



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835



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Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

A Fraternal Organization
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2021



As the new year has begun, I would like to say "Thank You" for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler. My team of officers are ready to represent this lodge to the best of our ability and do some great thing to hold up the Lake Hopatcong standards. I hope all my officers and members of our lodge are staying safe and healthy.

I understand how difficult this Covid-19 situation is on all of us, but its for everyone's safety, and especially for our elderly members.

As Elk's, we serve our community, veterans and our special children. Its been hard to sit by and not do what we as Elks always do.

As Elks we figure out a solution and one of my Trustees came up with doing a food drive for three of our local food pantries. I would like to give a special thanks to **Mike Clarke** for putting this thought into action. So far we have delivered nearly over 2000 pounds of food and toiletries items to these pantries in our area. We made the first two deliveries today and will make the third tomorrow. They were so happy to receive our help. This has been an amazing out pour of Love to our community!

We will be continuing to except donations to our food drive. There is a table in front outside of the lodge with two red bins. Please feel free to put your donations in those bins. They are being taking in every night and your help in our food drive will greatly be appreciated.

Once again I give Thanks to a Team of Elks that have been working hard for our food drive. Thank you to **Mike Clarke, Madelyn Walrod, Helene Walsh and Ed Parrillo** for their help in making this food drive possible. Also a thanks to **Patsy Schmidt and Barbara Tokar** for the emails and facebook post that were sent out. So as you can see we have started our year off on a great start.

We look forward to getting our lodge back in order and working operation. 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
Barbara Pirro
June Vaananen
Debi Werner
Matt Winnans, *PER*
Roxanne Steffen

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	Linda Gathen 973-398-2097
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	Charlie Horvath, ER 862-432-7702
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP 973-627-0017
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Roxanne Steffen	973-650-0199
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Gary Steffen	973-271-4694
Lisa Rovito	201-978-7218
Linda Gathen	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
Ritual	Rick Gathen, PSP Linda Gathen, PER
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



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

01	David L. Guignard
01	Sean McDonnell
02	Carla K. Guignard
04	Christopher Merring
04	Michael Nowak
04	Mildred Rennick
04	Margaret Sharpe-Murphy
05	Scott Kearney
10	Joseph Clarke
11	Gregory Serri
11	David Wood
12	Thomas Rovito
13	Karl E. Cooke
13	Paige A. Toriello
13	Jeffrey J. Wolfanger
14	Mary C. Beck
14	Leonard Loughridge
14	Thomas Marotta
14	Len Sadowski
15	Gerald Gee
15	Janice Hosler
15	Al Rossy III
16	Kenneth Kappy
16	Gale Newton
17	Sheldon Levy
18	Mary Marshall
19	Dolores Krowl
19	William J. Marshall
20	Donetta Heins
20	Carlo J. Nisi
21	Jennifer Brown
21	Gerald W. Sheard
22	Linda Gathen
22	Heather Sabol
26	Barbara Clark
26	Barbara Pirro
26	Elmer Poburski
26	Vincent Reis
29	Dawn M. Crocetti
30	Howard Shimm

(May Birthdays Listed Page 5)



“Elks Give from the Heart”

ROBERT L. DUTSMAN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2019-2020



Elks stay strong, connected during pandemic

The past few months have been a chaotic time in the life of our Order and our nation. There has been an unprecedented amount of suffering, deprivation, hardship, fear, and for some even the loss of life as we collectively deal with the scourge of the COVID-19 pandemic.

But through this and other trials we as a nation have faced over the years, we as Elks and as Americans have always stood strong. It is times like these that we should be all the more mindful of the cardinal principles on which our Order was founded. Our Lodges have been closed and activities have been suspended, but we would do well to focus our thoughts and look for ways to help others get through these times.

While the typical focus of newsletter messages is to address business and operational matters within our Lodges, it bears repeating that under our cardinal principle of Brotherly Love we should be looking after our fellow Members and those in our communities who are disadvantaged. Some likely don't have family or support and may need our help. Consider setting up a phone tree so that your officers can make personal contact with Members, especially those who are alone or may need some help with even routine tasks like shopping. A little attention may go a very long way.

