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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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December

Well I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I'd like to thank every member and guest and volunteers who have made our Lodge a great success so far this year. As everyone knows our Lodge is doing great! Our membership is growing and all of our events have been a success. So I ask, please keep up the good work! I do know without all of your help this Lodge would not be such a great success as it is. In that I would like to personally thank all of our members and friends. It is much appreciated!

Let's not just remember our Veterans on Veterans Day, let's remember them all year round. We should always take the time to shake a veterans hand when we see them to show them that we thank them for their support and sacrifice. We owe them so much, they have fought so hard and sacrificed so much for our country. Without them we wouldn't have the freedom we have today!

I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas and I hope to see everyone at our adult Christmas party. If anyone has the time, please see Diane. I'm sure she could use some help with our Christmas baskets. I would like to take the time to say thank you to Diane for her hard work and dedication in making sure that families that are in need this time of year get a little help in making their holiday a good one. Well, that's enough for now. Please everyone be safe and have a great Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

God Bless, Fraternally

Michael Greaver Exalted Ruler

ALWAYS something to do at Elks Lodge

Children's Christmas Party December 11th

Elks memorial service Sunday Dec 4th 11AM

New Year's Eve celebration Dec. 31st Antler Room

Adult Christmas Party Friday Dec. 16th

BAR BINGO Wednesday Night Dec 14th

Senior BINGO - 2nd Tuesday of the month

7 PM BINGO EVERY Tuesday & Thursday

Lodge CLOSED December 25th CHRISTMASS

BAR BINGO Every Saturday Night

"SHUFFLE BOARD " ON TUESDAY NIGHTS

Essex Elk's Officers

Exalted Ruler	Michael Greaver
Est. Leading Knight	Geneil Dupack
Est. Loyal Knight	Diane Mattheu
Est. Lecturing Knight	Karl Hovel Sr. PER
Secretary	Russ Blosser
Treasurer	Wendy Hrica
Esquire	Linda Greaver Vibbert
Tiler	John Weaver
Inner Guard	Margie Gessinger
Chaplain	Marie Cavey
Presiding Justice	Douglas Caraway
Alternate to Grand Lodge	H. Lee Davis PSP

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Trustee 5 Years	Chuck Hale
Trustee 4 Years	Jim Trent
Trustee 3Years	Helen Gruzs
Trustee 2 Years	Ron Hershey
Trustee 1Years	Bobby Zengel

COMMITTEES

Affairs	Ron Hershey
Americanism	Joseph McGeeney PER
Audit	
.Bingo	Bill Milburn, PER
Senior Bingo	Helen Gruzs
Community Affairs	Diane Mattheu
Constitution & By Laws	Lee Davis, PSP
Drug Awareness	Joseph McGeeney PER
Flag Day	Geneil Dupack
Government Relation	H. Lee Davis PER
Hall Rentals	Geneil Dupack
House Chairperson	Geneil Dupack
Indoctrinations	
Investigations	Marie Cavey
Lodge Activities	Emma Hasse, PER
Memorial Service	Geneil Dupack
Elks National Foundation	Diane Mattheu
Veteran Affairs	H. Lee Davis PSP
Youth Activities	Bill Milburn PER
PER Chairperson	Judy M. Numbers PER

News Letter Editor *Jim Kinard*

HOUSE COMMITTEE

No House Committee meeting for December

Football Sundays: Food and Drink Specials

LODGE WILL BE OPEN LATE FOR MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON DECEMBER 12th

COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE RAVENS.

GENEIL WILL HAVE A DRINK SPECIAL YOU CAN'T REFUSE.

Closed December 25th, Christmas Day

Geneil@comcast.net 443-604-3109

Delinquent Members
A REMINDER

A member who is delinquent in the payment of dues is not entitled to use the club facilities nor visit any other Lodge nor be a guest of any other member, per the Grand Lodge Statutes. The 2016-2017 dues were payable by April 1, 2016. If you have not yet paid your dues, **you are delinquent.....**

DON'T LOSE YOUR PRIVILGES

PAY YOUR DUES!

