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Exalted Ruler's Message

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. November proved to be another busy month with all the committees holding outstanding events. And now we rush right into the last month of the year, December. This is my favorite time of year, getting into the holiday spirit.

This month we have quite a few things going on. We will be having memorial service for our departed members on December 6th at 10 a.m. The children's Christmas parties with Santa and we will be having our district deputy **Tom Brown** coming to the Lodge for the official visit on December 15th. Which is the same night or ritual team performs for the district ritual competition. So come on down and cheer them on. Also at the end of the month and year, we will be holding our New Years Eve Christmas party once again. The theme is rockin' to the oldies and there will be plenty of food and music so get dressed up and bring your dancing shoes and appetite because we're going to have a rockin' time.

Now I want you to think about something for just a few minutes. Imagine it's Christmas morning. A child wakes up with the energy and excitement brought on by the thoughts and dreams of what might be under the tree. They run downstairs and look with anticipation only to find nothing there. Their smiles sink and they go back to their room with a tear in her eye. Is this what Christmas is all about? It doesn't have to be when Lake Hopatcong Elks get involved.

It is that time of year again. The holiday appeal is upon us once again. It is our chance to bring joy, laughter and smiles to those children in need. It warms my heart seeing everyone get involved in this holiday season. My fellow Elks, this is what Christmas is all about. And yes this is what the pride and joy about Elkdom is all about. So grab a family of that list and bring that Christmas spirit back into a child's heart. Finally, I just want to say to you all. May you have a safe, joyful and blessed holiday. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless the Elks, God bless our troops and God bless America.

Matthew Winnans Exalted Ruler

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5 Yr. Trustee	Wayne McDonnell

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, Chairman Roxanne Steffen Marge Curry Sean Macmillan Barbara Pirro Gary Steffen Matt Winnans

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

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Membership

Motorcycle

Parades

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Army of Hope Pam Ricker 973-288-1030 **Youth Activities Craig Lang**

973-641-2291

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



01	Heidi Mc Donnell
02	Robert Johnson
03	William G Burke
03	Richard Byrd
07	Robert Corcoran
07	Lorraine Dziadul
07	Douglas A Zellman
80	Carol A Boyle
12	Joseph Giacalone
13	Wayne Mc Donnell
13	Joseph Pennino
15	Christine Malloy
15	Robert Rogalsky
18	John Nadzeika
20	Lisa Donegan
20	David G Moran Jr
20	John Reynolds
21	Pamela Ricker
21	Fred Santucci
22	Thomas Whelan
24	Hollie Buff
25	Ralph Polise
26	Robert Bradel
26	Joseph S Rutkoski III
27	Brian Durkin
28	Dominick D'Altilio
29	Donna Rose Kupper
30	Carol Owings

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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In the subject line please type: Monthly Newsletter. Please provide me with the email address you wish to have your newsletter sent to and you will be automatically removed from the mailing list for newsletters only.

All news articles, photos and flyers must be submitted by the 20th of

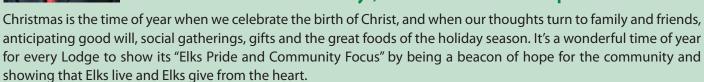
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"Elks Give from the Heart" RONALD L. HICKS

GRAND EXALTED RULER **2015-2016**

'Tis the season for holidays, service and membership



If you have been waiting for just the right opportunity to get more involved in your Lodge, the holidays are the perfect time to get started. There is so much going on at your Lodge, and there will certainly be something that you will enjoy! Why not step forward to participate in the holiday activities at your Lodge or join with other Members in a community service program to help bring a smile to the face of a Veteran or a child, or to assist someone in need? Your efforts will be greatly appreciated, and will fill your heart with the true joy of the holiday season, increase your pride in membership and may even spark a desire to become more involved and active at your Lodge.

In addition, this is a great time of year to attract new Members by showing how "Elks Care – Elks Share." As we advance and strengthen our presence in our communities, we also introduce our friends and neighbors to Elkdom and prove ourselves a reliable community

partner. Through our enthusiastic volunteer service, we are able to put a face on our Lodges, encourage others to learn more about the Elks, who we are and what we do, and increase the opportunities for new Members to join our Order.

