



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



June was a jam-packed month so many outstanding events where to start? Well let's start at the beginning with our Wildwood reunion weekend, and what a weekend it was!! Congratulations to our very own **Jennifer Appaluccio** on Friday she was installed as the Vice President of the Northwest District, it's going to be a great year! Then on Saturday we bought home the coveted Governor's trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the state at the parade. In addition to winning the parade overall, we took home State Awards in the following categories, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Best Music, Best Military Guard, Best Esquire, and Best Exalted Ruler. We also received 2<sup>nd</sup> place state awards for Best Dressed and Best Float. I am honored to be part of the legacy of winning the parade which started with **PER Eric Martin**, 13 years ago when he said, and I quote "let's just go and win the thing". Over the years we have won the parade a handful of times, but this year was extra special as we achieved the three peat, the trophy is officially retired and will reside in our lodge! It serves as a constant reminder of what we can do when we all work together, thank you to everyone and be proud of the part you played in the lodges' success. If you were with us in Wildwood, you know Lake Hopatcong has the best gig in town, **the House Committee and Smokin' Schmidy's BBQ** did an awesome job fueling us throughout the weekend but, it takes incredible people power to pull off an event of this size. From the Convention & Float Committee planning sessions, to room assignments, float building, meals, hospitality, finishing touches on the float, ironing parade uniforms, marching, and let's not forget the truck packing, hauling, and unpacking, it is truly impossible to thank everyone but, I truly thank you all!

On June 14<sup>th</sup> we held our Flag Day Ceremony and the retirement of **PER Lisa Rovito's** flag. Our lodge was filled with people there to pay tribute to Old Glory. Thank you to **our Officers, Honor Guard, Boys Scouts, Veterans, Patricia Zdichocki, PSP Rick Gathen** and a special thank you to our Americanism chairperson **Patricia Carley** and our Flag Day Chairperson **Linda Gathen PDD** for organizing and carrying out a ceremony that not only observes the day but honors the history of the flags of our country.

Next up was Father's Day BBQ and what a huge success! Thank you to the **House Committee, Cory & Patsy Schmidt**, and everyone else that jumped into help! We had great weather, lots of laughs and too many smiling faces to count.

Thanks to **Lisa Rovito PER** who bought us the unique opportunity to help the community by partnering with Lake Hopatcong Cruises. It was an honor to host the Salute to Veterans Luncheon after their Cruise around the Lake on Miss Lotta. What a special day this is for the Veterans in our community and thank you to Lisa for representing our Lodge at the event. Please take a moment to read **Captain Lee's** thank you to our Lodge and when you see those mentioned extend your thanks, we know that none of us do what we do for the accolades we do it for the joy and love of helping and honoring others.

A special **thanks to the PERs** who brought in a class of 13 new members on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Our Lodge is growing and it's great to see all the new faces and learn about their areas of interest.

July brings us happy children because school is out, barbeques, vacations, conversations by the fire and our National Convention. This year Grand Lodge is in Minneapolis, MN. Godspeed to **Lisa Rovito** and her team as they represent our Lodge and State in the National Ritual competition. Go get'em 782, we know you will blow them all away! We will also be there to witness **Kathleen Caffrey** be installed as the Northwest District Deputy! Congratulations to **Kathleen**, it's an honor to serve as the District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler and I personally can't wait to be part of the great things you and **Jennifer** do for our District and Elkdom.

## 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
Esquire	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Victoria Angle 201-506-1181
Inner Guard	Sheila Speroni 973-229-8254
Tiler	Michael Maida
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	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 Winnians, PVP 201-572-8297
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS BORN IN JULY

