



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

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



August 2021

CHARITY



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Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization
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2021

"Building Hope for a Stronger Tomorrow."

2022



Hello Everyone,

Eric Sombers correctly answered last month's song title, Owner of a Lonely Heart, by Yes. Thank you all again for participating. So once again on with the show! "You know I'm a dreamer, but my hearts of gold, I had to run away high so I wouldn't come home low...". Once again, the first lodge member that texts me the correct Song title and Artist to my mobile number 862-579-5615, will enjoy 1 Wednesday Night BBQ or Friday Night Dinner on me. Now on to the important items this month.

Congratulations to **Roxie Steffen** and the Ritual team. Our team finished 3rd in the East Division, just missing out for 2nd place. While we did not achieve the ultimate prize with a championship, 4 members of her team returned to New Jersey with All American Honors. **Todd Cruickshank (Inner Guard)**, **Gary Steffen (Loyal Knight)**, **Tom Rovito (Chaplain)** and **I (Leading Knight)** attained the highest scores at our respective positions. Please also join me in congratulating **Tom** as he also had the highest score in the Eastern Division and won the King Award! We also want to highlight that our PER Association initiated 15 New Members on 7/19/21. Welcome to our newest lodge members! Thank you to the PER Association for stepping in and doing an impressive rendition of the ritual to bring in these members. Your dedication to our lodge is always appreciated.

In the month of August, we have many events to promote. We will be hosting 2 Eagle Scout Court of Honor presentations on Sunday, 8/1 and 8/8 respectively. Please join me in congratulating Scout Master and lodge member **Mario Marcano**, in honoring the Boy Scouts who have achieved their highest levels within their ranks. On Saturday, 8/7, we will be hosting another Softball Tournament to benefit our Youth Programs. On Saturday, 8/21, our Annual Seafood Fest hosted by our **PER Association** begins at 2pm. Please see the flier in this month's newsletter for additional information on this event. On Friday, 8/27, starting at 6pm, our **Special Children's Committee** will host their 4th Annual Back to School Campfire and Movie Night for the Special Children. Remember that we continue to host Wednesday Night BBQ's, our highly successful Thirsty Thursday specials and our Friday Night Dinners. We can always use new cooks to step in and assist. Please contact **Madelyn Walrod, PER**, and she will be more than willing to show you the ropes. Finally, we are always looking for our new members to get immediately involved in our many programs to help promote the important work the Elks provide in the communities we serve. Please reach out to me or any of our friendly committee chairs to find out more information or to get involved. Many events are listed in this newsletter as well and our committees welcome and appreciate new involvement!

God Bless you all, our Special Children, our Veterans, our Service Members and most importantly, God Bless America!

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell, Exalted Ruler

2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5615
Est. Leading Knight	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Est. Loyal Knight	Eric Sabol 908-299-9185
Est. Lecturing Knight	Sheila Speroni 973-229-8254
Esquire	Matt Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Charlotte Riser 973-600-1028
Inner Guard	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
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	Sean MacMillan
2 Year Trustee	Rick Gathen, PSP
3 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER
4 Year Trustee	Mike Clarke
5 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, *Chairman*
 Lisa Rovito, PER
 Barbara Pirro
 Rich ter Linden
 Debi Werner
 Patsy Schmidt
 Derya Harquail

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	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Americanism	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Antlers	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218 973-714-1334
Auditing & Accounting	Kathleen Caffrey, PER 973-534-8283
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
Flag Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Government Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke 973-713-2370
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Dan Ryan, PER 973-418-0323
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Cory Schmidt 973-440-7393
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Memorial Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Motorcycle Parades	Ray Hopler Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
PER Association	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Softball Tournament:	Ricky Gathen

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Wayne McDonnell, Exalted Ruler	862-579-5616
Lisa Rovito, PER, Leading Knight	201-978-7218
Eric Sabo, Loyal Knight	908-229-9165
Sheila Speroni, Lecturing Knight	973-229-8254
Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer	973-398-2097
Ritual	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 862-579-5616
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Special Children	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope Youth Activities	Tom Rovito Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

