The Elks Reporter

Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835

APRIL 2021

CHARITY JUSTICE BROTHERLY LOVE FIDELITY

Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

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

2021

It's April and the flowers are starting to bloom. As Spring is approaching, my term is coming to an end and I want to recap our successful year. Even though this year has been very different, we have all made many changes in our Lodge and in our lives. We are still doing well and our Lodge has been positive and staying strong. We have survived this pandemic and we will continue to do so. We are starting to work our way back to a somewhat new normal and hopefully back to business as usual.

We are still doing our take outs for our Thirsty Thursday's and our Friday night dinners. We have currently ended our Bloody Mary Sundays and will revisit bringing it back later in the year. Please continue to call **Madelyn** at 201-230-2596 for details for our takeout events and make your reservation for your dinner ahead of time.

We also invite everyone who loves to cook and continue to make these dinners possible to contact **Madelyn Walrod**. It would be great for everyone continue to join us and have fun but without volunteers this is not possible. She would be very happy to have all you cooks out there join the kitchen crew. Call her and make arrangements with her to plan your date to cook.

As you know we had our famous Fish Fry, Annual Roast Beef Dinner, an Easter Bunny drive-thru for our community and will have one for our special children. I look forward to many more new events in our Lodge which will continue to us having another successful year.

As your Exalted Ruler for only a few short weeks left want to thank you for your continued support throughout my year and getting our Lodge through this rough year. We cannot survive without all of your support and all of our members who continue to make all of our functions a success. Thank you once again!

As I know you will please continue to support our new **Exalted Ruler Wayne McDonnell** and his new team of Officers The Officers Installment will be held on April 10th. They are ready to continue to make our lodge a great successful new Fraternal year. I want to thank them all for stepping up and helping your incoming **Exalted Ruler, Wayne**. May you have a great year ahead of you and I wish you all a lot of success in the coming year. I know in my heart you guys and gals will make us all very proud. Good Luck and many successful events for your team.

I am very proud to have been your Exalted Ruler and I Thank you for that opportunity to have been a part for the last 7 years. I started as Inner guard and worked my way to the top chair, Exalted Ruler. Thank you.

Please continue to be safe, healthy and remember that any act of kindness, no matter how big or small, always goes a long 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
Esquire	Eric Sabol 908-299-9185
Chaplain	Tom Rov ito 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	Rick Gathen, PSP
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, PPD 973-398-2097
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl 973-390-0638
Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Goverment Relations	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 862-579-5616
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke 973-713-2370
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 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, PER 201-207-7545
Motorcycle	TBD
Parades	TBD
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Roxanne Steffen	973-650-0199
Wayne McDonnell	862-579-5616
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, PDD
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker, PSP 973-288-1030
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

01	David L Guignard
01	Dennis Maine
01	Sean McDonnell
02	Carla K Guignard
04	Christopher Merring
04	Michael Nowak
04	Mildred Rennick
04	Margaret Sharpe-Murphy
05	Scott Kearney
09	Tina Kraus
10	Joseph Clarke
11	Robert M Brandon
11	Mary Butt
11	Gregory Serri
11	David Wood
12	Thomas Rovito
13	Paige A Toriello
13	Jeffrey J Wolfanger
14	Mary C Beck
14	Leonard Loughridge
14	Thomas Marotta
14	Len Sadowski
15	Gerald Gee
15	Janice Hosler
15	Al Rossy III
16	Kenneth Kappy
16	Gale Newton
17	Sheldon Levy
18	Mary Marshall
19	Dolores Krowl
19	William J Marshall
20	Donetta Heins
20	Carlo J Nisi
21	Jennifer Brown
21	Kurt Helwig
21	Gerald W Sheard
22	Linda Gathen
22	Heather Sabol
26	Barbara Clark
26	Barbara Pirro
26	Elmer Poburski
26	Vincent Reis
29	Dawn M Crocetti
30	Howard Shimm

"Elks Give from the Heart"

