



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

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



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Exalted Ruler's Message

2019

A Fraternal Organization
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2020



Happy New Year to all. As this year comes to a close the month of December was busy.

We started the month with our Hoop Shoot at Hopatcong High School. Special thanks to **Tom Brown** and all his helpers. The turnout was higher than in the past with about 30 kids enjoying the evening. Hopefully this trend will continue to grow for future Hoop Shoots.

The district special children's party at the PAL in Parsippany went well. The children were especially happy with the clown, balloons and of course Santa Claus.

The lodge held its Christmas with Santa on December 15th. The turnout was about a hundred people with about 60 children in attendance. Thanks to those who worked the kitchen and to the Antlers who served the food. Santa made it on time and the children were ecstatic when he arrived.

Our Holiday Appeals program was a success, we adopted 90 families and made the holidays special for them with toys, clothes and food. To all of you who adopted a family or helped to put this together, thank you. This is what Elks do, not just at the holidays but all year round.

Special thanks to **Debi Werner**. She hosted her ENF ugly sweater party and what a party. There was plenty of food and music. Her and her help, out did themselves with more food than could be eaten.

The special children's Christmas with Santa was on December 22nd. The love and care these children receive from their parents is something to see. Santa showed up with presents for all. The kitchen staff again out did themselves. When you think you are having a bad day look back on an affair like this and realize we don't have it so bad. We also had a special night with **Larissa Garcia**, who was our past the Ambassador and her family. The Budd Lake Fire Department brought Santa to the house on their fire trucks with lights and sirens blaring. Again, seeing the smile on her face and her family makes all we do right.

To all of you from the officers and myself a Happy and Healthy New Year. And remember this year any act of kindness no matter how small goes a long way.

God bless our Troops, the Elks and the United States of America.

Fraternally,
Charles Horvath
Exalted Ruler

2019-2020 LODGE OFFICERS



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3 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan
4 Year Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP
5 Year Trustee	John Shaw, PER

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.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

01	Rose Ann Boyle
01	David Ferrara
01	John McCarthy
01	Deborah A Verdi
01	Robert N Wood
02	James Buckley
02	Mark Vandling
02	Madelyn Walrod
03	Josephine D La France
03	Debbie Lennon
03	William A Richardson
05	Michael A Champa
05	Carolynn Parmele
06	Patricia A Carroll
06	Alfonse J DeCaito
06	James Heasty
06	John Matthes
06	John Ondish
07	Karen Ann Alonge
07	William R Byles
07	Martin Flanagan
07	Henry J Mason Sr
07	Matthew Winnans
08	Joseph Giambattista
08	Robert Ondish
08	Robert Rossi
08	Michael W Thomas
09	Karl Petr
10	Ann MestrAndrea
11	Caroline Glucksman
11	Timothy McQuaid
12	Thomas Brown Sr
12	Paul Macchia
13	Coley Campbell
14	Veronica A Blewitt-Bellack
14	Shawn Davis
14	Mary Elizabeth Werner
14	John Wilkinson
15	George F Batelli
15	Paul T Donnarumma
16	Sonia Caban
16	Joseph T Doyle Jr
16	Virginia Slater
17	Jacqueline C Buckley
17	Karen Porter
18	William R Heiser
20	Alfred Dorrien
21	Rockie Fuller
21	Sandra A Harding
21	Harry R Minion
21	Deborah Werner
22	Michael J Tresca
23	Edward Byron
24	William O'Brien
24	John T Stevens
27	Declan Beere
27	James McDevitt
27	Carlos A Rojas
28	James S Miller
28	Michaela Winnans
29	Bernard Curry
29	Salvatore Fiorentino
29	Jeremy S Heiskanen
29	Paula Magone
30	James Glicos
31	Thomas D Sellaro



“Elks Give from the Heart”

ROBERT L. DUITSMAN
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2019-2020



New year starts with awards, scholarships

Welcome to 2020! Beth and I extend our best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful year.

January is a time to wind down the affairs of the year gone by and plan for the year to come. The efforts of our Members too often go unrecognized. While many Members serve in varying capacities just for the love of the organization, an expression of gratitude and recognition is always appreciated.

