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Lodge #782

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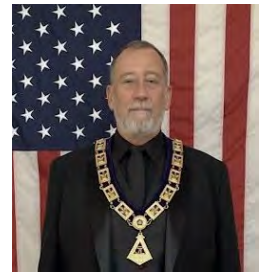
## Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization  
Join Elkdom's Action Team  
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2025

Let's make this year one to remember.  
Together, we can accomplish great things.

2026



Well, everybody my time as the ER of Lake Hopatcong Lodge 782 comes to an end on March 29th. I will be handing over my gavel to **Eric Sabol**. I want to thank everybody for all the help that you extended to me and all the great work that you guys did. I hope you give Eric the same amount of help you gave me. Good luck Eric and have fun!

February Pre-Leap in the Lake Pig Roast was fabulous. Nice job Smokin' Schmidty's and the crew of volunteers that made the day a great success.

As always, the Friday night dinners really are going great with some nice Lenten meals being prepared. wELKome Wednesdays also continue to pack the lodge. I would like to thank those that provide us with voluntary entertainment. It is a great addition to our wELKome Wednesday crowd.

Coming up in March we have the 16th Annual Leap in the Lake on March 7th. If you are not on a team and would like to take the plunge there will be a walk-up registration table at the Hopatcong State Park at 9:30am. Let's Make \$1 Million Smiles!

This will be our final month for wELKome Wednesdays for the season as our committees need a well-deserved rest before BBQ kicks in.

On March 22nd we have our Annual Easter Bunny Breakfast with 2 seatings. Get those reservations in now! Following the breakfast, we will be having our rescheduled Penguin Race at 1pm. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information. Penguins are still available for a \$5 donation. See any bartender on duty.

On March 28th the Youth Activities Committee is having an Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Tickets are available at the member's bar.

Let's keep staying as an active lodge. Let's keep that kitchen with new rotating cooks for Friday Night Dinners and making those great meals.

Being part of this lodge means much to me. What makes this place special isn't just the building or the events we hold - it's the people who give their time, their energy, and their hearts to make it all happen. In an organization run by volunteers, nothing works unless people step up for each other. And that's exactly what I've seen here - people sticking together, helping when it's needed, and always showing up for our community. Thank you for the friendships, the teamwork, and the memories. I'm grateful to have been part of something built on kindness, service, and camaraderie. I may be stepping away but I am not going too far so don't get so excited!

As I leave my term as the exalted ruler of Lake Hopatcong, I've learned one great lesson that patience gets a lot more out of people than screaming and yelling at them. I hope I didn't offend anyone and if I did, I'd like to apologize. I can get loud sometimes and you all know I certainly don't need a microphone or a megaphone!

Fraternally yours,  
Walter Wurster, Exalted Ruler

## 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS



|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Exalted Ruler</b>         | <b>Walter Wurster</b><br>973-420-8165       |
| <b>Est. Leading Knight</b>   | <b>Eric Sabol</b><br>908-229-9165           |
| <b>Est. Loyal Knight</b>     | <b>Pete Appaluccio, PDD</b><br>973-736-7818 |
| <b>Est. Lecturing Knight</b> | <b>Kimberly Tweed</b><br>862-242-0116       |
| <b>Esquire</b>               | <b>Samantha Martin, PER</b><br>201-214-6925 |
| <b>Chaplain</b>              | <b>Jason Howard</b><br>973-294-6837         |
| <b>Inner Guard</b>           | <b>Michael Moroney</b><br>862-432-2975      |
| <b>Tiler</b>                 | <b>Lisa Rovito, DD</b><br>201-978-7218      |
| <b>Treasurer</b>             | <b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b><br>973-398-2097    |
| <b>Secretary</b>             | <b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b><br>201-207-7545   |
| <b>Lodge Photographer</b>    | <b>Jason Howard</b><br>973-294-6837         |
| <b>1 Year Trustee</b>        | <b>Wayne McDonell, VP</b>                   |
| <b>2 Year Trustee</b>        | <b>Richard Gathen, PSP</b>                  |
| <b>3 Year Trustee</b>        | <b>Richard Ter Linden</b>                   |
| <b>4 Year Trustee</b>        | <b>John Shaw, PER</b>                       |
| <b>5 Year Trustee</b>        | <b>Tom Brown, PDD</b>                       |

