



# Elks News Essex

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## 2022 – 2023 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	John Cromwell
Est. Lead. Knight	Geneil Dupack
Est. Loyal Knight	Victoria Mathena
Est. Lect. Knight	Ernest McCauley
Secretary	Russell Blosser
Treasurer	Tammy L. Mathena
Esquire	Lisa Russell
Tiler	John Weaver
Inner Guard	Tim Porcella
Chaplain	Marie Cavey
Presiding Justice	Doug Caraway
Alt. to Gr. Lodge	Debbie Price, PER
Trustee 1 year	Ron Hershey Sr.
Trustee 2 year	Fred Rock
Trustee 3 year	Jim Trent
Trustee 4 year	Mark Balsamo
Trustee 5 year	Ed Leonard

## Committees

Affairs	Ron Hershey Sr.
Americanism	
Audit	Sandy Hale/Brenda Trent
Bingo	Bob Hood
Camp Barrett	Joe McGeeney, PER, PDD
Comm. Affairs	Victoria Mathena
Constit. & ByLaws	
Digital Ambassador	Victoria Mathena
Drug Awareness	Joe McGeeney, PER, PDD
Elks Nati. Found.	Judy Numbers
Flag Day	Geneil Dupack
Gov. Relations	H. Lee Davis, PSP, PER & Debbie Price, PER
Hall Rentals	Geneil Dupack
House Chair	Geneil Dupack
Indoctrinations	Lisa Russell
Investigations	Charles (Chuck) Connolly
Mediator	Greg Cook
Memorial Service	Geneil Dupack
PER Chairperson	Judy Numbers, PER
Scholarship	Tammy L. Mathena
Veteran Affairs	H. Lee Davis, PSP, PER
Youth Activities	Tammy L. Mathena

## Message from the Exalted Ruler

First, myself and my wife, Patty want to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season.

This is the season of giving, and I know its tight, our budgets, but we have plenty of people in need and we wish, if possible, to assist them. We have multiple areas of giving this month. We will be sharing a "TIP Bucket" for our minimally paid help to split as a bonus of sorts. We also will have a basket drive this year to assist the community and those you've identified in need. Any additional donations will be graciously accepted. Finally, while not a formal request, if you have any children's coats your child or grandchild may have outgrown one of our area schools has reached out for help as they are in desperate need. I know there are other coat drives but believe it or not they are already spoken for. So, if you have one consider a donation.

I also want to share while we as a family will enjoy coming together in the spirit of ELKDOM and the Holiday spirt, I unfortunately will not be in attendance. I'm scheduled for surgery that day and I hope to send Patty as my stand in.

Last month we had a visit from our District Deputy, only one significant issue arose during his visit and that's all about money. As you know we have been in the RED the past few months with regards to our finances. There are multitude of reasons all, but one is looking up. The one area not so much is YOU. We need you.... At this month's membership meeting we will host our District Vice President.

Traditionally we use the end of the year to wrap up and review even though our ELK year doesn't end until 3/31. To date our top Recruiters for the year into our Lodge- Shout out to Resse Rosenbloom, James Golden, Brian Jacoby, Michael Maynor, Tori Mathena, Helen Gruz, Geneil Dupack, Tim Porcella and Chuck Hale. THANK YOU. Did you know that we only (Half-empty vs. Half Full)

Exalted Ruler Message cont...

retain about 3/4 of all new members initiated after three years? How great would it be to have 90-100%. Can you be an ambassador?

Our ENF donations per member- We are number one in the North Central District and 4<sup>th</sup> in the MD-DE-DC (State). THANK YOU.

Finally, if you can find the time, a reminder of our memorial service on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Would love to see you there. If not, please take a moment to remember our departed. As Elks our members are never forgotten.

A Lot to do, A Lot to share, A Lot of needs. Do you dare?

### ***ELK OF THE MONTH***

This month particularly difficult to choose just one as there are many worthy.

However, I'm going to suggest that Tammy Mathena be worthy. As you know not only is Tammy elected as our Treasurer, however she does so much more than the books. She is a constant source of assistance with volunteering her time to our lodge, many times outside of the eyes of our membership. So, thank you.

***As we enter this Christmas season may  
God bless us with Grace, love, and  
cheer. Be kind, be thankful***

**Chaplain – Marie Cavey**

### ***Sickness and Distress***

Est. Leading Knight: Geneil Dupack  
Geneil@comcast.net 443-604-3109

Member Ed Leonard has cancer and will undergo radiation  
Member Tim Porcella had shoulder surgery.  
Member Sonny Bickford's wife had a stent put in.

