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## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Brothers,

As we begin a new Elk year, we continue our struggle with COVID-19. Tom did an excellent job keeping the Lodge going during his tenure. I hopefully can continue in the same direction. I am confident that, as a Lodge, we can accomplish this together.

Many thanks to all those who attended our installation and showed their support for me and my officers. It was very special night.

Welcome and congratulations Tisa and your team of officers, I look forward to working with all of you this year.

April 2nd, we held our Friday Fish Fry, it was a success!! Thank you to



**Donnie Desfosse**  
*Exalted Ruler*

all who participated and to those in the kitchen. My apologies and thanks, since I did not have the list of names available at the time of printing. ( I will do better next time, I promise.)

Finally, with the prospect of the easing of COVID restrictions on the horizon, we may be able to bring back more functions. Both inside and outside of the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Donnie Desfosse  
Exalted Ruler

*The great heart of Elkdom will continue to beat only with your support.*





### ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS 2020-2021

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- Chairman: Rich Bryk
- Members: Charlie Diehl
- Don Desfosse
- Ron Steinberger
- Rich Jaeger
- Frank Zechman
- Jimmy Smythe

Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM

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- FLAG DAY . . . . . Daniel P. Maloney, PDD . . . . 732-915-9351
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**ELK OF THE MONTH**

**MAY 2021**

**My Elk of the month is Pat Shopp.**

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**Inside Lounge  
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no later than 10:00pm*

*Friday to Sunday  
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# COME DOWN AND ENJOY ELKS HONORING FLAG DAY

Flag Day  
will take place on the  
lodge grounds,  
Sunday, June 13th  
at 12 Noon

Refreshments  
will follow.

For further information  
call Dan Maloney  
at 732-915-9351.



## Elks and Patriotism

The Order of Elks is committed to promoting the patriotic principles of individual freedom, opportunity, and dignity. In 1911, the Grand Lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself an Elks member, designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

### Freedom Is Not Free

BY 1988 AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC CADET MAJOR KELLY STRONG

I watched a flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze.

A young marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud.  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him  
had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil,  
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
**No, FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

I heard the sound of taps one night  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times  
That taps had meant, "Amen!"  
When a flag had draped a coffin of a relative or friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
**No! FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

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The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a proud member of the Citizens Flag Alliance which supports legislation prohibiting physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.



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Wednesday Winners . . . . .	Tisa Dziadzio . . . . .	732-471-1594

## Madame President's Message

Hello Ladies,

It is the start of our new year. First, I want to congratulate my officers. Lisa Hahn, 1st VP, Tara Mirinda, Treasurer, Debby Gerardi, Recording Secretary, Janet Desfosse, Corresponding Secretary, and Cathy Grabau, our Chaplain. Thank you ladies for taking these positions.

Also would like to thank Don Desfosse for installing us at our March meeting and congratulate him and his officers.

I am looking forward to working with the Auxiliary to come up with some creative things we could do. We still have our Wednesday Winners which runs May – February. If you would like to get a ticket contact Lisa Hahn. We are serving food at the Kentucky Derby Day May 1st. Looking for forward to that!! We will also be running a Gas Card raffle. Just a few things we are doing right now. Waiting for the weather to warm up and maybe do some fun events outside.

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their continued support. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

Thank you,

Tisa Dziadzio - President



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# MAY LADIES BIRTHDAYS

1ST, MICKEY PEPCHINSKI, GOLD STAR

2ND, SHARON BEATTIE

2ND, TISA DZIADZIO

9TH, MARY BRYK, PAST LADY OF THE YEAR  
AND TREASURER

16TH, BETTY ANGHELONE

20TH, JEAN ROBBOLINO

LADIES... ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAYS!

## AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Please remit your dues for 2020-2021. \$20.00

If you have questions, please feel free to call me. 330-268-2103 Thankyou, LisaLowe, Corresponding Secretary

## SUNSHINE CHAIRLADY MESSAGE

Any Member Ill...or in the Hospital... Please contact Cathy Grabau at 732-739-2933 to receive flowers or get well message...Thanks Cathy

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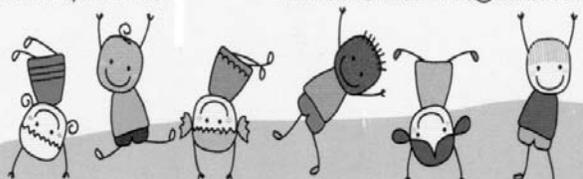
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## Calendar Events For May 2021

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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> MOTHER'S DAY	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> LADIES AUXILIARY 7:30PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> MEMORIAL DAY					

## Calendar Events For June 2021

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<b>13</b> FLAG DAY AT NOON	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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