



Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

Meetings 1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835

JOYCE POWELL, STATE PRESIDENT THREW 1ST PITCH



ELK DAY - SOMERSET PATRIOTS GAME

September 2021

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Exalted Ruler's Message

A Fraternal Organization
Join Elkdom's Action Team
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2021

"Building Hope for a Stronger Tomorrow."

2022



Hello Everyone,

Bob Edwards correctly answered last month's song title, Home Sweet Home, by Motley Crue. Thank you all again for participating. Once again, we return to our regularly scheduled program! "It's getting near dawn, when lights close their tired eyes. I'll soon be with you my love, give you my dawn surprise. I'll be with you darling soon, I'll be with you when the stars start falling..." As always, I will need the Song title and Artist to my mobile number, which has changed to the following, 973-841-9845. The winner will enjoy 1 Wednesday Night BBQ or Friday Night Dinner on me. Now let's report the important items this month.

Thank you to the **PER Association**. They successfully ran our Annual Seafood Fest which produced a huge turnout of attendees and will provide much needed funds for work on our parking lot. Thank you and congratulations to **Ricky Gathen's** Softball team. They were this year's Youth Activities Softball Tournament Champions. This program also achieved great success and brought in a profit for that committee. As we turn the calendar to September this brings the lodge many things. Sunday Football is back, and we will once again be open to host you. There are also a few unprecedented milestones that this lodge is approaching. The months of September and October are Grand Lodge Membership months that count towards the **All-American Lodge Awards**. We are also looking to contribute our State Association's gain in membership. Our membership has been so busy networking to bring in new members, we will soon be surpassing the 600+ members mark, something not only has this lodge never accomplished, but also the Northwest District hasn't seen. With our scheduled initiation in September we may achieve this. We are on a record pace and your effort is making this a reality.

Some important dates to be aware of; **Officers BBQ is on Friday, 9/3/21; the Officers** will be performing the **9/11 Memorial Service** on Friday, 9/10/21 following our Friday Night Dinner. Finally, there is the **Army of Hope Picnic** on 9/12/21, hosted down at Lacey Lodge. Please come out and support these events in addition to our Wednesday Night BBQ's and Friday Night Dinners. Madelyn always needs cooks so please reach out to her and get signed up to do a dinner. While we are all doing our part to make our lodge a viable entity in our local communities, please keep in mind we can always do more. Don't be afraid to get involved with any of our lodge committees, we all can use the help and support and you do make a huge difference. Looking forward to seeing you and keep up the great work of Elkdom! October will be a very busy month and we have many events planned then as well.

God Bless you all, our Special Children, our Veterans, our Service Members and most importantly, God Bless America!

Fraternally Yours,

Wayne McDonnell, Exalted Ruler

2021-2022 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5615
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Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
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4 Year Trustee	Mike Clarke
5 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, *Chairman*
 Lisa Rovito, PER
 Barbara Pirro
 Rich ter Linden
 Debi Werner
 Patsy Schmidt
 Derya Harquail

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Antlers	Lisa Rovito, PER 201-978-7218 973-714-1334
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Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818
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Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
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PER Association	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412
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Softball Tournament:	Ricky Gathen

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Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Special Children	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 963-545-1557
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope Youth Activities	Tom Rovito Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

01	Renee Colello
01	George Endly
01	Gordon Laflesh
04	John W Cayz
04	Chris Rogers
05	James J O'Brien
05	James B Smith
05	Edward P Smith Jr
06	John-Paul Tancone
07	Stanley L Stronski
08	Edward J Jones
09	Michael Lake
09	Patricia Porter
09	Joseph B Sacco
09	Gary Warcholik
09	Stephen Wint
12	Mark David Jennings
12	Scott Miller
13	Henry Henderson
13	Christine Macknowsky
14	Stephen Sadow
15	Richard Gathen
15	Angela Rojas
16	Laurie Ann Betz
16	Joseph Komyati
18	James M Riccio
19	Anthony Appaluccio
19	Giacomo Di Tacconi
19	Roger W Flartey
19	Sally A Smethy
20	Michael Svetik
22	Edward P Degnan
22	Patricia Lynn Leonard
22	Mark Stalgaitis
23	Diane Karl
23	Cameron Walton
24	Melissa Good
24	Walter A Rossi
25	Dawn Haessig
25	Thomas C Losh
25	James J Rodriguez
26	Gene Coltelli
26	Maria Farris
26	John N Lombardi
26	Eric Sabol
27	Joseph Kriscunas
27	Kimberly Kulpeksa
27	Kevin Murphy
28	Catherine Chamer
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“Elks Give from the Heart”

PAUL R. RYAN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2021-2022



September tasks: GER class, notices, scholarships, awards

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members activities and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan various activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism week starts on Labor Day and runs through September 12. You still have time to download and have your city’s mayor sign a proclamation for National Patriotism Week if you were unable to do so last month.

Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October. Let us make it a good one to continue “Meeting the Challenge.” If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the various forms and certificates you can use through the year to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, let this serve as a reminder to begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Tool Kit, Lodge billing) or contact your Area Membership Chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month on elks.org. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks’ Members. Check on-line for eligibility requirements. The Elks National Hoop Shoot turns 50 this year and it is also just around the corner. Now is the time to start planning your local contest. If your Lodge is involved with this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge participated, now is a good time to start. Start small; choose one school in your area and bring your program back to life. If you need help, contact your District Hoop Shoot Director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

THE MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS MC WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH AT APPROXIMATELY 7:00PM

We will discuss the Army of Hope event on September 12 and other topics. We attended the monthly roundtable meeting on August 27, this is some of what we took away.

THESE ARE UPCOMING ELKS MC EVENTS:

- Country Karaoke 9/11 @ 8 pm-12pm Old Bridge
- Army of Hope 9/12 Cheesequake 9AM.
- Red Bank Poker Run 9/19 @ 9am-10am Party 1-5 pm \$25
- Woodbridge MC Rolling Thunder breakfast 9/19
- Lacey Poker Run 10/2 @ 9am-11am Registration
- Union MC 10/9 Octoberfest
- Cranford MC 10/16 New Born Kings 6pm
- Jackson MC Halloween costume ride. 10/23 9 am picnic 12pm. \$20





SICKNESS & DISTRESS

To our Absent Member, **Frank Osfino**, who passed away. Frank was on the Veterans Committee and ready to always lend a hand where needed. Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family. Rest in peace dear friend.

To our **PER, Bridget Wisner**, who lost her mom, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this healing time.

Our prayers to **Laurie and Michael Betz**. His Mom recently lost her home due to a fire and is currently in the burn unit at St. Barnabas Hospital.

A special shout out to **Patricia Carley/Kearney**. Patricia is scheduled for surgery early October to donate a life saving kidney to a friend of her and **Scott**. We will keep all informed as we receive details.

Please keep in your prayers to our members who are under doctors care and still recuperating, **John Nadzeika, Tony Mazzari and Joe Pennino**.

Please feel free to call if you know of anyone who has fallen ill or to be placed on prayer list. Purpledebi@yahoo.com or feel free to call 973-668-9302.

Debi Werner, *Sickness & Distress Chairperson*

HOUSE COMMITTEE

It is hard to believe that school will be back in session soon. Where does the time go?

September is a slower month for the lodge however we are gearing up for events planned for the rest of 2021. They will be posted as soon as all details have been ironed out.

Our BBQs have been going great and will continue for the remainder of September - weather always permitting. If your committee should wish to host a Wednesday night BBQ please let me know so I can mark you on our lodge calendar.

Our Comedy Show at the lodge was very successful and all who attended had a great time! Thank you for coming out and supporting the new Ritual Team for 2021-2022.

Please mark your calendar for our September 11th Memorial Service which will be held after Friday Night Dinner on September 10th. It is a beautiful tribute to the lives lost 20 years ago!

As always I am always looking for new cooks in the kitchen, please see me if you are interested in a Friday Night Dinner. Prior to hosting a Friday Night Dinner I will make myself available to show you the kitchen, offer suggestions, and make it as enjoyable as possible. You will have help, it's really not hard ☺.

Madelyn Walrod
House Committee Chairperson

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
OFFICER'S BBQ

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
CHEF'S SURPRISE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
CHICKEN MARSALA
Debi Werner

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
CHEF'S SURPRISE



On August 26th the Antlers were treated to a field trip to Frog Falls Aquatic Park at Picatting Arsenal to thank them for all of their hard work at the Lodge. The antlers continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and help out at our events. **On Wednesday September 8th BBQ, please come out and support them!**



We will be baking on Tuesday September 7th at 5 pm if anyone would like to join us.

