



Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Lodge #782

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



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization  
Join Elkdom's Action Team  
Make Your Friend a Member

2025

Let's make this year one to remember.  
Together, we can accomplish great things.

2026



I can't believe another summer is behind us and the kids are getting ready to go back to school. Summer was over in a blink. We had many events over the summer – barbecues were outstanding, the Seafood Fest was amazing, and the Miracle Run was a great success as always!

Football season is upon us. Come on down to the lodge to watch the games, have something to eat and spend a little time with your Elk family.

There are so many things you can do, and any involvement is helpful. Fall would be a great time to see some new faces.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the Lodge meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. It's a great way to get involved and learn about everything we do. Join a committee or just volunteer some time.

Please remember to join us on September 11 at 6:30 PM for a very special service in remembrance of those who lost their lives on this tragic day.

Please come on September 23rd for a new initiation class to bring in a milestone of 782 members for Lodge 782. I continue to encourage everyone to bring a friend to join the Elks. Get involved in whatever way that works for you so join a committee, volunteer to help with dinners, barbecues etc. and get to know your fellow members. Come join our Elk family.

There are many events that are coming up so check our website for more information.

Fraternally yours, Patricia Zdichocki ER

## 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS



|                       |                                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Exalted Ruler         | Patricia Zdichocki<br>201-723-6462   |
| Est. Leading Knight   | Walter Wurster<br>973-420-8165       |
| Est. Loyal Knight     | Pete Appaluccio, PDD<br>973-736-7818 |
| Est. Lecturing Knight | Kimberly Tweed<br>862-242-0116       |
| Esquire               | Samantha Martin, PER<br>201-214-6925 |
| Chaplain              | Jason Howard<br>973-294-6837         |
| Inner Guard           | Michael Moroney<br>862-432-2975      |
| Tiler                 | Lisa Rovito, DD<br>201-978-7218      |
| Treasurer             | Linda Gathen, PDD<br>973-398-2097    |
| Secretary             | Barbara Tokar, PER<br>201-207-7545   |
| Lodge Photographer    | Jason Howard<br>973-294-6837         |
| 1 Year Trustee        | Tom Brown, PDD                       |
| 2 Year Trustee        | Wayne McDonell, VP                   |
| 3 Year Trustee        | Richard Gathen, PSP                  |
| 4 Year Trustee        | Richard Ter Linden                   |
| 5 Year Trustee        | Mike Tresca, PER                     |

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Debi Werner, Chairperson | 973-668-9302 |
| Annette McInerney        | 973-818-9687 |
| Derya Harquil            | 862-812-3186 |
| Pat Kerrigan             | 201-686-0156 |
| Sue Bruyere              | 973-714-0911 |
| Dawn Crocetti            | 973-954-0253 |
| Kathy Venier             | 973-738-3259 |
| Nancy Zotynia Loizou     | 973-632-1129 |
| Dawn Malanka             | 973-713-9155 |
| Vicki Angle              | 201-506-1181 |
| Terry Lopatosky          | 973-615-9070 |

## 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<br>972-271-1804          |
| Activities                                         | Patsy Schmidt<br>973-975-2325            |
| Americanism                                        | Bernadette Delesandro<br>201-602-2287    |
| Antlers                                            | Samantha Martin, PER<br>201-214-6925     |
| Auditing & Accounting                              | Kathleen Caffrey, PDD<br>973-534-8283    |
| Bar Chair                                          | Nancy Loizou<br>973-632-1129             |
| Community Activities                               | Erin Ronchetta<br>973-219-7624           |
| Convention                                         | Linda Gathen, PPD<br>973-398-2097        |
| Drug Awareness                                     | Samantha Martin, PER<br>201-214-6925     |
| Elks National Foundation                           | Pete Appaluccio, PDD<br>973-736-7818     |
| Flag Day                                           | Rick Gathen, PSP<br>973-398-2097         |
| Fraternal Committee                                | Linda Gathen, PDD<br>973-398-2097        |
| Government Relations                               | Victoria Angle<br>201-506-1181           |
| Grounds Maintenance                                | Trustees                                 |
| Hall Rental                                        | Debi Werner<br>973-668-9302              |
| Hoop Shoot                                         | Tom Brown, PDD<br>973-919-5395           |
| Investigation                                      | Cory Schmidt<br>973-440-7393             |
| In-House Caterer                                   | Debi Werner<br>973-668-9302              |
| Lapsation                                          | Barbara Tokar, PER<br>201-207-7545       |
| Lodge Activities                                   | Patsy Schmidt<br>973-975-2325            |
| Membership                                         | Samantha Martin, PER<br>201-214-6925     |
| Maintenance Committee<br>(Reports to the Trustees) | Walter Wurster<br>973-420-8165           |
| Memorial Day                                       | Linda Gathen, PDD<br>973-398-2097        |
| Motorcycle                                         | Walter Wurster<br>973-420-8165           |
| Orientation                                        | Rick Gathen, PSP<br>973-398-2097         |
| Parades                                            | Linda Gathen, PDD<br>973-398-2097        |
| PER Association                                    | Rick Gathen, PSP<br>862-324-2412         |
| Pole Barn                                          | Red Curry                                |
| Public Relations                                   | Jennifer Appaluccio, PER<br>973-222-4547 |
| Softball/Cornhole Tournament:                      | Ricky Gathen                             |