**Effective for Elk year beginning  
April 1, 2023, the dues will be as follows:**

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b>\$101.75</b>
<b><u>Life Member</u></b>	<b>\$59.75</b>

**For Newsletter mailing add \$5.00**

**Russell will begin collecting dues in January 2023**

### **Elks Legacy Awards**

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships for children and grandchildren of Elks members.

The Elks National Foundation will offer a total of 300 awards in the 2023 contest.

The 2022 contest will open on  
**September 1, 2022.**

The deadline for applications is  
**February 6, 2023 at 11:59 a.m.** Central Time.

For more information contact  
Tammy Mathena @ 443-928-9712 or  
t1m1225@hotmail.com

### **Ravens Game Buffet**

Sunday Football Games  
1 PM Games



### **Interested in Advertising in the Elks Newsletter?**

Looking for new business? Advertise in our newsletter for just \$5.00 per month.  
(Standard business card sized advertisement.)

For More info contact Tammy @ essexelks@gmail.com

# Hours of Operation

## Antler Room

### **Closed Monday**

(except for meeting nights open at 6 pm)

### **Tuesday and Wednesday**

2 pm – 9 pm

### **Thursday thru Saturday**

2 pm – 10 pm

### **Sunday**

12 pm – 7 pm

## Kitchen Hours

### **Tuesday thru Friday**

5 pm – 8 pm

### **Saturday**

5 pm – 7 pm

### **Sunday**

1 pm – 5 pm

# Upcoming Lodge Events

Sun. Dec. 4	Elk Memorial Service @ 10 AM
Fri. Dec. 9	Adult Christmas Party @ 6 – 11 PM
Wed. Dec. 21	Christmas Food Basket Pick up 8 PM – 9:30 PM
<b>2023</b>	
Wed. Jan. 11	Luncheon Bingo Doors open @ 9 AM, Bingo starts @11 AM
Fri. Jan. 20	Karaoke Night 7 PM
Sun. Jan. 29	Bull and Oyster 1 – 5 PM, \$50/per person
Sun. Feb. 5	Spaghetti Dinner (Open to public)
Wed. Feb. 8	Luncheon Bingo Doors open @ 9 AM, Bingo starts @11 AM
Sun. Feb. 12	Superbowl Party 5 PM
Sun. Feb. 19	Guest Bartender Day
Sat. Feb. 25	Gene Vincennt & the Cadillac Cruisers 7 – 11 PM
Sun. Apr. 29	Craft Fair/Yard Sale 9 AM – 2 PM
Fri. May 19	Karaoke Night 7 PM

## Tip Bucket

We are accepting tips for our kitchen workers as a holiday gift for all their hard work. If you are able to and so inclined to donate, there will be a bucket in the Antler room to make your donations.

# Got Dust?

Let us take care of that for you.

Call 667-777-1012

**-Talk to Tony-**

[www.trademarkcleaning.com](http://www.trademarkcleaning.com)

Facebook and IG: trademarkcleaningllc

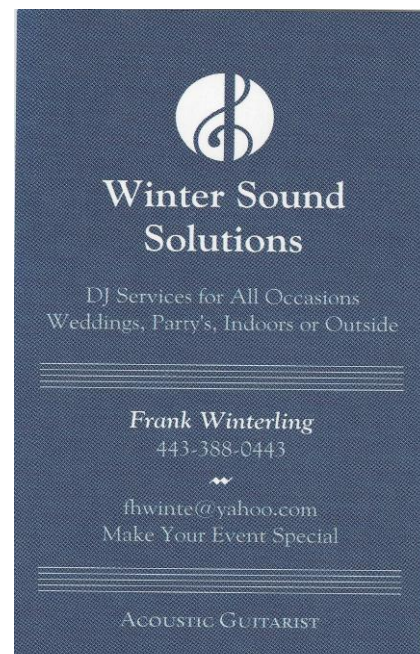


Donations to the ENF are needed from all members.

Members can donate two ways:

1. By putting your donation in an envelope with your name and membership number on it and handing it to Judy Numbers.
2. Visit [elks.org/enf](http://elks.org/enf) for more info.

ENF/ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION  
Judy Numbers ER/PER  
Fundraising Chairperson



## Elk's Shirts

Anyone interested in purchasing an Elk shirt or a **RED** (Remember Everyone Deployed) shirt.

Call Pat Henderson 443-690-5108  
for more information.

