NIGHT</i>
12	13	14 Bingo	15 Chicken Cutlet, Baked Salmon, Cavatelli w/ Meatballs	16 Lodge & Board Meeting	17 Specials Bar Menu <b>PRIME RIB</b>	18 <b>IRISH NIGHT</b>
19	20	21 Bingo	22 Roast Turkey, Stuffed Sole, Pasta w/MB's	23	24 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu <b>Dinner &amp; Dancing</b>	25 Pizza Night Bar Menu
26	27	28 Bingo	29 Sliced Steak, Baked Cod, Ravioli w/Meatballs	30	31 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu	