



Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday
(973) 398-9835



CHARITY



JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



FIDELITY



Exalted Ruler's Message

2017

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

2018



Well its that time of year again. Time for the hustle and bustle. Shopping for that special gift. We find ourselves so busy between work, lodge duties, parties, cleaning and shopping. You feel exhausted sometimes but some how we do it all and get ready for that special day. The day comes and goes so quickly as you watch the children open their gifts in 2 seconds flat and watch the joy in their eyes. We eat a wonderful meal and then maybe some football. But this year I would like you to take a moment out of your day and remember those who are not so fortunate. There are so many who are alone this year. We have our service people who will not make it home for the holidays, our homeless veterans who will be out in the cold, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and will never come home again. Most importantly remember why we celebrate this holiday "The birth of baby Jesus". Christmas is a time of joy and giving. Spend them with your families and appreciate those special moments.

This year has been bittersweet for our lodge. We have had so many great and successful events. I would like to personally thank all my chair people for their hard work and dedication to Elkdom. Your all have done a remarkable job. I appreciate all that you have done to make 2017 so successful. I am looking forward to 2018. I would like to also thank my officers for an excellent job and continued support. I am looking forward to going to San Antonio with you all. I truly believe this is our year to succeed and break records. With all these wonderful times we had this year we have also experienced our share of loss. We have lost 5 members this year. Our most recent one is an officer, **Trustee Craig Lang**. His parting has left us with a large hole in our hearts. He was a great Elk, husband, father and grandfather. He has touched my heart and I will truly miss his presence. There will be a service on Thursday the 7th at our lodge from 5-7p with an Elks service at 7pm.

I would also like to mention a few things happening at the lodge: We have the upcoming Santa breakfast for the special children's and the annual ENF Christmas Party Sunday the 10th. Please come and support ENF, enjoy great food and friends. The following weekend we will be having Breakfast with Santa on the 17th. Then to wrap up the year we will have our annual New Years Eve Party. It will be a wonderful time for all to dance the night away.

A special thanks also goes out to **Linda and Madelyn** for a fabulous job in organizing the Holiday appeal. This I the first year all of our families have been adopted. Thank you to everyone for making that happen. It is your generosity that has made this so successful.

Merry Christmas to all of you. May your day be filled with love, laughter and making memories.

Fraternally yours
Kathleen Caffrey, Exalted Ruler

2017-2018 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Kathleen Caffrey 973-534-8283
Est. Lead Knight	John Shaw 908-887-1583
Est. Loyal Knight	Charlie Horvath 862-432-7702
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Esquire	Matt Winnans 973-572-8297
Chaplain	John Ondish
Inner Guard	Bridget Wisner, PER 973-633-6411
Tiler	Sallimae Johnson, PER 973-713-4781
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PER 973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
1 Yr. Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP
2 Yr. Trustee	Wayne McDonnell
3 Yr. Trustee	Craig Lang
4 Yr. Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD
5 Yr. Trustee	Ken Wisner

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, *PER, Chairman*
 Tom Chiappa
 Barbara Pirro
 June Vaananen
 Debi Werner
 Matt Winnans, *PER*
 John Shaw

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Ken Wisner 973-668-9627
Activities	Gerry Cook, PSP 973-234-5174
Americanism	Trish Carley
Antlers	Tarin Chiappa 973-714-1334
Bar Co-Chair	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Community Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Convention	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl 770-0834
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Government Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Grounds Maintenance	Mike Clarke
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 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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Lodge Activities	Madelyn Walrod 973-398-2770
Membership	Barbara Tokar 263-7035
Motorcycle	Charlie Horvath 862-432-7702
National Foundation	Debi Werner
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP 627-0017
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Dawn Shaw 908-887-1969

RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Charlie Horvath	862-432-7702
Roxanne Steffen	973-650-0199
Linda Gathen	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
Ritual	Rick Gathen, PSP Linda Gathen, PER
Scholarship	Linda Gathen, PER 973-398-2097
Sickness & Distress	Matt Winnans 201-572-8297
Soccer Shoot	Craig Lang 973-641-2291
Special Children	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Veterans	Peg Sharpe-Murphy 201-320-4816
Army of Hope	Bob Ricker 973-288-1030
Youth Activities	Tom Brown 973-919-5395

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 Albison
07	Robert Corcoran
07	Lorraine Dziadul
07	Douglas A Zellman
08	Carol A Boyle
08	Frank J Spano
11	Joann Grady
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
24	Loren Meshulam
25	Ralph Polise
26	Joseph S Rutkoski III
27	Brian Durkin
28	Dominick D'Altilio
29	Donna Rose Kupper
30	Carol Owings



“Elks Give from the Heart”

MALCOM J. McPHERSON, JR.

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2017-2018



Embrace Charity and Compassion This Holiday Season

Embrace charity and compassion this holiday season Christmas is certainly a time to visit family, socialize with friends, cook delicious meals, and shop for the perfect gift, but we must also remember the true spirit of the holiday. As Dr. Seuss famously wrote in the story of the Grinch, “Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.”

For Elks, Christmas means a lot more. It’s the ideal time to put my theme of “Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness” into practice and showcase the hope and charity that Elks have given throughout the past 150 years. There are many ways Lodges can give back to those who are alone or struggling this Christmas season, such as adopting a family in need of a warm meal or winter coat, donating gifts to children whose families can’t afford presents under the tree, or visiting with veterans who don’t have loved ones. Be sure to spread the word of your charitable efforts through your membership—I’m confident you’ll receive a positive response and many helping hands.

In addition, as you attend social events at your Lodges this holiday, remember to be kind and compassionate to one another. While the holidays are a fun and easygoing time for some, they can be difficult for others. It is our duty as Elks to extend the same help to each other as we do to our friends outside the Order. From our house to yours, Pat and I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy holiday season and New Year. We hope you all find a way to grow your hearts three sizes this Christmas.

See you in 2018!

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

WHO WERE INITIATED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2017

NEW MEMBER

John Caban Jr.
Sonia Caban
Michael Nowak, Sr.
Slavica Nowak



Barbara Tokar, PER
Lodge Secretary

PROPOSED BY

June Vaananen
June Vaananen
Madelyn Walrod, PER
Joseph Trosky

ENF COMMITTEE

December kicks off with The ENF Annual Christmas Cocktail party on Sunday, December 10th from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Only \$15.00 which includes an assortment of finger foods, DJ Jean, door prizes, and so much more!! Everyone is wELcome!! Come out and support The ENF Committee and our community. There will be football on the tv and the winner to our almost \$1,000.00 wheel barrel of cheer and gift cards will be announced!! So come and enjoy the day with your family and friends.

Wishing You All A Very Merry Christmas & Great 2018!!

Debi Werner
ENF Committee Chairperson



Elks
National
Foundation

SHOT FROM THE BAR

Don't forget to come watch your favorite football games at the lodge. College and Pro are always on!! Shoot a game of pool!! Watch for details for the “rib cookoff” last Sunday in January. Details will follow.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Our sincere sympathies go to **Tom Brown, Sr.**, on the loss of his brother, Don, and to **Barbara Pirro** on the death of her brother, Richard. Our sympathy to Arlene and the family of **Craig Lang**, *Life Member* who passed away suddenly.

We offer our prayers for speedy and full recovery from surgery for **Eric Martin, PER, Linda Gathen, PDD, and Pamela Ricker.**

If you or someone you know that is in need of prayers please contact the lodge at: 973-398-9835.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

December will be an exciting month at the lodge. We will be participating in the annual holiday appeal. This is a very rewarding program, just knowing that we are making a difference in a child's wishes for Christmas.

On December 10th the Holiday Cocktail Party is scheduled from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. This is an event that is sponsored by the ENF Committee. Look for details in the newsletter.

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Sunday December 17th from 9:00am-11:00am. Santa will be arriving around 10:00am. As always, an excellent breakfast buffet will be served.

New Year's Eve we are having a DJ and a wonderful buffet with an open bar. Bartenders have tickets. Look for further details in the newsletter.

I would like to wish all a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Madelyn Walrod PER
House Committee Chairman

MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

Well it is the close of another riding season. I would like to thank you for the help at our BBQ's this summer. The special need children and veterans will appreciate your support. Our next MC meeting is December 12th at 8pm. Please try to make it! We will be inviting 3 new interested members and will discuss next year's goals. Starting with the Chili RUN on January 1st. Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

Charles Horvath,
Motorcycle Committee President



Who's Cooking What For Dinner This Month On Friday Nights?

DECEMBER 1, 2017

Baked Ham
Madelyn Walrod

DECEMBER 8, 2017

Chef's Surprise

DECEMBER 15, 2017

Chicken Murphy
Matt and Kathleen Winnans

DECEMBER 22, 2017

Meat Loaf
Linda and Rick Gathen

DECEMBER 29, 2017

No FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
~ Happy New Year ~

Congratulations

1st place For The 11 O'Clock Toast Contest

Kathleen Mitchell Caffrey, ER



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

As the calendar turns to December, I just want to take the opportunity to wish our **ER Kathleen, our Lodge Officers and Lodge Members** a Wonderful Holiday Season, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year!

