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September 2026



Lodge Hours

Sundays 1P—Closing, Monday 6P - 10P
Wednesday 6P—10P, Friday 6P—10P

Kitchen is open Wednesday from 6:30P to 8:30P

Meetings are The 1st & 3rd Thursday Night

The bar will & kitchen be open before & after the meeting

Note the changes for the Fall hours.

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 15, 2027

EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Find us on Facebook @ East Brunswick Elks Lodge
www.elks.org

We now have our own Website that will be updated
regularly www.eastbrunswickelks.org



From the Desk of
Gary Kelliher, Exalted Ruler



I hope you all had an amazing summer. Summertime tends to be slower at our lodge and this year was no different. We were very fortunate to have many banquet hall rentals in June and July that helped carry us through those slow summer months. As we head into fall, we have several planned events starting with our Labor Day picnic on Sunday 9/6. I hope you can make it.

The last 2 months I have asked for volunteers to help us with parking cars at the Middlesex County fair. I was extremely happy to see over 20 individuals take the time out of their busy lives to help our lodge. We had a great time together, even with the rain! The best part was that over half of our volunteers were new faces, including several of our newest members, rather than the usual group. It was so energizing to see everyone step up, and it's exactly the kind of momentum our lodge needs right now.

The lodge is doing well right now! Membership is growing, our finances are in a much better place, and spirits are high. It's especially impressive considering some of our main volunteers were sidelined this summer with serious injuries and tough family situations.

We have exciting initiatives planned for this fall to advance our lodge and enhance its long-term sustainability. To discuss these plans, please join us for a special lodge meeting on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 PM. We will review our current standing, discuss our future vision, and outline how members can take action to support our community. Your input is vital to shaping our path forward.

Please keep an eye out for a separate email with more details on this meeting. I'd like to see as many members as possible in attendance. We will have time to set aside for questions and answers at the end of the meeting. If you have any ideas to help our lodge this would be a time to come and be heard- but please keep in mind that with every idea there needs to be a plan of action.

We intend to keep the meeting efficient and respect everyone's time, with a planned duration of no more than 1.5 hours.



September 2026



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 Bar Open 6PM Corvette Club Meeting Franciscos Dine to donate all day	2 Bar Opens 6PM Open Jam 	3 Bar Opens 6P Lodge Meets 730P	4 Bar Opens 6PM	5
6 Bar Opens 1PM Lodge Labor Day Picnic 2 to 7 PM Deck Dedication	7 Bar Opens 6PM	8 Closed	9 Bar Opens 6PM	10 Closed	11 Bar Opens 6PM Acoustic Joe A	12
13 Bar Opens 1PM	14 Bar Opens 6PM MC meeting PER Meeting	15 Bar open 6PM Special Lodge Member Meeting 7P	16 Bar Opens 6PM Open Jam 	17 Bar Opens 6P Lodge Meets 730P	18 Bar Opens 6PM	19
20 Bar Opens 1PM	21 Bar Opens 6PM Sept B'day Bash 	21/22 Bonesses Dine to Donate all day, 2 days	23 Bar Opens 6PM	24 Bar Opens 6PM Fill the Lodge @ EB Elks	25 Bar Opens 6PM Acoustic Joe A	26
27 Bar Opens 1PM New Member Initiation 12P	28 Bar Opens 6PM	29 Closed	30 Bar Opens 6PM			

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September Birthdays

3 – Carlo Notaro
9 – Edward Walko
13 – Eric Marozine
15 – Stephen Gallo
15 – Vanessa Young
16 – Joseph Kincaid
17 – Cynthia McGuinness
20 – Pasquale Parascandolo
25 – Kelli Budrow
25 – Rich Ruff
26 – Dawn Kish
27 – Joan Scaduto
28 – Laura DeCandia
28 – Lee Lubinski
30 – Janice Larkin
30 – Gail Reed
30 – Donna Zielinski



House Committee

Members of the Committee

Timothy Sexton (Chair)
Kelly Aker (Associate Chair)
Annie Brucato
Peter Bia*
Donna Brancato
DeAnna Burns
Laura DeCandia*
Laura Gibbons
Scott Kelliher
Gail Ricart, PVP
Rosemary Simmons
Frank Starosciak

Come join us for your birthday celebration. Bring proof of your birth month & your membership card to get your free drink once during your birthday month.