Nancy and I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.

"Elks Care - Elks Share."



Welcome Our New Members To The Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

 \sim Initiated on November 22, 2015 \sim

New Member
Robert Dalrymple
Colleen Erickson
William Erickson
Marie Lepre
William McManus
Marilyn Serra
Mark Vandling



Sponsored by Karl Petr Matthew Winnans Matthew Winnans Andrew Letizia Kathleen Caffrey Madelyn Walrod Charles Horvath

Barbara Tokar, PER Lodge Secretary

SECOMMITTEE

As we all know the Grand Lodges per capita goal this year was set for 4.65. After last posting our lodge has a per capita of 5.34. How great is that?

Thanks to all the great help I received from so many with getting Our Christmas Fair put together. A special thanks to **Roxy** for all the extra work and help she gives. Our baked goods went well. Thanks to all who baked. Thanks to the guys in the kitchen and for **Tarin** sitting there all day selling chances for our Gift Card Fundraiser. After cost we raised over \$1,300.00.

At the last meeting I handed out tickets to members. Please try and sell to friends and family. Hopefully you don't have any left, but if you should have one or two, kindly bring to next Lodge meeting so that I have them to sell at our Christmas Party which is Friday December 18th from 8:00 pm till midnight. Our Gift card fundraiser worth \$1025.00 and our \$150.00 lottery scratch off Christmas tree will be going off at the party to lucky winners. Also looking for fellow elks to make their favorite appetizer for that evening. Please help keep the cost down and make a batch of your favorite. Would be greatly appreciated.

I'd Like To Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas, Debi Werner, ENF Committee Chairperson



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please say a prayer for Dave Bourdette for a speedy recovery, who recently had a motor vehicle accident and is recovering at home. Mike Bohrer(Coach), whose brother Ken is currently battling cancer. Our condolences and prayers go out to the family of Gary Ward whose wife recently passed away. Also prayers to Alice Hebel and their family of the recent passing of Dr. Melvin Hebel.

Please call or text if you would like to report any news: Kathleen Caffrey at 973-534-8283 or email me at kacmonte@optonline.net

Kathleen Caffrey, Sickness & Distress Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Holiday's are here!!! Thanksgiving has come and gone with all appetites all fulfilled, I am sure.

As December comes in we think about all the exciting events at the lodge. The "Holiday Appeal Program" has already started. Many families have been adopted but there are many more available. Contact **Linda Gathen or Madelyn Walrod** to "adopt a family."

"Duffy's Trees" and "Pine Tree" wreaths and Grave Blankets are in business again this year. Come down to the Lodge and look for your perfect tree for your home or have a grave blanket or wreath personally designed to your needs.

The Annual Elks Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 7th at 10:00 a.m. Plan to attend. We will honor our departed members over the past year.

December 15th is Homecoming for **Tom Brown**, please mark your calendars.

On December 20th we will be hosting the Annual "Breakfast with Santa" from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00a.m. We heard Santa will arrive around 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve tickets are now on sale for everybody. Make sure you get your tickets early. The entertainment will be the band "Desire" and a buffet dinner by **Jan and Mike** will be served. A good time sure will be had by all!!!

I would like to thank **Roxy and Gary Steffan** for putting up the festive holiday lights both inside and outside. The lodge looks so nice. I also would like to thank, **Debi Werner** for decorating our Christmas trees. A nice job well done.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and happy and healthy New Year.

> Madelyn Walrod PER House Committee Chairman



SHOT FROM THE BAR

Stop in and watch your favorite NFL team play. Remember we do have the "Red-Zone!" There is always good food, good friends, and good spirits!! Come down and join the fun!!!



LAKE HOPATCONG ANTLER'S LODGE #4

Merry Christmas To All
Looking for new members! Please join t

Looking for new members!! Please join today. Ages 12-2. Do you have children or grandchildren in this age group? If so you can get an ap-

plication on the table out front of the main room. The Antler's are looking for formal wear donations for a Valentines Day dance. Dresses, shoes, tuxedos and suits are needed. We are going to have a sale of these donated items on January 16th. Please hang cleaned items in the coat room.