PAUL R. RYAN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2020-2021

Start the new Lodge year with a proactive mindset

Stacey and I can't believe that it has been nine months since this journey began for us. We feel that it has been an experience that has fulfilled us as Elks! Although our travels have been very limited, meeting all the wonderful Elks throughout this country during the trips that we have been able to make has been an absolute joy of our life. So as we enter into the Elks New Year, this is a time to reflect on making sure you get your Lodge in order. Being able to be proactive rather than reactive will only help you and your Lodge in the long run. How is this possible? Start with making sure to have some of the following things in effect:

1. Review your bylaws and ensure that they are up to date and pertain to your Lodge's rules and regulations.

2. Check your house rules and make sure they are up to date and approved by your Judiciary member of your area.

3. Do a physical inventory of all your personal property and make sure that you have enough insurance to cover it. These are just a few items that need to be done in the beginning of the Lodge year. That being said, it is not just your responsibility. Involve your officers and your Board of Directors, too.

Lean on your best friend (Secretary) to make sure that you plan and cover everything. A good thing to also do now is to create a list for monthly "activities" — not just your charitable ones, but also your social ones. You should have a monthly event at your Lodge to keep Members involved, to raise funds to pay bills, and to help in the community. We are so excited that the National Hoop Shoot competition will be happening. It may be a little different as it will be held virtually. It is also for the 2019-2020 competition winners for regional competitors and national winners that advanced. That being said, keep an eye out for the future: The 50 year anniversary celebration will be held in Chicago next year for the 2021-2022 season of Hoop Shoot. We all hope that we will have a normal Hoop Shoot for that season.

As you know my theme for this year is Creating Momentum for the Future of Elkdom. Younger Members need to take this into consideration: You are the ones that are going to continue the tradition that this organization has to offer. Stacey and I are looking forward to continuing seeing the great Elks throughout the country.

Please make a donation to our charities and we will be happy to share a pin with you.

"Elks Care - Elks Share."

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

LODGE OF SORROW

To our lifetime member, **Edward Broadback** who passed away our deepest condolences to his family.

To our member, **Jean Burk-Ujvary** for the loss of her husband, Bobby. A donation from the lodge was made to our Veterans Committee to honor Robert who served our country.

Our condolences to **Raymond and Dawn Hopler** in the loss of his Mom, Velva Kauff.

To our absent member, **William Flatt** our prayers to your family.

Please keep in your prayers a few of our members who are currently hospitalized, **Madelyn Walrod, PER and John Shaw, PER**. Also to **Gary Steffen** who was recently released from the hospital. We are holding you all in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you all a healthy recovery.

Please keep the following members in your prayers who are still under doctor's care and recuperating: **Jimmy Vizarro, Eric Sombers, Ed Kelly, John Mattes, Elmer Proburski and William O'Brien.**

Debi Werner
Sickness & Distress Chairperson

Good Luck Ritual Team!!

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Our fiscal year ends April 1st. It certainly was a very interesting and challenging year. I would like to thank the house committee for stepping up and helping with all projects that helped to make the year successful.

I congratulate **Exalted Ruler Roxanne Steffan** for working diligently and hard to keep all activities going smooth. I want to thank her for being so involved with all take out meals as well as thirsty Thursday's preparations.

The "drive-thru"Easter bunny event went very smooth even with poor weather. I would like to thank **Debi Werner** for organizing and shopping for this event. I would also like to thank "bunny" **Barbara Piero** for her never ending spirit with these events.

April starts a new fiscal year. Installation is April 10th. I wish **Exalted Ruler Wayne McDonnell** good luck in his year as the exalted ruler. I know he will do a great job.

I would like go wish the Ritual Team good luck in the State Competition on April 23rd. "Bring home the GOLD."

Look for details in the newsletter for upcoming May events.