## RELIEF COMMITTEE

|                                    |                                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Patricia Zdichocki, Exalted Ruler  | 201-723-6462                             |
| Walter Wurster, Leading Knight     | 973-420-8165                             |
| Pete Appaluccio, PDD, Loyal Knight | 973-736-7818                             |
| Kim Tweed, Lecturing Knight        | 201-214-6925                             |
| Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer       | 973-398-2097                             |
| Barbara Tokar, PER                 | 201-207-7545                             |
| Ritual                             | Kathleen Caffrey, PDD<br>973-534-8283    |
| Scholarship                        | Jennifer Appaluccio, PER<br>973-222-4547 |
| Sickness & Distress                | Lauren Greed<br>973-668-6733             |
| Soccer Shoot                       | Tom Brown, PDD<br>973-919-5395           |
| Special Children                   | Heidi McDonnell, PDD<br>973-545-1557     |
|                                    | Wayne McDonnell, VPE<br>973-841-9845     |
| Veterans                           | Ed Parrillo<br>973-398-6677              |
| Army of Hope                       | Matthew Winnians, PVP<br>201-572-8297    |
| Youth Activities                   | Tom Brown, PDD<br>973-919-5395           |

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|----|-----------------------|
| 01 | Renee Colello         |
| 01 | William G Holy        |
| 01 | Gordon Laflesh        |
| 03 | Amanda Lear           |
| 03 | John Monteiro         |
| 04 | William McConley      |
| 05 | James J O'Brien       |
| 05 | James B Smith         |
| 05 | Edward P Smith Jr     |
| 07 | Michael A Juskus      |
| 07 | Linda L Kline         |
| 08 | Edward J Jones        |
| 09 | Michael Lake          |
| 09 | Patricia Porter       |
| 09 | Patricia A Ruccio     |
| 09 | Joseph B Sacco        |
| 09 | Stephen Wint          |
| 10 | Andrew Egan           |
| 10 | Rebecca Meszaros      |
| 12 | Mark David Jennings   |
| 12 | Scott Miller          |
| 12 | Elaine Spath          |
| 13 | Henry R Henderson     |
| 13 | Marc Larino           |
| 13 | Christine Macknowsky  |
| 14 | Carl Juskus           |
| 14 | Roy Winfield          |
| 15 | Richard Gathen        |
| 15 | Renee Larino          |
| 15 | Angela Rojas          |
| 16 | Laurie Ann Betz       |
| 16 | Joseph Komyati        |
| 18 | James M Riccio        |
| 19 | Anthony Appaluccio    |
| 19 | Diane A Hodge         |
| 19 | Marilyn Poskitt       |
| 19 | Sally A Smethy        |
| 20 | Stephen Albanese      |
| 20 | Michael Svetik        |
| 22 | Patricia Lynn Leonard |
| 22 | Mark Stalgaitis       |
| 23 | Diane Karl            |
| 23 | Cameron Walton        |
| 24 | Bret Klingener        |
| 24 | Graham Paton          |
| 24 | Walter A Rossi        |
| 25 | Thomas C Losh         |
| 25 | Roseann Schult        |
| 26 | Gene Coltelli         |
| 26 | Maria Farris          |
| 26 | John N Lombardi       |
| 26 | Eric Sabol            |
| 27 | Joseph Kiscunas       |
| 27 | Kevin Murphy          |
| 27 | Debra N Nunn          |
| 28 | Catherine Chamer      |
| 28 | Todd Cruickshank      |
| 28 | Tina G Heller         |
| 29 | Scott R Bennett       |
| 29 | Thomas Pantelleria    |
| 30 | Joseph Ferrigno       |
| 30 | Rhonda Stewart        |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF SEPTEMBER



