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# Essex Elks News

"As this emblem is first in our hearts as loyal Americans, so it is close to our altar as loyal Elks"

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Let me start off by saying Happy Holidays!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. If anyone missed the Veterans Day celebration, you missed a great time!

Let's not forget the adult Christmas party and New Years Eve Party coming soon. There are still tickets left for the wagon of cheer ( 2 coolers full). Please remember to drop off any non-perishable items in the cart out side the entrance of the Antler Rom. All donations help with filling the Christmas baskets for those who aren't as fortunate. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated!

I'd like to welcome and congratulate our 7 newest members who were initiated at the last meeting.

Let's all remember that the Lodge runs on volunteers, so get your group together and help out where and when you can. We are always looking for help to cook in the kitchen, help out at the bar, waitress or just come and look busy. We all understand our Lodge runs on the great people who volunteer, this is what keeps everything running. We can't do it with out you! If anyone would like to volunteer you can contact me on my cell: 410-977-5164. I will personally find something for you to do.

I want to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Michael Greaver,  
Exalted Ruler, State /VP

## Essex Elk's Officers



<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>Michael Greaver</b>
Est. Leading Knight	<b>Geneil Dupack</b>
Est. Loyal Knight	<b>Linda Greaver Vibbert</b>
Est. Lecturing Knight	<b>Margie Gessinger</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Russ Blosser</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Laurie Harrison</b>
<b>Esquire</b>	to be picked later in draft
<b>Tiler</b>	<b>John Weaver</b>
<b>Inner Guard</b>	<b>Diane Mattheu</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Marie Cavey</b>
<b>Presiding Justice</b>	<b>Douglas Caraway</b>
<b>Alternate to Grand Lodge</b>	<b>H. Lee Davis PSP</b>

## TRUSTEES

<b>Trustee 5 Years</b>	<b>Ed Leonard</b>
<b>Trustee 4 Years</b>	<b>Chuck Hale</b>
<b>Trustee 3Years</b>	<b>Jim Trent</b>
<b>Trustee 2 Years</b>	<b>Helen Gruzs</b>
<b>Trustee 1Years</b>	<b>Ron Hershey</b>

## COMMITTEES

<b>Affairs</b>	<b>Ron Hershey</b>
<b>Americanism</b>	<b>Joseph McGeeney PER</b>
<b>Audit</b>	
<b>.Bingo</b>	<b>Bob Hood</b>
<b>Senior Bingo</b>	<b>Helen Gruzs</b>
<b>Community Affairs</b>	<b>Linda Greaver Vibbert</b>
<b>Constitution &amp; By Laws</b>	<b>H. Lee Davis, PSP</b>
<b>Drug Awareness</b>	<b>Joseph McGeeney PER</b>
<b>Flag Day</b>	<b>Geneil Dupack</b>
<b>Government Relation</b>	<b>H. Lee Davis PER</b>
<b>Hall Rentals</b>	<b>Geneil Dupack</b>
<b>House Chairperson</b>	<b>Geneil Dupack</b>
<b>Indoctrinations</b>	
<b>Investigations</b>	<b>Marie Cavey</b>
<b>Lodge Activities</b>	<b>Emma Hasse, PER</b>
<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>Geneil Dupack</b>
<b>Elks National Foundation</b>	<b>Diane Mattheu</b>
<b>Veteran Affairs</b>	<b>H. Lee Davis PSP</b>
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>Radar &amp; Tammy Mathena</b>
<b>PER Chairperson</b>	<b>Judy M. Numbers PER</b>

News Letter Editor **Jim Kinard**  
essexelks@gmail.com

## ALWAYS something to do at Elks Lodge

**Regular BINGO**  
Tuesday and  
Thursday nights  
7 PM

**Children's Christmas  
Party Dec. 10th**

**TRIVIA**  
1st Wednesday of  
the month

**BAR BINGO**  
Every Saturday Night

**Adult Christmas  
Party Dec. 15th**

**Senior BINGO**  
2nd Wednesday  
of the month

**Day at the  
RACES**  
January 28th

**New Years Eve in  
the Antler Room**

**HOLIDAY  
HOURS this  
month**

**BAR BINGO**  
3rd Wednesday  
of the Month

# HOUSE COMMITTEE

House comm. meeting Monday December 11th at 6pm.

**Adult Christmas party** Friday Dec. 15th, starts at 6PM. Bring a dish to share. Music by Jim Kinard.

**Ring in the new year eve** at the lodge. New year's eve Special dinner and drink specials. Music by Jim Kinard. Party favors and toast at midnight.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ONLY MEMBERS MAY OPEN ANY DOOR** to allow entry to the Antler Room; PLEASE LET YOUR GUESTS KNOW THIS.

Geneil Dupack, House Chairperson  
Geneil@comcast.net 443-604-3109

# HALL RENTAL

Perfect for Weddings | Birthdays & Anniversary Parties  
Showers | Crab Feasts & Bull Roasts  
*Holds up to 225 People*

**BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY NOW!**

**FOR INFORMATION, CALL**  
**410-686-7797 / 410-686-3547**

**ESSEX ELKS** Lodge #1866  
1007 E. Homberg Ave. 21221

Please mark your calendars

## Lodge Memorial Service

December 3rd, 2017

Sunday, 11 AM

This is a special day for members and families to remember our departed members.



Lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony.

# TRIVIA

**1st Wednesday**

**November 6th 7 PM**

**GREAT FUN and Prizes**  
You can play in groups.

# BAR BINGO

**3rd Wednesday**

**November 20th 7 PM**

**Play Bar Bingo**  
Same set of rules and games

## Veterans Affairs Committee

We are requesting items or baskets to be used at the **Chinese Auction** on January 28th, Day of the Races. This is a fundraiser for Veterans Affairs.

These funds enable us to give the veterans at Loch Raven items they are in need of. Thank you for your generosity.

Marie Cavey 410-855-2990



In this time of giving remember to honor God.

*Chaplain Marie Cavey*



I wonder, could that be Pearl in the paper cup?

THE FAMILY THAT  
PLAYS TOGETHER,  
STAYS TOGETHER!



**No Buffett Breakfast  
for December**

**We all turned into  
Santa's Elves.**

**We will be back in  
January**



Essex lodge has its own elf on the shelf. I wonder who helped that little fellow up there... Doug?

**ANTLER ROOM  
Menu**

Tuesdays Nights  
**Steamed Shrimp**

Wednesday Nights  
**Crab Cakes**

Thursday Nights  
**"Wings"**

Friday Nights  
**Dec 1: Roast Beef**  
**Dec. 8: Steak Night**  
Dec. 15: Kitchen Closed Adult Christmas Party  
**Dec. 22: Ribs**  
**Dec. 29: Chicken Dishes**

# Adult Christmas Party

December 15th starting at 6 PM

Everyone bring a covered dish to share and a gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange, mark it male Elks or female Elks, about \$10 value please.

**MUSIC DJ Jim and entertainment**

Santa, his LITTLE elf and the Reindeer will be coming from the North Pole to visit. Don't Miss the FUN!

# Essex Elks Lodge

# Children's Christmas Party

December 10th 1 to 5 PM

Tickets will be available every Tuesday and Thursday starting November 7th at 630 pm. Plus any time you see Ray "RADAR" Mathena in the Antler room.

Adults \$5.00 at the door  
Children: donation of cupcakes or cookies

Cut off for tickets Saturday, December 2nd

For more info see Ray "RADAR" Mathena Youth Activities Chairperson

HO HO  
Hope you have a Merry Christmas



## DUES Were DUE by April 1, 2017

*Lodge Year: April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018*

Regular Member \$88.75 Life Member \$28.75

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Member No \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive the News Letter in the US Mail  
add \$5.00 to your dues and check here \_\_\_\_\_

Identification card for Spouses/and Surviving Spouses, NO FEE

Mr./Ms./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Please Mail To: Essex Elk's Lodge #1866 Attn: Secretary, 1007 East Homberg Ave. Essex MD 21221

### "OFFICIAL DUES NOTIFICATIONS"

CHANGE OF ADDRESS REQUESTED

Notify the lodge secretary of any changes to your address.

## Senior Bingo 2nd Wednesday

Stuffed shells, salad and dessert  
Doors open 9:30 AM  
Bingo Starts at 11 AM



Call Helen to find out how  
much fun it really is to  
play 443- 604-6731

Helen will even teach you how to play!

## LADIES OF THE ESSEX ELKS



The Ladies of the Essex Elks #1866 will not have a meeting this month. This is the month that we do our visit to Franklin Woods Nursing Home and our three Military Families, so our month is pretty full. We will have pictures in next months bulletin. We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Merry Christmas, a special prayer out to all our Military Troops and a safe return home to their loved ones.

God Bless All.

President, Millie Kraemer.

## *Sickness and Distress*

Est. Leading Knight **Geneil Dupack**  
[Geneil@comcast.net](mailto:Geneil@comcast.net) [443-604-3109](tel:443-604-3109)

Member Tammy Matthena's Daughter  
had appendix surgery

## Antler Room

### Holiday hours

*Christmas Eve* 12 noon to  
5PM

**Christmas Day: Closed**

**New Year's Eve Regular hours**

**"The trouble with quotes on the internet  
is that it's difficult to determine whether  
those quotes are genuine."**

***Abraham Lincoln 2006***

# Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk

If you see someone at the Lodge who may have had too much to drink, why not offer them a ride home. If you have not been drinking offer. Ask the Bartender or the House chair person to call them an UBER ride to get them home. If they don't have money for a UBER or cab, you could offer to pay for it yourself. It is a small price to pay to keep your friends alive.

If you don't have the UBER app on your phone why not download it and sign up for the ride program. It is reasonably priced and you may need it sometime or you could be able to help save a friend. A \$10 UBER ride is a lot better than spending time at the police station or worse, at the hospital.

**A Friendly message from the Essex Elks Lodge House Committee & Bartenders.**



# Elks National Veterans Service Commission



NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS LOCH RAVEN VA BRECC



Dec. 13 Wednesday

Puppet Man/Christmas show/Snacks

2:00-3:00



Anyone wishing to join us when we go to Loch Raven is more than welcome. Please check our dates closely.

