



Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Lodge #782

Meetings  
1st and 3rd Tuesday  
(973) 398-9835



November 2023

CHARITY



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BROTHERLY LOVE



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## Exalted Ruler's Message

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

2023

Your next best moment is just waiting for you to discover it.

2024



As the pages of the calendar turn and the leaves fall, October brought a jam-packed month for our lodge and district. On the 1st we held our District Walkout on Drugs. We made \$380 so thank you all who donated to this great cause. On the 9<sup>th</sup> I competed in the District Flag Salute and 11 o'clock Toast competition. The 13<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gerry Cook Golf Outing where we raised \$7,900 for Drug Awareness. I actually had a few good hits! Thanks to **Walter, Lee, and Eric** for always putting up with me! On the 20<sup>th</sup> I attended the Sparta lodge grill room reopening. It looks great so if you're in Sparta try to stop by support our sister lodge. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, we laced up our sneakers for the Northwest Districts first "5K for kids" to benefit special needs children. It stopped raining just in time for the event & it was a great morning for a run/walk. Thank you to all who helped at the event and a special thanks to district chair **Linda Gathen PDD and Kelly Weber** (who made the trip up from MD) for all their hard work to make this event happen. That night we had another amazing beefsteak for Elks National Foundation with lots of creative people. I personally loved the Penguin made by the Knotty Pine and the floating classroom by made **Captain Lee** but there were stadiums, and all sorts of other creative bread works of art! On the 24<sup>th</sup> our lodge brought in seven new members. I love how we keep growing and it proves you all recognize we are really doing great things and you want your friends and family to be part of that! We had a beautiful fall day for the special children's Trunk or Treat on the 28<sup>th</sup> with lots of smiling kids as they strolled through our parking lot in their costumes admiring all the creatively decorated cars by our members. We wrapped up the month with Red Ribbon Week, this year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free". It's all about making positive choices to live a happy and healthy drug free life which is what our Drug Awareness Program is built on.

As the November temperatures dip, Thirsty Thursdays continue to be a big hit! Every week there is a new special and the money goes back to each committee who hosts, so stop by and support them and get a great meal. On November 4<sup>th</sup> we have our Soccer Shoot in the morning. All kids 15 & under as of 1/1/2023 are welcome. That night we have our lodge Tricky Tray. If you have stopped in this week, you would probably agree it's like a sea of baskets! The House Committee, **Marge Curry and other volunteers** have been working tirelessly on this event and somehow, they find a way to outdo themselves every year. Fall Conference this year is the weekend of November 10<sup>th</sup>, and I am looking forward to representing our lodge and District at the Flag Salute and 11 O'clock toast competition. The Lake Hopatcong Honor Guard is opening Fall Conference on Saturday morning. It's a great honor to be asked by the State President to perform for him in this capacity. I look forward to learning about what is going on around the state and hearing from our **Grand Exalted Ruler Randy Shook**. Then on the 15<sup>th</sup> we have the district Roast Beef dinner for the Veterans at the Birchwood Manor. Speak with **Ed Parrillo** if you would like to volunteer. We are having a Surf & Turf dinner on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets now because a limited number will be sold and all proceeds go to our Wildwood reunion weekend. Don't forget the Veterans Committee is having their famous "Black Friday" spaghetti dinner the day after Thanksgiving. Take a break from shopping and let the Vets cook for you! We finish off the month with our Youth Activities Paint and Sip with a cute holiday glass theme on the 29<sup>th</sup>. These events are how we continue to support the community and our Lodge. Look at all the flyers included in the newsletter and come out for these great events!

On 11<sup>th</sup> and throughout November, we recognize Veterans Day and what is ultimately National Veterans and Military Families Month, where we honor former and current military members for their service. "Honor" reflects the value and tradition associated with serving in the military to protect our livelihoods and rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Veterans take great pride in their service, and we owe them much gratitude for their patriotism and sacrifice for each of us. Be sure to thank a Veteran and always keep those who are serving and away from their families in your thoughts as they continue to keep us safe.

