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## **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of U.S.A. A Fraternal Organization EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Greetings All,

This summer is flying by. Last month, I was in Minneapolis, Minnesota representing Middletown. I would like to thank the membership for sending me there. It was a great experience being at the Grand Lodge Convention, seeing how our money is spent and the great work of Elkdom is performed throughout the Country. Also seeing our new Grand Exalted Ruler being installed with his new team of officers. Then our District Deputy of the South Central District Frank Tevis was installed. It was a proud moment for our District. District Deputy Frank I know you will do a great job. Myself and our officers are looking forward to working with you. I would like to thank PER John Steakin and PER Donnie Desfosse for traveling with me and representing Middletown. I would also like to congratulate PVP Nick Figaro for being selected as a Grand Lodge Ritualistic Judge. Nick is one of three Grand Lodge Ritualistic Judge from Middletown (Chuck Bolin, Donald Anderson and Nick Figaro).

On July 27th, our Lodge had the pleasure of hosting the South Central District PDD Testimonial for Baby PDD Mike Dickie. This month is a very busy month, we start off on August 5th with a bus ride



**Donald Anderson  
Exalted Ruler**

from Brick Elks Lodge, please come out and meet some of our members from the Southeast District and help promote camaraderie. On August 6th, we will be hosting our annual SCC bike run fundraiser at our lodge, please come out and support one of our hardest working committees. On August 19th, please come out to our lodge as we support our Friends Helping Friends Committee, as we support PER Rob Fairhurst and his family. On August 25th, our lodge will be hosting our annual golf outing, please contact Charlie Diehl or Connor Dickie if you are interested in sponsoring a hole or helping out that day. On September 3rd, Middletown and Long Branch Elks will be hosting a day at the races at Monmouth Park, if interested please contact PVP Nick Figaro. Our Veterans Committee will be hosting our 5th Gary Ruhman bike (bicycle) tour on September 9th for our Vets, please contact PER John Steakin for more information (shirt order must be in by August 7th).

*People will remember your example, not your advise.*

Donald M. Anderson.

*Exalted Ruler*





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Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM



# ELK OF THE MONTH

## AUGUST 2023

**My Elk of the Month is  
PDD Ed Hahn.**

This brother has been working above and beyond since April and I appreciate all his hard work.



## THANK YOU TO ALL

I would like to extend my thank you to all that attended my past District Deputy cocktail party. The past year has been nothing but positive vibes. We accomplished a lot in our District and I was very proud of each and every lodge in our District. I would especially like to thank P.V.P Kelly Miller, V.P Kevin Pent and P.V.P Nick Figaro for their hard work as my officers. I appreciate all of you. The P.D.D's, thank you for your guidance and help throughout the year, V.P Keith Weber great job with your committee chairpersons for achievements done through the year. Exalted Rulers thank you for leading your lodges. Thanks to all who helped with this day, Dennis and Jimmy in the kitchen, Al, Ginger, Donnie, Donny, Ron, Kat, John, Lisa for set up and Eddie Hahn who helped me so much this year I cannot thank you enough. Finally, it makes me proud to be part of Middletown Lodge #2179 you have become a family to me and I will always be indebted to you all.

God Bless and Stay Gold,  
Michael Dickie P.D.D.



### IN MEMORY OF:

**KEN MASSICOTTE, PER, PEYOY**  
49 YEARS AN ELK  
EXALTED RULER 1979-1980  
ELK OF THE YEAR 1992-1993

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**JOHN DESIATO, PEYOY**  
48 YEARS AN ELK  
ELK OF THE YEAR 2021-2022

**REST IN PEACE GENTLEMEN**

## TRUSTEE'S MEETING

**3rd Thursday of the month @ 6:30 PM**

**Please have vouchers and all other business for our review submitted to the Trustee's mailbox prior to this time.**





**5TH ANNUAL GARY RUHMAN  
BIKE TOUR FOR THE VETS  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

**CONTACT KAT STEAKIN TO  
PLACE YOUR SHIRT ORDER**

**TEXT YOUR NAME AND SHIRT SIZE TO  
732-492-0104**

**LAST DAY TO ORDER  
AUGUST 7TH**

**ENTRY FEE \$25/ INCLUDES  
SHIRT & BANDANA**

**TOUR STARTS AT NOON AT THE  
MIDDLETOWN ELKS**

**MIDDLETOWN ELKS  
#2179**

**ANNUAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY  
AUGUST 25, 2023  
8 AM START  
PEBBLE CREEK  
GOLF COURSE**

