



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835

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FEBRUARY 2021

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Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

A Fraternal Organization
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2021



Wow I can't believe that we are already into February, we are still during well. Hopefully our 2021 will be a much better year for everyone. So as Elks, keep the faith, stay positive and strong, and remember who we are and what we as Elks stand for. We have so far survived this pandemic and we will continue to do so. As we are praying to get back to some kind of "Normal" in our lives and in our Lodge, so we can get back to the business we as Elks have always done.

We have added Bloody Mary Breakfasts to our events. We are doing these every other Sunday. We have had 2 already and what a great turnout we have had. So again I thank everyone for supporting your Lodge. Thirsty Thursday and Friday night dinners also continue to be doing very well. Each week will be different specials and will be posted on our board outside the lodge. So I invite everyone to join us for dinner and have fun. Please continue to call **Madelyn Walrod, PER** at 201-230-2596 for details for our takeout events! It is greatly appreciate if you make your reservation for your dinner ahead of time.

A couple other events I would like to tell you about is our famous Fish Fry cooked by **Debbie Hill** which is being held on February 17th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Our Veterans Committee will be having their Annual Roast Beef Dinner on a new date of March 6th. All details for both events are on the flyers with this newsletter.

If you love to cook we invite you to join us as we always need cooks and appreciate volunteers to continue to make these dinners possible. So please call **Madelyn Walrod, PER** @ 201-230-2596. She would be very happy to have all you cooks out there! Call and make arrangements with her to plan your date.

Again, I want to thank everyone for your continued support to our lodge and keeping us moving forward. We cannot survive without all your continue support and to all of our members who continue to make all of our functions a success.

I hope everyone New Year is looking up and you coping with things a little better. 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, our Elks and the United States of America.

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
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Chaplain	Tom Rovito 201-400-0810
Inner Guard	Todd Cruickshank 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

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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Mike Clarke 973-713-2370
Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER 201-230-2596
Americanism	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Antlers	Tarin Chiappa 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 973-398-2097
Government Relations	Heidi McDonnell, DD-D 862-579-5616
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke 973-713-2370
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown 973-919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar 201-207-7545
Motorcycle Parades	TBD Gene Garabrant, PVP 973-627-0017
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412

RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Gary Steffen	973-271-4694
Lisa Rovito	201-978-7218
Linda Gathen	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
Ritual	Rick Gathen, PSP Linda Gathen, PER
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown 973-919-5395
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker 973-288-1030
Youth Activities	Tom Brown 973-919-5395

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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

02	Robert E Adams
02	Carla Endly
02	Denise Jeffery
02	Frank Lepore
04	Charles Nappi
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
23	Cindy L Banghart
24	Philip G Grassia
24	Gary Hoglund
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”

PAUL R. RYAN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2020-2021



Finish your year strong by creating mome

Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. This is my motto going into my year, but this can be your thoughts going out of your year. Finish the year strong—don't think to yourself that you only have two more months until you are done. Instead, think that you have two more months to make a difference.

Start bringing your Leading Knight or whoever will be your ER to all the events and all the meetings to help train them going into April. Don't forget, April 1 is a Thursday, and for the next week the Lodges throughout the country will be voting in the new leadership. Hopefully that doesn't mean you are stepping away. PERs are essential to the future of the Lodges.

Have a celebration for the Birthday of the Elks. The date of our origin is February 16th. It may be a Tuesday, but you can make it a profitable day! Celebrate our birthday and create an avenue for a fundraiser.

This is the time of year both current and future leaders of your Lodge need to come together to set the goals for the next year. Engage Members in this process. Getting them involved can Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom, and this is what we all want.

Contest 'A' — All American Lodge Contest certification forms are due in March, so get prepared to participate in this. Even if you don't think you qualify, it is worth the efforts to work toward it. I know the parameters are different this year, but the efforts are still worth it!

Stacey and I have had minimal travel throughout the country. However, in our travels we are meeting some great people who are Creating Momentum. We feel change is coming and we look forward to meeting even more people and seeing how this Momentum is helping keep Elkdom strong.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



Happy Valentine's Day



I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe with masks and social distancing.

January was a tough month for a lot of our Veterans. We spoke to our contacts at Lyons V.A. Hospital and learned the female Veterans have been transferred to another institution.

We will be going to bring sandwiches, snacks and drinks to the Mom's ward. I have some socks, t-shirts, sweat pants and toiletries that were donated to our Committee by **Donna C and the Cintas Corporation**. Thank you very much.

