



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

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



NOVEMBER 2024

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Exalted Ruler's Message

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

2024

Your next best moment is just waiting for you to discover it.

2025



November is here even though the temperature says otherwise.

Thank you to the Members who have stepped up to cook Friday night dinners and wELKcome Wednesdays and to our Antlers who help serve.

The Lodge had a few events in October such as the Annual District Walkout on Drugs held Sunday October 6th. Our Lodge Soccer Shoot held on October 19th and the Elks National Foundation Fundraiser Beefsteak held on October 26th. This event helped the Lodge reach its National Per Capita of \$5.00 per member. By reaching this goal the Lodge has the opportunity for Grants worth thousands of dollars that we use to help the community. On the same day Members filled the parking lot for the Annual Trunk or Treat for the Special Children's Committee. The Motorcycle Committee also joined this year.

The Veteran's Committee was also busy with their Field of Memories honoring active service members and those who were lost.

I would like to welcome the 20 new Members who were initiated into our Lodge.

November means its Tricky Tray time. This year's Tricky Tray sold out quickly and looks like it's going to be a HUGE success!!

Also don't forget to turn your clocks back Saturday night, November 3rd!

November 5th is Election Day and as American citizens remember to exercise your right to vote it's your civic duty as members of society.

November 13th is a Pampered Chef Night. Come to the lodge and purchase something to help in the kitchen. This night we will also be dedicating the pole barn to **Gerry Cook, PSP and Red Curry.**

The weekend of November 8th-10th the State will be having its annual Fall Conference down in Long Branch. Friday night is the Memorial service followed the next morning by a meeting where reports from all State Committees will be heard.

Remember Veterans Day is Monday November 11th.

The Youth Activities Committee will also be having a Medium Night on November 16th. Tickets are still available!

Thanksgiving will be here before you know it. It's a time to gather with family and friends and give thanks for what you have and for this great country.

Remember our active troops and Veterans both home and abroad who protect us each and every day. Let me leave you with this thought.

"The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given not in what is saved"

Fraternally,

Peter Appaluccio, Exalted Ruler

2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Peter Appaluccio, PDD 973-726-7818
Est. Leading Knight	Patricia Zdichocki 973-723-6462
Est. Loyal Knight	Walter Wurster 973-420-8165
Est. Lecturing Knight	Samantha Martin, PER 201-214-6925
Esquire	Matthew Winnans, PVP 201-572-8297
Chaplain	Kimberly Tweed 862-242-0116
Inner Guard	Jason Howard 973-294-6837
Tiler	Lisa Rovito, DD 201-978-7218
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Lodge Photographer	Linda Kline 973-476-1131
1 Year Trustee	Sean MacMillan
2 Year Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD
3 Year Trustee	Wayne McDonell, VP
4 Year Trustee	Richard Gathen, PSP
5 Year Trustee	Richard Ter Linden

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Debi Werner, Chairperson
 Vicki Angle
 Jen Brown
 Sue Bruyere
 Dawn Crocetta
 Derya Harquill
 Diane LaPreta
 Nancy Loizou
 Dawn Malanka
 Annette McInerney
 Debbie Sobierajski
 Kim Tweed
 Kathy Venier

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
 TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION
 FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CALL DEBI AT 973-668-9302

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Rick Ter Linden 972-271-1804
Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Americanism	Patricia Carley 973-534-0168
Antlers	Samantha Martin, PER 201-214-6925
Auditing & Accounting	Kathleen Caffrey, PDD 973-534-8283
Bar Chair	Nancy Loizou 973-632-1129
Community Activities	Patty Zdichocki 201-723-6462
Convention	Linda Gathen, PPD 973-398-2097
Drug Awareness	Samantha Martin, PER 201-214-6925
Co-Chair	Dee Krowl 973-390-0638
Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio, PDD 973-736-7818
Flag Day	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Government Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Grounds Maintenance	Trustees
Hall Rental	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP 973-398-2097
Investigation	Cory Schmidt 973-440-7393
In-House Caterer	Debi Werner 973-668-9302
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Lodge Activities	Patsy Schmidt 973-975-2325
Membership	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-2077545
Maintenance Committee	(Reports to the Trustees) Alex Banos, Chris Loizou & Waler Wurster
Memorial Day	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
Motorcycle	Walter Wurster 973-420-8165
Parades	Linda Gathen, PDD 973-398-2097
PER Association	Rick Gathen, PSP 862-324-2412
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Softball/Cornhole Tournament:	Ricky Gathen

