



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

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



MARCH 2018

CHARITY



JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



FIDELITY



Exalted Ruler's Message

2017

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

2018



Let me start out by saying thank you to everyone who helped make this years Leap in the Lake a success. I am so impressed how organized and smooth it went this year. We had so much support from our lodge volunteers, local businesses and our First Responders. I believe the final total was around \$46,000 which will help send all the kids to Camp this year and assist with other activities. It was so much fun even my son Matty was taken by the excitement and wanted to jump in too. So he did. I am so proud to represent the lodge and this year we went live on Facebook which was very exciting. The press was great in helping get the word out. Hoping next year will be even better.

I would also like to congratulate our Ritual team for doing a great job at states. We all pulled together and won as a team this year. Everyone gave their best and we were a success. It was a nail biter but even more satisfying when we found out we won. Keep up the hard work and we will be celebrating winning Nationals in July during the 150th anniversary. San Antonio here we come! Thank you to **Rick and Linda** for sharing all their knowledge and patience. We really appreciate all your time and dedication. Thank you to all of those who were present this year in Long Branch for your support. Hoping you will be able to join us in San Antonio. Please remember we have already started fundraising with our Spaghetti Dinners on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights. Which will continue through March and maybe into early April depending on the weather. Then we will start our Wednesday BBQ which is always a highlight of the Spring/Summer season.

Our next spring event coming up is St. Patrick's Day and I am so excited. The plans are set so make sure you see a bartender or **Madelyn** for tickets. They are selling fast and we usually sell out. So join me to have a beverage and share a jig. Then we will be having our annual Bunny Breakfast for Easter. It is a great time for the kids and the Bunny is starting to get the eggs ready for finding. Also remember we will be continuing with meatless Friday through Lent and will end with the Good Friday Fish Fry.

Please remember to say a pray for all the children, parents, staff and teachers of the Parkland High School in Florida. Just a reminder we live in a different time now and our work as Elks is even more important.

Fraternally yours,
Kathleen Caffrey
Exalted Ruler

2017-2018 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Kathleen Caffrey 973-534-8283
Est. Lead Knight	John Shaw, ER Elect 908-887-1583
Est. Loyal Knight	Charlie Horvath 862-432-7702
Est. Lecturing Knight	Roxanne Steffen 973-650-0199
Esquire	Matt Winnans 973-572-8297
Chaplain	Sallimae Johnson, PER 973-713-4781
Inner Guard	Bridget Wisher, PER 973-633-6411
Tiler	Madelyn Walrod, PER 201-230-2596
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	Rick Gathen, PSP
4 Yr. Trustee	Tom Brown, PDD
5 Yr. Trustee	Ken Wisher

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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

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 Wisher 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
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar, PER 263-7035
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

Kathleen Caffrey	973-534-8283
John Shaw	908-887-1583
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	Tom Brown 973-919-5395
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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



02	Thomas D. Babbitt
02	Michael Murdter
03	Charles G. Rist
04	James Blozen
04	Eugene Garabrant
04	John J. Klusick
05	Dominick Cassano
05	Robert W. Dalrymple
05	Allen Hutchins
05	Susan Linnartz
05	Daniel Malloy
08	Robert W. Sorge
09	Christina A. Beaulieu
10	Thomas Francis Chiappa
10	Todd Hakimian
10	Jeffrey Kasper
10	Aaron Reed
12	Ronald Jobeless
12	Sonia Joseph
13	William Lounsbery
14	Sharon Gruber
15	Richard J. Bednarski
15	Robert J. Hardt
15	Mark Petrosky
17	Lesa Modafferri
20	Patricia Carley
21	John Arbolino
21	Alice Denino
21	Bridget Wisher
23	Donna Catapano
23	George Kunka
23	Linda Wright
24	Antonio Cappello
24	Derek Walsh
25	William Erickson
25	Dee Maxine Johnson
25	Brian Leonard
26	Thomas J. DiDomenico
26	Brian Keegan
26	Thomas E. MacDonald
26	Heather Stanhope
27	Patricia L. Galloway
28	Pauline Cook
28	Gail Delaney
28	Robert C. Ricker
29	Tarin Chiappa
29	Frank Trosky
30	Dale DelCamp
30	Roxanne J. Steffena



“Elks Give from the Heart”

MALCOM J. McPHERSON, JR.

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2017-2018



March forward .. Plan for the next fraternal year

For many, March is a time of change. It begins in the darkness of winter but ends with the first signs of spring. It's also a time of change for Elks, when Lodges across the country host installations to welcome a new slate of Officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year. Whether you are taking on a new office, reprising a current position for another year, or retiring from your leadership role, you are the future of your organization. How will you march your Lodge forward this month and year?

