



Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Lodge #782

Meetings  
1st and 3rd Tuesday  
(973) 398-9835



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization  
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2023

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

2024



Where did April go? I can honestly say if you blinked, you probably missed it! In typical Elk fashion it was a busy month of events for our community and membership. April started with our installation of officers and our Bunny Breakfast and Egg hunt which was enjoyed by so many smiling children. Thank you for another outstanding community event by our House Committee, Antlers and of course our Bunny(wink, wink). The lodge received a special donation of a cherry blossom tree in honor of Earth Day from ONE (Ocean Network Express) and our member **Eileen Maglione**. She along with her co-workers came to our lodge and with help of Mike Clarke we planted the beautiful tree. We also presented the Lake Hopatcong Foundation a \$10,000 check made possible by an ENF Grant we were awarded. This grant allows us to continue our partnership with the Foundation and their staff, where underprivileged elementary students receive a hands-on educational experience on the lake thru the Floating Classroom. There are several dates available to sign up to be part of this experience making a difference in the lives of the children in our community. If you have time please consider signing up to volunteer for this wonderful experience, just follow the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e44a4a723a1f49-educational1/81877173#/> [signupgenius.com] We had our first initiation of the fraternal year, congrats to **PER Lisa Rovito** and her team for a great job and wELKome to our new members. We wrapped up April with the Antlers going to their first state dinner dance to meet their peers and celebrate their accomplishments.

May is here which means warmer weather and enjoyable fireside chats on our patio. We start our Wednesday night BBQs on May 3rd, our Flea Market on the 13th alongside of the Antlers Mother's Day plant sale. We celebrate Mother's Day on the 14th with an amazing ceremony and Brunch dedicated to the Moms in our life. Do you like to play Poker? Our Ritual team is having a Texas Hold'Em Tournament on May 25th, come out and support them as they fundraise to represent our Lodge in Minneapolis in July. We wrap the month up with Memorial Day which is designated as an annual day of remembrance to honor all those who have died in service to the United States during peace and war. Please take a moment to remember their sacrifice as we celebrate our Freedoms and wear your poppies Proud!

Congratulations go out to **Patsy Schmidt** for the Lodge Bulletin/Newsletter contest and **Linda Gathen, PDD** for the Memorial Service contest. Lake Hopatcong took 1st place in both contests in the membership category of 501-700, we will collect these awards in Wildwood. An extra special thanks to **Linda Gathen, PDD** for putting together these packets for submission, Lake Hopatcong stands out because of all you do.

As we ramp up for our annual NJ Elks Wildwood convention, we have started to work on the float stop by, see the design, and help where you can, there is always so much pride in our work when people see it go down the street. ☺ Don't forget we have the NJ State Elks Association 50/50 tickets sponsored by the State Convention Committee for sale just see a bartender, you don't need to be present to win!

Last month I challenged you to attend a Friday night Dinner and meet someone you never met before. This month I challenge you to come out to a BBQ, if you notice there is a theme here. I am encouraging you to meet your fellow members. We have a large membership, and our community covers a big footprint, get out there and get to know your fellow members and your community.

Finally, I will leave you with this quote by Stephen Covey " Interdependent people combine their own effort with the efforts of others to achieve their greatest success." This is what makes Lake Hopatcong #782 GREAT!

Fraternally yours, Samantha P. Martin Exalted Ruler

## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Samantha Martin 201-214-6925
Est. Leading Knight	Peter Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818
Est. Loyal Knight	Michael Tresca, PER
Est. Lecturing Knight	Lauren Greed 973-668-6733
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Tiler	Michael Maida
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
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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, PVP-Designate 973-534-8283
Bar Chair	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Community Activities	Patty Zdichacki 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, PER 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, PER 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
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	Jill Ayers
02	Jean Burk-Ujvary
03	John Delaney
03	Carole A Lennon
03	Herbert Moore
04	Sean MacMillan
04	Jennifer Markesteyn
05	Reginald D Rowley
05	Karolyn M Wisher
06	Diane E Gleason
06	Helen Moore
06	John Pezzino
07	Bruce D Roberts
08	Thomas P Prandato
08	Eric F Sombers
08	Richard ter Linden
09	Theresa Fiorentino
09	John H Milne
09	Jamie L Taddei
09	Jake Zamorski
10	William Clark
10	Annette Oswald
11	Ryan Caparoni
11	Kimberly Ann Hipwell
11	Thomas J Mahoney
12	Whitney J DuBose
12	Susan G Hammond-Rector
12	Kim Ann Hayden
13	Erin Darden
13	Douglas Detroy
13	Colleen Erickson
13	Carter Smith
13	Michael Walsh
14	Kenneth Butt
14	Alan Guadagnino
14	John Shaw
15	Mark A Blough
15	Jerri Lynn Perriello
16	Richard E Flaherty
17	Alice Hebel
17	Kevin Jareck
17	David Smith
17	Karl H Then
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19	James Pittaro
19	Lisa Rennick
20	Michael Moroney
21	Stephen Krawczuk
21	Joseph Modafferi
22	Daniel Delfino
22	John J O'Brien
22	Walter Wurster
23	Thomas J Pedersen
24	Scott Pruden
25	Jacqueline Caputo
25	Lisa Rovito
25	Frank M Schmitt
25	Georgette Silva
25	George Smitte
25	Linda Wint
26	Peter Appaluccio
26	Charles Poskitt Jr
27	Michael A Smethy
28	Patricia Crofcheck
28	Anthony Horvath
28	Robert D Murphy
28	Walter Szymanowski
29	Sharon Yanavok
31	Erik Garv