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Pete Appaluccio, Exalted Ruler	973-726-7818
Patty Zdichocki, Leading Knight	201-723-6462
Walter Wurster, Loyal Knight	973-420-8165
Samantha Martin, PER, Lecturing Knight	201-214-6925
Linda Gathen, PDD, Treasurer	973-398-2097
Barbara Tokar, PER	201-207-7545
Ritual	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557
Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER 973-222-4547
Sickness & Distress	Lauren Greed 973-668-6733
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395
Special Children	Heidi McDonnell, PDD 973-545-1557 Wayne McDonnell, VPE 973-841-9845
Veterans	Ed Parrillo 973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Matthew Winnians, PVP 201-572-8297
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD 973-919-5395

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02	Thomas Dowling
02	Kim Kirk
03	Kelly Weber
04	Roland Bossi
04	Joseph Trosky
05	Dennis Peterson
05	Henry Russo
06	Robin Jean Kesselmeyer
06	Michael Siglow
07	Raymond W Oakes
09	Nicholas Caruso
11	Michael Clarke
11	Christopher Grove
11	Mark Keller
11	Barbara Kraus
11	Jessica L Sharp
11	Marilyn Soder
12	Jonah Joseph Estrada
12	Mark Lorenz
12	Jacqueline Loughridge
13	Dawn Hopler
13	Christopher G Ondish
13	Kristen VandenHandel
14	Richard Acceturo
14	Dawn Dembowski
14	Charlotte Riser
14	Dawn Shaw
14	Patricia Zdichocki
15	Linda Bianculli
15	Lori Krawczuk
15	Ralph Lamanna
15	Anthony Pergolizzi
15	Barbara Tokar
15	Christopher Wulf
16	Lillian Colello
16	Lawrence Kolmer
16	Mark Nicoletti
16	Carl Peterson
16	James Piccolo
17	Eileen O'Malley
18	Frank Brown
18	Jamie Peterson
18	Anastasia Williams
19	Heather Phelan
19	Amanda Shallop
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22	John Fornini
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23	George J Szatkowski
24	Sallimae Johnson
24	John Loscalzo
25	Kenneth M Lang
25	Alan Santucci
26	Lester Pabalan
27	Susan Bruyere
27	Beverly Murdter
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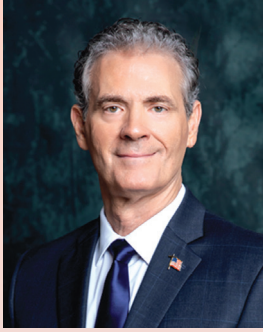
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“Elks Give from the Heart”

Douglas A. Schiefer

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2024-2025

“Elkdom’s Heart for America”

ENF Grants, Programs Strengthen Our Communities



The most important program in our Order is the Elks National Foundation. The support we provide makes the Foundation’s work possible. The goal we established for the 2024–2025 fraternal year is \$5.00 per Member.

This year the Foundation has allocated \$16.3 million for Lodge Community Service Grants. This grant program allows our Lodges to do more for your communities. I encourage all Lodges to seriously consider forming an ENF committee to educate themselves on the various grants to assist their communities.

Also, make use of the fundraising program through the ENF Fidelity Club. Any Member can sign up at elks.org to make the automatic recurring donations for as little as \$5 per month or \$15 per quarter. I encourage you to consider joining. I felt good when I joined and knew that it was an easy and efficient way to donate. This is once again a way for you to show your communities that “Elks Care — Elks Share.”

My theme “Elkdom’s Heart for America” focuses our attention on what we can do outside of the Lodge to help others. Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation’s oldest and largest drug prevention program, held annually from October 23-31.

There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring Red Ribbon Week. Pass out red ribbons to your local school administrators, government officials, and members of law enforcement. When we wear a red ribbon, it means we are looking to take a stand against the horrible ramifications that drugs can have on our communities. Standing together will have a positive impact on the citizens where you live. The Elks will always lead the charge against the devastation that drugs have on families.

Again, another way to impact your community is by supporting the ENF. This foundation is the backbone of “Elks Care — Elks Share.” This year the Elks will show their generosity by donating a total of \$41.6 million to make a difference in America. You make an impact, and when united with our fellow Elks across the nation, we are making a huge positive change.

