



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday

(973) 398-9835



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JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



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Exalted Ruler's Message

2014

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

2015



What a year it has been. I can't believe that my term is up on March 28th. It seems like only yesterday, I was being installed as Exalted Ruler.

I want to start by thanking you all for allowing me to be your Exalted Ruler for the past year. It was truly a privilege to be the leader of such a great lodge.

I have to begin by thanking my husband, **Ken Wisner** for standing by me this year. I never would have been able to do this without you and I look forward to being able to spend some time with you again.

Thank you to **Bob Ricker, PSP, Tom Brown, PVP** and **Heidi McDonnell, VP** for putting up with all my questions when I had them. You 3 were there when I didn't know where to turn. Thank you also for being the coaches and candidate for the Ritual Team. Your patience and understanding truly helped more that you can know.

Thank you to all of the Committee Chairs. Without you, we never would have had the level of commitment for every function that we did. Your love for what you were doing made our fundraising efforts easy without any issues.

Last, but not least, thank you to the officers who served with me this year. It has been an interesting journey with many ups and downs, but like a family, we got through it all together. I respect each and every one of you, and know that we could not have had the year we had without your dedication.

Good luck to **ER elect Matt Winnans** and his team of Officers. If your year is like mine was, your job should not be hard at all. I know that you and your team will continue the tradition of striving to be the best that this lodge is known for.

One more thing, I look forward to representing Lake Hopatcong 782 and the State of New Jersey at the Grand Lodge Convention in the Ritual Competition. I know that if our team puts our minds to it, we can bring home another National Championship!

Happy St. Pat's Day!

Fraternally,
Bridget Wisner
Exalted Ruler

2014-2015 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Bridget Wisner 973-632-8522
Est. Lead Knight	Matt Winnans 973-398-4547
Est. Loyal Knight	Sallimae Johnson 973-713-4781
Est. Lecturing Knight	Kathleen Caffrey 973-398-4547
Esquire	Christine Macknowsky 908-400-3705
Chaplain	Craig Lang 973-641-2291
Inner Guard	Roxanne Steffen 973-650-0199
Tiler	Gary Steffen 973-271-4694
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
1 Yr. Trustee	Tom Brown, PER 919-5395
2 Yr. Trustee	Debbie Reynolds 328-7074
3 Yr. Trustee	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
4 Yr. Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP
5 Yr. Trustee	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5615

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, *PER*, *Chairman*
 Roxanne Steffen
 Marge Curry
 Sean Macmillan
 Barbara Pirro
 Gary Steffen
 Matt Winnans

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Carlos Rojas PDD 398-3173
Activities	Gerry Cook, PSP 973-234-5174
Americanism	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Antlers	Sallimae Johnson 973-713-4781
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
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, VP 919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP -398-2097
Investigation	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar 263-7035
Lodge Activities	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Membership	Barbara Tokar 263-7035
Motorcycle	Gene Garabrant, PVP 627-0017
National Foundation	Debi Werner
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP 627-0017
Public Relations	Heidi McDonnell, VP 862-579-5616

RELIEF COMMITTEE

Bridget Wisner	663-6411
Matt Winnans	398-4547
Sallimae Johnson	713-4781
Linda Gathen	398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
Ritual	Bob Ricker, PSP Heidi McDonnell, VP
Scholarship	Linda Gathen 973-398-2097
Sickness & Distress	Dee Krowl 973-390-0683
Soccer Shoot	Craig Lang 973-641-2291
Special Children	Audrey Thompson 862-209-0577
Veterans	Dave Riser 973-398-7034 Pat Porter 201-317-9123 Pam Ricker 973-288-1030
Army of Hope	
Youth Activities	Tom Brown PVP 973-919-5395

