



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835



Please See Notice In Newsletter Regarding Our Elks Memorial Service

CHARITY



JUSTICE

BROTHERLY LOVE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

2020

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

2021



As our Christmas Season approaches, we are still doing well. We have started on our Annual Holiday Appeal. We have 77 food baskets that we will be putting together and 150+ children that our generous members have adopted for Christmas this year. I want to thank everyone who has adopted these families to help to continue making our Holiday Appeal such a great success.

We will be continuing our Friday night dinners. We have started pub night called Thirsty Thursday. Each week will be different specials. So far our Thirsty Thursday has been doing well, so come join us for the dinner and have fun. Please continue to call Madelyn to place any takeout orders ahead at 201-230-2596 or for any further details.

We will also be having a drive through with Santa for our special children. It will be held on December 12th. We will be complying and wearing masks etc. Halloween Trunk or Treat drive through was such a great time and success that we decided to proceed with Santa as well.

Also the Veterans Committee held their Black Friday Spaghetti dinner and did very well with takeout orders. Thank you to all that supported the Veterans Committee!

Our raffle for the ENF Committee of our liquor and hangover basket was also a tremendous success. Thank you to all who donated items or participated in helping to make this a large profit for our ENF Committee.

As of right now we will still be holding our "Kick 2020 to the curb." So get your tickets now while the last.

Once again I want to thank everyone for your continued support to our lodge. We cannot survive without all your continued support and volunteering your time to make all of our functions such a great success. Thank you to all our members who continue to keep the Lake Hopatcong Elks strong!!

Please continue to be safe, healthy and always remember that any act of kindness, no matter how big or small, goes along way. God bless our troops, Elks and the United States of America's.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and Blessings to you all in the New Year.

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
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Chaplain	Tom Rovito 201-400-0810
Inner Guard	Todd Cruickshank 201-841-4851
Tiler	Madelyn Walrod, PER 201-230-2596
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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
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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	Pete Appaluccio 973-736-7818
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
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Membership	Barbara Tokar 201-207-7545
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Pole Barn	Red Curry
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RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Linda Gathen	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
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Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio 973-222-4547
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

December Birthdays

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

01	Heidi Mc Donnell
02	Robert Johnson
03	Richard Byrd
04	Dorothy Albinson
05	Marvin Heiskanen
07	Robert Corcoran
07	Lorraine Dziadul
08	Carol A Boyle
08	Franklin J Quimby
08	Frank J Spano
11	Joann Grady
11	Laura Schroeder
13	Barbara A Dawson
13	Wayne Mc Donnell
13	Joseph Pennino
15	Stephen J Leonard
15	Christine Malloy
15	Robert Rogalsky
18	Christopher Garcia
18	John Nadzeika
20	David G Moran Jr
20	John Reynolds
21	Marilyn Miller
21	Pamela Ricker
21	Fred Santucci
21	Lester E Wright
22	Thomas Whelan
24	Hollie Buff
25	Henry J Cole
25	Diane Glover
25	Ralph Polise
26	Joseph S Rutkoski III
28	Dominick D'Altilio
29	Donna Rose Kupper
29	Candy Lutton
31	Lisa Adams



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Our Lodge News!!



“Elks Give from the Heart”

PAUL R. RYAN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2020-2021



December: A time of remembrance for us all

As a person who loves good eats and treats, this has to be one of my favorite times of the year. Holiday parties and events. Dinners with family and friends. College and NFL football—Go Gophers and Skol Vikings. And ice fishing! This is when we all get to enjoy our time with so many things.

The beginning of this month is an occasion to reflect on those who have left us. Those Members who have passed during this last year and those who have gone in the years before. Lodges hold the sacred Elks Memorial Day on the first Sunday in December. This is a statute of the Order, so please make sure to honor those Elks who have gone to be with God.

This is a fabulous month to give to those in need of assistance. These can be people of your own community, or even veterans in your hospitals. Reach out to some of the groups for help on finding them and helping them. Grab a family and shop with them or go into a store and grab the cart and pay for it. No matter what you do, you will be fulfilled by any charity that you can do.