By now, school is in full swing. It’s a good time to introduce the Americanism Essay Contest to your local schools. The deadline for submission is mid-December. There is complete essay information on the Elks website in the GL Fraternal Committee section under Forms and Contests.

It’s time to let our youth be able to express themselves about respecting patriotism and our country’s heritage. These essay-winning students should be recognized by your Local Lodge. Hold an event for them and give these students recognition certificates to administer to the schools. I am always amazed at the wisdom and knowledge that students can express. All Americans would benefit from reading these essays. God bless you and God Bless America.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

LODGE IMPROVEMENT

We holding the pole barn deaciation for **PSP, Gerry Cook and Red Curry** on November 13th beginning at 6:30PM. Please come and attend and honor, these to fine gentlemen.

We will be doing some outside work very shortly to improve around back and up by the patio. We also have bought 100 outside chairs and new tables. We have taken down the playground and looking over the winter how to replace it. We are also looking for people to join our maintenance committee. If you are interested in how you can help, please contact me at 973-919-5395.

Tom Brown, PDDGER

Join Us November 13th @ 6:30PM



This Pole Barn is Dedicated in Honor of Gerry “Poppy” Cook, PSP and Bernard “Red” Curry

COME AND HONOR TWO GREAT ELKS!

SHOTS FROM THE BAR



NOVEMBER DRINK SPECIALS

PUMPKIN PIE MARTINIS \$6

TAP BEER SPECIAL

FLYING FISH’S HAZY BONES IPA

EVERY SATURDAY & SUNDAY ALL DAY - \$4 HOUSE BLOODY MARYS

Every wELkome Wednesday

Draft Pitchers \$5.00 - \$2.50 Pints



SUNDAY FOOTBALL BUCKETS 5 BEERS FOR \$12



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Thoughts and prayers to our members who are ill or home recovering from recent sickness, injury, surgery or procedures: **Walter Wurster, Patty Zhidocki, Jackie Buckley, Jim Hatch, Kim Douglas, Laurie Ann Walter Betz and Diane LaPreta's daughter, Norma.** Our best wishes for a complete and successful recovery. We look forward to seeing you all back at the lodge very soon!

Extending well wishes to all our members. If you know of any member in need of our thoughts and prayers please contact me directly.

Lauren Greed, Chairperson
973-668-6733 · LGreed83@gmail.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Happy November Members!

Cant Believe another year coming to a end. It is a VERY busy time of year for our lodge ahead. Before we go there, I want to say We had the BEST Tricky Tray EVER!! I want to give a big shout out to my **house committee** for all their hard work to make it such a successful event. A BIG THANK YOU to **Dawn Crocetta, Nancy Loizou and Marge Curry** for going above and beyond to make this years tricky tray a BIG success. **ALSO A BIG SHOUT OUT to all our members who donated** baskets and items to make baskets. What a great community of Elks.

On November 13th weLkcome Wednesday we also have 2 other special events planned. A dedication of our Pole Barn to **Gerry Cook, PSP and Red Curry.** Also Pampered Chef fundariser will be held. See details in this newsletter.

Hope you have signed up with our Youth Activities Committee on November 16th where we have a medium from 12pm to 4pm. Grab tickets now. Black Friday we will have our Veterans Committee serving up their famous Spaghetti and meatball dinner.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

December 1st is our Absent members ceremony at 11am. We give honor to those members we have lost in this year.

Holiday appeal will have their gift list out soon. Please adopt a family and give them a special Christmas. Dec 12th at 6:30 we will be putting our food baskets together for our communities families

Dec.14th is our Christmas Party from 2pm-6pm. featuring Jersey Tones. Snacks and buffet served. \$30. W/cash bar. Tickets are on sale now! MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS.

Dec. 15th we will be handing out Gifts and baskets to those in need. Also on the 15th is our Special Children's Breakfast with Santa.

Dec. 22nd is Breakfast with Santa. Please see flyer in this newsletter. There will not be a Friday Night Dinner on December 27th. We will have our NYE party. (More details soon) we will have up dates as we get closer.