I continue to look for members that would be interested in joining this committee. Some of you have already reached out to me, thank you ... but if anyone else is interested just let me know. Working with the youth in our community is very rewarding and fun and I urge members to get involved to make a difference.

Once again the Antler's Clothing Drive continues to be very successful and I thank our members for their donations. We have added a third clothing bin so continue to drop your donations to support our Antler Program and our lodge charities!

Fraternally, Lisa Rovito PER, Antlers Chairperson

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Members,

Another great event was held at our Back to School Campfire with our special friends. We had 25 people attend and the families had an amazing time. We all had a great time enjoying hot dogs, roasting marshmallows for s'mores, and socializing in person. At the end of the evening every child received a back pack, lunch bag and water bottle set, as well as a \$25 gift card to Walmart for school supplies. I would like to thank the committee for their help - special thanks to **Pat P., Denise, Jen A., ER Wayne, Pete A. and Sheila.** We would also like to thank **District Deputy Carol Morokoff** for joining us and lending a hand as well. Without everyone taking a part this would not have come together. Your dedication to our kids is truly appreciated.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 8 at 7:00pm. We will discuss our next upcoming event at this meeting which will be our Paint and Snack on October 2nd. Anyone interested in attending the meeting to get involved is welcome!

Until then... Have a Great Big Beautiful Tomorrow!

Heidi,

Heidi McDonnell, PDD, Lodge SCC Chairperson
(New Phone # 963-545-1557)



Special Children's Back To School Campfire

NIGHTINGALE
CATERING

DECEMBER 4, 2021
LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS
BEEFSTEAK DINNER



DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED
TICKETS TO BE SOLD
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

HOSTED BY THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS ENF COMMITTEE



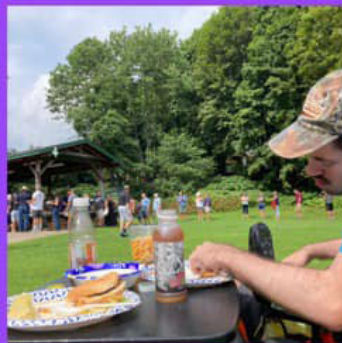
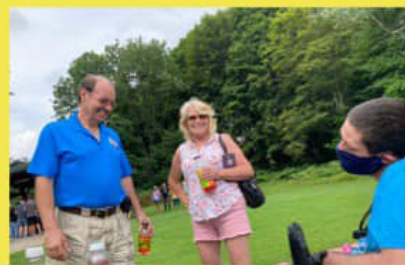
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National
Foundation**

ENF COMMITTEE

It's a busy time for Scholarship! Active right now is our 2022 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. Applications for the 2022 contest are available online at Elks.org. The 2021 MVS application deadline is November 15, 2021. Also our Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards - Legacy Awards are \$4000 (\$1000yr/4 years) scholarships for the children and grandchildren (step child or step grandchild) of Elks members. Applications are available online at Elks.org. The 2022 contest opened on September 1, 2021. The deadline for applications for the 2022 contest is February 7, 2022 at 11:59 a.m. Central Time.

Our Lodge was fortunate to have 2 New Jersey Family Scholarships awarded this year, The students will be informed during September.

Fraternally yours,
Pete Appaluccio, PDD



Lake Hopatcong Elks 16th Annual Seafood Festival



OCTOBER 17th

INDOOR/OUTDOOR

12pm to 4pm
SHOPPING HOURS

CHRISTMAS MARKET

201 Howard Boulevard
Mt. Arlington, NJ



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~ FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ~

CRAFTERS/VENDORS MAY REGISTER BY 9/26/21
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR FB PAGE,
AT THE ELKS LODGE OR BY EMAILING DEBI @
PURPLEDEBI@YAHOO.COM

Crafts for Christmas



Indoor / Outdoor Christmas Fair

Vendor Form

SETUP TIME 10:00 AM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9/26/21

~ Sponsored by The House Committee ~

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE #782

201 Hc BOULEVARD • MT. ARLINGTON, NJ 07856

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th
12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm

INDOOR SPACE: (LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE)