With all that Elks and families have going on in the month of December, do not let it get so out of hand that you forget to prepare for January. It is time to get ready for the All-American Lodge Contest. The certification form for this can be found online at elks.org under the Fraternal Committee section. A revised form was sent back in September.

This is also the time to start pulling together the officers, ensuring they are all willing and able to move forward and to have a leader among them to continue the efforts you have made in your year. Also, it is the time to recruit new Members to become a part of the routine of becoming an officer. I suggest that you find a few younger Members to get involved. This will “Create Momentum for the Future of Elkdom.”

From my family—Stacey, Jordan and Alex, Cassandra, and Jackson—we all wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy new year with good health and safe travels for you and all your families during this blessed holiday season.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



DUFFY'S VERMONT CHRISTMAS TREES ARE BACK!!!

The trees are grown by a 7th generation family farm in Craftsbury, Vermont. Premium organic Balsam fir, Fraser fir and Canaan fir are highest in essential oils, exceptionally fragrant, with long lasting needles and strong branches. Classic New England Christmas trees grown naturally in the mountains of northern Vermont, for every tree harvested 10 new trees are planted. They are open shear shaped, graceful and elegant looking trees, full all the way around. Perfectly shaped for hanging Christmas decorations. the trees are between 5 to 12 feet tall.

A portion of the proceeds go to the Elks toy drive, for local families in need.

Drive thru pick up and tie on roof available. 10:00am-7:00pm.

CALL 802-595-3967 FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS!!





SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Lodge of Sorrow, our member of 15 years, **Marion Bartley** pass at age 94. Our condolences to her family. Our prayers to the family of **Richard Golder** who passed away. He was a Veteran and an Elk member for 46 years. He joined our lodge in 2006. A donation will be made to our Veterans Committee in honor of Richard.

Please keep in your prayers to our members who are under doctors care and still recuperating, **Doug Destroy, Blase Cassibba and Samantha Martin.**

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

Wishing You & Your Families A Very Merry Christmas & A Blessed & Happy New Year!!!

Debi Werner, *Sickness & Distress Chairperson*



Thank God this year is almost over. Here is hoping 2021 will be much better for all of us. But let's get back to 2020 for a moment ... The Veterans Day Give-Away was not as successful as I would have hoped it would of been. The rain certainly played a factor in making

it difficult to get out.

Gail and I bought snacks and drinks to the Veterans of Lyons VA Hospital. Gail also had gloves and hats as well as we purchase Canteen Money Books to hand out to the Veterans at the hospital.

The Veterans Committee Black Friday Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner went very well. We had mostly take-out dinners but the people who at in the lodge banquet room said it was delicious and especially liked the sauce. (Thanks, I made it ☺).

I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was pleasant even without a lot of family present this year from the restrictions placed. Here is hoping your Christmas will be better and full of blessings. Wishing you good health to all of friends and family and a Happy New Year!

Ed Parrillo, *Veterans Chairman*

ELKS RED FRIDAY FACEMASK VETERANS COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE ONLY \$5.00!!



FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



DECEMBER 4, 2020
Stuffed Cabbage
Debbie Hill

DECEMBER 11, 2020
Chef's Surprise

DECEMBER 18, 2020
Chef's Surprise

DECEMBER 25, 2020
Merry Christmas



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PREPARE OR TO EVEN COOK A FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER PLEASE CONTACT MADELYN WALROD, PER 201-230-2596



Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The holiday season is upon us. I know we are all busy with the many preparations the holidays seem to bring us. As we know the lodge is busy with the Holiday Appeal Program. Many families have been adopted by our members. It is important to make sure that children have a happy and healthy holiday. Thanks to all who have participated in this project!!

Thirsty Thursday continues to be a great success. Check out Facebook or our website for the weekly specials. Each week features a different selection.

Friday night dinner takeouts continue to be going well. Just a reminder that the lodge is available to dine-in under the restriction of 25% so come on out!!