Upcoming Events

Sept 1: **Dine to Donate at Francesco's** benefiting the PER association. (11:00 AM-9:00 PM). (See Flyer)
Sept 6: **EB Elks Labor Day Picnic** featuring **COSMIX** (see flyer)
Deck Dedication to Thank Home Depot
Sept 21 & 22nd: **Dine to Donate at Bonesses**. benefiting Peer Leadership/Drug Awareness. (See Flyer)
Sept 22: District Special Needs meeting
Sep 24: **Fill the Lodge** (6:00 PM – 10:00 PM). Flyer attached.
Oct 11: **Chili Cook Off** 3PM
Oct 20: **Dine to Donate at Francescos** benefiting Conventions and Parades. (See Flyer)
Oct 22: **Paranormal event** 7:00 PM or 8:45 PM. (See Flyer)
Oct 24: **MC Halloween bash**. (See Flyer)
Nov 6th & 20th: **Diamond Dave DJ Karaoke** Returns
Nov. 10th & 11th: **Dine to Donate @ Bonesses** all day (flyer attached)
Dec 5 : **Breakfast with Santa** Details to follow
Dec 7: **Dine to Donate at Francescos** benefiting Conventions and Parades. (See Flyer)
Dec 31: **New Years Eve Gala**

COME JOIN OUR "FUN" RAISERS @ EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE 2370
It helps support our charities!

Secretary's Message: Joan Scaduto, PVP chair

We have 2 new applications for membership: Chris Kochan proposed by Laura DeCandia and Mark Smith proposed by Annie Brucato.



We had another initiation of new members on August 16th . They are Jennifer Rooney, Michelle Fusaro and David Cukor. Please welcome them to our lodge.

Our next initiation was scheduled for September 27th at 12PM. Officers please arrive by no later than 11:45AM

REMINDER: We are back to two meetings a month in September – the first and third Thursday of the month.



ENF: Joan Scaduto, PVP chair

We were approved for the Gratitude, Beacon and Spotlight grants. The Beacon grant in the amount of \$4,000 funds our Feed the Hungry program. The Spotlight grant in the amount of \$2,500 funds our veterans transitioning to housing. The Gratitude grant in the amount of \$3,500 funds our Peer Leadership program which benefits area high school students.

Remember: Donations for Elks National Foundation are easy to do. Go to elks.org and then to Elks National Foundation and you will be able to donate whatever you are able to from your computer.

Any questions, feel free to contact me by phone – 732-567-6671 or email – joanie927@hotmail.com

Drug Awareness: Rosemary Simmons, chair

The Walkout on Drugs is Sept. 20 at the Carteret Lodge at 12 noon. Tickets are on sale for the Yeti Cooler Package for \$5.00. Please see Rosemary.

Bonessi's Fundraiser for Drug Awareness is Sept. 21 and Sept. 22. Get Ready for our Chile Contest on Oct.11.

Americanism: Brian Whary, chair

With the fall coming up Americanism is gearing up for the essay contest. It is for school age children, grades 5th through high school. The Children get awards for their essays. It is a great motivator & incentive that helps them be successful in life's endeavors.



We have a book sale to raise money for our charities. Anyone wishing to purchase books may come see our selection. Hardcover books are \$3 & softcover books are \$1.



Kitchen Crew: Gail Ricart, PVP chair

Stay tuned for exciting updates in our kitchen this September! We'll continue serving our popular summer menu through September 3rd. Starting September 9th, get ready to enjoy our delicious new fall menu. The kitchen will be open on the first and third Thursdays before and after lodge meetings, and we'll be offering daily specials every Wednesday—except on September 3rd. We truly appreciate your support. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more news and delicious culinary updates. Thank you! Gail and Darell.

We'd like to thank Pasquale's, Bonesses Tomato Apizza, Brunswick Grove, B2 Bistro, Francesco's, and Dusal's for your generous donations to The BPOE East Brunswick Elks Lodge. Your selflessness and contributions are deeply meaningful to us. We sincerely appreciate your concern for our community organizations. Without your support, our charitable efforts, and community outreach would not be possible. Every donation, regardless of size, helps us significantly in fulfilling our mission to serve, support, and give back to the community and our various committees.

Sickness & Distress: DeAnna & Laura's aunt fell and broke her hip. They are helping to take care of her.



Joan's son-in-law Chuck Hartobey passed away suddenly on July 31st at the age of 51. Please keep her daughter Joanne and Chuck's mother Patty in your prayers.

Scott Kelliher is still recuperating from a torn quad. Melissa is doing better and is home now. We hope to see them soon at the lodge.

Please keep them all in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Public Relations: Melissa George, chair

Annie has graciously accepted the role of sending out our weekly blasts. Anything you need sent out to our membership, please email to her or me by Saturday at 5pm each week.

