

It is now Fall time and we are moving right along through this pandemic and doing well.

Our Wednesday night BBQ's have ended. We will however be continuing our Friday night dinners. We have a new special night coming up here at the lodge! We are now starting a new pub night called Thirsty Thursday. Each week will be different specials. Our 1st night will be November 12th. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for details. You can always call **Madelyn** at 201-230-2596 for additional information.

On October 24th, we had our "Monsters of Rock" outdoor concert event. We had a very successful night and wonderful group of 4 live bands. What a great night we had! Everyone was complying to wearing masks inside etc. We used our new patio for the bands and they loved our setup. All the bands expressed to us that they want to come back again. Thank you all for joining us and all our workers who made this occasion a great success.

We also bought a huge tent for our outdoor activities and rentals as well. We have rented it out 3 or 4 times already. This is a wonderful way to bring in revenue to our lodge. Thank you to **Todd Cruickshank and Tom Rovito**. It has already been a great asset to our lodge.

Also we just finished our Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru for our special children. All volunteers wore masks and gloves to give our kids their Halloween candy. We decorated our cars and all involved had a great time. It was so nice to see the smiles on the kids and parent faces again. All of them thanked us you doing what we do. Again a great success for our lodge.

I have a couple of events to report for November. In November, our lodge meetings will continue to be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00pm until the end of the 2020 year is over. We will be having our Thirsty Thursdays and Friday night Dinners. Also our Veterans Committee will be doing handing out gifts to Veterans on Veterans Day and the lodge will be giving out hot dogs. So if you are a Veteran, please come to the lodge. The Veterans Committee will also be holding their Black Friday Spaghetti Dinner. Come and support them and enjoy!

Our raffle for the ENF liquor and hangover basket is still on sale, but the drawing will be November 13th, so please support our ENF and get you tickets now.

Once again I want to thank everyone for your continued support to our lodge. We cannot survive without all your continue support. Thank you 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, Elks and the United States of America's.

To all of our Veterans, thank you for your service. Wishing you all a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

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
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	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
5 Year Trustee	Mike Clarke
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HOUSE COMMITTEE

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.

Accident & Prevention	Mike Clarke
	973-713-2370
Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER
	201-230-2596
Americanism	Nancy Loizou
Antlers	973-632-1129 Tarin Chiappa
Alleis	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
Goverment Relations	973-398-2097 Heidi McDonnell, DD-D
Goverment Relations	862-579-5616
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke
	973-713-2370
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER
	973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown
Indoctrination	973-919-5395 Rick Gathen, PSP
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Investigation	Wayne McDonnell
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	201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	973-975-2325 Barbara Tokar
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Motorcycle	TBD
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP
	973-627-0017
Pole Barn Public Relations	Red Curry Rick Gathen, PSP
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Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	973-222-4547 Debi Werner
	973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown
Special Children	973-919-5395 Wayna McDannall
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo
	973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker
Youth Activities	973-288-1030 Tom Brown
Touth Activities	973-919-5395
	715-717-535



November Birthdays

We Would Like To Extend Our Best Wishes For A Happy Birthday To The Following Members

02	Thomas Dowling
02	Kelly Weber
04	Roland Bossi
04	Joseph Trosky
04	Henry Russo
06	Jason Gee
06	Michael Siglow
10	James J Bizarro
11	Michael Clarke
11	Amanda Feeley
12	Jacqueline Loughridge
12	Dawn Hopler
13	Christopher G Ondish
13	Marisol Castellanos
14	Dawn Dembowski
14	Charlotte Riser
14	Dawn Shaw
14	Lori Krawczuk
15	Ralph Lamanna
15	Barbara Tokar
15	Christopher Wulf
16	Mark Nicoletti
16	Carl Peterson
18	Frank Brown
18	Heather Darling
19	Heather Phelan
21	George Tweedley
22	John Fornini
23	George J Szatkowski
24	Sallimae Johnson
25	Enrico Togna
27	Beverly Murdter
29	Darryl L Clay
30	William H Flatt
30	Dan E Ryan
30	Verity Wetzler
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PLEASE NOTE

The starting time for our Regular Lodge meetings of November 3rd and 17th and December 1st and 15th has been changed to 7:00 p.m.

> **Barbara Tokar, PER** Lodge Secretary



'Tis the season we give thanks as the holiday season comes upon us. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you during this special time of year. Take the time to give back to your local veterans as Veterans Day is also upon us. So long as there are veterans, Elks will never forget them.

Set up a dinner for as many local veterans as you can. Help a homeless veteran with finding housing and household goods. Go to your local veterans hospital and bring them something as simple as socks and underwear. Take some Bingo cards and some small winner gifts and play Bingo for a few hours. There are so many things you can do to show your support of your local veterans. No matter what you accomplish to do in your Lodge, or outside your Lodge, to show the support, I am positive the thanks you receive will be worth it.