Sallimae Johnson Antler's Advisor

LAKE HOPATCONG MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

On November 6, 2015 the NJ State Miracle Run committee presented a plaque to Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782, Motorcycle committee in appreciation for their commitment to make the Miracle Run such a huge success. **President Charlie Horvath** presented **Exhaled Ruler Matt** with the plaque at the November 17th members meeting. It will be on display in the members bar. On November 14, 2015 at the Fall Conference, **President Charlie Horvath** presented a \$250.00 check to Camp Moore from The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782 Motorcycle Committee.

This spring the NW district motorcycle committees will be having an event to raise money for the new water spray park to be installed at Camp Moore. The date of this event is TBD.

Anyone interested in joining this committee, please attend our next meeting on January 20, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Merry Christmas ~ Charlie Horvath

Lake Hopatcong #782 Motorcycle Committee President









A Special Thank You To Bill Robinson, Veterans Service Officer, Who Presented The Seminar On Veterans' Benefits On November 19th

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE

There are 2 motorized wheelchairs that are available to anyone in need of one. For more information, contact Pat Porter @ 201-

The Annual Thanksgiving dinner held on November 12th for 39 Veterans from Lyons VA Hospital was again, a huge success and enjoyed by all. Madelyn and her crew cooked an absolutely delicious meal, followed by the delectable homemade apple and pumpkin pies from **Debbie Reynolds** (for which she received 2 marriage proposals). Thanks to All The Lodge Members who served and sat and talked with the Vets. These Veterans left with bags of donated items, and they could not stop thanking us for a wonderful evening. A great big thank you to all for the generous donations, and to all who participated in some way.

Our Annual Old Fashioned Roast Dinner will be held on January 30th. The cost is \$7.99 and tickets will be available in December.

The next Veterans Committee meeting will be held December 9th @ 6:30. This meeting is open to all Lodge members; you do not have to be a Veteran. Please come if you are interested.

We extend our warmest wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday.

As always, please keep our Military Personnel and their families in our hearts and prayers, especially all those who are separated during the holidays.

Pat Porter, Veterans Committee Chairman





Cash Bar

Oldies Music * Mini Tricky Tray * **Raffles**

> See the bartender for tickets or call Pat at (201) 317-9123

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

Right out of the gate December is always busy for the Special Children's Committee. We are hosting the District Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5th and we have a great day planned for our Special Children. We will be helping to distribute gift baskets to approximately 40 Special Children as they start their a holiday season with us. Then on Sunday, December 13th is our Breakfast with Santa for our Special Children will take place from 9:00-11:00 am. We will be providing a meal to the children and families our our Special Children and they will get their opportunity to get their picture with Santa himself. Our members have done a tremendous job this year bringing joy and hope to the kids and please continue to do so as we move into the 2016 year.

I want to take this time to wish all of you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Please continue to help bring a smile to the face of a special child.

Again, I'd like to thank you for all that you continue to do for our Special Children!

> Fraternally, Wayne McDonnell, Co-Chair Special Children's Committee

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE



As mandated by the Grand Lodge, all lodges across the nation honor their departed members at a Memorial Service held on the first Sunday in December, which this year falls on **December 6th**. Lake Hopatcong's Memorial Service will begin at 10am, with refreshments being served prior to the service. It is a beautiful and emotionally moving service dedicated to our fellow members who have passed away during the previous year. This year's service is in honor of the following deceased members:

Harold Buck
William Chalmers
Adam Chlodnicki
Mel Hebel
William Hill
Carol Morhardt
Gerald Rosevear
Michael Stefanik

The service is open to the public and all members are encouraged to attend. Many of the friends and families of our departed members will be in attendance, and it means more than you will know to see so many lodge members come to pay respect and honor the memory of their loved one. Please plan on showing these friends and family members you care by attending.

