



HOBOKEN ELKS 74

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Dear Membership,

I would like to formally introduce myself as the incoming Exalted Ruler for the 2015-2016 term. I am originally from Michigan, but I have come to find Hoboken a place of great admiration and opportunity. I have made many new friends during my time in New Jersey and will continue to support our city and in turn grow with this community. I have nothing but high hopes for the upcoming year. We will continue to improve upon our existing Elks programs while guiding new endeavors to secure our place for future generations.



I would like to take a moment to congratulate John Ryan on leading our organization to a fine year in 2014 with large increases in membership and donations. We had many successful events including Monday Night Football Fundraisers, the Special Needs Children's Christmas Party, our annual Pig Roast, and the Hoboken All Star Music Jam. Additionally, our facilities have seen a vast improvement in utilization which brings in donations, exposure, and serves the greater community while strengthening our organization. This feat would not have been possible without the unwavering effort of our House Committee led by Eddie Madigan and Tom Foley. Along with the rest of our officers and trustees, I will try my best to maintain this upward momentum.

As we look to the future, there is much work to be done. I would be remiss if I did not mention that none of this could be possible without the support and involvement of our local community. I implore our members to attend biweekly meetings, join our events, and get involved in one of our many committees. Last month, we had great turnout for both our Irish Person of the Year Party and Officers' Installation. Looking forward, we are hosting a spring chess program, marching in the Memorial Day Parade, and renting a booth at the Arts & Music Festival in May. Please consider attending and supporting us during these times.

Regards,

Mark Coury
Exalted Ruler

GOOD OF THE ORDER

HOBOKEN ALL STAR MUSIC JAM

On Saturday, March 14th, the Lodge was rocking to the first ever Hoboken All Star Music Jam. Five hundred tickets were sold out weeks before this epic event took place. The Jam was dreamed up by Michael Taglieri and raised approximately \$13,000 for the Special Needs Children's Fund. Mr. Taglieri said, "We have musicians coming from all over the country, who were born and raised in Hoboken. This will be the reunion of all reunions."



An enormous stage was constructed in the main ballroom for the 45+ musicians to perform. The bands included Krystal, Pegasus, Attacker, Mad Dog Mary and Centerfold. The event also featured members of Calimax, Rachel, Pops Mamin, Dorian Grey and Euphoria. As always Eddie Madigan and Tom Foley prepared a delicious buffet that was served downstairs in the Grill Room.

The combination of great music as well as old friends united after many years apart created a magical atmosphere. Many people had not seen each other in person for over 20 years!

On Thursday, April 2, Michael Taglieri was honored as the Elks Musician of the Year, a token of our appreciation for all his hard work and dedication.

We are tremendously thankful to everyone who contributed on the Hoboken All Star Music Jam Committee and to our very own Elks Eddie Madigan and Tom Foley for making this night go off without a hitch. Also, thank you to the local sponsors whose generosity helped make this event happen. We hope this will be an annual event.

CAMP MOORE

Each year the Special Children's Committee raises money so we can send a child from Hoboken to Camp Moore free of charge. If you know of anyone who might be interested in attending this amazing camp, please contact our Leading Knight Bill Noonan.

2015 IRISH MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The 2015 Irish Man & Woman of the Year awards were presented to **William Noonan** and **Meagan Matthews** on Sunday, March 15. A traditional and delicious corned beef and cabbage lunch was served to the nearly 100 guests in the main ballroom. Music was provided by DJ TastyCakes.



William Noonan was recently inducted as Leading Knight and has previously held the positions of Loyal and Lecturing Knight. Bill is a long-time resident of Hoboken and proud member of the Hoboken St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. *"I am honored to be named the Hoboken Elks Irishman of the Year. Being Irish is not just a one day a year event for me. I'm happy to work with Irish business organizations, charities and the Irish Arts Community to foster growth and understanding of Irish heritage and culture. It is a time of year to reflect on what it means to be of Irish heritage and what is important - family, faith and traditions."*

Meagan Matthews was also recently inducted to her first officer position as Lecturing Knight. Meagan has lived in Hoboken for 15 years and is owner of Hoboken's Cornerstone Pets. *"I'm honored to have been selected as Irish-woman of the year, but my grandparents are even more excited than I am. I look forward to becoming more active in the lodge in my position as Lecturing Knight."*

BROTHERLY LOVE

Brotherly Love is a founding virtue of our order. So it is not surprising that Lt. Michael De Trizio, a second generation Elk, and his partner acted swiftly to compassionately save the life of a man whose clothes were engulfed in flames last month. Thanks for all that you do to keep us safe each and every day.