01	Laura Stanzilis
02	Larry E May
03	Mark Bishop
04	Lisette Giacobbe
04	David Ricci
04	Patricia Schmidt
04	Laryssa Ricker Weinberg
05	David M Doyle
05	Maxine Maida
05	June Vaananen
06	Thomas J DeBaun
07	Alex Banos
07	Marjorie Chrisafis
07	Kimberly Ann Douglas
07	Laura Lee Madonia
07	Jeff Moppert
07	George P O'Brien
08	Dave Hubay
09	Roslyn Durkin
10	Brian J P Craig
10	Lurette Guilmette
10	Chris Loizou
11	Thomas G Cobane
11	Eugene J Cullen
11	Dominick J Delefave
11	David Jamieson
13	Charles N Ruitenber
13	Lillyanne Yeager
14	Mary L Bridgewater
15	Sheila Speroni
16	Heather Marro
16	Keith A Smith
17	Veronica Weston
19	Harry J Kupper
19	Louis A Kupper
20	Pamela Kappy
20	Wendy H Maler
21	Danielle Stockstill
22	Nancy Loizou
22	Joseph J Spatola
23	Sean Andrew Connolly
23	Sylvia Petillo
25	Kimberly O'Brien
25	Dana Tyndall
26	Kathy Appleby
26	Barbara Gannon
26	Robson Martins
26	Al Rennick
27	David Buchanan
27	James Clarke
27	Kenneth P Dulio
27	Anthony Rizza
28	Ida Bochner
28	Donald Bogardus
28	Leeann Clark
28	Eileen Englese
29	Leanne Fetcho
30	Richard Slater
31	David Montgomery



## **“Elks Give from the Heart”**

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



### **Continue Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm**

It is hard to believe that July is here already. A year ago, Helen and I embarked on an incredible journey in representing all of you as your Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady. I can honestly say that this was something that we never envisioned, but we're so very glad to have been given this tremendous opportunity.

The commitment and care that we witnessed in each Lodge in each state throughout our travels was truly remarkable. Each of you has been a source of inspiration to your Lodge and your community through your involvement with the programs of our great Order. We saw you warmly and heartily "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm." Every state promoted our program. We developed a renewed sense of pride in each and every state. We saw Members working together; smiles on the children; the fruits and rewards of hard work of our youth as they received a scholarship; a proud thank you from our veterans; and an utmost sense of patriotism and loyalty to our nation's flag. We cannot express our gratitude for your fine work and continued growth to your Lodge and to our Order.

It was enlightening to meet new Members and friends as well as renew time with old friends. Please continue to ask that relative or friend to join you in becoming a Member of this great Order. It was fantastic to spend time at state conventions, youth camps, Major Project events, veterans' ceremonies, flag celebrations, and much, much more. The Elks we met reminded us that we indeed have a huge family out there.

Helen and I promise to continue to serve you as we move forward into this next Elks year and for many more. We will continue in "Promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm" as we know that you will too. We absolutely look forward to serving this organization and the people who we love and enjoy: You, the Elks!

We look forward to this convention in Minneapolis. It will be a fun and exciting time. Together we can, we do, and we will continue to make a difference in our Lodges and in our communities.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops, past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

## **“Elks Care - Elks Share.”**

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The Veterans picnic is back at the Birchwood Manor on July 12th for the first time since covid if you are interested in seeing how you can help, please reach out to **Ed Parrillo**.

Exciting things are happening around the lodge, in case you didn't know our main lodge room/dining room will be closed July 2nd-11th for renovations to the floors and main bar. During this time, we ask you to please use the side door off the patio to enter and exit the members bar, and while we can't wait to show off the new floors, we ask that people not enter the area until the project is complete for their own safety.

Our Wednesday Night barbecues, and Friday Night Dinners are going strong with great attendance. Thank you for supporting our committees and the lodge. Every week we have great and inventive specials if you haven't stopped by, I encourage you to come for dinner and enjoy the camaraderie of our community and the great food our members are cooking.

I always set forward a challenge in my article and while I continue to encourage everyone to stop by and get to know your fellow Elks this month's challenge is for you and me. As you all learned during orientation before your initiation the Elks have so many great programs. You can see all the good, we do for our communities and special projects. New members are often eager to find out more about the committees and don't always know where to start. As I mentioned last month our Chairs are fantastic, so let's connect and see where you feel you want to be involved.

Finally, I will leave you with a quote by Elmer Davis "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." So as you celebrate the 4th of July and our countries independence, I encourage you take a moment and think of the men and women that protect our freedoms every day!

