The Elks Reporter

Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835

CHARITY JUSTICE BROTHERLY LOVE FIDELITY

Exalted Ruler's Message

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

2021 *"Building Hope for a Stronger Tomorrow."* 2022

Hello Everyone,
Ken Dulio was the first to identify the song Pulling Mussels from a Shell by Squeeze. Excellent Job Ken! Have at this one: "Slow down you crazy child, you're so ambitious for a juvenile, But then if you're so smart, tell me why are you still so afraid, (mmm)…" As always, I will need the song title and Artist texted to my mobile number, 973-841-9845. The winner will enjoy 1 Friday Night Dinner on me.

Damn its cold outside if you haven't noticed! We closed out January with an extremely successful Veterans Roast Beef Dinner fundraiser. Congratulations to **Ed Parrillo and his committee** for doing such an exemplary job raising funds to support events for the men and women who have given so much to defend our country. While the remainder of the month stayed somewhat quiet, due to an upsurge of Omicron, we are thankful that we got through the month relatively unscathed.

What is in store for February. We start with our **PER Night** on Tuesday, 2/1/22. Our PER association shall assume the officer chairs and initiate another new class of members. There will also be 19 PER's recognized for their longevity of membership to our organization. We shall also be revealing the new list of officers for the Fraternal Year of 2022-23. We had the first meeting for our **Leap in the Lake** event which occurs on Saturday, 3/5/22. We have chosen this year's Sweatshirt Style and color. For now, I won't reveal that information in hope's that you will consider directly contributing to this event. This fundraiser directly depends on sponsorships by corporate and local business, and of course by participants whether active or passive. Please remember that you do not have to endure going over to the lake and going in the water. What matters is that you contribute to the cause. Sponsor a friend, family member or a whole team of participants. Members, you can help this event with its promotion. For further information, please visit our lodge webpage with addition Leap information. If you have never experienced a 1-day event that brings people together in our community to benefit our Special Children, then mark that date on your calendar! We also have our PEER Leadership conference being held on the weekend of Feb. 4-6. Our State Chair for Drug Awareness, **Lisa Rovito, PER,** will be the at the head of the event providing our youth viable information on the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol use and its impact on individual and families. This conference does provide many tools and life experiences for those that attend. We shall also host a Sunday Breakfast as well as a Superbowl Party on 2/13/22 at the lodge. Please see the flier in this month's newsletter with additional information. The Ritual Team will compete at the State Competition on Saturday, Feb. 26th at 2pm. An awards dinner shall follow with the individual and team awards. I also want to commend all our current members for the continued patronage at the lodge. So many of you have undertaken the opportunity to increase your involvement in the daily/weekly operation in the lodge, as well as, teamed with a committee(s) to actively participate on. This shows that you have pride in what we do for our local communities and the extended families we fundraise and serve. Please continue to encourage friends and family that are still contemplating joining our ranks to do so. We do make a difference in the lives of people that are less fortunate. We have accomplished so much together, but there is so much yet that we can accomplish. I continue to share that experience with you, and I will always cherish the opportunity to do it. Thank you again for everything you do as members!

God Bless you all, our Special Children, our Veterans, our Service Members and most importantly, God Bless America!
Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell, Exalted Ruler

2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Wayne McDonnell 973-841-9845
Est. Leading Knight	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Est. Loyal Knight	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Est. Lecturing Knight	Sallimae Johnson, PER 973071303428
Esquire	Matt Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Heidi McDonnell PDR 973-545-1557
Inner Guard	Madelyn Walrod, PER 201-230-2596
Tiler	Barbara Pirro 201-841-8479s
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Photographer	Michaela Winnans
1 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan
2 Year Trustee	Rick Gathen, PSP
3 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER
4 Year Trustee	vacant
5 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, *Chairman*
Lisa Rovito, PER
Barbara Pirro
Rich ter Linden
Debi Werner
Patsy Schmidt
Derya Harquail

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	vacant
Activities	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Americanism	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Antlers	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218 973-714-1334
Auditing & Accounting	Kathleen Caffrey, PER 973-534-8283
Bar Co-Chair	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Community Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
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
Goverment Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Grounds Maintenance	vacant
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Dan Ryan, PER 917-418-0323
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Cory Schmidt 973-440-7393
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Memorial Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Motorcycle	Ray Hopler
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 Tournament:	Ricky Gathen

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Wayne McDonnell, Exalted Ruler	973-841-9845Lisa
Rovito, PER, Leading Knight	201-978-7218
Jennifer Appaluccio, PER, Loyal Knight	973-222-4547
Sallimae Johnson, PER, Lecturing Knight	973-713-3428
Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer	973-398-2097
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 963-545-1557
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Tom Rovito
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