If your charitable committee holds an event, send the information to George Michaels who will submit it to the Elks magazine. He will also be submitting lodge events to the district calendar.



We enjoyed our **August Birthday Bash**. We celebrated Pete, Jen & Judy. Don't miss out in September. Next Time a Chocolate Cherry Surprise & Food for Purchase! Come celebrate those September Birthdays.



Convention/Parades: Chairs Laura Good & Gail Ricart PVP

Please join us for the September 11th convention and parade meeting at 6:30. We sincerely invite you to come and be part of this gathering. We will discuss plans, including renting a bus to make sure everyone can travel comfortably to and from the parade, and hotel accommodations at Bolero Hotel. We'll also talk about the float and other meaningful topics related to our Wildwood reunion. Your presence truly matters to us, and we look forward to seeing you. Thank you, Laura Good and Gail Reichert. We also want to acknowledge Rosemary Simmons, our parades assistant chair.

The spirit of fraternal unity and community pride was on full display at the 2026 New Jersey State Elks Association Convention in Wildwood. Through weeks of tireless preparation, creative collaboration, and unwavering commitment, East

Brunswick Lodge #2370 brought tremendous heart and energy to the annual parade, earning well-deserved recognition at both the State and District levels.

The awards brought home reflect the collective passion and devotion of every member, who contributed to making this year's parade presence such a success.

A sincere and heartfelt thank-you goes out to the parade committee, lodge leadership whose hard work and enthusiasm made this milestone possible.

2370 EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS HONORS: STATE PARADE COMMITTEE RECOGNITION

2nd Place – Best Float

3rd Place – Best Overall

2370 EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS CENTRAL DISTRICT HONORS

2nd Place – Best Overall

2nd Place – Best Float

3rd Place – Best Appearance





Convention chair: Laura Good

2026 District Convention/Parades Awards Picnic at Woodbridge Elks

East Brunswick's Many Fearless
Faithful members



ER Gary, /wFrancis Decibus PSDGER, Annie, Donna & Elmer



Parades Awards Given to ER Gary Kelliher



Rosemary & Martin With Gail, PVP Parades



PER Tim, Rosemary & Martin

East Brunswick Elks 2370 Fearlessly Faithful Members
We celebrate your Standard of Excellence!



May Elk of the Month, Darell



June Elk of the Month, Chris



July Elks of the Month, Frank & Linda



May & July Officer of the Month, Pete



June Officer of the Month, Jen, PER



August Officer of the Month, Gail PVP



Government Relations: George Michaels, PER, chair

Charity Committee chairs help your lodge and the Elks order do our work. At least once a month, submit a government relations form. The form is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete.

Grand Lodge uses these reports to justify our charitable work, and to keep our tax-exempt status. Without these reports our status could be in jeopardy, which would endanger our existence, and the good we do.

Fill the form out when you complete your after-event report. Fill out the form when you prepare your report for a lodge meeting. Fill out your government relations report when you do anything.

If you are chair of a charitable committee, report when you go to a state or district meeting. Did you go to an event outside the lodge for your committee, or hold an event, then report it. Did you come to a lodge meeting and give your committee report? That falls under your charitable activities, so fill out a form.

Turn your forms in at least once a month to me or put them in the Trustees mailbox at the lodge. Forms are available online, or on the forms rack in the entranceway. If you need any assistance or questions, contact me at 609 802-2182. Let us keep our order functioning and doing our charitable tasks.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Please give your Government Relations forms to me within 2 weeks from having your event. The report is easy to do. I always have the forms with me at meetings. I will try to get a few in the box upstairs. The information needed is as follows: of participants

of Elks

of helpers

of Elk miles

#of helper miles

of Elk hours

of helper hours



Going forward, please submit your Government Relations reports to George Michaels, PER within two weeks of your event or meeting.

East Brunswick Elks Entertains throughout the Year!



EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY BASH!
EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
CELEBRATE WITH US!

DJ BRIAN WARY
SPINNING RECORDS & MUSIC
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

KITCHEN OPEN
FULL MENU AVAILABLE
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

FOR MEMBERS & THEIR GUESTS

GET A FREE PIECE OF CAKE!

FREE OF CHARGE TO GET IN.
Contact Person Annie at 848-250-3747.