**\$140 PER GOLFER**  
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CONNOR DICKIE - 908-461- 3933  
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THE COURSE





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*Join us in Supporting  
Robert Fairhurst*



 *Saturday, August 19th  
4:00 PM*

251 Church Street, Belford, NJ-07718  
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*\$25 Entry ~ Live Music  
Please Bring your Favorite Covered Dish!*

**Contact**  
Ginger Smith ~ (908)-513-4406  
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**COME OUT FOR A GREAT TIME**



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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023**

**\$25 PERPERSON - ENTRANCE- FOOD - BYOB- PROGRAM  
GATES OPEN 9AM- FIRST RACE 12:40 PM  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**CONTACT JIM GALLO // PH: 732-921-8025**



**Special Children's Committee**

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



Middletown Elks Welcomes You To Join Us  
For Our Monthly Spaghetti Dinners!

**September 6th, 2023**  
Special: Ravioli Parmesan

**October 4th, 2023**  
Special: Shrimp Scampi

**November 1st, 2023**  
Special: Chicken Parmesan

**December 6th, 2023**  
Special: Buffalo Chicken Penne


Menu:  
\$10 Spaghetti with Meatballs or Sausage  
\$12 Monthly Special

All meals come with Salad, Bread, and Dessert

Specials will be published in bulletin and in the lodge monthly




**MIDDLETOWN ELKS  
LODGE 2179**



Lamar Peters performs a tribute to  
**Johnny Cash**  
And Others  
with Comedy by Tommy Gooch

When: **Saturday, Sept 16, 2023**  
Time: Doors open at 7PM  
Cost: \$25.00 per person

Address: 251 Church St., Belford \*BRING SNACKS\*  
For Tickets Contact Jim Lampert @ 732.978.3886  
Ginger Smith @ 908.513.4406

This event is in support of the Elk's Social & Community Welfare Committee



FOOTBALL SEASON:  
**Tailgate Time!**

**Tailgate Party Time!**

Middletown Elks  
Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

1pm in the Bar  
\$10 pp



Come out and watch the game and enjoy  
some home cooked food!

*Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary*

Contact Ginger Smith for details (908) 513-4406





# Join us for a Halloween Bash!

Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary & Drug  
Awareness Committee

featuring live music by  
**HIGH STRUNG BAND!**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th**  
**6p-10p**

@ Middletown Elks Lodge #2179  
251 Church St, Belford

\*Please bring covered dish for food table-  
beverages available for purchase\*

**\$20pp**

Contact Ginger Smith  
908-513-4406

Or Kat Steakin 732-492-0104 for  
tickets!

**COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!**



# Spotlight Lady

My Spotlight Lady for August is  
**Lisa Hahn.**

Lisa is definitely an icon of the Auxiliary. Thank you for always going above to help out. I truly appreciate all you do.

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

- President . . . . .Ginger Smith . . . . .732-495-4693
- 1st V.P. . . . .Michelle Fairhurst . . . . .
- Treasurer . . . . .Tara Miranda . . . . .347-512-8724
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- Tisa Dziadzio . . . . .732-693-5678
- Lisa Hahn . . . . .732-757-2981

## LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 6th. . . . . Annual Bike Run
- August 19th. . . . .Benefit for PER Robert Fairhurst

# STEAL



Sunday, September 17, 2023

Doors open @ 11:30 am \$10pp

**Bring a wrapped gift**

(Value: \$10.00 min.)

Bring your own snacks for your table

Beverages available on site

For Tickets & Info Contact:

Janet Desfosse - 732-788-4839

Ginger Smith - 908-513-4406

# Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Summer is flying by. I hope everyone is enjoying it. If you haven't been to the lodge lately . They got new chairs in the bar lounge area. They look very nice. Nice job to everyone involved in it. The PDD cocktail party was a fun day. Great turn out from the District. Congratulations PDD Mike Dickie on a great year. August is starting off with the Annual Bike Run for Special Children committee. Always a fun day filled with people out supporting it. We are having a bennefit for PER Robert Fairhurst Saturday, August 19th, please see flyer for all information. I hope to see everyone there. If you want to help or donate, please call me. I will be glad to put you to work LOL. Seriously, I want to thank everyone who has jumped in to help. It makes my heart feel so good to be a part of the Ladies Auxillary. These ladies are the best. Also all the elks in our lodge and in our district who have reached out to me, thank you so much for all your help. Its a lot of work but when we come together we get it done with ease. September 10th at 11am ER Donald Anderson and his team of officers will perform the 911 service. Its a beautiful tribute to those we lost in Middletown. After at 1pm, the Ladies Auxilliary will host our 1st tailgate party for football season. \$10 dollars pp all you can eat buffet. If anyone is interesred in helping set up, cook, or donate food please call me. Always welcome any help 908-513-4406. STEAL BINGO IS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17th. Doors open at 11:30am fun starts at 12noon. \$10pp it will sell out fast. Get your tickets NOW. See flyer for all information. Lets fill the room. Oh and its half way to St. Patrick's Day. YAY The ladies auxilliary and I would like to express our love and prayers for the two Elk families, Ken Massicotte and John Desiato rest in peace gentelmen you will be greatly missed. Have a blessed Summer.

