



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday
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Exalted Ruler's Message

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2023

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

2024



May came and went like all the months seem to do these days. Our Wednesday night BBQ's are going strong, we had some colder days in May but June is looking very promising. Come down and support these committees and their fundraising efforts, their great food and enjoy the comradery of your fellow Elks and community!

We had two fantastic Ritual Team fundraisers last month. First was a Flea market lead by **Sheila Speroni** and her crew. The second was a Texas Hold'em tournament, **Eric Sabol** brought Mike's Poker Tables in for a great night! A big Thank You to everyone that came to support these events. The Antlers 2nd Annual Mother's Day Flower sale was a tremendous success thanks to **Lisa Rovito PER, Nestor's Greenhouse, the Antlers, Patti Carroll and Bob Venier** who volunteered to man the table a second day during Mother's Day Brunch.

Our Mother's Day Brunch was a sellout probably because it was out of this world! We received tons of compliments so a BIG THANK YOU to the **House Committee and all those that stepped up** to help make this a standout event, and personally as a mom, I am grateful!

I was also able to donate time to the Lake Hopatcong Foundations Floating Classroom and see our ENF Grant in action! So much fun helping on the boat and being part of these events. If you can donate time, they still have volunteer slots available in June, you will be happy you did it!! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e44a4a723a1f49-educational1#/>

We had great weather for our Mount Alington Parade. Thank you to our Honor Guard (**Jennifer Appaluccio VPE, Doug Detroy, Pete Appaluccio PDD and Barb Pirro**) **Patty Zdichacki** as Esquire and our Banner carriers **Matthew and Adrianna Martin** for marching with me. I also had the honor to stand with our Veterans as part of the flag raising ceremony. I can't begin to express the pride I felt in raising the Air Force Flag, as the granddaughter and sister of three US Airmen it meant a great deal! **Ed Parillo and Al Reddick** did a terrific job helping our community with the services that day. Once again, the **House Committee** stepped into action welcoming our community back to the lodge with hot dogs and sodas after the event, thank you! It is always nice to see everyone stop in and chat on a beautiful day.

As we cannonball into June, it will be another busy month. We will be packing the Truck for Wildwood on May 31st and many of us leave on June 1st for the State Convention. Once again, we have a record number of people in attendance, not only booking our hotel but we are into two overflows. I would like to thank the members (**Richard Gathen PSP, Linda Gathen PDD, Pete Appaluccio PDD, Jen Appaluccio VPE, Eric Martin PER, Alex Banos, Mike Walsh PER and Derek Walsh**) that have spent the last couple of months building the amazing float that represents our Lodge in this year's parade. From concept, to design, to build, to all the Disney details this float has it all! It is a fantastic representation of "Charity the Corner Stone of Elkdom". We will once again be marching with the **Hawthorne Caballeros Drum & Bugle Corps** whose music is second to none and they plan to have the largest Color Guard in the parade this year! It is through all these efforts and your participation that give us the chance to bring home the coveted Governor's Trophy for a third year in a row. If you are going to Wildwood, please remember to pack your long-sleeved white button down shirt, black pants, black shoes, and black socks for the parade. We will be providing the red vests, ties, and hats.

If you ordered a Wildwood T-shirt, I will be distributing them in Wildwood and then at the lodge after convention. I did order a few extras in limited sizes this year, see me if you are interested in purchasing a shirt and missed the sign up.

June 14th is Flag Day. We will be commemorating the adoption of the Stars and Stripes during Wednesday night BBQ at 7:00pm! Please join our Flag Day and Americanism Committees for this humbling ceremony as we retire and present the flag flown over our lodge during **Lisa Rovito's PER** year to her.

June 18th is Father's Day, and we will be celebrating with our Annual Father's Day BBQ. This year we will have a Pig Roast which starts at 1:00pm.

This month's challenge is to reach out to the chair of a committee you are interested in learning more about. Our Chairs are fantastic and would welcome the conversation about what they are doing for the lodge and our community. Their numbers are all on the next page!