03	Kathleen Caffrey
03	Debra Hanley
03	Rose E Marino
04	Michael Bohrer
04	John Caban
04	Jon Sperry
05	Thomas Brown
06	Mark Kearns
07	Richard Gathen
07	Dave Hubay
07	Joseph Zemanek
08	Doreen Panciello
09	Squire F Osborne Jr
09	Ray Pruden
11	Lisa A Skelly
12	Paul Levy
13	Robert A Shortridge
13	Keith V Siminski
13	Jason Tate
15	Marjorie Curry
17	Blase Cassibba
17	Diana Kunka
18	Michael E Lopez
19	Scott Fitzgerald
20	William T Kerr
20	Peter Messina
21	Tom Adams
21	John Barber
22	Brian Sterling
22	Keith J Willoughby
22	Diana Zoschak
23	Frank J Arminio
23	Nino Denino
23	Elizabeth Sadow
23	Frank Santarpia
23	Henry Savercool
24	Jerry Ferone
24	Mario Marciano
25	David P Fasanello
25	Susan Moore
26	Clayton Cupples
26	Leonard J Podlaski
26	Michael A Suplicki
26	Joseph Weston
27	Lisa Berg
27	James Visco
28	Diane Heiskanen
28	Roger Nitto
28	Cory Schmidt
29	William J Auriemma
29	Ronald Palladino
30	Susan W Johnston



“Elks Give from the Heart”

PAUL R. RYAN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2021-2022



Elks keep moving forward and Meeting the Challenge

Wow, what a fantastic opportunity to serve our great Order. I would like to first thank my wonderful wife, Amy. Without her love, support, and commitment this experience would not be possible. We both are very grateful to have been chosen to take this incredible journey. I would also like to thank my other family members. Knowing they are helping take care of our personal obligations at home during this time is a huge help to both of us.

My theme this year is “Meeting the Challenge.” This past year was like no other in the history of our Order. With the ongoing COVID-19 situation, I want to congratulate local Boards of Directors and members for their efforts in continuing Lodge operations and remaining active in their community. Thank you for taking and showing pride in our Order. Not only could we not meet regularly, but we all experienced a crash course in virtual meetings.

Summer is still upon us, but fall is closing in. Now is the time to begin planning Lodge fall activities. For example, begin working on a school supply program, or start one if one is not available in your community. This is an opportunity to engage with your schools, help children who need it by providing critical school supplies, and lay the groundwork for other Elks youth programs (e.g., Hoop Shoot, scholarships, drug awareness).

This year, my goal for Elks National Foundation will remain at \$4.80 per Member. I know this goal is easily obtainable since we have more than doubled this number for many years now. The stronger your Lodge, the greater benefit to your community. With the various grants from the Elks National Foundation, we can readily add to existing Community Service Projects. Today, our communities need us more than ever. There are always projects that could use our help to strengthen the charitable works we do. For some ENF Grants, your Lodge just needs to apply. Others are competitive. However, ENF personnel are there to assist you with these proposals.

The Elks Most Valuable Student applications are now open and online. Create a little explanation sheet or download one from elks.org. Then call your high school counselors to inform them of our program and where they can direct their seniors for the eligibility requirements and application. Follow up that call with a small letter. Remember we also have the Student/Teenager Month and Year Program. This is one way for your Lodge to recognize high school students for their work and volunteerism. Look into this program within the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Program Manual.

Finally, this week, visit Elks.org. Under the Fraternal Committee, print off the “Patriotism Week Proclamation.” Have your city mayor sign it to proclaim September 6-12, 2021 as National Patriotism Week in your town. Then, use this opportunity to encourage new Members to join our great Order.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



The Lake Hopatcong NJ Lodge No. 782 Ritual Team had the 3rd highest score in the nation in Tampa with a 96.8329. The Lodge earned four All-American winners including the King award for the highest score Officer in the nation.

(left to right): Loyal Night Gary Steffen, Inner Guard Todd Cruickshank, Leading Knight Wayne McDonnell, and Chaplin Thomas Rovito, also the recipient of the King award for highest scoring Officer in the contest.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

I would like to invite anyone who might be interested in joining this committee to attend the upcoming meeting on June 23rd at 7:00pm. If you have any questions regarding the Youth Group Committee please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 973-919-5395.

Tom Brown, PDD, Committee Chairperson

SHOT FROM THE BAR

We are open daily from 12:00 Noon. Come watch your favorite sports teams play. Football is just around the corner. It is always a great time with friends and family!!



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

LODGE OF SORROW

Our condolences to our member **James Bizzaro**, who has lost his mom. Our prayers and sincere sympathy to you and your family.

