



Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday

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## **Exalted Ruler's Message**

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

2022

"Working together in harmony is the key to success"

2023



Hello everyone,

Thank you to all of you that attended our Member's Appreciation New Year's Eve Party, we had a wonderful time with great music and food. It was awesome to see the dance floor full the entire night. Congratulations to **Ed Parrillo** and his entire Veteran's Committee for their very successful Roast Beef Dinner where they served 180 meals raising funds for our Veteran's. Special thanks to our Antlers that did a great job serving that evening.

We are now approaching our busiest time of the year. The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Peer Leadership Conference will be held from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, with our one day Path Conference being held on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As State Chairperson of the Drug Awareness Committee I will be traveling to Long Branch on February 1<sup>st</sup> along with my Committee Advisor **Robert Ricker GLC/PSP** for this exceptional and life changing conference. Antler Chairperson **Samantha Martin** and our Antlers will attending again this year.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the lodge is hosting a Psychic and Craft Fair to benefit the Leap in the Lake.

February 7<sup>th</sup> is our PER Night where the PER Association will assume the officer's chairs and initiate a new class of members. PERs that are achieving milestones in membership will also be recognized that evening.

On February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Friday Night Dinner awards will be presented to the winners of this year's Americanism Essay Contest. Thank you to **Patricia Carley Esq.** for her great work with the contest this year.

On Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> please join us in the Members Bar to watch the Super Bowl. On February 19<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our first Cornhole Tournament to benefit the Special Children's Committee. The response for this event has been overwhelming and the team rosters are full.

We have also begun planning for our Annual Leap in the Lake Event to benefit our Special Children which will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2023. Member have been busy securing sponsorships and getting their teams together for this event which is shaping up to be the most successful ever

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am the Ritual Team will be competing in the State Competition at the Long Branch Elks Lodge. An awards luncheon will follow with individual and team awards presented. If you are interested in watching the competition or attending the luncheon please let me know. Also on that date the lodge will be having a Pre Leap in the Lake Pig Roast Fundraiser with live music from 2pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.

Our Wildwood Reunion will be held from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, rooms fill up quickly so get your deposit as soon as possible.

There is always so much going on at our lodge so please check the flyers in the Newsletter. Once again thank you to all of our members that get involved in committees, help out at the lodge, attend our events, Friday Night Dinners and Thirsty Thursdays and continue to make our programs so successful. God bless you all, our special children, troops, veterans, youth and God bless America.

Fraternally yours,

Lisa Rovito Exalted Ruler

## 2022-2023 **LODGE OFFICERS**



**Exalted Ruler** Lisa Rovito, ER 201-978-7218

**Est. Leading Knight** Samantha Martin 973-586-1329

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**Est. Lecturing Knight** Wayne McDonnell, PER

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Chaplain **Lauren Greed** 

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**Inner Guard** Victoria Angle 201-506-1181

Tiler

Sheila Speroni

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973-398-2097

Barbara Tokar, PER Secretary 201-207-7545

**Lodge Photographer** Michaela Winnans

1 Year Trustee Rick Gathen, PSP 2 Year Trustee John Shaw, PER 3 Year Trustee Sean MacMillan 4 Year Trustee Tom Brown, PDD 5 Year Trustee Pete Appaluccio, PDD

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, Chairman Samantha Martin Rich ter Linden Victoria Angle Nancy Loizou Walter Wurster Lauren Greed Barbara Pirro Kimberly Tweed

## PLANNING A FUNCTION?

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

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Rick ter Linden 972-271-1804 Activities **Patsy Schmidt** 973-975-2325 Americanism Patricia Carley 973-534-0168 Antlers Samantha Martin 973-586-1329 **Auditing & Accounting** Kathleen Caffrey, PVP 973-534-8283 **Community Activities** Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770 Co-Chair Nancy Zotynia Loizou 973-632-1129 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 **Goverment Relations** Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545 **Grounds Maintenance Trustees Hall Rental Debi Werner** 973-668-9302 **Hoop Shoot** Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395 Indoctrination Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097 Investigation **Cory Schmidt** 973-440-7393 **In-House Caterer Debi Werner** 973-668-9302 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 Sallimae Johnson, PER Motorcycle 973-713-3428 **Parades** Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097 **PER Association** Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412 **Red Curry** Pole Barn **Public Relations** Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547 Softball Tournament: **Ricky Gathen** 

