# The Elks Reporter



Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday

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# **Exalted Ruler's Message**

2018

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2019



Wow! September has been a pretty busy month so far. All the kids are now back to school and "regular" routines are in full force. September saw our BBQ's starting to wind down, we provided backpacks full of supplies to our area schools, we hosted a backpack/campfire night for our special children and welcomed our Special Children's Committee Chair to the event, Wayne McDonnell who we are so happy is recovering well at home after heart surgery! We also had our very successful, if cold and damp, flea market early in the month. Thanks to our House Committee for, as always, pulling off a successful event. They all did a great job in Madelyn's absence. Football is back on Sundays so please join us as we root for our favorite teams and enjoy food and friendship. Next, it was on to the Army of Hope Picnic at the Lacey Lodge. Thanks to all who came out to support such a great cause even though the weather was less than perfect - ok blustery, cold, pouring rain day. However, as announced at the lodge meeting, a record breaking event in terms of money raised for our veterans so well worth a "little" rain.

Linda McMaken from the Elks Magazine came to spend some time with us and see what an "All American Lodge" looks like. I was very proud to share all the great things we do with her. Look for her article highlighting Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782 coming soon in the magazine. We rounded out the month with our first ENF Pig Roast. Thank you Debi Werner, Pat Porter and the ENF committee for making this a really great day, and also thanks to Cory Schmidt for his expert pig roasting skills! Delicious food and great people never fail to make for a great event. I appreciate all your hard work!

Now, here it is October already. I can't believe how fast my year is going. I'm ending my 1st half of the year and hope serving our lodge well. Although I know there is still more to be done, I am enjoying every minute and truly appreciate all the support I've been given. October 1<sup>st</sup> is the District 11 O'clock Toast/Flag Salute contest. I'm hoping you will be able to join me as I attempt to win the district and represent our great lodge at the Fall Conference in November. Then at the end of the month let the trick or treating begin! I am looking forward to Special Children's Trick or Sweet at Embassy Suites and our own Trunk or Treat at the lodge. All are welcome to decorate their car and hand out candy – everyone has a great time.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend a lodge meeting held on the  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Tuesday of the month at 8pm. It's a great way to get involved and learn about what we do. Don't be shy - come out and spend a little time with your Elk family. Cook a Friday night dinner, join one of our fantastic committees, there are so many things you can do and it would be great to see some new faces. Feel free to contact me or one of my officers if you have any questions.

In closing, please join me in saying a prayer for all those effected by hurricane Florence in the Carolinas. My heart goes out to everyone and I pray your homes and families are safe and well.

God Bless the Elks, God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

Fraternally yours, John Shaw - Exalted Ruler

### 2018-2019 **LODGE OFFICERS**



John Shaw

**Exalted Ruler** 

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3 Yr. Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD
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5 Yr. Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, Chairman Tom Chiappa Barbara Pirro June Vaananen Debi Werner Matt Winnans, PER Charlie Horvath

## PLANNING A FUNCTION?

**OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE** TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** Accident & Prevention

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**Soccer Shoot Tom Brown** 973-919-5395

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Army of Hope **Bob Ricker** 973-288-1030 **Youth Activities** Tom Brown 973-919-5395

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



01	John H Hayes			
02	I Olga Hoover			
02	Paul Stanziale			
04	Judith Marshall			
07	Jeffrey D Cagnassola			
07	Eileen Hankins			
80	Michael Randazzo			
08	David J Sheridan			
09	Catherine Murphy			
09	Alan Tuorinsky			
10	Ralph J Elpin			
10	Carlene J Rossi			
10	Chris Secola			
10	Helene Walsh			
11	Marilyn Serra			
12	Louis Catalano			
12	Jon A Edwards			
13	Thomas Healy			
15	Frederick Kircher			
17	Deborah Bassetti			
17	Richard Campbell			
19	Augustine Dulio			
19	Brian O'Gorman			
20	James L Dickinson			
21	John Youngblut			
22	Michael R Gleason			
22	Robert Ricker III			
23	John Mahoney Jr			
24	Richard Bissonnette			
25	Ray Eagan			
26	Scott Begraft			
26	Deborah Hill			
28	Martin Janowski			

Eileen Snyder

Jon Philhower

Jamie Marks

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# "Elks Give from the Heart"

## MICHAEL T. LUHR

*GRAND EXALTED RULER* **2018-2019** 

## October Is A Month Of Activity As Deadlines Loom

As we enter the month of October, we begin to reap the rewards of our September preparations.

Patriotism Week, held this year from September 10-16, is the perfect time to start to introduce the Americanism Essay Contest to your local schools. It is due to your Lodge by December 15 but NOW is the time to ask schools to get it into their curriculums. Make sure to pass this message on to your Americanism Chairperson.

Have all of your Lodge Officers donated to ENF, and have you discussed ideas for this year's grant opportunities? If not, make ENF part of your next meeting agenda and get it done. If you're having trouble coming up with grant ideas, why not host a Drug Free Kids Halloween party to fulfill an ENF Promise Grant?

October is also the month of the new GER's "Class," so make every effort to initiate new candidates for membership before November 1. Make this initiation a special night, one that accommodates the schedules of new and established Members alike.

During the last meeting of October, be sure that your secretary and trustees submit their reports to the Lodge. This is also a great time for Exalted Rulers to report on their Grand Lodge experience. Remember that all these reports should be in written format and included in your meeting minutes.

Your Auditing & Accounting Committee is also required to offer their report at the end of the month. Your A&A Committee should plan to meet with the secretary and treasurer to review all finances, ensure budgets are revised, and check that records are being maintained according to statute. The importance of this committee's work cannot be overstated, and every effort should be made to swiftly accommodate requests.

Red Ribbon Week runs from October 23-31. This is an opportunity for your Lodge to support the Elks Drug Awareness Program while procuring some positive exposure in your community. Ask local school officials and law enforcement personnel how your Lodge can help spread the word about the dangers of drugs most prevalent in your community.

I would like ask every Exalted Ruler to take a look at the Members of your Lodge who are "Working Together to Make a Difference." Recognize their efforts by awarding them my Special GER Award. It's a small gesture that shows them just how much you and I both appreciate their hard work. Please take the time to thank the Members who are making the Elks stronger because of their selflessness. See page 37 of the Grand Lodge Program book for more information.

My last reminder is an important one: Start planning your Veterans Day program now. Our veterans sacrificed so much on our behalf, and they deserve all the recognition we can bestow upon them. Let's honor veterans in a way befitting of their service to our country as well as remind them that the Elks will never forget them.

# Tiks Care - Elks Share."

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO WERE INITIATED ON AUGUST 28,2018

**New Member**Richard Campbell
Henry Cole
James Heasty



**PROPOSED BY**Todd Hakimian
Doug DeTroy
Cindy Banghart

Barbara Tokar, PER Lodge Secretary

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON MEETING**

Please note that on October 12, 2018 we will be having a "Committee Chairperson" meeting after Friday night dinner is served. You do not have to be a chairperson to attend, share, learn, or make suggestions.

All welcome to attend ~ Thank You!

# GREEN VISION FUND RAISER October 21, 2pm - 7pm Lake Hopatcong ELKS LODGE 201 Howard Blvd. Mt. Arlington. NJ

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#### **SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to **Catherine Murphy**, **Dawn Fresh-Hopler**, **and Marion Pennino** who have had surgery and are recovering nicely. Also to **Audrey Thompson and Laurie Betz** who has been hospitalized but is now home and recuperating.

Please keep in your prayers our members who are still in recovery Wayne McDonnell, Audrey Thompson, Debbie Ondish, Joanne Grady and Jan Walsh.

Please contact me with any information regarding a member who is sick or in distress.

Peace and Grace Fraternally yours, Sallimae Johnson, PER Sickness and Distress Chairman

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Fall is finally here! The foliage is pretty, weather is perfect (when it's not raining), and sports are in full action!

The house committee is currently working on our upcoming tricky tray November 3<sup>rd</sup>. All members, who would like to donate a basket, should see **Madelyn or Marge**. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it takes a lot of time, help, and donations to make it a success.

October 27<sup>th</sup> the special children's committee is sponsoring the annual "trunk or treat" for special needs children. This is always a great event. See **Wayne McDonnell** if you want to "open your trunk" with all the treats for our special children.

Madelyn Walrod PER House Committee Chairman



#### **SHOT FROM THE BAR**

Just a reminder the bar is open for college football on Saturday and NFL on Sunday. We do have the "red zone"so you can see what all teams are doing!!! Don't forget baseball is revving up for the playoffs and can be seen as well.

#### **MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE**

The Motorcycle meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please take note that this is a time change from what is normally in the bulletin. Also a congratulations to Debbie Manno for winning the MC barbecue that we have raffled off. A Thanks goes out to all who contributed to this fundraiser.

Fraternally Yours,
Charlie Horvath, MC Committee Chairperson



#### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

All newsletter articles, photos and flyers must be submitted by the 20th of each month. Kindly send your emails to patsygirl77@yahoo.com. I thank you in advance.