01	Garrett E Rector
02	Robert E Adams
02	Carla Endly
02	Denise Jeffery
02	Frank Lepore
04	Charles Nappi
05	Deborah Ross
05	Michelle Sellaro
06	Marie Lepre
06	John J Moran
07	William E McCabe
08	John Holinko
08	Audrey F Thompson
09	David S Cruickshank
09	Carl Last
09	Elena Tunstead
10	Samantha Martin
11	Ryan Thurnes
12	Angelo J Colello
12	Heather Healy
14	Rose Barsanti
14	Kenneth Wisher
15	Eric Martin
15	Ronald Nelson
17	Lawrence Bellack
17	James R Harding
17	Gary Steffen
18	Nancy J Yost
19	Derya Harquail
19	John Maluk Jr
19	John Signorelli
19	Jennifer Sweeney
20	Victoria A Angle
23	Cindy L Banghart
23	Colleen Shanahan
24	Philip G Grassia
24	Lauren M Greed
24	Garett W Springer
25	Slavica Nowak
25	Frank Talty
27	Young Neumann
27	Lucille Stanziale
28	Leonard W Mestrandrea
29	Thomas J Steinmacher

"Elks Give from the Heart"

T. Keith Mills

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2021-2022

Work still needs to be done, even in birthday month

Our Elks' birthday this year falls on Wednesday, February 16. Hold an event to celebrate the occasion. One more important reminder: Do not forget Valentine's Day. I can honestly say I have never forgotten this day, but I have needed to run to the store early to get a few things before someone wakes up.

February is a very important month for us. Only a few weeks remain in this Elks' year and a lot of work still needs to be done. For example, new officer elections should be held at your last regular monthly meeting this month. Do not look at February as only having a few weeks left to serve, but as the opportunity to finish the year strong. Do your best to make your Lodge more successful than you started for the Members and community to continue "Meeting the Challenge."

Current Exalted Rulers, there are many programs and awards at your disposal. Any Member who has a combination of sponsoring or reinstating three Members is eligible to receive the Grand Exalted Ruler Award Pin. Exalted Rulers can also submit two Members for the Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. There are also two Making A Difference Special Citation awards, one for the Exalted Ruler and another for the Lodge. You can find this information in the Lodge Activities Program supported by the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.

The Elks Legacy Scholarships deadline is also this month. Remember, this scholarship is for any Elks Member's children and grandchildren. Make sure your Members are aware of this program.

Finally, new officers need to start having meetings to plan for the next year. Start developing your yearly budgets and, if possible, set your yearly calendar of events. Be realistic when developing your budget. This is a working document that can and should be amended as your year moves forward. The work and effort you put in now will show throughout the year in your operations. Your year will still have some bumps and curves, but you will be better prepared to handle any situation that will arise. All officers should act as one. Having monthly meetings better prepares you for your upcoming activities and will help you to continue "Meeting the Challenge."

"Elks Care - Elks Share."

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Members,

I hope that the start to the new year has been good to all of you. After a small break for our committee in January, we start to gear up and plan for our spring events. We look forward to providing more info after our February meeting. For those interested in joining this committee or just helping out at events please reach out to me. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on **Wednesday February 9th at 7:30pm.** The zoom link will go out via an email blast from our lodge secretary closer to the date of the meeting. Please be on the lookout for that. If you don't receive that notification please email me at hgmcdonnell72@gmail.com.

The PER association is gearing up for our annual **Leap in the Lake** to be held on **March 5th.** It is so good to have this event back after the pandemic and we are looking forward to all the fun! Information has been circulating and can be found in this newsletter as well as on Facebook and the lodge website. Please share this information with your family and friends and spread the word!

Anyone who knows of any family's with special children that may be interested in taking part in our events and getting involved please have them contact us via email at **LH782.SCCEvents@gmail.com**.

Until next time, Have a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow!

Heidi

Heidi Evans McDonnell, PDD
Special Children's Committee Chairperson
(973) 545-1557
Hgmcdonnell62@gmail.com

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep in your prayers to our members **Joanne Grady, Madelyn Walrod, PER Laurie Ann Betz, Todd Cruickshank and Christine Macknowsky** who are still under doctors care and still recuperating.

Please feel free to call if you know of anyone who has fallen ill or to be placed on prayer list. Email me: **Purpledebi@yahoo.com** or feel free to call 973-668-9302.