Linda Gathen, PER Memorial Service Chairperson

Most Valuable Student Scholarship



500 Four-year Awards

- First Place (2): \$50,000 scholarship (\$12,500 per year)
- Second Place (2): \$40,000 scholarship (\$10,000 per year)
- Third Place (2): \$30,000 scholarship (\$7,500 per year)
- > (14) \$20,000 scholarships (\$5,000 per year)
- > (480) \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per year)

Available to any high school senior. Based on scholarship, leadership & financial need. Visit http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/applymvs.cfm

Deadline December 4, 2015

Legacy Scholarship



Established in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards scholarship program awards 250 college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to the children and grandchildren of Elks members.

They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation:

► Knowledge ► Charity ► Community Service ► Integrity

Visit http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm to apply.

Deadline January 29, 2016

For more information, contact Linda Gathen, PER Scholarship Chairperson



Lake Hopatcong Elks 2015 Holiday Appeal

Our **Annual Holiday Appeal** is in full swing! As we think of all the things in our lives to be thankful for, let's remember the hundreds of families in our area that are financially struggling during the Holidays. Please open your hearts up to these families this year and consider adopting a local family for our Annual Holiday Appeal.

This year we have about 250 children from approximately 100 local families to adopt. We encourage all our Members to try to take at least one of these children or families and donate gifts for them. If you would like to adopt a family, or make a monetary or food donation, please email me at **LGathen@optonline.net** or see **Madelyn Walrod, PER.**

The gifts will be distributed at our **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday**, **December 20th** so all gifts will need to be dropped off to the lodge no later than **Friday**, **December 18th**.

In addition to the gifts each child will receive, we will also be giving each family a basket filled with non-perishable food items to try to make things a little brighter for them during the Holiday Season. We will be putting the food baskets together on **Saturday**, **December 19th beginning at 9am** so if you have any food donations, or if you would like to help assemble the baskets, please come on down. Many hands make light work!

Thank you again for all your support in this special program. We would not be able to make this happen without your support.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our area needy families.

Linda Gathen, PER Holiday Appeal Chairperson



2015-2016

Americanism Essay Contest



Essay Theme: "What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country"

- 1. Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in the fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade during the normal 2015-16 school year, preceding June 30, 2016. Deadline: Must be submitted to Local Lodge by December 18, 2015.
- 2. Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- 3. Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- 4. Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge administering the contest at his or her school or, if unknown, to Lodge nearest to home address of entrant.
- 5. Entrant must be identified on essay by name, home address, grade, school attended and sponsoring Lodge. (Lodge may enter Lodge information on essay.)
- Judging criteria

Originality: Avoid the use of trite or worn out words and phrases — 30 points

Development of theme: Stay focused on ideas and thoughts. Don't ramble — 40 points

Mechanics and neatness: Use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation — 30 points

There are two divisions for judging essays:

Division 1 (combined fifth and sixth grades)

Division 2 (combined seventh and eighth grades)

For questions or for more information, contact Linda Gathen, PER, Americanism Chairperson at LGathen@optonline.net

Christmas Blast



Friday, December 18, 2015 8:00 pm - 12 midnight

Cocktail Party
with Cash Bar
plus hors d'oeuvres
being served
Dance All Night
with DJ Jean

Given By The ENF Committee of The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge 782

201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Adults \$7.00 - Kids \$3.00

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet Visit With Santa & Get Your Picture Taken

All Children 10 + Under Will Get A Free Gift From Santa

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December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Litore Buddy Initiate your Buddy in December	1 Lodge Meeting	2	3 Darts	4 Friday Night Dinner Pork & Sauerkraut Vet's Trivia Night	Special Children's
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13	14 Ritual Practice Pool	15 Lodge Meeting Home-coming Tom Brown	16 Shongum	17 Darts	18 Friday Night Dinner Meat Loaf ENF Christmas Party	19
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27	28 Ritual Practice Pool	29	30	31		

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For More Information, Call Debi at 973-668-9302

Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782



Free Throw Contest



Friday, December 4, 2015

Hopatcong High School Gym

2 Windsor Ave., Hopatcong, NJ Registration: 7:00 pm Contest: Begins at 7:30 pm

All boys and girls ages 8 through 13 as of April 1, 2016 are eligible to participate and the contest is free

*1st Place winners will advance to the District Competition and have the chance to advance to the State, Regional and National Level Competition

For more information call Tom Brown at (973) 919-5395

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