Madelyn Walrod PER
Madelyn Walrod, *House Committee Chairperson*

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

LODGE #782

APRIL 2, 2021
FISH FRY
Debbie Hill

APRIL 9, 2021
PULLED PORK (With All the Fixins')
Cory & Patsy Schmidt

APRIL 16 & 23 2021
CHEF'S SURPRISE

APRIL 30, 2021
MEATLOAF
Madelyn Walrod, PER

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

ANTLERS

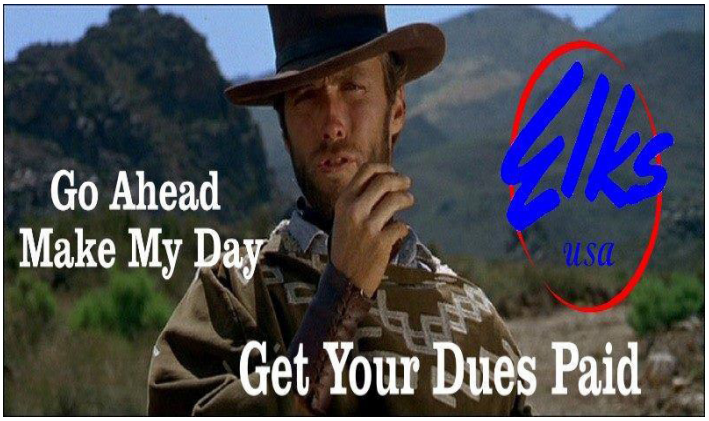
The clothing drive is still going strong. Again, please do not leave any bags outside of the bin. They are picking up more frequently and we apologize if the bin is full for your drop off. We cannot thank you enough for your ongoing donations. Wishing our Ritual Team the best in the State Competition!

Fraternally yours
Tarin Chiappa, *Antler Chairperson*

A SHOT FROM THE BAR

The bar is open everyday!! Come down watch your favorite Nascar drivers! Baseball is right around the corner too!

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



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hi All ..... I'm baaack and so happy returning as the chairperson for this incredible committee!!

For those who do not know me, I'm **Heidi McDonnell**, and I'm the new(er) chairperson for the Special Children's Committee. In more recent years I've worked along side **Wayne** helping plan events and as a co-chaperone for our ambassadors and their families. We have a great start for the new year with our first event on Saturday, April 3rd. This is our Special Children's Easter Bunny Drive Thru. We have 15 families coming by to enjoy a quick visit with the bunny and each special child will receive an incredible Easter Basket full treats, gifts, and a $20 gift card. An amazing start to kick things off!

More importantly we have a wonderful year ahead full of fun and happiness for our special friends. And the best part is you can join us! If interested in joining the committee please reach out to me at **LH782.SCCEvents@gmail.com**

I'll be planning a committee meeting with those interested in the near future. I'll be sharing our view for the year ahead.

Until we meet ... Have a great big beautiful tomorrow!
Heidi McDonnell, PDD Lodge SCC Chairperson

VETERANS COMMITTEE

wELKcome to all our new members. With new people come new ideas. A good amount of people are interested in working and helping the Veterans Committee.

At our last meeting we met a few of the new members. Thank you for coming! We look forward to meeting all others and getting their ideas and input for our committee.

Last month we had our Annual Roast Beef Dinner. It was very successful. Thank you to **Madelyn Walrod,PER, Tom Brown, PDD, Pat Esposito and all our members** who went above and beyond. A special thank you must be given to all who attended or ordered a meal to go. Everyone I spoke with said it was delicious and the social distance seating was quite comfortable. As always, thank you **Karen A**, your desserts were a big hit. Thank you to all our supporters and members.

Thank you to **Lisa Rovito** and the Bassist from Hopatcong Sound Machine for the donation from the handlebar mustache cut from the St. Patty's Day Dinner.

I would like to wish the Ritual Team Good Luck in the State Competition. I would like to thank **Roxy Steffen** for a great year and look forward to working with **Wayne McDonnell** in the upcoming fraternal year. Happy Easter to all!

