

I don't know about you, but I feel like each month goes by faster than the last. First, I would like to **congratulate PER Lisa Rovito** on her All-American Award as ER, and her team for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation at Grand Lodge. We received a lot of praise from those who observance and it honestly meant a lot to see so much support in the room from around the state. I know I speak for our whole team when I say thank you to our coaches **Bob Ricker PSP, Heidi McDonnell PDD, and Kathleen Caffrey DD** we can't thankyou enough for your support, time, and dedication to the team. All in all, we had great trip to Minneapolis, besides competing the Grand Lodge sessions were very informative, and we got to watch o ur own **Kathleen Caffrey** be installed as District Deputy! Good times all around.

All good things happening at our lodge. Last month we brought in 15<sup>th</sup> new members, as the lodge continues to grow, we target for at least one initiation a month, make sure you say Hello to all the new members. Have you stopped in lately, the new floors look amazing, and we have made many upgrades to the main bar as well. Thank you to those who have stepped up for Wed Night BBQs, not only is it a great fund raiser but what better way to spread awareness about your committee to our community then to serve them dinner and talk about what you do. The **house committee** is working tirelessly to serve you some new cuisine at Friday Night Dinners as well as keeping our old favorites in the rotation. They are doing an amazing job so please thank them when you see them. On July 12<sup>th</sup>, the Northwest District hosted the Veteran's picnic at the Birchwood Manor. This is the first time they were able to do this since Covid and the Veterans that were able to attend had a great time. Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day for the Miracle Run. If you don't already know this is a committee that raises money in support of our NJ Elks State Major Project - Elks Camp Moore. **Walter Wurster** and I had the pleasure of representing our lodge as we presented checks on behalf of the Motorcycle Committee and the Special Children's Committee. In the last 25 years they have raised over 3.3 million for Elks Camp Moore, it's the kind of day that makes your heart happy!

August brings the end of summer vacations, school shopping and yes you guessed it more fantastic things going on at the Elks! First up is the District Deputy Investiture of Jewels for **Kathleen Caffrey** on August 6<sup>th</sup> come show your support or Kathleen at this great event! Next up is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Army of Hope golf held at Homestead on August 11<sup>th.</sup> Then we have our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seafood Fest brought to you by our PER Association. It's a fun day filled with laughs and the food is outstanding, if you haven't already stop in and grab your tickets for August 19<sup>th</sup>, it's advance ticket sales only! There really is always something going on at the Elks. This month I challenge you to bring a friend to an event! We have an amazing community, and we need to share all the good we do!

Finally, I will leave you with a quote by Dr. Jane Goodall - "What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." We have an impact on those around us whether we realize it or not. So, smile a little more, speak only words of kindness, volunteer where you can and know you just may have made a difference in someone's life!

Fraternally Yours, Samantha P. Martin

2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS				
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Exalted Ruler	Samantha Martin 201-214-6925			
Est. Leading Knight	Peter Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818			
Est. Loyal Knight	Michael Tresca, PER			
Est. Lecturing Knight	Lauren Greed 973-668-6733			
Esquire	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297			
Chaplain	Victoria Angle 201-506-1181			
Inner Guard	Sheila Speroni 973-229-8254			
Tiler	Michael Maida			
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2 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan			
3 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD			
4 Year Trustee	Salliemae Johnson, PER			
5 Year Trustee	Rick Gathen, PSP			

### **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						
Accident & Prevention Rick ter Lin						
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Activities	Patsy Schmidt					
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In-House Caterer	Debi Werner					
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Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt					
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Maintenance Committee	(Reports to the Tustees)					
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	973-398-2097					
Motorcycle	Walter Wurster					
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Ritual	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557			
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, VP			
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Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner			
Soccer Shoot	973-668-9302 Tom Brown, PDD			
Special Children	973-919-5395 Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557			
	Wayne McDonnell, PER			
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Veterans	Ed Parrillo			
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	201-572-8297			
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD			
	973-919-5395			



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03	Debra Hanley
03	Rose E Marino
04	Michael Bohrer
04	Jon Sperry
05	Thomas Brown
06	Mark Kearns
06	Justin Smith
07	Richard Gathen
07	Joseph Zemanek
09	Squire F Osborne Jr
09	Ray Pruden
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12	Paul Levy
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22	Kalei Cutcher
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23	Frank J Arminio
23	Nino Denino
23	Michaei Gallego
23	Elizabeth Sadow
23	Frank Santarpia
23	Henry Savercool
24	Jerry Ferone
24	Amanda Gladish
24	Mario Marcano
25	David P Fasanello
26	Leonard J Podlaski
26	Michael A Suplicki
26	Joseph Weston
27	Lisa Berg
27	James Visco
28	Diane Heiskanen
28	Cory Schmidt
29	William J Auriemma
29	Matthew Ryan Beik
29	Ronald Palladino
30	Susan W Johnston



After being elected Grand Exalted Ruler at the convention in Minneapolis, Wanda and I are humbled and honored to represent our great Order this year.

