

Wow August didn't disappoint with its whirl wind of activity. We had the District Deputy Investiture of Jewels for our own **Kathleen Caffrey**, DD on August 6th our District PDD's and PER's did a spectacular job as always! So nice to have the DD and her family home in Lake Hopatcong. The day was filled with laughs, comradely, and outstanding food! We had a beautiful day for the Army of Hope golf outing, while my golf game lacks skill, the fun we had can't be matched raising money for a wonderful cause! Congratulations to our PER's on another sold out successful Seafood Fest, it was a beautiful day. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped pull off this event. Serving over 230 people is no easy task, and by God the food was amazing. I think the Paella and the Clam Chowder were my favorite items at the event. We wrapped up the month with an initiation of 10 new members on the 31st. Please extend a wElkome to our new members when you see them. The Elks truly are the Best People On Earth, their talent and enthusiasm is infectious.

September brings fall weekends and return of those big yellow things called school buses. I urge everyone to keep their eyes on the road watching for kids crossing streets or in some cases parents dragged them kicking and screaming to the bus stop.

The month opens with our officers BBQ and it moves quickly into Labor Day, from our family to yours we wish everyone a happy and safe Labor Day!

On Sunday September 10th many of us will be at Lacey Lodge #2518 for the Army of Hope picnic. If you ever wanted to see Elks at their best, this is an event you want to attend as we honor our New Jersey Gold Star families. If you would like to attend, please reach out to **Matthew Winnans, PVP** for details.

Please join us on Monday September 11th at 6:30pm as we gather to honor the memory of those who were taken 22 years ago in a moving ceremony performed by your lodge officers.

We are holding our 3rd Annual District Music Fest for Vets on September 16th; we have five bands lined up to provide you with hours of entertainment. So, bring your lawn chair and some friends for a memorable night and know your money is going to a great cause.

We are holding our Flea Market on September 23rd please reach out to **Linda Kline**, her info is provided below in the newsletter. As September comes to a close so will our Wed Night BBQ's, make sure you come out this month for our final four specials of the season.

This month my challenge is a little different, but it builds on my quote from last month. Since September is suicide awareness month and we never truly know what someone is going through, I encourage all of you check in on those around you and remind them that the world is better with them in it!

On that note, I will leave you with a quote by Mother Teresa - "Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless" and a gentle reminder that it costs nothing to spread kindness.

Fraternally Yours, Samantha P. Martin, Exalted Ruler

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

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PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DEBI AT 973-668-9302

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"Elks Give from the Heart" Randy P. Shook

GRAND EXALTED RULER
2023-2024

"We Are The Elks."



September: Start of fall, halfway point of Lodge year

Labor Day, the "unofficial end of summer," is observed on the first Monday in September. In addition to marking the beginning of fall activities and sports, the holiday pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. In honor of this national holiday, please accept my thanks for all you do for Elkdom. Your dedication truly exemplifies that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Our Lodge activities will once again move at a very fast pace. It is time to take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks. September is the beginning of the District Deputy Lodge visits. These visits will provide a look into your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan for the visit with your Lodge board of directors by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist and all the other information needed by the DD. This will give you ample time to prepare your Lodge for a successful visit.

The end of this month will bring an end to the first half of this Lodge year. This is an excellent time to see how you stand with your goals for the year. Are you on track to meet those goals or are adjustments needed? By evaluating where you are now, you will be better prepared to make those decisions.

The reopening of schools in your communities presents us excellent opportunities to encourage our youth. Supporting local sports programs and any youth-related activities are great ways to show your Lodge support and community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation program grants. These grants are available to financially assist in your community partnerships with our youth. Remember, "We Are THE Elks" and we take pride in helping the youth of today grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

It is also a time to seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much needed financial support. Please follow the Elks website for deadlines to apply for these grants. Don't wait; act quickly.

The Elks support Patriot Day on September 11 each year in memory and honor of all those who lost their lives during those horrific attacks, including the first responders and community members who sought to help the crash victims. The Elks have developed a Patriotism Week Proclamation that I encourage all Lodges across our great country to embrace. The proclamation is located in the Fraternal Committee section of elks.org in a pdf format: elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/files/ patriotismWeekProclamation.pdf.

Please take the time to download this very important proclamation. Have your local government officials place it on their agenda to recognize our freedom and to honor our nation.

Remember "Elks Care — Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

A great source of funding for some community projects is the Elks National Foundation, known as the "Great Heart Of Elkdom." The ENF helps build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans, and meet the needs in areas where we live and work.