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## 2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS



<b>Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>Samantha Martin</b> 201-214-6925
<b>Est. Leading Knight</b>	<b>Peter Appaluccio, PDD</b> 973-736-7818
<b>Est. Loyal Knight</b>	<b>Michael Tresca, PER</b>
<b>Est. Lecturing Knight</b>	<b>Lauren Greed</b> 973-668-6733
<b>Esquire</b>	<b>Matthew Winnans, PVP</b> 201-572-8297
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Victoria Angle</b> 201-506-1181
<b>Inner Guard</b>	<b>Sheila Speroni</b> 973-229-8254
<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Michael Maida</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b> 201-207-7545
<b>Lodge Photographer</b>	<b>Linda Kline</b>
<b>1 Year Trustee</b>	<b>John Shaw, PER</b>
<b>2 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Sean MacMillan</b>
<b>3 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Tom Brown, PDD</b>
<b>4 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Sallimae Johnson, PER</b>
<b>5 Year Trustee</b>	<b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b>

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Debi Werner, *Chairperson*  
 Victoria Angle  
 Alex Banos  
 Sue Bruyere  
 Dawn Crocetti  
 Derya Harquail  
 Nancy Loizou  
 Christine Redden  
 Debbie Sobierajski  
 Kimberly Tweed  
 Madelyn Walrod

## PLANNING A FUNCTION?

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

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<b>Accident &amp; Prevention</b>	<b>Rick ter Linden</b> 972-271-1804
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Patsy Schmidt</b> 973-975-2325
<b>Americanism</b>	<b>Patricia Carley</b> 973-534-0168
<b>Antlers</b>	<b>Lisa Rovito, PER</b> 201-978-7218
<b>Auditing &amp; Accounting</b>	<b>Kathleen Caffrey, DDD</b> 973-534-8283
<b>Bar Chair</b>	<b>Nancy Loizou</b> 973-632-1129
<b>Community Activities</b>	<b>Patty Zdichocki</b> 201-723-6462
<b>Convention</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PPD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Drug Awareness</b>	<b>Dee Krowl</b> 973-390-0638
<b>Elks National Foundation</b>	<b>Pete Appaluccio, PDD</b> 973-736-7818
<b>Flag Day</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Fraternal Committee</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Government Relations</b>	<b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b> 201-207-7545
<b>Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>Trustees</b>
<b>Hall Rental</b>	<b>Debi Werner</b> 973-668-9302
<b>Hoop Shoot</b>	<b>Tom Brown, PDD</b> 973-919-5395
<b>Indoctrination</b>	<b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Investigation</b>	<b>Cory Schmidt</b> 973-440-7393
<b>In-House Caterer</b>	<b>Debi Werner</b> 973-668-9302
<b>Lapsation</b>	<b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b> 201-207-7545
<b>Lodge Activities</b>	<b>Patsy Schmidt</b> 973-975-2325
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b> 201-2077545
<b>Maintenance Committee</b>	<b>(Reports to the Trustees)</b> <b>Alex Banos, Chris Loizou &amp; Waler Wurster</b>
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>Motorcycle</b>	<b>Walter Wurster</b> 973-420-8165
<b>Parades</b>	<b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b> 973-398-2097
<b>PER Association</b>	<b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b> 862-324-2412
<b>Pole Barn</b>	<b>Red Curry</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Jennifer Appaluccio, VP</b> 973-222-4547
<b>Softball/Cornhole Tournament:</b>	<b>Ricky Gathen</b>