ALWAYS BE KIND YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE SOMEONES DAY

Ginger Smith, President



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In Memory of

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**August**

In Memory of Jack Spann

Joe and Rosemary Keeney

John and Kathy Steakin

Ed and Lynn O'Kane

**September**

In Memory of Mary Brant

Frank and Dianne Zechman

**October**

In Memory of PER John McTigue

In Memory of

Kathleen L. McCartan

Dan McCartan

Al and Cathy Grabau

Bob and Alice Eckert

In Memory of Bob Brant

Kathleen Brant

**November**

In Memory of Willy Fix

Chuck and Adrienne Bolin

Cathy Grabau

**December**

In Memory of Ken Thompson

Jane Thompson

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# AUGUST LADIES BIRTHDAYS

6TH. . . . TRICIA FAIRHURST

13TH. . . PAT STRANIERO

20TH. . . MARTHA NEIKRASH

27TH. . . TINA PLADL

30TH. . . KAY WOODS

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAYS!

## AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Please remit your dues for 2022-2023.

\$20.00 If you have any questions, please

feel free to call Janet Desfosse 732.788.4839

Corresponding Secretary

## SUNSHINE CHAIRLADY MESSAGE

Any Member Ill...or in the Hospital....

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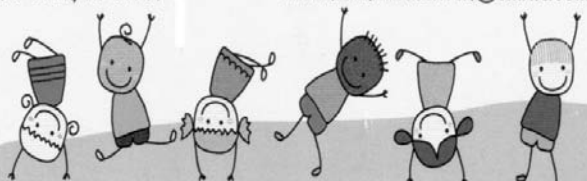
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## Calendar Events For August 2023

| <i>Sunday</i>             | <i>Monday</i>   | <i>Tuesday</i>     | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i>           | <i>Friday</i>                    | <i>Saturday</i>                        |
|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                           |                 | <b>1</b> CORNHOLE  | <b>2</b>         | <b>3</b>                  | <b>4</b>                         | <b>5</b>                               |
| <b>6</b> RUN FOR THE KIDS | <b>7</b> DARTS  | <b>8</b> CORNHOLE  | <b>9</b>         | <b>10</b>                 | <b>11</b>                        | <b>12</b>                              |
| <b>13</b>                 | <b>14</b> DARTS | <b>15</b> CORNHOLE | <b>16</b>        | <b>17</b> TRUSTEE MEETING | <b>18</b>                        | <b>19</b> PER ROBERT FAIRHURST BENEFIT |
| <b>20</b>                 | <b>21</b> DARTS | <b>22</b> CORNHOLE | <b>23</b>        | <b>24</b> REGULAR MEETING | <b>25</b> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT | <b>26</b>                              |
| <b>27</b>                 | <b>28</b> DARTS | <b>29</b> CORNHOLE | <b>30</b>        | <b>31</b>                 |                                  |  |

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|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|--|
|                           |                 |                    |                           |                           | <b>1</b>      | <b>2</b>   |
| <b>3</b> DAY AT THE RACES | <b>4</b> DARTS  | <b>5</b> CORNHOLE  | <b>6</b> SPAGHETTI DINNER | <b>7</b>                  | <b>8</b>      | <b>9</b> 5TH ANNUAL GARY RUHMAN BIKE ROUR FOR THE VETS |
| <b>10</b> TAILGATE PARTY  | <b>11</b> DARTS | <b>12</b> CORNHOLE | <b>13</b>                 | <b>14</b>                 | <b>15</b>     | <b>16</b> JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE & COMEDY SHOW            |
| <b>17</b> STEAL BINGO     | <b>18</b> DARTS | <b>19</b> CORNHOLE | <b>20</b>                 | <b>21</b> TRUSTEE MEETING | <b>22</b>     | <b>23</b>  |
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