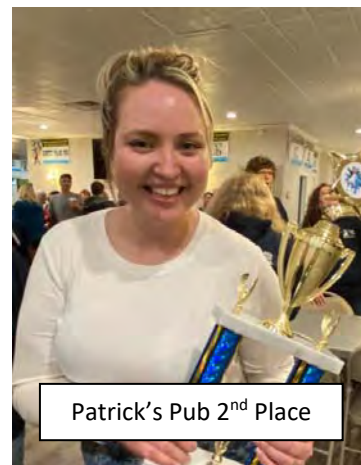




Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782
Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday
(973) 398-9835



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MARCH 2024

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Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization
Join Elkdom's Action Team
Make Your Friend a Member

2023 Your next best moment is just waiting for you to discover it. 2024



This newsletter is arriving a little late because we wanted to include the amazing leap weekend! Despite the weather the Leap in the Lake was an incredible success, raising around 103K!! I am so proud of our lodge and how everyone stepped up and rose to the occasion. From getting the word out to the businesses and sponsors, to the Post leap Bus trip every aspect of this event is planned and coordinated by **Rick Gathen PSP** with the help of an unbelievable group made up of multiple committees that starts meetings in November. All the work that leads up to the Leap takes a lot of time and a significant amount of effort. Miraculously **Linda Gathen PDD** was able to get 97 sponsors on the sweatshirt, don't ask how she did it, we don't know! We had another successful Tricky Tray led by **Pat Porter** and our Corn Hole game designed and donated by **Mayor Patty** were a huge success! The house and kitchen staff kept us fed with warm soups and lots of delicious food. The bartenders in addition to keeping our glasses full donated another record number of tips. We were honored to have **Bill Spadea and Mayors Marie of Hopatcong and Mike of Mt. Arlington** help us give out 16K to our local school's special needs programs. **Mayor Mike** also won Best Costume for jumping in, in his suit. We gave an additional \$2,250 to our special children in attendance. We can afford to help these children and the programs because of you all. I mean it when I say this day doesn't happen without YOU and your help so again, thank you! I look forward to next year and my 15th Leap in the Lake!

On February 6th the PERs took the officers chairs for PER Night, they brought in a class of 4 new members. Always nice to see our PERs perform, they do a remarkable job. Our next initiation is March 13th please reach out and encourage your candidates to come in this month. We want to bring in a big last class or two, finishing the year with another membership gain.

Our Fish Fry on February 14th was sold out with a record number of 260 dinners by **Debbie Hill** and her incredible Crew! If you missed out, get your reservations in now for Good Friday March 29th after that **Debbie & her Crew** won't be back again until October. Frying Fish is a skill, and you must get it just right and believe me they DO!

On February 25th the Officers took 3rd at the State Ritual Competition and while it we didn't bring home the state title, I am ultimately proud of the team and their performance. A BIG Congratulations to our **ER elect Pete Appaluccio PDD** for winning the All State and Jay Ligget awards as Leading Knight. Thank you to those who traveled to Long Branch to cheer on the team. The team would like to thank our Ritual Coaches **PSP & PGLC for Ritual Bob Ricker, Heidi McDonnell PDD, and Kathleen Caffrey DD** for their dedication to the team and keeping Ritual alive in our lodge and the state of NJ.

As my year is ending, I would like to say it was an absolute honor to serve as your ER this past year. I truly believe we have the best lodge in the state and that stems from the Officers, the Committees, and our members. A special thank you to **PSP's Rick & Bob and our PDD's, DD, PVP's, VP & PER's** for their guidance and support throughout the year. To the Committees you did a remarkable job and made the lodge look good, never forget the work you do because it makes a difference!

Please join us on April 6th at 2pm as we install our next **Exalted Ruler Pete Appaluccio**, I wish he and his team of Officers an amazing and successful year.

To my family who I left hanging on more than one occasion this year, thank you for being so understanding! A special thank you to my children **Adrianna and Matthew**, for being my dates to events and always stepping up to help at the lodge. To my fantastic husband of almost 25 years **Eric Martin PER**, you knew what was ahead of me and I can't thank you enough for always being there to support me and our family, you picked up the slack and did what I couldn't, here is to the next 25 years God willing!

