## HAVERSTRAW LODGE #877 B.P.O. ELKS



The Friendly Lodge / A Fraternal Organization May 2021 Monthly News Letter The Elks Tale



MEETINGS 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH





The Elks mission statement, along with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity addresses the principle "...to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members..." We are finally, Thank God, seeing the light at the end of this difficult and tragic Covid 19 tunnel. Now, more than ever, I think we could all use a little enhanced happiness. Just like the mission statement demands, our Lodge is prepared to embrace that commitment to our members.

Work on the renovation and expansion to our deck and its serving facility, at the time of this messages delivery, should be complete. Its successful execution represents a larger seating area and kitchen to accommodate more members in a smoother fashion. We are blessed to have one of the most beautiful views of the majestic Hudson River from our Lodge and member's deck, one that is not rivaled by any other restaurant or resort in the Hudson Valley. Please come down and enjoy, as a member you are entitled and encouraged to take advantage.

We also are coming back to life with many planned activities for 2021, always keeping guidelines and the safety of our members in mind. Mother's Day Dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup> promises to be a great value and a restful day for Mom. And you don't even have to do the dishes. Our Annual Jim Welhelm – Rich Coyne Golf Outing is in full "swing" for June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Annual Luau and Haverstraw Fireworks celebration will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, best view in town! The Ladies Club will sponsor their popular Deck Party/ Bake Sale on July 11<sup>th</sup>; and the fun continues with Hot Dog Day on July 31<sup>st</sup> and a Pig Roast on September 25<sup>th</sup>. How's that for "enhanced happiness". Check the monthly Elks Newsletter for details and reservation requirements.

Our commitment to the principle of Charity has never waned and will continue stronger than ever for 2021. Various Fund Raisers and Raffles are in the works to continue to help our community and our neighbors in their time of need. As members, these efforts reflect on all of us and are something as an organization that we hold dear and are proud and honored to provide.

Looking forward, 2021 promises to be a great year for our Lodge and its members. Please come down, enjoy, participate and be a part of our success.









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**Tito Crespo** Joe DePalma, PER **Tom Schaub Richard Smith** Dave Lowe, PSVP **Kevin Pfeil** Phil Guerra **Rev. Warren Brandt** John Crovle **Chris Huslinger Ed Geary** Joe Gara, PER Scott Taylor, PDD **Robert Coyne, PER** John Lawless, PSVP Jim Tierney Hon. Frank Phillips John Intrieri **Jennifer Henion** 

**Lodge Officers** 



House Chairman's Corner /// Help is always needed & appreciated For information on renting our facility please contact John Intrieri (House Chairman) at 845-429-8738 or E-mail us at <u>host@haverstrawelks.org</u>



#### LODGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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ELK'S TALE SUBMISSIONS Anyone with submissions or contributions to the newsletter Please E-mail your information to: Ken Gosda kgozelks@gmail.com

"To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity"





Catholic Charities



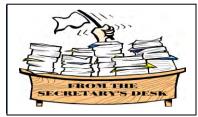




North Rockland Food Pantry







#### **SECRETARY'S CORNER MAY 2021**

Secretary's Email: <u>Secretary@HaverstrawElks.org</u> Secretary's Phone 845.429.8727

Membership As of 04/25/21		Membership Process					
Current Membership	1435	Investigation	Ongoing				
Members added to the	roll 0	Next Vote	06/08/21				
Removed from Roll	4	Next Orientation	06/15/21				
Members in Arrears	345	Next Initiation	06/22/21				
	Proposed for	Membership					
None							
	In Men	noriam					
PER Charles Delle Chiaie initiated September 22, 1992 – Deceased April 3, 2021							
PER John F, Casey Sr. initiated February 14, 1961 – Deceased April 4, 2021							
Michael Broph	y initiated January 12	2, 1993 – Deceased April 15	5, 2021				
We Still Ha	ve Over 300 Members	s That Have Not Paid Their	Dues!				

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#### What is the Elks National Foundation?

With nearly 800,000 members and nearly 1,900 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities across the United States. The Elks National Foundation, the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, helps Elks build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet needs in areas where Elks live and work. To learn more, visit <u>elks.org/enf</u>.