Finally, I leave you with this quote by Misty Copeland. "Be strong, be fearless, be beautiful. And believe that anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you." How apropos as it is just what we do as Elks, we support each other and our communities!

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
Esquire	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Victoria Angle 201-506-1181
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Lodge Photographer	Linda Kline
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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

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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
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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

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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 Winnians, PVP 201-572-8297
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395



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01	Michael K Hanley
01	Wesley Martin
01	Ronald Petillo
02	Patrick Esposito
03	Walter H Michalski
03	Joanne L Ridner
04	Patricia A Koba
04	Melissa VanCleve
05	Jill Fedorchak
06	Eugene J Garabrant
06	Edward Parrillo
06	Bruce Roznoy
07	Robert J Lupia
07	Loretta Rogers
08	Robert E Crocetti
08	Wally Hoskins
08	Jamie Openhym
08	Diana Scotto
09	Anthony Trezza
10	Elizabeth Castoro
11	Lynn Gieger
11	Lee Tylecki
12	Pasquale J Ficcio
12	Elaine Russo
13	Ellen Clark
15	Raymond Hopler
16	Edward Hosler
16	Edward Kelly
18	Michael Grady
18	Jonathan Mutter
18	Anthony M Sessa
18	Heidi Venier
19	Scott Glennon
19	Douglas Moran
19	William G Norman Jr
19	Ann Schuitema
22	David P Smith
22	Michelle C Stawniczy
23	Margaret Lorenz
25	Jordan Medley
26	George Irving
26	George Markou
27	Christopher Hayden
28	Ken Chaplin
28	Nicole Curtis
28	Brenda Kenna
28	Brooke Mayer
29	Max H Alonso



“Elks Give from the Heart”

Bruce A. Hidley
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2022-2023



Honoring our Flag, remembering our fathers.

The Esteemed Leading Knight’s charge to our new Members opens with: “The Emblem of this station is the Flag of our country; and its motto is Charity, the cornerstone of every Elk structure, the highest virtue of every Elk creed.” New Members listening to this charge may gain an understanding of what the Flag means to us as Elks.

Across our great country, Flag Day is observed on the 14th day of June each year to honor and commemorate the adoption of the American Flag. The Second Continental Congress adopted this date in 1777, and President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation in 1916 establishing June 14 as national Flag Day.

In our great Order of Elks, the Grand Lodge, by Resolution, designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1911, the Grand Lodge adopted a mandatory observance of Flag Day in all of our Lodges.

Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the red, white, and blue in front of homes and businesses. Flag Day events are held by Lodges all across our great country with ceremonies, parades, essay contests, and, most importantly, our Elks Flag Day Ceremony. The American Flag is the emblem of the “land that I love.” Our Flag symbolizes the land of the free and home of the brave for all Americans. June also has another special day for all of us as we honor and celebrate Father’s Day. This year the holiday falls on Sunday, June 18. No matter how far away you may be, take the time to reach out and say happy Father’s Day. This is not only a special day for your father but it is also special for your grandfather, your great-grandfather, your brother, and your special uncle. Happy Father’s Day. June is the beginning of our summer months. Children are home from school, graduation ceremonies are held, and families begin summer vacations. Celebrating our Flag and participating in June activities in our homes and at our Lodges truly show “Elks Care — Elks Share.” I encourage each of you to continue “Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm” by bringing joy, happiness, love and lots of sunshine to one another.

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

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



VETERANS COMMITTEE



The Lake Hopatcong Block party on June 25th was slightly rainy but myself and Karen stuck it out until the end. We will certainly be adding to our table next year in having giveaways to attract more people to stop and speak with us about what we do as members of the Veterans Committee for our lodge.

The Texas Hold’em event held at our lodge was a lot of fun! I look forward to the next one. It was a great success. On May 21st I attended the Sussex Lodge at High Point State Park. It was a clear but windy day! The ceremony that follow was very touching and tugged at the heart.

The Northwest District will have a flag ceremony at 1:00pm on June 25th at the Hackettstown lodge. There will be lunch to follow at 2:00pm. The cost is \$10.00.