Let me leave you with this. The real fact is we don't know what tomorrow will bring and the only thing we have is right now. So don't stay mad for too long, for the faults of our members we write upon the sand. Don't get wrapped in the drama, live, laugh and above all love! Don't forget your gratitude jars! It's never too late to start.

As always please keep in mind those serving home and aboard who afford us our freedoms. Bless our Vets, special children, and our youth who look to bring us all a brighter tomorrow!

Fraternally Yours, Samantha P. Martin, Exalted Ruler

2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Samantha Martin 201-214-6925
Est. Leading Knight	Peter Appaluccio, PDD 973-726-7818
Est. Loyal Knight	Michael Tresca, PER
Est. Lecturing Knight	Lauren Greed 973-668-6733
Esquire	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Walter Wurster
Inner Guard	Sheila Speroni 973-229-8254
Tiler	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Photographer	Linda Kline
1 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER
2 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan
3 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD
4 Year Trustee	Salliema Johnson, PER
5 Year Trustee	Rick Gathen, PSP

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Debi Werner, *Chairperson*
Victoria Angle
Alex Banos
Sue Bruyere
Dawn Crocetti
Derya Harquail
Nancy Loizou
Christine Redden
Debbie Sobierajski
Kimberly Tweed
Madelyn Walrod

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL DEBI AT 973-668-9302

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Rick ter Linden 972-271-1804
Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Americanism	Patricia Carley 973-534-0168
Antlers	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Auditing & Accounting	Kathleen Caffrey, DDD 973-534-8283
Bar Chair	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Community Activities	Patty Zdichocki 201-723-6462
Convention	Linda Gathen, PPD 973-398-2097
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl 973-390-0638
Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818
Flag Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Government Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Grounds Maintenance	Trustees
Hall Rental	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Cory Schmidt 973-440-7393
In-House Caterer	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-2077545
Maintenance Committee	(Reports to the Trustees) Alex Banos, Chris Loizou & Waler Wurster
Memorial Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Motorcycle	Walter Wurster 973-420-8165
Parades	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
PER Association	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Jennifer Appaluccio, VP 973-222-4547
Softball/Cornhole Tournament:	Ricky Gathen

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Samantha Martin, Exalted Ruler	201-214-6925
Peter Appaluccio, PDD, Leading Knight	973-736-7818
Michael Tresca, PER, Loyal Knight	
Lauren Greed, Lecturing Knight	973-668-6733
Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar, PER	201-207-7545
Ritual	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, VP 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Lauren Greed 973-668-6733
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Special Children	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557 Wayne McDonnell, PER 973-841-9845
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

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02	Michael Murdter
02	Thomas J Warner
03	Charles G Rist
04	Sharon Romero
05	Robert W Dalrymple
05	Allen Hutchins
05	Daniel Malloy
06	Alfred Walls
07	Christa Anderson
07	Scott Curry
07	Krystyn DePree
07	Idiana Murray-Martin
08	James Bizarro
08	Melissa McConnon
09	Christina A Beaulieu
09	Jerry Findlow
10	Thomas Francis Chiappa
10	Dennis Lynch
11	Sean Edwards
12	Sonia Joseph
13	Patricia DeDolce
13	Paola DiBernardo
13	William Lounsbery
14	Sharon Gruber
14	John R Perry
15	Robert Fletcher
15	Robert J Hardt
15	Mark Petrosky
16	Thomas Kennedy
17	Les Modafferi
19	Robert Venier
20	Patricia Carley
21	John Arbolino
21	Alice Denino
21	Bridget Wisher
22	Lisa Deans
22	Patricia Monica
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23	Linda Wright
24	Antonio Cappello
24	Derek Walsh
25	William Erickson
25	Dee Maxine Johnson
26	Brian Keegan
26	Thomas E Mac Donald
26	Leon Sweet
28	Pauline Cook
28	Gail Delaney
28	Robert C Ricker
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“Elks Give from the Heart”

Randy P. Shook
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2023-2024

“We Are The Elks.”