#### Get Connected with the ENF!

There are so many ways to stay connected with the Elks National Foundation! Never miss another update from the ENF by liking them on Facebook **@ElksNationalFoundation**. Stay up to date on what's happening with ENF programs on Twitter **@ElksNtnlFndtn** and Instagram **@ElksInAction**. Be the first to watch the latest ENF films by subscribing to its YouTube channel at <u>enf.elks.org/YouTube</u>. The ENF is constantly sharing snapshots from Lodges building stronger communities across the nation. Visit <u>enf.elks.org/Social</u> to get connected with your fellow Elks today.

#### Hoop Shoot Program

The Elks have been developing gritty kids through the Hoop Shoot program for nearly 50 years. For 2020-21, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$1.2 million to fund the program. For videos, news from the court, and more information about the Hoop Shoot, visit <u>elks.org/hoopshoot</u>.

#### Drug Awareness Program

Through the Elks National Drug Awareness Program, youth learn the importance of making healthy choices. For 2020-21, the Elks National Foundation allocated \$1 million to fund the Drug Awareness Program, which includes a nationwide speaking tour. For more information, visit <u>elks.org/dap</u>.

#### Veterans Service Commission

The Elks National Foundation ensures our veterans are never forgotten. In 2020-21, the ENF granted \$3.6 million to meet the needs of veterans through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, including \$1.3 million to help end veteran homelessness. For more information about the Veterans Service Commission, visit <u>elks.org/vets</u>.

#### Elks National Foundation Lodge Grants

The Elks National Foundation allocated \$14.6 million this year to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things. To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit elks.org/CIP.

#### State Grants

In 2020-21, the Elks National Foundation will grant \$10.1 million to state Elks associations. These grants help fund each state's major charitable projects. To find out how the ENF is helping your state, visit <u>enf.elks.org/YourState</u>.

#### **Scholarships**

In 2020-21, the Elks National Foundation will award \$4.6 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for our nation's youth. As important members of the Elks family, Elks scholars have many social and service opportunities to connect with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs, and for ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, visit <u>elks.org/scholars</u>.



Veterans Corner May 2021 by Tom Carroll



At approximately 11:30 PM on May 29<sup>th</sup> the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 333 will be conducting our annual <u>Watchfire ceremony</u>. The ceremony will open with the presentation of the colors by the Haverstraw Police Department Honor Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an Invocation, the POW/MIA prayer, and a brief history of the Watchfires.

After a few brief comments by the Supervisor of the Town of Haverstraw, Howard Phillips and the Commander of Leo Laders American Legion Post 130, Don Joachim, we will read off the 46 names of Rockland County residents who were killed in Vietnam, followed by a single bell toll for each. After that list is read anyone in the audience is urged to call out the name of a loved one who served in the military and who is no longer with us, again followed by a single bell toll after each name.

This will be followed by a rifle salute and taps. The flag will be lowered to half-staff as the Watchfire is lit. This will begin a 24 hour vigil for members and friends of Chapter 333. Sometime around 5:00 AM the original 25 foot structure will start to collapse. From that point on, additional wood will be added to keep the fire burning strong until midnight on the 30th.

At 7:00 PM on May 30<sup>th</sup> we will conduct a flag retirement ceremony. People are urged to bring down flags that are no longer "serviceable" for a dignified retirement in the Watchfire.

Additional Watchfires are planned for Eugene Levy Park, Clausland Mountain, and Piermont. Because of COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to have the Watchfires last year. This broke a 32 year tradition which, for me, began on top of Hi Tor Mountain with the logs being brought in by helicopter. Now, at age 72, the "amenities" of Bowline are most appreciated.

Everyone is invited to attend, keeping in mind that this is a memorial ceremony.

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 333 will be holding our annual "Pig Roast" at the Kersing-Edwards Legion Post in Pomona from 12:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be food (including roast pig), beer and wine, and live music in a family friendly atmosphere.

Tickets are \$25 per person if purchased by June 1<sup>st</sup> and \$30 if purchased at the door. Children under 5 are free. I left a couple of flyers on the bulletin board at the bar entrance. If you need one and they are not there, email me at <u>tomcarroll5@verizon.net</u>.

On April 11<sup>th</sup> our Lodge sponsored a pizza party for 52 veterans at the Montrose VA Hospital. Hopefully, we will be able to have them back at the Lodge soon for in-person lunches.