Good luck to our lodge in Wildwood for the Convention, especially our marchers! Our float certainly looks like it will be a winner to me! The weather so far is looking perfect for all to enjoy! Don’t forget your sunblock!

In June the Veterans Committee will be hosting a Wednesday Night BBQ. Stay tuned!

Wishing all our Father’s both here and gone a very Happy Father’s Day!!

Ed Parrillo, Jr.
Veterans Committee Chairperson

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

It is with our deepest sympathy to our member **Jack Delaney** on the loss of his sister. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.

Our member, **Pasquale Ficca** who is still in rehab after a recent breaking of his hip. Get well soon, miss your "Frank Sinatra" tunes.

Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson



HOUSE COMMITTEE

I'd like to start with a **BIG THANK YOU** to our **House Committee and Others** who stepped up and volunteered to make Mother's Day Brunch a big success. We were sold out and had gotten great feed back from our guests.

There **WILL NOT** be Friday night dinner on June 2nd. All our cooks will be in Wildwood for the Convention. Also please take note that we **WILL NOT be serving FND on July 7th**. Our main hall will be closed for renovations. The main hall will be closed from July 2nd through July 11th.

Our Wednesday BBQs are going great!! Please come out and support our hard working Ritual team who are raising funds to help with the expenses to get them to Nationals.

June 18th we will be celebrating all of our Dads on FATHER'S DAY with a pig roast. We will also serve hamburgers, hot dogs, along with assorted side dishes. Please call Debi at 973-668-9302 to reserve your spot! Dads are free. Please check out flyer for all the details. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. Call by June 10th at 973-668-9302.

Wishing All Of Our Dads A Very Happy Father's Day!!

*Debi Werner,
House Committee Chairperson*

NASCAR SUNDAYS! SHOT FROM THE BAR

Beautiful Spring weather is finally here! Come down to the lodge and enjoy a cool refreshment on our patio. Look for some Summer Specials coming to the lodge soon!

Nancy Loizou, Bar Chairperson

A decorative border around the text featuring American flags, stars, and the Lake Hopatcong logo.

LAKE HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY #782

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

JUNE 2, 2023
NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
WILDWOOD CONVENTION
GOOD LUCK 782!!!

JUNE 9, 2023
Chicken Dijon

JUNE 16, 2023
Beef Stir Fry

JUNE 23, 2023
Kielbasa & Perogies With Bacon and Onion
Served In A Garlic Butter Sauce

JUNE 30, 2023
Pork Milanese

A flyer for motorcycle committee meetings. It features a yellow background with a black motorcycle silhouette and a winding road graphic. The text is in bold, black and yellow fonts.

1st Monday
Every Month 6PM

MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Walter Wurster
973-420-8165
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Lake Hopatcong Elks
201 Howard Blvd.
Mt. Arlington

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782
MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

Our main hall will be closed for renovations from July 2nd through July 11th.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

As we kick off another long summer season, we want to wish all our Special needs families, our veterans who have served and our troops currently serving to please have a safe and wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

We want to have a Zoom Interest meeting for all our members, brand new to our organization and our longer term members for Tuesday, 6/27/23 at 7:30 pm. An email blast will go out from Secretary Barbara, following our return from our Wildwood Convention with meeting details. All will be welcome. We want to start on some new projects for our special needs families and we will be discussing these. In the meanwhile, we want you to look forward to seeing Past Ambassador Jacob riding in the parade at Wildwood as his Mom, Theresa Fiorentino, will be joining our award winning Honor Guard and marching this year.

Please be safe if you are joining our membership down at the Wildwood Convention. We should have a great time!

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

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



Congratulations to Derek Walsh "Elk of the Year"

As a 4th generation Elk, Derek has served under many Exalted Rulers, always asking what he can do for them and never asking for anything in return. He is kind, humble and a true asset to our lodge. Thank you Derek! You are beyond appreciated and deserving of this wonderful award



Fraternally yours, Lisa Rovito, PER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 19, 2023

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Details & Tickets To Be Sold Soon!

