



JULY 2020

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Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

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Hi everyone! It's that time again to update all of our members on our progress during this pandemic. Even though we are not open yet, we are still working to do our best for the community and our Lodge.

The food pantry drive has now come to an end, but your generosity has supplied 4 of our local food pantries with over 6 TONS of food, feeding several hundred of our neighbors. Although we are no longer collecting donations, please contact your local township for their approved drop off locations. Our slogan "Elks Care, Elks Share" was definitely lived up to. Once again, thank you to the team who worked so diligently to make it such a success, including, but not limited to: **Mike Clarke, Madelyn Warlord, Helene Walsh, Ed Parrillo and generous donors.**

When passing our Lodge, please take a look at our beautiful grounds by the flag pole. A lot of hard work has gone into making this project a special place we can all be very proud of. A big thank you to **Mike Clarke** for not only maintaining, but improving our Lodge during these trying times. Thanks **Mike**, great job!

My Officers conducted Our Flag Day ceremony on June 14th. It was a beautiful day and we had the ceremony outside, then proceeded with the exchange of the flags. This was done all while in compliance with Covid19 restrictions. We were honored to have **Mt. Arlington Mayor, Michael Stanzilis**, speak at this important event. This year, I decided we would ask some of our very own Veterans to carry the 8 flags that tell the story of our American Flag. A big thank you to our participating Veterans: **Al Rennick, Dominick D'Altilio, Gerry Sheard, Frank Orofino, Ed Parrillo, Cory Schmidt, Jim Smith, Tom Brown, Sr and Scott Kearney.**

We have started back with our Wednesday Night BBQ and Friday Night Dinners, for pre-order take out and outside dining at this time. Please keep a lookout on our sign for menu and updates, as we continue toward our goal of full service dining indoors. Please spread the word and help support our House Committee. The Committee has been hardest hit during this pandemic. Thank you to everyone who has helped put these events together and make them a success.

We look forward to having our Lodge back to normal and moving forward toward our goals.

Stay safe, healthy and remember that any act of kindness, no matter how big or small, goes a long way.

God Bless our Troops, our Elk's and the United States of America.

Fraternally,
Roxanne J. Steffen
Exalted Ruler

2020-2021 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Roxanne Steffen 973-650-0199
Est. Leading Knight	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5615
Est. Loyal Knight	Gary Steffen 973-271-4694
Est. Lecturing Knight	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218
Esquire	Eric Sabol 908-299-9185
Chaplain	Tom Rovito 201-400-0810
Inner Guard	Todd Cruickshank 201-841-4851
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	Tom Brown, PDD
2 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan
3 Year Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP
4 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER
5 Year Trustee	Mike Clarke

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, *PER*, *Chairman*
Tom Chiappa
Wayne McDonnell
Barbara Pirro
Rich Terlinden
Helene Walsh
Debi Werner

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	Madelyn Walrod, PER 201-230-2596
Americanism	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Antlers	Tarin Chiappa 973-714-1334
Bar Co-Chair	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Community Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Convention	Linda Gathen, PER 973-398-2097
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl 973-390-0638
Elks National Foundation	Trish DeDolce 315-532-8988
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PER 973-398-2097
Government Relations	Heidi McDonnell, DD-D 862-579-5616
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke 973-713-2370
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown 973-919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar 201-207-7545
Motorcycle Parades	TBD Gene Garabrant, PVP 973-627-0017
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412

RELIEF COMMITTEE

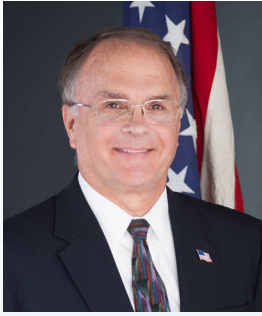
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Scholarship	Elena Tunstead 973-592-3591
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown 973-919-5395
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker 973-288-1030
Youth Activities	Tom Brown 973-919-5395