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Debi Werner, Chairperson | 973-668-9302 |
| Annette McInerney        | 973-818-9687 |
| Derya Harquil            | 862-812-3186 |
| Pat Kerrigan             | 201-686-0156 |
| Sue Bruyere              | 973-714-0911 |
| Dawn Crocetti            | 973-954-0253 |
| Kathy Venier             | 973-738-3259 |
| Nancy Loizou             | 973-632-1129 |
| Dawn Malanka             | 973-713-9155 |
| Vicki Angle              | 201-506-1181 |
| Terry Lopatosky          | 973-615-9070 |

### PLANNING A FUNCTION?

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

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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|---|---|
| <b>Accident &amp; Prevention</b>                          | <b>Rick Ter Linden</b><br>972-271-1804          |
| <b>Activities</b>   | <b>Patsy Schmidt</b><br>973-975-2325            |
| <b>Americanism</b>  | <b>Bernadette Delesandro</b><br>201-602-2287    |
| <b>Antlers</b>  | <b>Samantha Martin, PER</b><br>201-214-6925     |
| <b>Auditing &amp; Accounting</b>                          | <b>Kathleen Caffrey, PDD</b><br>973-534-8283    |
| <b>Bar Chair</b>  | <b>Nancy Loizou</b><br>973-632-1129             |
| <b>Community Activities</b>                               | <b>Richard Gathen, PSP</b><br>862-324-2412      |
| <b>Convention</b>   | <b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b><br>973-398-2097        |
| <b>Drug Awareness</b>                                     | <b>Samantha Martin, PER</b><br>201-214-6925     |
| <b>Elks National Foundation</b>                           | <b>Pete Appaluccio, PDD</b><br>973-736-7818     |
| <b>Flag Day</b>   | <b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b><br>862-324-2412         |
| <b>Fraternal Committee</b>                                | <b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b><br>973-398-2097        |
| <b>Government Relations</b>                               | <b>Victoria Angle</b><br>201-506-1181           |
| <b>Grounds Maintenance</b>                                | <b>Trustees</b>                                 |
| <b>Hall Rental</b>  | <b>Debi Werner</b><br>973-668-9302              |
| <b>Hoop Shoot</b>   | <b>Tom Brown, PDD</b><br>973-919-5395           |
| <b>Investigation</b>                                      | <b>Cory Schmidt</b><br>973-440-7393             |
| <b>In-House Caterer</b>                                   | <b>Debi Werner</b><br>973-668-9302              |
| <b>Lapsation</b>  | <b>Barbara Tokar, PER</b><br>201-207-7545       |
| <b>Lodge Activities</b>                                   | <b>Patsy Schmidt</b><br>973-975-2325            |
| <b>Membership</b>   | <b>Samantha Martin, PER</b><br>201-214-6925     |
| <b>Maintenance Committee</b><br>(Reports to the Trustees) | <b>Walter Wurster</b><br>973-420-8165           |
| <b>Memorial Day</b>                                       | <b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b><br>973-398-2097        |
| <b>Motorcycle</b>   | <b>Brian DeVries</b><br>973-934-7347            |
| <b>Orientation</b>  | <b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b><br>973-398-2097         |
| <b>Parades</b>  | <b>Linda Gathen, PDD</b><br>973-398-2097        |
| <b>PER Association</b>                                    | <b>Rick Gathen, PSP</b><br>862-324-2412         |
| <b>Pole Barn</b>  | <b>Red Curry</b>                                |
| <b>Public Relations</b>                                   | <b>Jennifer Appaluccio, PER</b><br>973-222-4547 |
| <b>Softball/Cornhole Tournament:</b>                      | <b>Ricky Gathen</b>                             |