Fraternaly Yours,

***Samantha Martin, Exalted Ruler***

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

To all of our members who have had surgery and are in a physical rehab or now home recuperating: Carlos Rojas, PPD, McKayla Winnans, Madelyn Walrod, PER, Samantha Martin, ER's Mother, Barbara Hopler, Tina Kraus' daughter, Ashley and her husband, Dave. Prayers to Audrey Evans, Pasquale Ficco and Mary Butt ... Getbetter soon!

If you know of someone who is in need of our prayers please contact me at 973-668-9302.

Debi Werner, *Sickness & Distress Chairperson*

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Let's start with a big shout out to **Linda Gathen, PDD** and her float committee. Lake Hopatcong Elks brought home 20 awards including Coveted 1st place Governors trophy!! Thank you to all who marched and helped the weekend making it run smooth.

I want to thank all who helped with our fathers day picnic. A shout out to Smokin' Schmidty's BBQ for the smokin pig. It was a great success!!

## WE ARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COOKS!!

Please come and share your favorite dish!!  
Please call me for more details at 973-668-9302

## CALLING ALL COMMITTEES!!!

(IT'S YOUR TURN TO RAISE EASY MONEY FOR YOUR CAUSE)  
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR WEDNESDAY BBQ  
(After cost, all monies go to your committee)

I would like to thank our house committee for stepping up and for doing all you do.

Debi Werner, *House Committee Chairperson*

## SHOT FROM THE BAR

Summer is finally here! Our lodge is a great place to be. Bar is open everyday at 12:00. Come down for refreshments on the patio or cool off in our members bar. We have a new Guest Book in the bar. All members bringing guests, please sign yourself in and your guests too.

Nancy Loizou, Bar Chairperson



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**JULY 7, 2023**  
NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER  
LODGE CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

**JULY 14, 2023**  
Chicken Kabob With Pasta Salad

**JULY 21, 2023**  
Pork Loin With Apricot/Balsamic Glaze,  
Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

**JULY 28, 2023**  
Christmas In July  
Roast Turkey , Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes  
String Bean Casserole

## YOUTH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE

All are welcome to attend!! We will have a meeting July 24th at 7:00pm. Any questions call Tom Brown 973-919-5395 or email [tbcoach@hotmail.com](mailto:tbcoach@hotmail.com).



## Bartenders WANTED



## OUR LODGE IS LOOKING FOR BARTENDERS

**ALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE:** Days, Nights, Weekends

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*Friendly, Fun, Organized, Confident Individuals  
With Great Communication skills!!!*

**REQUIREMENTS - AN ELK IN GOOD STANDING.  
AN ELK LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS. AN ACTIVE ELK.**

*(No experience needed, we will train you)*

**PLEASE CONTACT NANCY LOIZOU @ 973-632-1129  
WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS!!**



*New Jersey State Elks Association*

## MIRACLE RUN 2023 RAFFLE

Drawing July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm

**DONATION \$20.00**

**WIN A 2022 HARLEY DAVIDSON ROAD GLIDE**  
*(Retail \$21,999)*

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**PLEASE SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

# THANK YOU LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE # 782 !

*From Captain Lee Moreau on behalf of Miss Lotta, Lake Hopatcong Cruises*

On Saturday June 24, The Elks hosted a complimentary lunch for nearly a hundred Veterans and another 150 of their family members and friends. The Elks dining hall planned and prepared two large seatings for lunch. That is a lot of mouths to feed from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm and then turn the room over for a Roxbury High School reunion function Saturday evening. Lodge # 782 was as busy as a beehive on Saturday.

Thank you to each and every Elk, Antler, Daughter of the American Revolution, Gavin Gardner and likely many others (I may not be aware of) that lent a hand to make this Salute to Veterans luncheon a success. Lodge # 782 warmly welcomed the Veterans from the Miss Lotta Cruises, served them lunch with a few special sides, i.e. Navy Bean soup and Chipped Beef or SOS. Those special sides were compliments of **Walter Wurster** who wears a lot of hats (friend, Navy Veteran, Roxbury Resident, chairs the Elks Motorcycle committee, and Chef Wurster for this luncheon and reunion dinner). Walter spent days in the Elks kitchen preparing for Saturday and he was not alone. **Nancy Loizou**, chairs the bar committee (that is a good gig right there) was in charge of everything that had to happen in the kitchen. You name it and Nancy worked it: menu planning, purchasing, seeking sponsors, decorating, food service, room set up (with a lot of help from Elks volunteers), keeping an eye on Walter and executing the plan to perfection.