The Foundation has allocated almost \$16 million for Lodge Community Service Grants. This grant program allows your Lodge to complete more for your communities. This is once again a way for you to show your communities that Elks Care—Elks Share. Make the Elks presence felt in your community by using these grants. What is your Lodge known for in your community? What reputation would you like to have? Find that need in your community and get it done. This will ensure people in your community know that "We Are The Elks."

The support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible. The goal we have established for the 2023–2024 fraternal year is \$4.80 per Member. That is not much when you consider the outstanding achievements of this program. Remember "Elks Care—Elks Share" and "We Are THE Elks."

God bless our great Order, our troops, and the United States of America.

"Elks Core-Elks Shore"

WEARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COOKS!!

Please come and share your favorite dish!! Please call Debi Werner for more details at 973-668-9302



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please continue to keep **William Gerald Evans**, **Heidi McDonnell**, **PDD's** brother in your prayers as he continues a long recovery in the hospital from pneumonia.

If you know of someone who is in need of our prayers please contact me at 973-668-9302.

Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson

HOUSE COMMITTEE

WOW, hard to believe that our summer is over and the kids are back in school. We do have a couple exciting things going on at the Elks this month. Please join us on Monday,

September 11th at 6pm to pay respect to all who have lost their life on that dreadful day. May we never forget and may we all join together for a small service, followed by free hot dogs and good conversation.

September 16th our Veterans Committee will be throwing their 3rd Annual Music Festival. Please come out and enjoy some great bands and support our Northwest District Veterans.

September 23rd the House Committee will be holding a Flea Market. Please come check it out. I want to thank **Linda Kleine** for doing such a great job selling out on vendors. One man's junk is another man's treasure. There will be bagels and coffee in the morning. We will then have hot dogs in afternoon for purchase. Our House Committee will also be selling homemade sweets.

Thank you to all who volunteered to cook FNDs and the Committees for stepping up and doing Wednesday Night BBQs.

> Debi Werner House Committee Chairperson



SHOT FROM THE BAR

Football is back! We are going to open a little earlier on Sundays! Come down & get settled in to enjoy the games in the Members Bar!

Get your tickets today for the Veteran's Music Festival being held on September 16th! See any bartender for tickets/information.

Come out and enjoy the patio while we still have beautiful Summer weather!

Nancy Loizou, Bar Chairperson









Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)

Song by Alan Jackson

Where were you when the world stopped turnin' That September day? Were you in the yard with your wife and children Or workin' on some stage in L.A.? Did you stand there in shock at the sight of that black smoke Risin' against that blue sky? Did you shout out in anger, in fear for your neighbor Or did you just sit down and cry?

Did you weep for the children, they lost their dear loved ones Pray for the ones who don't know? Did you rejoice for the people who walked from the rubble And sob for the ones left below? Did you burst out with pride for the red, white, and blue And the heroes who died just doin' what they do? Did you look up to heaven for some kind of answer And look at yourself and what really matters?

I'm just a singer of simple songs I'm not a real political man I watch CNN, but I'm not sure I can tell you The diff'rence in Iraq and Iran But I know Jesus and I talk to God And I remember this from when I was young Faith, hope, and love are some good things He gave us And the greatest is love

Where were you when the world stopped turnin' That September day? Teachin' a class full of innocent children Or drivin' down some cold interstate? Did you feel guilty 'cause you're a survivor? In a crowded room did you feel alone? Did you call up your mother and tell her you love her? Did you dust off that Bible at home?

Did you open your eyes and hope it never happened Close your eyes and not go to sleep? Did you notice the sunset for the first time in ages And speak to some stranger on the street? Did you lay down at night and think of tomorrow Go out and buy you a gun? Did you turn off that violent old movie you're watchin' And turn on I Love Lucy reruns? Did you go to a church and hold hands with some strangers Stand in line to give your own blood? Did you just stay home and cling tight to your family Thank God you had somebody to love?

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ANTLERS CORNER

On August 10th the Antlers had their Annual Field Trip to Frog Falls Water Park at the Picatinny Military Base. Once again thank you to Sheila Speroni for arranging the Trip. Despite the rainy day they all had a wonderful time.

Thank you to all that supported the Antler's Wednesday Barbeque on August 23rd and thank you to our Antlers and their parents for providing the food. A special thank you to **Debi Werner** for making her delicious potato salad and **Walter Wurster** for making the great baked beans.

The Antlers will be selling mums and fall plants at the Flea Market at the Lodge on Saturday September 23rd from 9am to 3pm. Please come out and support them as they do so much for us. We are also planning another Make your own Mozzarella event in the near future so check your bulletin for updates.

The Antlers continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and are doing an amazing job. They also volunteer for special events, always working hard with enthusiasm. Please continue to show your appreciation for all of their hard work.