## Happy December Birthday

2	Stacy Knotts	10	George Grossnickle	19	Christian Weir, Jr.
3	Linda Sears	10	Robert Koch	20	Harlan Miller
4	Brian Harris	11	Robert Feldpush, III	20	Robert Zampini
4	Raphael Villela	11	Shane Neel	21	Tammy Mathena
5	Nickie Copinger	11	Steven Sowa	21	Mike Stuart
5	Colleen Monahan	12	Roger Schafer	22	Daniel Treas
5	Daniel Tuzzolo	13	Lucy Kelly	25	Jack Freeland, Jr.
7	Howard Gross	13	Perry Montgomery	25	Edward Jones
7	Andrew Turner	13	Kenneth Williams	26	Edward Mason
8	Richard Kahler	14	Joseph Henderson	26	Wayne Niederhauser
9	Donald Cardwell	15	Brian Dorr	28	Cynthia Kalinski
9	Wayne Early	16	Patricia Gryniewicz	28	Edward Wierzbicki
9	Bonita Fredrick	17	Walter Carey	30	Walter Lay
9	Gregory Lysakuski	17	Roxanne Hann	31	Kathleen Blosser
9	Mary Willis	18	Michael Temple		

### Message from the House Committee

The Holiday Season is in full swing. Our Lodge looks very festive thanks to Judy and her elves. The adult Christmas Party is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Music is from 7-11. DJ Frank and his wife Sharon will be providing the entertainment for the evening. This is a really fun event for all to enjoy. We turn our hall into one big Antler room complete with a bar. It is a bring a dish event everyone to enjoy night. There will be lots of good food, drinks, and most of all our Elk family celebrating Christmas together. Speaking of Christmas, the lodge will be open on Christmas evening beginning at 6 PM. So, when all your family visiting is done, come spend the evening with your Elk family.

This year we are doing something a little different for New Year's Eve. It is a bring a dish evening. And because it is a Saturday evening, we are going to have bar bingo. What a better way to send out the old and bring in the new.

Looking for the perfect gift idea.... Gene Vincennt and The Cadillac Cruisers are having a repeat performance on Sat. Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-11 PM. Tickets are on sale now for \$25.00 per person and that even includes dinner and a limited open bar. See me for tickets.

The House Committee is looking to open the Antler room earlier during the week for a lite lunch and "Happy Hour" starting in the new year. Stay tuned for more details.

Just a friendly reminder, our regular menu is always available Tues-Friday with a limited (most of the regular menu) on Saturdays. We publish daily specials but if that particular special doesn't "tickle your fancy", we still have food for you.

The lodge is still doing Raven's football buffets for the 1 PM games. Where else can you go for a \$10.00 buffet? We will be open on Christmas eve noon to 5 PM for the Raven's game with limited appetizers, and open on New Year's Day for the Raven's vs. Steelers game at 1 PM. There will be a buffet for that game.

This holiday season, take time to enjoy your family and friends. Make it a memorable one. On behalf of the entire House Committee, we wish you and your family a Very Merry Christmas!!!!!!

Stay Healthy and Safe.

Geneil Dupack  
House Chairman

## Tuesday Night Trivia Night

Come join in the Trivia fun every other Tuesday beginning on January 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Play alone or with a team.

Winning teams will win a gift certificate for the Elks Lodge.

Come show your knowledge of useless random facts.

**No cost, Fun for all**



### Message from Esteemed Loyal Knight

Victoria Mathena

Donations of non-perishable and canned food items are now being collected in the Antler room for the Christmas Baskets. All donations of money or food is greatly appreciated.

Applications for Christmas food baskets are now available behind the bar. All applications must be returned by December 14, 2022.

Due to Christmas being on a Sunday this year our Christmas food baskets will be handed out on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. You will be able to pick up your basket between 8 PM – 9:30 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Tori @ 443-847-3234 or Tammy @ 443-928-9712

### Essex Elks Lodge #1866 Scholarship

#### **ELGIBILITY**

Any high school senior or undergraduate college student who is a U.S. citizen and the child, step-child, grandchild, or niece/nephew of a member (or deceased member) in good standing of the Essex Elks Lodge #1866.

#### **AWARD**

Two (2) \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded in the students' name to the college of their choosing.

Applications are available at the Lodge or by emailing Tammy L. Mathena at [t1m1225@hotmail.com](mailto:t1m1225@hotmail.com) or call 443-928-9712.

**All applications are due to the Essex Elks Lodge no later than February 28, 2023**

### HOLIDAY HOURS:

**Sat. December 24<sup>th</sup>: 12 – 5 PM**  
**(Raven's Game at 1 PM)**

**Sun. December 25<sup>th</sup>: Opens at 6 PM**

**Sat. December 31<sup>st</sup>: Opens at 2 PM**  
**(Bring a dish & Bar Bingo)**





We are collecting items to be donated to Deep Creek Elementary School (the school next to the lodge) again this year. Listed below are the items requested:

**Coats:** All sizes from youth small to adult large

**Sweatpants/Sweatshirts/Long sleeve t-shirts/Hoodies:** All sizes from youth small to adult large

**Underwear:** All sizes from youth small to adult large

**Socks:** All sizes from youth small to adult large

**Hats & Gloves**

These items will be distributed by the school staff to those children in need. If you would like to donate any of the above, please let me know and I will make sure they get to the school!