Thank you to our luncheon sponsors: Lake Hopatcong Cruises, Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, StoneWater, Jersey Mike's Subs, Anthony and Sons Bakery, E & T Deli, and the Jefferson market. Thank you to Lodge # 782 !

Thank you to **Lisa Rovito, PER**. Lisa said yes to a question I never asked. Last fall I attended an Elks function to raise money for the Veterans committee. I was standing beside Lisa having a beer and I was talking about the unfortunate fire at the American Legion Post 245 (that typically hosted the luncheon after the Miss Lotta June Vets Cruises). At that time, I had no idea where the June 2023 Veterans luncheon would be hosted. Also, at that time I had no idea that Lisa was the Exalted Ruler of the Elks. Lisa walked away and came back ten minutes later (after talking with **Ed Parrillo**) and said the Elks Lodge # 782 would host the Veterans luncheon. I joined the Elks Lodge.

Thank you to **Samantha Martin, Exalted Ruler** -who took the handoff of the baton from Lisa- on this commitment and delivered a first-class event on behalf of those who wore the uniform of our Nation.

Thank you to **Ed Parrillo**, Chairman Veterans committee and all the committee members on hand that lent a hand this past Saturday.

Thank you to **Chris Loizou** for setting the mood or theme of the day. All the Veterans and family members walked by his vintage Military vehicle as they entered the Elks.

Thank you to **Mike Clark, Chris Loizou and the "recruits"** for all the behind the scenes support (room set up, clean up, rack 'em , stack 'em, re-set them and do it again for Sunday morning) that kept everything in place, on time and looking good.

Lake Hopatcong Elks #782 – Making a Difference in our Community!

YES YOU DO !! Our community is fortunate to have you !



## PER ASSOCIATION

We have several updates to share. Under Sickness & Distress, please keep **Carlos Rojas PPD, George Batelli PDD, and Squire Osborne PER** in your prayers, so God may help them heal and return to us at the Lodge.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Appaluccio** for being installed as NW District Vice President in Wildwood.

Congratulations to **Pete Appaluccio, PDD**, for being installed as State Tiler in Wildwood.

Congratulations to **Matt Winnans, PVP**, for winning All-State Esquire in the Wildwood Parade.

Congratulations to **ER Samatha Martin** for winning All-State Exalted Ruler in the Wildwood Parade.

Congratulations to **Kathleen Caffrey, PVP**, who will be installed as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler at the National Convention in Minneapolis.

Congratulations to **Wayne McDonnell, PER, Lisa Rovito, PER, and ER Samatha Martin** for leading our Lodge to 3 consecutive First Place Governor's Awards in the Wildwood Parade.

Thank you to the **PERs** who stepped up and showed up to initiate 13 new members on Sunday, June 25th at 10 AM.

Thank you to the **PERs** who participated in Wildwood and helped us accomplish our Lodge's best State Convention in history. From building the float, managing 98 hotel room reservations, preparing the Lodge uniforms and ironing 70 vests, preparing us to have the Best in State Honor Guard, driving the equipment truck & float, and making sure all the food & beverages were on time and of the highest quality for 200 people all weekend, encouraging and preparing our members to march in the parade and compete with the pride and excellence our Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge is known for nationwide. Thank you ALL!

Congratulations to **Lisa Rovito, PER** and everyone for your leadership as we are again a finalist for the All-American Lodge Award, which will be announced in Minneapolis.

Congratulations to **Linda Gathen, PPD**, for her grant writing skills. Linda has secured over \$22,000 in ENF grants, all being used for the betterment of our community.

Congratulations to the **PER's coaching and/or performing on the Lodge Ritual Team** for your leadership as we again compete for the National Championship in Minneapolis.