Previous Officers can assist the next generation

We did it. We finished.

The retiring Officers deserve the thanks of all the Members for the successful way in which they have handled their duties in the past year. The work that was accomplished is a tribute to their leadership and effort. It is our hope they will continue to assist the incoming Officers with the work in which our Order is engaged. The fact that each one was a member of the leadership team marks each of them as one of the Lodge’s most valuable Members. The experience and knowledge each of you possess has been, and will always be, invaluable to your Lodge.

Congratulations to the new Officers of every Lodge throughout our great Order. The Members of your Lodge placed their confidence and trust in you and your abilities; you should be very proud. You should consider it an honor to be chosen to be a leader within your Lodge. As the new leader of your Lodge, it is extremely important to put together a dedicated group of people, to create a plan and set the necessary goals for each committee to achieve success. The committee members are the people who work to make your Lodge a success in your community.

Never be afraid to ask questions. Your best source of information is the former Officers whose knowledge and experience is at your disposal, just for the asking. They have been there, done that, and can give you excellent advice.

March is also a time when many Lodges participate in St. Patrick’s Day celebrations such as parties or community parades. Please be safe during these celebrations.

Wanda and I want to wish everyone Happy Easter.

Finally, check your calendar for awards, citations, and contest deadlines.

Remember “Elks Care – Elks Share” and “We Are THE Elks.”

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



MARK YOUR CALENDAR APRIL 28TH @ 1:00PM

(Further Details To Be Announced)

Marty Kane, President of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum Presents

A PHOTO-FILLED PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF MOUNT ARLINGTON

(To Include The start of Our Very Own, Lake Hopatcong Elks!)

In an age before jets, air conditioning and super highways, Lake Hopatcong was a major northeast resort. Within easy reach of large cities to the east, the lake’s size and setting at over 900 feet above sea level made it a perfect summer destination. Boasting over 40 hotels, two amusement parks, and all types of entertainment, Lake Hopatcong welcomed thousands each year, including leaders in government, industry and entertainment. In the heart of this summer destination was Mount Arlington, formed as a result of the tourist boom to be the governing body for the lake’s largest hotel. The new Borough hosted a wide assortment of hotels, entertainment venues, a golf course and in the early 1900’s became the home of Bertrand Island Park.



Pampered Chef Fundraiser for the Lake Hopatcong Elks

**Join us IN PERSON on
March 25**

**201 Howard Blvd, Mt Arlington
Doors open at 6:30 PM**

PLEASE RSVP

**Can’t join us in person?
Enter your order at
tiny.cc/lakehopatcongelks**

**Be sure to share with friends & family!
The more the merrier!!**

questions? contact our
pampered chef consultant
amy-sue grubow
text or call 201.213.3557
agrubow@aol.com

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of **Carlo J. Nisi**, member for 58 years and also **George P. O'Brien**, member for 28 years. Our condolences to your families and loved ones during this difficult time. To our absent members.

Sending sympathy and prayers to **Madelyn Walrod, PER** as we mourn the loss of her niece, Louise Webb. Also keeping our VET committee members, **Flo Hillyard and John Perry** in our prayers with the recent passing of brother, Raymond Perry. We are so sorry for the loss of your family members.

To our members who are ill or home recovering from recent surgery: **Karen Alonge, Marilyn Soder** (Youth Activities), **Brian DeVries** (Motorcycle Committee) and **Pasquale Ficcio**. Our best wishes for a complete and successful recovery. Looking forward to seeing you all at the lodge very soon.

Sending extra prayers to our member, **Patsy Schmidt** and family as her sister, Joann Marucci continues her recovery from recent breast cancer surgery. We hope you get well soon.

Extending well wishes to all our members who are recovering from sickness, surgery and procedures. If you know of any member in need of our thoughts and prayers please contact me: Lauren Greed (973)668-6733

Lauren Greed, *Committee Chairperson*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The YAC will be doing a Paint and Sip on April 3rd at 7:00pm. It will be a Welcome Sign for your front porch. The cost is \$40. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Tickets are limited! Please see your friendly bartender for your tickets today!