## RELIEF COMMITTEE

<b>Samantha Martin, Exalted Ruler</b>	<b>201-214-6925</b>
<b>Peter Appaluccio, PDD, Leading Knight</b>	<b>973-736-7818</b>
<b>Michael Tresca, PER, Loyal Knight</b>	
<b>Lauren Greed, Lecturing Knight</b>	<b>973-668-6733</b>
<b>Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer</b>	<b>973-398-2097</b>
<b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b>	<b>201-207-7545</b>
<b>Ritual</b>	<b>Heidi McDonnell, PDD</b> 973-545-1557
<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Jennifer Appaluccio, VP</b> 973-222-4547
<b>Sickness &amp; Distress</b>	<b>Debi Werner</b> 973-668-9302
<b>Soccer Shoot</b>	<b>Tom Brown, PDD</b> 973-919-5395
<b>Special Children</b>	<b>Heidi McDonnell, PDD</b> 973-545-1557 <b>Wayne McDonnell, PER</b> 973-841-9845
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>Ed Parrillo</b> 973-398-6677
<b>Army of Hope</b>	<b>Matthew Winnians, PVP</b> 201-572-8297
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>Tom Brown, PDD</b> 973-919-5395

## Happy Birthday

01	David W Van Duyne
02	Thomas Dowling
02	Kim Kirk
03	Kelly Weber
04	Roland Bossi
04	Joseph Trosky
05	Dennis Peterson
05	Henry Russo
06	Robin Jean Kesselmeier
06	Michael Siglow
09	Nicholas Caruso
10	James J Bizarro
11	Michael Clarke
11	Dean E Cole
11	Christopher Grove
11	Jessica L Sharp
11	Marilyn Soder
12	Jonah Joseph Estrada
12	Mark Lorenz
12	Jacqueline Loughridge
13	Dawn Hopley
13	Michael A Maida
13	Christopher G Ondish
14	Richard Acceturo
14	Marisol Castellanos
14	Dawn Dembowski
14	Charlotte Riser
14	Dawn Shaw
14	Patricia Zdichocki
15	Linda Bianculli
15	Lori Krawczuk
15	Ralph Lamanna
15	Barbara Tokar
15	Christopher Wulf
16	Lawrence Kolmer
16	Mark Nicoletti
16	Carl Peterson
16	James Piccolo
18	Frank Brown
18	Jamie Peterson
18	Anastasia Williams
19	Heather Phelan
19	Amanda Shallop
21	George Tweedley
22	John Fornini
23	Lori Catalano
23	George J Szatkowski
24	Sallimae Johnson
25	Kenneth M Lang
25	Alan Santucci
26	Lester Pabalan
27	Susan Bruyere
27	Beverly Murdter
28	Paul Weidmuller
29	Darryl L Clay



# ***“Elks Give from the Heart”***

**Randy P. Shook**  
GRAND EXALTED RULER  
2023-2024

*“We Are The Elks.”*



***Elks remain committed to serving veterans in need***

November brings to mind a couple of very special days. On November 11, Veterans Day, we honor our veterans, past and present. There are so many ways to say thank you to our nation’s veterans. Hosting dinners in our Local Lodges, sending care packages, and participating in events at Veterans Administration hospitals are just a few ways.

The Elks are committed to their mission “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further and promises to render aid to our nation’s veterans and military members with a special focus on those in need. The ENVSC empowers local communities by giving them the resources to directly serve veterans, military members, and their families.

The ENVSC supports a vast network of Voluntary Service Representatives, providing local outreach support to our veterans in need all over the country. This network is only successful because of the hard work performed by individual Lodge Members.

In 1946, the Commission formalized a commitment that was evident since the earliest days of Elkdom to serving veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks’ dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA Clinics, veterans’ homes, USOs, homeless shelters, and elsewhere, thousands of Elks volunteers generously give their time, energy, and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, who are reminding our communities, “We Are THE Elks.”

November 23 is Thanksgiving, a day for us to thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on each of us, our family, our friends, our Order, and our great country. It is also a day we ask for the blessings of God to guide us and show us ways to help those who are less fortunate so we may make their life better, proving “Elks Care — Elks Share.” Happy Thanksgiving. Remember: “We Are THE Elks.”