We have truly been blessed by the aid and support of so many people throughout the years. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our family, friends, and to you, our Elks family. We say thank you, one and all, for everything.

My slogan for 2023–2024 is "We Are The Elks." I am sure you will be hearing more about this at your District Deputy Clinic this month.

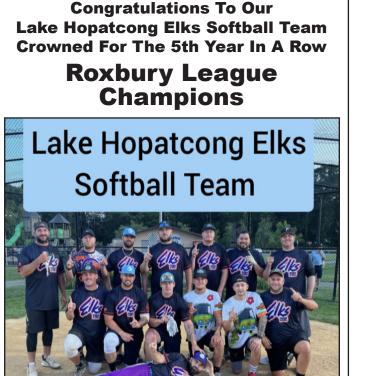
As we travel the country, Wanda and I are committed to promoting our Elks programs like never before. It is our belief this will make our Lodges stronger and improve our image throughout our great Order.

We will be promoting community service programs throughout our travels. These programs build stronger communities while stimulating a response that motivates worthy members of the public to seek Elks membership. In this way, our community service builds the foundation for our future.

Successful Lodges of the future will create and develop local projects that will become signature accomplishments in the eyes of the community. In turn, members of the community will see these projects mature over time and want to become involved.

If we work together toward our charitable pursuits and remain faithful to our programs, I'm confident we will soon see an increase in membership—not mere temporary gains, but a new era of growth where participation becomes commonplace.

# <u>"Akslano-Akslano"</u>







## **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Our deepest sympathy to **Joe Sacco**, **PER**, who lost his wife Carolyn. Our condolences to Joe and his family.

To our following members who are now home from hospital, rehab, and one day procedures: Ed Parrillo, Tom Brown Sr,. John Shaw, PER Madelyn Walrod, PER and McKayla Winnans. Our best wishes on your road to a complete recovery!

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**

I'd first like to thank all our committees for stepping up and doing our Wednesday BBQs!!

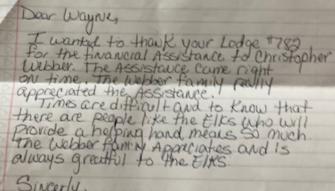
Congratulations to our Ritual Team in placing 2nd in Nationals. We are all so proud of you and how you represent 782!

Our big event this month is our SEAFOOD FEST, August 19th. Get your tickets ASAP!! They are selling out fast!! We have a limited # of tickets being sold and we are more then half way there in ticket sales. Great day with great food!!

Thank you from the bottom of my for all who stepped up and cooking FND. We have a great crew of volunteers. Thank you house committee for always making me look good!

Debi Werner, House Committee Chairperson





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### 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* 

# SHOT FROM THE BAR

Happy August everyone! Summers going super fast. Love seeing everyone enjoying the patio on these beautiful days.

Some have noticed we have relocated our guest book. We encourage members bringing in guests to please sign them in as well as visiting elks from other lodges.



Any questions, please speak to the bartender on duty. Thank you everyone! Nancy Loizou, *Bar Chairperson* 



## OUR LODGE IS LOOKING FOR BARTENDERS

ALL SHIFTS AVAILABLE: Days, Nights, Weekends

#### PRIVATE PARTIES (WHEN EXPERIENCED)

Friendly, Fun, Organized, Confident Individuals With Great Communication skills!!!

#### REQUIREMENTS - AN ELK IN GOOD STANDING. AN ELK LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS. AN ACTIVE ELK.

(No experience needed, we will train you)

PLEASE CONTACT NANCY LOIZOU @ 973-632-1129 WITH ANY AND ALL QUESTIONS!!

WE ARE DESPERATELY LOOKING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT COOKS!! Please come and share your favorite dish!! Please call Debi Werner for more details at 973-668-9302

# SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hope that you are all enjoying the summer and staying cool and hydrated as best as possible.