It has been fully recognized that we can't do the work of our Lodges in traditional ways, and flexibility and creativity have been encouraged to take care of Lodge matters the best we can. Hopefully you are finding ways to keep moving until things can return to normal, or at least improve.

This is a time for Elks to do what Elks have always done better than anyone else: Help others, as best we can.

On a more mundane note, remember to submit your Lodge Audit Report by the end of June. It is important information, and timely submission will avoid a \$100.00 fine. If there are problems, talk with your Sponsor to see how they can be addressed. Also, for Members who are eligible for GER membership pins, you need to get your request in by June 15.

May God bless you all as together we move forward to better times.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

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

NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

While the lodge is closed, your dues are our only source of income. To all of you who have paid, many thanks. If you have not already done so, please send them in when you can. You can pay online at www.lakehopatcongels.com or by check or money order. God bless you all and keep you safe.

WELCOME to OUR FAMILY

MARCH 20, 2020

New Member

Katie Maloof
Willam McCabe
Andrew Patin
Christina Ramirez
Brian DeVries



Proposed By

Gail Delaney
Kathleen Caffrey
Jack Delaney
Tom Brown
Transfer from #1562

WELCOME TO LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE #782

Barbara Tokar, PER
Lodge Secretary



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

We send our condolences to **Debbie Ondish** on the loss of her mother.

Please keep in your prayers our members who are under doctor's care or are recuperating: **Gerry and Pauline Cook, Rick and Linda Gathen, Samantha Martin, Karl Then, Charlie Horvath, Dave Wood, Ralph Elpin, and Tom Rovito.**

We also pray for the safety of our members **Kathleen Caffrey and Sonia Caban** and all others who are working with COVID-19 patients.

Please feel free to call me at 973 713-3428 or text me at hdstormy@optonline.net with any information on a member who has fallen ill or to be placed on our prayer list.

Debi Werner
Sickness and Distress Chairman



First and foremost, we would like to thank **PER, Charlie Horvath** for supporting the Antlers throughout the past year and to his team for everything they have accomplished. Congratulations to **ER, Roxy Steffen** and her new team in the upcoming year. We look forward to working with you.

It is hard to believe that we have not been at the lodge in what seems like an eternity. We miss the camaraderie and all the fun lodge events. We hope to be able to celebrate our Installation of new Antler Officers sometime soon. Some of the Antlers did take the time to make some pictures for our Special Children which are being sent in care packages by our SCC Committee.

The Antlers are all doing well, just very stir crazy. They cannot wait to get back to the lodge to do what they do best! Our clothing drive is still in full swing! Thank you so much for all of your generous donations, and there has been A LOT of donations. If the bin is full, please do not leave anything outside on the ground. The company is extremely busy with full bins all over the county but they are picking up frequently.

We hope everyone has stayed well and for those recovering we wish a speedy recovery. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all who lost the battle to this awful virus. Many thanks to those essential workers, which there are too many to list for what they do. Their dedication and hard work will never be forgotten. Stay well everyone and keep following protocol. We will get through this and we cannot wait to see our "family" back together again.

Fraternally yours,
Tarin Chiappa Antlers Chairperson

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



Will Resume As Soon As The Lodge Is Given The Green Light!



At first glance, I thought Ed was growing a beard during the isolation period; then I realized that's his facemask that he donned to deliver much needed snacks to the Lyons vets. It seems that during this time the Veterans' Canteen Store has been closed, just like so many of our own stores. With that being said the residents are without snacks that they so look forward to purchasing for themselves.

Howie and Ed delivered the goods after **Helene** had made contact with one of her contacts at Lyons who indicated the need for these items.

So, once again, great job team!
Hope we're back to our usual antics soon!
Keep smiling, keep healthy, keep positive!

For God and Country, Gale

HOUSE COMMITTEE

A special thank you goes out to our members and friends for the many donations to the food drive. Over 2,000 pounds of food and toiletries have been collected. We have distributed to four food banks in our area. We will be continuing the food drive as long as there is a need within our community while the lodge is currently closed for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

I never thought I would miss cooking Friday night dinners but I really do!! I am ready to get them started up again and to all be together sharing a meal as a lodge family!

With the weather getting nicer each and every day we are getting ready to start BBQs as soon as weas we can open.

I would like to congratulate Roxy on her year as Exalted Ruler for this fraternal year. I know she will do a great job.