## RELIEF COMMITTEE

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| <b>Walter Wurster, Exalted Ruler</b>      | <b>973-420-8165</b>                             |
| <b>Eric Sabol, Leading Knight</b>         | <b>908-229-9165</b>                             |
| <b>Pete Appaluccio, PDD, Loyal Knight</b> | <b>973-736-7818</b>                             |
| <b>Kim Tweed, Lecturing Knight</b>        | <b>201-214-6925</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>Kathleen Caffrey, PDD</b><br>973-534-8283    |
| <b>Scholarship</b>                        | <b>Jennifer Appaluccio, PER</b><br>973-222-4547 |
| <b>Sickness &amp; Distress</b>            | <b>Lauren Greed</b><br>973-668-6733             |
| <b>Soccer Shoot</b>                       | <b>Tom Brown, PDD</b><br>973-919-5395           |
| <b>Special Children</b>                   | <b>Heidi McDonnell, PDD</b><br>973-545-1557     |
|   | <b>Wayne McDonnell, VPE</b><br>973-841-9845     |
| <b>Veterans</b>                           | <b>Ed Parrillo</b><br>973-398-6677              |
| <b>Army of Hope</b>                       | <b>Lisa Rovito, DD</b><br>201-978-7218          |
| <b>Youth Activities</b>                   | <b>Tom Brown, PDD</b><br>973-919-5395           |

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| 01 | John Manno             |
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| 02 | Michael Murdter        |
| 02 | Katherine Reiche       |
| 02 | Thomas J Warner        |
| 04 | Sharon Romero          |
| 05 | Allen Hutchins         |
| 05 | Daniel Malloy          |
| 06 | Alfred Walls           |
| 07 | Christa Anderson       |
| 07 | Scott Curry            |
| 07 | Krystyn DePree         |
| 07 | Idiana Murray-Martin   |
| 08 | Melissa McConnon       |
| 09 | Christina A Beaulieu   |
| 09 | Jerry Findlow          |
| 10 | Thomas Francis Chiappa |
| 10 | Dennis Lynch           |
| 10 | Joseph Stark           |
| 12 | Sonia Joseph           |
| 13 | Paola DiBernardo       |
| 14 | Sharon Gruber          |
| 14 | John R Perry           |
| 15 | Robert Fletcher        |
| 15 | Robert J Hardt         |
| 15 | Matthew M Ott          |
| 15 | Mark Petrosky          |
| 16 | Sam Altana             |
| 16 | Thomas Kennedy         |
| 16 | Dolores M Perkovic     |
| 17 | Brenda DeNure          |
| 17 | Lesla Modafferi        |
| 17 | Patricia Ann Randazzo  |
| 18 | Kara Puco              |
| 18 | Joseph Sliasky         |
| 19 | Robert Venier          |
| 20 | Patricia Carley        |
| 21 | John Arbolino          |
| 21 | Alice Denino           |
| 21 | Bridget Wisher         |
| 22 | Patricia Monica        |
| 22 | Deborah Robinson       |
| 23 | Donna Catapano         |
| 23 | John R Hendrickson     |
| 23 | George Kunka           |
| 23 | Linda Wright           |
| 24 | Antonio Cappello       |
| 24 | Derek Walsh            |
| 25 | William Erickson       |
| 26 | Brian Keegan           |
| 26 | Thomas E Mac Donald    |
| 26 | Leon Sweet             |
| 28 | Gail Delaney           |
| 28 | Robert C Ricker        |
| 29 | Tarin Chiappa          |
| 29 | John McAteer           |
| 29 | Kelly Trevorrow        |
| 29 | Robert Wood            |
| 30 | Dale DeCamp            |
| 30 | Annette McInerney      |
| 30 | Roxanne J Steffen      |
| 30 | Sally Styring          |
| 31 | Michael J Del Vecchio  |
| 31 | Wayne Shaw             |
| 31 | Michael J Wisher       |

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***“Elks Give from the Heart”***

**BRYAN KLATT**

GRAND EXALTED RULER

**2025-2026**

***“Elkdom’s Heart for America”***



**LET’S HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION  
AS THE LODGE YEAR ENDS**

As the Lodge year is coming to a close, you still have the opportunity to complete some unfinished projects and end strong. At this time, review our programs on [elks.org](http://elks.org) to see what awards and certificates of achievement you can give to your Members or get for the Lodge. One such program is the All American Lodge Contest “A”. All Lodges should apply to see where your Lodge stands and where you can make improvements for next year.

March is also the deadline for all yearly contributions to Elks National Foundation. I hope your Lodge has met, or is close to meeting, the \$5.15 per Member goal. The ENF provides funding to your State Association, as well as for your Lodge community activity programs. Most programs funded by your Lodge could be funded by ENF, which creates even more opportunities for your Lodge to have a greater impact.

Best wishes to all our new Lodge Officers who are going to be committed to governing the many practices and traditions that are fundamental to making our Lodges the best they can be. I hope that the transition will be smooth because it’s important that the experienced Officers mentor and help the new Officers to make the Lodge year a success.