Officers and Members, as you work together to plan your year ahead, I hope you'll recognize an important date in our 150-year history: March 12, 1871, when the first Elks Lodge opened in New York City. Now with nearly 2,000 Lodges across the country, this milestone is a testament to the power of our great organization and an inspiration for the future as we continue to spread our values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity that our founding Members set forth.

I urge you to use this month to evaluate your Lodge. Think about what has worked and what hasn't, what your goals are (such as membership growth, charitable events, youth programs, etc.), and who the right people are to execute them. There are endless ways to strengthen Elkdom and your Lodge, many of which I have already witnessed firsthand on this journey. If you keep seeking out what your community needs and uniting as Elks to give back, you will be on the path to success.

Lastly, since this month also marks the celebrations of St. Patrick's Day, I'd like to leave you with an Irish blessing: May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door. Cheers and see you on the road!

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”

VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2018

March 14th 2018 @ 6:30PM

April 11 th 2018 @ 6:30PM	September 12 th 2018 @ 7:00PM
May 9 th 2018 @ 7:00PM	October 10 th 2018 @ 6:30PM
June 13 th 2018 @ 7:00PM	November 14 th 2018 @ 6:30PM
July 11 th 2018 @ 7:00PM	December 12 th 2018 @ 6:30PM
August 8 th 2018 @ 7:00PM	



ENF COMMITTEE

I would like to congratulate the officers of The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782 for once again taking 1st place in N.J. State Ritual Competition!

Debi Werner
ENF Committee Chairperson

Come Join Us On
Good Friday

FISH 'N' CHIPS
By Debbie Hill

March 30th

4:30PM - 7:30PM
ONLY \$10.00 PP



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

All news articles, photos and flyers must be submitted by the 20th of each month. Kindly send your messages to patsygirl77@yahoo.com. I thank you in advance.

Patsy Schmidt
Newsletter Editor

SHOT FROM THE BAR

Nascar has officially started up as well as college basketball. Remember the member's bar is open 7 days a week!! Come down shoot some pool & watch your favorite race car driver. Always a great time with some truly good people!!!



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Best wishes to **Gerry Cook** for a speedy recovery. We are happy to report **John Hosler** has recovered from a recent injury.

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the ritual team on their 1st place finish at the state competition. I knew we could do it!! Now let's get ready for the national competition in San Antonio!!!

"BRING HOME THE GOLD"

I think spring has "sprung"!! The birds are chirping, the weather is getting nicer and we all seem to have "spring fever"!!

St. Patty's day party is fast approaching. Get your tickets from any bartender. Look for details in the newsletter.

Breakfast with the Easter bunny is March 25th from 9:00am to 11:00a.m. Look for details in the newsletter.

Madelyn Walrod PER
House Committee Chairman

MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE

The next motorcycle committee meeting will be held on March 13th at 8:00 p.m. The Motorcycle Committee will be having all its meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. New members are always welcome to join.

Charles Horvath,
Motorcycle Committee President

BARTENDERS NEEDED

See Madelyn For Details



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

MARCH 2, 2018

SEAFOOD CAKES/MACARONI & CHEESE
Madelyn Walrod, PER

MARCH 9, 2018

STUFFED SHELLS
Madelyn Walrod, PER

MARCH 16, 2018

CHEF'S SURPRISE

MARCH 23, 2018

SHRIMP SCAMPI
Tom Brown, PER

MARCH 23, 2018

FISH FRY
Debbie Hill

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To All Committee Chairs,

Please make sure that you are contacting public relations with all your upcoming events. They will be advertised in the local events calendars of newspapers as well as online sources and our Facebook page and Twitter. Please take every advantage of the public relations committee. It is a great source to get the word out on what the lodge is doing. Your committees work hard, let that shine thru and be proud to share.

Also, if you have held an event please send pictures (please include names of those appearing in the pic with title if applicable) and the committee/event name and a brief synopsis of the event. I would like to submit articles to the State Newspaper and Grand Lodge Magazine.

Remember to document your events ... always take pictures but be sure that the guidelines are being followed. No alcohol or tobacco products in the picture. When you are doing an organized group shot try to have no more than 5 people in the shot and you should have the lodge banner in the picture.

If you do not have anyone to take pictures, please contact me in advance and I will do my best to attend and cover your event. My schedule is pretty tight, so the sooner you let me know, the better. You can also email me your photos to dawnjohn90@optonline.net or call me at (908) 887-1969 if you have any questions.