Like I was saying, very busy time for our committees. Thank you house for all you do.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Debi Werner, House Committee Chairperson

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

NOVEMBER 1, 2024
PORK CORDON BLEU

NOVEMBER 8, 2024
MEATLOAF

NOVEMBER 15, 2024
STIR FRY CHICKEN

NOVEMBER 22, 2024
CHEF'S SURPRISE

NOVEMBER 29, 2024
VETERANS COMMITTEE
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

Friday Night Grill Menu

Hamburger.....	\$5.00	Hot Dog	\$3.00
With Fries.....	\$8.00	With Fries.....	\$6.00
With Onion Rings.....	\$9.00	With Onion Rings.....	\$7.00
Cheeseburger.....	\$6.00	Chicken Fingers (5 Pieces)	\$7.00
With Fries.....	\$9.00	Basket of Fries.....	\$5.00
With Onion Rings	\$10.00	Basket of Onion Rings	\$6.00

WELKome WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER 6TH - HOUSE COMMITTEE
GRILLED CHIEESE WITH BACON (TOMATO BASIL BISQUE)

NOVEMBER 13TH - YOUTH ACTIVITIES
CHICKEN WINGS (MINESTRONE SOUP)

NOVEMBER 20TH - MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE*
CHEESESTEAKS (SPLIT PEA SOUP) - LIVE MUSIC!!



Specials Served With Fries & Coleslaw - Unless Noted Tater Tots*

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Spooky season is over and we closed out the month strong. Our committee helped support the NW District's Trick or Suite at Embassy Suites on Friday, October 25th, where the children of PG Chambers school came out with their families to Trick or Treat around the hotel to various decorated suites by different groups. The NW District Special Children's committee did an outstanding job with the decorations and treats for the kids. This years theme was "The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown," complete with Charlie Brown (AKA **Rick Gathen, PSP**) and **Linus** with security blanket and all (yours truly). It was well attended by the students and families of the school and it was a pleasure to once again work this event. We look forward to next year and supporting this event again.

Our lodge committee then held our annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 9am – 11am. We had a very good turnout of volunteers who went all out with decorating their cars, and even the MC's came out and decorated their bikes. There were tons of treats handed out this day to all who attended. **Ed & The Vets Committee** were kind enough to hand out American Flags to all the kids. It was amazing to see all the collaboration, team work, and comradery of all our members supporting our kids. Thank you to the following for your participation:

Jon & Sharon Mutter
Jill Ayers & Jean Burke-Ujvary
Mary Bridgewater
Greg O'Brien
Erin Ronchetta
Barbara Pirro
Ed Parillo & Vets Committee
Samantha Martin

Theresa Fiorentino & Jacob Brose
Kim Tweed
Jason Howard & Kim Bongiorno
Mark Keller
Sheila Speroni
Motorcycle Committee
Linda Kline – Photographer

John Perry & Flo Hillyard
Jen Appaluccio
Brian Devries
Kathy Ellis
Marge & Scott Curry
Lauren Greed
Double H Farm Crew

Without the support of the membership, our committee could not put on the events that we do. So, a great big thank you from us to all of you for what you do to keep the smiles on the faces of our special children. If there was anyone who participated but missed signing in the day of the event, we apologize for not listing you, and was not intentional in any way...please know that we do appreciate all of your efforts! I would like give a special thank you to **Heidi** for organizing this for the 12th year in a row and getting the invitations out to the families, the flyer, all the shopping, etc. and all that she did along the way. Thank you for your dedication to this committee.

Our next event will be our annual Breakfast with Santa to be held on Sunday, December 15th, from 9am – 11am. Please, if you would like to volunteer to help, we are in need of the following: Cooks, Kitchen helpers, Servers, and Set up / Clean up. If you are able to assist us that day, we will be at the lodge starting at 7am to set up and start cooking, etc. Please contact **Wayne** to volunteer by text or email (973-841-9845 / waynemcd8198@gmail.com).

Thank you all for another good month, and from our family to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving.
But for now, we hope you have a "Great Big Beautiful tomorrow!"

Wayne & Heidi McDonnell, Co-Chairs Lake Hopatcong SCC



Youth The District Soccer shoot will be November 6th Registration is at 6:00 pm at Hopatcong High School.

Our Wagon of cheer is on sale \$5.00 per ticket until December 13th. Someone from our committee will be selling tickets on wELKome Wednesdays and Friday Night Dinners at the entrance table.

The Medium is on November 16th tickets on sell now for \$40. Our next meeting will be announced all are welcomed.