Debi Werner,
Sickness & Distress Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE

I think we can all agree that January was certainly a cold month. We have lots of lodge events coming up and are featured in this newsletter. It would be great to see our members attend. Our Annual Leap In The Lake is back this year after and the committee is in full swing to have a successful year once again. If you are interested in leaping or being a land lubber you still have time to sign up. If you haven't sponsored a member or team in leaping, please try to do so. This is a great event! It is for the kids.

I would like to wish our Ritual Team Good Luck in this month's competition!! I know we will do well!!

As always I am always looking for new cooks in the kitchen, please see me if you are interested in a Friday Night Dinner. Prior to hosting a Friday Night Dinner I will make myself available to show you the kitchen, offer suggestions, and make it as enjoyable as possible. You will have help, it's really not hard ☺.

Thank you to the many new cooks and help in the kicthen ....
It is truly greatly appreciated!!
Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairperson

SCAN HERE TO LIKE & FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

LODGE #782

FEBRUARY 4, 2022
CHICKEN POT PIE
Jean Burk-Ujvary & Jill Ayers

FEBRUARY 11, 2022
STUFFED PORK LOIN
Sallimae Johnson, PER

FEBRUARY 18, 2022
BEEF BURGUNDY
Tom Brown, PDD

FEBRUARY 25, 2022
CHICKEN CACCIATORE
Pat Esposito

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COOKING A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER CALL: 201-230-2596

SHOT FROM THE BAR

Remember the Member's Bar is open daily at 12:00 Noon. On Sunday, February 13th we are having a Bloody Mary Valentine's Day Breakfast beginning at 10:00AM. See bulletin for details. Come down to the Lodge and watch the superbowl with us, enjoy some halftime free buffet food!! Kicking it off at 5:00pm. Always a great time with members of our lodge! Bring a friend .. make them a member too!! If you have not been to one of our Thirsty Thursdays ... come on out!! It is a great and fun crowd. We are always open to suggestions for our weekly food specials.

The Antlers continue to serve Thirsty Thursday and Friday Night Dinners and are doing a wonderful job. They also helped out at the Veterans Roast Beef Dinner held on January 22, 2022 and are willing to help at any event at the lodge.

During the month, the Antlers have been busy preparing to attend the Path and Peer Leadership Conference this year. The Path Conference is for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and will be held on Thursday February 3rd, 2022 and the weekend long Peer Conference is for High School Students and will be held from February 4th through the 6th, 2022. Both Conferences are held at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch NJ.

In the coming months we are looking forward to preparing for the Leap in the Lake in March and we are planning more fun field trips to thank the Antlers for all of their hard work and dedication. We are always looking for new members and if you have any friends or family members ages 12 to 21, please encourage them to join. Applications and Brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge.

Once again the Antler's Clothing Drive continues to be very successful and I thank our members for allof your donations.

Wishing everyone a continued Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER, *Antlers Chairperson*

Congratulations to the following Lake Hopatcong Elks PERs for attaining Membership Milestones. Heidi McDonnell, PDD; Barbara Tokar, PER; Carlos Rojas, PDD; VP Kathleen Mitchell Caffrey, Linda Gathen, PDD; and Matthew Winnans, PVP. The Lake Hopatcong Elks PER Association also initiated 8 new Members on PER night.

MONTHLY VETERANS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE FOR 2022 @ 6:30PM

January 12	**July 13**
February 9	**August 10**
March 9	**September 14**
April 13	**October 12**
May 11	**November 9**
June 18	**December 14**

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Hello and welcome to the month of February 2022! I am very happy to report another successful Veterans Committee hosted event, our Annual Roast Beef Dinner. I have to admit that in the beginning with our take out orders coming in on the light side, I was a little concerned. However, our Elk members and surrounding neighbors that choose not to fail us came out to support the event. We sold approximately 150 dinners with the help of 3 great Elk members, Mike Walsh, Derek Walsh and Pat Esposito. I am very thankful as well to a great majority of the Veterans Committee members that also gave their time and efforts for this event. I would like to thank our dedicated Antler, Kayla for her terrific job serving. Thank you to Debi and Lauren for volunteering as well to serve our members.

We are planning on providing food, some snacks and drinks along with canteen vouchers to the Veterans Hospital at Alliance.

God Bless Our Veterans, Our Active Military
& The United States of America,
Ed Parrillo, Chairperson

$14.95
BREAKFAST W/COCKTAIL

$9.95
BREAKFAST ONLY

VALENTINE'S DAY

Bloody Mary BREAKFAST

VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL BREAKFAST

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

10:00AM-12:00PM

BREAKFAST MENU

EGGS (ANY STYLE),
HOME FRIES, FRENCH TOAST,
BACON OR SAUSAGE
WITH TOAST

The Lake Hopatcong Elks Leap in the Lake

Psychic & Craft Fair

When: **Sunday February 20, 2022**

Time: **12:00pm to 4:00pm**

Location: **The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782**
201 Howard Blvd, Mt Arlington, NJ 07856
Phone: **973-600-1227 – Jean**

Featuring Tarot Readers:

- **Meg**
- **Alexa**
- **Blaire**
- **Jennifer**
- **Jill**
- **Holly**

Various Unique Crafters!!!