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	Wayne McDonnell, PER				
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	973-398-6677				
Army of Hope	Tom Rovito				
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD				
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02	Robert E Adams
02	Carla Endly
02	Denise Jeffery
02	Frank Lepore
04	Charles Nappi
05	Joanne Bassano
05	Deborah Ross
05	Michelle Sellaro
06	Marie Lepre
06	John J Moran
07	William E McCabe
80	John Holinko
80	Audrey F Thompson
09	David S Cruickshank
09	Elena Tunstead
10	Samantha Martin
11	Ryan Thurnes
12	Angelo J Colello
12	Heather Healy
14	Rose Barsanti
14	Kenneth Wisher
15	Eric Martin
15	Ronald Nelson
17	Lawrence Bellack
17	James R Harding
17	Gary Steffen
18	Nancy J Yost
19	Derya Harquail
19	John Maluk Jr
19	John Signorelli
19	Jennifer Sweeney
20	Victoria A Angle
23	Cindy L Banghart
23	Garry Carloni
23	Colleen Shanahan
24	Philip G Grassia
24	Lauren M Greed
24	Garett W Springer
25	Slavica Nowak
25	Frank Talty
27	Roxanne L Flatt
27	Young Neumann
27	Lucille Stanziale

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Thomas J Steinmacher

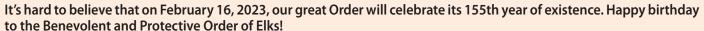


## "Elks Give from the Heart"

Bruce A. Hidley

GRAND EXALTED RULER
2022-2023





February is an extremely busy month for us as Elks. There are only two months left in your Lodge year. I respectfully request that you review the progress of your Lodge programs. It's not too late to achieve the goals you haven't yet reached. Your Lodge certainly can get a lot done in the remaining two months. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to proudly tell all your Members you have successfully achieved your per capita for the Elks National Foundation, reached a +1 in membership, and accomplished the goals of the programs that are so important to the Elks and your community.

The month of February is also a time when new officers are nominated and elected for the new Lodge year. I encourage all the Lodges in our great Order to elect someone who is going to be dedicated to the affairs of your Lodge and your community. The success of your Lodge programs will depend upon their leadership. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is for your Exalted Ruler to demonstrate dedicated leadership to all the Members of the Lodge. It truly shows your community that "Elks Care – Elks Share" when we have a great group of officers.

Lodge Secretaries should note that February is the time when you must file the Statutory Lodge Committee Chairpersons report and the Local Lodge Directory information report in the respective CLMS2 online forms. This information is extremely important so that updates are done in a timely manner.

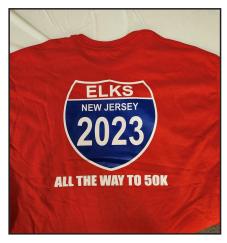
February is also when our Past Exalted Rulers perform the ritual during your Lodge's Past Exalted Rulers Night. To our PERs: This is your time to shine by performing an excellent rendition of the initiatory ritual for the incoming Members.

On February 2, Punxsutawney Phil emerges from his burrow on Groundhog Day. This day is important to me since I live in the Northeast. If Phil sees his shadow that day, it means six more weeks of cold and snow. Brrrrr.

During February, we recognize American Heart Month. This is when we get our Local Lodges and communities together to raise awareness to prevent heart disease. Proudly wear red during this month to show Elks care about addressing heart disease.

Let's not forget Valentine's Day on February 14. Cupid catches each of us so we express our love and affection for each other. To my wife, Helen: Happy Valentine's Day. You are the love of my life.

## "Elks Care - Elks Share."



## 2023 WILDWOOD T-SHIRTS

Check out this years Wildwood shirt! We are on our way to 50K in membership in NJ, just Amazing!!

