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## **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

Well, March is upon us and this will be my last ER Message. I want to thank all my officers who served with me this past year. And I cannot continue without thanking Ladies President Ginger Smith and all her officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to our Lodge Secretary Ed Hahn for the continued support and guidance in the past year. Thanks to the trustees for your support and help. But most importantly thank you to each one of you for the support and guidance you gave me. You all have made this year interesting and challenging. February was a good month at the lodge. As the Elk year comes to a close we had nomination of Officers. Congrats to Don Anderson as your ER Elect, wishing you the best in the upcoming year. So, dues are due April 1st. Please get these submitted on time. Convention sign up is underway please get your deposit to Fran to reserve your room, next sign up March 19th. The Ritual team has their competition on Saturday, February 25, wishing them good luck. Thank you, PERs, for Cheeseburger in Paradise very yummy. Pasta night was a great time for all who attended. We have 6 new members that came in with the new class on



**Rich Jaeger  
Exalted Ruler**

February 16. Welcome to all. So, when you see new faces introduce yourself and say hello. Please attempt to sign up some new members and increase our strength. Furthermore if you know a member who is not coming around or is delinquent with their dues give them a call and get them back into the fold.

Elvis has left the building, job well done thank you Rich Miranda and Ginger Smith. Comedy night was a hit. As Football season is now complete I want to thank all who supported and donated food and time for our tailgate parties. If anyone has an idea for a fund raiser, please speak up and get the ball rolling.

Once again thank you all for the support and help you extended this past year. I know that I have not been the best ER the lodge has had but I tried my best. To those of you that are annoyed with me due to the decisions I have made, I apologize. But please remember a cardinal principal of our order, The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.

Fraternally Yours,  
Rich Jaeger, Exalted Ruler





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Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM

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# ELK OF THE MONTH

**MARCH 2023**

**My Elk of the Month is  
Joe Polkowski**

For all the hard work  
you do for your Lodge.

#getyourelkon



**ASK A FRIEND to JOIN**



## **CONVENTION SIGN-UP**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

**1:00 - 3:00 PM**

**SIGN UP DATES**

**APRIL 22, 2023**

**CONVENTION DATES**

**JUNE 1-3**

**THURS-FRI- SAT - \$550**

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**PARADE - \$50**



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**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**



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**January 4th, 2023**  
Special: Lasagna

**February 1st, 2023**  
Special: Ravioli and Lobster

**Ravioli March 1st, 2023**  
Special: Penne Vodka

**April 5th, 2023**  
Special: Buffalo Chicken Penne

**Menu:**

\$10 Spaghetti with Meatballs or Sausage

\$12 Monthly Special

All meals come with Salad, Bread, and Dessert



**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Committee meetings scheduled for the month of**

**March 2023 will be at Keyport/Matawan**

**March 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM**

**Auditing/Business Practices, Convention,**

**Drug Awareness, Government Relations,**

**Lodge Activities, National Foundation,**

**Parades, Special Children.**

**If anyone needs transportation give me a call.**



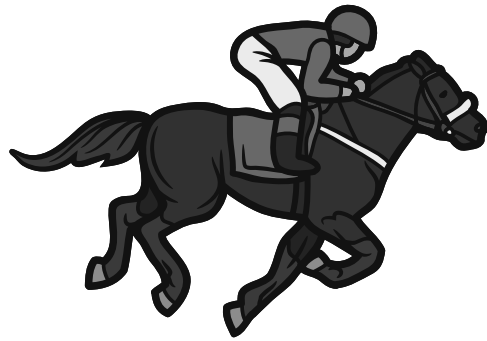
# MIDDLETOWN ELKS LODGE 2179

Celebrate St Pat's Day at the Lodge

## Friday March 17th



- Lounge opens at noon
- \$10 Corn Beef Buffet at 2 PM
- Bagpipe Band at 4 PM
- Loud / Off Key Irish sing-along 4:30 – close
- All members and their guest are welcome



# Kentucky Derby

**Saturday, May 6th, 2023**

**3:00 PM**

Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary



Prize for Best Hat!

