

HAVERSTRAW LODGE NO. 877 B.P.O. ELKS



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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE
PRESIDENT, 877 MESSAGE



Dear Members,

It's True! We are a growing organization! It was announced at our National Convention held in St. Louis that for the first time in 49 years, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will show a net gain in membership. I am happy to say that Haverstraw Elks Lodge No. 877 is following that same trend we initiated 19 new members on August 3rd. Our continued growth is a result of current membership's efforts to attract excellent candidates as well as our continued involvement in our community. I encourage every member to be on the lookout for worthy candidates for our Lodge. We anticipate having another initiation ceremony on September 24th. We have had a very exciting summer of activities! Our Ladies Club BBQ Picnic and bake sale was a huge success. The turnout was great, and food was delicious. I thank Ladies Club President, Jennifer Hennion and all the Ladies who made the event successful. We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication.

On July 20th we had the Homecoming for Pat Walsh, PDGER, and Brian Sherry, Past State Vice President. During their terms Pat and Brian led by example. They continue to do so setting the standard for all of us to follow. I was gratified to see such a large crowd to celebrate their triumphant return to our beloved Lodge! Welcome Home! Without missing a beat, our team of volunteers was ready to continue our summer partying with Haverstraw Elks Lodge's annual Hot Dog Day on July 27th. Lenny Vitale and the Kitchen and Bar staff did another outstanding job.

I can't thank them enough for all they contribute to the making our events shine!! Attendance was great and we all had a lot of fun. Kids of all ages enjoyed all the offerings. It truly brought families together to enjoy good food and drink. I want to thank our New York State Elks Association President, Brian Greene and his lady Tonia, for their attendance. Also, in attendance was a friend to Haverstraw Lodge, Cameron Ricci and his wife Joanne. Our Annual Clam Bake held on August. It was well attended and everyone had a great time. The second annual Lobsterfest will be held on September 14th. Please see inside the newsletter for more information. I'm looking forward to attending the New York State Elks Convention in Albany from September 19th to the 22nd. I look forward to sharing all the information I learn with you when I get back!

Yours in Elkdom

John Downs

Exalted Ruler

Dear Ladies,

We are off to a busy start with the end of summer and fall beginning. There are many great events coming up in the next few months and I hope you will all participate in them. We will begin with our Penny Sale on September 13th which is run by Judy O'Sullivan. It will be a fun night and I am sure you will come home with many great prizes. We will need your help in baking cakes for that evening and don't forget Judy is collecting scratch off tickets and other items you may want to donate.

Our Psychic Medium, Ellen Devine, will be her on Saturday, October 19th from 7 to 9 PM for an enlightening evening. Tickets are \$40pp and will include light refreshments and soda. A cash bar will also be available. A Flyer is attached in this newsletter.

Linda Fagan is going to switch things up this year and will be having a Comedy night on November 16th. She has a great show planned and you will not want to miss it.

Remember the men will be hosting their Lobsterfest on September 14th. A lot of good food will be served so keep the date in mind. I hope you are all enjoying the last few weeks of Summer. Our September meeting will be held on September 18th at 7 PM.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Henion

President, Ladies Club 877

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HOUSE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER –
 LENNY VITALE

To all our members:

Help is always needed!

**For information on
 renting our facility,
 please contact Lenny
 Vitale (House
 Chairman) at 845-
 429-8738 or E-mail us
 at
[housechairman.office
 @verizon.net](mailto:housechairman.office@verizon.net)**

JOIN THE TEAM

LODGE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PARTY BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL HOUSE CHAIRMAN, LENNY VITALE AT 845-429-8738

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 Secretary's E-Mail: Secretary.Office@verizon.net

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Articles must be submitted by the 10th of each month. Feel free to e-mail me at mickeyandlisa@gmail.com

VETERAN'S CORNER by Tom Carroll

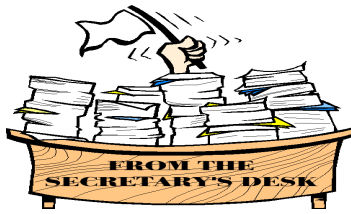


Note: This Veteran's Corner is based on an article by Jennifer Steinhauer that appeared in the New York Times on January 4, 2019. According to Robert Wilkie, Veterans Affairs Secretary, half of this country's veterans are under age 65. This has created a changing dynamic in Washington between the influence of the traditional "Big 6" veteran's organizations and the newer "Post 9/11" veterans advocacy groups.