Thanksgiving is also cherished this month. Many Elks throughout our nation will celebrate by opening their Lodges to a dinner for the homeless, or for those who are less fortunate. Be a part of this if you can: The reward of thanks will warm you as the chill in the air gets cooler. Before sitting down with your family, give thanks for what you have and remember those who have fought to allow you to do so.

Now, this time of year is also a time to start thinking about the end of the Lodge year. Have you thought about your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, or your Citizen of the Year? This is a time to reflect on your Members who have stood out and helped you through your year. Show your appreciation for their hard work and prepare an event for attendance by Members to show them and non-Members what it means to be an Elk.

Stacey and I will travel back to Minnesota to be with our families during the holidays. We will think of all the people we have already met and also the ones who we look forward to meeting. We wish to extend to you a very happy Thanksgiving. We thank you for all your efforts during our year representing you as Elks. With your efforts for now and years to come we are "Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom!"

"Elks Care - Elks Share"

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all that either played or sponsored a hole for the Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Outing. I know that **Gerry** would be very proud of this years event as it raised 1,949.00 for the Drug Awareness Program. A special thank you to the lodge for the numerous golf sponsorships, lodges (Livingston, Sparta, Boonton) in the district for sponsorships and to NYPD for the 4 foursomes that came from them. We had three special guests this year play in our outing, our State Sponsor PGER Malcolm



McPherson, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight Roy DeRitter and Grand Trustee Richard Tabachuk. Their support shows the importance of the Drug Awareness Program in the State of New Jersey. Thanks to all. Next years golf outing is set for October 8, 2021 at Farmstead Golf Course in Lafayette NJ.

> Robert Ricker GLC Ritual



At Lake Hopatcong Elks with Trustee Tom Brown admiring the new 20 x 40-foot tent. Thank you, Todd Cruickshank and Tom Rovito. Great Lodge Officers make great things happen. Nice heat lamps will be added. Next to it is a beautiful patio with tables and a warm firepit. An incredible outdoor stage is under construction in the spacious pavilion area. All donating their talents. Trustee Mike Clarke is leading the way with many Member volunteers. The well-landscaped five acres are family-friendly. The Members are enthusiastically investing their time and talent into making Lake Hopatcong Elks safer, stronger, and more enjoyable. Rising to the Challenge and focused on the future. Always moving forward with a dedicated, active, and growing membership.

Richard Gathen, PSP



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

To our Absent member, **Ronald Jobeless**, a member of 43 years. Our respect and prayers to his family.

To our member and good friend **David (RUGSY) Fosse**, there are no words to express our sorrow and the loss of a dear friend and member of Lodge #782. Thank you for the laughs, the hugs and the love. To your family and friends we send our prayers. To Willy, we love you and hope family will let you visit us soon.

Please keep in your prayers to our members who are under doctor care and still recuperating; **Kurt Helwig, Samantha Martin, Frank Schmitt, Laurie Ann Walter Betz & Mark Kearns.**

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.

God Bless, Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress



First of all the Veterans Committee would like to pass on our sympathy to the families of **Tony Caputo** (*Veteran*) and **Cindy Cassibba** an active member of our Veterans Committee. May they rest in peace.

For the past couple of months the Veterans Committee has not had a column to publish in the newsletter due to the shutdown of the Covid-19 virus. The Vets at Lyons have been unable to have visitors or leave the Hospital. A few times we have been able to drop off snacks, sandwiches and drinks to them. We certainly missed having them at our Annual BBQ and will miss sitting with them here for a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner.

Thank you for your donations to our Committee. During these tough times as our funds are getting low because we have not been able to have any fundraising events but we are planning some for the near future.

If you are a Veteran please contact me for your t-shirt that the Committee purchased for our Vets. I can be reached at 973-398-6677.

On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th please remember to thank a Veteran for their service. It is very important for us to hear from family and friends.

Friday, November 27th the Committee will be having it's Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Diner. Take Out or Eat In at 25% dining is available.

Please continue to wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands and use sanitizer so we can stop the spread of this virus.



JOIN US AT THE LODGE NOVEMBER 11[™] FOR YOUR FREE GIFT FROM THE COMMITTEE & THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS!!

God Bless Our Veterans & Thank You For Your Service!!

Ed Parrillo Jr., Veteran Committee Chairperson



OCTOBER CORRECTION SICKNESS & DISTRESS Sad to report the loss of Anthony Caputo, who joined the Elks three years ago with his wife, Jacquie. Tony will always be remembered with a warm heart and pushing Luca around. Tony was a Veteran. Cynthia Cassibba was a member and a very big part of our Veteran Committee. Our blessings to her family. Prayers for continued healing to John O'Brien is recovering from an accident.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

A new Season is upon us. November 1st seems to start the Holiday Season. We will soon be thinking of Thanksgiving Dinner, shopping and New Years Eve.