ANTLER ROOM MEALS

Tuesday Nights

Steamed Shrimp and other Specials

plus most of the regular menu

Wednesday Nights,

Steamed Shrimp and other Specials

plus most of the regular menu

Wednesday 14th Bar Bingo 7 PM

Thursday Nights

Wing Night plus most of the regular menu

Friday Night Meals:

Dec. 2nd Roast Beef and Beef Stroganoff

Dec 9th - Spare Ribs

Dec 16th Adult Christmas Party

Dec. 23rd Regular menu and other specials

Dec. 30th Regular menu and other specials

Saturdays Bar Bingo 7 pm

Reg. menu available – Possibly specials

Antler Room CLOSED Dec. 25th Christmas

Adult Christmas Party December 16th starting at 6 PM

Party with Santa the way only "Good Elks" know how to.

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 by DJ Jim**

Santa, his LITTLE elf and the Reindeer will be coming from the North Pole to visit.

ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Will be back in January, Hope to see you them

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BALTIMORE RAVENS

Football

LODGE WILL BE OPEN LATE FOR MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL ON DECEMBER 12th

Lets KICK some New England Butt!!

COME OUT AND CHEER ON THE RAVENS.

GENEIL WILL HAVE A DRINK SPECIAL YOU CAN'T REFUSE.

2 BIG Screen TVs on the "Deck",
6 TVs in the Antler Room
ICE COLD Beer in da bucket
and our Ravens to watch.

TAILGATING and More, Here in the Antler Room

"May the blessings of the season reach all of us."

Chaplain *Marie Cavey*

Sickness and Distress

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

Sickness and distress:

Member Karl Hovel *was in the hospital and now home*

Member John Weavers *wife Pat is now home from the hospital and thanks everyone for their concern and prayers*

If you know of any sickness or distress of our members please report to Geneil Dupack, Thank You.

In Vain We Call

Life Member *William James* passed away

The 11 O'Clock Toast

You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes.

This is to remind us that with Elks, the hour of 11 has a tender significance.

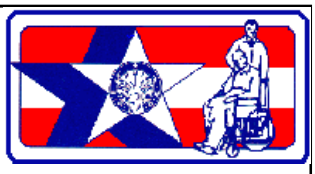
Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs.

It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more.

Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

"To our absent members."

Elks National Veterans Service Commission



NATIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS LOCH RAVEN VA BRECC

2016 2016 VETERANS SCHEDULE

2:00-3:00Dec. 7th Wednesday Johnny Walker/Christmas show/snacks

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

Senior Bingo 2nd Wednesday

Stuff Shells, salad dessert Doors open 9:30- Bingo Starts at 11 AM

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

DUES Were DUE on April 1, 2016

Lodge Year: April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

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.**

We are requesting food donations for our Christmas food baskets for those in need. Below is a list of suggested items that we are requesting each week. We are in need of at least a quantity of 50 of each item. Cash Donations are accepted.

Thank you and Bless you! Diane and the Christmas basket committee

Calendar of Giving

June 1	Pancake Mix	Aug 10	Canned Peas	Oct 19	canned carrots
June 8	Syrup	Aug 17	Instant Potatoes	Oct 26	Microwave Popcorn
June 15	Boxed Cereal	Aug 24	Canned Gravy	Nov 23	Bag of Sugar
June 29	Oatmeal	Aug 31	Boxed Stuffing Mix	Nov 9	Bag of Flour
June 29	Rice	Sept 7	Spaghetti Sauce	Nov 16	Cooking Oil
July 6	Pasta	Sept 14	Box Biscuit Mix	Nov 23	Jelly
July 13	Canned Tuna	Sept 21	Salad Dressing	Nov 14	Cookie Mix
July 20	Canned Soup	Sept 28	Canned Corn	Dec 02	Juice
July 27	Mac and Cheese	Oct 5	Canned Sauerkraut	Dec 9	Applesauce
Aug 3	Peanut Butter	Oct 12	Canned Green Beans	Dec 16	Cranberry sauce

Elks Care, Elks Share Elks Care, Elks Share

Thanks you for Helping Us help Those in Need

Feed a Vet Program,

SHARE THE LOVE

As many of you know Debbie Snyder is the chairperson for the "Feed a Vet Program" along with her husband Jerry and they are planning a Fantastic Bull Roast as a fund raiser in February.

