

Lodge Happenings

Poughkeepsie Lodge # 275

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

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Home Lodge
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Happy New Year.

We had a few hurdles but made it through 2020. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is staying healthy.

In 2020 we lost some great Elks. They were all remembered at our annual Memorial Service in December. It was a beautiful ceremony and we had a very good turnout from family and friends of our deceased members. Thank you to all officers and members who participated. You all did an outstanding job.

A reminder that the months of February, March and April we will have two meetings per month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday per Grand Lodge Statues. February starts with nominations of officers. We will have several open positions. If you are interested in becoming an officer please let me know. This is a great opportunity to get involved in your lodge.

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2020-2021 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Lynn Strom
Est. Leading Knight	Christine Hillerude
Est. Loyal Knight	Jean Jicha
Est. Lecturing Knight	John Kovalik
Esquire	Michael Tompkins
Chaplain	Jane Anderson
Tiler	Richard Filiberto
Inner Guard	Marisa Jicha
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 Jan 2021



January and February Meetings

- *Lodge Meeting: Thursday January 7th
Initiation, BOD 6 pm (as postponed)
- *Lodge Meeting: Thursday January 21st
- *Lodge Meeting: February 4th Nominations of Officers
- *Lodge Meeting: February 18th Election of Officers

Departed Members

Charles H. Molt, Neil Demaio, Robert R. Duclose Sr, Robert Chapman, Andrew Daniels

An Elk is never forgotten, Never forsaken.

Nomination/Election of Officers

Nominations for the following Lodge Officers for the 2021-2022 Elks year will be conducted during the regular meeting on February 4, 2021:

Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee.

Any Lodge member in good standing can be nominated for any office. Election of Officers will be conducted at the February 18th meeting.

Dues

Dues Notices for the 2021-2022 Elk Year will be mailed out on or about February 1, 2021. The dues for regular members is \$107.00 and \$54.00 for Life/Honorary Life members.

We still have 90 members who have not paid this year's dues yet and are endanger of being dropped come March 31.

275 BUZZ

This is a weekly newsletter sent Luton Wednesday for members using email. If you do not currently get the 275 Buzz please send your name and email to bpoe275@verizon.net

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

April starts the new Elk year. If you know anyone who would like to become a member, have them submit their application now so they can be initiated before the end of the current Elk year.

The lodge applied for and received 3 ENF grants to help out our local community. The Beacon grant for \$3,500.00 went to Lutheran Care Center to purchase I-Pads so the residents can have virtual visits with there families. The Spotlight grant for \$2,000.00 which went to Dutchess Outreach to help the food pantry and the Gratitude grant for \$2,500.00 which went to our own Merry Miracles. Thank you to the committee for all your hard work.

As always we have Friday and Saturday lunch and dinners. Stop by for some good food, good drinks and support the lodge. We are Poughkeepsie Strong.

Our next newsletter will not be until March.

So in closing I want to wish everyone a Happy Healthy 2021. Remember we are POUGHKEEPSIE STRONG.

January/February Quote: Tough times never last, but tough people do.(Robert H Schuller)

Fraternally yours,
ER Lynn

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The Bar Is Open

The Following Guidelines will be in place and must be strictly followed!

Only Members in Good Standing (Dues paid up) and their immediate guests will be permitted on premises. Members are responsible for their guests.

ALL Patrons MUST Wear a Facial Covering at all time while inside except while sitting at a Table or the Bar.

All Patrons must practice Social Distancing: 6 feet between Parties.

Failure to observe these guideline will result in the member being asked to Leave and may result in Suspension of House privileges.

The Lodge can be Closed Down "On The Spot" for patrons failing to observe precautions.

Your cooperation is important to us all.....



Leisure Time Dancers

The Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge is open however dancing has not yet returned. When we are able to dance again we will get the word out to you. Stay Safe and we Hope to see you all soon on the dance floor.

Chuck, Joe, Jean and Dave



From the District Deputy

Every one of us, at different times in our lives, has taken a test. The test I'm thinking about isn't in writing; you don't get to sit when you take it; not on the Grand Lodge or NYSEA websites; cannot be seen literally, however it CAN be observed; and, IS something that we are judged by.

I'm talking about *CHARACTER!!* Good character is not given to us. We have to earn and build it piece by piece—by thought, choice, courage and determination. It is the tests in life that form our character. Whatever you call it – put through the ringer, pushed to our limit, run ragged - in 2020, our character was put to the test. And, looking ahead, we are stronger for it.

Henry Ford once said, "... *the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.*"

I believe that 2021 is the year that the challenges we've faced together, the adversity we've endured and the tough choices we've had to make will help move us forward to even greater achievements! We find our inspiration on the tops of the mountains, but our determination in the valleys. The Order of Elks have many great traditions, not the least of which is resiliency!

2021 is a time to LIVE our principles: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. In these principles, we have everything we need. They guide our thoughts and words, give us the courage of our convictions and compel us to take action. In other words, being the Best People On Earth!!

We have a New Year filled with new opportunities. Let's get to work.

Fraternally, and sincerely,

Paul H. Crumb, DDGER
Mid-Hudson District #6180

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