



# NOTES FROM THE HERD

1290—A NUTLEY LODGE NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

## A NOTE FROM THE EXALTED RULER

MEMBERS,

It is with great honor that I am writing to you as your new Exalted Ruler for the year 2018/2019. I am super excited to get started and make this year one of the best in recent memory. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Bob Heiser for his last year of service as our ER, and congratulate him on leading our lodge not once but twice throughout his Elk membership.

I have some lofty goals and exciting new ideas for this year. First and foremost, I would like to see Nutley Lodge 1290 once again become an All-American Lodge. Greater attendance at our Thursday meetings, an increase in general membership, and more members getting involved in our committees are high on my to do list .

We have formed a great group of lodge officers for this year that I feel will positively lead us both now and in the future. To my team, Thank You for joining me on this journey, we have a lot of work ahead of us but I am sure it will all be worth our while. Please, if you have any ideas, questions, concerns, etc seek out myself or one of our officers and we will help in any way we can.

I want to personally thank all of our members. I hope, and ask, that you help us get the word out to those who wonder who we are and what we really do as Elks. We can always use new members and if we want to continue to grow as an organization we need you to be our biggest recruiters!

Fraternally,

Michael DiPiano

Exalted Ruler

## LODGE OFFICERS 2018— 2019

EXALTED RULER— MIKE DIPIANO  
LEADING KNIGHT—ERIC PUZIO  
LECTURING KNIGHT— FRANK DIPIANO  
LOYAL KNIGHT—DIANE LOVATO  
ESQUIRE—LUCILLE MULLGAN  
CHAPLIN—LORI CASTRO  
SECRETARY—JOHN ZELNA  
TREASURER—PAT DECODIS  
INNER GUARD—NICK GAETA  
TILER —LENA BELLAPIONTA

TRUSTEES—WAYNE ARMENTI—TOM  
VAN HOUTEN—BRIAN MCEWAN—JOHN  
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## SAVE THE DATE

**2018 WILDWOOD STATE  
CONVENTION**

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**JUNE 1-3**

**JOLLY ROGER MOTEL  
WILDWOOD CREST, NJ**

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**SEE ATTACHED FLYER**

### **Secretary's Corner**

**John Zelna PDD**

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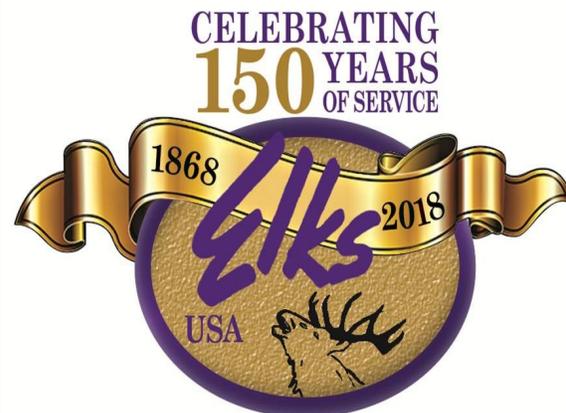
The 2018 – 2019 Lodge Year is off to an energetic and goal oriented start. Congratulations to Exalted Ruler Mike DiPiano and his Officers and Best Wishes for a very successful year. The new and young leadership will hopefully steer Nutley Lodge in the right direction and insure that we remain not only the best lodge in the North Central District but also the State of New Jersey. Mike has set his sights on returning our lodge back to "All American Lodge" status again and, with the help and support of all the members, we can accomplish his goal.

Lodge Membership Dues were due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. As of the present time, we have less than 130 members who have not paid their dues. Please send them in as soon as possible so that the lodge can concentrate on more important things rather than chasing after delinquent members.

Lodge articles will be sent by e-mail hopefully every month. If you know of any members that don't have computers, etc., please furnish their name and correct address to a member or to the Lodge Secretary and every attempt will be made to send them a hard copy of the articles.

### **Who are the Elks?**

Elks are community.  
No matter where you go in the country, an Elks Lodge is right around the corner. With more than 850,000 members and 2,000 Lodges nationwide, Elks are providing charitable services that help build stronger communities. This year the Elks are celebrating 150 years of service.



## Upcoming Events

### Lodge Meetings

2nd & 4th Thursday of  
each month

### Elks Eat Out

Every Tuesday in April,  
dine at Luna Wood Fire  
Grill in Nutley and say  
you are with the Elks  
and they will donate  
15% of your check back  
to the Lodge

### Nutley Elks

### Bowling Night

May 12, 2018 6-8pm

\$40 per person in-  
cludes: bowling, shoes,  
pizza, & unlimited soda

Reserve your spot to-  
day by contacting Mike  
DiPiano at 973-634-6082

### Convention Sign Ups

Every Monday evening  
starting at 7pm in the  
Bar Room



Bobby and Louis in Wildwood

*Congratulations!*

**BOBBY MULLIGAN**

VP DISTRICT DEPUTY DESIGNATE

**LOUIS LUSQUINOS JR**

STATE TRUSTEE ELECT

## Installation and Awards Dinner

On April 7th the lodge gathered for a special night of installing new officers and honoring those who served the past year. Lori Castro and Nick Gaeta were two of our new officers being installed for the first time.

Past Exalted Ruler Bob Heiser handed out his awards for the previous year. "The Elk of the Year Award", the most prestigious award given to a member, was presented to Mary Mulligan for all of her behind the scenes work on many projects this past year. For her outstanding contributions and dedication to the lodge over the past year Diane Lovato, was presented the Officer of the Year award. Lena Bellapianta and Vickey Hussey were also given Grand Lodge Commendation Awards for their work towards the lodge.

A fun night was had by all with a wonderful dinner prepared by our own Adam "Spanky" Jernick and a full dance floor courtesy of music provided by DJMC Entertainment.

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**Pictured above Left to Right:**

**P.E.R Bob Heiser with Elk of the Year Mary Mulligan and Officer of the Year Diane Lovato. E.R Michael DiPiano with his daughter Mia**

**Pictured Left to Right P.E.R Bob Heiser with commendation award winners Vickey Hussey and Lena Bellapianta**