Happy Birthday

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

01	Laura Stanzilis
02	Marion Bartley
02	Larry E May
03	Mark Bishop
04	Patricia Schmidt
04	Laryssa Ricker Weinberg
05	David M Doyle
05	June Vaananen
07	Marjorie Chrisafis
07	Laura Lee Madonia
07	Jeff Moppert
07	George P O'Brien
09	Roslyn Durkin
10	Edward Broadback
10	Brian J P Craig
10	Lurette Guilmette
11	Thomas G Cobane
11	Eugene J Cullen
11	Dominick J Delefave
11	David Jamieson
13	Marion Pennino
13	Lillyanne Yeager
14	Scott La Morticella
15	Sheila Speroni
16	Keith A Smith
17	Alison Fairchild
17	Veronica Weston
19	Patricia Kasper
19	Harry J Kupper
19	Louis A Kupper
20	Pamela Kappy
20	Wendy H Maler
21	Matthew Liberti
22	Nancy Loizou
23	Sylvia Petillo
24	David Fosse
26	Kathy Appleby
26	Mary Ann Haidinger
26	Robson Martins
26	Al Rennick
27	David Buchanan
27	James Clarke
27	Anthony Rizza
28	Ida Bochner
28	Donald Bogardus
28	Eileen Englese
30	Richard Slater
31	David Montgomery



“Elks Give from the Heart”

ROBERT L. DUITSMAN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2019-2020



Elkdom shines during unprecedented times

This will be my final newsletter message as your Grand Exalted Ruler. Given the ongoing concerns for the health and safety of our Members, together with that of their families and friends, the Grand Lodge Session in Baltimore has been cancelled. It is unclear as of the time of this writing what alternative arrangements will be made. Whatever happens, I can assure you that some very good people have been working to develop contingency plans.

History will remember these as extraordinary times in the history of our nation and the world. While many previously felt secure in the belief that the world's problems were always in far off places and there was little for us as Americans to worry about, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed that. Who had heard of social/spatial distancing and the use of face masks in common areas?

We've been experiencing some challenging times, but here as in all throughout our history, the Elks have stood tall and worked through problems. Through creative new means of handling the business in our Lodges and looking after each other as best we can, we have done well and can be proud of what we have accomplished together.

It has been deeply moving for both Beth and I to have had the opportunity to travel around our country and meet so many wonderful people, to make new friends, and to learn about the truly remarkable charitable works being done in so many ways. While our travel was cut a bit short (a dozen of our visits were canceled due to COVID-19 concerns and restrictions), we saw that Elkdom is clearly shining bright, building on the work and traditions of those who have gone before and moving forward together toward a brighter future.

That was the essence of my slogan, “Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future” and it is ringing true in our Lodges and State Associations all across the nation. There is a lot to be proud of with Elkdom.

This has indeed been the ride of a lifetime, and I take this final opportunity to thank you all for the warmth, caring, and hospitality shown to Beth and me along the way. Elks are a truly special breed of people, and worthy of the title Best People On Earth!

By the way, don't forget that the Auditing and Accounting Committee is to be looking at the Lodge books and report at the last meeting of the month. Just doing my job.

Best wishes to all, and may God bless.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

FLAD DAY CEREMONY - LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS - JUNE 14, 2020





SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please keep in your prayers our members who are under their doctors care. **David Wood** who is finally home from receiving his forth hip replacement. Very rough few months for our member **Dave**, thank God he is home recovering and feeling great. Please keep our prayers going strong for our **PER, Charlie Horvath** and member **Samanta Martin**.

Please feel free to call me at 973-668-9302 or email me at purpledebi@yahoo.com with any information on a member who has fallen ill or to be placed on our prayer list.

God Bless,
Debi Werner
Sickness & Distress

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



JULY 3, 2020

Meatloaf

Chefs: Linda & Rick Gathen

JULY 10, 2020

Pasta Primavera & Grilled Chicken

Chef: Madelyn Walrod

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CHEF SURPRISE



It certainly has been a difficult time for our Veterans at Lyons Hospital. This month we decided to not only bring a cart load of snacks down to them, we also brought backpacks filled with a variety of items, such as socks/underwear/ tee-shirts, personal hygiene items and much much more. Thank you **Karen Alongo** for the coffee cup mug rugs. They were definitely a hit with the guys. We decided to surprise them with delicious sub sandwiches with all the fixins. **Helene** has been in constant contact with Lyons to help meet their wants and needs. We learned that they are now allowed outside on the campus, but the commissary is still closed. The committee will be discussing how to continue supporting our Veterans throughout this time. The Veterans were due to come to our lodge on June 28, 2020 for our annual picnic, but are not able to due to the pandemic.

Once again if you are or know of a Veteran in our community that has a need, please contact a member of the committee.

God Bless and Be safe!!

Ed Parrillo

Committee Chairman



HOUSE COMMITTEE

With the restrictions from the Governor regarding recent pandemic crisis the lodge has been a little busy with takeout BBQ and Friday night dinners. I would like to thank all who supported us in these projects. Soon will we will be open for limited capacity inside seating. However we will continue with takeout meals for a while.