We will offer Mens and Womens shirts (no pockets this year) with our lodge name. Stay tuned for the sign up sheets! They will be displayed at the members bar and you can place your order.

COST: Sizes S-3XL \$16.00 · Sizes 4X & 5X \$20.00





#### **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Our deepest Sympathy to our member **Mildred Rennick**, who has lost her mom. Our prayers to you and your family. To our member and friend **Ralph Elpin** who is in the hospital fighting a blood infection. To another member **Jack Barber we are sending our get well wishes your way.** Our prayers also extended to **Theresa Fiorentino** (Jacob's mom) was recently in the hospital but at home now recouperating with a back issue. Finally our prayers, support, love and concern to **Madelyn Walrod**, **PER** who was recently in the hospital but home resting and taking it easy.

Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson

# ENF COMMITTEE LEGACY AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

There are less than two months left to apply for the Legacy Awards Scholarship! The ENF awards \$4,000 scholarships to 350 high school seniors that are the children or grandchildren of Elks. The application deadline is February 6, 2023. Encourage the legacy students you know to put their best foot forward and apply. Find all the information you need at the website below or by scanning the QR Code with your camera/phone. https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm





## **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2023** 

Swedish Meatballs Madelyn Walrod, PER

#### **FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

Chicken Parmesan Madelyn Walrod, PER

Americanism Essay Contest Winner Awards

**FEBRUARY 17, 2023**Looking For A Volunteer

FEBRUARY 24, 2023 Looking For A Volunteer

#### **INTERESTED IN COOKING?**

CALL MADELYN 201-230-2596





Wow! This month is packed with fundraising events for our Annual Leap in the Lake which is set for March 4, 2023 at 1pm. Have you sponsored a leaper, joined a team or volunteered to assist that day? It is one of our largest events for our special children. Please see the flyers in this newsletter for the special events leading up to the leap to kick off the 13th Annual Jump!

Our Annual Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner was a great hit! I believe the number of dinners served was over 170! Congratualtions to the Veterans Committee on a successful dinner!

Our Thirsty Thursday and Friday night dinners continue to draw a nice crowd. If you are interested in cooking a Friday night dinner please let me know. I would be more than happy to show you around the kitchen.

On February 26th at 11am the Ritual Team will be competing in the State Competition at the Long Branch Elks Lodge. I would like to wish them well ... BRING HOME THE GOLD!!

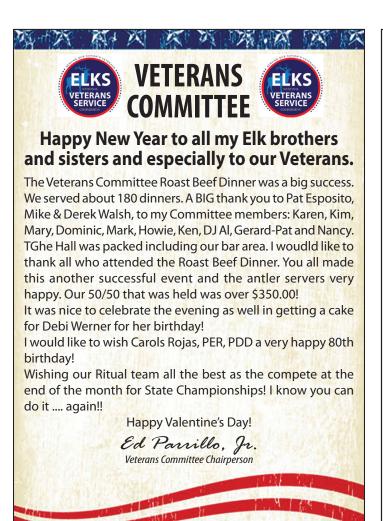
Wishing you and yours a very Happy Valentines Day!

Madelyn Walrod, PER,

House Committee Chairperson

## **SHOT FROM THE BAR**

Come out the superbowl with us on our <u>NEW HUGE TV</u>!! We all know what follows football .... Nascar! I know some fans looking forward to that. Remember the Member's Bar is open daily at 12:00 Noon. If you have not been down to the lodge you will notice new faces as bartenders. It is nice to have a rotation of members serving other fellow members.



## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

We held our drawing for the AMC Movie Gift Card. The lucky winner was Joseph Pierce. His mom and dad couldn't thank us enough for our lodge / committee's generosity. They will be putting this towards his birthday in February. We will be looking to do more of these type of mini rewards to additional Special Children's families in the future. We are currently working on the kid's project for Leap in the Lake which will be one of the items that we will auction off during the leap after party as part of the fundraising effort. We will be selecting a date for the end of February to bring the kids to the lodge to work on the project. As we have all asked our membership in past years, please consider joining one of the leaper teams to participate in the Leap in the Lake or sponsor an individual leaper or team. You can also participate as a "dry leaper." Any contribution to this fundraising effort will be appreciated. We look forward to you also joining the participants at the After Leap Party. In addition to inviting some of our Special Children and their families to this event, this year we will be looking to provide monetary donations to 10 area school districts special seeds programs in the communities our lodge serves. As always, if you are interested in participating or volunteering with our committee, all our welcome. Please reach out to me or Heidi at LH782.SCCEvents@ gmail.com. That is all for now and as always, thank you for all the work and effort you put forth to benefit our special children.

Until next month... Have a great big beautiful tomorrow!

Heidi & Wayne McDonnell, Special Children's Co-Chairs

The Antlers can't wait to attend the Path and Peer Leadership Conferences, being held at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch NJ. The Path Conference is for 6th - 8th grade students and is on Thursday February 2nd. Then the weekend long Peer Conference is for High School Students is held February 3rd - 5th. I am honored to be part of this amazing experience afforded to them though the Elks and your generosity. When you see them ask them how it was, and you will see their faces light up. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves last year and couldn't wait to go back. A special **THANK YOU** to **Walter Wurster** for driving our Peer kids down and back for the weekend! In addition serving Friday Night Dinners and Thirsty Thursday meals each week, the Antlers always step up and assist at our lodge events. They recently helped set up, serve, and clean up at the Veterans Roast Beef Dinner, and



they want to thank everyone for their generosity and patience. What a busy night that was, WOW! These kids really are doing a fantastic job for us, and we should continue to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to our Lodge!

On an exciting note, I am Proud to announce that **Matthew Martin** was accepted into the Academy for Computer & Information Sciences and will be attending the Morris County School of Technology in the fall. Congratulations **Matt** we knew you could do it!!!! Last month after we brought your thoughtful donations left in the bin at the lodge to the Food Pantry we went to lunch and planned out our next few months.

The Antlers are looking forward to another chilly Leap in the Lake next month, please consider sponsoring them when next see them at the lodge.

We will also be holding an initiation of new members along with an officer installation on March 19th at 4pm. So if you know someone who is 12 to 21 who wants to be an Antler have them get their application in ASAP. A major plus it looks great on college and job resumes. Applications and Brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge. Stay tuned for other upcoming events, and spread the word, the Antlers do amazing things and it's a great time to be an ANTLER!

As always, THANK YOU for all the donations in the clothing bins at the lodge and for supporting our Antlers.

Finally, the Antlers would like to wish our officers GOOD LUCK at the state ritual contest on February 26th in Long branch! Go get 'em we're rooting for you!

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin, Antler Chairperson









# PRE-LEAP IN THE LAKE 2023 FUNDRAISER



\$25.00 Advance • \$30.00 Day of Event

# LIVE MUSIC • 50/50

## **BANDS TO PERFORM INCLUDE:**

JBro Music • Hopatcong Sound Machine • Duckface Wicked Garden • Monkey Wrench

## BEER • WINE • SODA PACKAGE AVAILABLE \$10.00

~ CASH BAR ALSO AVAILABLE ~

# SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 26 > 2PM-6PM



Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782 201 Howard Boulevard Mount Arlington, NJ 07856

## **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

PLEASE SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR TICKETS OR CONTACT:
Cory Schmidt at 973-440-7393 • smokinschmidtys@yahoo.com

(ALL PROCEEDS TOWARDS LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LEAP IN THE LAKE GRAND TOTAL)



# For Our Special Kids

Sponsored by Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

# STUDDY MIKELLY 2023

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

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

# Lake Hopatcong Elks

201 Howard Blvd, Mt. Arlington, MJ

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7:00pm-11:00pm

ONLY \$25.00 pp

(Cash Bar)

CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR TICKETS • FOR INFORMATION CALL 973-398-9835



## WILDWOOD 2023



Are you ready to be a part of an amazing 3-day experience at our Wildwood State Convention that's filled with fun in the sun, laughter, incredible food & drinks, bonding with your fellow Elks, families and friends and a huge amount of **Lake Hopatcong Elk Pride**? This year is sure to be an exciting one as we are once again defending our **1**<sup>st</sup> **Place Governors Trophy** and looking to bring it home for the third year in a row! If you want to be a part of this incredible weekend, **please get your \$120 deposit in TODAY**.