We will be doing a fishing tournament on Father's Day! More info to come!! Batter up tournament in the spring TBD.

Our next meeting is March 13th at 6pm all are welcome.

Hope to see you then!
Tom Brown, PDD

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

March 1, 2024

Stuffed Shells

March 8, 2024

Shrimp Scampi

March 15, 2024

Shrimp In Pink Vodka Sauce Over Penne

March 22, 2024

Creamy Tomato Soup With Gourmet Grilled Cheese With or Without Bacon

March 29, 2024

Fish Fry

thirsty THURSDAY

MARCH 7TH

Italian Hot Dogs

(By Popular Demand Shrimp Corn Chowder)

MARCH 14TH

Meatloaf Grilled Cheese

(Chef's Surprise Soup)

MARCH 21ST

Wing Night

(Manhattan Clam Chowder)

MARCH 28TH

Cheesesteaks & Tater Tots

(Italian Wedding Soup)

HOUSE COMMITTEE

What an exciting beginning to March. The 14th Annual Leap in the Lake raised over \$100,000! Thank you to all who participated and made this happen. A big shout out to all our sponsors, leapers and a very special thank you to both **Rick and Linda Gathen** for all you do to make this big event happen and make it bigger and better every year.

March 9th is our St Patty's Dinner Dance. Which is now, SOLD OUT. Its a Full house!!

March 16th our Ritual team will be doing a fundraiser "POKER NIGHT". If you love poker please come support our hard working Ritual Team.

March 24th is "BREAKFAST W/THE EASTER BUNNY" 9-11AM. Children 3-9 yrs \$5.00 • 10 + older is \$10.00.

On March 25th there will be a Pamper Chef party. **FREE ENTRY & SNACKS SERVED**. Doors open at 6:30pm. Presentation starts at 7:00pm. Please come out and support our House Committee to gain new items for our kitchen!!

APRIL DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

April 6th Installation of our new 2024-2025 ER, Pete Appaluccio. A Beautiful service with complimentary cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. Please join us. Also on April 6th our Antlers will be having their installation of new members and officers.

April 28th Sunday, Marty Kane with the historical society will be here to do a presentation on Mt. Arlington, and the beginning of the Elks on McGregor Ave and a booth at Bertrand Island and so much more. A lite dinner, buffet style, will be Included. Tickets and more details, coming soon.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY COMMITTEE FOR ALL THEY DO!

Debi Werner, House Committee Chairperson



AMERICANISM



As Elks we all take an oath to be loyal Americans. Each time we hear our beloved Ritual we talk about and renew our collective commitments to Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. But how often do we actually live those ideals.

In these trying times we all have the opportunity to serve our country in small ways. Rather than focusing on the polarizing aspects of the current politic discord all Americans are invited to be part of a solution, to help heal what divides our country. If you or someone you know is not registered to vote, it's easy to register.

Patricia Carley, Americanism Chairperson

NEW LODGE IMPROVEMENT

This month we have a brand new soda system in both bars. We have also recently had our beer lines cleaned. Thank you, **Nancy**. We also have EagleScout project coming coordinated between youth activities and Boys Scout Troop181. More details to come! Finally the Trutees will be working on next year's budget to present it to lodge next month.

Tom Brown, PDD
Chairman of Trustees

St. Patrick's Day



DANCE

6:00P



Limited Tickets Available



ADVANCE TICKETS \$30 • DAY OF EVENT \$35
DINNER 6PM-7PM | MUSIC/DANCING: 7PM-11PM
CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER • CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Lake Hopatcong Elks • 201 Howard Boulevard • Mt. Arlington • 973-398-9835



March 2, 2024

14TH ANNUAL LEAP IN THE LAKE

As we bask in the glow of an incredible milestone, my heart overflows with gratitude and awe for each of you. Despite the raindrops, your unwavering spirits and boundless determination have propelled us to heights beyond our wildest dreams, surpassing the remarkable sum of \$103,000 raised for Elks Leap in the Lake. Your relentless commitment to our cause is nothing short of inspiring. Every volunteer hour, every warm smile, every generous contribution has woven a tapestry of hope and possibility for our community. You have shown that when we unite with a shared vision and an unwavering belief in the power of kindness, there are no limits to what we can achieve.