Let's all stay healthy and patient. I look foward to seeing your faces again very soon!

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman



NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOC STATE SPONSOR
PGER MALCOLM MCPHERSON ADDRESS STATUS OF
UPCOMING STATE CONVENTION

April 13, 2020

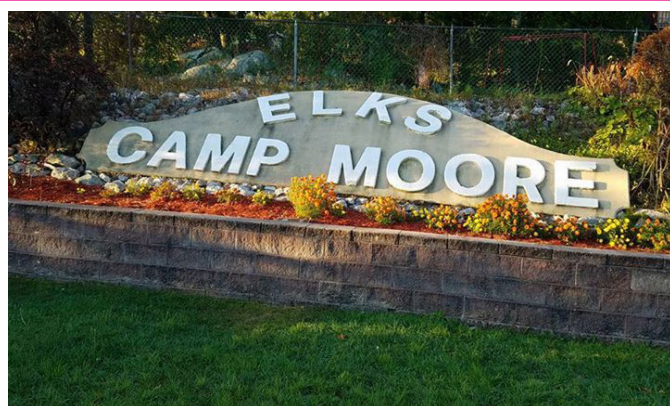
Dear Members:

The safety of our members, their families and our communities is of the utmost importance to our organization. At this time, we have made the decision to cancel our Annual Wildwood Reunion. This will be the first time in our state's history that we have not gathered to install our newly elected and appointed state officers and conduct the annual meeting. I know many of you look forward to this gathering each year. I too will be disheartened that we are not able to gather with our fellow Elks to celebrate this past year's accomplishments and start off the new year with our new State President and Officers. However, we must adhere to the current regulations so that we can combat this outbreak and prevent further loss.

Please know that we are working diligently to maintain our organization and will be making alternative arrangements for events such as the Installation when we are again able to gather.

Again, please stay safe during this time and support the essential workers and medical professionals who are working endlessly to try to combat this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.
Past Grand Exalted Ruler



Greetings all,

We hope this email finds you and your families well.

PGER State Sponsor Malcolm, ECM Trustees, Advisors and Elks Camp Moore's leadership team have continuously been closely monitoring the developments related to the COVID-19 global pandemic with the safety of our campers, staff, and members as our top priority. We recently met to discuss the remaining 2020 camping season and after much deliberation, it has been decided that Elks Camp Moore will be canceling our 2020 summer residential camp program and our Fall weekend adult respite programs.

Todd has had multiple conversations with the health department, our international staffing agencies, the American camp association, our camp's nursing team, and other support agencies that the recommended guidelines for stricter social distancing, allowable on-site group sizes and safety procedures it would be extremely hard for us to guarantee the safety of our camp community. Our first and upmost concern is the health and well being of everyone.

We understand that these are unprecedented times and with that being said we know some lodges may be facing financial difficulties. We are giving the lodges the choice of having their camperships credited to the 2021 Camp Season or request for reimbursement.

We are asking the District Chairs to take a lead on contacting the lodges and sending an organized list of lodges with their wishes for either a credit or reimbursement to April copying myself. This will allow a more streamlined process.

Please do not have the lodges contact the SCC office on their own.

If you any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our Camp and Special Kids!

Be well and be safe!

Respectfully,
Peggy Berry, SP Elect
Trustee Chair, SCC



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times. Since we've been forced to stay indoors and practice social distancing, most of us are able to adapt to the new normal that includes home schooling our kids, working from home, excessive hand washing, wearing protective gear, masks and gloves and no physical contact. While this may be an inconvenient way to live your life we can at least rationalize why we have to do this in order to stay safe and healthy. Unfortunately, the families of our Special Children are having an extremely difficult time adapting to this drastic lifestyle change. I've even heard from some of our families that their kids think they are being punished because they can't attend school, interact with their friends, go out to their favorite restaurant or even go outside. While this has affected our lives on so many levels and our stress levels are being tested daily, we know we have to do this if we are going to survive this pandemic.