Ed Parrillo, *Veterans Chairperson*

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Board of Directors has recommended that our current Lodge By-Laws be amended to reflect a change in the start time for our regularly scheduled Lodge Meetings to 7:00 p.m. Official Notice is hereby given that said change will be proposed at our Lodge Meeting of April 6 2021, and voted on by the membership at our Lodge Meeting of April 20, 2021.

Barbara Tokar
Lodge Secretary

NEW JERSEY ELKS VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Winners of the New Jersey Elks Vocational Scholarship Competition will each receive a one-time $1000.00 award. There will be two (one male – one female) $1000.00 Vocational Scholarships awarded in each of the twelve Elks' Districts in New Jersey for a total of $24,000.00 in Vocational Scholarship Awards.

It is for students who have completed their secondary education requirements and plan to attend or are attending a post-secondary school to pursue a certificate or credential in a vocational or technical program. Post-secondary schools include vocational or technical schools. Students attending a two year community college are also eligible as long as they are pursuing a certificate or credential. Students planning to earn an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree are not eligible for this scholarship program.

This scholarship is available to graduating high school students or within four years of earning a high school diploma or a G.E.D. Applicant must be a resident of New Jersey and must also be a citizen of the United States on the date that the application is submitted.

All applications must be sent to the student's local New Jersey Elks Lodge and postmarked between March 1, 2021 & May 15, 2021 for the 2021-22 academic year.

The application is available online at NJElks.org

NEW JERSEY ELKS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The New Jersey Elks Family Scholarship is now $900. These scholarships are available to children, grand-children and great-grandchildren (step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren) of New Jersey Elks. High school seniors as well as college freshman, sophomores, and juniors can apply. A student should apply each year of eligibility. It runs from April 15th to June 30th each year.

Applications for the 2021 contest will be available online at NJElks.org on April 15, 2021 and must be submitted by June 30, 2021.

WELKOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS INITIATED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2021

New Member	Proposed By
Veronica Angle	Patsy Schmidt
Mary Butt	Kenneth Butt, Jr.
Catherine Chamer	Roxanne Steffen
Robert A. Deiorio	Patsy Schmidt
Kimberly Ann Douglas	Kenneth Butt, Jr.
Dawn Haessig	Kevin Murphy
Debra Hanley	Patsy Schmidt
Michael Hanley	Patsy Schmidt
Kimberly Ann Hipwell	Patsy Schmidt
Margaret M. Hipwell	Patsy Schmidt
Robin Jean Kesselmeyer	Michael Walsh
Kimberly Kulpeksa	Patsy Schmidt
Dennis Maine	Kimberly O'Brien
Kenneth Matzek	Barbara Tokar
Elizabeth Mertens	Laura Schroeder
Robert Nock	Patsy Schmidt
James O'Brien	Kimberly O'Brien
Carol Pezzicara	Laura Schroeder
Raymond Ricciardi	Tina Kraus
Sharon Romero	Michael Walsh
Gina Marie Sedita	Patsy Schmidt
Jessica Sharp	Patsy Schmidt
Lisa A. Skelly	Patsy Schmidt
Garett Springer	George Irving
Ashley B. Vaughn	Lawrence Bellack, Jr.
Cameron Walton	Patsy Schmidt
Eric Zotynia	Laura Schroeder

"Welcome Back To John Lombardi"
Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary

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MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

10:00 AM - 1:00PM

Mother's Day Service at 10:00AM
Adults $15.00 · Moms & Kids $8.00
Under 5 Years Old Free

ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL WITH MOM!!

Omelette Station · Carving Station · Pasta Station
& Much, Much More!!