***"Elks Give from the Heart"***

**BRYAN KLATT**

GRAND EXALTED RULER

**2025-2026**



***"Elkdom's Heart for America"***

**NEW EVENTS CAN HELP BOOST MEMBERSHIP**

Be The Difference by taking the opportunity to offer events that give your Members a place to gather and share in fellowship. You can offer dinners or plan activities that your Members can support and maybe get others to join in.

These events can promote your Lodge to prospective Members as well as help reconnect with your delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 8-14. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month.

To all the Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue showing you can Be The Difference.

If you have not done so, visit [elks.org](http://elks.org). Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers.

Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary. Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices.

If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on [elks.org](http://elks.org) (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your Grand Lodge Public Relations and Membership Marketing Area committee person for assistance. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant.

Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements.

***"Elks Care - Elks Share."***



**NEVER FORGET 9/11**

**PLEASE COME & JOIN US  
SEPTEMBER 11TH @ 6:30PM**

**24TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE  
MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS  
201 HOWARD BOULEVARD • MOUNT ARLINGTON**



After over 40 years of standing tall our virtually unreadable and weather faded BPOE Elks' located at the edge of the parking lot of Davy's Hot Dogs & Grill has been replaced. Rick Gathen obtained a new sign. Rockie Fuller and fellow Elk member Mark Keller installed it on Sunday, August 3rd. Hopefully this one will last another us 40 years!! Rockie would like to extend a special thanks to the owner of Davy's and fellow Elks member, Dave Ferrara for allowing our sign to be displayed there for our lodge.

## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We are saddened to announce the passing of **Martin Janowski**; 33 year member and veteran. Our condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time. To our absent members.



Thoughts and prayers to our members who have recently lost their Mothers: **Chris Hayden, Greg O'Brien and Charlotte Thompson**. Also to **Captain Lee and Leon Moreau** on the loss of your Sister/Aunt. May you and your families find peace and comfort in the memories you shared.

Sending well wishes to our members who are ill or home recovering from recent sickness, injury, surgery or procedures: **Marge Curry, Debbie Sobierajski, Ralph Elpin and Hank Henderson**. Also keeping **Lisa Rovito PDD's Mother** in our thoughts and prayers. Our best wishes for a complete and successful recovery to all.

If you know of any member in need of our thoughts and prayers please contact me: Lauren Greed 973-668-6733 or LGreed83@gmail.com

Lauren Greed, Chairperson

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Happy Labor Day. Hard to believe it is September! **Remember there is no BBQ's this month.** Our committees are taking the month off. They will be back in October with their special and their soup of the evening.

Our Youth Activities Committee isn't going to make you wait till October!! They will be having "Taco Nite" Wednesday, September 10th & then again on Thursday, September 25th. Both hard and soft shells will be available. Check it out!!

This month Special Friday Night Dinner on September 12th is HALF WAY TO ST. PATTY. Our chefs will be once again **Mary and Linda and their crew!!** RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. The dinner will be \$15. Sign up early!

Saturday, September 13th is our Fall Flea Market. We have over 30 tables rented out already! Remember one person's trash is someone else's treasure! So come on out and you just might find your little treasure!

Our Veterans will be having their annual "Music Fest" on September 20th from 5pm to 9pm. There is doo-whop, country rock n roll and more. Check out their flyer for full details!

### DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER:

Wednesdays: wELKome Pub Night

October 11th ENF BEEFSTEAK

October 17th FND FISH FRY

October 18th YOUTH ACTIVITIES CATHERINE McCALL

October 19th YOUTH ACTIVITIES CASINO BUS TRIP

October 24th FND OKTOBERFEST SAUERBRATEN

October 25th: DISTRICT DRUG AWARENESS RED RIBBON DINNER DANCE. ALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME SUPPORT THESE COMMITTEES AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR CAUSE.**

Thank you House for always showing up when needed.