Our Wildwood 2023 package will include a 2-night hotel stay (check in Friday; check out Sunday), hospitality room all weekend with unlimited draft beer, wine, soda, water & liquor, BBQ on Friday night, continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, and a Pig Roast on Saturday night. We will once again be staying at the Royal Canadian Motel located on Atlantic Ave, just a half a block from the boardwalk and directly on the parade route.

So how much is this package? Well, as everyone knows, our country is experiencing an inflation and the cost of the everything (hotel rates, food, gas, etc) has increased by approximately 30% or more over last year. Based on that, the actual costs this year would come to \$495 per package. Fortunately, however, the lodge will be holding various fundraisers during the spring and summer to help offset that cost and as a result, we were able to keep this year's cost for the entire hotel stay, food and beverages to only \$420. The cost for any additional persons (more than two per room) will remain the same, at \$50 per person.

It is our hope that everyone will support our fundraisers so that we will be able to continue to offer our members a great Wildwood package at a reasonable cost. Our first fundraiser is a Wheelbarrow of Cheer and we are asking everyone who signs up for a room and pays a deposit to please consider donating one bottle of liquor of your choice. Please drop off your liquor donation to either Madelyn or Nancy at the lodge. You can pay your Deposit of \$120 by check, cash, or credit card at the lodge or go to the Wildwood 2023 page at LakeHopatcongElks.com to pay online by credit card. We cannot guarantee any rooms without a deposit.

Finally, due to the fact we have made our Wildwood package affordable because of our lodge fundraisers, and anticipating that we will be needing more rooms than in the past due to our membership continually growing (we brought in almost 60 new members this year to date!), from now through April 15<sup>th</sup>, this Wildwood package is ONLY available to Lake Hopatcong Elks members and Hawthorne Caballeros Alumni members (who work hard all year to represent our lodge and help us win the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Governors Trophy). If there are any rooms left (we have contracted to take all 85 rooms at the Royal Canadian) on April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will then open the rooms up to others.

If you have any questions, please call Madelyn at 201-230-2596 or email me at <a href="mailto:LindaGathen">LindaGathen</a>, PDD, Convention Chairperson















## FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Thirsty Thursday	3 Friday Night Dinner	4
5	6 Ritual Practice	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm	8	9 Thirsty Thursday	10 Friday Night Dinner	11
12	13 Ritual Practice	14 House Committee Meeting  Happy ine's  Valentine's	15	16 Thirsty Thursday	17 Friday Night Dinner	18
Lake Hopatoong Elks COCINTIOUS TOURNAMENT	20 Ritual Practice  PRESIDENT'S  DAY	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	Fish Fry	23 Thirsty Thursday	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
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### **DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVERY WEEK**



CHEESEBURGER & FRENCH FRIES
ONLY \$6.00



CHICKEN FINGERS
& FRENCH FRIES
ONLY \$6.00



PUB BASKET
ONLY \$9.00

Onion Rings, Fries, Jalapeno Poppers & Chicken Fingers



ONION RINGS
ONLY \$5.00



We will be stopping at each establishment to patronize our bar supporting establishments that have continiously supported our Leap In the Lake Event!



# **MARCH 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	Thirsty Thursday	<b>3</b> Friday Night Dinner	Leap In The Lake
5	<b>6</b> Ritual Practice	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm	8	9 Thirsty Thursday	10 Friday Night Dinner	11
12 SPRING AHFAD	13 Ritual Practice	14 House Committee Meeting	15	16 Thirsty Thursday	17 Friday Night Dinner Harry Flatrics	St. Patrick's Day Party
19	20 Ritual Practice	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	SIP-N-PAINT PARTY	23 Thirsty Thursday	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
26	27 Ritual Practice	28 House Committee Meeting	29	30	31 Friday Night Dinner	



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