\$30.00 FOR 8 FT. SPACE WITH TABLE • \$25 FOR 8 FT. SPACE WITH OWN TABLE

OUTDOOR SPACE: (BRING TENT SUGGESTION FOR WEATHER / NO REFUNDS)

\$20 FOR 8 FT. SPACE SUPPLYING OWN TABLE

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS: _____

Questions? Call/Email: Debi Werner • purpledebi@yahoo.com • 973-668-9302



**Lake Hopatcong #782
3rd Annual
Gerry Cook
Drug Awareness Golf Classic**



Friday, October 8, 2021

Farmstead Country Club

88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette NJ 07848

9:00 AM Shotgun Start / Scramble Best Ball Format

Cost \$130.00 per golfer

Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner at Farmstead

Limited to the first 72 Golfers

Make checks payable to

Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness

Foursome Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

For more information contact Robert Ricker - 973-886-0160

Please Sponsor a Hole

\$50.00

Sponsor Name(s) or Sign Design

Make checks payable to

Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness and Mail to

Robert Ricker

521 Edith Road

Landing NJ 07850



ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



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LEADERSHIP



SERVICE



FINANCIAL
NEED

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior and U.S. citizen.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **APPLICATION OPENS:**
August 2, 2021
- ▶ **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
November 15, 2021

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS*

Two	\$50,000	Scholarships
Two	\$40,000	Scholarships
Two	\$30,000	Scholarships
14	\$20,000	Scholarships
480	\$4,000	Scholarships

*Awards paid over four years

FOR DETAILS

- ▶ Visit enf.elks.org/MVS to apply. 
- ▶ Contact your local Lodge by visiting elks.org/Lodges.
- ▶ Ask your high school guidance counselor.

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.45 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

Visit enf.elks.org/MVS for complete details. 

Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Ritual Practice	31	1 BBQ	2 DARTS	3 Friday Night Dinner	4
5	6 HAPPY LABOR DAY	7 Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 BBQ	9 DARTS	10 Friday Night Dinner 9-11 MEMORIAL SERVICE	11 REMEMBER 9-11
12 HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY	13 Ritual Practice	14 House Committee Meeting	15 BBQ	16 DARTS	17 Friday Night Dinner	18
19	20 Ritual Practice	21 Lodge Meeting 7pm	22 BBQ Veterans Committee Meeting	23 DARTS	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
26	27 Ritual Practice	28 House Committee Meeting	29 BBQ	30 DARTS	1	2



VETERANS COMMITTEE



This September we honor the lives lost from the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. Our lodge will have a beautiful tribute on September 10th following Friday Night Dinner.

The Sussex Lodge will have the movie The Wall at Vietnam from September 9th-September 12th in Sussex County at Woodburne Park on 145 Sherman Ridge Road, Wantage, NJ. I will be there to assist the showing on September 10th from 9am-11am and again on September 11th from 9am-11am as well as members from the Veterans Committee. We will present a check to the Sterling NJ Veterans to help Operation Chill Out.

Please mark your calendar for October 23rd for a fun filled fundraising event at the lodge. We are finalizing the plans for a Northwest District Live Band show at the Lake Hopatcong Elks. Details to be announced. Wishing you all a blessed and healthy September.

Finally please join me in praying for the soldiers who fought through until the end whos lives were lost recently in Afganistan.

God Bless Our Military,
Ed Parrillo,
Veterans Committe Chairperson



UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 22nd
October 13th



November 10th
December 8th

OCTOBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Friday Night Dinner	2
3	4 Ritual Practice	5 Lodge Meeting 7pm	6	7 DARTS Thirsty Thursday 	8 Friday Night Dinner GOLF OUTING 	9
10	11 Columbus Day Ritual Practice	12 House Committee Meeting	13 Veterans Committee Meeting	14 DARTS Thirsty Thursday 	15 Friday Night Dinner	16
17 VENDOR CRAFT FAIR	18 Ritual Practice	19 Lodge Meeting 7pm	20	21 DARTS Thirsty Thursday 	22 Friday Night Dinner	23 NORTHWEST DISTRICT LIVE BANDS FUNDRaiser
24	25 Ritual Practice	26 House Committee Meeting	27	28 DARTS Thirsty Thursday 	29 Friday Night Dinner	30
31 Halloween						



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