Debi Werner, House Committee Chairperson

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2025**  
CHICKEN MARSALA, MASHED POTATOES & VEGGIE

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**  
1/2 WAY TO ST. PATTY'S DAY

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**  
ROAST BEEF

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2025**  
ITALIAN DRUNKEN NOODLES  
*Noodles, Crumbled Italian Sausage, Onions, Peppers,  
Diced Tomatoes, Garlic, Seasoning &  
Garnished With Parmesan Cheese*

## 4th Annual MUSIC fest for Vets

Northwest District  
National Veterans Service  
Commission Committee

- One night.
- Big sound.
- Bigger cause.

\$15 Entry = 100% to Veterans

Food and Beverages  
Available for Purchase  
Featuring

Live music spanning  
oldies to rock all night long!

Donations to  
Tunnel to Towers &  
Operation Chillout

Join us & rock out  
for our heroes!

Saturday  
Sept 20 | 5-9 PM

Lake Hopatcong Elks 201 Howard Blvd, Mt. Arlington NJ 07856



## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

We will be having Taco Wednesday on September 10th and the 25 for 3 dollars each! See flyer in this newsletter for more information. Come out and enjoy a few!

On the September 27th we will have our Soccer Shoot from 4pm to 8pm at Hopatcong Senior Field. We be giving out shirts to all the kids who participate.

We also be selling tickets for our next 2 events. The Casino trip on October 19th and a Medium on October 18th. All tickets are aso on sale with any Bartender on duty.

As summer comes to a close, please remember to allow extra time during your morning and afternoon commutes, school buses are back on the roads, and safety is a priority.



Back by popular demand, **Matt Martin's** Apple Cider BBQ pork was a huge hit again at last months Wed night BBQ! Thank you to everyone who cooked, donated, helped and supported our events. They don't happen without you.

We also extend our appreciation to Ridgeview Seniors for allowing us to host their summer picnic and for their continued support of the Antlers. It was great to see them back again this year and have such a wonderful time.

The Antlers chose to host a bake sale as their latest fundraising initiative. The event was a great success and featured a variety of Antler homemade treats. Special thanks to **Debi Werner** for clearing the kitchen for us and **Tina Kraus, Shelia Speroni, and Lisa Rovito** for their generous contributions.

The Antlers continue to demonstrate exceptional dedication, teamwork, and community spirit. This month, they are proud to support the Army of Hope and the Vets through their fundraising efforts.

The Antlers always have exciting activities in the pipeline, so stay tuned for updates or spontaneous events. We are looking to grow our membership, which is open to individuals aged 12 to 20 who are U.S. citizens of good character and believe in the existence of God. It is a fantastic time to be an Antler, and we encourage more youth to join. Applications and brochures are available in the front lobby of the lodge.

The Antlers do amazing work and have a great time serving both the community and the lodge. Lastly, thank you for your continued donations to the clothing bins, which enable monthly contributions to their favorite charities.

**Remember: Antlers today, Elks tomorrow!**

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin PER  Antler Chairperson

## LOOKING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER COOKS!

Interested in learning more? Call Debi at 973-668-9302

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Our first event will be our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat. This event will take place on Saturday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm. We are looking for volunteers to decorate their cars in an appropriate Halloween/kid friendly theme of your choice and hand out candy. Members may work individually or as a group. We would like everyone to arrive by 9am to set up and be ready by 10am when the kids start arriving. Please when you sign up include the names and number of car spaces needed for your display (limited to 2 spots per person/team). Please contact Wayne directly if you need more than two spots to make special arrangements. Please text Heidi (973) 545-1557 to RSVP and for any other special arrangements please contact Wayne at (973) 841-9845.

Our next event is something we are excited to bring back and still in the process of getting it together - our Thanksgiving Charlie Brown Brunch. Tentatively scheduled for Black Friday, 11/28 from 10am-12pm. We are looking for those who are available and interested in volunteering. We need help in the kitchen cooking, servers, and clean up. We will start at 8:30am cooking and setting up to be ready when the kids and families start arriving. Please again, text Heidi or Wayne to RSVP and what you would like to assist with - cook/kitchen, server, and / or Set up/ clean up. We will need to ensure that we have everything all cleaned and ready for the Vets committee to have their Friday night Spaghetti Dinner. So, any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Last but not least we will have a Christmas event, with more details to come later, as we are still working on this, so more to come.