I would like to thank **Kevin Murphy** for a great painting of the lodge. It certainly has brightened up the lodge with a nice clean appearance and new look. I am sure there are many volunteers I need to thank for projects at the lodge so I say a huge thank you to all.

Wednesday Night BBQ's have been going well and will now be every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. until further notice. Tables are available to sit at outside if desired or takeouts are available.

Friday night dinners are scheduled for takeout or patio sitting. Come on out ... Fresh air is good for all!!! Keep checking our sign out in front of the lodge!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Your articles, flyers and photos are to be emailed to patsygirl77@yahoo.com by the 20th of each month. If you need additional time please do not hesitate to give me a call at 973-975-2325 to make any arrangements needed. If you wish to have your newsletter emailed to save a stamp, please send me an email and place "Save a Stamp" in the subject line.

Patsy Schmidt, Newsletter Editor

Happy Summer Everyone. Not necessarily the summer we were all hoping for, but let's make the best of it. The Antlers really miss being at the lodge. They miss serving Friday Night Dinners and seeing everyone, fundraising and most importantly the comradery of their group. Great to hear that the lodge is able to have some outside activities at this point. The food drive was an amazing show of what a great organization we are all a part of.



We had some "Graduations" this year. Congratulations go out to **Kayla McManus, Korinna Hand and Adrianna Martin**. **Kayla and Korinna** will be off to college in the fall and Adrianna was accepted into the Culinary Academy at Morris County Vocational School. Way to go!!!! **Alexandria and Ashleigh Tasnaday** worked on their Girl Scout Silver award. The project focused on spreading positivity during the COVID-19 quarantine. They each put in over 40 hours for the project. Great job girls!!! That is amazing. Special thanks to **Juliana Hawkins, Abby Watts, Jaelyn Fogg and Billy Erickson** who took the time to make some pictures to brighten the day of the Special Children. **Billy** was nice enough to do it for his sisters **Kaitlyn and Abby** since they were busy with school work. **Billy** will make a great Antler one day!! The good news is we have no Antlers aging out of the program this year. We cannot wait to get back to doing what we do best Wishing **Kayla M and Korinna** the best as they start a very new and exciting chapter in their lives. Enjoy your college years!!!

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

A big shout out to all the Antlers. It could not have been easy these past few months between doing school work from home and not seeing their friends. So many functions cancelled. Way to go Antlers, for being so very strong and hanging in there. You are all very amazing and should be proud of yourselves. #ANTLERSTRONG

Our clothing bin is still in full swing and I am sure as the weather gets nicer the bins may not be as full. The company was so overwhelmed and we apologize if the bins were full when you went to drop off. We appreciate that no one leaves any bags or items outside of the bin. Thank you, as always for your ongoing donations. Pickup is usually on Mondays, so the bins are empty on Tuesday. Hope that helps. Happy July 4th Everyone! Enjoy with family and friends.

Sincerely, Tarin Chiappa Antler Chairperson

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

I hope all is well with you and your families as we continue life through the Covid pandemic. Hopefully now that some of the restrictions are slowly being lifted, our lives and daily routines may start returning to normal. We recently began distributing Kits supplied by Elks Camp Moore Staff to our sponsored Special Children for the 2020 season that was cancelled due to the corona virus. The kids will begin attending zoom camp that will be run by Camp Moore staff to provide activities for the kids to participate while still at home. They will be making arts and crafts, joining a virtual campfire and interacting with the other kids they would be attending camp in person with. There are pictures of some of the kids that have already received their camper kits that will be in this newsletter.

We also are happy to report and introduce our New **Area 3 Ambassador, Jacob Brose**, for the 2020-21 year. He assumes this role beginning July 1st. Please wish him well and congratulate him when you get a chance to see him at the lodge.

That is all for now and hopefully as we continue to progress past this virus we will start working on events to plan for the kids at the lodge. Please keep the families and the children in your thoughts.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell
Special Children's Committee Chairperson



Membership Matters



Rising to the Challenge

BY RICK GATHEN

GL MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING MANAGER

OVER THE LAST 152 YEARS, millions of Elks have risen to meet the unique challenges presented by the times they lived in. We have been no different. The last part of the twentieth century and the first two decades of the twenty-first century have been some of the most difficult times Elksdom has ever faced. The Order struggled with declining membership numbers, but we rose to meet that challenge, and in the 2018–2019 Grand Lodge year, we experienced a net gain in membership for the first time in thirty-eight years. Now, we face new challenges posed to the health of the Order by COVID-19. One way of going about rising to meet this new challenge is to take a look at how we met the last great challenge and achieved a net gain in membership during the 2018–2019 Grand Lodge year. The numbers tell a story, and in the story there is a way forward.