Also to be recognized are those Lodges that distinguish themselves through their dedication to working the programs of the Order and serving the needs of their communities. Awards for Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year are available from Grand Lodge, and there is nothing to prevent things like Exalted Ruler Special Citations from being prepared to express appreciation to those who make our Lodges successful.

In January, all Lodges will be receiving an application form to enter the All American Lodge Contest. It is a tremendous opportunity for a Lodge to receive recognition for its efforts during the year. Receiving such an award will inspire Members to continue their efforts with the knowledge that they are important and are being recognized. Something to consider.

While many of us were focused on the Most Valuable Student scholarships that had a November close date for applications, there is also the Legacy Scholarship that is available until January 31. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Elks Members. The Elks are doing their part to try to give deserving individuals the opportunity to further their education without allowing a lack of financial resources to be a barrier. More information on these and other opportunities can be found on the Grand Lodge website.

Some may not be aware, but in the Ritual there is provision for a Past Exalted Rulers' Night. On the first Lodge meeting in February the Exalted Ruler can appoint Past Exalted Rulers to fill the four chair positions as well as Esquire and Chaplain. This is a good opportunity to give special recognition to those who have served in the highest office in their Lodge over the years, and keep them involved in the life of your Lodge. In some cases Past Exalted Rulers are called on to conduct an initiation, which would be a special treat that generates interest among the membership.

“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



Elks
National
Foundation

Thank you to all who helped and attended the Ugly Sweater Christmas Party. It was a great time! Please look in the newsletter for an upcoming dance party! Tickets are available and will only be sold in advance!

I would like to wish you and yours a
Happy, Blessed and Healthy New Year!
Debi Werner, ENF Committee Chairperson

WELCOME to OUR FAMILY



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

INITIATED ON DECEMBER 3, 2019



Roslyn Durkin

Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Caring thoughts of sympathy, understanding and friendship are extended to our members **Diane Karl**, whose Mother passed away in November and **PDD John Youngblut** whose wife Elvis has passed away.

Our members **Patsy Schmidt, Henry Russo, Ralph Elpin and Alice Denino** have all had surgery last month and I'm happy to report that all are home and recuperating.

Our passed **Ambassador Larissa Garcia**, the daughter of our member **Chris and his wife Rosie**, had surgery and is home recuperating.

Marge Curry is home with pneumonia. **Red Curry** is in the hospital with pneumonia.

Our member **Tom Healey** has been in and out of the hospital numerous times this past year. Please keep him in your prayers. Our member **Joann Grady** was in the hospital with an infection due to an allergic reaction to steri-strips. She is home and doing well. **Baby Bryce** has had another surgery and is doing well. **PSP Gerry Cook** had a quick visit to the ER, but all is well since he and **Pauline** were seen jitterbugging at the Ugly Sweater Dance. LOL.

It's no fun being sick. So be sure to take good care of yourselves and get well quick!

Please keep on your prayer list members who are still in recovery Joanne Grady, Debbie Ondish, Mary Beck, Charlie Horvath both Marge & Red Curry.

Please keep in your continued prayers the following: Tom Healey, Audrey Thompson and Henry Russo.

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.

Fraternally yours,

Sallimae Johnson, PER, *Sickness and Distress Chairman*



Who's COOKING WHAT FOR DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT THIS MONTH?



We Are Full Of Surprises This Month!

JANUARY 3, 2020

PORK ROAST

MATTHEW WINNANS, PER

JANUARY 10, 2020

LASAGNA

MADelyn WALROD, PER

JANUARY 17, 2020

CHEF'S SURPRISE

JANUARY 24, 2020

CHEF'S SURPRISE

JANUARY 31, 2020

CHEF'S SURPRISE



HAPPY NEW YEAR

HOUSE COMMITTEE

I hope all had a very Merry Christmas and will have a Happy Healthy New Year.

January is a month to relax. With the holidays over and a New Year's starting let's think about the upcoming events at the lodge.

January 18th the Veterans Committee is sponsoring the Annual Roast Beef Dinner. Get your tickets early.