March Birthdays

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



01	Mark Gruber
02	Thomas D Babbitt
02	Michael Murdter
03	Charles G Rist
04	James Blozen
04	Eugene Garabrant
04	John J Klusick
04	Joseph S Le Donne
05	Allen Hutchins
05	Susan Linnartz
05	Daniel Malloy
10	Thomas Francis Chiappa
10	Aaron Reed
12	Ronald Jobeless
12	Sonia Joseph
13	William Lounsbery
14	Sharon Gruber
15	Richard J Bednarski
15	Mark Petrosky
18	Joshua Ulmer
20	Patricia Carley
21	Alice Denino
21	Bridget Wisner
23	Donna Catapano
23	George Kunka
24	Antonio Cappello
24	Derek Walsh
25	Dee Maxine Johnson
25	Alan Juskus
26	Brian Keegan
26	Thomas E Mac Donald
26	Elizabeth Miscisak
27	Patricia L Galloway
28	Pauline Cook
28	Robert C Ricker
29	Tarin Chiappa
29	Patrick J Henry
30	Mel Hebel
30	Roxanne J Steffen

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

Dues payments are coming up for the New Fraternal Year of 2015-2016, which begins April 1st.

You can also conveniently pay your dues online on the following link: <http://www.lakehopatcongels.com/membership.html>.

Please contact the lodge secretary if you have any questions: bpoe782@optonline.net



“Elks Give from the Heart”

JOHN D. AMEN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2014-2015



March Transition To New Officers A Busy Time

March brings with it an ending and a new beginning. It is a time of transition. Nature brings the beginning of spring and a re-birth of plant and animal life.

We also see the end of a Lodge year and the installation of a new array of Lodge Officers. It is a time to reflect upon the goals achieved and those goals that continue to challenge for the new Lodge year ahead. This is a time when we take stock of our membership accomplishments and resolve to first match and then exceed the past year’s results. We trust your Lodge has been among the nationwide links in this great chain of brotherhood that has Elevated America to new heights with your community service.

Congratulations are in order to the new Lodge Officers. I challenge you to set worthy goals for your Lodge and the Order of Elks. As thousands who have gone before, you will enthusiastically go about meeting the challenges of leading and operating your Lodge and engaging in visible Elks volunteerism in your community.

I trust that your Trustees, Board of Directors and Governing Body of the Club have been working on a budget to present to the Membership in April. This is one of the most important tasks of the entire Lodge year.

It is also time to plan the Lodge volunteerism and community service. We will naturally attract a large group of good new Members who seek to join our ranks in this great crusade of elevating the human condition in America.

Throughout this new Lodge year let us always remain mindful of our mission as set forth in the Preamble to our Constitution. As leaders of our Local Lodge we must inculcate the four great principles that are the foundation of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We vow to remain steadfast in our belief in God in the face of distractions from many quarters.

Our benevolence must start by promoting the welfare and happiness of our Members. American patriotism will be paramount in our thoughts and deeds. Good fellowship flows from our principle of Brotherly Love. We must always seek to perpetuate ourselves as a great fraternal organization of American men and women. We must govern ourselves with an eye on preserving and enhancing the beautiful ideas set forth in our mission statement, which is derived from this Preamble.

Let us pray for the safety of our troops overseas and at home in this small world in which we live. May God help us and bless our beloved Order.

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Our Lodge Installation of Officers is Saturday, March 28th. Cocktail Hour at 5:00pm. Installation will begin at 6:00pm and dinner to follow at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Exalted Ruler
 Esteemed Leading Knight
 Esteemed Loyal Knight
 Esteemed Lecturing Knight
 Tiler
 Inner Guard
 Secretary
 Treasurer
 Esquire
 Chaplain
 5-Year Trustee



Matthew Winnans
 Sallimae Johnson
 Kathleen Caffrey
 John Shaw
 Patricia Porter
 Gary Steffen
 Barbara Tokar, PER
 Linda Gathen, PER
 TBD
 Roxanne Steffen
 Craig Lang



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

In our thoughts and prayers: **Aaron Reed** who recently in the hospital and is now home mending.

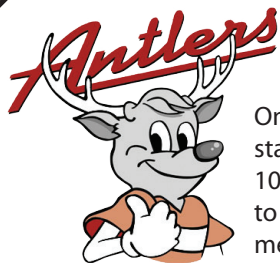
If anyone knows someone who has lost a member of their family, who may be sick or distressed or did not receive a birthday card, please contact me immediately at 973-390-0683 or send an email to me at dee_krowl@yahoo.com.

Dee Krowl, *Chairperson*



SHOT FROM BAR

It is that time of year again ... Come down to the lodge on Sundays to watch Nascar or shoot a game of pool. The bar is open at Noon. It is always a good time with good people!