Exalted Rulers, as soon as possible, your selections for committee appointments should be given to your Secretary who will enter the information into CLMS2.


Leaders of the Lodge, it is time to solidify your budget for the upcoming year and make any adjustments that are needed. This important information needs to be entered into the Financial Reporting System.

Thank you for your dedication to the Order and Be The Difference by promoting “Elks Care—Elks Share.”


***“Elks Care - Elks Share.”***

**ELKS**  
*Celebrate New Leaders*  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**MARCH 29th**  
Cocktails 1pm  
Installation 2pm  
*Dinner*  
*DJ & Dancing*



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[elks.org](http://elks.org)





## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Thoughts and prayers to our members who are ill or recovering from recent sickness, injury, surgery or procedures: Wayne McDonnell PVP, Sharon Romero, Jim Visco, Kelly Trevorrow and Kathleen Caffrey PDD's Mother. Our best wishes for a complete and successful recovery to all.

Condolences to Eric Sabol and family on the loss of his Father-in-law and also to our members Mario Marcano and John Nitto on the recent loss of their Mothers. Our sympathy and prayers are with you and your loved ones during this difficult time.

Extending well wishes to all our members. If you know of any member in need of our thoughts and prayers please contact me:

Lauren Greed, *Chairperson*  
(973)668-6733

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

What a exciting month March is!! There are lots of great Elk events on the calendar!

On March 7th is our 16th Annual Leap In The Lake. The last I heard there is over 800 leapers!

On March 13th we have a special Friday Night Dinner for our Annual St. Patty's Day Dinner Dance with the Irish Harpers. There will also be a little surprise from one of our own members. Hope you got your reservation! This is going to be a great night!

We have our Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 22nd. We will have two seatings. The first one will be at 9am and second at 11am. There will be an Easter egg hunt directly after each breakfast. We have an exciting addition to this date. Due to the State of Emergency called on February 22nd we had to cancel our Penguin Race. We will now have this event on on March 22nd after the Easter egg hunt is complete from the 2nd breakfast seatgng! This is something I am sure the children will love to watch. Penguins are still available at the members' bar for \$5.00.

March 29th is a very special day. We will have our new Officers Installation with **Eric Sabol** as our new, Exalted Ruler. Thank you, **Walter Wurster** for all your help with our events, with the lodge and for your participation with the House Committee.

A date to mark your calendars. On May 2nd will be our 1st Annual Kentucky Derby. We will have prizes for best dress couple, best decorated hat and best decorated horse. The horses can be purchased at lodge. Just ask the bartender. There is a flyer in this newsletter A lot more details to follow. Keep eyes open! We will also have a bourbon tasting, finger food, and a ton of laughs and fun. Have a great month, warm weather coming soon. Lol

**THANK YOU HOUSE COMMITTEE  
FOR ALL YOU DO!**

**DEBI WERNER, HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**



**MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>  
STUFFED SHELLS**

**MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE**

**MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>  
EGGPLANT ROLLATINI**

**MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>  
SEAFOOD CAKES**



## VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Veterans Committee is not very busy this month.

Our team is busy getting leapers and donations together to help reach \$1 Million Smiles for our special needs children!

Al Rennick is leading the Veterans Committee leapers again this year. If you don't have a team you are taking the plunge with please contact me and I will get your name to Al.

The Veterans Committee made up approximately six baskets for the Leap in the Lake Tricky Trays. Thank you ladies for making some great baskets!

Thank you Jerry Shared and Cindy for at the Valley Brook Veterans home this year's for this year Super Bowl.

The committee was given some medical devices to give to Veterans in need. First one is an oxygen maker complete. The second is a power wheelchair so if anyone knows of a needy veteran, please let me know.

Spring starts this month thankfully we'll get rid of this snow!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Parrillo, Veterans Chairperson

**MEMBERS SCAN HERE TO  
JOIN OUR FACEBOOK  
PAGE & VIEW  
UPCOMING EVENTS!!!**





February may be the shortest month of the year, but we certainly made the most of every moment! The Antlers had an incredible experience at Path & Peer Leadership this year. With inspiring speakers who truly connected with the kids, they attended multiple sessions, enjoyed fantastic meals, danced the night away, played games, and maybe even managed to get a little sleep. It was a wonderfully positive and memorable weekend for our Antlers. A very special THANK YOU goes out to **Tom Brown, PDD and Ken & Bridget Wisner, PER** for driving them home!