The "Big 6", of which membership is comprised primarily of WW II, Korea, and Vietnam veterans, include Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Amvets, and the Vietnam Veterans of America (who, ironically, were turned away from other Big 6 organizations during the 60s and 70s). The newer organizations include groups like Student Veterans of America, Team Red, White, and Blue, and Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Chuck Hagel, former Defense Secretary and Vietnam veteran says "the Vietnam vet is a different kind of veteran than Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. They were drafted vets who wanted in-and- out. Today's veterans are married with families and that means new demands, interests, and pressures. One of the new groups, Concerned Veterans for America, is one of the driving forces behind the expansion of health care for veterans outside of the traditional VA system.

Veterans non-profits generate about \$3.6 billion in annual revenue. The Big 6 control about 68% of that total. However, recent revenue growth has been dominated by large post-9/11 organizations. They are growing at about 15% a year, while Big 6 growth is around 2%. One of the post 9/11 organizations is Wounded Warrior Project. In some cases they have managed to "marry" legacy Big 6 organizations with newer groups to build coalitions around issues such as toxic exposure. By most measures they have also managed to overcome a 2016 spending scandal and are rated 3 out of 4 stars (87%) by Charity Navigator. As I mentioned in a previous article, due to the aging of the WW II, Korea, and Vietnam veteran population, it seems inevitable that some of the post-9/11 veterans organizations will carry the burden of advocating for veterans. Hopefully they will be up to the task.



SECRETARY'S CORNER SEPTEMBER 2019

Secretary's Email: Secretary@HaverstrawElks.org

Secretary's Phone 845.429.8727

Membership As of 8/25/19

Current Membership	1477
Members added to the roll	43
Removed from Roll	10
Members in Arrears	107

Membership Process

Next Investigation	09/17/19
Next Vote	09/10/19
Next Indoctrination	09/17/19
Next Initiation	09/24/19

In Memorium

John Donovan initiated November 23, 1993 – Passed away July 24, 2019

Joseph Finn initiated October 27, 1992 – Passed away July 25, 2019

Richard Benzinger initiated October 23, 1990 – Passed away August 27, 2019

Delinquent Members as of August 15, 2019

Nicolas Badstein	Howard Farewell	John Lynch	Daniel Redford
Evan Barberis	Theodore Figurski	Joseph Mackey	Dennis Roberts
Christopher Baumann	Frank Finch	Dominick Maglione	Craig Robinson
Daniel Beddows	Harold Fisher	Bill Makris	James Roddy
Thomas Bolak Sr	Harry Floersheim	Timothy Malley	Stephen Ryan
Michael Bonfiglio	John Flynn	Anthony Manza	Richard Sanders
Joseph Boulay	James Forzono	Brian Martin	Joseph Savignano
Thomas Brady	Calvin Fowx	Kevin McAleer	Anthony Savoia
Richard Brown	Augustus Frank	Daniel McCluskey	David Schassler
Tom Carroll	Daniel Freeman	Gary McCorry	Kurt Schuler
Arthur Cassidy Jr	Gregory Grasso	Gregory McCue	Thomas Shea
Joseph Chapman	Albert Gregg	James McCullagh	Daniel Sheridan
Vincent Coe	Clint Halstead	Christian Mendez	Robert Smith Jr
Brendan Colligan	Thomas Hansen	Frank Mirabello	John Sottile
John Colluzzi	William Heady	Thomas Murphy	Thomas Sowden
William Confrey	Mark Heber	Jeffrey Nishanian	Joseph Sparta
Christopher Dabreau	Paul Hoffmann	Michael O'Connor	Richard Spatta
Kenneth Daniels	Brian Hogan	Terence O'Connor	Thomas Stala
George Davidson	Patrick Hussey	Terence O'Donnell	Frank Torres
Stephen DeRosa	Mark Johnson	Anthony Pellitteri	Joseph Trovato
Ronald Discenza Md	Dwight Joyce	Steven Perry	John Van Wagner
Robert Donovan	Christopher King	Raymond Plumlee	Scott VanDerhoef
Andrew Dossi	Stan Knipf	Kevin Porette	Robert VanDunk
Robert Dowd	Paul Konysz	Donald Price	Daniel Velez
Kevin Earley	Scott Krzykowski	John Quattrocchi	Le Roy Walden Sr
Richard Ecroyd	Christopher LaSpina	Thomas Quigley	Frederick Walters
Brian Fagan	William Linhart	Anthony Quintana	