Bring Your Mom or Grandma Down For A Delicious Brunch & Witness The Lodge Officers' Mother's Day Service .... A Beautiful Tribute To Moms

FLEA MARKET

LAKE HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY
Elks
#782

$20.00 Table Rental

$15.00 Per Space
(With Own Table)

SATURDAY
MAY 15 2021
9:00AM-3:00PM

Limited Spaces Available

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Vendors Permitted To Set Up 7am Day Of Event

Call Madelyn To Reserve Space 201-230-2596

Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks

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

WILDWOOD 2021

The 2021 NJ State Elks convention in Wildwood is a GO!! It might look a bit different, but it is definitely a step towards normalcy! So mark your calendars for June 4th thru June 6th, get your $100 deposit in, and get ready for a fun (& safe) gathering of fellow Elks and friends!! Please mail your deposit in or drop it off to the lodge TODAY. We cannot guarantee any rooms without a deposit.

As in years past, your package will include a 2 night Hotel stay (check in Friday, check out Sunday), Hospitality Room with unlimited beer, wine, soda, liquor & more, Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, Lunch on Saturday, and Dinner on Friday night and Saturday night.

This year we will be once again staying at the Royal Canadian Motel again, located on Atlantic Ave, just ½ block from the Boardwalk. The weekend package cost for two people will remain the same as in past years...$375 for the entire package, and any additional persons staying in the room will be $50 per person.

TOTAL PACKAGE COST $375
$100 Deposit – due NOW
$125 towards balance – due by 4/1/21
$150 remaining balance – due by 5/1/21

Also, there will be NO REFUNDS after 5/15/21

If you have any questions, please call Madelyn at 201-230-2596 or email me at LGathen@optonline.net
Linda Gathen, PDD, Convention Chairperson

WILDWOOD 2021 – RESERVATION FORM

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP : _____

PHONE : _____ EMAIL : _____

Please indicate whether you would like the same room as 2019: ___ Yes ___ No

RATE IS $375 BASED ON 2 PEOPLE IN A ROOM

ADDITIONAL $50 PER PERSON FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON 16 YRS OLD OR OLDER

DON'T MISS OUT - RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!

Please give completed form & a deposit check for $100 to Madelyn Walrod

You can also mail the form with your check to : Lake Hopatcong Elks, 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

For more information, please call Madelyn at 201-230-2596

Lake Hopatcong Antlers Lodge #4

CLOTHING DRIVE

Spring is here. Why not start your Spring cleaning now with your closets. Drop off your gently used clothes to the clothing bins on the left side of the parking lot.

Items may be bagged in:
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
Please do not bring donations in storage totes, or boxes, or donate loose items.
All Donations should be bagged

Non Acceptable Items:

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

Accepted items:

-Men's, woman's and children's clothing and shoes. Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Hats.
-Soft or Hard toys 14 inches or less
-Bedsheets, Towels and Curtains
-CD's/DVD's must be in appropriate cases, no burned copies or loose discs

Items collected are never shredded!!!!!

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Tarinc35@optonline.net with questions

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 Ritual Practice	30	31	1 THIRSTY THURSDAY	2 Friday Night Dinner FISH FRY	3
4 Happy Easter	5 Ritual Practice	6 **Lodge Meeting 7pm**	7	8 THIRSTY THURSDAY	9 Friday Night Dinner	10
11	12 Ritual Practice	13 House Committee Meeting	14	15 THIRSTY THURSDAY	16 Friday Night Dinner	17
18	19 Ritual Practice	20 **Lodge Meeting 7pm**	21	22 THIRSTY THURSDAY	23 Friday Night Dinner *Good Luck Ritual Team*	24
25	26 Ritual Practice	27 House Committee Meeting	28 BBQ	29	30 Friday Night Dinner	1

2021 MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Ritual Practice					1 Wildwood Balance Due
2	3 Ritual Practice	4 **Lodge Meeting 7pm**	5 BBQ	6	7 Friday Night Dinner	8
9 Happy Mother's Day!	10	11 House Committee Meeting	12 BBQ	13	14 Friday Night Dinner	15 FLEA MARKET
16	17 Ritual Practice	18 **Lodge Meeting 7pm**	19 BBQ	20	21 Friday Night Dinner	22
23	24 Ritual Practice	25 House Committee Meeting	26 BBQ	27	28 Friday Night Dinner	29
30	31 Ritual Practice					

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