As a reminder to all - these events are by invitation only to our special children and their immediate families. If you know of a local family with a special need child, please let Wayne or I know and we will add them to our list and send invites directly. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep this as organized as possible.

**Until then have a great big beautiful tomorrow!**

Fraternally, Heidi & Wayne McDonnell, SCC Lodge Co-Chairs

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MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC RELATIONS

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### MEDIA ALERT –NOTICE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Elks Lead Nation in Honoring 9/11 Heroes on 24th Anniversary

**Chicago, IL – September 11, 2025** – The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will lead the nation in remembering the heroes and victims of September 11, 2001, with *Patriots Day* ceremonies held across the United States, Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal. Local Elks Lodges invite the public to come together in unity, reflection, and gratitude—paying tribute to the firefighters, police officers, first responders, military members, and ordinary citizens whose courage and sacrifice continue to inspire America.

As one of the nation's foremost patriotic and charitable organizations for more than 157 years, the Elks are proud to honor the spirit of service that rose out of tragedy. In 2024 alone, the Elks contributed over **\$520 million** in cash, goods, and volunteer time—supporting veterans, empowering young leaders through scholarships, and strengthening local communities nationwide. With nearly **1,800 Lodges** and **800,000 members**, the Elks remain committed to ensuring that the values of service, patriotism, and remembrance are passed on to future generations.

The Elks will never forget September 11<sup>th</sup>. Each year, we gather not only to mourn those we lost, but to honor the resilience of a nation that came together in its darkest hour. Through our acts of charity and service, we strive to keep that spirit of unity alive.

From small towns to major cities, Elks Lodges will pause to remember, reflect, and recommit to building stronger communities in honor of those who gave everything.

For more information or to find a ceremony near you, visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org). For membership details, visit [Join.Elks.org](http://Join.Elks.org).

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks • Grand Lodge

 **Elks Care – Elks Share**



## VETERANS COMMITTEE

Summer is unofficially over and the start of college and professional football season starts!

Congratulations to the motorcycle committee for a sell out barbecue. The ribs and chicken were very good! That was that was the final barbecue Wednesday barbecue of 2025.

The Veterans Committee will be helping with the Northwest District Committees Music Fest on Saturday, September 20th. I hope to see our brother and sister Elks supporting us. The music will be from Duop to hard rock. Please come out and enjoy the day! Burgers, hotdogs and drinks will be sold throughout the event. We will be donating to the Tunnel to Towers Organization

On September 28th at Vasa Park The Hackettstown Lodge will have a motorcycle run and breakfast from 11 to 5. We will be attending the function and our lodge will be making a \$1000 donation to Operation Chillout.

Sunday football schedule will be starting soon come and see and have a few drinks with us at the member's bar! Support your favorite teams!

Thank you Leon Moreau donating his winning raffle gift certificate to the Veterans Committee to The Stone Water Restaurant. You are a great elk and a good person! Thank you from the Elks 782 veterans committee!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Parrillo, Committee Chairperson

**VETERANS COMMITTEE**  
**2025 MEETING SCHEDULE**  
2ND TUESDAY EVERY MONTH @ 6:30PM

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

## LODGE IMPROVEMENT CORNER

On September 13<sup>th</sup> we will be cleaning up the Pool Barn. All Committees please have some people there to help from 8am to 12pm. Let's all roll up our sleeves and give a hand.

Tom Brown, PDD, Chairman of Trustees



# wELCOME

**TO OUR NEW MEMBERS  
WHO JOINED AUGUST 18, 2025**

### New Member

William Barkewicz  
Jeanne Dodge  
Megan Moroney  
Kara Puco  
Natalie Tamayo  
Edward Torres  
Cathryn Welter

### Proposed By

Michael Moroney  
Donald Potter  
Michael Moroney  
Bernadette Dalesandro  
Michael Moroney  
Michael Moroney  
Patricia Dennehy

***Special Thank You To DDGER, Todd Christensen  
for being a part of our Initiation of new members!***

Babara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary



## 1/2 Way To St. Patty's Day



**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER**  
**9-12 5pm-7pm \$15**

***Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots &  
Colcannon Potatoes & Irish Soda Bread***

**RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED**

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Guess What  
Day It Is?  
Hump Day,  
Oh Yeah!