We recently made monetary donations \$100.00 each, to our new Area 3 Ambassador Angela(Austin) Skolar and Alternate Ambassador Alyssa Melindra at a meet and greet event hosted by the North Central District. Several of our lodge members attended the Miracle Run event on 7/30/23 at the New Egypt Elks. We also made a \$500.00 donation to the Miracle Run. The weather was beautiful and this was a well attended event that hosted all of our New Ambassadors for the 2023-24 program year.

Please see the information flyer and also on Team Reach, that went out about our SCC Meet and Greet scheduled for Monday, 8/7/23 from 7-9 at the lodge. If you are able to do so please join up and "like us" on the Team Reach app that you plan to join us so we can plan accordingly. We will be serving food, it will be a cash bar. Please come out and attend this informational meeting and meet some of our new members and hopefully some of our long established members. We will have a short presentation by **Heidi**, our Committee Chairperson, about our events. We also would like to get some new ideas introduced and discussed for the lodge to implement for our Special Children and their families. As an FYI, we have another round the raffle for Omaha Steaks being sold by the lodge, once again sponsored by the District Special Children's Committee. Please see a bartender on duty to purchase tickets, \$5.00/chance, donated by **Rick and Linda Gathen**. Thank you both for doing so much to support our Special Children.

Also, our **District Chair, Linda Gathen, PDD**, has advised that there will be a NW District picnic sponsored up at Elks Camp Moore. Event is to be held on Saturday, 9/9/23. Ticket price and Time of the picnic is forthcoming, and additional information will be released soon. We look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting. Thank you all for what you do for our Special Children!

As Heidi always end her articles, "Have a great, big, beautiful tomorrow!" All the best, Wayne McDonnell, PER - Region II , Co-Chair - NJSEA Special Children's Committee

• Welcome to the dog day sof August. Please stay hydrated and cool, especially our seniors and compromised members.

The Valley Brook BBQ went very well! Thank you to Susan Garrett, Gail, Pat, Howie and myself the Veterans had a great time and ate up a storm! The Birchwood BBQ did not have such a great attendance that we had hoped for. The East Orange VA in Lyons hospital unfortunately did not send anyone. We had as many volunteers ans we did Veterans. Gail Newton attended the Northwest District meeting in my absence.

The Veternas Committee held a successful BBQ. Everyone enjoyed the Cubana Sandwiches. Our grill guys as usual did a fantastic job. A special thank you to our salad and dessert makers as well! Thank you to all who made this day a great day for our Committee with approximately \$650 raised! Congratulations to our lodge for an outstanding showing at the Wildwood Convention and for bringing home the Governor's Trophy again! Congratulations to our Ritual Team for taking 2nd place in the Nation for Nationals. True dedication!

Lookiing forward to more record breaking numbers of attendance for the Seafood Festival. It is a great time with a tremendous amount of food. Please check out the flyer in this newsletter for the upcoming Music Festival for our Veterans. If you know someone in a band that would like to play during this event please have them contact me. May God continue to bless America and all Veterans both here and gone!

Ed Parrillo, Jr., Veterans Committee Chairperson

#### VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE - ALL ARE WELCOME! AUGUST 9 • SEPTEMBER 13 • OCTOBER 11 • NOVEMBER 8 • DECEMBER 13





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**NEW MEMBER** CHARLES E. BEHM PATRICIA BRENKERT NICOLAS CARUSO THOMAS A. CASOLA Rosemarie Fatsis LOUIS GHETTI JAMES C. HATCH Tom Juskus LAWRENCE KOLMER Scott T. Larsen Alan Santucci **JEANNE SANTUCCI** SALLY STYRING KIMBERLY VASQUEZ

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TO OUR NEW **MEMBERS** WHO IOINED US ON JULY 24, 2023

#### Fraternally Yours,

Barbara Tokar, PER Lodge Secretary

**PROPOSED BY** SALLIMAE JOHNSON MADELYN WALROD SALLIMAE JOHNSON SALLIEMAE JOHNSON LAURA LEE MADONIA BRIAN DEVRIES MADELYN WALROD LAUREN GREED JEAN BURK-UJVARY DAVID BUCHANAN Fred Santucci Fred Santucci Barbara Tokar BARBARA TOKAR

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### ANTLERS CORNER

The Antlers continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and are doing an amazing job. They also continue to volunteer for special events and will be serving at the District Deputy's Investiture of Jewels Ceremony on August 6th.