Patsy Schmidt, Newsletter Editor

# **VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2018**

(REVISED - THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE THURSDAY)
October 18th 2018 @ 6:30PM

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 6:30PM Decer

December 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 6:30PM

All meetings will be in the main room. In the event the lodge has a booking we will meet in the members bar.

BARTENDERS NEEDED

See Madelyn For Details





Happy Fall everyone, time to get busy. First and foremost we would like to thank everyone who purchased a Footballmania ticket and wish everyone good luck for the upcoming season. With Veterans Day fast approaching, the Antlers would like to thank the Veterans for their service and will be giving away 10 Friday Night Dinner

gift certificates. Each week starting on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>, two Veterans will be randomly chosen from your entries. The last drawing will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. See our attached flyer and make sure to put your name in the container at the front table. We will once again be participating in Holiday Appeal. We also have a couple of new members to initiate and we are still working on a date.

If you know anyone between the ages of 12 & 21, please let me know at tarinc35@optonline.net or give them our brochure from the front table. Also, check us out on Facebook at lakehopatcongantlerslodge4.

Tarin Chiappa

Antler Chairperson



#### **VETERANS COMMITTEE**

We will be hosting the Veterans from Lyons hospital for their Holiday Meal in November. Unfortunately we had to cancel our fund raiser in September.

We have placed the bin back in the main lobby where it always was. Please be as generous as possible - we are going into winter so sweat shirts, sweat pants, coats (wow) sweaters, we always need unders both men and women. All sizes but trending to the larger ones. Toiletries - lotion at this time of the year is always appreciated. Anything you can think of to make their days easier. New items only and no alcohol in the products.

We are hosting our now famous Black Friday Spaghetti Dinner on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Please add that date to your calendar so that after shopping all day you come to your lodge and hang out with us for an hour or two - relax and count your blessings for getting at least some of your shopping done early. Well done!

We continue to thank all of you for your continued support of the Veterans Committee which enables to do so many things for our Veterans. Remember - we can't do what we do without you!

Fraternally Yours,
Peg Sharpe-Murphy
Veterans Committee Chairperson

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE



As I am still on the mend, just wanted to first say Thank You to all of the members who sent their thoughts and prayers for me. I really do appreciate those sentiments. Thanks to the officers and members of the lodge for the cactus and cards as well. Just to update you, all has gone well post surgery and the healing process is progressing nicely. I am hoping that all stays the course and I will be able to return to some normal daily routines and more physical rehabilitation.

Enough about me, here is what we have going on for Special Children. A big Thank You to all of the organizers of the Camp Fire for the kids we hosted back in September. Pat Porter, PER Kathleen Caffrey, PVP Heidi McDonnell, Christine Macknowsky and many more did a fantastic job on this project while I'm on the road to recovery. On Sunday, October 21st @ Woodbridge Lodge is the State SCC Meet and Greet our Area Ambassador's. We will be escorting Tyler Nelson and his parents to that event. On that same day at the lodge the committee will host a fundraiser for a local company, Green Vision Inc. from 3:00pm-6:00pm for a dinner as they we will be raising money for much needed repairs for their company vehicle. They will be doing all of the cooking, the serving and running the event. This company employs special needs young adults, many of which have come through our ranks and our programs over the years, and they work on repairing electronic items. If you are interested in possibly attending this function please contact me and I'll provide you additional information.

Finally, please see the flyer in the newsletter regarding our annual Special Children's Trunk or Treat/Halloween event for the kids on Saturday, October 27, 2018. If interested in entering your car for decorating and passing out goodies for the kids the info is on the flier to contact us.

That is all for now, and hopefully I'll be back and better than ever at the lodge doing what I love, help keeping the smiles on the faces of our Special Children. You all play a giant role in promoting and executing our programs and you have my gratitude and appreciation for all that you continue to do.

Fraternally Yours, Wayne McDonnell, Chairperson Special Children's Committee



# Elks National Foundation

#### **ENF COMMITTEE**

First I want to thank EVERYBODY for all they did for me and ENF pig roast. Special thanks to **Cory Schmidt** for doing the pig. We are now getting ready for our Christmas Fair vendor craft show which will be held November 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors will be open at 12:00 Noon. Please come out and support your local crafters. Also on November 25<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a puzzle contest. So get your teams of four friends and be the first to complete the puzzle. You will have three hours to complete. Prize awarded to our 1<sup>st</sup> place winners. More details to follow. Please mark your calendar and save the date December 9<sup>th</sup> is our Christmas Cocktail party. This year we will have a ugly sweater contest. Prize to winner. Our wheelbarrow is up and running and can use some donations of bottles. Please help where you can.

Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards are \$4000. Scholarships for the children and grandchildren (Step Child or Step Grand child) of Elks members. Applications are available ONLINE ONLY. The 2019 contest opened September 1st 2018, the deadline for applications for 2019 contest will be February 1, 2019 at 11:59 am central time. N.J. families will be eligible for at least 10 awards. For more information please go to Elks.org and follow directions. Good Luck

Debi Werner ENF Committee Chairperson



The members of Lake Hopatcong Elks were busy assembling book bags filled with school supplies to be donated to local elementary school students from families who are financially struggling.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



With Veteran's Day fast approaching
The Lake Hopatcong Antlers Lodge #4



# **WOULD LIKE TO BUY DINNER FOR 10 VETERANS**

as a <u>Thank You</u> for your contribution to our Nation and sacrifice on behalf of our freedom.

If you are a Veteran, please put your name and phone number on a ticket located at the front door. Please place the ticket into the bucket and 2 names will be drawn on Friday nights from Oct 12<sup>th</sup> through Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7 pm.

The winner will receive a Friday Night Dinner Gift Certificate. It is a small gesture to say thank you for your service

\*\*The Friday Night Dinner Vouchers have a cash value of \$9.00 and can be used on any <u>regular</u> Friday Night Dinner. Cannot be redeemed for cash.

\*\*\*Only one winning ticket per Veteran. Winner need not be present. No Purchase Necessary Any questions, please contact Tarin Chiappa, Antler Advisor at tarinc35@optonline.net

# Special Children's Committee of the Northwest District Annual Past State President Reggie Craig Memorial Golf Outing



Friday October 12, 2018

Farmstead Country Club in Andover
7:00 AM Continental Breakfast
8:00 AM Shotgun Start



8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Includes Green Fees and Cart
Prizes and Steak Dinner at Sparta Elks
1 Hour Open Bar
Limited to the first 100 Golfers
Cost \$110.00 per golfer
Make checks payable to NWDSCC

#### **Foursome Names**

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Contact Person	Phone
For more inform	mation please call
Robert Ricke	er 973-886-0160
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Please Sponsor a Hole (Green or Tee) \$50.00 Sponsor Name or Names or What you would like on the sign



Make checks payable to NWDSCC and Mail to
Robert Ricker
521 Edith Road
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# Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Doors Open at 6:30pm \* Drawings Begin at 8pm
Admission \$10
includes 1 sheet of tickets
Coffee & Cake

Many exciting prizes for all interests and ages including Restaurant & Store Gift Certificates, Games & Toys, Holiday Items, Jewelry, "Big Ticket" Items and much more!

# BRING YOUR FRIENDS & BE A LUCKY WINNER!

For more information, or to donate items call Madelyn at 201-230-2596

#### OCTOBER 2018 SUNDAY MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY 3 4 Friday Night Dinner Ritual Practice Lodge Meeting Darts Beef Stroganoff 11 10 12 13 Friday Night Dinner House Committee Meeting Darts Chicken Cacciatore Practice Motorcycle Committee MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING Meeting 6:30PM 17 18 20 14 15 16 19 Friday Night Dinner Ritual Practice Lodge Meeting Veteram's Committee Meeting Roast Pork 22 23 24 25 26 27 21 Ritual Practice Darts Friday Night Dinner House Committee Trick **GREEN VISION** Pulled Chicken Meeting **FUNDRAISER** or Trest? 28 29 30 Ritual Practice



**Lake Hopatcong Elks Veterans Committee** 

# Black Friday Spaghetti Dinner

November 23, 2018

5:00РМ ТО 8:00РМ

Stop In For Dinner After A Long Day Of Shopping & Let Us Cook For You!

Just \$10.00 Per Person Included In Our Evening Special Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Coffee

All Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks Veterans Committee



#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

To All Committee Chairs,

If you have held an event please send pictures (please include names of those appearing in the pic with title if applicable) and the committee/event name and a brief synopsis of the event. I would like to submit articles to the State Newspaper and Grand Lodge Magazine.

Remember to document your events ... always take pictures but be sure that the guidelines are being followed. No alcohol or tobacco products in the picture. When you are doing an organized group shot try to have no more than 5 people in the shot and you should have the lodge banner in the picture. If you do not have anyone to take pictures, please contact me in advance and I will do my best to attend and cover your event. My schedule is pretty tight, so the sooner you let me know, the better. You can also email me your photos to dawnjohn90@optonline.net or call me at (908) 887-1969 if you have any questions.

Dawn Shaw Public Relations Chairperson



NOVEMBER 2018						
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25	26	House Committee 27 Meeting	28	Darts 29	Friday Night Dinner 30	



# LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE

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