Dawn Shaw
Public Relations Chairperson



"Helping Other People Everyday"

H.O.P.E.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR
John Shaw
Exalted Ruler
 AT THE
 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Lake Hopatcong Elks #782
 201 HOWARD BLVD., MT ARLINGTON, NJ
 SUNDAY, APRIL 15th, 2018

COCKTAILS AT 1 PM
 INSTALLATION AT 2PM
 DINNER, DJ & DANCING TO FOLLOW

**INTRODUCING OUR
 PASTA WEDNESDAYS!**

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

MARCH 14TH & 28TH ~ 6:00PM-8:00PM



Join us for All-U-Can-Eat
 Pasta Dinner

Includes a variety of pasta, sauces
 and meats, salad, dessert and
 coffee/tea

\$9.00 per person

CONGRATULATIONS

**2018-2019
 Lodge Officers**



Exalted Ruler - John Shaw
 Leading Knight - Charles Horvath
 Loyal Knight - Roxanne Steffen
 Lecturing Knight - Gary Steffen
 Tiler - Barbara Pirro
 Chaplain - Matt Winnans, PER

Secretary - Barbara Tokar, PER
 Treasurer - Linda Gathen, PDD
 5 Year Trustee - Gene Garabrant, PVP
 4 Year Trustee - Kenneth Wisher
 3 Year Trustee - Tom Brown, PDD
 2 Year Trustee - Rick Gathen, PSP, GLC
 1 Year Trustee - Wayne McDonnell





VETERANS COMMITTEE

Hello All:

First of all congratulations once again to our Ritual Team for placing 1st in the state of New Jersey! We are so proud of you all!

We are getting our dates set for the Veterans Committee Events in 2018. I will update you with my articles. We would like to thank all of you for your continued support of our activities.

Fraternally yours
 Peg Sharpe-Murphy
 Veterans Committee Chairperson

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

201 HOWARD BLVD., MT. ARLINGTON NJ

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

March 17, 2018



Dinner 6:00pm-7:00pm

Music & Dancing

7:00pm-11:00pm

Only \$30.00 Per Person



CORNERD 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

Breakfast with the **EASTER BUNNY**

Saturday, March 25, 2018

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!!



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Hello All,

To each and all, Thank You for contributing to another successful Leap In the Lake. Because of your continued support and generosity we were able to raise over \$46,000. As we have in the past, this will assist in sending the Special Children we serve in our community to Elks Camp Moore. In addition, this will provide the committee funding to continue running events for the special needs children in our area. On the day of the Leap, we had seven families in attendance and each child received a monetary donation from the committee. Thank you to our membership, the businesses and individual contributors, the leapers, the officers, the PER Association, our **ER Kathleen Caffrey and Rick Gathen** for being the organizer and host of this wonderful event.

One event that is fast approaching as we move into the Spring is the District Easter Party. This will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Zeris Inn located on route 46 in Mt. Lakes. The party will run from 12:00-3:00pm and there will be lunch served to the families, entertainment, a visit from the Easter Bunny and Easter baskets provided to all Special Children in attendance. Please support this event if you are able to do so and promote it to the families of our Special Children.

Once again, the membership of Lake Hopatcong continues to provide a positive influence in our communities. Thank you for continuing to work towards "Keeping a Smile on the faces of our Special Children."

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne McDonnell,
Special Children's Committee Chairperson

About the Elks National Drug Awareness Program

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program strives to teach all children and parents about the dangers of illegal drug use and prevent the abuse of legalized and prescription drugs. As the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States, the program relies on state, district and Lodge volunteers to promote a drug-free lifestyle. By taking pride in America's communities and youth, the program takes action against youth drug use through education and inspiration.

Taking pride...

...in community

Since 1982, the Elks have developed an effective, community-based drug prevention program by partnering with federal agencies including the Drug Enforcement Agency, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and national organizations such as Pride Youth Programs. These partnerships ensure the Elks Drug Awareness Program addresses the leading drug abuse issues facing communities today.

...in youth

Elks believe that the youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. With that in mind, the Elks Drug Awareness Program reaches out to youth of all ages and backgrounds. Through the 2,100 Lodges in communities across the country, Elks work to combat youth substance abuse. Elroy the Elk, the program's mascot, reminds young kids that hugs are better than drugs, while older kids see the affects of alcohol consumption by wearing fatal vision goggles.

Taking action...

...to educate

Every year, the Elks Drug Awareness Program hands out more than seven million pieces of anti-drug literature to parents, teachers and kids. The brochures are primarily distributed through the program's 90 drug education trailers, which travel to community gatherings, such as fairs and sporting events. The Elks have also teamed with Marvel Comic Books to produce a book featuring Marvel superheroes and Elroy the Elk in a battle against underage drinking. Other educational materials offered by the program include prevention tools for parents, videos, coloring books, posters and public service announcements.

...to inspire

From a young age, the Drug Awareness Program asks kids to think about what it means to be drug free. Through the program's annual essay and poster contests, kids can express their feelings on rejecting peer pressure. At events, including Red Ribbon Week ceremonies, Elks and their friends serve as role models who show kids that living drug free is the way to be.