★ **ENJOY THE PARTY AT THE LODGE** ★

21 Oakmont Avenue, East Brunswick, New Jersey



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East Brunswick Elks
21 Oakmont Ave, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

LABOR DAY Picnic

September 6, 2026 2-7pm \$25 per person

Live music by **The COZMIX**

★ **GAMES, FOOD, FUN** ★

Hamburgers, Hotdogs side salads and more!!

For information contact DeAnna at 732-245-1004

★ Open to Elk members and their guests ★



FILL THE LODGE

THURSDAY SEPT. 24, 2026 6-10PM

LIVE MUSIC

EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS 2370
21 OAKMONT AVE EAST BRUNSWICK NJ 08816

GARY KELLIHER 732-687-6698
GARYKELLIHER00@GMAIL.COM

NJ STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION ARMY OF HOPE COMMITTEE

22nd Army of Hope Picnic
“A Day of Remembrance & Patriotism”

To Honor and express our sincere thanks and support to the families of our Fallen Heroes, our Severely Wounded Soldiers and the brave members of our military from NJ for their dedication and sacrifices in defending our Freedoms.

!!! JOIN US !!!

Meet & Mingle with Our Troops, their Families, our Severely Wounded Soldiers and the Families of Our Fallen Heroes

Sunday, September 13th, 2026
12:00 - 5:00 pm
Lacey Elks Lodge #2518
900 Beach Blvd, Forked River, NJ 609-693-1281

\$25 donation per Adult
\$5 for a child under 10

The cost of admission will include food, refreshments and entertainment. Join us in paying tribute to our brave members of the military.

We ask for you and your Lodge to make a donation so we can continue to assist these Veterans and their families.

There will be a donation line for Lodges to be recognized for all their hard work.

For Further Information contact:
Marty Hickey (201) 538-7146 Rich Hamilton (732) 677-6036
Robert Colwell (908) 230-7345

Tickets Are Now Available - See Your Lodge Chairman
Checks Payable to: NJSEA (Army of Hope)

Our mission statement has remained clear since our inception...“To assist NJ Active military Servicemen and Women, those severely wounded in the line of duty and our Fallen Hero families whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice.”...and that statement and mission will ring true today.

FUN-Raising for the East Brunswick Elk Charities

Don't cook!

Try Dine to Donate & help support the Elk Charities

In September

FRANCESCO'S
PIZZERIA & RESTAURANT
*Authentic Italian.
Made with Passion.*

DINE TO DONATE
AT FRANCESCO'S for
EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE #2370

20% OF EVERY CHECK
WILL BE DONATED
TO THE LODGE

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
11 AM - 9 PM

INCLUDES FIXED MENU
DINE IN - FULL MENU
FOR TAKE OUT ONLY

MUST PRESENT
THIS FLYER OR
SHOW ON PHONE
TO YOUR SERVER

Thank you
FOR SUPPORTING THE
PARADES / CONVENTION COMMITTEE!

CALL US
(732) 214-9222

VISIT US
23 North Main Street
Milltown, New Jersey 08850

FREE DELIVERY MINIMUM ORDER \$10

BONESSE'S
TOMATO APIZZA

DINE TO DONATE

**20% OF EVERY CHECK
WILL BE DONATED TO
EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE #2370
PEER LEADERSHIP / DRUG AWARENESS**

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22
11 AM - 9 PM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING EAST BRUNSWICK ELKS LODGE 2370!