To our member, **John Nadzeika**, who is home from the hospital recuperating. To our member, **Tony Mazzari** who is in the hospital for surgery. To our member, **Frank Osfino**, who is recuperating from an unexpected visit to the hospital and to our member **Joe Pennio**, who is home recuperating after being in the hospital. OUR PRAYERS TO ALL!!!

Please feel free to call if you know anyone who has fallen ill or to be placed on our prayer list. Purpledebi@yahoo.com or 973) 668-9302.

Debi Werner, *Sickness & Distress Chairperson*

HOUSE COMMITTEE

First I would like to congratulate the ritual team on their performance at The National Convention in Tampa. I was very proud to be a part of the team. Congratulations to the four all American winners, Wayne McDonnell, Todd Cruickshank, Gary Steffen and Tom Rovito. Tom also received the "King" award for the highest scoring officer in the Nation. Great job all!

July was quite a busy month with BBQs, Thirsty Thursdays and Friday Night Dinners. Thank you to the Committees that have hosted our Wednesday Night BBQs.

August will be yet another busy month at the lodge as our BBQs continue we must however announce that Thirsty Thursday will be taking a short break until the Fall. The tentative date to start back up again is October 7th. Stay tuned.

August 21st the PER's are sponsoring our Annual Seafood Festival. Tickets are still available. Please see any bartender for yours today! Don't miss out on this great event. It is always a great time had by all.

As always I am always looking for new cooks in the kitchen, please see me if you are interested in a Friday Night Dinner. Prior to hosting a Friday Night Dinner I will make myself available to show you the kitchen, offer suggestions, and make it as enjoyable as possible. You will have help, it's really not hard ☺.

Madelyn Walrod
House Committee Chairperson

BARTENDERS NEEDED

A Tams Certification Class has been scheduled at the lodge for Sunday, August 29th at 8:00AM. If you are interested in taking the class please see Madelyn.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



AUGUST IS A MONTH OF CHEF'S SURPRISES

PLEASE WATCH THE SIGN OUTSIDE THE LODGE AND YOUR EMAIL FOR WEEKLY MENU REPORTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COOKING A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER PLEASE CONTACT MADELYN @ 201-230-2596.



The Antlers had another meeting on Saturday July 31, 2021 and we are planning a field trip to Frog Falls at Picatinny on Thursday August 26, 2021. The Antlers have begun volunteering at Friday Night Dinners and are very excited about being involved again. The Antlers will also be cooking a Wednesday Barbeque on September 8, 2021.

The Antlers are Junior Elks and the Program is designed to bring young people together in our communities to get involved with the Elks in the many service related projects that our lodge sponsors. Membership is open to any individual who has passed their twelfth and not yet reached their twenty-first birthday, who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good character and who believes in God. This program is an excellent way for the youth to receive volunteer hours required for High School graduation and is an asset when applying for scholarships. If you have any family members or friends that would be interested in joining the Antlers please contact me at 201-978-7218 or email me at lisarovito0525@optonline.net. I am also looking for members that would be interested in joining this committee. Some of you have already reached out to me but if anyone else is interested just let me know. Working with the youth in our community is very rewarding and fun and I urge members to get involved to make a difference.

Once again the Antler's Clothing Drive continues to be very successful and I thank our members for their donations. We have added a third clothing bin so continue to drop your donations to support our Antler Program and our lodge charities!

Fraternally,
Lisa Rovito PER, Antlers Chairperson

THE MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

The Motorcycle Committee will be meeting on Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 7pm at the lodge. All are welcome. There will be a ride on Saturday August 14, 2021 at Hackettstown Lodge to support the Veterans, meet at Lake Hopatcong Lodge at 8:30 am.

ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE

Want to Volunteer?



Join the Special Children's Committee

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

To our new as well as long time members - if you're looking to get involved in one of the most rewarding and wonderful committees in our lodge then you may want to check out the special children's committee. We have a robust schedule of upcoming events for the kids and always looking for members to volunteer and get involved. This is a unique committee that supports the NJ State Elks Major Project - Elks Camp Moore.