HOOP SHOOT

SEPTEMBER 7TH



LADIES CLUB PENNY SALE

SEPTEMBER 13TH



DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
CALLING STARTS AT 7PM



ADMISSION \$3

FREE COFFEE, SODA & CAKE
4 LEVELS OF PRIZES
INFO CALL JUDY
914-588-8759



LOBSTER FEST

SEPTEMBER 14TH



MONTHLY CALENDARS



SEPTEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	Hoop Shoot
8	9	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	11	12	Ladies Club Penny Sale 5PM	Lobster Fest
15	16	Board of Director's Mtg 7:00PM Ladies Club Meeting 7PM	Dock Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22	23	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30					



OCTOBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	9	10	11	12
13	14	Board of Director's Mtg 7:00PM Ladies Club Meeting 7PM	Dock Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM	17	18	Physic Medium 7:00 PM
20	21	Lodge Meeting 7:30 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Happy Halloween		

DDGER Letter – September / October 2019

October 1 marks the mid-point in the Elk year. Among other things, it is a time when the leadership of each Lodge takes an objective look at how things are going. Although each Lodge is unique and set in its own community, many things are universal at every Lodge. While there is no single, one-size-fits-all answer, there is time to find the solutions needed to close the Lodge year in good form.

What does the statement *“it is the duty of the members to assist in upholding and maintaining the honor and dignity of the Order and of this Lodge”* mean? The BPOE has several measures that demonstrate how a Subordinate Lodge is upheld and maintained. Some are: Accident Prevention Program; Annual Report to the Grand Lodge; Audited Financial Report; Cost of Goods Sold; Charity Report and, DD Audit. They are necessary, and can be helpful at every Lodge; however, they really only give a partial portrayal vis-à-vis upholding and maintaining the honor and dignity of the Order and each of our Lodges.

The future of the Mid-Hudson District Elks Lodges belongs to us, its members. To my thinking, the real measure of upholding and maintaining its honor and dignity lies in our indomitable volunteer spirit. I believe that the Leading Knight gets it right every time with the assertion that, *“the influence of a good deed, honestly and promptly performed, lasts forever.”* For more than a century, that sage advice has helped carry the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks forward.

That sounds good to me!

Sincerely and fraternally,
Paul H. Crumb, DDGER 2019-20

2019 Wilhelm – Coyne Memorial Golf Outing

On behalf on myself and the other members of the Golf Committee: Rich Younger, George Nicks, and Jim Wilhelm Jr., I would like to thank everyone who either participated in the golf outing and/or helped in making the day a success. We had a total of 119 golfers playing at Rotella and Spook Rock. Our donations this year went to Fisher House Foundation and Rockland Homes For Heroes.

We would also like to thank all of our hole sponsors:

**Bullet Security Inc.
T J McGowan & Son Funeral Home
HUSH Mtce. Corporation
Stony Point Flower & Gift Shop
Higgins Funeral Services
James Campbell Construction
Phillips & Millman LLP
B's Nest Deli
Bricktown Inn
Haverstraw Glass
All American Masonry Inc.**

**Rockland County Shields
Haverstraw Transit Inc.
Fireside Restaurant
Brendan Moran
Gerry & Dottie Siuta
Hiep Sanitation
AAA Cooleration Services
Knights of Columbus Council 581
D&G Electrical Supply
Pearl River Elks**

As well as additional donations of gift certificates from hole sponsors at Lynch's Restaurant and Sonoma Grill and a donation from REC Restaurant Supply Co. Once again there was a generous donation from the Coyne family

We would also like to thank Jim Mickler (our "Pro"), Denny Martin, Ray Bonelli, Jay Woulk, and Mike Heath for their work on the 12th hole "Beat the Pro" contest; as well as our "official scorers" and sign-in help Rich Anderson and Jack Howard. Special thanks to Mike Laudien and the starter/ranger staff at Rotella for getting everyone off at 9:00 and putting out and collecting the sponsor signs. Additional thanks to Jim McCann and Jon Coe at Spook Rock for providing additional tee times and a free foursome donation, and Dave Fusco at Patriot Hills for donating a free foursome. Also, thanks to Bobby Ricciardi for getting free foursomes at Hudson Hills and Pelham Bay for our use as prizes.