~ Youth Activities Committee ~



That's Amore!

Please Join Us
Veterans Committee
BLACK FRIDAY
NIGHT DINNER

NOVEMBER 29, 2024
5:00-7:00PM
\$12.00 PER PERSON

Reservations Appreciated
Please Call 973-398-9835





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 Margaret Lorenz
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 Catherine Paluzzi
 Barbara Tokar
 Walter Wurster
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 Victoria Angle
 Linda Bianculli

Barbara Tokar, PER
 Lodge Secretary



Well, the Fall season is here! Please be careful with your cigarettes and fire pits. Everything is so dry! It doesn't take much to start a fire. We currently have two fires going now. One in Morris and one in Cumberland County.

As you can see our Veterans Committee is doing a Flag Memorial at our Lodge we hope to have over 200 flags on display this year is \$5.00 for red tag and the flag. They are on sale in the members bar until November 11th Veterans Day

Roast Beef Dinner for the Veterans of the Northwest district is canceled for November 13th and is rescheduled for December 18th the same time and place. I believe we will have more Veterans attending Happy Thanksgiving to all Elks and their families. Please mark your calendar that on November 29th for Our Annual Black Friday Veterans Committee will host the annual spaghetti and meatball dinner.

Thank you for all the support For helping the Veterans Committee to make them a great Memorial and for **Patty Zdichocki** for obtaining the red tag!!

Ed Parrillo, Committee Chairperson



October came and went, leaves are falling and man we could really use some rain! Not a drop the whole month, so be cautious with your fire pits on those fall nights. Antlers continue to serve wELKcome Wednesdays and our Friday Night dinners. They participated in the Walk out on Drug's for Drug Awareness and were able to present donation checks at Pink Witches Night Out in Denville and to Wreathe it to Us.

This month the Antlers donated a Keurig to the house Tricky Tray for all the help the house provides them throughout the year. They are also lacing up their sneakers as runners for the Tricky Tray on November 2nd. They are already signed up to help serve at the Vets Spaghetti Dinner on Black Friday. Despite our local teams not fairing to well we still have footballs for sale in the members bar, it's an easy and fun way to support the Antlers.

Tickets will be available on Nov 1st for our annual Wreath & Sip at Nestors, this amazing event full of holiday spirit, so join us on December 6th you won't be sorry!! Thank you for your continued donations to the clothing bins as it helps them make monthly donations to their charities. So, keep our bins in mind as you clean out your closets preparing for the holiday season. Food for thought as parents we usually donate our children's less played with toys after the holidays to make way for their new gifts. If you could find your way to donate them prior to the holidays, you could be making a parent who might not have the money to hit the store and their child very happy this holiday season.

Please help us spread the word as we continue to look for ways to grow our numbers. Membership in the Antlers is open to any individual who has passed their twelfth and not yet reached their twenty-first birthday, who is a citizen of the United States of America, of good character and who believes in the existence of God. As you can see it's a great time to be an ANTLER, we should all encourage the youth to join us. Applications and brochures can be found in the front lobby of the lodge. The Antlers do amazing things and have a great time serving our community as well as the lodge! We have so much in store for this year stay tuned for other upcoming events and watch to see what we do next!!

Remember Antlers today, Elks tomorrow!

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin PER, Antler Chairperson



Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, Lodge No. 782 Presents Robert C. Ricker for Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Whereas, The Officers and Members of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, Lodge No. 782 do recognize and appreciate the accomplishments, leadership and dedicated service rendered by Robert C. Ricker to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the New Jersey State Elks Association and the Lake Hopatcong Lodge No. 782; and

Whereas, He has been a dedicated member of the Lake Hopatcong Lodge for 36 years, was initiated on September 1, 1990, was appointed Inner Guard in 1990 and proceeded through the chairs, serving as Exalted Ruler in 1993-1994, was elected Secretary in 1997-1999 and 2001-2005, and was elected to Honorary Life Member in 2001, was given the honor of being named Officer of the Year in 2002- 2003, has chaired several committees in the New Jersey Northwest District; and

Whereas, He served the New Jersey State Elks Association as the Northwest District Vice President in 1996-1997, State Membership Chairman 1996-1999, State Ritual Chairman in 2012-2013, State Trustee 2001- 2004, serving as Chairman of the State Trustees 2003-2004, and then served as President of the New Jersey State Elks Association in 2013-2014; and