Food For Purchase



Come out and enjoy a fun day  
Middletown Style!

For Questions, contact Ginger Smith 908-513-4406





# Spotlight Lady

My Spotlight Lady for March is **Tricia Fairhurst.**

Tricia, thank you so much for everything you do for the Ladies Aux. I really appreciate all your help. Your always there ready to volunteer.  
Thank You

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2022-2023

- President . . . . .Ginger Smith . . . . .732-495-4693
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  - Lisa Hahn. . . . .732-757-2981

## LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4. . . . .Charity Ball
- March 25. . . . .Installation
- March 29. . . . . Ladies Auxiliary meeting



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

# Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I can't believe we are getting ready for installation again. What a fast fun year. The ladies pulled together and made this year amazing. You ladies rock. We are planning some fun stuff for this year, too. If you have any ideas or would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary, please call text me or Tara Mirenda we would love for you to join us. We brought back Steal Bingo this year and we are working on bringing back some more things this year, too. The ladies will be having Kentucky Derby May 6th, Middletowns way. Please make your calendars. That's a fun day food will be available to purchase. The PERs had their annual Cheeseburgers in paradise Superbowl weekend. They had simply three band, what a fun way to start the weekend off. Good food and good music. Our very own Andy Howard played the drums for a few songs and guest singers DD Mike Dickie and his brother Chris sang a few songs lots of dancing and laughing going on. The ladies went out to dinner together to celebrate our selfs for working so hard. It was a fun night of casual talk and laughing. The food was amazing.

We had a visitor in the building ELVIS was singing dancing and rocking the house. Rich Mirenda, great job setting it up. If you missed anything this year. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events. Come down see your old friends. St. Patrick's day is around the corner. Wear your green and come say hello. I want to thank everyone who supported the Ladies Auxiliary this year. I am very proud to be the president of such a great group of women. We appreciate everything all of you have done for us this year. We know we will have your full support next year, too. I will be continuing on as the president next year, too. Again I am so honored. The ladies put their faith in me to continue as their president. I would like to thank ER Rich Jaeger and his officers for everything this year. I would like to thank my husband Al for always supporting me on everything I do. Ladies, our next meeting is March 29th, 7:15pm officers meeting and 7:30 pm regular meeting. Remember dues are due in March. Everyone have a blessed day see you all soon.

**WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS**

Ginger Smith, President



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In Memory of

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In Memory of Mary Brant

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**October**

In Memory of PER John McTigue

In Memory of

Kathleen L. McCartan

Dan McCartan

Al and Cathy Grabau

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In Memory of Bob Brant

Kathleen Brant

**November**

In Memory of Willy Fix

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Cathy Grabau

**December**

In Memory of Ken Thompson

Jane Thompson

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# MARCH LADIES BIRTHDAYS

3RD . . . TARA MARANDA

5TH. . . . JANET DESFOSSE

27TH. . . ELENOR D'ANTONE

ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY!

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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

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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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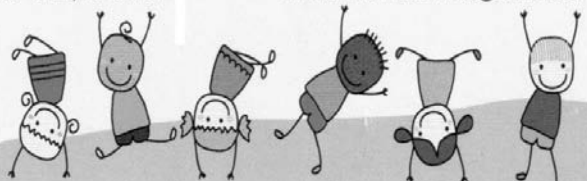
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## Calendar Events For March 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> CHARITY BALL
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> DARTS	<b>7</b> CORNHOLE	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> DARTS	<b>14</b> CORNHOLE	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> ST. PATRICK'S DAY	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> DARTS	<b>21</b> CORNHOLE	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> INSTALLATION
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> DARTS	<b>28</b> CORNHOLE	<b>29</b> LADIES MEETING	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

## Calendar Events For April 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> RENTAL
<b>2</b> RENTAL	<b>3</b> DARTS	<b>4</b> CORNHOLE	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> FISHFRY	<b>8</b> RENTAL
<b>9</b> EASTER	<b>10</b> DARTS	<b>11</b> CORNHOLE	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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