LAKE HOPATCONG ANTLER'S LODGE #4

On Sunday March 1, 2015 we are installing a new group of Antlers at 10:00 am. All members are welcome to join us and greet our newest Antler members.

Sunday March 15, 2015 will be Antler's Lodge #4 meeting at 2:00 We will be voting on 2015-2016 Officers please everyone try to attend this meeting.

See the flyer in this newsletter for clothing drive details.

Shamrocks can be purchased in the members bar for \$1.00 to benefit the Antlers. I thank you in advance for your support.

Sallimae Johnson
Antler's Advisor

THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

To Our Lodge Family



MEMBER

Dawn Fresh	-----	Lori Lindsey
Michael Grady	-----	Gerry Cook
Ray Hopler	-----	Lori Lindsey
William LeFever	-----	Gerry Cook
Annette Saporito	-----	Barbara Tokar
Richard Warnken	-----	Barbara Tokar

SPONSOR



WHO & WHAT'S COOKING ON FRIDAY NIGHTS THIS MONTH?



MARCH 6, 2015

Chef's Surprise
Madelyn Walrod

MARCH 13, 2015

Eggplant Parmesan
Matt & Kathleen Winnans

MARCH 20, 2015

Seafood A'La King
Madelyn Walrod

MARCH 27, 2015

Stuffed Shells
Tom Brown

HOUSE COMMITTEE

March starts us all thinking spring is near ! It certainly can't come soon enough.

Congratulations to the Ritual Team for their excellent performance at the state competition. They were, once again, 1st Place in the State of New Jersey ... "Indianapolis here we come for the nationals!!

Our Annual St. Patty's Day Party is being held on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and starting at 7:00p.m. until 11:00 p.m. will be entertainment by The Irish Harpers Band. Tickets are available from all bartenders. Look for further details in the newsletter.

New and exciting events are planned for the end of March. March 28th is the installation of new officers. This is open to all. Dinner will be served following installation.

"Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" will be Sunday, March 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Check out the flyer in the newsletter or on the lodge table.

Remember "Think Spring!!"
Madelyn Walrod PER
House Committee Chairperson



Lake Hopatcong Motorcycle Committee

Wednesday March 11, 2015 at 8:00 PM meeting to discuss the upcoming year events.

All members interested in joining this committee are welcome. We also need to put together our officers for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

If you have your applications please bring them with a check so that our lodge patches can be ordered. Looking forward to a very productive year.

Sallimae Johnson, VP

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Remember "Bowling for Vets" on March 8th at the Boonton Lodge from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Cost is \$10.00 for bowler or spectator.

Korean War Vets are welcomed to join the "Rolling Honor II Tour" on March 21st. This is a FREE day trip for you. Meet at Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge for breakfast; travel to Atlantic City for a wreath laying ceremony; lunch; and then a tour on the Battleship NJ. Dinner will be at the Princeton Elks Lodge. Call Carol Lee Spages @ 973-383-0731 for reservations.

Pat Porter,
Chairman



*As always, please
keep our Military
Personnel and their
families in your
hearts and prayers.*

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

I want to thank the members of Lake Hopatcong Lodge that assisted with the Leap in the Lake. This event took in proceeds that exceeded \$53,000 and donations were still coming in well after the Leap was over. At the Post Leap party, we provided \$1,000 each to fourteen area school's Special Education Programs. The representatives from each of the accepting schools were very appreciative and gracious. Whatever your role was in this event: donator, volunteer, leaper, organizer, etc..., your contribution made this fund raiser a successful one. We also made five, \$100.00 donations to Special Children that were in attendance at the party. Once again, your generosity goes a very long way. Great Job as always!!!

We have one event that will be here before you know it. The Northwest District Easter party will be held on Saturday, April 4th, 2015 at Zeris Inn located in Mountain Lakes, NJ. The party will run from 12:00pm-3:00pm and please remind any families that have Special Children to attend this event. We will be serving food and provide entertainment. All Special Children in attendance will receive an Easter Basket.

You should also soon be receiving with your Membership dues notices our Charity Ball Raffle tickets. Please get these into the lodge as soon as you can, each member should receive a book of ten tickets at \$1.00 per ticket to sell.