# WELCOME WEDNESDAY

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ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME

WINE  
DOWN  
WITH US!

DRINK  
SPECIALS

DINE IN OR  
TAKE OUT

BEGINNING  
ON  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>



You Do Not  
Need To  
Be A Member  
To Join Us!!



## FOOD, SOUP & DRINK SPECIALS

# WALK Out Drugs on

A WALK TO BENEFIT ELKS NORTHWEST DISTRICT  
DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

SUNDAY  
October 5th

MEET UP AT  
PARSIPPANY ELKS LODGE

230 Parsippany Road, Parsippany

REGISTRATION 9:00AM

Walk starts at  
10AM



# \$3 BEEF

# TACO WEDNESDAY

Join Us

SEPTEMBER 10TH  
5:00-7:00PM

Your Choice Of Soft Or Hard Shell

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS  
201 HOWARD BLVD., MT. ARLINGTON

All proceeds to benefit the Youth Activities Committee



The Lake Hopatcong Elks #782  
Motorcycle Committee Presents

ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

# *A Night of* Bourbon, Cigars & Prime Rib

*All Proceeds to Benefit*  
**ELKS CAMP MOORE**

@ The Jefferson House  
139 Nolans Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ



**Friday, October 24, 2025, 6pm to 10pm**

**\$125 Per Person**

Each Ticket Includes:  
Cocktail "Appy" Hour from 6pm to 7pm,  
Bourbon Tasting, Dinner, 4 Hours of  
Complimentary Beer, Wine & Sangria

*Cash Bar Available for Additional Spirits,  
Cigar Gift Bags, 50/50, Tricky Tray Items*

For tickets see bartender at  
LH Elks #782 or call  
973-398-9835 to purchase over the phone.

## **BOOK YOUR NEXT PARTY WITH US**

RESERVE YOUR DATE TODAY CALL: 973.668.9302



Offering An Affordable  
Catering Menu & Beverage  
Packages Available!!



*Newly Renovated*  
(Perfect location & price for parties up to 170 people)



Our event planner will work  
with you to make sure  
every detail is right!!

### **PACKAGES CAN INCLUDE**

- Choice of plated, buffet, or reception style meal.
- Ballroom set with tables, chairs, linen, holiday centerpieces, china, silverware & dance floor.
- Professional, affordable & friendly bartender service.



- Decorated ballroom for the holiday season, complete with holiday trees, wreaths & garland throughout the property.
- Large parking lot with a covered foyer for dropping people off by the door.

Lake Hopatcong Elks | 201 Howard Boulevard | Mount Arlington, NJ 07856



# 80's Dance Party

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS • 201 HOWARD BOULEVARD • MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ 07856 • 973-398-9835

## Red Ribbon Dinner Dance

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

#### 6:00PM-10:00PM

*Music D.J. & Buffet Dinner*  
**\$25.00 Per Person**

*~ All Proceeds to Benefit The Northwest District Peer Leadership Conference ~*



# Casino BUS TRIP

## SUNDAY, OCT. 19TH

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| 8:00AM | Coffee & Bagels   |
| 8:45AM | DEPART FROM LODGE |
| 6:00PM | RETURN TO LODGE   |

**WIND CREEK | BETHLEHEM**  
**COST: \$45.00 PP**  
**SEATING IS LIMITED**

All passengers must be 21 years or older.  
 You will receive a \$25 Voucher to be used at casino  
 Please bring valid drivers license or I.D.

**BUS BINGO**  
 With Light Refreshments

**TICKET INFORMATION CALL:**  
**Patty Zdichocki | 201-723-6462**

**WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM**

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# FLA MARKET

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

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE TODAY!**

**Food & Drink Available For Purchase**  
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**SATURDAY 9-13-25 9AM-3PM**

Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge 782  
 201 Howard Boulevard • Mt. Arlington, NJ



# TRICKY TRAY

## SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 1ST

**ADVANCED SALES & BUNDLES ON SALE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

**AMAZON WISH LIST**  
 (Lake Hopatcong Elks Trick Tray 2025)

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**  
 (New Items Only - All Values Appreciated)

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WE ARE COLLECTING BASKETS! Doors Open At 1pm Drawing Begins At 3pm ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY!!