Our next upcoming event is our 4th Annual Back to School Campfire & Outdoor Movie Night on Friday, August 26 starting at 6:30pm. We will be handing out backpacks filled with school supplies, roasting marshmallows, and watching a family friendly movie with the kids. If you know any special children please send us their contact info (Parent email preferred) so we can send them an invite.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee, attending our meetings, or you just want to volunteer on an event by event basis all are welcome to reach out to me:

Email: hgmcdonnell72@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 11th at 7pm. Hope to see some of you there! Until then, Have a Great a big Beautiful Tomorrow!

Fraternally,

Heidi,

Heidi McDonnell, PDD
SCC Lodge Chairperson



OUR AREA 3 AMBASSADOR AT THE ANNUAL MIRACLE RUN



Vendor Craft Fair



Tricky Tray

October 17, 2021

Mark Your Calendars & Stay Tuned For Additional Details!!



**Thank You,
House Committee**



WELCOME

**TO OUR MEMBERS
WHO WERE INITIATED ON
JULY 19, 2021**

Lee Ann Clark
William Clark
Denise Falks
Richard Ferris
Lisette Giacobbe
Lauren Greed
Aimee Kemp
Paul Levy
Charles Ruitenber
Colleen Shanahan
Walter Szymanowski
Michael Wisher
Karolyn Wisher
Walter Wurster
Diana Zoschak

Patricia Zdichocki
Patricia Zdichocki
Roxanne Steffen
Debi Werner
Wes Martin
Debi Werner
John Lombardi, Jr.
John Lombardi, Jr.
Roxanne Steffen
Debi Werner
John Lombardi, Jr.
Kenneth Wisher
Bridget Wisher
Sallimae Johnson
Barbara Tokar

Barbara Tokar
Lodge Secretary

ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.



ACADEMICS



LEADERSHIP



SERVICE



FINANCIAL
NEED

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior and U.S. citizen.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **APPLICATION OPENS:**
August 2, 2021
- ▶ **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
November 15, 2021

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS*

Two	\$50,000	Scholarships
Two	\$40,000	Scholarships
Two	\$30,000	Scholarships
14	\$20,000	Scholarships
480	\$4,000	Scholarships

*Awards paid over four years

FOR DETAILS

- ▶ Visit **enf.elks.org/MVS** to apply. 
- ▶ Contact your local Lodge by visiting **elks.org/Lodges**.
- ▶ Ask your high school guidance counselor.

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.45 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

Visit **enf.elks.org/MVS** for complete details. 

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

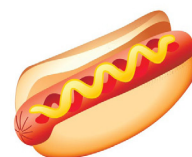
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WEDNESDAY NITE

BBQ

**BRING YOUR
FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



**Come On Down & Enjoy
EVERY WEDNESDAY ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BBQ!!**

DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVERY WEEK!!