Friday night dinners are currently being served for takeout and if you should desire we have limited dining inside also available. Watch the outside board for the menu options.

I would like to thank Mike Clarke and his crew for working very hard on the patio project and getting it to the point of being able to host our first outside concert. As many of you know we had a very successful "Monster Halloween Party" with 4 live bands. Without the patio project it would not have been such a success. I thank the many volunteers who made this event a great time that was had by all who attended.

There are other events being planned for fund raising for the lodge. Kicking off Thirsty Thursday on November 12th. Each week we will have a different food item on the menu. Our first week will feature Cheesesteaks with either beef or chicken as your choice. See more details in the newsletter.

Check out the flyer for our NYE party with limited ticket available. I would like to thank our Veterans for their service and wish all a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

As always I'm looking for Friday night cooks!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER, House Committee Chairman

SAFER-SMARTER-STRONGER ...

is the battle cry for the Lake Hopatcong Elks in 2020. The wrath of COVID-19 has forever changed the world. Our community has suffered greatly. We are still not out of the woods, as the darkness and disease still linger. The vaccine, if successful, will be a tremendous help towards resuming more activity in 2021. Our Lodge needs to remain nimble and stay on top of the latest research recommendations. In fact, "normal" might look different for a while, as we work together to take precautions and keep our Members and community safe. Masks, social distancing, and disinfecting strategies are the new normal. These are facts from COVID-19. But they do not tell you everything. There is great work being done with our Lodge supporting the community. We led the charge of collecting and distributing tons of food and clothing to those in need. We have not skipped a beat with caring for our Veterans and our Youth. Especially children with Special Needs. All for the betterment of our community, ravaged by COVID-19. We continue to grow membership by connecting and caring for the people in our community. We are driving positive messages, and expanding the Lake Hopatcong Elks brand. We are engaging our members and community every day on Social Media. I marvel at our strength, unyielding spirit, and admire in amazement how we do it. How you react in difficult times shows your strength.

We have learned to maximize our Lodge outdoor and green space. We have created a successful "take-out" dining service. More than 100 people a week are purchasing delicious and affordable"take-out" meals. As we begin to resume more in-person activities, many Members will be anxious to return and support the Lodge more. Find out about the fun events being planned at the Lodge through our social media page, Lodge website, and Lodge Bulletin. Please support your Lodge in some way. Purchase a delicious meal served every Friday affordably priced at only \$10. Make a donation to support the Elks National Foundation. Recruit your family and friends into the Lodge. Stop by and enjoy a beverage and great conversation. Stop by to see the new outdoor tents. Check out the new outdoor stage and newly renovated pavilion area. The Lodge inside and outside has never looked better. We are "Caring and Sharing" in new and innovative ways.

Business resiliency and embracing change will make the Lake Hopatcong ElksSAFER-SMARTER-STRONGER.

Thanks, Rick Gathen, PSP



NewMember Lisa Adams Tom Adams Patricia Crofcheck Carmine J. Errico, Jr. Kim Ann Hayden Mark Lorenz Mario Marcano Anthony Massari Gary Moore Helene Moore Herbert Moore Susan Moore Janet Rose Michael J. Savercool **Ray Savercool** Eric F. Sombers



INITIATED IN THE MONTH OCTOBER 2020



Lisa Rovito Todd Cruickshank Henry Savercool Roxanne Steffen Lisa Rovito Madelyn Walrod Henry Savercool Todd Cruickshank Todd Cruickshank Todd Cruickshank Todd Cruickshank Roxanne Steffen Henry Savercool Henry Savercool Kurt Helwig

Proposed By

Lisa Rovito

Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary

November already. We would not think time would fly like this with all that is going on. As the holiday season approaches and everything is so different. It is very sad that the Antlers will not be doing thing they love like their bake sales or the Veterans' giveaways this month. We will however be donating our





clothing drive proceeds this month to the Veterans Committee, the House Committee as well as the Grounds and Maintenance in helping **Mike Clarke** and his volunteers with the pavilion Our clothing drive is still going and is stronger than ever. We would like to thank all who have donated. As you can see your donations are going to some great causes at the Lodge.

In closing, we would like to thank our Veterans for their service. Fraternally yours, Tarin Chiappa, Antler Chairperson





SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

I first want to thank all of you who were able to donate your time and talents to our annual Trunk or Treat event. Though this year was different, we took a difficult challenge and created a special event for our kids.

