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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Brothers All,

Fall is ending, and the holidays are fast approaching. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Middletown was busy during November. We kicked off the month with our SCC spaghetti dinner on the 4th. Mike Veth and his team did a fantastic job as always with over 35 dinners served. The annual Mid-Winter Conference was held the following weekend on the 13th and 14th. It was a great turnout by all lodges in the state, and much valuable information was distributed by the various state committees. Our theme party was a lot of fun. We definitely had the best theme car, hands down! Thanks to Jane Figaro for leading this effort. I was proud to compete in the state 11 o'clock Toast and Flag salute competition, and am happy to report that Middletown brought both home. This couldn't have happened without the support and practice of the Lodge Officers, the coaching by Chuck Bolin and the candidate for that afternoon, Al Smith. The South Central District had their monthly meeting at Red Bank Lodge on the 17th. My thanks to all the committee chairmen who came out and gave their reports. On the 21st, members of our lodge helped out delivering food baskets for Middletown Helps Its Own. Sad to say, I haven't participated in this event for several years. Helping out this year really brought home to me what an impact these basket deliveries can have on our local families. I look forward to helping out in the future, and a big thanks to all those who came out and gave their time. Our table was completely loaded out by 8:30! On the 22nd, Mike Veth and his crew hosted our annual Hoop Shoot. We had better attendance this year, and tons of help. Next stop, Old Bridge! That afternoon, the SCC



**Brian Connors
Exalted Ruler**

hosted their annual Thanksgiving dinner. We had an incredible turnout, and everyone had a blast. Thanks to DJ Joe, the kitchen crew, servers, and everyone else that I missed. Middletown's Elk of the Year testimonial was held on the 28th. We had a great turnout and good representation from lodges in the district. Congratulations, VP PEOY Nick, on this accomplishment! It was well deserved, and we look forward to your continued help in years to come.

December will end the year with a bang. We start off with the SCD VP Clinic at Middletown on the 1st. Mike Veth and his team will be having their monthly SCC spaghetti dinner on the 2nd. Please come out and support. The 6th is a special day for our lodge. We are bringing a new class in @10AM. Please come down and support our officers and the candidates. Immediately after the class, we will be holding our Elks Memorial Service @ 12PM to honor all our brothers and lady auxiliary members who have passed away this year. It is a solemn service which reinforces our commitment to our obligation, "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken." Please come out and honor those who passed. Food will be served immediately after. We will be having one regular meeting this month on the 10th. Let's see a good attendance for our last meeting of the year. On the 19th, we will be helping Middletown Helps Its Own with food basket and gift deliveries. It will start at 8AM at the Baptist Church on the corner of Cherry Tree Rd. and New Monmouth Rd. As I said previously, this is one event not to be missed. On the 20th, the YAC and SCC will be having their annual

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ELK OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 2015

**My Elk of the Month for December is
Bill Nichol.**

Bill has jumped in and helped chair the Government Services and Government Relations Committees for the lodge. Thanks for all your help and insight, Bill.

2015 HOOP SHOOT CONTEST

I would like to say thank you to those who showed up to help with the 2014-2015 Hoop Shoot contest. It was a great day as Middletown crowned six Champions.

Congratulations and good luck at the District Competition

The winners are:

8-9 year olds

Girl - Caroline Polloway

Boy - Nick Gerigk

10-11 year olds

Girl - Julia Karpell

Boy - Daniel Cody

12-13 year olds

Girl - Alyssa Sigler

Boy - Ben Zic

I would like to say thank you to those who donated their time on a Sunday morning to help with the scoring, retrieving and refereeing. Thank you to Rich Centanni and PER Nick Figaro for refereeing. Scorers PDD Chuck Bolin, Ron Steinberger, Vinny D'Acunzi, Sam Zelko, Kevin McNulty and Buster Pollard. The guys running after the basketballs, Don Desfosse, Rich Miranda, Roy McPherson and Tom Cribbin as well as PDD Dan Maloney and ER Brian Connors.

Mike Veth, Hoop Shoot Chairman

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Christmas Party. A little Elk told me that I Santa may be in the area that day! Please reach out to Mike Brandine or Mike Veth if you can lend a hand to help that day. Finally, we will be having our New Year's Eve party on the 31st from 8PM to 1AM. The details are in this month's Bulletin. Tickets are going fast, so contact Carol Goodbody or Mary Bryk if you want any.

Leslie and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

"The secret of success is to do common things, uncommonly well."

Respectfully Yours, Brian Connors

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

The Special Children's Committee held a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, November 4th, a good time was had by all. The specialty dinner was Ravioli Parm and all enjoyed. Also thank you to the kitchen crew of Don Desfosse, John Urbine and Mickey Annucci. You guys did a good job again. Thank you to Janet Desfosse and Kathy Corridon for waitressing. The next spaghetti dinner will be Wednesday, December 2nd and the specialty dinner will be Chicken Parm. Our next party of the year will be our annual Christmas party to be held on Sunday, December 20th from 2:00 to 4:00pm On Sunday, November 22nd, the SCC Committee held our annual Thanksgiving party which was a outstanding success with over 90 people in attendance. The kids and parents had a great time with our favorite DJ Joe McGrath.