As we pause to celebrate this momentous achievement, let us also reflect on the lives we have touched and the futures we have ignited. Your collective efforts have created a ripple effect of positivity that will continue to reverberate, spreading joy and inspiration wherever it goes. From the depths of my heart, I extend my deepest gratitude to every one of you. Your dedication, passion, and unwavering belief in the transformative power of community have made this milestone possible. We have proven that miracles happen when we come together with open hearts and a shared purpose.

As we leap forward into the next chapter of our Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge journey, let us do so with renewed determination, boundless gratitude, and an unshakable faith in the magic of possibility. With you by our side, there is no challenge too great, no dream too bold. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for being the shining stars of our community and for making the impossible, possible.

With boundless gratitude and admiration,

Rick Gathen, PSP

Leap in the Lake Chairman

Jacob Fiorentino Brosé

Sat, 7:04 PM

Thank you Heidi and Wayne!! Thank you to my friends, it was nice to see everyone again!! 🐝 Bee Happy 🐝
♥️ Jacob

Linda Garry

Today, 8:57 AM

A HUGE THANK You to Wayne, Heidi, Elk's and Antlers for a very fun filled day Saturday. Sarah loved the craft session and seeing everyone again. But her favorite was being interviewed by her favorite Elk, Mr. Wayne". Our family is so grateful to be part of such a special organization. Wishing everyone a very blessed Sunday. Sarah, Mom and Cali.

Michelle Castano

Sat, 9:46 PM

Thanks again Heidi & Wayne for making our kids feel special and acknowledging them and us as parents. We appreciate all that the Elks do for us and the special kids community. For that, I am thankful and know that everyone shares my words.

Susan Aragona

Today, 9:03 AM

We want to extend out thanks as well for providing such a wonderful event for the kids and families yesterday. We always look forward to it. Other than school, anielia doesn't get out much in the community and always enjoys your events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Easter party. Thank you again for all you do.

Congratulations to Lisa Blank Rovito, our new DDGER-designate to be installed in Austin Texas, on July 3rd.

THE VETERANS COMMITTEE

Our Annual Pre-Leap in the Lake Pig Roast was a great success! The weather for the Leap in the Lake was wild temperatures but unfortunately we had rain most of the day. Everyone still kept smiles on their faces as we raised over \$100,000 for special needs children. Our team for the leap raised over \$2000.00!!

Our Veterans Committee has recently acquired a few new members. We look forward to working with them.

We would like to also offer our sympathy to **John Perry** with his recent loss of his brother.

Please stay tuned as we are working out details of the upcoming NORTHwest District Music Festival!

Ed Parrillo, *Veterans Committee Chairperson*



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Who Joined February 6, 2024

NEW MEMBER

Emma Kline
Mark Larino
Renee Larino
Dawn Malaska

PROPOSED BY

Linda Kline
Lisa Rovito
Lisa Rovito
Lisa Rovito

Barbara Tokar, *Lodge Secretary*

VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

(All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays @ 6:30pm)

March 13th
April 10th
May 8th
June 18th
July 10th



August 14th
September 11th
October 9th
November 13th
December 11th



SCAN HERE TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE & VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS!!!



*Congratulations On Remarkable 20 Year Milestone Memberships
Madelyn Walrod, PER & Tom Brown, PDD*

ANTLERS CORNER

On February 1st our Middle School Antlers attended the one day Path to Leadership Conference at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch, NJ. The High School Antlers attended the 35th Annual Peer Leadership Conference from February 2nd through 4th also held at Ocean Place. They all had an amazing time and thank all of you that have supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year that enabled them to attend.

