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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

Summer is over and Fall begins, let's continue to work hard and keeping Middletown one of the premier lodges. On September 3rd, Middletown Elks and Long Branch Lodge had our annual day at the races at Monmouth Park. Thank you to PVP Nick Figaro and ER Jim Gallo (Long Branch Elks) for a great day. On September 6th, our Special Children's Committee had their first Spaghetti Dinner of the season. They had a great turn out. I would like to thank PER Tom Cribbin and his committee. On September 9th, our Veterans Committee hosted the Gary Ruhman 5th Annual Bike Run for our local Veterans, another great turn out and fun was had by all. Thank you Veterans Committee Chairman John Steakin Sr., Mom Ruhman and family for their generous donation to our Veterans Committee. Congratulations to our Ladies Auxiliary for kicking off our first football tailgate of the season. It was a great success. I would like to thank the membership for giving me the opportunity with Leading Knight PER John Steakin Sr. and Loyal Knight PER Don Desfosse, we went to the Army of Hope picnic and donated \$1,000.00 dollars of our ENF Gratitude Grant to Chairman of the NJ Elks Homeless Veterans Committee Don Tonnacchio. On September 11th, the 911 Committee and the Officers held our Annual 911 service on the front lawn (before the sky opened up). Thanks to PDD Mike Dickie, VP of the South Central District Kevin Pent and all that attended, thank you for showing your support to our neighbors that were lost on that tragic day. September 16th, our Social and Community Welfare Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary held a tribute to Johnny Cash and others night out. Great job, Jim Lampert and the



**Donald Anderson  
Exalted Ruler**

Ladies Auxiliary's President Ginger Smith. Please come out October 4th for our Special Children's Committee - 2nd Spaghetti & Shrimp Scampi Dinner. On October 5th, the Officers will be competing in our District Ritualistic Competition 7:30pm sharp, please come out and support our officers. The bar will be closed between 7:00pm to 8:30pm, sorry for any inconvenience. On October 22nd, please come out and support our Ladies Auxiliary as they host their 2nd Tailgate Party. On October 27th, our Drug Awareness Committee Chairman John Steakin Jr. and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Halloween Bash Band night at the lodge 6:00pm to 10:00 pm for tickets, please contact Madam President Ginger Smith or Kathleen Steakin. Please get the children ready on October 29th, our Youth Activities Chairman John Martinez and his committee will be having our Annual Halloween Party for the kids from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Later that day our Special Children's Committee Chairman PER Tom Cribbin and his committee will be hosting their annual Halloween Party from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. On November 5th, please come join us at the lodge for our Veterans Day Parade pre game, please come out and watch the Dolphins beat the Chiefs, breakfast will be served between 9:30am and 11:30am then please join us as we March and Represent Middletown Elks in the Middletown Township Veterans Day Parade. As we show our respect for our Veterans and our active service men and women.

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

Donald M. Andersonm, Exalted Ruler





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Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM



# ELK OF THE MONTH

**OCTOBER 2023**

**My Elk of the Month is  
Jim Lampert.**

Thank you for all  
your hard work.

#getyourelkon



**ASK A FRIEND to JOIN**

## Special Children's Committee



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

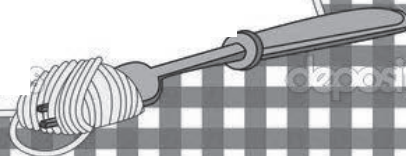
Menu:

\$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**





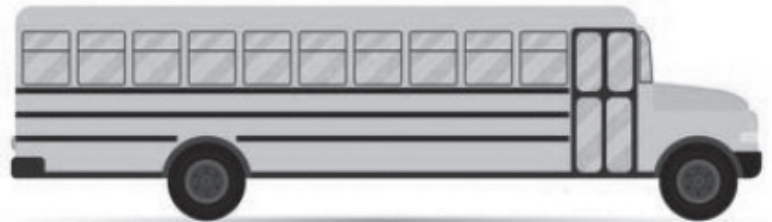
# The Jane Thompson Bus Ride To...

**Middletown Elks 2179**

**October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:30PM**

Come Join Us For A Lovely Bus Ride  
Around Middletown  
And The Surrounding Area

\$30 Per Person includes T-Shirt  
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**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  
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**\$20pp**

Contact Ginger Smith  
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**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.**







# DOLPHINS VS. CHIEFS

Middletown Elks — Veterans Committee  
251 Church St, Belford, NJ

Join us for the  
Veterans Day Parade Pre-game!  
930AM — 1130AM

Football breakfast to fuel up for the parade!  
Enjoy pork roll, egg, & cheese for the morning kickoff — \$6.00 per person  
Any questions please see Rick Mirenda, Ginger Smith, or John Steakin Sr.