A big thank you to **Lodge Secretary Barbara Tokar, PER, and Linda Gathen, PDD**, who work tirelessly to manage nearly 700 members and execute the back office excellently.

A big thank you to **Tom Brown, PDD**, who works tirelessly as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

A big thank you to **ER Samatha Martin**, who works tirelessly to lead our Lodge by example and is doing a magnificent job. It takes an exceptional hands-on leader to manage our active Lodge!

Finally, **thank you ALL** for being part of the most active PER Associations in the nation. Your leadership and experience are why the Lake Hopatcong Elks thrive every year.

Thanks,

Rick Gathen, PER Association President

## ANTLERS CORNER

I am so excited to welcome four new Antlers to our order. They have already started volunteering for Friday Night Dinners and helped serve at the Father's Day Pig Roast along with the rest of our Antlers. They also served the Veteran's Luncheons on June 24th. They are very enthusiastic and a great addition to our group! There are presently 6 new Antlers awaiting Initiation and we will be scheduling an Initiation Ceremony this summer upon our return from the Grand Lodge Convention. **Please continue to thank our Antlers for all of their hard work and dedication.**

We are planning our annual field trip to Frog Falls Water Park the first week of August and will be planning more fundraisers and fun activities at our next meeting.

**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. This month's donation will go to the Waterloo Neighborhood Food Pantry.

We continue to try to grow our numbers and 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.

Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER



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### NEW MEMBER

STEPHEN ALBANESE  
CHRIS CHUCK  
ERIN DE LA CRUZ  
LEANNE FETCHO  
EILEEN HANNA  
KARA HIGGINS  
SUSAN HORSTMAN  
SHARON KEPLER  
GREGORY MARTIN  
IDIANA MURRAY-MARTIN  
MAUREEN MATTESON  
WILLIAM RIZZI  
LORI STROM

TO OUR  
NEW  
MEMBERS  
WHO JOINED  
US ON  
JUNE 25, 2023

Fraternally  
Yours,

Barbara Tokar, PER  
Lodge Secretary

### PROPOSED BY

ALEX BANOS  
MIKE CLARKE  
PATRICIA ZDICHOCKI  
LINDA BIANCULLI  
ALEX BANOS  
ERIC SABOL  
GAIL DELANEY  
LINDA BIANCULLI  
BARBARA TOKAR  
BARBARA TOKAR  
PATRICIA ZDICHOCKI  
JILL AYERS  
GAIL DELANEY



# VETERANS COMMITTEE



Well can you believe that 2023 is half over already? Let's hope the second half of this year is even better! June for the Veterans committee was very successful. On June 24th was the Miss Lotta cruise for our Veterans. Our lodge provided lunch to those Veterans and their families. It was exceptional and everyone had a great time. Thank you to **Linda Kleine** for all the great pictures of the Veterans cruise and the lunch. The following day, Sunday, July 25th was the flag retirement at the Hackettstown Elks Lodge. It was a big success. Thank you Hackettstown Elks Lodge and all the Northwest District Committee and the Scouts. On June 28 our committee hosted the Wednesday Night BBQ. I hear everyone very much enjoyed the specialty Cubano sandwich made by Thank you to Linda Kleine for all the great pictures of the Veterans cruise and the lunch. ! **Thank you to my great committee** for a great barbecue. Thank you, **Debbie Hill and Pat** for the desserts, they were delicious!! On June 30 our Veterans Committee held a BBQ at Valley Brook for veterans. **Myself and Howie** cooked the burgers and hotdogs. **Pat , Susan, Gail, and Garrett** did the serving to our vets. They had a great crew there from the VFW Legion helping us! Please note that on July 12th the Northwest District will host another BBQ at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany for Veterans. Also please mark your calendars for the Annual Music Fest. See the flyer in this newsletter. Thank you to all Elks and visitors for attending the BBQs! I hope everyone enjoys the food and services and has a have a happy and safe Fourth of July. Wishing our best to our Ritual Team competing in Minneapolis! We know you will do well!