Whereas, He served the Grand Lodge with distinction as District Deputy for the Northwest District in 1999-2000, serves as Grand Lodge Ritualistic Judge 1994-present, served on Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee 2016- 2018, served on Grand Lodge Ritual Committee from 2018-2023; and

Whereas, He was the All American Esquire on the Lake Hopatcong Lodge No. 782 2010-2011 National Ritual Championship Team; and

Whereas, He has been married to his wife, Pamela, for thirty-eight years, and has four children, Robert III (Nancy), Jason (Mandi), Gerald (Jessica) and Laryssa (Matthew), with Gerald and Laryssa members of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, Lodge No. 782, and eleven grandchildren, Matthew, Catalina, Bella, Leah, Ella, Gianna, Ava, Maverick, Matthew, Gerald and Mark; and

Whereas, He graduated from The College of New Jersey with a Bachelors Science in Criminal Justice, Seton Hall University with a Master Degree in Education Administration, Northwest University School of Police Staff and Command 87th Session and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy 186th Class; and

Whereas, He retired from the New Jersey State Police as a Lieutenant after 26 years and is currently employed as a Vice President of Americas Crisis Management for Barclays; now therefore

Be it resolved, That the Officers and Members of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, Lodge No. 782 are honored and privileged to present to the 2025 Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, the name of Robert C. Ricker as a candidate for the office of Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Peter Appaluccio, Exalted Ruler
Barbara Tokar, Secretary
Dated thisth day Month, 2024

VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

(All meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays @ 6:30pm)

November 13th • December 11th

WATCH FOR EMAIL



 November Guest Offer
Gift With Purchase
 Choose one FREE when you spend \$90.¹
Valid while supplies last.

 Measuring Spoon Set
 Classic Scraper

Plus, get free standard shipping when you spend \$150!

 Pizza Night Gift Set
 Whole Supplies List

 Gingerbread Bake & Build Box
It's beautifully hand and ready for gifting!
 Whole Supplies List




Pampered Chef Fundraiser for the Lake Hopatcong Elks

201 Howard Blvd, Mt Arlington

Join us IN PERSON on November 13, 5:00 - 7:00

Gift Ideas, Holiday Meal Planning Product Display

Can't join us in person?
Enter your order at
tiny.cc/lakehopatcongelks

Be sure to share with friends & family!
The more the merrier!!

questions? contact our pampered chef consultant amy-sue grubow text or call 201.213.3557 agrubow@aol.com



Thank you for supporting our Drug Awareness Program last month! Through walkers, member donations, and sneaker for the Walk out on Drugs we donated \$1K, meeting our District chairperson's challenge. Thank you to all those that were at Parsippany with us, it was a beautiful day to walk around Lake Parsippany. A special thanks to our VP Wayne, State Trustee Heidi, and our DD Lisa for always supporting our lodge and these events.

Don't forget about the DAP CONTEST. The theme for the 2024-2025 contest is: "Throw Away Drugs - Not Your Future" please see the below links for the rules for each contest and each out to Dee or myself if you have any questions. Entries must be in my hand by Nov 30th for judging by our committee. Contest winners from our lodge will be forwarded to District Competition. District winners will be forwarded to State Level, each State winner will then be submitted for entry into the National contest and may be featured on the www.elkskidszone.org website and/or in ENF or DAP publications. All entries become the sole property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and will not be returned.

Drug Awareness Poster Contest (grades 3-5) <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/poster.cfm>

Drug Awareness Essay Contest (grades 6-8) <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/essay.cfm>

Drug Awareness Video Contest (High school students) <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/videoContest.cfm>

Signups for this year's Path & Peer Leadership conferences are open. <https://sites.google.com/view/njelkspeerleadership/applications>

Path & PEER Leadership Conference Dates

- Pathway - February 6, 2025 (The deadline to register is January 10, 2025.)
- Peer Leadership - February 7-9, 2025 (The deadline to register is December 15, 2024, or once reaches capacity)

One last thought, the provisional data from CDC's National Center for Health Statistics indicate there were an estimated 107,543 drug overdose deaths in the United States during 2023—a decrease of 3% from the 111,029 deaths estimated in 2022. I am sure you agree these numbers are still way too high, we need to continue to educate our youth for a brighter tomorrow.