You have done such wonderful work for our Special Children and please continue to do so through fundraising, volunteering and donation efforts! Please adopt a Family with our Holiday Appeal Program, and aid those that are not able to provide a Christmas to their children due to financial or economic hardships. Finally, it is never too early to start thinking about our Leap in the Lake in February to aid sending our kids to Elks Camp Moore during the 2018 Season.

Best of Luck to you all and Thank you for continuing to Keep a Smile on the Faces of our Special Children!

Fraternally Yours.

Wayne McDonnell,

Special Children's Committee Chairperson



OLD-FASHIONED ROAST BEEF DINNER

~ Hosted By The Veteran's Committee ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
6:00PM-10:00PM

ONLY \$8.99 A PLATE!

INCLUDES

**ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES
& GREEN BEANS
DESSERT & COFFEE**

OLDIES MUSIC, MINI TRICKY TRAY, RAFFLE DRAWING
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BAR

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE VETERAN'S COMMITTEE



VETERANS COMMITTEE

I would like to start with a huge thank you to the members of Veterans Committee for an outstanding year of volunteer service. You each did a great job and I thank you!!

Recap of November: We served around 140 Veterans from various area hospitals at the Birchwood in Whippany. Everyone had a great time. 11th November we had our Lodge members who are Veterans and their families. The House and Veterans Committees treated to an indoor BBQ to honor America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. This was the first time we attempted something like this. Everyone seemed to enjoy it so confidence is high we will do something again in 2018. 16th November we had the Veterans from Lyons Hospital to the lodge for their Holiday Meal! They loved every bite - had a great time - good conversation and lots of laughs. Thanks to all who came and spent time sitting with the Veterans and thanks to all of you who generously donated new items so we could treat them to a few new things. And lastly - thank you to those who came out and supported our Black Friday Spaghetti Dinner. Our next scheduled event is our Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner + Mini Tricky Tray. 20th January 2018.

Our next committee meeting is 13th December @ 6:30 PM. We will start discussion on the Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner and then we will all spend time with our friends and families to celebrate a great year and look forward to the holidays!

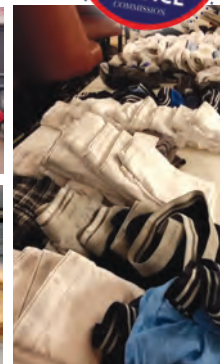
Thanks to our lodge members and friends for all the support each of you showed our Veterans throughout the year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Fraternally Yours

Peg Sharpe-Murphy

Veterans Committee Chairperson



ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE



As mandated by the Grand Lodge, all lodges across the nation honor their departed members at a Memorial Service held on the first Sunday in December, which this year falls on **December 4th**. Lake Hopatcong's Memorial Service will begin at 10:30am, with refreshments being served prior to the service. It is a beautiful and emotionally moving service dedicated to our fellow members who have passed away during the previous year. This year's service is in honor of the following deceased members:



John Chaplin, *Life Member*
Craig Lang, *Trustee, Life Member*
John Pavlovich, *Life Member*
Zorrie Riazanow, *PER*
Russell Ruffino
Forest Sutton, *Life Member*



The service is **open to the public** and all members and friends are encouraged to attend. Many of the friends and families of our departed members will be in attendance, and it means more than you will know to see so many lodge members come to pay respect and honor the memory of their loved one. Please plan on showing these friends and family members you care by attending.

Linda Gathen, PDD
Memorial Service Chairperson

Legacy Scholarship



Established in 1998, the ENF Legacy Awards scholarship program awards 250 college scholarships worth \$4,000 each to the children and grandchildren of Elks members.

They are judged on the core values of the Elks National Foundation:

► Knowledge ► Charity ► Community Service ► Integrity

Visit <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm> to apply.

Deadline - February 2, 2018, midnight
For more information, contact Linda Gathen, PDD
Scholarship Chairperson

2017 HOLIDAY APPEAL

I would like to give a special thanks to all the members who adopted a family for this year's Holiday Appeal! The difference you are making in the lives of these families who are financially struggling during the Holidays is more than you can ever imagine. **THANK YOU ALL!**

The gifts will be distributed at our **Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 17th** so all gifts will need to be dropped off to the lodge no later than **Thursday, December 14th**.

In addition to the gifts each child will receive, we will also be giving each family a basket filled with non-perishable food items. We will be putting the food baskets together on **Saturday, December 16th** beginning at **10am** so if you have any food donations, or if you would like to help assemble the baskets, please come on down. Many hands make light work!

Thank you again for all your support in this special program. We would not be able to make this happen without your support.

Linda Gathen, PDD
Holiday Appeal Coordinator

THANK
YOU



Antlers Helping Out With The Soccer Shoot! Great Job!