**Our Veterans are an integral part of what Elkdom is all about !**

**Lee Davis, PSP 410-256-9691**



November is the month we celebrate Veterans Day. Our lodge held a "Thank Our Vets" day in the Antler Room. The picture above show all of our veterans who were present. Essex Elks Lodge has two to three times as many veterans as are in the picture. **God Bless the USA and all of our Veterans.**

# COATS FOR KIDS



Please consider donating a new or gently used winter coat for students at the **elementary school next to the lodge**. I'm coordinating with a teacher who told me there are students who do not have a warm coat. These are the children of our community - please help!

You can bring coats to the lodge and I will make sure the teacher receives them for distribution to the students in need. All sizes for girls and boys are needed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call **Thank you!** *Debbie Price 410-375-9133*



# CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

Carefully decorating Christmas trees can help make your holidays safer.

## Safety Tips

**Picking the tree** If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant. Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

**Placing the tree** Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

**Lighting the tree** Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**After Christmas** Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.



## Day at the Races

January 28, 2018 1PM to 5PM

\$25.00 Bull Roast with Oysters

Open Bar ~ limited buffet

Horse racing / laydowns

Chinese Auction

Tickets will be available in the Antler Room



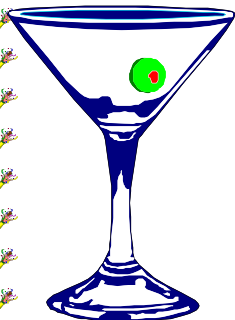
Ronny said the more colorful the horse the faster it runs!



Joseph A. Bathgate, 2nd lieutenant USMC and his very proud father, John.



## News Year's Eve in the Antler Room



### Special Dinner menu from the kitchen

Drink Specials,  
Champagne toast at midnight..

Bring a dessert to share if you wish.



**MUSIC**

by

Antler Room Open normal Hours on

**DJ Jim**

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day



## Est. Loyal Knight Linda Greaver Vibbert

I want to thank everyone who has helped in any and every way to make our Christmas Basket program successful. From the donation of food, time & other items. Please, accept this informal thank you. I will have a completed list of names & pictures of all the donations and everyone who has helped Your support for this much needed program that brings joy to so many families during the Christmas season does not go without notice.

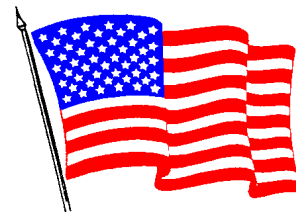
I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Linda, Esteemed Loyal Knight

## District Chairperson of Americanism

During this holiday season let's not forget to give thanks to our veterans, troops still serving and first responders.

**Poster or Essay Contest on Americanism.** Please, encourage any child you know to enter our poster or essay contest. There are prizes to be won and a very fun way to keep America & what we as Americans stand for. Ages 1-21 are eligible to enter. See Joe McGeeney or Linda Vibbert for rules, entry form, or if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you and God bless America and thank you to everyone who has, does and always will always stand by us to protect her!



Linda Vibbert, Chairperson of Americanism





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***"In God We Trust"***



**Membership meeting**  
**3rd Monday 7 PM**  
**Board Meeting 2nd Monday 7 PM**  
**Ladies meeting Oct. 23rd 7 PM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31 NEW YEARS EVE Party, in the Antler Room</b> 	December				<b>1 Juke Box Roast Beef</b>	<b>2 Bar Bingo Limited menu</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Steamed Shrimp</b> <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>6 Crab Cakes</b> <div style="background-color: #ffcc99; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>TRIVIA Night</b></div>	<b>7 WINGS</b> 60C wings most of the regular menu <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>8 Juke Box Steak Night</b>	<b>9 Bar Bingo Limited menu</b>
<b>10 Children's Christmas Party</b> 	<b>11 Board Meeting 7PM</b> <b>House Comm 6 PM</b>	<b>12 Steamed Shrimp</b> <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>13 Crab Cakes</b> <b>SENIOR Bingo 930AM</b>	<b>14 WINGS</b> 60C wings <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>15 Adult Christmas Party</b> <b>Antler Room</b>	<b>16 Bar Bingo Limited menu</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18 Regular Meeting 7PM</b>  <b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Ho Ho Ho Christmas</b>	<b>19 Steamed Shrimp</b> <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>20 Crab Cakes</b> <div style="background-color: #ffffcc; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"><b>BAR BINGO</b></div> Wednesday	<b>21 WINGS</b> 60C wings most of the regular menu <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>22 Juke Box "Ribs"</b>	<b>23 Bar Bingo Limited menu</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Open Noon to 5 PM</b>	 <b>25</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>Ho Ho Ho Christmas</b>	<b>26 Steamed Shrimp</b> <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>27 Crab Cakes</b>	<b>28 WINGS</b> 60C wings most of the regular menu <b>BINGO 7 PM</b>	<b>29 Juke Box Chicken Dishes</b>	<b>30 Bar Bingo Limited menu</b>