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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Greetings All,

I would like to thank all that attended the installation of Officers for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. It was a great evening for the Officers, myself and my Family. I would like to thank DD Mike Dickie and his Grand Lodge Installing Officers PER Kevin Brittain, PER Fran Corridon, PER William Nicholl, PER Jon Morgan, PDD Dan Maloney, PVP Nick Figaro, PER Rich Jaeger and PER Tom Cribbin. I would also like to thank Madame President Ginger Smith, Al Smith, Don Desfosse, Debra Ciccone, Ed Hahn, Lisa Hahn, Rich Jaeger, Mike Dickie, Kat Conner, Jim Lampert and Brian Phillips for setting up hall for the installation. I would also like to thank Tisa D'Ziadzio for our brochures for the tables and being our Lodge Photographer for the evening. Thank you to our two food servers: Shari Rooney and Cathy Merker and our DJ Joe Pelkowski. I would like to wish baby PER Rich Jaeger good luck in all his Elk endeavors. Congratulations to Madame President Ginger Smith and the Officers of the Ladies Auxiliary, I am looking forward to working with you and your members this year. Please come out and support our Ladies Auxiliary and our Lodge Committee Chairman this year. We need everyone's



**Donald Anderson
Exalted Ruler**

support to be successful this year.

We started the year strong with our Youth Activities Easter Party for our children and it was a great turn out. I would like to congratulate one of our newest Committee Men John Martinez and his committee for doing a great job. Later that afternoon, we had our Special Children's Easter Party which was another great turn out. Great job Tom Cribbin and his committee for all your hard work. And thanks to our DJ's for the day Joe Pelkowski and Kaydan. Thanks for the kitchen crew who also worked hard all day, Ron Steinberger, Jim Lampert, Brian Phillips, Don Desfosse and our youth helpers Christian, Alyssa, Brian and MacKenzie. And a special thanks to Ed (cottontail) Austin for making a guest appearances at our Easter Parties. The following week our Lodge Trustees had their annual Fish Fry Dinner, thanks to the Trustees it was a great night. I had the opportunity in representing our Lodge at a Celebration of National Down Syndrome Day with a group of adults who wore funny socks to raise awareness to the Plight and Success of Down Syndrome people, afterwards the Lodge treated the families to dinner, thanks to Brother Joe McGrath

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Meet the Last Saturday of month at 12:00PM



ELK OF THE MONTH

MAY 2023

My Elk of the Month is
Ron Steinberger.

This brother may complain a little
but you can always count on him.



MIDDLETOWN ELKS 2179 DONATED A SPECIAL WALKER

Middletown Elks 2179 donated a special walker to Lorraine and Frank Fiorellos autistic son Cameron 21/2 shown here with their 5 year old son who also is autistic Emmet. Cameron wasn't able to walk without this much need walker. ER Donald Anderson, DD Michael Dickie, Middletown Mayor Tony Perry and Ladies Auxiliary President Ginger Smith had the honor of presenting the walker to the family.



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for organizing and for his donation. District Deputy Mike Dickie and myself stopped by our Old Middle School (Thorne} to drop off a Lodge Check for \$2,000 towards new wrestling mats. DD Mike Dickie, myself, Middletown Mayor (Member) Tony Perry and Madame President Ginger Smith had the opportunity to meet with the Fiorellos Family to donate a special walker from the Lodge to their youngest son Cameron. The Lodge had the opportunity to host a mystery bus ride for the members of Lacey Elks Lodge. Middletown Elks and Lacey Elks members showed just what camaraderie means and fun was had by all. On May 3rd, please do not forget we are having our final Special Children Spaghetti Dinner please come out and support them and congratulations to Tom Cribbin and his kitchen crew for having a great year. On May 6th, is our annual Kentucky Derby Day at the Lodge (wear your derby hats), please come out and support our Youth Activities Committee and our Ladies Auxiliary. It is always a great day. On May 7th, please come out and support John Steakin Jr and his Drug Awareness Committee in Keyport for our annual District walk out on drugs. On May 14th, please bring Mom out to the Lodge for a Mother’s Day great breakfast (Mom eats Free). The Officers will be performing their Mother’s Day Service at 11am. On May 29th, the Lodge will be having our Memorial Day Service at 12 noon. Please come out to honor and support out past and current service members for what they have sacrificed for our freedom. Again, please come out and support all our events because without your support we will not be successful. People will remember your example, not your advice.

Donald M. Anderson

Exalted Ruler



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PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP

KYLE RUHMAN BY JOHN STEAKIN
SHAWN RUHMAN BY JOHN STEAKIN JR
MATTHEW NEE BY DAVE LOWE

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.**



Kentucky Derby

Saturday, May 6th, 2023

3:00 PM

Presented by the Ladies Auxiliary

Prize for Best Hat!



Food For Purchase



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Middletown Style!