Even though we haven't been meeting face to face or running events, we had to figure out a way to provide a distraction for our families. Our District **Deputy Heidi McDonnell and myself** are putting together care packages to send to many of our families we serve in our community that includes some snacks and Mother's Day and Father's Day crafts that the kids and parents can work on together while isolated. We also asked for messages from our members and Antlers to provide to the families to let them know we are thinking about them. While I know this isn't much, I'm sure they will be greatly appreciative of this gesture and hopefully this will provide some comfort. I wanted to thank all of you that contributed to this small project for the families that we serve because while our world has turned upside down, we are eventually going to win this battle!

Please keep our Special Children and their families in your prayers. While none of us know what the immediate future holds, we will get past this.

Stay safe and healthy and I look forward to resume running events for our Special Children.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell
Special Children's Committee



So happy to see this beautiful smile again. Please continue to keep Izzy and her mom Virginia in your prayers.

01	Richard Golder
01	William McManus
02	Paul Sullivan
02	Jill Ayers
02	Jean Burk-Ujvary
03	John Delaney
03	Lawrence A. Gallelo
03	Carole A. Lennon
04	Sean MacMillian
04	Chris John Morrone
06	Diane E. Gleason
06	Mindy McQuaid
06	John Pezzino
08	Thomas P. Prandato
08	Richard Terlinden
09	John H. Milne
09	Jake Zamorski
11	Ryan Caparoni
11	Peter Federico
11	Thomas J. Mahoney
11	Beryl Meckert
13	Douglas Detroy
13	Colleen Erickson
13	Carter Smith
13	Michael Walsh
14	Kenneth Butt
14	Maureen Falgiano

MAY BIRTHDAYS

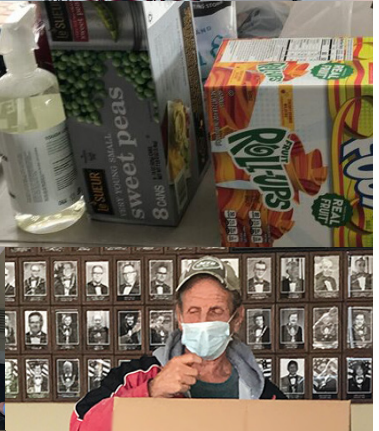


**We Would Like To Extend
Our Best Wishes For A Happy
Birthday To The Members
Listed Here For The Month!**

14	Alan Guadagnino
14	John Shaw
15	Mark A. Blough
15	Jerri Lynn Perriello
16	Richard E. Flaherty
17	Alice Hebel
17	David Smith
19	JoAnn K. Matthias
19	James Pittaro
19	Lisa Rennick
21	Stephen Krawczuk
21	Michael Mero
21	Joseph Modafferri
22	John O'Brien
24	Scott Pruden
25	Jacqueline Caputo
25	Lisa Rovito
25	Frank M. Schmitt
25	Linda Wint
26	Charles Poskitt, Jr.
27	Frank Orofino
27	Michael A. Smethy
28	Anthony Horvath
28	Robert D. Murphy
28	Frederick M. Sandquist
29	Sharon Yanavo-k



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782 FOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!
It's Just The Beginning ... 2000 Lbs. Of Love To Our Community



Lake Hopatcong Antlers Lodge #4

CLOTHING DRIVE

Spring

is here. Why not start your Spring cleaning now with your closets. Drop off your gently used clothes to the clothing bins on the left side of the parking lot.

Spring
Cleaning



Generosity
changes everything



Items may be bagged in:

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

Please do not bring donations in storage totes, or boxes, or donate loose items.

All Donations should be bagged

Non Acceptable Items:

- 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

Accepted items:

- Men's, woman's and children's clothing and shoes. Belts, Purses, Backpacks, Hats.
- Soft or Hard toys 14 inches or less
- Bedsheets, Towels and Curtains
- CD's/DVD's must be in appropriate cases, no burned copies or loose discs

Items collected are never shredded!!!!

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Tarinc35@optonline.net with questions



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..... **COMING SOON**

BBQ

**BRING YOUR
FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



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

**DIFFERENT SPECIAL EVERY WEEK!!
ONLY \$10.00 PER PERSON!!**

**HAMBURGERS
& HOTDOGS!**

Every Wednesday Evening From 6:00pm-7:30pm
Starting May 6, 2020 Through September 30, 2020

All Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks Ritual Team
(Final Wednesday Subject To Change Pending Weather)

**SALADS & MUCH
MUCH, MORE!**