



Elks News Essex

Fidelity ★ Charity ★ Justice ★ Brotherly Love
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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	Barbara Gay
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

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Fellow Essex Elks- Let me introduce myself to you, my name is John Cromwell, I have been a member for 22 years. My wife, Patricia “Patty”, and I share 3 adult children, one who shares membership and the other two shortly will follow, and 1 brand new grandchild. I have been elected to the position of ER for the 2022/2023 Elk year for YOUR Lodge.

I have three main objectives. 1) Increase our participation as well as 2) Membership. The third being increase our financial security moving forward and away from the devastation of COVID. For those Elks who have been absent from the lodge- I hope it’s because of the fear of COVID. Please rejoin us in the lodge. We miss your brotherly love.

If you’re a member, in your circle no matter the size, recommend someone to join us moving forward.

Committees

Affairs	Ron Hershey Sr.
Americanism	
Audit	Sandy Hale/Brenda Trent
Bingo	Bob Hood
Camp Barrett	Joe McGeeny
Comm. Affairs	Victoria Mathena
Constit. & ByLaws	
Digital Ambassador	Victoria Mathena
Drug Awareness	Joe McGeeny
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

In order to continue the charitable work to our veterans and community both local and National we need you to participate. Your continued fidelity is what makes ELKdom the fraternal organization it is.

In moving forward, we have to acknowledge that the economic climate the last two years has strained our lodge. COVID/mandatory closures. WE barely survived. A tremendous amount of gratitude to all of those who led and provided unique opportunities to stay open. I have to also acknowledge the members who supported those unique offerings. This is justice.

By this point you should have received a survey sent to members via email regarding the direction you would like to see the lodge moving forward. Your candid responses about our future will be the pathway for us moving forward. If you responded my heartfelt thanks. If you haven’t yet check spam or Junk folders, it was sent on Mar. 16th. Also if you’ve indicated you would like to be more active and volunteer and you did not put a contact reach out to me as I’ve tried to keep the survey anonymous with regard to the responses to solicit honest feedback, I can be reached at 1866ER22@gmail.com.

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Exalted Ruler Message continued...

In closing, I hope whether you've been actively involved or not, reflect upon the initiation ritual and the cardinal virtues of ELKdom: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Renew your passion and let's move forward and live those virtues. What say you?

As Easter approaches may we give to others as we wish to be given. May God bless us always.

Chaplain

Sickness and Distress

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

Member Betty Kelly fell and is in the hospital
Member Shirley Niederhauser had hand surgery
Member Judy Numbers mom is in the hospital
Member Stacy Knotts is in University of Md (car accident)

OFFICER OF THE MONTH

Geneil Dupack

House Chairman

ELKS OF THE MONTH

Tim and Candy Porcella

New member that has jumped in and helping us as much as possible.

Message from the House Committee

Geneil Dupack

As we begin this new Elk year, we are looking for house committee members. Our meetings are on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6 pm. We would love to have you come out and join this committee. If you are interested, please contact me. All volunteers are greatly appreciated.

We are sad to announce that Gwen, from our kitchen, is leaving us. As some of you know she is pregnant and is moving out of state to be with her family. We are sad to see her leave. We thank Gwen for all the help she has given us and wish her and her baby good health and happiness. She has become part of our family and we will miss her!!!! Her last day with us will be Sunday, April 3rd.

With Gwen leaving, it leaves us with a big void in our kitchen. **We need help!** If you can donate some of your time to keep our kitchen open it will make a tremendous difference. Our intent is to hire another line cook. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please give them my phone number. (443-604-3109). **Even with paid kitchen staff, we still need volunteers. It is too much for 1 or 2 people to handle.**

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in the Antler room!!!! Don't forget we are having Karaoke on Friday, April 22 at 7 pm. Bring a guest and show them what the Elks are about.

Fraternally,

**Geneil Dupack
House Chairman**

Hours of Operation

Antler Room

Closed Monday

(except for meeting nights open at 6 pm)

Tuesday thru Thursday

2 pm – 9 pm

Friday

2 pm – 10 pm

Saturday

2 pm – 10 pm

Sunday

12 pm – 7 pm

Kitchen Hours

Tuesday and Friday

5 pm – 8 pm

Saturday

5 pm – 7 pm

Sunday

1 pm – 5 pm

Upcoming Lodge Events

Sun. Apr 3	ER Party
Sun. Apr 10	Children Easter Party 1 pm – 5 pm Sat.
Fri. Apr 22	Karaoke / Membership
Sun. May 1	Craft Fair/Yard Sale (Rain date May 15)
Sat. May 7	Camp Barrett Sneak Peek 11 am
Sat. May 14	Luncheon Bingo doors open at 9 am
Sun. May 29	Camp Barrett Annual Family Picnic
Sat. Jun 4	Drive Thru Pit Beef 1 pm - ???
Sat. Sept. 10	Lady of Elk Luncheon Bingo

WANTED

Hall Set Up Committee

Contact Geneil Dupack if you can help tear down and set up our Hall on weekends. Our Hall is rented every Friday and Saturday night through the end of the year. Please consider donating an hour of your time to help. Call Geneil at 443-604-3109.



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

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 for more info.

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

ER Party

Sunday, April 3rd

Installation of new officers at 12 pm
Party starts at 1 pm

Line Dancing with The Dude

Every Friday at the Essex Elks Lodge
Food & Drinks available to purchase.