VISIT US
1 LEGACY PL., East Brunswick, NJ 08816

FREE DELIVERY MINIMUM ORDER \$10

PASQUALE
BRICK OVEN PIZZA
& Ristorante

DINE TO DONATE

September 29th 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

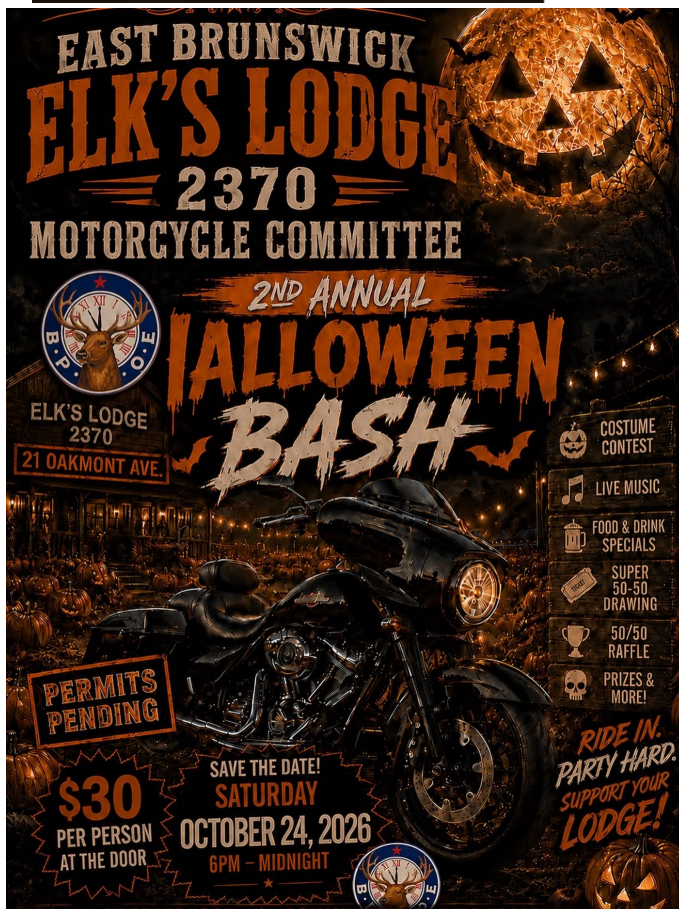
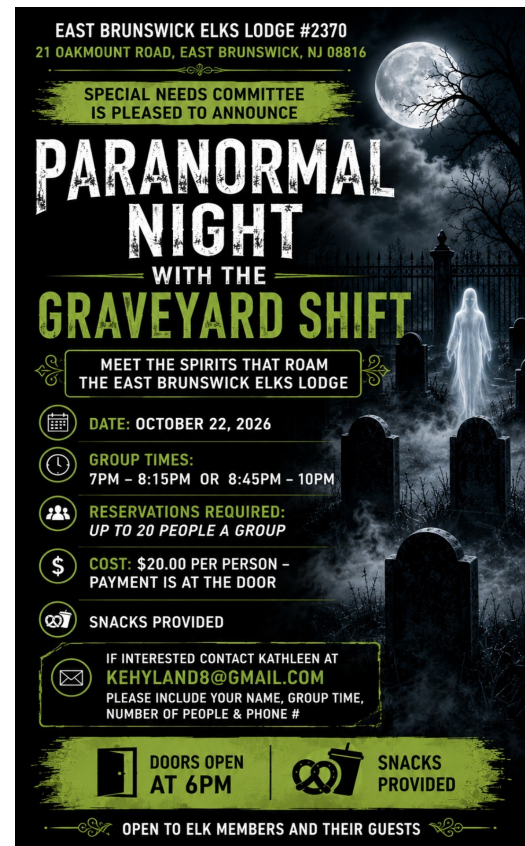
TEN PERCENT OF ALL SALES
go to
ELK CHARITIES

Please come out and support.

Location:
120-122 Rider's Lane
Milltown, New Jersey, 08850
Tel: 732-846-2222

EB
ELKS LODGE 2370

October & November Happenings @ East Brunswick Elks 2370



East Brunswick Boosters 2026/2027

Melissa George & George Michaels
Elmer Zay
Erik & Vanessa Young
Manni Alvarez
Tim Sexton & Rosemary Simmons
Frank & Linda Starosciak
Annie Brucato
Veronica A. Kadash

"In Memory of" 2026/2027

Richard A. Kadash (Father): Melissa George
Francis Paul Scaduto (Husband): Joan Scaduto
Daughter Maria: James & Jill Strafacci
Duke & Jan Graulich: Raymond Graulich Jr
Past Exalted Rulers: Alice Leonhardt

The Food Court Corner



Business Card Ad 2026/2027



It takes a Team! Let's Grow Together!

If you want to know how you can support the many Elks charities at your lodge this year, consider our Booster program. How about an "In Memory of" to loved ones. Or you can add your own name, just because!

We also have the Business Card Ad. The cost is \$50.00 yearly. If you have a business or know someone who would consider offering your services to the members by putting an ad in our monthly newsletter, the forms are at the lodge. The newsletter reaches all our members.

If you have a business or know someone who wants to reach out farther than locally, we also have our digital board. It's a network of businesses throughout NJ that advertise to Elks lodges for their members.

Consider this offer to your friends, family, neighbors or people you do business with. It's an easy way to give back.

East Brunswick Elks “Lodge on the Lake” Banquet Hall. Member & Non Member pricing. For more info contact Laura @ kuz619@msn.com or 732 715-0777





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ALL THINGS BAR

Regularly Scheduled Open

Monday 6 PM

Wednesday 6 PM

Friday 6 PM

Sunday 1 PM

On Lodge Meeting Nights Bar is open before & after meetings.