Please mark your calendars to order our Annual Roast Beef Dinner on March 6th by either option of take out or dining in adhering to Government regulations of 25% current capacity. We will have roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, veggies, salad, rolls & butter. There will also be a homemade dessert made by **Karen A.** of the Hopatcong Seniors and Veterans Committee.

To all of our supporters and workers, I wish you a very Happy Valentine's Day!

Be Safe,

Ed Parrillo, Veterans Chairperson



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

LODGE OF SORROW, our condolences to **Kathy Rennick** in the loss of her dad, **Geronimo Nalldora** from Mt Olive. To **Donna McAlister** in the loss of her mom.

Please keep in your prayers to our members who are under doctors care and still recuperating: **Giacomo DiTacconi**, **Rob Simmon** and **Gail Delaney**. Our continued prayers for **Samantha Martin**.



CONGRATULATION TO ERIC AND HEATHER ON THEIR NEW SON BORN JANUARY 5, 2021

Please feel free to call me at (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 prayer list.

Debi Werner
Sickness & Distress Chairperson

Happy Valentine's Day

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The month of February is upon us. We all wonder will the ground hog see his shadow?

The super bowl seems to "kick off" the month. We will be having a pre-superbowl party starting at 1:00 p.m. February 7th. Come enjoy some football, good food, good beverages, and good friends. See newsletter for further details.

The Annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry is scheduled for February 17th for both take out and limited inside dining. The serving time will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Call Madelyn for advance reservations at 201-230-2596. See the newsletter for further details.

Thirsty Thursday's are continuing to go well. Check our website, facebook and an email blast for our weekly specials.

Friday night dinners are always available for takeout or limited inside dining. Look on board outside of lodge, check the website, facebook and an email blast for the special of the week or call Madelyn.

Let's start thinking spring!! It's not far away !!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

FEBRUARY 5, 2021
Stuffed Peppers
Madelyn Walrod, PER

FEBRUARY 12, 2021
Braised Beef
Kurt

FEBRUARY 19, 2021
Chef's Surprise

FEBRUARY 26, 2021
Chef's Surprise

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COOKING A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
PLEASE CONTACT MADELYN @ 201-230-2596*

A SHOT FROM THE BAR

The bar is open everyday!! Come down and pre-game with us for the Superbowl.

Put a Sunday Blooby Mary Breakfast on your calendar. It is a great time!! The dates are posted on our calendar.

Watch out for specials on Facebook or an email blast for our Thirsty Thursdays!!



NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2021-22

We will be accepting nominations for new Lodge Officers at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

For any positions with more than one candidate running, elections will be conducted at the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Please contact **Lodge Secretary Barbara Tokar** with questions, or if interested.

Rick Gathen, PER, *President*



Happy Valentine's Day

Where did the month go? So sad to think in light of all going on, we will not be able to Leap in the Lake next month. The Antlers look forward to it every year.

The Antlers donated monies last month to the House Committee, Special Children's Committee and the Veterans Committee. The clothing drive has been amazing! They are picking up 2x's a week now! We please ask that no bags be let outside the bins. If the bins are full, please feel free to return in a few days to an empty container. (Sorry for that inconvenience) We appreciate your ongoing donations and as you can see the monies are going to some amazing charities within our lodge. Happy Valentines Day everyone!

Fraternally yours,
Tarin Chiappa, Antler Chairperson

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,
As we move into February we don't have much to report on. We will be sending out a Valentine's gift to the Special Children we are sponsoring for Elks Camp Moore for the 2021 Camp season and they should expect that in the next couple of weeks. Normally around this time, we are active in preparation for our Annual Leap in the Lake fundraiser. Our lodge, for the past 10 years, has been extremely successful in raising funds for our kids to attend Camp Moore as well as to continue sponsoring events for them. This year however, Covid-19, has also affected our time table for hosting this event and our PER Association is looking towards April to run it, if all goes well. More information will hopefully follow in the coming months. As for now that is all we have. Thank you for all that you do for our Special Children.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne, Chair
Special Children's Committee

GREAT FOOD GREAT PRICE



we don't want you
to miss out on the
weekly events at the lodge



PUB NITE THURSDAYS

FRIDAY NITE DINNERS

SUNDAY BLOODY MARY BREAKFASTS

ELKS MAKING A DIFFERENCE



BE AMAZED! FIND US ON FACEBOOK.

