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Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

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As we now are approaching the New Year of 2021, we are still doing well. Even though we will not be celebrating our normal way, hopefully our 2021 will be a much better year for everyone. So as Elks, keep the faith, stay positive and strong, and remember who we are and what we as Elks stand for. We will survive this ordeal and continue to do our important work that we do. Stand up, Be proud and lets bring in the New Year with open arms.

We had our Holiday Appeal and what a great success. We had 77 food baskets that were given to the families and 150 children which our members adopted for Christmas. I want to thank everyone who has adopted these families and making our Holiday Appeal a wonderful Christmas for these families.

Thirsty Thursday and Friday night dinners have been do very well. Each week will be different specials and are posted on our board outside, in an email blast as well as on social media. I invite everyone to join us for dinner and come have fun. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Madelyn at 201-230-2596 for any details.

Once again our drive through with Santa for our special children was not normal but an amazing event. We complied with social distance and wearing masks. It was wonderful for anyone who came that day to witness the smiles and excitement on their faces when they saw Santa and his Elves. Thank you all who helped make this a exciting for our children.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our New Year's get together "Kick 2020 to the curb." It was in the best interest for all our members and their guest to stay healthy and safe.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support to our lodge. We cannot survive without all your continue support and to all of our members who continue to make all of our functions a success.

Continue to be safe, healthy and remember that any act of kindness, no matter how big or small, goes along way. God bless our Troops, our Elks and the United States of America's.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone. I'm looking forward to 2021 and seeing everyone next year.

Fraternally, Roxanne J Steffen, Exalted Ruler

2020-2021 **LODGE OFFICERS**



Exalted Ruler	Roxanne Steffen			
	973-650-0199			
Est. Leading Knight	Wayne McDonnell			
	862-579-5615			
Est. Loyal Knight	Gary Steffen			
	973-271-4694			
Est. Lecturing Knight	Lisa Rovito, PER			
	201-978-7218			
Esquire	Eric Sabol			
	908-299-9185			
Chaplain	Tom Rov ito			
	201-400-0810			
Inner Guard	Todd Cruickshank			
	201-841-4851			
Tiler	Madelyn Walrod, PER			
	201-230-2596			
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PDD			
	973-398-2097			
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER			
	201-207-7545			
Lodge Photographer	Michaela Winnans			
1 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD			
2 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan			
3 Year Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP			
4 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER			

HOUSE COMMITTEE

5 Year Trustee

Mike Clarke

Madelyn Walrod, PER, Chairman Tom Chiappa Wayne McDonnell Barbara Pirro Rich Terlinden Helene Walsh Debi Werner

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS				
Accident & Prevention	Mike Clarke			
	973-713-2370			
Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER			
	201-230-2596			
Americanism	Nancy Loizou			
	973-632-1129			
Antlers	Tarin Chiappa			
	973-714-1334			
Bar Co-Chair	Debi Werner			
	973-668-9302			
Community Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER			
	973-398-2770			
Convention	Linda Gathen, PER			
	973-398-2097			
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl			
	973-390-0638			
Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio			
	973-736-7818			
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PER			
	973-398-2097			
Goverment Relations	Heidi McDonnell, DD-D			
	862-579-5616			
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke			
	973-713-2370			
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER			
	973-398-2770			
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown			
	973-919-5395			
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP			
	973-398-2097			
Investigation	Wayne McDonnell			
	862-579-5616			
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER			
	201-207-7545			
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt			
	973-975-2325			
Membership	Barbara Tokar			
	201-207-7545			
Motorcycle	TBD			
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP			
	973-627-0017			
Pole Barn	Red Curry			
Public Relations	Rick Gathen, PSP			
	862-324-2412			

Relief Committee

973-650-0199

862-579-5616 072 271 4604

Roxanne Steffen

Wayne McDonnell

Gary Steffen	973-271-4694
Lisa Rovito	201-978-7218
Linda Gathen	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
Ritual	Rick Gathen, PSP
	Linda Gathen, PER
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio
	973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner
	973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown
	973-919-5395
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell
	862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo
	973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker
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Youth Activities	Tom Brown
	973-919-5395

