Dear Members,

It is finally happening!

The parking lot has been started. The liquor license application is with the state. After the completion of the parking lot there will be an inspection of the Board of Health. When this is complete we will be able to open the Banquet Hall to all members. Let’s pray that everything comes together soon.

All members will be emailed as soon as we hear the good news.

Your assistance will be needed to make this happen. It is time for the Taunton Lodge of Elks #150 to come home and become active participants again.

We will be looking to plan sporting events, activities, and dinner so that we can bring back our community service and have fun doing it.

I must ask that all members stay away from the construction in order to not slow things down.

Fraternally,
Rose-Marie Monahan
Exalted Ruler
exaltedruler@tauntonelks.org

Congrats to Maria for being awarded the Freedom Grant for the second year. This allows us to provide the local veteran’s with much needed items.

I would also like to thank Bob Folcik for the numerous hours and effort for getting the parking lot to be moving in the right direction.
Lodge News and Updates

The place to discuss Lodge business is on the floor at a Lodge Meeting. Lodge business should not be discussed in the VFW Pub. If you have any questions, issues or items of discussion please come to a lodge meeting, that is where you will get the most updated and accurate information. Keep in mind rumors and hearsay distort the facts.

Antlers Taunton Lodge #150

Grand Lodge has been working on reinstating the Antler Program. This program is for ages twelve to twenty. Having younger members will assist in growing our youth program interest and participation. This program will help teach the importance of community service, tradition, and respect of our country. Elks programs benefit all ages. Now it will be all ages involved. More information will be available soon.

House Committee News:

We are pleased to announce that the House Committee is now holding its meetings at 775 John Quincy Adams Road on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Even though we don't have a definitive opening date, we have been very busy cleaning the lodge, doing inventory and planning for our opening day.

Our District Deputy Chip Teele' visitation will be held at the VFW Post on October 15th with the meeting at 9am and brunch buffet to follow and we are looking for volunteers to help.

We still need volunteers to help out with the A.D. Makepeace cranberry celebration. This is a great opportunity for our lodge to make some money! If you are available on Saturday October 7 and/or Sunday October 8 from 9:30 to 4:30 please contact Donna Allen 774-271-0951 or email donna@homeparadise.net and let me know which day or both days you are available.

We are now accepting applications for bartenders. If you are interested in a bartending position please email your application along with your resume to donna@homeparadise.net

There is still much work to be done and we need your help. Our time upon the stage is but brief, yet in the drama each must play a part.

If you are interested in becoming a House Committee member please contact Donna Allen 774-271-0951

- We are looking for members to join the Audit and Accounting committee. This is a mandatory committee. Members cannot be officers or on any other committees. If we do not have a committee in place the grand lodge may elect to do the audit.

- Reminder- Pre DD visit is October 11th at 6:00 pm. DD brunch is October 15th at 9:00 am.

- ENF- Sandy is making a Taunton Elks Memory Quilt as a raffle Prize. Sandy is also selling tickets for a trip to Foxwoods. SAVE THE DATE! We will leave the VFW at 1pm on November 18 and return at 9pm. $35 a ticket.

- Scholarship applications are available. You can email Rose-Marie Monahan at tauntonelksrmm@gmail and she will forward them to the scholarship committee.
Recently, with the catastrophic floods in Texas, the Elks Disaster Relief Program, Inc. donated $25,000.00 to aid those victims. To help replenish those funds, I encourage your Lodge or State Association to raise and donate what you can for this most important program. Without support, eventually we may not be able to continue to live up to our motto “Elks Care – Elks Share” by easing the burden and lend a helping hand to the victims of major catastrophes.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed under the 501 (c)(3) IRS Code.

All checks should be made payable to: Elks Disaster Relief Program, Inc.

Contributions should be mailed to:
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks
Attn: Bryan Klatt, Grand Secretary
2750 North Lakeview Avenue
Chicago, IL  60614-1889

Elks Riders
http://www.elksriders150.org

Next Elks Riders Meeting:
Every 3rd Thursday of the month -7pm at the VFW. All members are welcome

If you are not receiving emails from the secretary, please send an email to secretary@tauntonelks.org, requesting your

Have an event to add to the newsletter? Want to report to the membership about committee activities and meetings? Please send all submissions for the newsletter to newsletter@tauntonelks.org

Submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month to be included in the following months newsletter (October 15th for November). Timely information submissions are essential for the newsletter to go out to the membership on time.

Volunteers are also needed to help prepare the newsletters for postal mailing. Please e-mail the newsletter@tauntonelks.org for more information.
Taunton Lodge of Elks
775 John Quincy Adams Rd
Taunton, MA 02780

Hours

Sun, Sat 12 PM - close
Mon. 3 PM - 9 PM
Tues., Wed., Thurs. 4 PM - 9 PM
Fri 4 PM - 12 AM

Closing hours may be extended due to activity level at the pub

Temporary Lodge Phone #: 508.802.5478
Until further notice please use the above number. Thank you.
Taunton Elks Riders 150
Food Drive for the Homeless
to benefit local veterans in need and
the Matthew Mission.

The 3rd Annual Taunton Elks Riders Fall Food Drive is underway and will continue until November 4th. Half of the food collected will be made into care baskets and delivered to Berkley/Dighton and Taunton Veterans Services for local veterans in need in time for Veterans Day! The other half will go to continue to support the Matthew Mission, which helps anyone in need in the area.

DROP OFF OF YOUR NON-PERISHABLES

The Elks Riders are collecting non-perishable food items, as well as, hand and body warmers in preparation for the cold months for our homeless neighbors.

COLLECTION BIN: You can drop off your donations at any time. A collection bin is available in the VFW Bar area during business hours.

Or you may drop off your non-perishable items before and after regular lodge meetings until November 1st. There will also be an open Collection Day on:

Saturday, October 14, 2017 • 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
at
VFW Post 611, 82 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA

For more information, to arrange a drop-off, or for a list of suggested items, please contact Maria at MitaBelo@gmail.com or ask any Taunton 150 Elks Rider. Thank you!