NIGHTINGALE  
CATERING

OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

Lake Hopatcong Elks

BEEFSTEAK DINNER



Tickets \$50.00 PP Soda & Water Included

Cash Bar Available

Advanced Tickets only

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30

For tickets, see the bartender or call Pete at 973-726-7818

Hosted By The Lake Hopatcong Elks ENF Committee

The Lake Hopatcong Elks Presents

AN AFTERNOON WITH



Catherine McCall



SPIRITUAL MEDIUM

Gather with family and friends for a spiritual afternoon with an opportunity to connect with your loved ones from the other side ....



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON  
CATHERINE WILL START 1:00 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON • FULL TABLE OF 8 @ \$280

(Tickets Are NON-Refundable - Must Be 21)

(Bring Snacks For Yourself Or For Your Table)

- Cash Bar Available - No Outside Beverages Permitted -

SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR TICKETS

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LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782

FISH FRY

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

OCTOBER 17TH

\$15.00 PER PERSON

Serving From 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



(THIS IS A PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY DINNER)

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SOCCER GOAL  
KICKING CONTEST

(FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGES 15 & YOUNGER)

120 RIVER STYX ROAD • HOPATCONG NJ 07843

SEPTEMBER 27TH

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

(REGISTRATION STARTS 1:00PM - FOLLOWING FLAG DAY PARADE)

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A  
FREE T-SHIRT

1st Place Winners Will Continue On To The District Competition & Have A  
Chance To Compete In The State & Regional Competitions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TOM 973-919-5395





## ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA AWARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Each year, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks proudly presents the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a distinguished member of law enforcement who exemplifies the values and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. This honor recognizes individuals who are actively engaged in their communities and dedicated to creating a drug-free environment.

### Nomination Guidelines:

- The award is intended for an individual, not an organization.
- Nominees must be actively involved in law enforcement.
- Candidates should serve as positive role models and lead a healthy lifestyle.
- Nominees must demonstrate outstanding contributions to drug awareness and prevention.
- Ideal candidates go “above and beyond” their regular duties and have made a meaningful impact.
- Nominees must have the support of their agency and be respected within their community.
- If selected, the nominee must be willing to attend the awards ceremony.
- Nominations should be submitted in narrative form and include endorsements from relevant sources such as government officials, educators, and community members.
- Leadership and organizational skills should be evident.
- Please include a list of previous awards and accomplishments.
- Nominees should embody the belief that “one person can make a difference.”

Local nominations must be submitted to our Lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson by October 17<sup>th</sup> to be considered for district and state-level recognition. The state winner will be honored at our Wildwood Reunion in June.

2025–2026 Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Contest Theme: “Drugs Are a Grave Mistake”

We invite students to participate in this year’s DAP contests. Please refer to the links below for contest rules and guidelines. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or our **District Chair, Lisa Rovito**.

**Submission Deadline:** All entries must be received by November 24<sup>th</sup> for local judging. Winners will advance to district, state, and potentially national levels. National winners may be featured on [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) and in ENF or DAP publications. Please note that all entries become the property of the BPO Elks and will not be returned. <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/contests.cfm>

• Poster Contest (Grades 3–5) • Essay Contest (Grades 6–8) • Video Contest (High School Students)

### Upcoming Important Dates and Drug Awareness Events

- **Walk Out on Drugs – October 5<sup>th</sup>**, Parsippany: Registration begins at 9:00 AM, walk starts at 10:00 AM. If you’re unable to participate, please consider sponsoring one of our Antlers or Advisors. Each Lodge has been challenged to raise \$1,000 this year.
- **Sneaker Sale:** Our annual sneaker fundraiser is underway! Sneakers are available in the members bar for just \$1.
- **Drug Awareness Golf Outing – October 9<sup>th</sup>**, Farmstead Country Club. This event is sold out! Thank you for your incredible support!
- **Camarena Award Nominations Due – October 17<sup>th</sup>**
- **Red Ribbon Week – October 23<sup>rd</sup>–31<sup>st</sup>** <https://www.dea.gov/red-ribbon/kiki-red-ribbon-history>. Learn more about the history and impact of Red Ribbon Week.
- **Red Ribbon Dance – October 25<sup>th</sup>:** Join us for our first District Red Ribbon Dance! This year’s theme is the 1980s ... come dressed in your best retro gear and enjoy a night of music, food, and fun. Let’s make this an annual tradition!
- **DAP Contest Entries Due – November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin PER,  Drug Awareness Chairperson





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