Our Wildwood Menu 2023

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers
Sussex Meat Hot Dogs
Potato Salad • Broccoli Salad
Baked Beans With Bacon
Watermelon For Dessert

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Taylor Ham, Egg & Cheese
On A Hard Roll

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Pulled Pork • BBQ Chicken
Sausage Peppers & Onions
Mac-N-Cheese • Coleslaw
Baked Beans With Bacon
Pasta Salad • Green Salad,
Cornbread • Fruit Salad,
Assorted Pastries • Cake



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



**PULLED PORK SLIDERS
CHEESEBURGERS • HOT DOGS
BAKED BEANS • POTATO SALADS
ASSORTED PASTA SALADS • DESSERT**

COMPLIMENTARY For All FATHERS

5 YEARS & UNDER FREE • 6 -11 YEARS OLDS \$10.00 • 12 & UP \$20.00

COME CELEBRATE THE DAY WITH US!

REFRESHMENT PACKAGE AVAILABLE

~ CASH BAR ALSO AVAILABLE ~

SUNDAY **JUNE 18TH** 2023
→ 1PM-5PM



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE #782
201 HOWARD BOULEVARD
MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ 07856

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

DEADLINE JUNE 10, 2023

PLEASE CONTACT: DEBI WERNER AT 973-668-9302



**ONLY \$12
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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)

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*Grab Your
Friends & Family
All Are Always
Welcome!*

*You Do Not Need To
Be A Member!*



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**



**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

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4. _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

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

Please Sponsor a Hole \$50.00

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

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Mail to

Robert Ricker

521 Edith Road

Landing NJ 07850

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	7 BBQ	DARTS 8	Friday Night Dinner 9	10
11	Ritual Practice 12	House Committee Meeting 13	14 FLAG DAY BBQ	DARTS 15	Friday Night Dinner 16	17
Father's Day Pig Roast 18	Ritual Practice 19	Lodge Meeting 7pm 20	21 BBQ	DARTS 22	Friday Night Dinner 23	24
25	Ritual Practice 26	House Committee Meeting 27	28 BBQ	DARTS 29	Friday Night Dinner 30	

On May 13th the Antlers held their annual Mother's Day plant sale from 9am to 3pm as part of the Lodge's Flea Market. Thank you to everyone that purchased plants to support our Antlers. Thank you to **Jennifer Markesteyn and Nester's Greenhouse** for supplying the beautiful plants and helping us with the fundraiser. Also special thanks to **Patricia Carroll** for manning the table all day along with the Antlers. On May 14th, the Antlers helped to serve at our Mother's Day Brunch and continue to volunteer for Friday Night Dinners. Please continue to thank them for their hard work and dedication. We will be planning more fundraising events in the future so continue to check the bulletin for upcoming events. As the end of the school year approaches we will be planning our annual field trips to reward the Antlers for all of their help throughout the year. We will once again be planning a trip to Frog Falls Water Park as well as other fun activities. 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 the 11th Hour Rescue.



On Friday May 26th Boonton Lodge will be reinstating their Antlers Lodge #11 and holding an Initiation and Installation of Officers. We look forward to joining other lodges in the District and continuing to grow our program as the Antlers are our future. 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 Father's Day! ~ Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER



Samantha Martin, Exalted Ruler and our Bar Chairperson, Nancy Zotynia Loizou teaching Roxbury Students on the Lake Hopatcong Elks Floating Classroom. The name of the boat is called the Study Hull. More than 1600 local students are learning about the environment and clean water. The ENF Impact Grant is helping us make a difference in our community.

Elks National Convention
Minneapolis 2023

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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 BBQ	6 DARTS	7 NO FRIDAY NIGHT MAIN HALL CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS	8
9	10 Ritual Practice	11 House Committee Meeting	12 BBQ	13 DARTS	14 Friday Night Dinner	15
16	17 Ritual Practice	18 Lodge Meeting 7pm	19 BBQ	20 DARTS	21 Friday Night Dinner	22
23	24 Ritual Practice	25 House Committee Meeting	26 BBQ	27 DARTS	28 Friday Night Dinner	29
30	31 Ritual Practice					



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