**9TH ANNUAL LEAP IN THE LAKE
FEBRUARY 10, 2018**





First and Foremost, Congratulations to **ER Kathleen Caffrey and the Ritual Team** for yet another WIN! Way to go!!

The Antlers had an amazing February. The Leap in the Lake was a blast. The Antlers seemed to be celebrities showing up in all the newspapers.

They even won BEST COSTUME! We will proudly display our Trophy. They were all so happy to leap for such a great cause.

The next day, we installed 4 new members bringing our total membership to 15 with another initiation coming soon.

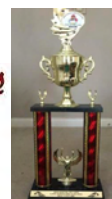
We also took a "team building" trip to the Escape Room in Rockaway. Although we didn't make it out in time, we had a great time as a group. Lunch followed at Red Robin and much fun was had. We have such an awesome group of Antlers for the coming year.

This month the Antlers will be helping serve Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 25th. Always a fun event putting the eggs out for all the kids and serving food.

We are also working on our Installation of Officers. The date is yet to be determined. Calling all new Elk members initiated in 2017 – 2018 ... If you have kids, grandkids, nieces or nephews between the ages of 12 and 21, reach out to me at tarinc35@optonline.net. We would love to have them check out our Antlers Group.

Next meeting is March 11th at 10:00 a.m. Our brochure is on the table by the front door and check us out on facebook @ lakehopatcongantlerslodge4.

Sincerely,
Tarin Chiappa, Antler Chairperson



LEAP IN THE LAKE HIGHLIGHTS CONGRATS ANTLEERS – BEST COSTUME



FUN DAY OUT WITH THE ANTLEERS – ESCAPE ROOM – LUNCH



ANTLER INITIATION February 11, 2018

We initiated 4 new members. Congratulations and Welcome To:
Megan McManus, Korina Hand, Lindsay Hand and Kayla McManus



@LAKEHOPATCONGANTLEERSLODGE4








Congratulations Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

NJ State Ritual Champs
For The 15th Consecutive Year!
Let's cheer them on for a win
San Antonio at Nationals!



March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Darts 1 Wildwood Deposit Due	Friday Night Dinner 2 Seafood Cakes & Mac-N-Cheese	3
4	Ritual Practice 5	Lodge Meeting 6	Seniors Meeting 7	Darts 8	Friday Night Dinner 9 Stuffed Shells	10
11	Ritual Practice 12	House Committee Meeting 13 Motorcycle Committee Meeting 8:00PM	Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30pm 14 Pasta Night 	Darts 15	Friday Night Dinner 16 Chef's Surprise	17 
18	Ritual Practice 19	Lodge Meeting 20 	Seniors Meeting 21	Darts 22	Friday Night Dinner 23 Shrimp Scampi	24
Breakfast with the EASTER BUNNY 25	Ritual Practice 26	House Committee Meeting 27	Pasta Night 28 	Darts 29	Friday Night Dinner 30 Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:30pm 	31

WILDWOOD 2018

Your \$100 deposit to reserve your room for the **NJ State Elks Convention** in Wildwood to be held **June 1st thru June 3rd, 2018** **was due on March 1st.** If you have not yet given us your deposit, please mail it in or drop it off to the lodge **TODAY.** We cannot guarantee any rooms without a deposit.

As in years past, your package will include a 2 night Hotel stay (check in Friday, check out Sunday), Hospitality Room with unlimited beer, wine, soda, liquor & more, Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday, Lunch on Saturday, and Dinner on Friday night and Saturday night.

This year we will be staying at the **Royal Canadian Motel**, located on Atlantic Ave, just ½ block from the Boardwalk. The hotel design and rooms are very similar to our previous motel. The weekend package cost for two people will be \$375, and any additional persons staying in the room will be \$50 per person.



TOTAL PACKAGE COST \$375

\$100 Deposit – due **TODAY**

\$125 towards balance – due by 4/1/18

\$150 remaining balance – due by 5/1/18

Also, there will be NO REFUNDS after 5/1/18

ALL DEPOSITS WERE DUE MARCH 1st
IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON JOINING US, GET YOUR DEPOSIT IN TODAY

If you have any questions, please call me at 973-668-3975 or email me at LGathen@optonline.net

Linda Gathen, PDD, Convention Chairperson



APRIL

i've got sunshine on a cloudy day



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Ritual Practice	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5 Darts	6 Friday Night Dinner	7
8	9 Ritual Practice	10 House Committee Meeting	11 Pasta Night 	12 Darts	13 Friday Night Dinner	14
15 Installation Of 2018-2019 Officers	16 Ritual Practice	17 Lodge Meeting	18 Seniors Meeting	19 Darts	20 Friday Night Dinner	21
22 	23 Ritual Practice	24 House Committee Meeting	25 Pasta Night 	26 Darts	27 Friday Night Dinner	28
29	30 Ritual Practice					



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