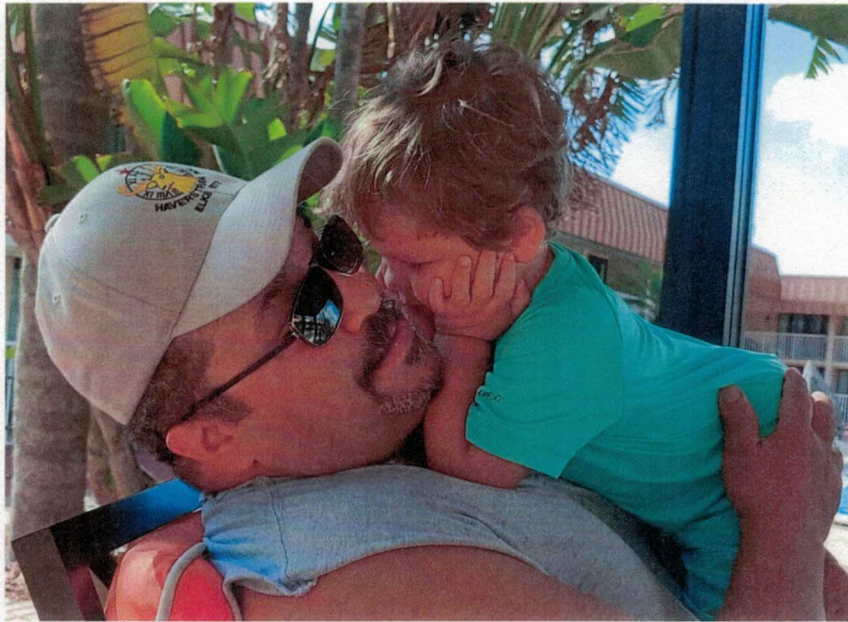
Thanks also to House Chairman Lenny Vitale and the House Committee members who cooked and bartended; "DJ Jerry" Sullivan for the music and help with the announcements; and John Intrieri for helping at the door and with the 50-50.

As always, thanks to the Coyne and Wilhelm families for their continued support. We now have John Spallin helping Richie Coyne and Jim Wilhelm Sr. to insure good weather for future outings.

See you in 2020.

Tom Carroll, Rich Younger, George Nicks, Jim Wilhelm Jr.

Rally For Oliver



Help Bring Him Home!

Raffle Prizes:

\$2500 First Prize

\$1000 Second Prize

\$500 Third Prize

\$50 Donation

Drawing to be held at the **Haverstraw Elks Lodge** Oct. 5, 2019

1 ticket per person, available at the bar

Winner need not be present

The Santiago family thanks you in advance for helping us in our efforts to bring Oliver home to his Grandfather and family.