I would also like to thank those who helped out including the great kitchen crew of head chef PER Nick Giuriceo, Don Desfosse, John Urbine, Rich Miranda and ER Brian Connors. Also helping were Tom Cribbin, Mary Bryk and Tara Miranda as well as Dominic Robbolino and Jen Bumbico's girls helping serve. Also our photographer Neil Glazebrook.

Mike Veth, SCC Chairman



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November

In Memory of Willy Fix
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FROM THE SECRETARY

Dues notices have been mailed to all our members and are due by April 1st, when the new key cards will become effective.

The lodge bulletin is available on line at middletownelks2179.org or can be obtained at the lodge after the 3rd of the month. Please notify Secretary if your e-mail has changed.

We have many activities planned for this upcoming year. Please visit the lodge and partake in the camaraderie and events as we promote our great order.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Fraternally, Dan Maloney

THANK YOU

On Wednesday, November 25th, I held a dinner to raise money for my Drug Awareness Committee and many of you showed up to support it. I want to thank everyone that did and to the people who helped me that night. Thanks to my kitchen crew PEOY Don Desfosse and PER Nick Giuriceo and my hard working waitress PLAP Ginger Smith and Jan Figaro for running the 50/50 and Nick Figaro for again playing the music and videos. It was a fun night and with all your support. It was a very successful night.

PER Al Smith

SCC COMMITTEE UPCOMING PARTIES



Christmas Party

Sunday, December 20
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THANK YOU

The Ladies Auxiliary had a tailgate party on Sunday, November 22. We would like to thank everyone who donated the food and thank everyone who came out to support us. We would like to thank Tom Cribbin for generous donation to the Ladies Auxiliary.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank You, Ginger Smith and Kathy Corridon

DECEMBER LADIES BIRTHDAYS

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- 12TH DEBBY SEE, GOLD STAR,
PAST PRESIDENT + PAST LADY
OF THE YEAR
- 14TH EILEEN KENAVAN, GOLD STAR
- 19TH DONNA SMITH, GOLD STAR +
PAST LADY OF THE YEAR
- 21ST CATHY MERKER, GOLD STAR +
PAST LADY OF THE YEAR

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY LADIES
AND HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Please remit your dues for 2015-2016.
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Thank you,
Janet Desfosse, Corresponding Secretary

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Madame President's Message

Hi Everyone!!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. A lot of fun things have been going on with the Ladies Auxiliary. Back in October we decided to run a Tailgate buffet lunch on Sunday, October 18, 2015, in place of our normal Friday Night Dinner. It was a huge success and Melissa Vanderzee and I would like to thank everyone who donated food and came out to support this event. Because people seemed more receptive with the Tailgate we had another on one Sunday, November 22, 2015 and that one was an even bigger success. I would personally like to thank Ginger Smith and Kathy Corridon for running this as well as everyone who donated food and came out to support us once again.

We held our annual gift auction on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves but once again it couldn't have been done without all the help we received. We received a ton of gifts from our Auxiliary members and the local businesses were happy to donate to our cause. Melissa Vanderzee, Ginger Smith, Kathy Corridon, Adrienne Bolin, Nancy Hammond, Mary and Christine Bryk, Dottie Nesfield, Cathy Grabau, Betty, Tesia and Liz Revill were such a big help all week long!!!

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, Melissa Vanderzee had her Second Vendor Day of the year. She blew away her totals from the first one! I heard she had a lot of help that day and was pleased with the turnout from the local community.

Our next big event is our Christmas Party. I hope everyone can make it on December 5, 2015. It should be fun filled night and I'm told that Santa Claus is going to show up if you are good little boys and girls.

We are having a Tailgate Buffet on Sunday, January 3, 2016 and I am looking for some people to donate some of their specialty dishes if possible. Please give me a call and let me know if you can help Melissa and I out. I can be reached at 732-757-2981,

On Saturday, January 16, 2015 we are having an '80's Dance. It is going to be \$25 per person with and open bar and you can bring snacks. It should be a lot of fun!!! Please see Mary Bryk, Lisa Hahn or Melissa Vanderzee for tickets.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Lisa Hahn, Ladies Auxiliary President.




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		1 VP CLINIC MIDDLETOWN	2 SPAGHETTI DINNER 6:00PM INDOCTINATION	3	4	5 LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY
6 CLASS 10:00 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE NOON	7	8	9 MCC	10 REGULAR MEETING 8:00PM	11	12
13 TAMS CLASS 8:00 PM Y/A TAILGATE PARTY	14	15 F.O.P. MEETING	16	17 PER MEETING	18	19 MIDDLETOWN HELPS ITS OWN 10K
20 SPECIAL CHILDREN & Y/A CHRISTMAS PARTY	21	22	23	24 NO MEETING LODGE OPEN AT NOON	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY LODGE CLOSED AT 6:00PM		

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3 FB LUNCHEON NOON TO 4	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 MCC	14 MEETING	15	16 LADIES AUX 80's DANCE
17	18	19 F.O.P. MEETING	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 MEETING	29	30
31 STEAL BINGO						