Don't want to shop? We are accepting donations and will do the shopping for you! You can leave a sealed envelope with your donation marked "Coats for Kids" with the bartender.

Please have your donations to the lodge (or to me) by Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022. Thank you so much for your generosity! Debbie 410-375-9133

## Adult Christmas Party

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

6 – 11 PM in the hall

Come Party with Santa

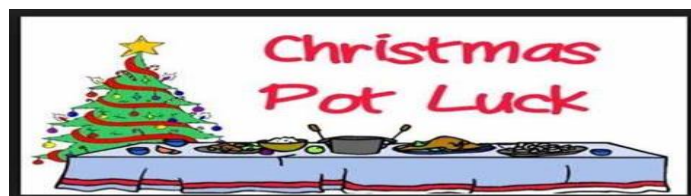
Music by Frank and Sharon Winterling

Bring a covered dish.

In lieu of the gift exchange  
we are asking for donations to

MCVETS

(MD Center for Veteran Education and Training)



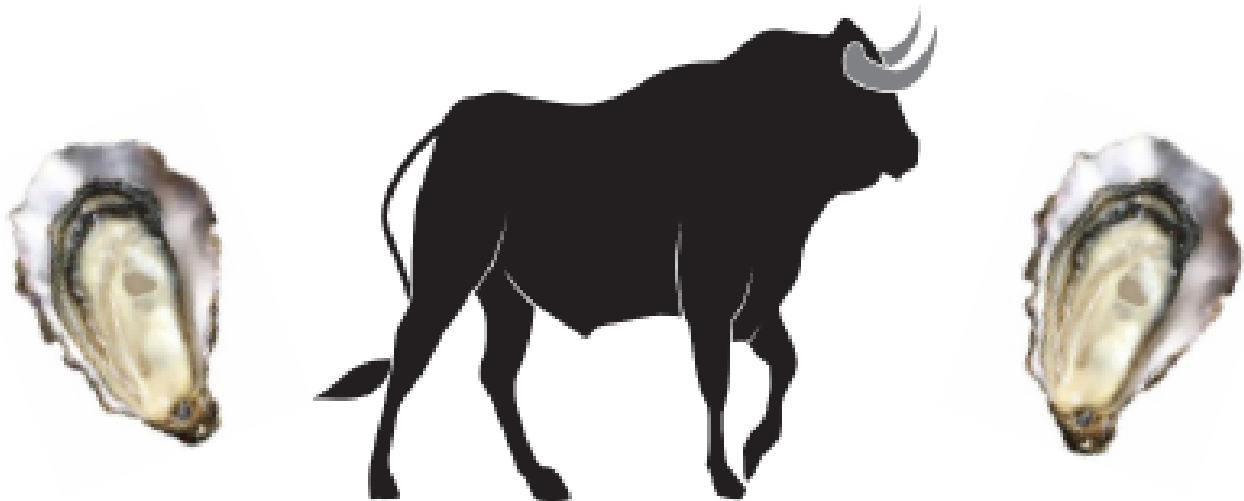
# **Bull Roast with Oysters**

**Essex Elks Lodge**

1007 E. Homberg Ave.      Essex, MD 21221

**Saturday, January 29, 2023**

**1 – 5 PM**



**\$50.00 per person**

(Includes: Buffet, pit beef, oysters,  
limited open bar, draft beer, and wine)

**For more information contact:**

**Ron @ 410-375-3017**



## Essex Elks Membership Drive & Karaoke Night

Friday, January 20, 2023  
Starting at 7 PM

Share your Elks Lodge with your friends and family.  
Food Specials and Prizes to win.



We need you to  
help grow our  
ELKS LODGE!



Where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up with the Principles  
of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity.

## Essex Elks Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 5, 2023

1 – 5 PM

Dinner will be served in the hall and is open to the public.

More information to come.





# Luncheon Bingo

## Wednesday, February 8, 2023

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Doors open at 9:00 AM  
Bingo starts at 11:00 AM

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### Tickets:

**\$20** (limited tickets)

Includes package and lunch  
(additional cards for sale)

**Menu:** Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup,  
Chicken Salad Slider, and Dessert  
**No Outside Food Allowed**

Instant Pull tabs and 50/50

Held at: Essex Elks Lodge #1866  
1007 East Homberg Ave.