Artist Original Paintings, Pottery, Custom Mugs,
Artist Original Jewelry, Glass Paintings, Hand Blown Glass Items,
Baked Goods, Various Oils and Wood Burning, Salt lamps, CBD Products
Artist Original Lanterns, Shadow Box Pieces,
Shaman, Sound Healer, Reiki Master

Featuring NJ Fairy Hair: Fairy KIM!

And Much More!!

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Dine In Or Take Out

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022

$10.00 PER PERSON

Serving From
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If You Would Like To Place An Order Ahead Of Time Call Madelyn 201-230-2596

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS · 201 HOWARD BOULEVARD · MT. ARLINGTON

12th Annual LEAP IN THE LAKE

For Our Special Kids

Sponsored by Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Hopatcong State Park - 1:00 pm

Thaw out at our

Post Leap Party

at Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

2 pm to 5 pm

Food, Raffles, Giveaways,

Music & More!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.lakehopatcongelks.com

All plungers will receive a complimentary ticket to the Post Leap Party,
a "Leap in the Lake" sweatshirt and event souvenir items.
Additional Post Leap Party tickets are available for $20 per person
All proceeds to benefit Special Children, Youth Programs & Building Renovation

Lake Hopatcong Elks

presents

Paint 'n Sip

Wednesday
• March 30th

7pm-9pm $35 per person

**Includes canvas & painting supplies,
hors d'oeuvres &
one complimentary drink**

**See the bartender for tickets
or call Tom Brown at 973-919-5395**

All proceeds to benefit Youth Activities Programs

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Lodge Meeting 7pm	2 Happy Groundhog Day	3 DARTS Thirsty Thursday	4 Friday Night Dinner	5
6	7 Ritual Practice	8 House Committee Meeting	9 ELKS VETERANS SERVICE	10 DARTS Thirsty Thursday	11 Friday Night Dinner	12
13 Valentine's Day Breakfast PARTY AT 5PM	14 Ritual Practice HAPPY VALENTINES DAY	15 Lodge Meeting 7pm	16	17 DARTS Thirsty Thursday	18 Friday Night Dinner	19
20	21 Ritual Practice PRESIDENTS' DAY	22 House Committee Meeting	23	24 DARTS Thirsty Thursday	25 Friday Night Dinner	26 Good Luck Ritual Team!
27	28 Ritual Practice					

Superbowl Sunday

NFL **PARTY**

Join Us For The Big Game On February 13, 2022 @ 5PM

Come Join Us For Sunday Funday!!!

Los Angeles Rams · Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey Elks #782 · Cincinnati Bengals

ENJOY WATCHING THE BIG GAME ON OUR FLAT SCREEN TV'S

Free Halftime Buffet & Drink Specials

LAUREN & FRIENDS

NIGHT AT THE ELKS

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE

ALL DISABLED INDIVIDUALS

19-YEARS-OLD AND UP

MEET & GREET EVENT

ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 from 3 - 5PM

Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge

201 Howard Boulevard, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 6 - 8PM

Parsippany Elks Lodge

230 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Let's Hang out and Get To Know Each Other at the Location & Time Of Your Choice:

Games & Light Refreshments will Be Provided At Both

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LAUREN AT **201-852-1149**

laurenandfriendsinc@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM **@lauren_and_friends_inc**

LAUREN VALENTA, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	Ritual Practice 28	**Lodge Meeting 7pm** 1	**FISH FRY** 2	**DARTS** Thirsty Thursday 3	Friday Night Dinner 4	*Leap In The Lake* 5
6	Ritual Practice 7	House Committee Meeting 8	ELKS VETERANS SERVICE 9	**DARTS** Thirsty Thursday 10	Friday Night Dinner 11	12
13	Ritual Practice 14	**Lodge Meeting 7pm** 15	16	**DARTS** Thirsty Thursday 17	Friday Night Dinner 18	19
20	Ritual Practice 21	House Committee Meeting 22	23	**DARTS** Thirsty Thursday 24	Friday Night Dinner 25	26
27	Ritual Practice 28	29	30	**DARTS** Thirsty Thursday 31	Friday Night Dinner 1	2

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