Text **Dance** to **1-888-672-0292** to be on my list!

It's not just to country music!



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and events going on at the
Lodge?

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Essex Elks Lodge #1866

Message from Lodge Secretary

Russell Blosser

Effective for Elk year beginning April 1, 2022, the dues will be as follows:

Regular Member

Lodge Dues \$ 75.00
 GL per capita 19.00
 State per capita 3.25
TOTAL: \$ **97.25**

Life Member

Lodge Dues \$ 28.75
 GL per capita 19.00
 State per capita 3.25
TOTAL: \$ **51.00**

Children's Easter Party

Sunday, April 10, 2022

1 PM – 4 PM

Donation: 1/2 dozen cupcakes per family

Adults: \$5.00 each

Children 1 – 10 Free

Tickets are Limited!!!

Tickets are available starting March 8th

Tuesday and Thursday

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Last day to get tickets will be April 7th

For more info call

or Tammy @ 443-928-9712



April Birthdays

3	Ralph Betz, Jr.	11	Warren Gunby	20	Joseph Hamm
3	Richard Roberts	11	Charles Patti	21	Thomas Luhrman
4	Gerald Blosser	12	David Harris	21	Theresa O'Hara
5	Charles Connolly	13	Judith Giles	21	Charles Wolak
5	Aaron Powers	14	Wayne Thomas	23	James Neary
6	Richard Milam, II	16	Dot Jonescu	24	Stephen Bocek
7	William Kellermann	17	William Brady, Jr.	28	Thomas Nida
7	Ronald Powers	17	John Cunninham	30	George Divel
8	Julio Fernandez	17	John Nida	30	James Golden
8	Jean Guerndt	18	Robert McCarty	30	John Matuk
8	John White, Sr.	19	Marge Ketchem	30	Rodger Purkey
10	Nicholas Oldewurtel	20	Donald Cardwell, Jr.	30	David Wells

Please be mindful of your language in the Lodge, no profanity at any time!

Thank you,
 Judy Numbers, PER





ELKS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE / KARAOKE NIGHT 4/22/2022

BRING A FRIEND - SHARE YOUR AWESOME ELKS
LODGE - WIN A PRIZE - FOOD SPECIALS

ALL ARE
WELCOME

7:00pm – 11:00pm

We need you to Grow our ELKS Lodge - Where Neighbors come together, Families Share Meals, Children Grow Up. The Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love & Fidelity.



ESSEX ELKS LODGE

SPRING CRAFT FAIR & FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

(RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 15TH)

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Essex Elks Lodge #1866
1001 East Homberg Ave**

Enjoy a day of shopping and support local artisans and small business owners while finding that special Mother's Day present and Spring Decorations.

Food and Drinks available for sale

**For more information or if you are interested in reserving a table call
Tammy @ 443-928-9712 or email tlm1225@hotmail.com**

Proceeds to benefit: Essex Elks Charitable Committees

**Tables: \$25 Inside (includes table & chairs, limited quantity available)
\$10 Outside (10 ft. space only), \$5 extra for table rental**



Luncheon Bingo

Saturday, May 14, 2022

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

Tickets:

\$20 (limited tickets)

Includes package and lunch
(additional cards for sale)

Menu: Chicken salad on a roll, coleslaw, pickle, and
dessert

No Outside Food Allowed

Cake Table, 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

Event

Essex Elks Lodge Pit Beef Drive Thru

1007 East Homberg Ave.

Saturday, June 4, 2022
Starting at 1 PM

Catered by 3 Phat Guys



Menu:

Pit Beef

Pit Ham

Pit Turkey

Italian Sausage

Drive thru or members can dine in

For More information call
Essex Elks Lodge 410-686-7797



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Gwen's Famous Meatloaf	2 Limited Menu
3 ER Party	4 Member Meeting 7 PM	5 Taco Night	6 Pollack Johnny Night	7 Wing & Shrimp Night	8 Fish and Chips	9 Limited Menu
		Bingo 7 PM		Bingo 7 PM		Bar Bingo 7 PM
10	11 House Meeting 6 PM	12 Taco Night	13 Meatball Sub	14 Wing & Shrimp Night	15 Crabcakes	16 Limited Menu
Children Easter Party 1 PM – 4 PM	Board Meeting 7 PM	Bingo 7 PM		Bingo 7 PM	Please sign up so we plan accordingly	Bar Bingo 7 PM
17 CLOSED	18 Member Meeting 7 PM	19 Taco Night	20 Spaghetti and Meatballs	21 Wing & Shrimp Night	22 Chicken Parmesan	23 Limited Menu
Easter Sunday		Bingo 7 PM		Bingo 7 PM		Bar Bingo 7 PM
24	25 Lady of Elk Meeting 6 PM	26 Taco Night	27 Cold Cut subs/wraps	28 Wing & Shrimp Night	29 Jambalaya	30 Limited Menu
		Bingo 7 PM		Bingo 7 PM		Bar Bingo 7

*** ALL SPECIALS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY ***

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1007 East Homberg Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21221
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Elks Care - Elks Share

Dues Renewal 2022 – 2023

Regular Member **\$97.25** Life Member **\$51.00**

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 (\$102.25 regular/\$56.00 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 \$ _____