Don't forget The Leap In The Lake on February 8th. It's not too early to get a team together and start getting your sponsors. Forms are available at the lodge. This is a very rewarding and fun event. It's really not cold in the water!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

I hope that you all had a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

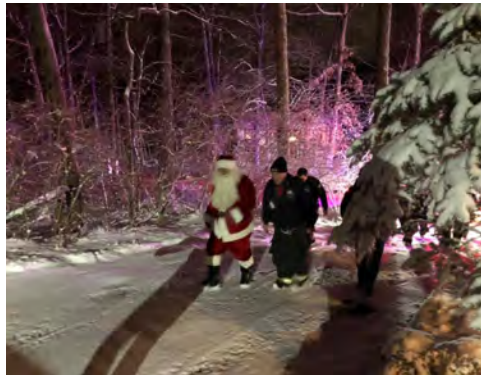
We ended 2019 with some great events. We brought Christmas to our Past Ambassador Larissa Garcia early. We asked members of the Budd Lake Fire Department and they used their resources to escort a special guest, Santa Claus, right to her house on a snowy night. She spent the holiday having surgery so we wanted make sure she got to celebrate Christmas. They made it happen so thank you so very much for making a little girl feel extra special at Christmas! Thanks to our **ER Charlie, Leading Knight Roxie Steffen, Lecturing Knight Sallie Mae Johnson, PER; Tiler Barb Pirro, and myself as well as our DD Heidi** for making a special delivery to the **Garcia Family**.

Thank you to all the members that helped make our Breakfast With Santa successful and magical for our Special Children. We had 25 kids and their families attend and enjoy breakfast on us. Special Thanks to **Heidi McDonnell**, for organizing the entire event and getting the gifts for our kids. Thanks to our **ER Charlie, VP Matt and Tom and Colleen** for doing the food preparation. Thanks to **Pat Porter and Madelyn** for doing the food shopping. We also want to thank a multiple amount of Antlers for their assistance serving the food and with the clean up. Finally, thanks to our **Elves Barb P. and Christine Macknowsky** and of course **John Shaw, PER**, for doing what you do best being our Santa Claus and making the magic happen for the kids!

As we enter 2020 I wish you all the best for a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year and we will have some projects that we will be working on as we progress through the Winter. It is never to early to begin forming your teams or joining a team for our Leap in the Lake which will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 before you know it. As we have done for the past 10 years we continue to host this fund raiser to send our kids to Elks Camp Moore and fund our projects for our special children and youth programs in our communities we serve. If you have never had the opportunity to participate in this event, either directly or just donating to it, please do so because you will find it extremely rewarding. Your generosity does go a long way in the lives of these children.

That is all for now and once again, thank you to the Lake Hopatcong Membership and our officers for continuing to help Keep the Smiles on the Faces of our Special Children.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell, Special Children's Committee





Lake Hopatcong Antler's News

Happy, Healthy New Year to all! How did we get to 2020 already? December was an amazing month for the Antlers. We donated to a family of three and had so much fun shopping for these kids. After Walmart, we all went to Applebee's and enjoyed a holiday lunch together. Make sure you check out our pics in this newsletter. I would like to thank **Dawn Shaw and Colleen Erickson** for helping out with this very large group on shopping day! It was greatly appreciated.

As I looked around the table that day, I realized that it didn't matter that these kids come from different towns, different schools, are different ages or different genders, everyone was chatting together, everyone was included in the conversation, everyone was truly getting along. With all the social media and bullying going on I could not help but smile and realize what an AWESOME group of Antlers we really do have here at Lake Hopatcong.

The Antlers truly enjoyed helping another family, serving Breakfast with Santa and spending time with the Children. I received so much feedback on what helping out at these events really meant to them. I want to thank **June Vanannan** for giving the Antlers their headpieces and taking pictures for the event. It was very thoughtful. The Antlers would also like to thank Girl Scout Troup 4228 Rockaway for their help with serving Breakfast with Santa. The girls were extremely helpful and can come join us anytime!

January will find us working on our Leap in the Lake donations and costumes. February 8th will be here before we know it. The Antlers are very excited to be a part of this event again this year. We will soon be picking our new Officers for the upcoming year. Our clothing drive is still on. See the enclosed flyer for more information.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Tommy Chiappa** with all of his help this year with the Antlers, whether it's a Friday night dinner, an Antler volunteer event or a monthly Sunday meeting. I could not be doing all of this without his help.

Check us out and like us on Facebook @ lakehopatcongantlerslodge4. We have many updated pictures that never made the newsletter. If you know anyone between the ages of 12 and 21 that would like to become a part of this incredible group, please email me at tarinc35@optonline.net. We also have brochures and applications at the front door available.