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

***“Elks Care - Elks Share.”***

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As we prepare for our own Thanksgiving festivities, I want to take a moment to thank all my fellow Elks and for your support day in and day out of our lodge, our officers, and our committees. The Elks is truly where strangers meet, bond, become friends and really extended family. Not sure how many places you can say that about, but the Elks are truly as Reggie Craig used to say “the Best People On Earth”.

My challenge every month is to follow a theme of kindness. Leo Buscaglia wrote that “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” Keep kindness in your hearts and on your lips and see how it changes the dynamic of your day. I promise if you forgive those who hurt you, pray for those who need it, and thank God for everything you have, you will find your inner joy.

Fraternally Yours, Samantha P. Martin, Exalted Ruler

**BASKET OF CHEER**

Tickets Available At Members Bar

**DRAWING ON DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

*(All Proceeds To Benefit The Youth Activities Committee)*

**OUTSTANDING GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!**

Our grant writer **Linda Gathen, PDD** successfully got an \$8,500 ENF Beacon Grant. This grant will be used for area Food banks and Holiday Appeal food baskets.

In addition to this \$8,500 Beacon Grant, **Linda** got us the \$10,000 Impact Grant for the "Lake Hopatcong Floating Classroom", and the \$3,500 Freedom Grant for our "Green Therapy" Veterans program.

The total received from **Linda's** ENF grant writing efforts is \$22,000 for our community programs. We got them all! A job well done. I hope you agree!

Rick Gathen, PSP





## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep in your prayers **Mayor Patti Zdichocki** who recently underwent a full shoulder replacement surgery. Also to our lovely lady, **Audrey Thompson** who recently was hospitalized and had to have emergency surgery on her leg. Both members are now home recuperating.

We continue to keep **Madelyn Walrod, PER** in our prayers that her vision improves.

To all our members who are going through their personal hospital stay, physical therapy or home recovering, if we can help in any way please let us know what we can do for you. 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

Happy November! We have a few exciting events this month. First we have our Veterans committee are selling flags to be placed on our grounds in our field of memories for \$5.00. If you would like to honor a service member, please stop by or call **Ed Parrillo** at 973-479-7696.

On November 19th our PERS are holding a Surf and Turf dinner for \$40.00 per person. Each ticket includes a NY strip steak, shrimp skewers, mussels marinara and more. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED LIMITED SPACE.**

November 29th our Youth Activities Committee will be hosting a Paint and Sip. This time we will be painting a wine glass and a beer mug. Sign up now! Also youth committee is selling raffle tickets for a basket of cheers with high end liquor, stop in and buy a chance for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be picked on December 15th. Lots of different bottles to consider for Christmas gifts.

### IMPORTANT DECEMBER 17, DATE TO PUT ON CALENDAR

We have Santa visiting during our Annual Breakfast from 9:00am-11:00am. Following breakfast at 2pm the House Committee is hosting a Dinner Dance with a band and DJ. They will be playing the 50s, 60s and 70s. Look for more details to follow. If interested please call Debi at 973-668-9302!!

Have a great November and please join us in our up coming fundraising events! Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

Debi Werner, *House Committee Chairperson*

## SHOT FROM THE BAR

Greetings. Love seeing everyone enjoying the fall weather and watching the games at the lodge. Thirsty Thursdays are going great with the new times and beer specials. Lots of great events coming up at the lodge. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Love all the great baskets donated to the Tricky Tray! Our members are the best!! Happy Thanksgiving everybody!!