KIDS ZONE



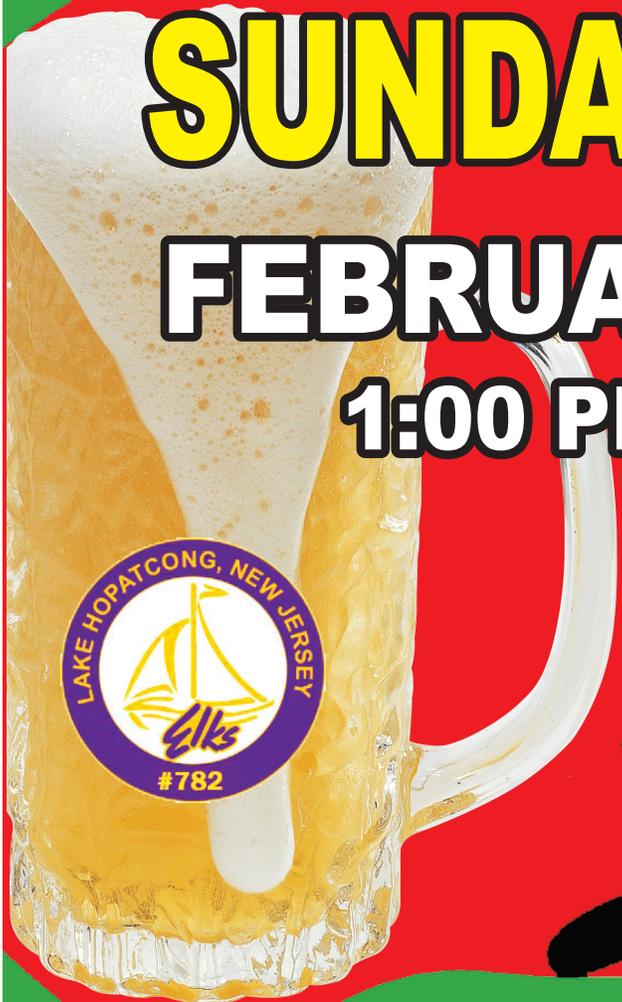
Visit the new Elks Kid Zone by scanning this QR Code ...

2021 SUPERBOWL

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Drink
Specials

\$5.00
PITCHERS
OF BEER

Pre-Game
With Us!

COMPLIMENTARY
APPETIZERS!



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LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782

FISH FRY

TAKE-OUT

~ With Limited Inside Dining ~

**WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 17, 2021**

\$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*

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SUNDAY

Bloody Mary

BREAKFAST

\$8

COCKTAIL
With All
The Fixins'

\$8

SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
PLATE

COCKTAIL WITH BREAKFAST

\$13.95

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LEMONS, LIMES & MORE!

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HOME FRIES & TOAST



Every other Sunday with a different breakfast menu each month.

Starting January 10th - Serving Breakfast From 9:00am - 11:00am

201 HOWARD BOULEVARD · MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ



OLD-FASHIONED ROAST BEEF DINNER

~ Hosted By The Veteran's Committee ~

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

5:00PM-7:30PM

ONLY \$12.00 A PLATE!

INCLUDES

**ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS, SALAD &
HOMEMADE DESSERT**

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE VETERAN'S COMMITTEE



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Lake Hopatcong Antler



Lodge #4

Generosity
changes everything



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



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 NOT 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 Millennium International Textile, Inc., Morris County's premier textile recycling company, established in 1996. Any questions, please contact tarinc35@optonline.net.

Thank you in advance for your donations and continued support!

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Ritual Practice	2 Lodge Meeting 7pm	3	4 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	5 Friday Night Dinner	6
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THANK YOU FROM YOUR MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

I thank all of the volunteers of all committees that continue to make our events here at the lodge successful. As you all know we have bettered our lodge by adding a patio to the Pavilion which will allow for us to have entertainment, live bands and host other venues. This has all been done by donations and by people volunteering their time in labor to building us a brighter future. This will help our lodge in 2021 generate more revenue and be an attractive part of renting our grounds for community events, parties, and celebrations. The project is well underway and all of you who offered your time and talent to helping this become a reality are always welcomed back as soon as the weather gets a little bit warmer. If you are interested in donating your time please come find me, chances are you know where you can find me. I thank you in advance and look forward to completing this added to our lodge to better our lodge grounds.

Go Jets!

Stay safe and see you soon,
Mike Clarke, Maintenance Committee Chairperson



Lake Hopatcong ELKS have given back 11.9 million dollars to the Community

Thank you for supporting the lodge



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