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ELKS OF THE YEAR

On Sunday, March 15, the Hoboken Elks Lodge 74 Man & Woman of the Year were announced as **Jamie Matthews** and **Cristina Cushing**. The honor goes to Elks who have made outstanding contributions to the lodge in the past year.



Cristina Cushing joined the Hoboken Elks in May 2014 and was eager to make a contribution. Together with Jason Maurer and Stephanie Schreiber, she helped launch our lodge website www.hobokenelks.org which features online dues payment in December 2014. Over the next coming months, Cristina hopes to streamline communications for lodge events & activities as well as increase member engagement.

Jamie Matthews first became involved two years ago after another Elk discussed having a pig roast to benefit a child with cancer. Jamie had such a good time working with the Elks and helping other people, he signed right up. Since then, he has helped turn the pig roast into an annual event that benefits a different charity or person. Jamie enjoys being an Elk who stays many nights to help with cleanup after events and actively goes to meetings. He believes it takes all, not just a few, to make a great community. Next on Jamie's agenda is to bring back a kids haunted house to Hoboken this October and starting an annual Halloween party for adults.

SUPER 50/50

Support our lodge and enter for a chance to win up to \$10,000! On April 20th, we will begin selling \$20 tickets for our biggest 50/50 ever. The drawing will take place on September 14th, 2015 during our kickoff Monday Night Football fundraiser.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, but don't make it over to the lodge often, feel free to include an extra \$20 along with your dues payment and we will mail your raffle ticket back to you along with your membership card.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Stephanie Schreiber was honored as Officer of the Year on Sunday, March 15th. Stephanie stepped in as Lodge Secretary in September 2014, when Rick Gerbhy stepped down. Since then Stephanie has worked tirelessly as Secretary managing everything from lodge communications, reporting and coordination with the Membership Committee.



Stephanie grew up in Hoboken and has been an Elk for 14 years. She is not only a dedicated mom, but is one of our favorite Elk bartenders and works full-time for the Jersey City Fire Department. We are grateful for Stephanie's dedicated service and her sense of humor. Congratulations!

SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

The Scholarship Committee for Hoboken Elks Lodge #74 met on February 12, 2015 to decide upon awards for those who applied last December. In attendance were William Keller (Chairman), Mike Mastropasqua (Treasurer), Tom Settembre, Bart Reilly and Tom Foley (who recused himself from decision making). Agreements to the awards were unanimous. Five applicants were eligible for such, all of who received monies. The awards are as follows:

- \$1,500 Christine Foley (Hudson Catholic)
- \$1,500 Kristin Cunning (Hudson Catholic)
- \$1,000 Leanza Rodriguez (Hoboken High)
- \$1,000 Destini Gidden (Hoboken High)
- \$1,000 Eimee Mendez (Hoboken High)

DUES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual dues notices were sent out at the beginning of the month. Kindly mail a check to the Lodge in the amount of \$65 or make a secure online payment today at <http://www.hobokenelks.org/renew> by June 1st. Please consider making an optional donation of \$10 to the Elks charitable program of your choice. With this additional support, our lodge will be able to develop and sustain new programming to benefit our community.

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OPEN POSITIONS

The Lodge depends on its members to actively participate in order to function smoothly and achieve our many charitable goals. Please consider volunteering for one of these open positions. If interested, please email secretary@hobokenelks.com

- **Assistant Lodge Secretary**
- **Elks National Foundation Chairperson**
For more information, please visit:
<http://www.elks.org/ENF/>
- **Grants Committee Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson**
- **Historic Perservation Chairperson**
- **Inner Guard (Officer of the Lodge)**
- **Membership Committee Vice-Chairperson**
- **Monday Night Football Committee Chairperson**
- **Tiler (Officer of the Lodge)**

FRIEND THE ELKS

Are you friends with the Hoboken Elks on Facebook? Do you follow us on Twitter or Instagram? However you get your news, we are just an app away.

Facebook: Friends us at [facebook.com/hoboken.elks](https://www.facebook.com/hoboken.elks)

Twitter: Follow us @hobokenelks

Instagram: Follow us hobokenelks

Not a social media fan? Ensure your email and mailing address are correct by emailing secretary@hobokenelks.com.

HALL USAGE

Our lodge features a unique events space which is the perfect venue to host community events, fundraisers, family gatherings, weddings, holiday parties, and special events. A benefit of Membership is the ability to schedule events at the lodge.

For more information about availability, please send an email to events@hobokenelks.com or visit www.hobokenelks.org/hall-usage. Be sure to book at least three months ahead to ensure availability.

HOBOKEN HARRIERS

The Hoboken Harriers running club is hosting its 17th annual 5 mile race on Sunday, May 10th, and we are looking for volunteers! The race supports local charities and is a great opportunity to get involved with the community. Volunteers work in a variety of areas, like pre-race runner registration and bib pick-up, course monitors, water table support, kid's running festival, etc., and the time commitment is generally less than 2 hours in the morning. Please email ELLEN@HOHA.NET to learn more. If you have race questions, you can contact Ryan Mitchell, email at ryan@hoha.net.