Elksdom by the Numbers

Bringing new members into the Order is vital to keeping Elksdom healthy, and during the six years spanning the 2013–2014 Grand Lodge year and the 2018–2019 Grand Lodge year, we did an exceptional job recruiting new members. In this period, we initiated more new members each year than in each preceding year, and in the 2018–2019 Grand Lodge year, we initiated an astounding 23.2 percent more members into the Order than we did in 2013–2014!

Equally important, however, is the work we did to retain the members we already had by reducing the number of Elks who fell away from the Order because of unpaid dues. In the first two years of the period, we lowered the number of members who were dropped for nonpayment of dues by 14.4 percent. Our efforts to retain members remained strong throughout the time frame, and at the end of the 2018–2019 Grand Lodge year, we saw 13.8 percent fewer members dropped for nonpayment than had been dropped for that reason in 2013–2014.

Between 2013 and 2019, our outstanding recruitment efforts combined with the very strong work we did to retain members allowed us to do what the Order had not done in thirty-eight years—grow. With

the 2019–2020 membership numbers still in flux at the time of this writing, it cannot be said what the 2019–2020 Grand Lodge year will look like, but the story of how we rose to meet the greatest challenge Elksdom faced in the last forty years and put the Order back on a path to growth suggests how we might meet the current challenge that COVID-19 poses to the Order—we need to continue to focus on the recruitment of new members and on retaining current members.

New Programs for a New Era

To help local lodges continue their outstanding recruitment and member retention efforts, the Grand Lodge has put together a new recruitment program, which is available on the Elks.org website. The program is based on a shareable social media campaign. It is broken into two phases, and they are designed to increase membership by targeting millennials and members of Generation X.

Phase one of the program allows lodges to create a social media campaign that focuses on attracting younger generations to the Order. Phase two will permit current members to share the story of their journey through Elksdom on Elks.org by uploading short videos and/or photos that describe their membership experience and can be shared on social media. The Grand Lodge has also introduced an optional billing renewal program. Lodges can use this program to make the membership renewal process more efficient and save money. Please go to Elks.org to find out more about these exciting new programs and help your Lodge navigate through these challenging times.

As Elks, we are ever mindful of the cardinal virtues of Elksdom, among which is the virtue of Brotherly Love. Now, more than ever, is the time to contact current members you haven't seen in a while and find out how they are doing and if they need anything. A little help can go a long way. Now is the time to call former members who have left the Order for one reason or another, find out why they left, and talk to them about rejoining. If ever we needed each other and if ever our communities needed the BPO Elks, the time is now. ■