God bless America and all veterans both here and gone,

*Ed Parrillo, Jr.*

Veterans Committee Chairperson

## VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

July 12 • August 9 • September 13 • October 11 • November 8 • December 13



# 2023 WILDWOOD NJ ELKS CONVENTION - 1ST PLACE!!



# ANNUAL FLAG DAY CEREMONY HELD JUNE 14TH





**Lake Hopatcong #782  
Army of Hope  
13th Annual Earl T. "Corky" Cornelius  
Golf Classic**



**Friday August 11, 2023  
Farmstead Country Club in Andover  
7:00 AM Registration  
8:00 AM Shotgun Start**

**Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner at Farmstead  
Limited to the first 72 Golfers  
Cost \$130.00 per golfer**

**Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope**

**Foursome Names**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**For more information please call Robert Ricker 973-886-0160**

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**Please Sponsor a Hole \$50.00**

**Sponsor Name or Names or What you would like on the sign**

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**Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope and  
Mail to**

**Robert Ricker  
521 Edith Road  
Landing NJ 07850**

**Lake Hopatcong Elks #782**

**18th Annual**



**SEAFOOD  
FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH**

**2:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

**STEAMERS • CLAMS • SHRIMP • CLAM CHOWDER  
SHRIMP COCKTAIL • SHRIMP SCAMPI • MUSSELS  
BURGERS • HOT DOGS • CORN-ON-THE-COB  
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# JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	4 Happy 4th of July	5	DARTS	6	8 NO FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN HALL CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS
9	10 Ritual Practice	11 House Committee Meeting	12 BBQ VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING	DARTS	13	14 Friday Night Dinner
16	17 Ritual Practice	18	19 BBQ	DARTS	20	21 Friday Night Dinner
23	24 Ritual Practice	25	26 BBQ	DARTS	27	28 Friday Night Dinner
30	31 Ritual Practice					

Come Join Us !!

ELKS VETERANS SERVICE

Come & Help Support Our Vets

# Music FESTIVAL

Hosted By Northwest District Veteran Committee @  
201 HOWARD BOULEVARD • MT. ARLINGTON, NJ 07856

**LIVE MUSIC** WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

Join Us At **THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**THE TIME IS TBD** *Get Your Tickets Now!*

Featuring \$15 Donation To Veterans  
\$10 Wristband (Draft Beer, Wine, Soda)

**LIVE MUSIC - LIVE BANDS**

**BAND LINE UP TO BE ANNOUNCED!**  
Interested In Joining Contact Ed Parillo at 973-479-7696

**50/50 RAFFLE**

FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL LODGES LISTED

Lake Hopatcong ★ 973-398-9835  
Parsippany ★ 973-884-2078  
Hackettstown ★ 908-852-9723  
Sparta ★ 973-726-0169  
Boonton ★ 973-335-0017

Sussex ★ 973-875-3990  
Livingston ★ 973-533-9777  
East Hanover ★ 973-428-8900  
Madison ★ 973-822-1465

Call Now To Get Your Tickets

**2023**

**ARMY OF HOPE**  
NEW JERSEY ELKS

## NWD Army of Hope Committee

### Porch Sign Fundraiser

**Wednesday, August 2, 2023**  
**6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Madison Elks Lodge #1465**  
**192 Main Street, Madison, NJ 07940**

We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and creativity!  
Jen Starr, with PaintFusion Art Events, will provide the boards, paints, and many templates to select from, along with instructions from Jen and her staff

**Cost is \$50.00 per person**

Please mail checks made payable to NJSEA (AOH) along with a list of attendees to:  
Pamela Ricker, 521 Edith Road, Landing, NJ 07850

Any questions, please contact Pamela at [pamelaricker@hotmail.com](mailto:pamelaricker@hotmail.com)



# 2023 AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 LODGE MEETING	2 	3	4 Friday Night Dinner	5
6	7 Ritual Practice  Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	8 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	9  Veterans Committee Meeting	10	11 Friday Night Dinner 	12 
13	14 Ritual Practice	15	16 	17	18 Friday Night Dinner	19 
20	21 Ritual Practice	22	23 	24	25 Friday Night Dinner	26
27	28 Ritual Practice	29	30 	31		



## LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE

No. 782

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Mount Arlington, NJ 07856



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