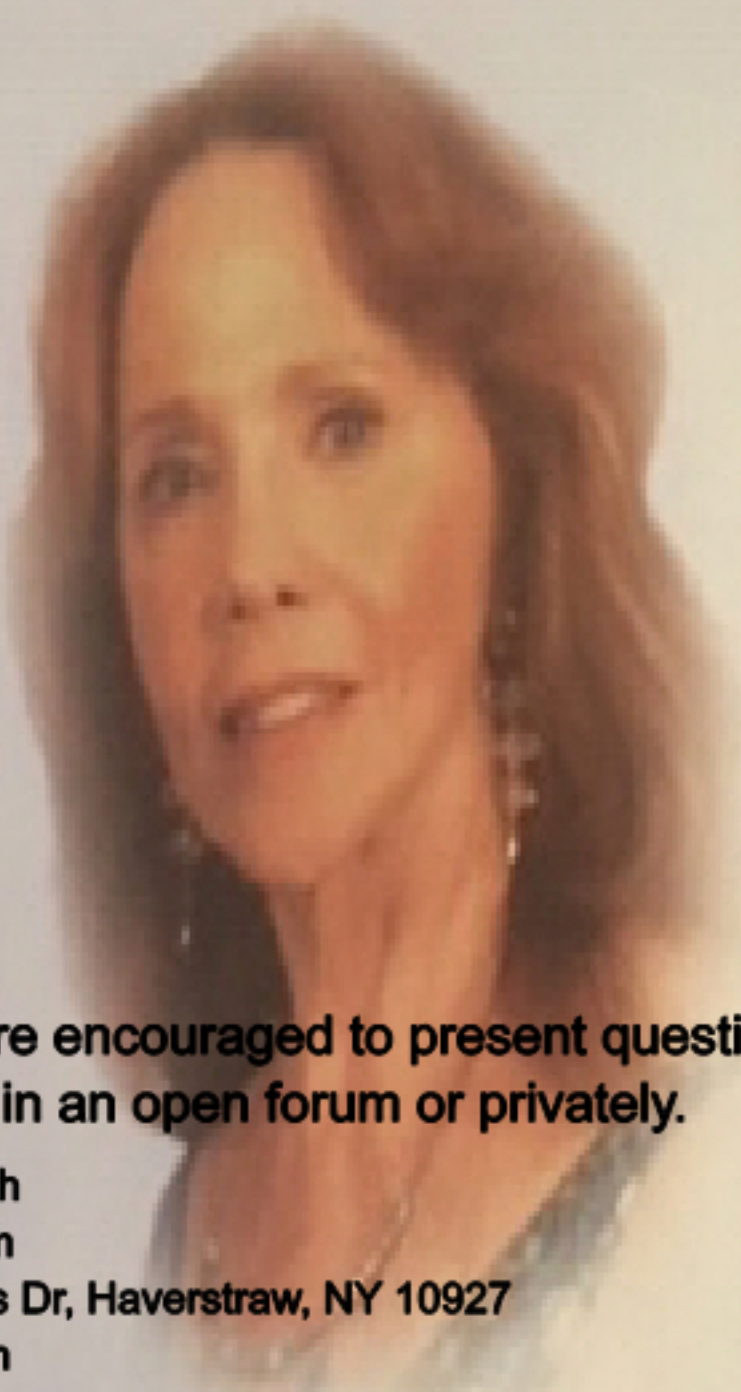


Psychic Medium

Hosted by the Ladies Elks 877

Ellen is a Psychic Medium who is clairvoyant and clairsentient.

Ellen states :
"My goal is to bring forth evidential information to the person or persons being read, and to deliver messages of hope and healing".



Participants are encouraged to present questions to Ellen in an open forum or privately.

Date : October 19th

Time : 7pm to 9 pm

Location : 877 Elks Dr, Haverstraw, NY 10927

\$ 40.00 Per person

Contact for reservations

Jennifer Henion (845)-304-8219

Rajini Procter (845)-596-6482

Light refreshments will be served. Cash bar.



Ladies Club 877
Haverstraw Lodge No. 877
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS
877 Elks Drive
Haverstraw, New York 10927

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Ladies Club will be hosting our **10th Annual Fund-raiser to benefit Cerebral Palsy.**

This years benefit will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019 @ the Elks Club.

As part of this years benefit, we will be having a 50/50 raffle. We are seeking support for this effort and are asking that you purchase the enclosed raffle tickets.

Please return all the raffle money to the Ladies Club care of Linda Fagan, 16 Brewster Ave., Stony Point, NY 10980. Or you may place it in the club's mailbox at the bar in an envelope addressed to the Ladies Club.

If, however, you are NOT interested in participating in this raffle; please help make our fund-raiser more of a success by selling any unused raffle tickets.

Last years winner won \$2,940.00!!

Thank You for your continued support,

Ladies Club #877

Comedy Night

Haverstraw Elks Lodge #877

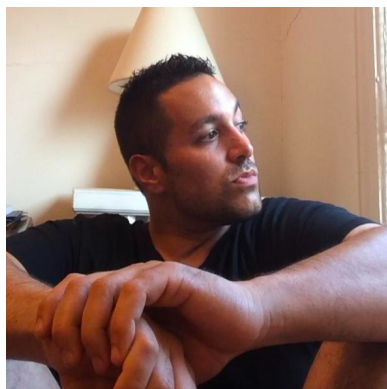
877 Elks Drive
Haverstraw, NY 10927

November 16, 2019

\$35 Per Person - Open Bar

Call Linda For Info 845.269.9111

Bring Your Own Snacks



Frank Favia

Host

- * Atlantic City Comedy Club
- *Comic Strip Live



Ritu Chandra

- *The Today Show
- *NY comedy Club

Proofs



Monty Mason

- *The Funny Bone
- * Laugh It Up Club



Ryan Brown

- * Caroline's Comedy Club
- *Escape from NY
Comedy Club



**10th Annual
Fundraiser
to benefit
Cerebral Palsy**



Marc Gerber

- * Steve Harvey Show
- *MTV's Catfish