For Questions, contact Ginger Smith 908-513-4406



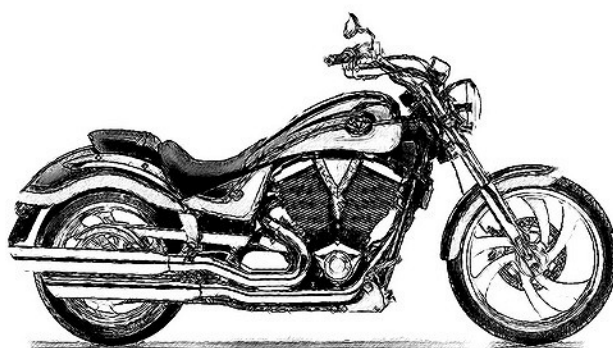


Middletown Elks Lodge #2179



RUN FOR THE KIDS

Proceeds to Benefit Special Children Committee



Sunday, August 6th, 2023

Registration 9AM-11AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

\$25 per Rider/ \$15 per Passenger/ \$25 Walk-In

Contact: Tommy Cribbin (347) 451-7913

Refreshments and food and LIVE music will be provided





Spotlight Lady

My Spotlight Lady for May is Janet Desfosse.

Always there for whatever the ladies need. I ask she says what do you need. You truly are a staple in the Auxiliary. We appreciate everything you do and have done over the years.

Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2023-2024

- PresidentGinger Smith732-495-4693
 - 1st V.P.Michelle Fairhurst
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- Kathy Corridon732-673-4756
 - Tisa Dziadzio732-693-5678
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LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6 Kentucky Derby
- May 14 Mother's Day Service
- May 24 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- May 29 Memorial Day Service



Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank all the ladies for donating the cupcakes for the easter party. Linda Bennett, Lauren Eckleberry and Nancy Fix. A special thank you to Cathy Merker for jumpng in on installation night and helping out. It was very nice to see you again. As a gold star member past lady of the year you came in and stepped up. We appreciate you very much. The trustees had a Fish Fry, the food was delicious nice crowd . Please keep your eyes out for more Friday Night Dinners, tailgates and things going on. KENTUCKY DERBY is coming May 6th at 3pm. Ladies Auxiliary is cooking Grilled chicken sandwiches, Sausage peppers Sandwich, Fish sandwich, french fries and home made salads. Bonnett contest: wear your best hat bonnett ladies and men everyone can be in it. Prizes for the best. Mother's Day Breakfast on May 14th. Come in eat bring the family beautiful service by the officers moms eat free. Memorial Day Service on May 29th hope to see everyone there. Great way to honor our Veterans. Convention is around the corner I heard its going to be a full house and lots of fun lol as usual. Ladies will be at Kellys cheering on our men and all the marchers. Ladies are running a gas card event contact Betty Anghelone or any of the Ladies Auxiliary members to be in it. Summer will be here soon my favorite season. If anyone wants to join the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact myself or Tara Mirenda we would love to have you. Steal Bingo for September is in the works. Watch for more info. Janet Desfosse packed the room last time lets do it again. Next meeting is May 24th 7:15pm for officers and 7:30pm regular meeting. The date was changed because of convention. If you have any ideas and would like to get involved, please call me. I'm always open for trying anything new.

ALWAYS BE KIND YOU MIGHT MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY.

Ginger Smith, President



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April

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In Memory of Ray Bryk

May

Joan McTigue
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Nicholas and Donna DiGrigorio

June

In Memory of
Dan Marchetti
Dan and Carol Maloney
In Memory of Robert J. Brant

July

Chris Marchetti
Red, White, & Blue
Mike and Nancy Brandine, Jr.

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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Coach Saige

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MAY LADIES BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST . . . MIKEY
- 2ND . . . SHARON BEATTIE
- 2ND . . . TISA DZIADZIO
- 8TH. . . CHRISTINA CRAWFORD
- 9TH. . . MARY BRYK
- 16TH. . . BETTY ANGHELONE
- 20TH. . . JEAN ROBBOLINO
- 28TH. . . SHERREE PATTERSON

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

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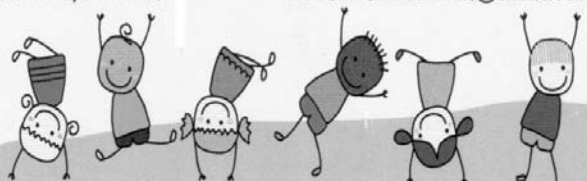
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	1 DARTS	2 CORNHOLE	3	4	5	6 KENTUCKY DERBY DAY RENTAL
7 RENTAL	8 DARTS	9 CORNHOLE	10	11 MEETING	12	13 RENTAL
14 MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE	15 DARTS	16 CORNHOLE	17 FOP MEETING	18 TRUSTEE'S MEETING RENTAL	19 RENTAL	20 RENTAL
21	22 DARTS	23 CORNHOLE	24 LADIES AUXILIARY	25 REGULAR MEETING	26	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE	30	31			

Calendar Events For June 2023

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
				1 LODGE CLOSED	2 LODGE CLOSED	3 LODGE CLOSED
4 LODGE OPENS AT 2:00PM	5 DARTS	6 CORNHOLE	7	8 MEETING	9	10 RENTAL
11 FLAG DAY	12 DARTS	13 CORNHOLE	14 FOP MEETING	15	16	17 RENTAL
18 FATHER'S DAY SOFTBALL	19 DARTS	20 CORNHOLE	21	22 REGULAR MEETING	23	24 RENTAL
25	26 DARTS	27 CORNHOLE	28 LADIES AUXILIARY	29	30	