On February 14th the Antlers volunteered at the Fish Fry serving over 250 dinners! Thank you to all that purchased the Valentine's ornaments that evening. Our Make your own Mozzarella Event scheduled for February 28 was a sold out event and we thank all who attended for your support. The Antlers continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and Thirsty Thursdays and are doing an amazing job. They are hardworking and enthusiastic so please continue to show your appreciation when you see them.

On April 6th we be holding an Initiation of new members and the Installation of Antler Officers at 12:30 pm prior to the Installation of our Elk Officers. Please join us to welcome and congratulate them.

Thank all of you for your continued donations to the clothing bins. The Antlers make donations to their favorite charities with the monies raised from the bins.

We continue to try to grow our numbers and if you have any friends or family members between the ages of 12 and 21 encourage them to join the Antlers. We have a great time serving the community and the lodge. Applications and brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge.



Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYNE MCDONNELL, NORTHWEST DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT - ELECT

Join Us For A Momentous Occasion As We Usher In A New Era Of Leadership At

***The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge
Installation of New Officers***

Let's celebrate the dedication and commitment of our incoming leaders.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

COCKTAIL HOUR: 2PM ~ INSTALLATION: 3PM ~ DINNER: 4:30 PM

Exalted Ruler Elect – Peter Appaluccio

Esteemed Leading Knight Elect - Patricia Zdichocki

Esteemed Loyal Knight Elect – Walter Wurster

Esteemed Lecturing Knight Elect- Samantha Martin

Tiler Elect- Lisa Rovito

Esquire Elect- Matthew Winnans

Chaplain Elect- Kimberly Tweed

Inner Guard Elect- Jason Howard

Secretary Elect- Barbara Tokar

Treasurer Elect – Linda Gathen

Trustee Elect– Richard ter Linden

Trustee Elect- Patrick Esposito

This event promises an inspiring ceremony followed by a delightful dinner, and DJ, where you can mingle and connect with fellow members and guests. Your presence would really make this occasion memorable for me. Get dressed up and enjoy this no-entry-fee event. Let's embrace the excitement of new beginnings together!

See you there! Warm regards, Rick Gathen, PER Association President

**Make & Take Your Own
PORCH SIGN**

With Meg

**Craft & Sip
APRIL 3, 2024**

**7:00PM-9:00PM
ONLY \$40.00**



*All Supplies Provided
Brushes. Paint. Stencils Etc*

*Included
1 BEVERAGE
(Wine or Beer)*

**Hot Pretzels
& Nachos
For Purchase**

Tickets Are Available At The
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*All Proceeds To Benefit
The Youth Activities Committee*



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782

FISH FRY

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

**Good Friday
March 29, 2024**

\$14.00 PER PERSON

Serving From 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



(THIS IS A RESERVATION ONLY DINNER)

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS · 201 HOWARD BOULEVARD · MT. ARLINGTON · 973-398-9835

WILDWOOD 2024



June 7th to 9th

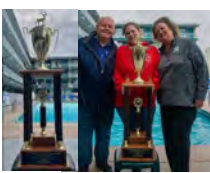
Are you ready to be a part of an amazing 3-day experience at our Wildwood State Convention that's filled with fun in the sun, laughter, incredible food & drinks, bonding with your fellow Elks, families and friends and a huge amount of Lake Hopatcong Elk Pride? This year is sure to be an exciting one as we are once again defending our 1st Place Governors Trophy and looking to bring it home for the 4th year in a row! If you want to be a part of this incredible weekend, **please get your \$140 deposit in TODAY.**

Our Wildwood 2024 package will include a 2-night hotel stay (check in Friday; check out Sunday), hospitality room all weekend with unlimited draft beer, wine, soda, water & liquor, BBQ on Friday night, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and a Pig Roast on Saturday night. We will once again be staying at the Royal Canadian Motel located on Atlantic Ave, just a half a block from the boardwalk and directly on the parade route. The cost of the entire package for two people is only \$440 per room. Additional people (more than two per room) will be \$50 per person.