I would like to thank **Heidi McDonnell**, **PDD** for organizing this event. It took her many hours of preparation and communication with our families to bring this all together. I would like to also give a special thank you to **Christine Macknowsky and Pat Porter** for creating the main backdrop for our drive thru. The shark tank was fantastic! Also, to **Madelyn Walrod**, **PER** and the House Committee for arranging for the pumpkins and assisting with the arrangements. As well as our **Ambassador Jacob Brose**, and his **Mom Theresa** for not only participating as spectators, but also volunteering their time to the event. Again, many thanks to all of our lodge members who supported and donated, as well as the lodges of the Northwest District who took part.

We can not do this entirely without you....Elks Care - Elks Share! Pictures from the event are in this newsletter for you to enjoy! Our next major event will be our Drive Thru Visit with Santa in December. More information to follow and Invitations will go out by November 15th to all our special needs families (save the date flyer in this newsletter).

> Thank you for all you do, Wayne McDonnell, Leading Knight - Lodge SCC Chairperson





Thank you for serving our country & protecting our freedoms!

Honoring Veterans Day

Lake Hopatcong Elks #782 Veterans

Robert Adams Frank Arminio Thomas Babbitt Cindy Banghart Declan Beere Donald Bogardus Thomas Brown Sr Kenneth Butt III **Richard Byrd** Coley Campbell III **Blase Cassibba Angelo Colello David Cruickshank Jr** Eugene Cullen **Bernard Curry Dominick D'Altilio Robert Dalrymple** Alfonse DeCaito, PDD **Edward Degnan** Dale DelCamp Joseph Doyle Jr **Augustine Dulio** Jon Edwards PER George Endly **Richard Flaherty Roger Flartey William Flatt Eugene Garabrant, PVP Richard Golder Philip Grassia** Alan Guadagnino **Carla Guignard**







James Harding William Heiser John Holinko Martin Janowski **Mark David Jennings Robert Johnson** Scott Kearney William Kerr **Frederick Kircher Gordon Laflesh Stephen Leonard Frank Lepore** Sheldon Levy **Robert Lupia** John Maluk Jr **George Markou Thomas Marotta** William Marshall Larry May, PER William McCabe James McDevitt Leonard Mestrandrea Walter Michalski James Miller **David Montgomery Michael Murdter, PER Roger Nitto** George O'Brien John O'Brien William O'Brien **Robert Ondish**







Alexander Perriello Carl Peterson Leonard Podlaski **Charles Poskitt Jr Michael Randazzo** Walter Reinhardt Al Rennick William Richardson Walter Rossi **Charles Russo** Joseph Sacco, PER **Frank Santarpia** Fred Santucci **Corv Schmidt** Gerald Sheard **Richard Slater Carter Smith** James Smith **Keith Smith Robert Sorge** Frank Spano **Gary Steffen** Paul Sullivan **Leonard Sunshine** Michael Svetik Frank Talty **Enrico Togna** Frank Trosky Joseph Trosky Lee Tylecki **Mark Vandling**

Lester Wright Jr

If you are a Veteran and are not on this list, please contact Lodge Secretary Barbara Tokar, PER at 201-207-7545 so we can update our records

Edward Parrillo







8 (3 oz.) Gourmet Jumbo Fr.

Get your Tickets while they last Only 65 can be sold!

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Don't let this sneak by you

Call Madelyn for tickets 201 230 2596

On sale November 1st.

Dec.31st 8 to 1 am Mask burning at midnight New 2021 mask Food and music included Cash bar

Lake Hopatcong Kicking 2020 to the Curb Party \$30

NOVEMBER 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FALL BACK	2 Ritual Practice	7:00PM 7:00PM	4	5	6 Friday Night Dinner	7
** * * * *	9 Ritual Practice	Hunse Committee		12 Thirsty Thursday	13 Friday Night Dinner	14
15	16 Ritual Practice	17 Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	18	19 Thirsty Thursday	20 Friday Night Dinner	21
22	23 Ritual Practice	24 House Committee Meeting	25	26 Happy	27 Friday Night Dinner	28
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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 <u>NOT</u>

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 <u>Millennium International</u> <u>Textile, Inc.</u> Morris County's premier textile recycling company, established in 1996. Any questions, please contact <u>tarinctS@ optonline.net</u>.

Thank you in advance for your donations and continued support!



* * * 2020 DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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13 TONAL CERTINAL	14 Ritual Practice	15 Lodge Meeting 7pm	16	17 Thirsty Thursday	18 Friday Night Dinner	19
20	21 *hello. Winter*	22 House Committee Meeting	23	24 Thirsty Thursday	25 Merry Christmas	26
27 Ritual Practice	28 Ritual Practice	29	30	31 Lake Hopatcong Kicking 2020 to the Curb Party		



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