Nancy Loizou, *Bar Chairperson*



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**November 3, 2023**

Pork Tenderloin Apricot Balsamic Glaze

**November 10, 2023**

Chicken served with  
Cavatelli, Sauteed Broccoli and Garlic

**November 17, 2023**

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

**November 24, 2023**

**VETERANS COMMITTEE  
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER**

## 782 thirsty THURSDAY

November 2nd Grilled Chicken Sandwich (Stuffed Pepper Soup) House  
November 9th Stuffed Potato with Chili (Butternut Squash Soup) Veterans  
November 16th Wing Night (Italian Wedding Soup) Youth Activities  
November 30th Cheesesteaks (Beef Barley Soup) Motorcycle Committee

## WELCOME



### Who Joined Us On October 24, 2023

#### New Member

Beverly Cirelli  
Leslie Cirelli  
Jerry Findlow  
William G. Hirschfeld  
Craig Karnitsky  
Rhonda Stewart  
Carolyn Lynn Wallace

#### Proposed By

Nick Caruso  
Nick Caruso  
Madelyn Walrod  
Water Wurster  
Ronald Karnitsky  
Lisa Rovito  
Sally Johnson

Barbara Tokar, *PER, Lodge Secretary*



Welcome to the beginning of the Holiday season. November brings a lot of support to our Veterans from fundraisers. This year our committee is selling American Flags and tags for only \$5.00 which will be displayed around our flag pole at the lodge. They will be available after Veterans Day which is November 11th for anyone who wishes to take their flags home with them.

The Northwest District is holding the Veterans Roast Beef Dinner at the Birchwood manor in Whippany on November 15. Members of the 9 lodges of the Veterans committees will be setting and serving to our Veterans from different institutions. Our lodge will be bringing gifts and giveaways for the Veterans. We miss our Veterans from Lyons Hospital in East Orange who have been unable to attend events since Covid. Come out and support our PER event on November 19th! It is a surf and turf dinner! See the flyer in this newsletter. I already got my ticket!

Our committee will be have our Annual Black Friday Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Friday, November 24th. I hope to see many familiar faces attend and support our committee. Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving to all our members and their families both here and those in Heaven.

Ed Parrillo, Veterans Committee Chairperson

**VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - ALL ARE WELCOME!  
NOVEMBER 8 • DECEMBER 13**

## Duffy's Fresh Vermont Christmas Trees Available On Thanksgiving

Duffy Gardner has been bringing VT trees home since 1995. A portion of the proceeds go to the Elks toy drive, for local families in need. Drive thru pick up and tie on roof available. Also available are grave blankes as well as wreaths. Please take note that for the past 2 years Duffy has had record sell outs in less than 2 weeks!

The trees are grown by a 7th generation family farm in Craftsbury, Vermont. Premium organic Balsam fir, Fraser fir and Canaan fir are highest in essential oils, exceptionally fragrant, with long lasting needles and strong branches. Classic New England Christmas trees grown naturally in the mountains of northern Vermont, for every tree harvested 10 new trees are planted. They are open shear shaped, graceful and elegant looking trees, full all the way around. Perfectly shaped for hanging Christmas decorations. Trees are 5 to 12 feet tall.

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hi members,

On Saturday , October 28th our committee hosted our an-nual trunk or treat. We had 30 kids and their families this year and they all had a great time. We had the honor of our **Area 3 Ambassador Austin** in attendance, along with their parents and chaperones from the **North Central District Chris Brown, PVP, and Jim Walsh, PDD.**

On behalf of **Wayne and myself** we want to express how thankful we are for all those who volunteered to decorate their cars and hand out candy/treats to our special children that day.

As chairpeople, we can come up with ideas and put them out there but without the help of our members we can not fully execute these types of events. So thank you!

We are proud and thankful to be able to offer quality events to our Area special children and their families.

*Until next time ... Have a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow!*

From a very appreciate set of co-chairs,

Heidi McDonnell, PDD, ST  
Wayne McDonnell, PER



Pictured (L to R): Heidi McDonnell, PDD, State Trustee & lodge co-chair, Area 3 Ambassador Austin, and "the Charlie Brown ghost" Wayne McDonnell, PER Area 2 Co-chair /lodge co-chair.