There are still tickets available for the New Year's Eve Kick 2020 Bash. See any bartender for your tickets today!!

I would like to wish all a very Happy, Healthy & Safe Holiday Season!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

2020 is coming to an end. Let's all pray that 2021 will be a better year ahead. The Antlers would love to get back to serving Friday night dinner, meetings and fundraisers. Let's all practice our social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing and make that happen sooner rather than later.



Sadly, this month we will not be shopping for Holiday Appeal or having our traditional Holiday lunch. Such a fun time each year. This year we will be donating to the Holiday Appeal from a distance. We will be donating our clothing drive proceeds from last month by purchasing gift cards for a family of 3 so the kids can still have a very special Christmas this year.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of the Antlers throughout the year. The clothing drive has been very successful, and we appreciate all of your donations. Hope to see everyone again, face to face in 2020. Fingers crossed.

Wishing You & Your Families A Very Happy Holiday & A Happy, Healthy New Year!!!

Fraternally yours,
Tarin Chiappa, Antler Chairperson

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

As we enter the month of December, we all should be thankful to end 2020, hopefully on a much better note. As we try to reflect on how 2020 has upended the very fabric of our lives, I'm sure we will all agree that we have probably exceeded our limits on social distancing, working from home, home educating kids and surviving Covid-19. We all have had to make some hard decisions when it comes to serving the families of our Special Children. We unfortunately had to cancel many of our events that we sponsor for these kids for their own protection. While the parents completely understood the circumstances, the kids did not. Throughout all of this, we did have some positive impact on the kid's lives. We were able to give them Halloween, and we will be able to provide some holiday cheer and magic. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, we will host a drive-up visit with Santa Claus and some of his elves. Gifts shall be provided to our Special Children and their siblings and pictures with Santa will be conducted while following strict social distancing guidelines. Even Covid-19 cannot ruin the season and Santa Claus, (**John Shaw, PER**), will make a special stop for our kids. While we had to deviate from our usual Breakfast with Santa, we hope that this alternative can provide joy to these kids during the holidays. While we know that the year of 2020 will remain embedded in our memories and recent stories to our family members for generations, please be thankful that you are still able to spend time with your loved ones during this holiday season. That is all for now. We wish our members and the families of our Special Children, Happy Holidays and have a Happy and Safe New Year!

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne, Chairperson
Special Children's Committee

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE POSTPONED

Our Annual Elks Memorial Service is very important to us, as it an opportunity to honor those members we have lost in the past 12 months. However, in keeping with the Governor's recent tighter restrictions on gatherings, and for the safety and wellbeing of those who would attend, we must reluctantly postpone, until sometime next year, our Annual Elks Memorial Service which was originally scheduled for December 6, 2020.

Please feel free to contact me at 201-207-7545 if should you have any questions or concerns.

Barbara Tokar, PER
Lodge Secretary



Lake Hopatcong honors local Veterans with lunch and a gift



**LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782
SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
ASKS OUR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES TO SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR**

DRIVE THRU VISIT WITH SANTA

**Sat., December 12th
Times to be scheduled
Between 11am – 2pm**

**Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782
201 Howard Blvd.
Mt. Arlington, NJ 07867**

INVITATIONS WILL GO OUT VIA EMAIL WITH INSTRUCTIONS

BY NOVEMBER 15th

Special Children will receive a gift from Santa the day of.

This is a drive thru only.

Santa & his Elves look forward to seeing you!





Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Tickets available:
November 14th

Drawing:
December 19th



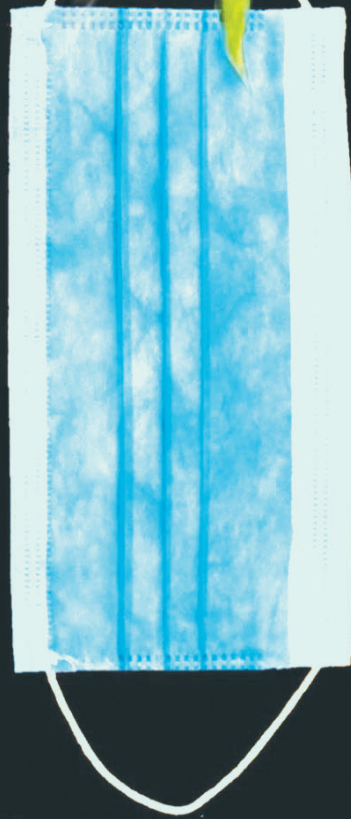
MEAT RAFFLE

- Steaks has 4 (5 oz.) Butcher's Cut Top Sirloins
- 4 (3.75 oz.) Steakhouse Hash Browns
 - 4 (3 oz.) Mini Baguettes with Garlic Butter
 - 4 Potatoes Au Gratin + 4 Caramel Apple Tartlets
 - 1 (12 oz. pkg.) All-Beef Meatballs
 - 1 (0.33 oz.) Signature Seasoning Packet
 - 8 (4 oz.) Steaks Burgers
 - 8 Boneless Chicken Breasts (2 lbs. pkg.)
 - 8 (3 oz.) Gourmet Jumbo Franks



Get your Tickets while they last
Only 65 can be sold!

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Don't let this sneak by you




Call Madelyn
for tickets
201 230 2596

On sale November 1st.

Dec.31st 8 to 1 am
Mask burning at midnight
New 2021 mask
Food and music included
Cash bar

Lake Hopatcong
Kicking 2020 to the Curb Party \$30

2020 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Ritual Practice	1 Lodge Meeting 7pm	2	3 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	4 Friday Night Dinner	5
6 	7 Ritual Practice <i>Remember Pearl Harbor</i> 	8 House Committee Meeting	9	10 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	11 Friday Night Dinner	12 Santa Drive Thru 
13 	14 Ritual Practice	15 Lodge Meeting 7pm	16	17 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	18 Friday Night Dinner	19
20	21 Ritual Practice <i>hello WINTER</i> 	22 House Committee Meeting	23	24 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 	26
27 Ritual Practice	28 Ritual Practice	29	30	31 <i>Kick 2020 To The Curb Party!!</i>		

PUB NITE **THIRSTY THURSDAYS**

LAKE CHICKEN



FROM THE BAR MORE

PITCHER OF BEER

\$5

Be Sure To Check Your Email, Our Facebook Page Or Flyers In The Member's Bar For Weekly THIRSTY THURSDAY SPECIALS DIFFERENT SELECTION EVERY WEEK!!!

Cheeseburger w/Fries \$6
Hamburger w/fries \$6
Hot dog w/fries \$4
Chicken tenders (5) w/fries \$6

 **ANTLER CLOTHING DRIVE** 

With the weather being so cold, why not take the time to clean out those closets.
Drop off your gently used clothes to the red bin

Accepted items
Men's, Woman's, Children's and Infant's Clothing. Belts, Purses, Backpacks and Hats, Bedsheets, Blankets, Curtains, Soft or Hard toys below 14 inches, CD/DVD/s must be in appropriate cases, no burned copies or loose discs.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS OUTSIDE OF BIN
IF BIN IS FULL – WE APOLOGIZE WE CANNOT ACCEPT UNTIL AFTER PICK UP

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 ONGOING DONATIONS!*****

JANUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 Ritual Practice	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Ritual Practice	5 Lodge Meeting 7pm	6	7 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	8 Friday Night Dinner	9
10	11 Ritual Practice	12 House Committee Meeting	13	14 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	15 Friday Night Dinner	16
17	18 Ritual Practice	19 Lodge Meeting 7pm	20	21 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	22 Friday Night Dinner	23
24	25 Ritual Practice	26	27	28 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	29 Friday Night Dinner	30
31	1 Ritual Practice	2	3	4 THIRSTY THURSDAY 	5 Friday Night Dinner	6



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Elks Care - *Elks* Share