Its called **SHARE THE LOVE** all proceeds and donations will be used for the Feed a Vet dinner that will be held in July for the Vets to get a day out from the VA Hospitals to enjoy a great hot meal and show.

Once Debbie secures the date for the Bull Roast it will be announced on a flyer at the lodge and in the next news letter.

Tickets then will be ready for purchase.

Debbie and Jerry would love to see you all there to help with this Great cause.

Dead line for the News Letter is the Friday after the second Regular meeting.
Send to: essexelks@gmail.com

LADIES OF THE ESSEX ELKS

The ladies of the Essex Elks will not hold a December meeting. We will be going to Franklin Woods Nursing Home, for our annual Christmas gift giving.

Our yearly donations for 2016 are as followed: Elks Christmas Basket, Wm. Jernick Fund, Elks National Foundation, Relay for life [Cancer], Loch Raven Vets, also Loch Raven for the Ladies. This was our first time of helping 3 veteran families this year, it was usually broke down with the school and vets.

We would like to take this time to wish every one a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Now is the time to enjoy family and loved ones on this holiday. May God Bless us all, our families, loved ones, all the veterans and our police officers.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM US ALL TO YOU!

President Millie Kraemer

Please mark your calendars

Lodge Memorial Service

December 4th, 2016

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.

From the Christmas baskets committee:

Est. Loyal Knight Diane Mattheu

The Christmas baskets applications are behind the bar...the deadline to return them to the lodge is on the application. The return by date is December 7th .

To Everyone who helped our Christmas Basket Program by donating or buying tickets for the raffles, bringing in items from the calendar of giving that started in July, **THANK YOU.**

We still have a cooler of cheer that will be given away at the adult Christmas party **Dec 16th, tickets still available at the bar.**

The baskets will be assembled and delivered on Saturday, December 17th we are asking for elf volunteers to meet us at the lodge between 7-8am to help us put the baskets together and drop them off.

THERE WILL BE A GREAT BREAKFAST

served by the lodge prior to putting the baskets together.

Create a tabletop garden with friends at the Essex Elks Lodge. Your Nite will bloom.

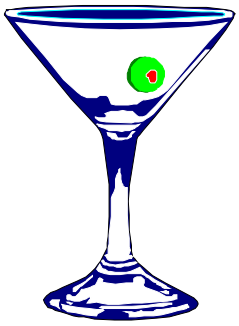
Would you like to create a planter. If your interested Email or call Wendy Hrica our treasurer. kruncher0615@yahoo.com or call 410-370-2396 after 6:00pm.

News Years Eve in the Antler Room

Limited menu from the kitchen until 6 PM.

Drink Specials, Champagne toast at midnight..

Bring a dessert to share if you wish.



From 8 PM till, there will be a **FANTASTIC Buffet** with sea food, plus lots of other good things to eat for just $10.00 per person

MUSIC by DJ Jim

PARTY LIKE A "ROCK STAR"

Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, at high levels it can kill a person in minutes.

CO Poisoning Symptoms

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. At moderate levels, you or your family can get severe headaches, become dizzy, mentally confused, nauseated, or faint. You can even die if these levels persist for a long time. Low levels can cause shortness of breath, mild nausea, and mild headaches, and may have longer term effects on your health. Since many of these symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

Play it Safe If you experience symptoms that you think could be from CO poisoning:

GET FRESH AIR IMMEDIATELY.

Open doors and windows, turn off combustion appliances, leave the house and seek medical attention.

Did you change the batteries in your CO Monitors and smoke detectors when you changed you clocks?

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.

Essex Elks Lodge

Officer of the month

Diane Mattheu

Elk of the month

Steve Rehan

Thanks also to all of our members who spend many hours volunteering at the lodge. Without everyone helping we would not be as successful as we are.

Children's Christmas Party

December 11, 2016

Time 1-5pm

$5.00 admission for adults payable at the door.