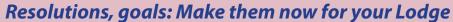
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01	David Ferrara
01	John McCarthy
01	Deborah A Verdi
02	James Buckley
02 02	Gary Moore Mark Vandling
02	Madelyn Walrod
03	Josephine D La France
03	Debbie Lennon
03	William A Richardson
05	Michael A Champa
05	Carolynn Parmele
06 06	Patricia A Carroll James Heasty
06	John Matthes
06	John Ondish
07	Karen Ann Alonge
07	William R Byles
07	Martin Flanagan
07	Henry J Mason Sr
07 08	Matthew Winnans Joseph Giambattista
08	Anthony Massari
08	Robert Ondish
80	Robert Rossi
80	Michael W Thomas
09	Karl Petr
10	Ann Mestrandrea
11 11	Gail Bennett Caroline Glucksman
11	Timothy McQuaid
12	Thomas Brown Sr
12	Paul Macchia
13	Coley Campbell
14	Veronica A Blewitt-Bellack
14	Shawn Davis John Wilkinson
14 15	George F Batelli
15	Paul T Donnarumma
16	Sonia Caban
16	Joseph T Doyle Jr
16	Virginia Slater
17 17	Jacqueline C Buckley Karen Porter
17	Christina Ramirez
18	William R Heiser
18	Eric Keiper
20	Jennifer Appaluccio
21 21	Rockie Fuller Sandra A Harding
21	Deborah Werner
22	Brian M DeVries
22	Michael J Tresca
23	Edward Byron
24 24	William O'Brien John T Stevens
25	Katie L Maloof
27	Declan Beere
27	James McDevitt
27	Carlos A Rojas
28 28	James S Miller
28 29	Michaela Winnans Bernard Curry
29	Salvatore Fiorentino
29	Jeremy S Heiskanen
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30	James Glicos
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"Elks Give from the Heart"

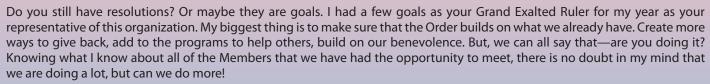
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GRAND EXALTED RULER **2020-2021**



Frohes Neues Jahr, Godt Nyttår, Feliz Año Nuevo, and Happy New Year!!!!

No matter how you say it, 2021 can ONLY be a better year!



Because of our wonderful new program, the Financial Reporting System (FRS), normally at this time I would be suggesting that it is time to get your Auditing and Accounting Committee on regular meetings to look at the budgets and prepare the financial documents to ship to CPAs. But because of the FRS, we only need to prepare, compare, and send for your 990s to be completed. Although our "Lodge year" is different, the IRS needs your information for a calendar year. Make sure to get them prepared.

This is also the time to start preparing for your PER Night. Get your new officers ready to start their year. Help your future officers and prepare for the next regime. But, don't stop your current momentum. This is what is going to take you into the new year. It will also teach your future leaders to Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.

I had the honor of participating and being a part of the 150th anniversary celebration of this great Order. I will never forget what an honor that was, and the fact that two of my children were also able to be a part of it. February is the birthday of our Order. Use this to have a celebration, a dinner, or an outing to help create funds for your Lodge, to help with the community, or to help another organization. No matter what you do, make the birthday of the Elks an event in your Lodge.

For ERs, Secretaries, and PERs, this is the time also to choose your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. As always, take time to deliberate and choose thoughtfully.

Lapsation should also be a focus of your Membership Committee. My Lodge has reported that we are nearing 2% in lapsation. Although for me that is a small number, for many it is huge. Let's make this another year of growth.

"Elks Care - Elks Share."





OUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS WHO JOINED DECEMBER 15, 2020

New Member

Michael Lake Wesley Martin Young Newmann Gregory O'Brien Melissa VanCleve

James Visco

PROPOSED BY

Mark Lorenz Gail Delaney Laura Lee Madonia Brian DeVries Jack Delaney John Shaw

AND WELCOME BACK TO JOHN (RICK) HENDRICKSON

Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary



PER ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Lake Hopatcong PER Association will be meeting in January to review the upcoming slate of Lodge Officers on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 PM via zoom. This is for the purpose of endorsements and nominations.

We will honor 8 PER's on Tuesday, February 2nd 2021. The following PER's have hit Membership milestones:

John Moran	50 Years
Thomas Pranato	45 Years
Jon Edwards	40 Years
Linda Gathen	20 Years
Heidi McDonnell	20 Years
Barbara Tokar	20 Years
Matt Winnans	10 Years
Dan Ryan	10 years

PER Night, Tuesday, February 2nd 2021. **PER Kathleen Caffrey** will conduct the Lodge Meeting. The PER's will take the other chair positions and perform from memory.

Thanks, Rick Gathen, PER, President

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

As per our By-Laws, Augustine Dulio, Gordon LaFlesh, Henry Mason, and William Norman, having been members in good standing for 30 years, and having attained the age of no less than 65, are now eligible for Life Membership.

We will be voting to approve their Life Memberships at our regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Barbara Tokar, PER Lodge Secretary



HOUSE COMMITTEE

Its so exciting to "Kick" 2020 to the curb!! We welcome 2021 with open arms!! I feel it will be a good year!! To say the least it certainly was a unique year for all. We endured!! With all the volunteer help we were able to keep the lodge open. I thank all who assisted us. Without their help this would not have been possible.

Thirsty Thursday is doing well. There is a different special every week. Look on either the lodge website, an email blast or on Facebook for details.