# “Elks Give from the Heart”

**Bruce A. Hidley**  
GRAND EXALTED RULER  
2022-2023



## May holidays salute moms, service members

The winter months are well behind us now. It is time for us to focus on our Elks spring and summer activities.

May has many events that we as Elks are proud to recognize and participate in. Let's start with Mother's Day, which this year falls on Sunday, May 14. Thank you to each Lodge that has a Mother's Day celebration. You may want to consider assembling a committee and starting an event if your Lodge has never had one. Mother's Day is a very special day to spend not only with your mother but your grandmother, your great-grandmother, sister, or your aunt. Take a moment to call your relatives, and send flowers or candy. Make them feel as special as they are. Happy Mother's Day!

During the month of May, we celebrate Armed Forces Day, which will occur on Saturday, May 20. This is a day for all of us to say thank you to all of the men and women in all branches of service in the military. Each of these individuals are the ones who have taken time to defend this great country of ours and protect the liberties we enjoy today. What a better way for our Lodges to recognize Armed Forces Day and show them Elks Care about their service to our country.

May is also when we remember our departed service members on Memorial Day. This year Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 29. There are so many ways that we as Elks can take the time to reflect on our departed service members. You can place flags at the graves of deceased military veterans. Participate in or host a Memorial Day parade. Please take part in this very important way to honor the deceased veterans in your community. I remember the day when my community opened our first veterans park. It was during a Memorial Day ceremony. There was nothing more heart wrenching to see all the names of the people who served our country with distinction.

Each year, I proudly walk with veterans in our local Memorial Day parade. It makes you proud to be an Elk knowing that you stand behind our pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" and we never will. Take the time to hold some type of ceremony or participate in a community remembrance for the veterans who fought so hard to enjoy the freedoms all of us enjoy today. There is no better way we as Elks can continue "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to remember our veterans.

Helen and I would like to say thank you for all that you do during the month of May, and for the very special events that are so important to us as Elks. God bless all of you. God bless our troops, past and present. And most of all, God bless America.

**“Elks Care - Elks Share.”**



## VETERANS COMMITTEE



Welcome May 2023! Here is hoping the weather gets better our Wednesday Night BBQs starting this week!

The Hackettstown Elks lodge is having a steak dinner on May 20th from 5pm-8pm for \$25. Unfortunately I will not be able to attend as I have a previous event I will be attending. I am fortunate to have received a ticket for the Madison Elks 100 Anniversary dinner through Robert, their Veterans Chairperson.

Our Veterans Committee will have a table at the Lake Hopatong Block Party at the State Park on May 20th as well from 10:00am-4:00pm. We will have a Veteran trifold handout and Elks application forms and giveaways!

On May 29th-June 3rd we can bowl for free at the Oakwood Lanes on Route 31 in Washington. It is sponsored by the Hackettstown Lodge with a donation of \$150.00 from the Veterans Committee. They will display our banner at the bowling alley. All members are welcomed to join the fun at the bowling alley at no charge.

Good luck to Lake Hopatong Elks 782 at the Wildwood Convention early next month! I know the marches will do their very best! I hope our float wins the top price! Wishing all of our Mother's both here and those that have passed a very Happy Mother's Day!

*Ed Parrillo, Jr.*  
Veterans Committee Chairperson

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

To the families of **Beryl (Birdie) Meckert** and **Giacomo Di Tacconi**, (Veteran and member of our Veterans Committee) our sincere sympathy and condolences to their family and friends.. Happy to say **Carlos Rojas, PDD**, is now hom recuperating from surgery. Our member **Pasquale (Pat) Ficcio** is also recuperating at a local rehab facility due to his broken hip. We can't wait until you are back at lodge singing your Frank Sinatra songs!!

Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson



## HOUSE COMMITTEE

April Showers bring May flowers, doing great with the rain part. Now we need sun and May flowers.

We have a busy month ahead starting with our Mothers Day Brunch, which I'm happy to say we are SOLD OUT. We are looking forward to our different food stations including carving(ham&turkey),waffle, omelette and pastries stations, plus so much more.

Serving will begin at 11:00am with a special mothers Day service at 12:30pm, performed by our officers.

Our Ritual team is kicking off their fundraising to earn their expenses to go to nationals. They start with our Wednesday BBQs. This week kielbasa with pineapple and maraschino cherries with all the popular sides. We will as always have hamburgers and dogs and salads.

May 13th they will be holding a flea market. They already have more then twenty participants and growing. Please call **Shelia** 973-229-8254 for more details or stop at lodge to reserve your space and on May 25th they will be holding a TEXAS HOLD THEM Tournament, please call Eric Sabol at 908-229-9165 for more details and to reserve your spot. Please come out and support our team and their events. They work hard and deserve our support!!

Our Friday night dinners are growing along with our to go orders. We have a lot of new great cooks on board and we are working on a system that is more efficient for the times. Please be patient, we are a group of volunteers loving to serve. Always looking for new cooks. Please call Debi at 973-668-9302 for more details. We are willing to quide you. It is really easier then you think.

Thank you to all who volunteer for FND and a big thanks to our house committee for all you do!!

*Wishing All Of Our Mom's A Very Happy Mother's Day!!*

*Debi Werner,  
House Committee Chairperson*



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**MAY 5, 2023**

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Buffet Style  
Chicken Fajitas, Beef Tacos With Mexican Rice  
The House Committee

**MAY 12, 2023**

Pasta Variety  
The House Committee

**MAY 19, 2023**

Lasagna  
The Motorcycle Committee

**MAY 26, 2023**

Officer's BBQ  
Lodge Officers

*The lodge is always looking for volunteers to prepare, cook and serve Friday Night Dinners. Please reach out to a member of House Committee if you are interested!!*

**NASCAR SUNDAYS!**

## SHOT FROM THE BAR

The Member's Bar is open every day at 12:00 Noon. Come watch Nascar on Sundays. Baseball everyday and the fight for the Stanley Cop is going strong! 2 GIANT New Tvs are up in our members bar! The patio is also open for you to enjoy a nice Spring Day!



Serving  
5pm-7pm

## Wednesday Night BBQ Specials

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Hawaiian Kielbasa  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Pulled Pork  
May 17<sup>th</sup> Sausage & Peppers  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Grilled Italian  
Marinated Chicken



## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hi Members,

We would first like to congratulate past ambassador Jacob Brose on joining the Lake Hopatcong Antlers.

Secondly, We would like to thank and congratulate district chair **Linda Gathen** and the entire NW district special children's committee for a great Easter party. Everyone who attended had a great time.

We are currently working on a special children's parents appreciation bbq. Date is TBD but we will be looking for volunteers to help cook, set up/clean up, assist with manning activity tables for the kids and more. We will be scheduling a committee meeting soon, so please keep an eye out for that email.

We look forward to our wildwood convention where **past ambassador Jacob** will ride in the parade with Wayne as his mom **Theresa** will March in the honor guard this year. We greatly appreciate her participation.

Please, if you have any ideas for future events or activities, please reach out to us. Email us at lh782.sccevents@gmail.com.

Until next month... Have a great big beautiful tomorrow!

Heidi & Wayne McDonnell, *Special Children's Co-Chairs*



## WELCOME

*New Members Who Joined April 26, 2023*

### New Member

William Dickinson  
Jonas Joseph Estrada  
Charles Jason Howard  
Maxine Maida  
James S. Siuzdak  
Carol Tarentino  
Michelle S. Terpstra



### Proposed by

Mike Clarke  
Benjamin Hammond  
Sallimae Johnson  
Michael Maida  
Benjamin Hammond  
Nancy Louizou  
Patricia A. Carroll

### Welcome Back to Sean Edwards

Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Lake Hopatcong No. 782 is comprised of a merger between Dover No. 782 and Lake Hopatcong No. 2109?

Did you know the mother Lodge of Dover No.782 was Newark Lodge No. 21?

Did you know the mother Lodge of Lake Hopatcong No.2109 was Livingston Lodge No. 1855?

Can you guess the Charter year for both Lodges?




**ONLY \$12 PER PERSON**  
Dine In-Take Out Available

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BBQ

**FEATURING A DIFFERENT SPECIAL EACH WEEK!!!**

**Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers  
Hot Dogs/Baked Beans  
Potato Salad & Assorted Salads**

**SERVING FROM 5:00-7:00**  
Beginning May 3rd - September 27th  
(Weather Permitting)

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



*Grab Your Friends & Family All Are Always Welcome!*  
You Do Not Need To Be A Member!



