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POUGHKEEPSIE LODGE #275
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
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**APRIL
2017**



My Fellow Members,

WOW! Another Elk year in the books for Poughkeepsie Lodge #275. As we look out the window, the snow is melting and the warmer weather is inching its way in. Soon the green will fill the trees, the grass will usher in plush carpets that surround our homes and the snow birds which headed south in the Fall will start to return. Personally, I can't wait....

As I take the helm of our Lodge for the 3rd consecutive year, we continue to make strides in reviving our business. This could not have been done without the help and perseverance of so many of our committed and dedicated Members. And from that, I say, "Thank You All, Excellent Job and I look forward to working with each of you over the next year."

So, where do we go from here? I'm actually glad you asked that question. As far as our business, Room Rentals and Catering bookings have been "Off the Hook" and continue to gain momentum. Tom Conger has been our primary booking contact and he has been doing an outstanding job. Therefore, if you are planning a wedding, or any other type of party, give Tom a call or leave a message at the Lodge. I guarantee you, you will not be disappointed. We also will continue to focus on strengthening our Business Controls for both the House and the Lodge under the watchful eyes of our Treasurer Dave Carroll and the House and Lodge Audit Committees. Finally, the Board of Directors will be focusing on reducing and streamlining our expenses. The result of all this is increased profitability. This is the business side of our Lodge.

As for the Elk side of the Lodge, this is the time of year where we fill our many committees with dedicated and caring Members just like yourself. Many hands make light work, so whatever may interest you, please either give me a call or send me an email. Giving back is what the Elks are all about.

We had a couple of events this past month worth noting. First, we had one of our Member's granddaughter diagnosed with a very aggressive form of brain cancer. Christina Nolan came up with an idea to help the family in need, a "Paint Party" with a Purpose. Personally, I've never heard of a Paint Party, but it was sold out with over 70 people, and I can tell you after seeing it, what a great idea. Excellent Job Christina and her Team in raising over \$4300 to help little Aurora Rose and her family with some of the many bills. Members, this is what the Elks are truly about. Secondly, Norm and his Team helped sell over 80 tickets to the District's Cerebral Palsy Fundraiser. Not only did the District raise \$15,000 which went to support our State's Major Project, our Lodge was credited with over \$4,000 which went to support our \$8.00 per Member goal. Excellent Job Norm and Team...

I also want to talk a little about Membership. Currently, we have been holding Initiation just about every month. The interest in our programs and our Lodge has been really gaining around our community. I want to personally Thank all of our Members for taking the time to introduce their family and friends to our great Order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Keep it up! I also want to Thank our Members for quickly returning their dues for the current year. At last I checked, we were closing in on approximately 70% with returned dues. So, please get them in. If you are on a fixed income and are struggling with the cost, please let me know. We have donated funds set aside to help those in need. Especially, one of our own.

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OFFICER OF THE YEAR
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PLAN AHEAD....

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



**Abilities 1st Annual Prom
May 19th**

Secretary's Desk April 2017



Absent Members:

Russell G. Gasking Jr.
Member 28 years
Diana Weibrecht
Member 1 year

Membership:

Membership as March 21, 2017
Active Members: 1049
Delinquent Members: 16

Michael Sheehan	Proposes	Kevin Behannon
Edward MacIsaac	Proposes	Robert MacIsaac
Jim Goodwin	Proposes	Jarred Fay
Joseph Goodwin	Proposes	Brian Ineson

Dues 2017-2018

Did your Cardkey not work when you attempted to get into the Lodge? That's because you did not pay your 2017-2018 Dues yet. The cardlocks were changed on April 3rd. See the Secretary to pay your dues.

Upcoming Meetings

April 2, 2017 5:00pm– Installation of Officers
April 6, 2017 7:30pm– Regular Meeting
April 19, 2017 7:30pm – Regular Meeting

New Website

Check out the new Lodge website at www.bpoe275.org

Facebook

With the expert assistance of Seana Travers the Lodge is launching a new Facebook page.
Like us at BPOE275

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

ER Message continued....

In closing, I would like to welcome our new Members to the Board of Directors. They are, Marc Pfeifer, Lou Rabin, and Brian Mallet. Welcome, and I look forward to working with each one of you this coming year. So, everyone, Think Spring, Think Membership, Think helping out on one of our many Committees and Think about stopping down and supporting one of our many events at the Lodge.

Take Care and God Bless.

Fraternally,
ER Fred



**How To Get
New Members?
ASK THEM!**

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
APRIL 21st**

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:

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)

Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge

2017 Scholarship Fundraiser



\$1,000.00 Will be Given Away!

1st-\$500, 2nd-\$250, 3rd-\$150, 4th-\$50, 5th-\$50

Donation \$25

Drawing on

Sunday April 30, 2017

Includes Brunch Buffet 11am-1pm



Some Members of the Poughkeepsie Lodge at the 2017 Mid Hudson District Major Projects \$10000 Drawing at Haverstraw Lodge. 28 Members made the trip and had a great evening!





**POUGHKEEPSIE ELKS
300 CLUB TICKETS ON SALE
APRIL 1st!
\$10000 GRAND PRIZE!!!**



**Drawing July 29th. Tickets available at the Lodge,
from Paul Roman, Norm Dennis, Arnie Rosenberger
or any member of the Board of Directors.**

Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge #275

ROAD TRIP



Saturday April 29th

- Capital District Lodges
- Guilderland Lodge - Lunch
- Rotterdam Lodge
- Colonie Lodge
- Watervliet Lodge
- Kinderhook Lodge

Leave 9:30am - Return 8:30pm?

Sign the "Red" book
Preference given to Poughkeepsie Lodge members



**Congratulations to Dick Long for reminding
us what it means to be an Elk!**

The NYS Elks Association wishes to thank Mr. Richard Long from Poughkeepsie Elks Lodge #275 for his years of dedication to the Elks Hoop Shoot program. Your commitment to excellence insured that everyone who went through your program had a great experience. Many have learned and were inspired by your example.





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

FROM THE EDITOR



May
Newsletter
Deadline

Thursday, April 20th

*The sooner you have your
submissions in the sooner the
newsletter goes out to print.



**BAND NIGHT
SATURDAY
APRIL 8TH**

**NO COVER CHARGE! BRING YOUR
FRIENDS! JOIN US FOR A
GREAT TIME!**

*Congratulations and Thank You to all of our
Officers and Committee Chairmen for the Elk
Fraternal Year of 2017-2018! Welcome to those that
are new and a heartfelt thank you to those who
have returned. We applaud your time and efforts!*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pizza Night Bar Menu
2	3	4 Bingo	5 Baked Meatloaf, Cod, Cheese Ravioli Alfredo w/ Chicken	6 Lodge & Board Meeting	7 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu	8 Pizza Night Bar Menu <i>BAND NIGHT</i>
9	10	11 Bingo	12 Roast Turkey Breast, Red Snapper, Rigatoni Bolognese	13	14 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu	15 Pizza Night Bar Menu
16	17	18 Bingo	19 Pork Loin, Baked Floun- der, Ziti w/ Meatballs	20 Lodge & Board Meeting	21 Specials Grilled Steak Bar Menu Dinner & Dancing	22 Pizza Night Bar Menu
23/30	24	25 Bingo	26 Roast Top Sirloin, Baked Salmon, Cheese Manicotti w/ Italian Sausage	27	28 Specials PRIME RIB Bar Menu	29 Pizza Night Bar Menu