They're already looking forward to the Leap on March 7th and the installation of their officers on March 29th at 11:30am.


They are actively planning a movie and game night to host local kids to bring awareness to all we do!

The Antlers are also working hard to raise money for OSCAR and will be hosting a bake sale on Good Friday, April 3rd, to support the cause. As always, they extend their heartfelt appreciation for everyone's generosity and patience.

They continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and wELKcome Wednesdays, and we're incredibly grateful for their dedication and enthusiasm. Please be sure to show your appreciation when you see them!

Help us spread the word as we look for ways to grow our Antler program. Membership is open to anyone who has passed their twelfth birthday but has not yet reached their twenty-first, is a U.S. citizen of good character, and believes in the existence of God. It's a wonderful time to be an ANTLER, and we encourage all eligible youth to join us. Applications and brochures are available in the lodge's front lobby. The Antlers continue to do amazing things and have a great time serving both our community and our lodge!

Lastly, thank you for your continued donations to the clothing bins, as it helps them make monthly donations to their favorite charities.

Remember: Antlers today, Elks tomorrow!  
Fraternally,  
Samantha P. Martin PER  Antler Chairperson



Wow! Peer Leadership takes an entire year to plan, yet it always seems to fly by in one exhilarating and exhausting weekend. The kids had an incredible time with a jam packed schedule filled with inspiring speakers, delicious meals, engaging planning sessions, lively line dancing, fun game rooms, nightly dances, and even a mesmerizing hypnotist!


Even a record breaking cold snap couldn't keep these kids away from the conference. When you ask Elks what they're passionate about, it's hard to choose just one thing, we each have a "why" that brought us here. But one thing is undeniable: our NJ State Drug Awareness Program is second to none, and Peer Leadership continues to make an invaluable impact on our youth.

Led by an outstanding Drug Awareness State Committee, Lake Hopatcong showed up in spectacular fashion. **Grand Lecturing Knight Bob Ricker, PSP**, one of the Committee's State Advisors, dedicates months to selecting and preparing speakers. **PDD Tom Brown and PVP Matt Winnans** ensured top notch security. **DDD Jen and PDD Pete Appaluccio** shared our amazing Elks Scholarship opportunities, while **PDD Kathleen Caffrey** served as our on call nurse. **Pam Ricker** greeted and checked in students, and ER Walter Wurster hosted a riddle contest. Our District Drug Awareness Chair, **PDD Lisa Rovito**, along with **Dee Krowl and myself**, assisted throughout the weekend in various capacities and served as advisors to the kids.

This event simply wouldn't be possible without all the Elks and advisors who step in to help wherever needed. Between the Path & Peer conferences, we welcomed over 1,000 kids, hopefully 1,000 young people who left with a stronger understanding of leadership and how to face life's biggest challenges.

Planning for next year is already underway, with new speakers being considered and Youth Staff applications rolling in. This Committee never stops working, always striving to keep our kids safe, supported, and engaged. I can't wait to see what they have in store for us next year!

Be sure to keep an eye out for our summer BBQs and our Drug Awareness Golf Outing, which help fund these incredible programs for our youth. Let's make next year even more unforgettable!

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin  PER  
Drug Awareness Chairperson



On March 11th is our wELKcome Wednesday Wing Night at the lodge with entertainment by Aiken Barker AKA Charlie Muccigrosso. We will also have the meeting to follow immediately after cleaning up at approximately 7:30pm.

On March 28th we will have our Adult Easter egg hunt. Tickets are on sale now for \$20. Food will be served and the Bunny will be there. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Tom Brown, PDD, Youth Activities Chairperson

## LODGE IMPROVEMENT

The lodge will have a permanent heater put in the outside building where the oil tank is so our pipes will not freeze up in extreme cold again. The Board is looking forward to the leap in the Lake and thank everyone for their hard work Leading up to this event. Especially Linda Gathen, PDD for putting together the back of the Hoodie!

Tom Brown, PDD , Chairman of The Trustees

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Members,

At the time you are reading this newsletter, the 16th annual leap will either be fast approaching or will be happening. First, shout out to everyone who will be supporting this event the PER Association runs each year for our kids. It's amazing what the lodge can achieve when everyone comes together. Thank you to all the Leapers, teams, sponsors, and supporters.