We are planning our annual field trip to Frog Falls Water Park on August 10th and will be planning more fundraisers and fun activities at our next meeting.

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 Waterloo Neighborhood Food Pantry and we will be discussing our next donation when we meet on August 10th.

On August 23rd the Antlers will be hosting the Wednesday Night Barbeque, please come out and support our youth as they are our future.

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

# **TO OUR MEMBERS**

Because this Lodge is a human institution to serve people for the betterment of our community, we hope that God will grant you peace and happiness while under our roof.

May this Lodge be your second home. May those friends you love be at the Lodge, and may you make many new friends.

Even though you may not get to know everyone, we hope that you will be comfortable and happy as if you were in your own home.

May the reasons that brought you our way to join the Elks prosper for many more years. May every child and Veteran you help under our roof add to your joy.

When you leave the Lodge after enjoying yourself, may your travels back home be safe. We are all travelers. From birth to death, we travel between the eternities. Travel safely wherever you go because your Lodge family cares about you.

May your days at the Lodge be pleasant for you, helpful for our community, youth, and Veterans, and always be a joy to your fellow Elks who love to see you there.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for being a Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge member.

Rick Gathen, PSP

Grand Lodge Membership & Marketing Manager

# **NWD Special Children's Committee Omaha Steak Raffle**





Eight 6oz. Omaha Steak Burgers

Four 5 oz. Boneless Chicken Breasts

Four 5oz. Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignons



Four 6oz. Boneless Pork Chops







Four 3oz. Gourmet **Jumbo Franks** 

Four Scalloped Potatoes Four Caramel Apple Tartlets Drawing will be held at East Hanover Elks on 8/21/23

winner need not be present See your lodge SCC Chairperson or ER for tickets

# Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope 13th Annual Earl T. "Corky" Cornelius Golf Classic



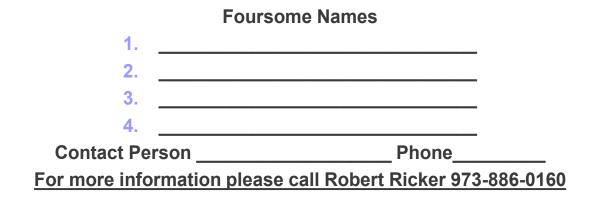
Friday August 11, 2023 Farmstead Country Club in Andover 7:00 AM Registration 8:00 AM Shotgun Start



Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner at Farmstead Limited to the first 72 Golfers

Cost \$130.00 per golfer

Make checks payable to Lake Hopatcong #782 Army of Hope



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 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 LODGE MEETING	<sup>2</sup> (BBC)	3 DARTS	<b>4.</b> Friday Night Dinner	5
6	7 Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm SCC Meet-n-Greet	8 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	9 Veterans Committee Meeting	10 DARTS	11 Friday Night Dinner	12
3	<b>14</b> Ritual Practice	15	16 BBQ	17 DARTS	<b>18</b> Friday Night Dinner	19
20	21 <sub>Ritual Practice</sub> Omaha Steak Raffle Drawing	22	23 BBQ Antiers	<sup>24</sup> DARTS	<b>25</b> Friday Night Dinner	26
27	28 Ritual Practice	29	30	<sup>31</sup> DARTS		



### MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#782 LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS

1<sup>st</sup> Monday Every Month 6PM Walter Wurster 973-420-8165 elksmc782@gmail.com

2024 CONTEST OPENS ON 9-1-23



2023 SEPTEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2
3	4. Ritual Practice Motorcycle Committee Meeting 6pm	5 LODGE MEETING	6 BBQ	7 DARTS	8 Friday Night Dinner REMEMBARKE 9-11	9 NWD Picnic
10	11 Ritual Practice	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13 Veterans Committee Meeting	14 DARTS	<b>15</b> Friday Night Dinner	16 Vers Music Festival
17	<b>18</b> Ritual Practice	19 LODGE MEETING	20 BBQ	21 DARTS	22 Friday Night Dinner	23 \$t Day Of fall
24	25 <sub>Ritual Practice</sub>	26 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	27 FINAL OF THE 2023 SEASON THANK YOU ALL!!	28 DARTS	29 Friday Night Dinner	30



### LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE No. 782

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