FLEA MARKET



**\$20.00
Table Rental**

**July 18
9:00am-3:00pm**

Limited Spaces Available

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

VENDORS PERMITTED TO SET UP 7AM DAY OF EVENT

CALL MADELYN TO RESERVE SPACE 201-230-2596

Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks

**Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge 782
201 Howard Boulevard • Mt. Arlington, NJ**



**Team Fee
\$300**

MT. PLEASANT SCHOOL

11 Broadlawn Drive Livingston, NJ 07039

SAT, AUGUST 15TH, 2020

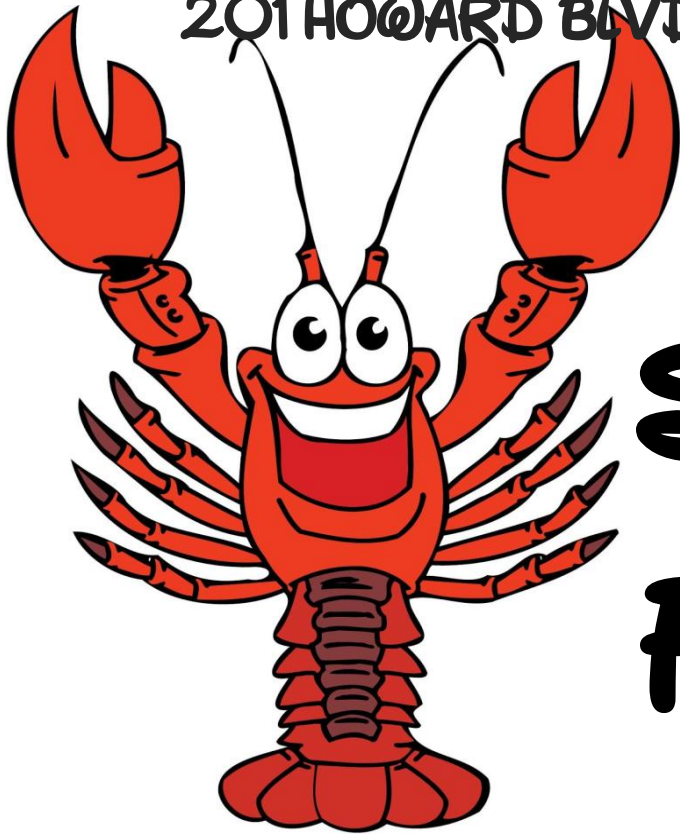
***Register on our website:**

www.lakehopatcongelks.com/slowpitch-softball-tournament

Any questions, email - lakehopatcongelksssoftball@gmail.com

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

201 HOWARD BLVD, MT. ARLINGTON, NJ



15TH ANNUAL SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 22nd
2pm to 6pm

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 Antler



Lodge #4

Generosity
changes everything



CLOTHING DRIVE



Drop off your gently used clothing and items to the bins in the parking lot.

*** Please place the **ACCEPTABLE** items **INSIDE** the bin

WE WILL BE COLLECTING:**

Backpacks, Bedsheets, Belts, Blankets, Clothing, Curtains, Hats, Purses, Shoes
Soft or Hard Toys – Below 14” only CD’s/DVD’s in their appropriate cases – no loose or
burned discs

SORRY BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Leftover Thrift Store or Rummage Sale Items of any kind
- Books, Board Games, Puzzles, Large Toys (above 14 inches in size)
- Art Supplies (Crayons, Markers, Coloring Books, Crafting Items, Fabric Scraps)
- Furniture, Rugs, Exercise Equipment, Appliances or Electronics of Any Kind (Nothing with a Cord)
- Winter Boots, Winter Coats, Single shoes, Roller Skates, Ice Skates**
- Dirty, Damp, Damaged, Tattered items, Rags, Items with Holes or Tears, Broken Items
- Pack and Plays, Car Seats, Strollers, Baby Seats, Loungers
- Miscellaneous Housewares, Decorative Items, Bric-Brac
- Dishes, Glassware, Baking/Cookware, Pots/Pans, Kitchenware of any Kind

ITEMS SHOULD BE BAGGED AS FOLLOWS:

- White kitchen garbage bags (13 gallon size)
- Retail shopping bags (from Target/Walmart, Old Navy, etc)
- Black garbage bags (no larger than 30 gal, and do not fill more than halfway)
- Re-usable/canvas/plastic/fabric shopping bags, laundry bags

****All items donated must be in good, usable condition.**

The clothing and other items are NOT SHREDDED

The Antlers are working with NJClothingDrive out of Flanders, NJ recycling the acceptable items to be distributed globally and locally, to those in need. NJ Clothing Drive, is a service provided by the fundraising division of Millennium International Textile, Inc., Morris County's premier textile recycling company, established in 1996. Any questions, please contact tarinc35@optonline.net.

Thank you in advance for your donations and continued support!



JULY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS PRESENTS

TICKET 123456 23456

GRAND SLAM

RAFFLE

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS MEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

DRAWING **AUGUST 15TH, 2020**

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN A GRAND PRIZE **\$500**

MORE INFORMATION www.LakeHopatcongElks.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BBQ

Take out or Eat outside on the picnic tables. Outdoor patio bar is open.

\$10

BURGERS HOT DOGS AND SALADS


5PM - 7PM

Call Madelyn and order in advance for a pick up time 201 230 2596.



AUGUST 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Lodge Meeting <i>COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY</i>	5 BBQ	6	7 Friday Night Dinner <i>PURPLE HEART DAY</i>	8
9	10	11 House Committee Meeting	12 BBQ	13	14 Friday Night Dinner	15 Slow Pitch SOFTBALL Tournament
16	17	18 Lodge Meeting	19 BBQ	20	21 Friday Night Dinner	22 
23	24	25 House Committee Meeting	26 BBQ	27	28 Friday Night Dinner	29 <i>MARINE FORCES RESERVE BIRTHDAY</i>
30	31					



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