Thank you again for all that you continue to do to support our Special Children!

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell
Chairperson

Americanism Committee

I am proud to report that we had 2 of our area students who wrote essays for the 2014-2015 Americanism Essay Contest place in the Top 3 in the District of the 5th/6th Grade Division. Congratulations to Ashley Heins and Eliana Alexandrakis, both of whom are also members of our Antlers! Their essays will now be submitted to the State level for judging. Way to go Ashley & Eliana!

Linda Gathen, PER
Americanism Committee Chairperson

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

For this year's Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest, our lodge received 14 scholarship applications from High School seniors from the following schools - Morris Knolls, Morris Hills, Lenape Valley, Hopatcong, Morris County School of Technology and Dover. Applications from the top 3 girls and top 3 boys were forwarded on to the District for judging.

I am extremely happy to receive notification that of our 6 applicants, the following 3 students have been awarded a State MVS Award of \$700.

State MVS Awards:

Victoria Mobilio - Morris County School of Technology

Kathleen Parrish - Hopatcong High School

Andrew Vex - Morris Knolls Regional High School

In addition, Andrew Vex has advanced to the National level of competition! Congratulations to all our lodge winners!

Linda Gathen, PER
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Jefferson Township Public Schools

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Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849
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www.jefftwp.org

Eileen Daggett
Director of Special Services

973-663-5780 x3
edaggett@jefftwp.org

February 18, 2015

Elks Lodge 782
201 Howard Boulevard
Mount Arlington, NJ 07856
Attn: Patricia Porte

Re: Donation

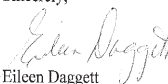
Dear Pat,

I would like to thank you and the members of the Elks Lodge 782 for your generous donation in the amount of \$1,000. The funds will be used to serve our special education students as they participate in community based instruction. We provide our students with experiences to apply and reinforce independent living, social skills, and career education skills within the community. These funds will be used to offer additional tours of community sites and to explore various career opportunities.

In addition, thank you for allowing me to participate in the culmination of the Leap in the Lake event. Interacting with the members of the Lodge and seeing the enthusiasm of the participants was such fun. The entire experience was a pleasure and greatly appreciated.

As a representative of the Jefferson Township School District, thank you all so very much!

Sincerely,


Eileen Daggett

Don't Need It Anymore?

Don't Throw It Away!



DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR

ClothingDriveFundraiser.Com

USED CLOTHING DRIVE

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

Lake Hopatcong Antler's Lodge #4

COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:

CLOTHING/SHOES

All Types / Styles of
Used Wearable Clothing
(Men, Women and Kids)
All Sneakers and Shoes



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Blankets Table Cloths
Sheets/Pillows Drapery/Curtains
Bedspreads Bath Rugs
Quilts Kitchen / Bath
Comforters Accessories
Towels (made of fabric)



ACCESSORIES

Purses, Backpacks,
Briefcases, Belts,
Hats / Gloves,
Under garments,
Socks, Scarves / Ties &
Baby Accessories



TOYS

Soft Toys:
-Stuffed Animals, etc.
Hard Toys:
Cars, Airplanes,
Playsets, Blocks
, Etc.



NO Books/CD's, VHS Tapes, Kitchen Appliances,
Outdoor Toys or Furniture, Please.

PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.

We are working with clothingdrivefundraiser.com and we'll receive
a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect.

DATES / TIMES

Until we collect 200 bags minimum

If you are unable to drop off your items on these dates and times, to make arrangements, please contact:

Sally Johnson 973 713-4781

LOCATION

Drop your items in the trailer behind the lodge next

to the pole barn

Items will be sent to support people in need of wearable used clothing via micro-enterprise programs around the globe.
Items not suitable for reuse will be recycled.

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

Breakfast with the **EASTER BUNNY**

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH

9:00AM-11:00AM

Adults \$7.00 · Kids \$3.00

All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Buffet
Easter Egg Hunt To Begin At 10:00AM
Visit From The Easter Bunny!!!