Children --- 1/2 doz. Cupcakes

For more information contact Bill Milburn PER

Day at the Races

January 29,2017 1PM to 5PM

$25.00 Bull Roast with Oysters

Open Bar ~ limited buffet

horse racing / laydowns

Maybe big 6 wheel

Tickets available in the Antler Room

Essex Elks 1866 Lodge Memorial Service

"To Honor Our Absent Members"

*December 4, 2017 * 11 AM*

Lunch will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Please try to attend this very important event to honor and remember our brothers and sister that are no longer with us..

Drug Awareness Committee

Elks Poster Contest 2016-2017

Theme "Just Say No"

Poster contest rules:

Student in the 3rd to 5th grades are eligible to compete.
Poster Size should be limited to 8 1/2 by 11 inches.
Posters should be grammatically correct.
The use of copyrighted characters on the poster, except Elroy the Elk, is prohibited.
MUST INCLUDE: Parental Consent Form – Waiver Contestants should be informed that their entries become property of the BPOE. State winners are used in the National DAP Coloring Book.

On back of poster include the following:

Name of Student & Grade of Student

Age and Gender of Student

Name of Student's School & Name of Student's Teacher

Name, address and telephone Number of Student

How posters are judged:

Is it based on the theme?
Is it original?
Is it neat?
Is it grammatically correct?
Is it free of copyrighted characters (with the exception of Elroy)?

Deadline for entries is JANUARY 15, 2017

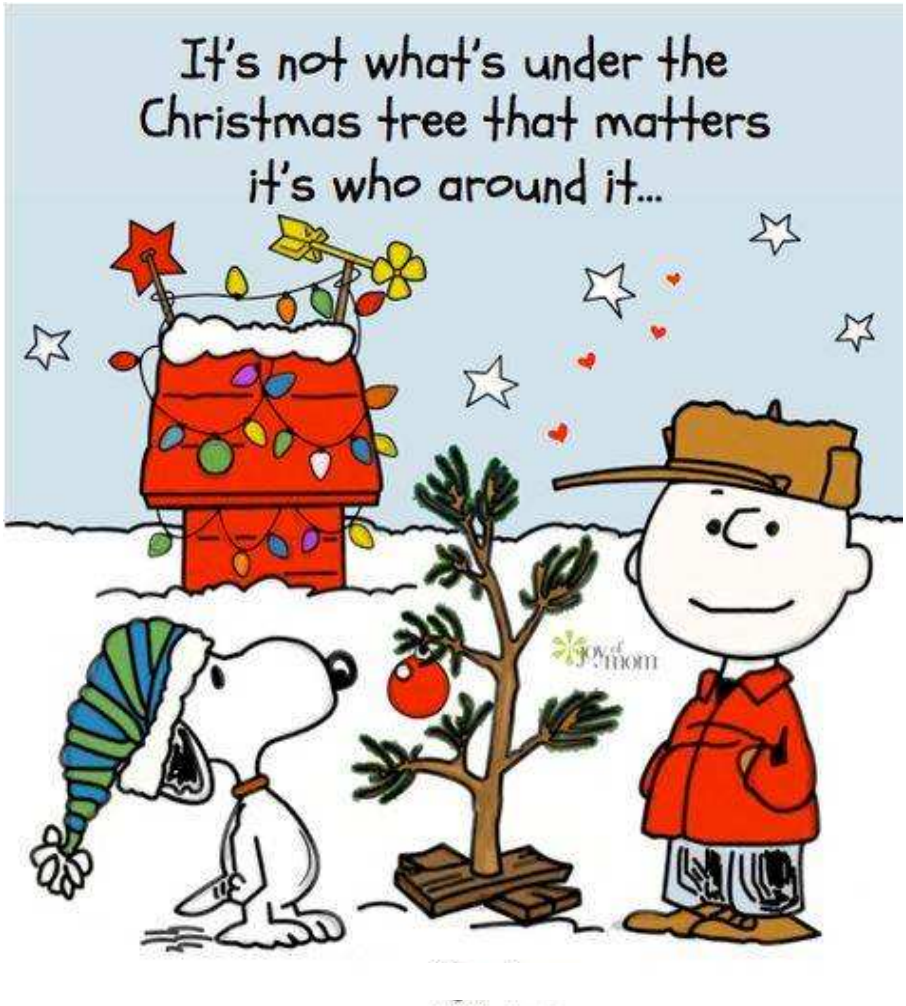
Contact Joe McGeeney, PER/PDD Cell: (443) 610-0935 / Email: mcgeeney@hotmail.com

OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER ?