Middletown Elks Lodge #2179  
Presents:

# A NIGHT OF COMEDY

Saturday 18  
November

at Elks Lodge #2179  
251 Church St. Belford NJ 07718  
Doors open at: 07:00pm

Tickets: \$25

Contact John Martinez for tickets (732) 720-1546

This event supports the Youth Activities Committee





# Spotlight Lady

My Spotlight Lady for October is **Kathy Corridon.**

Kathy Kathy Kathy. You are definitely a great asset to the Ladies Auxiliary. What would we do without our devil egg maker lol. We appreciate everything you do. Thank you so much my friend xo

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

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

## LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 7th . . . . The Jane Thompson Bus Ride to
- October 22nd. . . . . Tailgate
- October 25th . . . . .Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- October 27th . . . . . Halloween Bash

**TAILGATE**  
**OCTOBER 22ND. 1PM**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET**  
**10.00PP**  
**YUMMY FOOD**  
**MADE BY THE**  
**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
**ANY QUESTIONS SEE**  
**GINGER SMITH**

# Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

How can it even be October WOW! The year is flying by. September was a busy month, October is looking just as busy. Track day was beautiful weather for watching the horses race. A little hot but holding on to Summer as long as I can. We had our 1st tailgate opening day for football. Food was yummy as usual thank you to everyone who donated or came out to support us. Thank you Janet and Kathy for sitting with me all day. Fun catching up on things, too. Tara and Rich, thank you for always coming early to help set up. Al and Mike Dickie thanks for everything you did that day to help. Lauren made delicious cheesecake cupcakes and Maude Phillips made Buffalo chicken dip. Dana thank you for always jumping in to help, appreciate it very much. Johnny Cash what a fun night Jimmy Lambert so much fun great job. Steal Bingo Janet you always make it a great day so fun. Great turn out. The ladies are already looking forward to January for the next one. Great job my friend. Thank you thank you. Don Defosse thanks for always calling the bingo at the end. I think the Ladies Auxiliary will keep you. Lol. The next tailgate will be October 22nd at 1pm. \$10.00 buffet all day. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Let's fill the lodge, eat some good food and watch some football or sit back and come for lunch and just enjoy the day. Halloween Bash is October 27th from 6pm to 10pm, the Ladies Auxiliary and Drug Awareness are teaming up to make it the best party in town. Please see flyer for all details. November 4th, the ladies are teaming up with Youth Activities committee John Martinez. Breeders cup food for purchase. Lucky Lucy may make a return visit. If you haven't been around come check out all the fun stuff going on. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events. Any questions, feel free to call me and ask. We are always in need of help. Show up and we will definitely put you to work lol seriously though we appreciate any help, donations or whatever you can do. Thanks for supporting the Ladies Auxiliary. Our next meeting is October 25th. 730pm. Hope to see you at the upcoming events.

**ALWAYS BE KIND YOU MIGHT JUST MAKE SOMEONES DAY**

Ginger Smith, President





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Each booster helps to offset printing and mailing costs of this monthly newsletter. Boosters are for one year, and payable in advance. Please note your name, and when it is due. Thank you. ANY OVER DUE HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM LIST

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**June**

In Memory of

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**August**

In Memory of Jack Spann

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**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

"God's Little Miracles"

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# OCTOBER LADY BIRTHDAY

22ND . . ALICIA SAREN-KEDZ

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 Debby Gerardi at 201-978-7223 to receive flowers or get well message.

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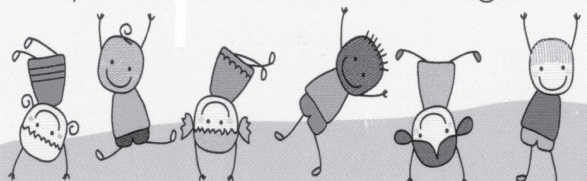
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## Calendar Events For October 2023

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<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> CORNHOLE	<b>4</b> SCC SPAGHETTI DINNER	<b>5</b> RITUAL	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RENTAL JANE THOMPSON BUS RIDE TO...
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> CORNHOLE	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> RENTAL
<b>15</b> RENTAL	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> CORNHOLE	<b>18</b> FOP MEETING	<b>19</b> TRUSTEE MEETING	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> DART TOURNAMENT
<b>22</b> TAILGATE	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CORNHOLE	<b>25</b> LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	<b>26</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>27</b> HALLOWEEN BASH	<b>28</b> DART TOURNAMENT
<b>29</b> YAC/SCC HALLOWEEN PARTIES	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> CORNHOLE HALLOWEEN				

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			<b>1</b> SCC SPAGHETTI DINNER	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> RENTAL	<b>4</b> RENTAL BREEDERS CUP
<b>5</b> VETERAN'S PARADE FOOTBALL 9:00AM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CORNHOLE	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> REGULAR MEETING	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
<b>12</b> RENTAL	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> CORNHOLE	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> VETERANS COMMITTEE DINNER	<b>17</b> ELECTRICIANS	<b>18</b> ELECTRICIANS COMEDY SHOW
<b>19</b> SCC THANKSGIVING PARTY	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> CORNHOLE	<b>22</b> THANKSGIVING EVE PARTY	<b>23</b> THANKSGIVING	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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