*Bring Your Cameras To Capture
Your Precious Moments!*



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

201 HOWARD BLVD., MT. ARLINGTON NJ

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

SAT. MARCH 14, 2015

DINNER 6 PM TO 7PM

MUSIC & DANCING 7 PM TO 11 PM

\$25 PER PERSON



CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER
DRAFT BEER, WINE & SODA

LIVE MUSIC BY
THE IRISH HARPERS BAND

SEE THE BARTENDER FOR TICKETS OR CALL MADELYN AT 201-230-2596

KOREAN WAR VETS

JOIN OUR ROLLING HONOR II TOUR



I WANT YOU

In Your Honor, The
Sussex Elks Lodge #2288

Is Hosting A

**FREE DAY TRIP FOR YOU.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015**

WHERE: Meet at The Lake Hopatcong Elks in Mount Arlington for breakfast. Travel by coach bus to Atlantic City for a wreath laying ceremony followed by lunch then on to the Battleship NJ for a tour. Dinner will be at the Princeton Elks Lodge.

HOW: Call the number below and sign up. Space is limited.

Participants must be able to sustain a full day of travel and navigate a few stairs. This trip is only for veterans. If a care taker is needed for mobility, that person can come, also. Walkers and wheelchairs can be accommodated.

Rolling Honor II
Carol Lee Spages
973-383-0731

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Wildwood 2015

RESERVATION FORM

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP : _____

PHONE : _____ EMAIL : _____

Please indicate whether you would like the same room as last year: ___ Yes ___ No

HOTEL PREFERENCE: ___ Olympic Island Beach Resort ___ The Armada by the Sea
(main hotel) (overflow hotel)

LIST THE PEOPLE IN YOUR ROOM (Maximum 6):

_____ Under 16? ___	_____ Under 16? ___
_____ Under 16? ___	_____ Under 16? ___
_____ Under 16? ___	_____ Under 16? ___

****RATE IS BASED ON 2 PEOPLE IN A ROOM****

ADDITIONAL \$50 PER PERSON FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON 16 YRS OLD OR OLDER

LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE - RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!

Please give completed form & a deposit check for \$100 to Linda Gathen

You can also mail the form with your check to :

Lake Hopatcong Elks, 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

For more information, please email LGathen@optonline.net

BALANCE WILL BE DUE BY MAY 15th

☘☘☘ MARCH 2015 ☘☘☘

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Ritual Practice	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5 Darts	6 Friday Night Dinner Chef's Surprise	7
8 	9 Ritual Practice	10 House Committee Meeting	11 SENIORS Veteran's Committee Meeting 7:00PM Motorcycle Club Meeting 8:00PM	12 Darts	13 Friday Night Dinner Eggplant Parmesan	14 Saint Patrick's Day Parcylil 
15	16 Ritual Practice	17 Lodge Meeting 	18	19 Darts	20 Friday Night Dinner Seafood A'La King	21
22	23 Ritual Practice	24 House Committee Meeting	25 SENIORS	26 Darts	27 Friday Night Dinner Stuffed Shells	28 
29 Breakfast With The Easter Bunny 	30 Ritual Practice	31	ON SUNDAYS ... GRAB YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY  Come Down To The Lodge & Watch Some Nascar ... It Is Always A Great Time!			

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has joined forces with **Donate Life America** to increase donations of organs, eyes and life-saving tissue



Is your Lodge promoting the program? We Elks Members can help close the gap!

Spread the Word



Inspire others!




Stories of HOPE: Meet Priscilla

Stories of HOPE: Meet Priscilla and other donor recipients at www.donatelife.net

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Today.

NW District Vets Committee BOWLING FOR VETS



Sunday, March 8th, 2015
 2pm to 5pm
 Boonton Elks Lodge Bowling Alley
 125 Cornelia St., Boonton, NJ

\$10 donation per bowler or spectator

Form your team of 5 bowlers and come on down!

Bowling balls are available. Wear sneakers

Food, 50/50 Raffle & Cash Bar

For more information, call Pat Porter at 201-317-9123



APRIL 2015



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19	20 Ritual Practice	21 Lodge Meeting	22 SENIORS	23 Darts	24 Friday Night Dinner	25
26	27 Ritual Practice	28 House Committee Meeting	29	30 Darts		



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No. 782

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Elks Care - *Elks* Share