**FOR ONLY \$10.00
PER PERSON!!**

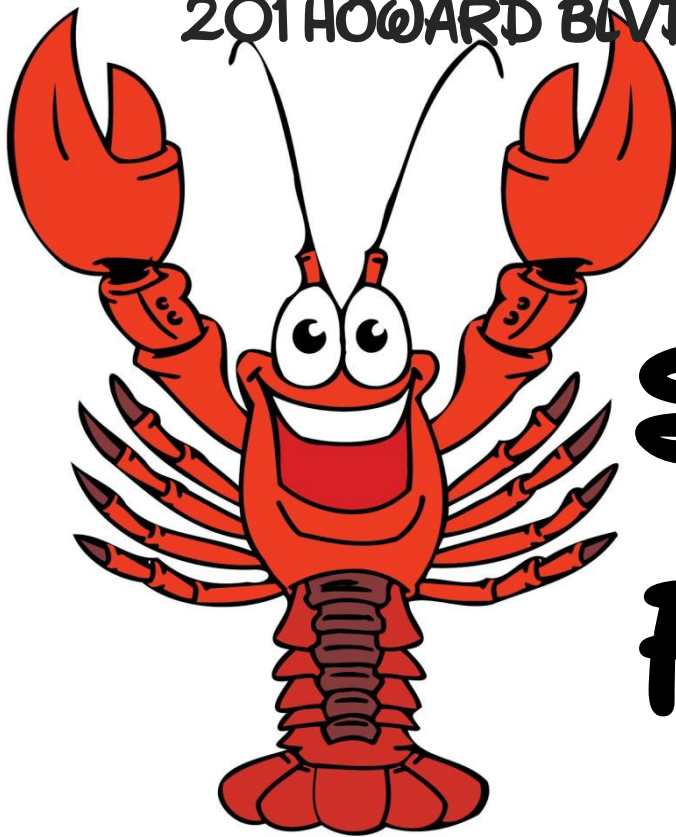
**HAMBURGERS
& HOTDOGS!**

Every Wednesday Evening From 500pm-7:00pm
Continuing Through September 28, 2021

**SALADS & MUCH
MUCH, MORE!**

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

201 HOWARD BLVD, MT. ARLINGTON, NJ



**16TH ANNUAL
SEAFOOD
FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

2:00pm-6:00pm

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

**Steamers, Clams, Shrimp, Clam Chowder,
Shrimp Cocktail, Shrimp Scampi, Mussels,
Burgers, Hotdogs, Corn-on-the-Cob,
Assorted Salads and more**

Draft Beer * Wine * Soda

**Plus your choice of a
WHOLE LOBSTER or 16 OZ STEAK**

ALL FOR ONLY \$65 PER PERSON!

ADVANCE SALES ONLY

For tickets, see the bartender or call Madelyn at 201-230-2596

**Lake Hopatcong #782
Army of Hope
11th Annual Earl T. "Corky" Cornelius
Golf Classic**



**Friday August 13, 2021
Farmstead Country Club in Andover
7:00 AM Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Includes Green Fees and Cart
Prizes and Dinner at Lake Hopatcong Elks
1 Hour Open Bar
Limited to the first 72 Golfers
Cost \$120.00 per golfer**

Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope

Foursome Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

For more information please call Robert Ricker 973-886-0160

Please Sponsor a Hole \$50.00

Sponsor Name or Names or What you would like on the sign

**Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope
and Mail to**

**Robert Ricker
521 Edith Road
Landing NJ 07850**



Lake Hopatcong #782
3rd Annual
Gerry Cook
Drug Awareness Golf Classic



Friday, October 8, 2021

Farmstead Country Club

88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette NJ 07848

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 72 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



AUGUST 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ritual Practice	2	3	4 BBQ	5 DARTS	6 Friday Night Dinner	7
8 Ritual Practice	9	10 Lodge Meeting 7pm	11 BBQ MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING	12 DARTS	13 Friday Night Dinner GOLF OUTING	14
15 Ritual Practice	16	17 House Committee Meeting	18 BBQ	19 DARTS	20 Friday Night Dinner	21 Festival
22 Ritual Practice	23	24 Lodge Meeting 7pm	25 BBQ	26 DARTS	27 Friday Night Dinner Special Children's Back To School Campfire/Movie Night	28
29 Ritual Practice	30	31 House Committee Meeting	BBQ			



VETERANS COMMITTEE



Welcome to August in New Jersey. I have to thank the Veterans Committee for the great work at our Wednesday Night BBQs on both July 14th and July 28th. The first date was for our special of Italian Hot Dogs (Jimmy Buff Style) and the second was my homemade Chili for chili dogs and some preferred just a side dish of chili. I heard from quite a few that attended those dates and enjoyed them both.

Our next activity is at Vasa Park in Budd Lake on August 14th for the 20th Anniversary of Operation Chill Out. We hope to make a sizeable donation to them from the grant we received from Grand Lodge. We will discuss this at the Veterans Committee meeting this month.

I would like to wish all of our August members a Happy Birthday. I would also like to wish everyone to continue to stay safe.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the Veterans Committee for all their hard at work at the Lodge pavilion doing a Wednesday Night BBQ. To all other lodge committee Chairpersons please see Madelyn if you are interested in hosting a Wednesday Night BBQ.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 25th
September 22nd
October 13th



November 10th
December 8th

SEPTEMBER 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Ritual Practice	31	1 BBQ	2 DARTS	3 Friday Night Dinner	4
5	6 HAPPY LABOR DAY	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 BBQ	9 DARTS	10 Friday Night Dinner	11
12 Happy Grandparents Day	13 Ritual Practice	14 House Committee Meeting	15 BBQ	16 DARTS	17 Friday Night Dinner	18
19	20 Ritual Practice	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	22 BBQ Veterans Committee Meeting	23 DARTS	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
26	27 Ritual Practice	28 House Committee Meeting	29 BBQ	30 DARTS	1	2



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Mount Arlington, NJ 07856



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