Friday night dinner take-out has been going great! The dinner menu is posted on the board outside the lodge, an email blast is sent as well as on facebook. You do not have reserve a dinner. Just stop in for either pick up to go or we do have limited seating under Government regulations adhearing to the 25% indoor dining. Call Madelyn at 201-230-2596 for details.

I would like to wish all a very happy, healthy, and safe new year.

Madelyn Walrod, PER House Committee Chairman





A SHOT FROM THE BAR

The bar is open everyday. Watch for specials on Facebook or the website. Come watch your favorite football games at the lodge.



NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2021-22

We will be accepting nominations for new Lodge Officers at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

For any positions with more than one candidate running, elections will be conducted at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Please contact **Lodge Secretary Barbara Tokar** with questions, or if interested.

Rick Gathen, PER, President

SICKNESS & DISTRESS



It has been a tough year at The Lake Hopatcong Elks 782 with member suffering various illnesses, accidents, falls and unfortunately too many losses of life. We ask for prayers to our dear friend and member **Ed Kelly**, who was recently involved in a car accident and is currently still currently hospitalized.



To our Absent Member, **Dr. Bertram Isenberg**, *Optometrist*, A life member of 51 years. Our respect, prayers and condolences to his wife Sandy, to his family and friends.

To our Absent Member, Frederick M. Sandquist a member for 23 years. Our respect, prayers and condolences to his family during this most difficult time.



We mourn the loss of our Member **Gene Garabrant PVP, PER**. Gene was 82 years old and was a Member for 32 years. Gene was a loving husband to his wife Lorrie, who passed on before him. Gene was very involved in the Trustees, but his real passion was the Lodge Honor Guard. Gene was indeed an Honor Guard legend and the very best kind of legend. He was a man of the people, surrounded by those with whom he performed, proud to be part of the ensemble, believing that everyone's part was no less important than his. If you marched with him, you know what I am talking about. I find strength when I think of this man, our friend, from how he treated people, how he cared for everyone, how he loved being an Elk. I am saddened at his passing but I marvel at his strength.

So, with God Speed, we all say goodbye, sir. Yours was the best of lives, and we all thank you for it and the many gifts you gave us along the way. With hopeful expectations, we will look to see you again; with familial Elks pride, we will cherish and spread the lessons you've taught us; and with love, we will keep dear the memory of your spirit.

May you forever rest in peace. To our Absent Member.

We mourn the loss of our Member **Alfonso DeCaito PDD, PVP, PST, PER.** Al was 78 years old and was a Member for 41 years. In recent years, Al had serious health problems that limited his ability to be active. However, for much of his 41 years as a Member, Al Decaito was extremely active in the Elks. He served the Elks with the highest level of excellence in all that he did. Al DeCaitio was a PDD, PVP, PST, and PER. Al DeCaito was very involved in the Ritual and spent many years as the District Chairman. Al DeCaito was a loving husband to his wife Connie, who passed on several years ago. Both Al and Connie were loved and respected throughout Elkdom. His close friends called him "Big Al". Not because of the size of his height, because he was certainly not a tall man at just over 5 feet in height. It was because of the size of his big heart and his incredible devotion to the Elks.



God Bless Alfonso DeCaito PDD, PVP, PST, PER.

Please feel free to call me @ 973-668-9302 or e-mail me @ purpledebi@yahoo.com with any information on a member who has fallen ill or to be placed on our prayer list.

Prayers That May 2021 Be Healthy, Happy & Safe Year

Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson





Of the utmost importance in 2021 is the safety and health of our members. We will continue to take took strong precautions against the transmission of the coronavirus. We did not have a single COVID-19 infection in our Lodge in 2020. We followed the State guidelines closely from day one. We met with the town Official on several occasions. The town told us we are going above and beyond and thanked us. We allow no one to sit at the bar. The tables are well spaced out. We only sell food Thursday night and Friday night. All food items are individually wrapped and separated. We only use throw away utensils and paper cups. Food sales are mostly take-out. We had a membernurse train the House staff on taking temperatures. We have the Lodge professionally sanitized throughout the week. That's on top of all the normal cleaning protocols. We close the building before the 10 PM state mandate. We don't exceed 25% of building capacity. We have sanitizer stations everywhere. We invested in protective equipment and outdoor tents. Everyone cares about safety and sanitation. No one wants to be sick. Our zero infections are a result of good planning, caring, and well-trained people. In addition, the bar/restaurant industry is contributing less than 1.4% towards COVID-19 infections. More than 73% are large gatherings at home.

Organizations like our Elks, which rely on the bonds formed by regular social gatherings were hit particularly hard with business being way down. I think the vaccine distribution will be fast and effective. Things will calm way down by June. When things begin to get back to normal we will be able to resume more in-person activity.

During the most difficult year in modern history, we kept each other safe. We developed new and innovative ways to care and share. We showed remarkable strength and an unyielding Elks spirit.