Once again, we are able to keep the cost of this incredible experience down through various fundraising which will be held prior to May. It is our hope that everyone will support our fundraisers so that we will be able to continue to offer our members a great Wildwood package at a reasonable cost. **Our first fundraiser is a Wheelbarrow of Cheer, and we are asking everyone who signs up for a room and pays a deposit to please consider donating one bottle of liquor of your choice.** Please drop off your liquor donation to Nancy at the lodge. You can pay your Deposit of \$140 by check, cash, or credit card at the lodge or go to the Wildwood 2024 page at LakeHopatcongElks.com to pay online by credit card. **We cannot guarantee any rooms without a deposit.**

Finally, due to the fact we have made our Wildwood package affordable because of our lodge fundraisers, and anticipating that we will be needing more rooms than in the past due to our membership continually growing (we brought in almost 80 new members this year to date!), **this Wildwood package is ONLY available to Lake Hopatcong Elks members and Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni members** (who work hard all year to represent our lodge and help us win the 1st Place Governors Trophy). If you have any questions, please call me at 973-668-3975 or email me at Lgathen@optonline.net

Linda Gathen, PDD, Convention Chairperson



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS



KICK STANDS UP

10:45AM



Registration Begins At 9:00AM

ALL ARE WELCOME

ALL ARE WELCOME

All Proceeds Go To The Miracle Run!

APRIL 27, 2024

(Rain Date: 4/28/24)



\$25 PER RIDER • \$10 PER PASSENGER • \$15 BBQ ONLY

STOPS: Knotty Pine • McKenna's Pub • Patrick's Pub
Mason Street • Charley's Tavern

INFORMATION
REGISTRATION: 9:00AM-10:30AM
KICK STANDS UP: 10:45AM • RUN: 11:00AM • BBQ: 3:00PM

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QUESTIONS: CALL WALTER WURSTER 973-420-8165



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

SCAN ME! 
& SIGN UP!



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MARCH 16 @ 7PM



Check In Begins At 6PM

~ Run By Mike's Poker Tables ~

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Over \$5,000 Prize Pool (Based on 75+ Players)

\$100 Buy-In (5,000 Chips)

Re-Buys & Add-Ons During The Game

500 Chip Bonus For Early Registration

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT ERIC SABOL

908-229-9165 or ERSABOL1@GMAIL.COM

(Additional Information To Be Announced, Stay Tuned)



*All
You Can
Eat!!*

Easter Bunny Breakfast

MARCH 24TH FROM 9AM-11AM

***Easter Egg Hunt With A Special Visit From
The Bunny To Begin At 10:00AM***

CHILDREN 3-9 YEARS OLD \$5 • 10 & OLDER \$10









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(RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED)



2024 MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2  Leap In The Lake
3	4 Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	5 LODGE MEETING	6	7 DARTS 	8 Friday Night Dinner	9 St. PATRICK'S DAY  DINNER DANCE
10	11 Ritual Practice	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13 Veterans Committee Meeting	14 DARTS 	15 Friday Night Dinner	16
17	18 Ritual Practice	19 LODGE MEETING	20 	21 DARTS 	22 Friday Night Dinner	23
24	25 Ritual Practice	26 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	27	28 DARTS 	29	30
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2ND ANNUAL PRE-LEAP PIG ROAST EVENT

It seems like it was more than just a few weeks ago that we kicked off the leap with our 2nd Annual Pre-Leap Pig Roast. I would like to thank everyone who helped cook, donated a dish, served food, managed the door, sold raffle tickets, worked the tricky tray, donated raffle items, the awesome bands who donated their time and talents, our bartenders who served with a smile and most of all everyone who came out to support this great event! 100% collected went to the Leap Total that raised over \$6,000!! Lastly I would like to mention a special thank you to NJ 101.5 morning talk show host, Bill Spadea for attending. Next time I hope he gets a chance to sit down and have a plate of food! Our pit crew grew in numbers for this day and myself and my wife, Patsy are very grateful for each of you. - Cory Schmidt








Meetings The 1st Monday Every Month At 6PM

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APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm Ritual Practice	2 LODGE MEETING	3	4 DARTS 	5 Friday Night Dinner	6  Installation
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