NJ Data (2023)

Suspected Overdose Deaths..... 326
Naloxone Administrations 1,769
Opioid Prescriptions Dispensed.....283,886

Fraternally,
Samantha P. Martin PER & Dee Krowl
Drug Awareness Co-Chairpersons

UPCOMING DAP EVENTS:
Drug Awareness Contests due by Nov 30th






BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
DECEMBER 22, 2024
9:00AM-11:00AM

A Special Visit From Santa ... Don't Forget To Bring Your Camera For A Picture To Remember!!

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ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET
 ADULTS \$10.00 • KIDS \$5.00
All Children 2 & Under Will Receive A Free Gift From Santa



*Motown
Pop Dance*

*Rock n Roll
R&B*

DOO WOP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Featuring The Jersey Jones

DECEMBER 14, 2024
2:00PM-6:00PM

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\$30.00 PER PERSON

~ CASH BAR AVAILABLE ~

Light Snacks • Cheese/Pepperoni Platters
Sausage Peppers & Onions • Pork Loin With Apricot Balsamic Glaze
Blackened Chicken Over Smoked Gouda Penne Pasta
Salad With Zesty Italian Dressing • Coffee • Dessert

L I M I T E D T I C K E T S A L E S

For Reservations Please Call Debi Werner at 973-668-9302





MAKE & TAKE SNACK & SIP

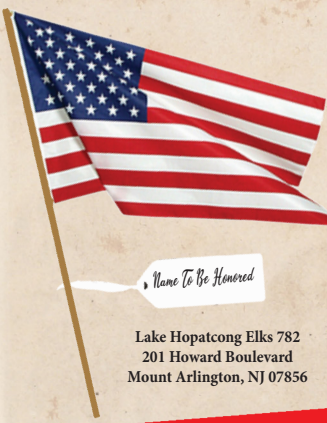
December 4, 2024
 7:00pm-9:00pm
 \$55.00 Per Person



~ Your Choice ~

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~ Benefits Antlers Attending Peer Leadership ~

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 Someone Who We Have Lost,
 To A Veteran Or Active Military.
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 Ed Parrillo 973-479-7696

(All Proceeds The Veterans Committee)

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Catherine McCall


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*Gather with family and friends for a spiritual afternoon with an
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NOVEMBER 16, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON
CATHERINE WILL START 1:00 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON • FULL TABLE OF 8 @ \$280
 - Ticket Includes 1 Beverage -
 (Tickets Are NON-Refundable - Must Be 21)

(Bring Snacks For Yourself Or For Your Table)
 - Cash Bar Available - No Outside Beverages Permitted -
SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR TICKETS

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Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks Youth Activities Committee

**SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE
 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**





Sunday, December 15, 2024
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge
201 Howard Blvd. | Mt. Arlington, NJ 07834

Our special friends are invited to attend this annual event. Each special child
 will receive a gift from Santa.

**Special Children & their immediate family are asked
 to RSVP**
By no later than Sunday, December 8th
Email: LH782.SCCEvents@gmail.com



November 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28 Ritual Practice	29	30 POOL LEAGUE WELCOME WEDNESDAY	31 Darts	1 Friday Night Dinner	2
3	4 Ritual Practice MOTOCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	5 LODGE MEETING 	6 POOL LEAGUE WELCOME WEDNESDAY	7 Darts	8 Friday Night Dinner	9
10	11 Ritual Practice	12 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	13 WELCOME WEDNESDAY  VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING pampered chef POOL LEAGUE	14 Darts	15 Friday Night Dinner	16
17	18 Ritual Practice	19 LODGE MEETING	20 WELCOME WEDNESDAY	21 Darts	22 BLACK FRIDAY VETS COMMITTEE Friday Night Dinner 	23
24	25 Ritual Practice	26 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	27 POOL LEAGUE	28 	29	30

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JUST SCAN HERE DEER!

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Ritual Practice MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM	3 LODGE MEETING	4 POOL LEAGUE	5 Darts	6 Friday Night Dinner	7
8	9 Ritual Practice	10 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	11 POOL LEAGUE	12 Darts	13 Friday Night Dinner	14 
15 <i>Special Children's Breakfast With Santa</i> 	16 Ritual Practice	17 LODGE MEETING	18 POOL LEAGUE	19 Darts	20 Friday Night Dinner	21
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29	30 Ritual Practice	31 				



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