For tickets call:  
Mark Balsamo 410-960-0328 or  
Bob Hood 410-391-8151



# Luncheon Bingo

Saturday, February 11, 2023

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Doors open at 9:00 AM

Bingo starts at 11:00 AM

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## Tickets:

**\$20** (limited tickets)

Includes package and lunch  
(additional cards for sale)

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potato, Corn, and Dessert  
**No Outside Food Allowed**

Instant Pull tabs and 50/50

Held at: Essex Elks Lodge #1866  
1007 East Homberg Ave.

For more information call:

Ron Hershey 410-375-3017 or Bob Hood 410-391-8151

# Saturday Night Dance

Essex Elks Lodge

1007 E. Homberg Ave. Essex, MD 21221

Saturday, February 25, 2023

**\$25.00 per person**

Doors open at 6:30 PM

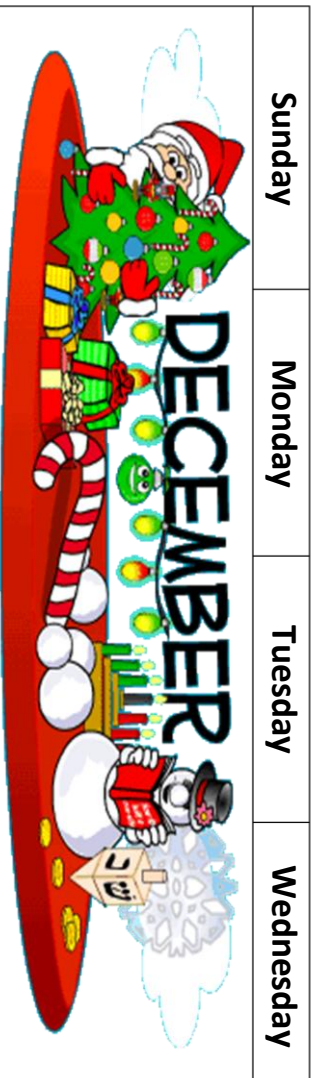
Music 7 – 11 PM

(Includes dinner, limited open bar, draft beer, and wine)

Call Geneil @ 443-604-3109 for tickets or details

Music by Gene Vincentt & the Cadillac Cruisers



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
							1 Wing & Shrimp Night Bingo 7 PM	2 Pork with Sauerkraut	3 Limited Menu Bar Bingo 7 PM

4 Elks Memorial Service 10 AM Raven Football Buffet 1 PM	5 Lodge Closed	6 Taco/Pasta Night Bingo 7 PM	7 Italian Cold Cut	8 Wing & Shrimp Night Bingo 7 PM	9 Adult Christmas Party 6 – 11 PM Bring a Dish	10 Limited Menu Bar Bingo 7 PM
11 Raven Football Buffet 1 PM	12 House Comm. Meeting 6 PM	13 Taco/Pasta Night Bingo 7 PM	14 Meatloaf	15 Wing & Shrimp Night Bingo 7 PM	16 Crabcakes	17 Limited Menu Bar Bingo 7 PM
18 Raven Football Buffet 1 PM	19 Member Meeting 7 PM	20 Taco/Pasta Night Bingo 7 PM	21 Stuffed Shells Christmas Food Baskets 8 – 9:30 PM	22 Wing & Shrimp Night Bingo 7 PM	23 Shrimp/Chicken Scampi	24 Limited Menu Lodge Open 12 – 5 PM
25 Lodge Opens @ 6PM	26 Lodge Closed	27 Taco/Pasta Night Bingo 7 PM	28 Specialty Hot Dog Night	29 Wing & Shrimp Night Bingo 7 PM	30 Chicken Parm	31 New Year's Eve Bring a dish Bar Bingo

**\*\* ALL SPECIALS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY \*\* Regular Menu available Tuesday – Saturday \*\***

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**DATED MATERIAL**



# Elks Care - Elks Share

## ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Starting at 10 AM



### Dues Renewal 2023 – 2024

Regular Member **\$101.75** Life Member **\$59.75**

Change of Address

Change of email address

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by USPS please add \$5.00 to your dues payment (\$106.75 regular/\$64.75 lifetime)

**Mail to:**

Essex Elks Lodge #1866  
Attn. Russell Blosser, Secretary  
1007 E. Homberg Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21221

Mr./ Ms./ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_  
Identification card for Spouses and Surviving Spouses, NO FEE

I have enclosed a donation for the Elk's National Foundation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
and/or donation for our lodge building improvement fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_