Help Wanted:

Waitresses, Bartenders and all kinds of other help needed.

Geneil if you are interested in helping. The Antler Room does not run on its own. We need volunteers.
Please consider helping!
Even if you never did anything like this before, we will show you how.



BAR BINGO isn't just for Saturday nights anymore.

Special Night **Wednesday**

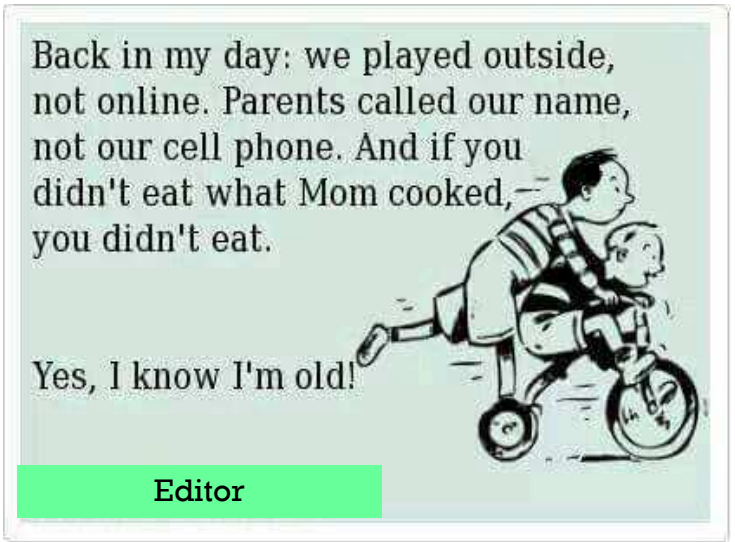
December 14th 7 PM

BRING THIS AD, Play Bingo and RECEIVE A FREE GIFT

Same set of rules and games

If you order from the kitchen before 6PM and play BAR BINGO you get one free drink.

Holy Cattle Clumps, what a deal!



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Abraham Lincoln 2010

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ELK'S LODGE

B. P. O. E. LODGE NO. 1866

"In God We Trust"

Meetings start at 7 PM
Membership meeting 3rd Monday
Board Meeting 2nd Monday
Ladies no meeting in December

Elks Memorial Service
Sunday Dec. 4
11:00am

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **Wings** 50C wings most of the regular menu **BINGO 7 PM**	2 **Juke Box** Roast Beef and Beef Stroganoff	3 **Bar Bingo** Limited menu & Possibly specials
4 **Memorial Service**	5 **Regular Meeting 7PM**	6 Steamed Shrimp and other specials **BINGO 7 PM**	7 Steamed Shrimp and other specials	8 **Wings** 50C wings most of the regular menu **BINGO 7 PM**	9 **Juke Box** **Spare Ribs**	10 **Bar Bingo** Limited menu & Possibly specials
11 **Kids Christmas Party**	12 **Board Meeting 7PM** Monday Night Football	13 Steamed Shrimp and other specials **BINGO 7 PM**	14 SENIOR Bingo 930AM Stuff Shells, salad dessert **BAR BINGO**	15 **Wings** 50C wings most of the regular menu **BINGO 7 PM**	16 **DJ and Adults Christmas Party**	17 **Bar Bingo** Limited menu & Possibly specials **Xmas basket delivery**
18	19 **Regular Meeting 7PM**	20 Steamed Shrimp and other specials **BINGO 7 PM**	21 Steamed Shrimp and other specials	22 **Wings** 50C wings most of the regular menu **BINGO 7 PM**	23 **Juke Box** Regular menu and other specials	24 **Closing 6 PM**
25 **CLOSED** Ho Ho Ho Christmas	26	27 Steamed Shrimp and other specials **BINGO 7 PM**	28 Steamed Shrimp and other specials	29 **Wings** 50C wings most of the regular menu **BINGO 7 PM**	30 **Juke Box** Regular menu and other specials	31 DJ & New Years Eve in the Antler room Limited menu till 6PM