## Honor A Service Member

**Dedicate A Flag & Place The Name of The Honored Person On The Tag**



Purchase A Flag For \$5.00 To Be Placed In The Field of Memories On Our Lodge Grounds

Dedicate A Flag To Someone Who We Have Lost, To A Veteran Or Active Military. *All Who Have Made A Difference!*

Flags Are Available At The Lodge. Any Questions/Concerns Please Call Ed Parrillo 973-479-7696

(All Proceeds The Veterans Committee)



## ANTLERS CORNER

The Antlers will be holding our annual "Make and Take-Snack and Sip" event which will be held on Wednesday December 6, 2023 at Nester's Greenhouse at 234 Stanhope Sparta Road #2988 in Byram Township from 7 to 9pm. It is a BYOB and shareable snack event where you are provided with everything needed to make a Holiday Wreath, Grave Blanket or Kissing Balls. The cost is \$40 per person and tickets are available in the members bar. Everyone that attended last year had a great time so come join us for an evening of crafts and fun.

We are also planning another Make your own Mozzarella event in the near future so check your bulletin for updates. These fundraising events are to help send our Antlers to the Path and Peer Leadership Conferences which will be held February 1st to the 4th at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch NJ.

The Antlers will also be participating in this year's Holiday Appeal as they have in the past. They enjoy shopping and wrapping gifts for the families followed by a lunch.

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.

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

**MARIJUANA-CANNABIS USAGE, DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE NO. 782. ANY MEMBER OR GUEST VIOLATING THIS POLICY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY AND ARE TO BE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

**Changes Proposed Changes to Lodge Bylaws, from Lodge Secretary Barbara Tokar, PER**

**We will be voting on the following changes to our Lodge Bylaws at the regularly scheduled Lodge Meeting on November 21st. If approved, they would go into effect on April 1st, 2024.**

### ARTICLE II-A: ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Governing Body of the Home, Club or other facility as designated in Article IX can grant Associate Memberships to Members in good standing in other Lodges solely for the use of the Lodge's social facilities upon such terms as it may prescribe.

We are voting to Accept Associate Memberships from Members in Good Standing at other Lodges for an Annual Dues of \$15, for Soley the use of our social facilities.

### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 2. We are voting to have the regular hour of our Lodge meeting be 7:00 PM; but at any time, however, the regular meeting may be held at an hour to be determined by vote of the Lodge to that effect at the previous meeting, provided that written notice of such change of meeting hour shall be given to all the Members.

### ARTICLE IX: CLUB OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by:

We are voting on (d) A House Committee consisting of 13 members, to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

### ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES

The Lodge is voting to increase the REGULAR LODGE DUES from \$45, to \$55.

The regular Lodge dues shall be [[Regular Dues]] per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

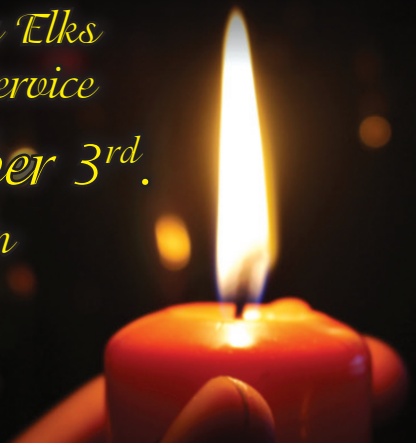
The Lodge is voting to increase the LIFE MEMBER LODGE DUES from \$15, to \$25.

The Life Member Dues per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.