We **WELKOME** in 2021 with great hope, great health, and unlimited optimism.

Rick Gathen, PSP



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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021 TO ALL AT LODGE 782

May the new year bring us good health first and then prosperity. Let's not forget to help your neighbor and a Veteran when you can. Looks like the new year will bring a new strain of the Covid-19 virus.

The vaccine will be administered by Atlantic Health System. I spoke to someone there but they currently were not able to provide any additional information. The phone number for future reference is 1-855-862-2778 or 1-800-247-9580 or you can visit www.AtlanticHealth. org. The Veterans Clinic currently does not have any information as well. I will pass along information as I receive it.

The Veteran's Committee has received donations of money, clothing and cosmetics which will be given to the Lyons Hospital Veterans this month. Donations from the Cintas Company & Donna C.

We will be having a Roast Beef Dinner in February. See details in the newsletter. This year it will be available for take out as well as dine in at the Government regulated capacity at that time. The date for this event is February 20, 2021.

Please wear your masks and social distance to help get through this horrible virus. Stay safe, and be wise about being with your friends and relatives this Season.

May the New Year bring us new friends that will last forever.

God bless our Veterans and you all,
Ed Parrillo Jr.,
Veterans Chairman











SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

As 2020 comes to a close, I want to take the time to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy and the Safest New Year for 2021! We can all agree that while this new year won't be starting out on a good note since we are still faced with tough times ahead, please be assured that we will do our best to continue to bring some joy to our Special Needs Children and their families. I wanted to report that the Santa Drive Through on December 12, 2020 was extremely successful. We invited 37 Special Needs families and provided gifts to the kids and their sibling that attended the event. Thank you to all of the following that directly assisted: Exalted Ruler Roxane Steffen (dressed as an Elf); PER's Madelyn Walrod and Jen Appaluccio (resident photographer); PDD Pete Appaluccio (coordinated the parking lot) and PDD **Heidi McDonnell** for organizing the event and getting all families invited. Thank you also to PER John Shaw who once again was Santa Claus who handed out the gifts car side and had his picture taken with the kids. Members Barb Pirro, Christine Macknowsky and Ryan Shaw were also dressed as Elves and assisted with the gifts and got in the pictures. Finally to **Debbie** Werner and Trustee Mike Clarke who did all of the decorations for the event. We also had three antlers assist on that day **Kaitlyn Erickson** who provided letters from Santa to all the kids and 2 boys helped with the traffic, **Shane and Connor Dowling**.

That is all for now, hopefully you all had a blessed Holiday Season and let's all pray that 2021 will all be better for us. God Bless our Special Children and all of you for continuing to do al that you do for them.

Fraternally Yours, Wayne, Chairperson Special Children's Committee



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Lake Hopatcong Antler

Lodge #4



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



Drop off your gently used clothing and items to the bins in the parking lot.

*** Please place the **ACCEPTABLE** items **INSIDE** the bin

WE WILL BE COLLECTING:**

Backpacks, Bedsheets, Belts, Blankets, Clothing, Curtains, Hats, Purses, Shoes Soft or Hard Toys – Below 14" only CD's/DVD's in their appropriate cases – no loose or burned discs

SORRY BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- -Leftover Thrift Store or Rummage Sale Items of any kind
- -Books, Board Games, Puzzles, Large Toys (above 14 inches in size)
- -Art Supplies (Crayons, Markers, Coloring Books, Crafting Items, Fabric Scraps)
- -Furniture, Rugs, Exercise Equipment, Appliances or Electronics of Any Kind (Nothing with a Cord)
- -Winter Boots, Winter Coats, Single shoes, Roller Skates, Ice Skates
- -Dirty, Damp, Damaged, Tattered items, Rags, Items with Holes or Tears, Broken Items
- -Pack and Plays, Car Seats, Strollers, Baby Seats, Loungers
- -Miscellaneous Housewares, Decorative Items, Bric-Brac
- -Dishes, Glassware, Baking/Cookware, Pots/Pans, Kitchenware of any Kind

ITEMS SHOULD BE BAGGED AS FOLLOWS:

White kitchen garbage bags (13 gallon size)
Retail shopping bags (from Target/Walmart, Old Navy, etc)
Black garbage bags (no larger than 30 gal, and do not fill more than halfway)
Re-usable/canvas/plastic/fabric shopping bags, laundry bags

**All items donated must be in good, usable condition. The clothing and other items are NOT
SHREDDED

The Antlers are working with NJClothingDrive out of Flanders, NJ recycling the acceptable items to be distributed globally and locally, to those in need. NJ Clothing Drive, is a service provided by the fundraising division of Millennium International Textile, Inc., Morris County's premier textile recycling company, established in 1996. Any questions, please contact tarinc35@optonline.net.

Thank you in advance for your donations and continued support!

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