Thank all of you for your continued donations to the clothing bins. The Antlers make donations to their favorite charities with the monies raised from the bins. Last month's donation went to the Old Bridge Antler Lodge #37 to help repair their Greenhouse that was destroyed during a storm.

We continue to try to grow our numbers and if you have any friends or family members between the ages of 12 and 21 please encourage them to join the Antlers. Applications and brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge.

> Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER

WANT TO SAVE A STAMP??

With the rising cost of postage we encourage all members that are able to receive the newsletter through email to do so. If you wish to be removed for the mailing list please email me at patsygirl77@yahoo.com. Please placed SAVE A STAMP in the subject line. Thank you!

Patsy Schmidt, Newsletter Editor





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MEDIA ALERT -NOTICE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ELKS HONORING THE 22nd ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11th

Chicago, IL – Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States, Guam, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal will celebrate Patriots Day on September 11, 2023, with appropriate celebrations and observances. Contact your local Elks Lodge for more information.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than \$12 Billion in donations since we first began 155 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$499 million in cash, gifts, and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Since 1931, the Elks National Foundation has helped students recognize their academic dreams. Each year, we award more than \$4 million in college scholarships to at least 800 outstanding, service-minded high school seniors. Once you're an Elks scholar, you're family.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$16 million towards enriching our communities. The Elks National Foundation also granted \$10 million to the state Elks associations through State Charities Grants, Special Project Grants, and Bonus Grants, which help fund each state's charitable activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Program will direct \$5 million to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need. Our volunteers direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month.

There are 1,800 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks' members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To learn more visit <u>www.elks.org</u> For membership information visit Join.Elks.Org.

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Barbara Tokar, PER Lodge Secretary



Happy Labor Day 2023 to all our Elks and Veterans. May you have a safe holiday. The Meering's and I were able to get a motorized wheelchair for the Fireman's Home in Boonton. Chris Meering delivered the chair. It was graciously accepted. This month our committee will be hosting the Wednesday Night BBQ on September 13th. We will be serving our famous Italian Hot Dogs served Jimmy Buffet Style! The Veterans Committee will be selling Northwest District sweatshirts and t-shirts at the Music Festival . We also currently have a sign up sheet for Redshirt Friday shirts in the members bar. You have the option of short or long sleeve as well as V-Neck ladies shirts. The Northwest District Committee will be hosting the 3rd Annual Music Fest on September 16th from 5pm-11pm. We will have Sussex Meat Packing hamburger/cheeseburgers and hotdogs for sale. The lodge will be selling a refreshment bracelet for the event as well. We have 5 great live bands!! We hope for yet another large turnout of people in attendance to support our Committee which is able to help so much Veterans by the support we receive.

Our committee will also once again giving a donation at the Operation Chillout to help our homeless Veterans be safe.

Ed Parrillo, Jr., Veterans Committee Chairperson

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - ALL ARE WELCOME! SEPTEMBER 6 • OCTOBER 11 • NOVEMBER 8 • DECEMBER 13



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





All 1st Place winners will continue on to the District Competition and hove the chance to compete in the State and Regional Competitions

For more info, call Tom at (973) 919-5395



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Lake Hopatcong #782 5th Annual Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Classic



Friday, October 13, 2023 **Farmstead Country Club** 88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette NJ 07848 8:00 AM Registration 9:00 AM Shotgun Start / Scramble Best Ball Format Cost \$130.00 per golfer Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner at Farmstead Limited to the first 90 Golfers Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness **Foursome Names** 1. 2. 3. 4. Contact Person Phone For more information contact Robert Ricker - 973-886-0160 *********************

> Please Sponsor a Hole \$50.00 Sponsor Name(s) or Sign Design



Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness and Mail to Robert Ricker 521 Edith Road Landing NJ 07850

2023 SEPTEMBER						
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					1 Friday Night Dinner Officer BBQ	2
3	4 Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	5 LODGE MEETING	6 Sausage & Peppers	7	8 Friday Night Dinner Pork Milanese	9
10	11 6:30PM Memorial Service Food To Follow	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13 BBBQ Italian Hot Dogs	14	15 Friday Night Dinner Corned Beef & Cabbage	16 Vers Music Festival
17	18 Ritual Practice	19 LODGE MEETING	20 BBBC	21	22 Friday Night Dinner Kielbasa With Perogies & Baked Kraut	23
24	25 Ritual Practice	26 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	27 London Broil FINAL OF THE 2023 SEASON	28 DARTS	29 Friday Night Dinner Chicken Risotto	³⁰ BOY SCOUT CAR WASH 9:00 AM



2023 OCTOBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 _{Ritual Practice} Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	3LODGE MEETING	4	5 DARTS	6 Friday Night Dinner	7
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