*The Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Annual Memorial Service  
Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Service To Begin  
At 11:00a.m.*

*(Coffee and baked goods served at 10:00a.m.)*



*Lake Hopatcong Elks*  
*Surf & Turf Dinner*

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

1pm – 5pm

Shrimp Skewers, Mussels Marinara,

12 oz. NY Strip Steak

Salad, Baked Potato, Veggies & Dessert

\$40 per person



Get your tickets now from the bartender or  
call the lodge at 973-398-9835



Oh What Fun  
**Paint**  
& **Sip**

**1 17 Oz.  
Wine Glass  
&  
1 16oz.  
Beer Mug**

**WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00PM-9:00PM**

Lake Hopatcong Elks  
201 Howard Boulevard · Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

**\$35.00 Per Person**

(Includes 1 Free Glass of Wine or Draft Beer  
& All Your Painting Supplies)

*NACHOS & PRETZELS  
FOR SALE*

Limited Tickets  
Available

*All Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Youth Activities Committee*







# MAKE & TAKE

## SNACK & SIP

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

**7:00PM-9:00PM**

**(\$40.00 PER PERSON)**

*~ Your Choice ~*

**Christmas Wreath ❄️ Kissing Ball ❄️ Grave Blanket**  
**All Art Supplies Provided By Nester's**

**Please Bring A Shareable Snack · BYOB**

**NESTER'S GREENHOUSE**

234 STANHOPE SPARTA ROAD #2988  
BYRAM TOWNSHIP, NJ 07821

*~ Benefits Antlers Attending Peer Leadership ~*



# **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

***DECEMBER 17, 2023***  
***9:00AM-11:00AM***

A Special Visit From Santa ... Don't Forget To Bring Your Camera For A Picture To Remember!"

201 Howard Boulevard • Mount Arlington, NJ 07856 • 973-398-9835







***ALL YOU CAN EAT***  
***BREAKFAST BUFFET***


**ADULTS \$8.00 • KIDS \$3.00**

All Children 10 & Under Will Receive A Free Gift From Santa




# 2023 NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON 12-17 AT 2PM</b>				DARTS 	Friday Night Dinner	<b>SOCCER SHOOT</b>
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	LODGE MEETING	Veterans Committee Meeting	DARTS 	Friday Night Dinner	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Ritual Practice	HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING		DARTS 	Friday Night Dinner	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<i>Surf &amp; Turf Dinner</i> 1:00-5:00	Ritual Practice	LODGE MEETING			Friday Night Dinner 	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Ritual Practice	HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING		DARTS 	Friday Night Dinner	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



## Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

# SOCCER SHOOT



### A Soccer Goal Kicking Contest for boys and girls ages 15 and younger *(as of January 1, 2023)*

## NOVEMBER 4, 2023

### Lake Hopatcong Elks

201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington

Registration 8:30 am      Contest Starts 9 am

Hotdogs & Beverages will be available at the field  
Awards Ceremony following the contest

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

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

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Lodge: 973-398-9835 - Direct: 973-668-9302

# TRICKY TRAY

## Raffle

**Over 100 Baskets**      **TICKET**

### November 4, 2023

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - DRAWING BEGINS AT 7PM

MANY EXCITING PRIZES FOR ALL INTERESTS AND AGES!!  
Including Restaurant & Store Gift Certificates,  
Games & Toys, Holiday Items, Jewelry,  
**"BIG TICKET" Items & Much More!**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS & BE A LUCKY WINNER!**

**DONATIONS OF GIFT CARD OR BASKETS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**




**ADMISSION ONLY \$10.00**

Includes: 1 Sheet Of Tickets  
Coffee & Cake

For More Information Or To Donate Items Call:  
Debi Werner at 973-668-9302




# 2023 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2
NO THIRSTY THURSDAY THIS MONTH ... SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!						
3	4 Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	5 LODGE MEETING	6 	7 DARTS	8 Friday Night Dinner	9
10	11 Ritual Practice	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13 Veterans Committee Meeting	14 DARTS	15 Friday Night Dinner	16
17  Breakfast with Santa 9am-11am Christmas Party 2PM	18 Ritual Practice	19 LODGE MEETING	20	21 DARTS	22 Friday Night Dinner	23
24	25 	26 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	27	28 DARTS	29 Friday Night Dinner	30
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