We are looking forward to the kids art project auction which will take place live during the after leap party. The kids are excited to share what they will have created for this years theme "1 million smiles," and they always enjoy giving back to their community in this meaningful and expressive way. It's sure to be a crowd favorite. Some of our special kids and their immediate families will also be in attendance. If you are at the after party make sure to stop by their table and say hi. They love meeting our Elks family both new and old friends. You can't help be drawn to them and their infectious spirit and joy.

The district will be holding their annual Easter brunch on Saturday April 4, from 11am-1pm. This event is open to all special children. Please have them contact Heidi 973-545-1557 or Wayne 973-841-9845 by no later than March 25th. Flyer in newsletter with additional details.

Last but not least...are you a member who has never been to Elks Camp Moore? Now's your chance. Saturday May 9 from 12-3pm. Whose invited? Members who have never been to the camp before, families who are still deciding on sending their child to camp, and new this year open to educators who are ready to help connect special children with the premiere special children's camp in the State of NJ. Must RSVP to State Chair Elyse Russo by April 25th at erussoscc66@gmail.com or 732-644-6273. Additional details in flyer in this newsletter. Thank you & congratulations to member Veronica Blewitt who accepted the position of committee secretary. We look forward to working with you and all our new committee members.

*That's all for now, but until next time...  
Have a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow!  
Heidi & Wayne McDonnell, SCC Co-Chairs*



# wELKome

**WHO JOINED FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

**New Member**

Justin Getchius  
Laura Getchius  
Alan P. Szatkowski  
Patricia Szatkowski

**Proposed By**

Derya Harquail  
Derya Harquail  
George Szatkowski  
George Szatkowski

Babara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary

## CONGRATULATIONS

to our Elks future District Deputy  
**Jennifer Appaluccio**  
and our Vice President  
**Samantha Martin**



**Motorcycle Committee**  
**Cheesteak wELKome Wednesday**  
**Music Provided By The Joe Show**

# St. Patrick's Day



6:00p

Presents

## The Irish Harpers & Bagpipers



Limited Tickets Available



**DINE-IN TICKETS \$30 • TAKE OUT \$15**

**DINNER 6PM-7PM | MUSIC/DANCING: 7PM-11PM**  
**CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER • CASH BAR AVAILABLE**

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# Lake Hopatcong Elks



Members can pay **cash, check, or online.**

Scan to Pay Dues



The online payment instructions included on the dues invoice direct members to:

Member Payment Portal:  
 ➔ <https://www.elks.org/payonline>

Members may also pay by **credit/debit card** at the Lodge using our credit card machine, or through our Lodge website under **Dues & Donations.**

Be an **Early Bird** and print your proof of payment or stop by the Elks during **Friday Night Dinner 5-7pm** to receive your membership appreciation gift.

See **Vicki Angle** for payments during **Friday Night Dinner** for immediate membership card.



## 16th Annual



# LEAP IN THE LAKE

One Million Smiles For Our Special Kids

Sponsored by Lake Hopatcong Elks #782  
 Saturday, March 7, 2026  
 Hopatcong State Park - 1:00 pm

Thaw out at our **Post Leap Party** at Lake Hopatcong Elks #782  
 2 pm to 5 pm  
 Food, Raffles, Giveaways, Music & More!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[www.lakehopatcongelks.com](http://www.lakehopatcongelks.com)

All plungers will receive a complimentary ticket to the Post Leap Party, a "Leap in the Lake" sweatshirt and event souvenir items. Additional Post Leap Party tickets are available for \$20 per person. All proceeds to benefit Special Children, Youth Programs & Building Renovation



**Now's Your Chance!**  
 Saturday, May 9, 2026 - 12pm - 3pm

Who Should Attend?

- Members who have never been
- Educators ready to help connect Special Children with the PREMIER Special Children's Camp in NJ!
- Families still deciding

COME LEARN ABOUT OUR STATE MAJOR PROJECT!  
 WE WILL HAVE TOURS, BBQ WITH FRIENDS AND AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY OF FUN!