On April 29, 2023 the Antlers attended the First Annual State Antlers Dinner Dance at Old Bridge Lodge #2229. They enjoyed an evening of music, food and games with Antlers from all over the State.

On May 13th the Antlers will be holding their annual plant sale from 9am to 3pm as part of the Lodge's Flea Market. Please come out and support our Antlers as they hold their first fundraiser of the year. On May 14th, the Antlers will be helping to serve at our Mother's Day Brunch.

The Antlers continue to do a fantastic job serving Friday Night Dinners and did a great job serving Thirsty Thursday meals throughout the winter. Please remember to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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

We have been trying to grow our numbers and have had a few more interested members since our Initiation in March. If you have any friends or family members between the ages of 12 and 21 please encourage them to join the Antlers. Applications and brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge.

Happy Mother's Day! Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER

# FLEA MARKET



\$20.00 Table Rental  
\$15.00 Per Space  
(With Own Table)

**SATURDAY  
MAY 13 2023  
9:00AM-3:00PM**

• Limited Spaces Available

• RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

• *VENDORS PERMITTED TO SET UP 7AM DAY OF EVENT*

• **CALL THE LODGE TO RESERVE SPACE 973-398-9835**

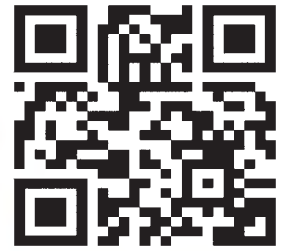
• *Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks Ritual Team*

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**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**



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**SIGN UP!!**

# TEXAS HOLD'EM

**MAY 25TH @ 7PM**



~ Run By Mike's Poker Tables ~

**[www.MikesPokerTables.com](http://www.MikesPokerTables.com)**

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)*



Lake Hopatcong Elks

# CORNHOLE



SCAN QR  
CODE TO  
VIEW TEAM!

# TOURNAMENT

**\$100 PER TEAM - BRING YOUR OWN BAG**

**All Proceeds Support Our Youth Activities Committee Program**

**YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE!!**

Scan Qr Code or Visit: <https://app.scoreholio.com/share/WWPb>

# JUNE 25, 2023

**SCORE HOLIO**

**ALL PLAYERS MUST  
REGISTER ON SCOREHOLIO**

**venmo**  
@LakeHopatcongElks



**CASH PRIZES**

- 10:00AM - Registration
- 10:30AM - Bags Fly
- 50/50 Raffle
- Custom Boards Raffle
- Additional Raffle Items
- Food & Drinks Available For Purchase

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD/DRINKS**

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# 2023 MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	2	3 BBQ	4 DARTS	5 Friday Night Dinner	6
7	8 Ritual Practice	9	10 Veterans Committee Meeting BBQ	11 DARTS	12 Friday Night Dinner	13 Flea Market
14 Mother's Day BRUNCH	15 Ritual Practice	16	17 BBQ	18 DARTS	19 Friday Night Dinner	20 ARMED FORCES DAY
21	22 Ritual Practice	23	24 BBQ	25 DARTS TEXAS HOLD'EM	26 Friday Night Dinner	27
28	29 HONOR AND REMEMBER	30	31 BBQ Load Truck For Wildwood	<b>NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 6-2-23 WILDWOOD CONVENTION</b>		

JOIN US FOR  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

**SOLD OUT**

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

**MOTHERS COMPLIMENTARY**  
10 YEARS & OLDER \$15 • 6-9 YEARS \$8 • 5 & UNDER FREE  
(MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL SERVICE AT 12:30PM PERFORMED BY THE OFFICERS)

Omelette Station · Carving Station  
Pasta Station · Waffle Station  
Breakfast Pastries & Fruit Station · Coffee/Tea

~ RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED & APPRECIATED ~

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1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
Every Month 6PM

**MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Walter Wurster  
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LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS  
MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				DARTS 1	NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER DUE TO WILDWOOD CONVENTION 2	3
4	Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm 5	Lodge Meeting 7pm 6	BBQ 7	DARTS 8	Friday Night Dinner 9	10
11	Ritual Practice 12	House Committee Meeting 13	FLAG DAY BBQ 14	DARTS 15	Friday Night Dinner 16	17
18	Ritual Practice 19	Lodge Meeting 7pm 20	BBQ 21	DARTS 22	Friday Night Dinner 23	24
25	Ritual Practice 26	House Committee Meeting 27	BBQ 28	DARTS 29	Friday Night Dinner 30	



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