JANUARY 28, 2018

Please See Madelyn Walrod If You Are Interested In Participating In The Rib Cook Off!

Special Children's Committee

Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, 12/10/17
9:00am-11:00am

Lake Hopatcong Elks, 201 Howard Blvd

Mt. Arlington, NJ

Please RSVP with Child's Name & number of people that will attend by 12/1/17 to Wayne

Waynemcd8198@gmail.com or

Text 862-579-5615

This is open to all families with children with Special Needs.

Sponsored by
Special Children's Committee



Northwest District
Special Children's Committee

Cordially Invites You To

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Saturday, December 9th
12:00pm to 3:00pm

BOONTON ELKS LODGE
125 CORNELIA STREET · BOONTON, NJ

~ Parking is available ~

Please R.S.V.P. by December 3rd to
Wayne McDonnell
waynemcd8191@gmail.com
Text (862) 579-5615



**ANTLERS
BAKE
SALE 2017**



Thank you to Debi Werner and ENF for donating the table at the vendor craft fair. Antlers did a great job and had fun. Thanks go out to Dee Merring for donating baking supplies and to Josh Shepard, Heather Luby, Debbie Hill, Arlene Lang, Pat Porter, Christine Mackanowski, Dawn Shaw and June Vanaarden for donating baked goods. It was much appreciated.



Lake Hopatcong Elks
cordially invites you to their

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

Sunday, Dec 10th

2pm to 6pm

\$15.00

Hors d'oeuvres & cocktail sandwiches

Variety of desserts

Coffee & Tea

Visit from Santa * Door Prizes

Music & Dancing by DJ Jean

**All proceeds to benefit
ENF**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th

9:00am-11:am

Adults \$7.00 - Kids \$3.00

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Visit With Santa & Get Your Picture Taken

All Children 10 & Under Will Get A Free Gift From Santa

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE #782 · 201 HOWARD BOULEVARD · MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ



The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge Presents

The Great Gatsby New Year's Eve Celebration

Join us on

December 31st ~ 8:00pm to 1:00am

Dance the night away with music played by

BB Entertainment

Enjoy our buffet, open bar and Champagne Toast

Tickets are \$60 per person

Members may purchase tickets November 15th

Open to the public December 1st

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Friday Night Dinner Baked Ham 1	2
3	Ritual Practice 4	Lodge Meeting 5	Seniors Meeting 6	7	Friday Night Dinner Chef Surprise 8	Northwest District Special Children's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY 9
ENF CHRISTMAS PARTY  10	Ritual Practice 11	House Committee Meeting 12	Veteran's Committee Meeting 13	14	Friday Night Dinner Chicken Murphy 15	16
17	Ritual Practice 18	Lodge Meeting 19	Senior Meeting 20	 And So Winter Begins..... 21	Friday Night Dinner Meat Loaf 22	23
24	 25	House Committee Meeting 26	27	28	No Friday Night Dinner 29	30
 31 NYE Party						



ANTLERS

Happy Holidays to all! November was a whirl wind of a month! We had some Antlers helping out at the Soccer Shoot and had a great time.

Our Bake Sale was another profitable event and thank you to all who donated and purchased baked goods!

Our Pet Photos was a blast. We had over 40 pets this year visit Santa. Antlers did a great job with this event. Thanks to all who came out to support us.

December finds us just as busy. We have signed up to help with the Holiday Appeal this year. We are thrilled to be spending some of our Clothing Drive fundraising

money on this amazing cause. The Antlers couldn't be more excited to help another family have an Awesome Christmas! We are all going shopping together to buy gifts for a family of 4. It should be quite an experience. Afterwards, we are going to celebrate with a holiday lunch, a well deserved lunch. These kids worked really hard this year, whether an Antler event or to help other Committees. I could not be prouder of each and everyone of them.

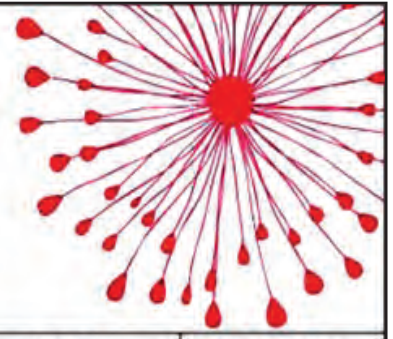
The Antlers will also be helping out the House Committee for Breakfast with Santa on December 17th. Always a fun event.

We would once again like to give thanks to **Sallie Mae Johnson, PER** for the use of her trailer all year long for our Clothing Drive. It has been very profitable for us and has allowed us to give back to so many different charities throughout the year. The Antlers wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! All the best in 2018!



Fraternally yours,
Tarin Chiappa, Antler Chairperson

January 2018



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



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