There is no charge for this event.  
 RSV by April 25 to State SCC Chair Elyse Russo at 732-644-6273 or [erussosccc6@gmail.com](mailto:erussosccc6@gmail.com)  
 5 Susquehanna Ave. Hackensack, NJ 07420

**LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS**  
**ADULT**  
**Easter Egg Hunt!**  
 Tickets On Sale Now!  
**BAKED ZITI, ROLLS & SALAD!**  
**\$20 PER PERSON**  
**MARCH 28, 2026**  
**6 PM**  
 201 HOWARD BLVD, MT ARLINGTON  
 973-398-9835

**FUN, PRIZES, ADULT EGG HUNT, DJ MUSIC & TRICKY TRAY!**

**NORTHWEST DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES**  
**HAPPY**  
**Easter**  
**Brunch**  
**APRIL 4TH**  
**11AM to 1PM**

**PARSIPPANY ELKS**  
 230 Parsippany Rd, Parsippany, NJ 07054  
 Please RSVP to your lodge's  
 SCC Chair by March 25th

**NJ STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE AND CAMP MOORE**

**2026 BENEFIT CALENDAR**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITS CAMP MOORE**

**DONATION IS \$20**

***DRAWINGS ARE WEEKLY STARTING JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> AND ARE RETOACTIVE***

**ALL WINNERS ARE PAID BY CHECK VIA THE MAIL WITHIN 5 DAYS OF DRAWING**



**Purchase from  
 the bartender**



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS, #782

# Breakfast WITH THE Easter Bunny



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 2026**

1ST SEATING 9:00AM

2ND SEATING 11:00AM

Children 10 + Older \$15

Children 3-9 Years \$10

Children 3 & Under FREE

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

After Breakfast with the Bunny join us and hop along to the icy river for...

## The Great PENGUIN Race

RACE IS AT 1PM



GET YOUR  
PENGUIN  
TODAY!

**\$5**

Lake Hopatcong Elks,  
201 Howard Blvd Mt Arlington  
973-398-9835

1st Place \$1250 | 2nd Place \$750 | 3rd Place \$500

**And They're Off!!**

**1st ANNUAL**

**Lake Hopatcong Elks  
KENTUCKY DERBY**



**SATURDAY  
MAY 2ND**



**4:00PM-8:00PM**











**PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED COUPLE,  
BEST DECORATED HAT & BEST DECORATED HORSE**

**Our Very Own Inflatable Horse Race!**





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# March 2026

| SUN  | MON  | TUE   | WED                        | THU         | FRI  | SAT  |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| 1  | 2<br>MOTORCYCLE<br>COMMITTEE MEETING<br>6:00PM | 3<br>LODGE MEETING  | 4                          | 5<br>DARTS  | 6<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>                                    | 7<br>LEAP IN THE LAKE<br> |
| 8  | 9  | 10<br>HOUSE COMMITTEE<br>MEETING<br>VETERANS COMMITTEE<br>MEETING 6:30PM                                    | 11<br>WELCOME<br>WEDNESDAY | 12<br>DARTS | 13<br>St. PATRICK'S<br>DAY DINNER<br>DANCE<br>IRISH HARPERS<br> | 14<br>                    |
| 15   | 16   | 17<br>LODGE<br>MEETING<br> | 18<br>WELCOME<br>WEDNESDAY | 19<br>DARTS | 20<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>LEP<br>SPRING<br>BEGIN<br>         | 21<br>                    |
| 22<br>BREAKFAST<br>WITH THE<br>EASTER BUNNY<br>& PENGUIN RACE<br> | 23   | 24<br>HOUSE COMMITTEE<br>MEETING  | 25<br>WELCOME<br>WEDNESDAY | 26<br>DARTS | 27<br>Friday Night Dinner<br>                                   | 28<br>                    |
| 29<br>Installation<br>Of New<br>Officers   | 30   | 31  |                            |             |  |  |

HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY

LUCK

**LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782**

# FISH FRY

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

Serving From 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



(THIS IS A PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY DINNER)

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PRE-LEAP FRIDAY NIGHT FUN AT THE LODGE

# THE CITY LIMIT

PICK UP YOUR  
**LEAP BAGS!**

**JOIN US  
MARCH 6TH  
7:00PM**

Complimentary  
Beverages  
To All  
**LEAPERS**





**LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE**

**No. 782**

201 Howard Boulevard  
Mount Arlington, NJ 07856



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