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## M'town Elks laughed the night away on Halloween

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Not many groups in town can boast Joe Dirt, the Hulk and the Pope as attendees during their local events.

The Middletown Elks Lodge No. 2179 can.

The group held a Halloween comedy night on Friday, Oct. 31. Instead of spooking the night away, the Elks hosted more than 160 people during the event, sponsored by the organization's Veterans Committee.

Dinner was prepared in the dungeon hall of the Elks Lodge, in Belford, by Pat Vadela.

Artie Fletcher, "New York City's Bad Boy," and a team of comedians proceeded to fill the lodge with laughter.

Bob Santoro, chairman of the Veterans Committee, said Fletcher took shots at everyone – all in good fun, of course. "The laughter was non-stop," he said. "It was a great time here again."

Santoro said all money raised would be put toward the veterans' fund, which is used to purchase items needed for local heroes in the area.

Elks members Danny Goodbody, Vadela, Bob Terry, Nick Fagaro and Ed O'Kane helped make this event happen, Santoro said.

To learn more about the Middletown Elks, visit: [www.middletownelks2179.org](http://www.middletownelks2179.org).

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