#### Members All,

About a year ago, in an effort to stem the tide of increasing costs of printing, preparing and mailing, we upgraded to an electronic delivery for most of the communications to our members. We were fully aware there would be a learning curve and some members might have difficulty adapting to Email delivery.

What we didn't anticipate was our correspondence, with some Email servers, would be identified as "Junk Mail" or "Promotions" and consequentially directed to those folders in your Email where you may not see them and the information we are trying to share with our members would go unnoticed.

It has been suggested, if this is the case with your Email server, that you can move one of our messages from "Junk" or "Promotions" to your inbox. This in effect, will train or tell your Email server that you do not consider our efforts to keep you informed "Junk".

We are also in the process of updating our webpage,

https://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=877

Our hope is that this tool will give us another avenue to keep you, our members informed as well as promoting the Lodge to the community for outside events.

On our website home page, there is a light blue drop-down menu on the left. Under the news tab, there is "Upcoming Events" a summary of the years plan. Under Calendar, an updated calendar, that mirrors the Newsletters information. Under Gallery, some images of our Lodge and activities.

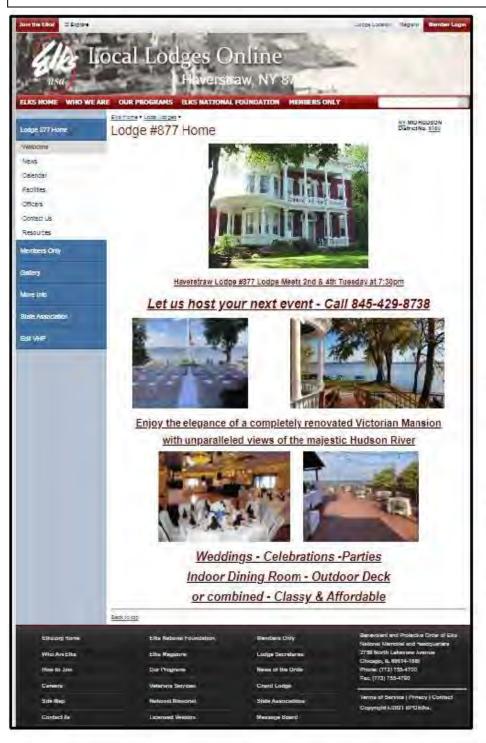
Under More Info, there are links to the current monthly Elks Tale Newsletter, Scholarship Applications, Paying Dues and current Lodge Charity highlights under Elks Care-Share.

We are also increasing efforts to post event information at the members lounge and have copies of the current Elks Tale Newsletter available there for you to take home. Thank You

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Includes click Tabs <u>News</u> with \*Upcoming Events

<u>Calendar</u> with: \*Updated Monthly Calendar

<u>Gallery</u> with \*Lodge Photos

<u>More Info</u> with \*Updated Monthly Newsletter \*Elks Care-Share \* Pay Dues & More

# Check out our updated website



Jennifer Henion



**Dear Ladies**,

We will have our first in person meeting at 7 PM on May 18th. I hope you will be able to attend. We will set up the chairs at a safe distance. No coffee will be served. We had planned on having a Vendor Sale on June 13th but were unable to get it organized in time so we will postpone it for a later date. Our next event is July 11th and is our Cake-less Bake Sale. We need someone to chair this event. Judy has begun working on our Penny Sale which is scheduled for September.

This will be my last newsletter as President. I am stepping down, effective, May 1st, 2021. It has been a pleasure being the President of Ladies Club 877. It is time for me to relax more, take care of my health and ready myself for retirement. We have many open positions and I hope you will volunteer to help.

Thank you for your support and I wish the club success. Tito Crespo, ER, is eager to work alongside our club and our new President.

Sincerely, Jennifer A. Henion Ladies Club 877 President.

As stated in her message our current President of the Haverstraw Elks #877 Ladies Club Jennifer Henion will be stepping down as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. On behalf of the Officers, Trustees and members we would like to thank Jennifer for her years of selfless service, leadership & guidance. Her efforts and those of our Ladies Club are always appreciated and help to make our Lodge increasingly stronger. <u>Thank You Jennifer.</u>



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