Again, The Antlers would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Healthy New Year!

Fraternally yours,

ANTLERS DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY APPEAL SHOPPING/BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!



ALWAYS GIVING BACK AND HAVING FUN DOING IT

ANTLERS ALWAYS DO AN AWESOME JOB



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR



FOOTBALLMANIA WINNERS

Our winning tickets totaled \$275.00 this year.

- DEE MERRING
- LINDA GATHEN
- KEVIN SNYDER
- MEL KIRSCHBAUM

Once again thank you very much to all who donated and supported ENF and the Antlers. Your conations go a long way for some great causes!





OLD-FASHIONED ROAST BEEF DINNER

~ Hosted By The Veteran's Committee ~

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

6:00PM-10:00PM

ONLY \$9.99 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





THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS

Would Like To Invite You To Join Us

WINTER WONDERLAND DINNER DANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2020

6:00PM - 11:00PM

Live Music To Start @ 7:00PM

COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: BEER, WINE, SODA

ITALIAN BUFFET: MEAT LASAGNA, CHICKEN MARSALA,

WHITE CLAM SAUCE OVER LINGUINI

& MUCH MORE

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Friends!

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UGLY SWEATER PARTY
FOOD FRIENDS FUN!



Thank You To All Who Came & Supported
 The ENF Annual Christmas Party!!

3RD ANNUAL PATRICK'S PUB PIG ROAST FOR LEAP IN THE LAKE



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BURGERS • HOT DOGS • SALADS
DRINK SPECIALS

\$20.00 ADVANCE • \$25.00 DAY OF EVENT

RAFFLES • LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

2:00 PM-7:00 PM



Support Team
 Patrick's



Interested In Tickets
 Contact Larry at
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 at 201-317-8212

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN PATRICK'S PUB LEAP TEAM
 11TH ANNUAL LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LEAP IN THE LAKE





Budd Lake FD got a special assignment last night. The NEW JERSEY Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge # 782 called that they knew a very special girl that wouldn't be home for Christmas since she has to have surgery. So Santa set out in a snow squall with his friends from BLFD to bring Larissa her gifts and to have an early Christmas. [#christmas]

**Making Christmas Merry and Bright
 In our Community**



Lake Hopatcong ELKS

JANUARY 2020						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Lodge Meeting	1 	2	3 Friday Night Dinner	4
5	6 Ritual Practice	7 House Committee Meeting	8	9	10 Friday Night Dinner	11
12	13 Ritual Practice	14 Lodge Meeting	15	16	17 Friday Night Dinner	18 ROAST BEEF DINER 
19	20 Ritual Practice	21 House Committee Meeting	22	23	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
26	27 Ritual Practice	28	29	30	31 Friday Night Dinner	

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782
11th Annual



GIFT OF ELKDOM HELPS OTHERS, KEEPS MEMBERS ENGAGED

By RICK GATHEN



Elks are profoundly social beings. We offer countless social opportunities and friendships. However, the key to membership retention is to get our Members active in our charitable works.

The gift of Elkdom is the warming of the soul we feel when we help those in need, especially children and our veterans. Our state major projects are all dedicated to the betterment of the youth of our nation. Last year alone, our Members served more than 677,000 veterans. But still too often we are reluctant to ask Members to volunteer their time, especially new Members. We need to change the way we think. The gift of Elkdom is a life-changing experience that we must deliver.

But there is a right way and wrong way to ask Members to be active. The wrong way is to talk only about the tasks needed. The right way is to explain how good you feel helping those in need, and how its terrifically rewarding to volunteer. The ability to bring out the best in people is what makes the Elks so popular and respected.

You can begin to profoundly alter the culture in your Lodge by delivering the gift of Elkdom. Members who experience the gift are more likely to remain in the Order and be active Elks.

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 	3 Ritual Practice	4 House Committee Meeting	5	6	7 Friday Night Dinner	8 
9	10 Ritual Practice	11 Lodge Meeting	12	13	14 Friday Night Dinner <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17 Ritual Practice 	18 House Committee Meeting	19	20	21 Friday Night Dinner	22
23	24 Ritual Practice	25	26	27	28 Friday Night Dinner	29



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS LODGE

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