ELKS ON PARADE

Hoboken Elks Lodge 74 participates in parades to celebrate our values in Charity, Fidelity, Justice and Brotherly Love. We also wear a uniform to show the community that the Elks are united, strong and proud. The proper parade uniform is blue blazer, grey slacks (or skirt), white shirt, flag tie, & black shoes.

Memorial Day Parade

In the spirit of Fidelity, we honor the dedication of our Veterans by marching in the Hoboken Memorial Day and hosting the community celebration at our lodge afterwards. Please join us in parade attire on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:15 in front of Hoboken City Hall.

Wildwood Parade

In the spirit of Brotherly Love, we march with all the New Jersey Elks Lodges at the statewide Elks Conference. If you happen to be down the shore on Saturday, June 6, please join us in parade uniform. Members who march are welcome to join us at the hospitality suite at Coliseum Ocean Resort. Email Gina O'Conner at wildwood@hobokenelks.com for questions.

Flag Day Parade

In the spirit of Americanism, please mark your calendar for the June 14th Flag Day Parade. More details to come.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Please come out and watch our 2014 Champions play in Stevens Park (Little League Field) on Hudson Street between 4th and 5th St.

A big thanks to this year's coaches: Jude Fitzgibbons, Jake Johnson, D'Agostino Malfetti and Joe Fienstien.

Date	Time	Visiting Team	Home Team
4/4/15	12:00pm	POLICE DEPT	ELKS
4/7/15	7:45pm	POLICE DEPT	ELKS
4/11/15	12:00pm	ELKS	MAS DEMOLITION
4/12/15	2:00pm	ELKS	FIRE DEPT
4/16/15	5:45pm	FIRE DEPT	ELKS
4/18/15	2:30pm	ELKS	YOUNG DEMS
4/22/15	7:15pm	ELKS	CASSESA'S
4/25/15	10:00am	R.FIORE REAL ESTATE	ELKS
4/28/15	5:45pm	ELKS	PICCOLO'S
5/1/15	5:30pm	MARIO'S PIZZA	ELKS
5/4/15	5:30pm	STAN'S	ELKS
5/8/15	5:30pm	ELKS	CHIRICHELLA BOYS
5/12/15	5:45pm	RUSSO'S	ELKS
5/16/15	10:00am	ELKS	POLICE DEPT
5/20/15	7:15pm	MAS DEMOLITION	ELKS
5/28/15	5:45pm	ELKS	YOUNG DEMS
5/30/15	12:00pm	CASSESA'S	ELKS

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2015

Thursday, April 16, 2015
Lodge Meeting – 7 p.m.

Monday, April 20, 2015
Super 50/50 Tickets On Sale!

Thursday, April 23, 2015
New Member Initiation – 7 p.m.
Please join us in welcoming our new class of candidates. After the initiation ceremony we will hosts a repast for members and guests.



Saturday, April 25, 2015
My Way Gala – 7 p.m.
Tickets \$150



MAY 2015

Sunday May 3, 2015
Hoboken Arts & Music Festival – 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The Elks will have a booth at the festival. If you wish to work a shift at our booth, please contact the Secretary.

Thursday, May 7, 2015
Lodge Meeting – 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 10, 2015
HOHA Classic 2015 (5k)
Registration at 8 a.m. at Pier A Park.

Sunday, May 17, 2015
Community Church of Hoboken Memorial Service – 6:30 p.m.
This interfaith service salutes our veterans and all the brave men & women stationed across the globe.

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Memorial Day Parade – 6:15 p.m.
Meet outside City Hall in parade uniform.

Thursday, May 21, 2015

- **Hudson County Memorial Service – 11 a.m.**
Holy Name Cemetary of Jersey City, 823 Westside Ave
- **Lodge Meeting – 7 p.m.**

Saturday, May 23rd, 2015
Yankees vs Texas Rangers – 1:05
The New Jersey Elks Association is organizing a Yankee Game Fundraiser for May 23rd. Tickets are \$35. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Activities Committee. If interested in attending, email President Peter Smith njsp2014@yahoo.com. **The RSVP deadline in May 5th.**



Friday, May 29, 2015
Caribbean Night – 7 p.m.
This Lodge Event for Members and their guests will feature delicious food and music from the wonderful Caribbean. Tickets are \$20 and purchased at the door.

A LOOK AHEAD

June 4-7, 2015 – State Convention in Wildwood NJ
Saturday, June 14, 2015 – Flag Day Parade
Monday, September 14, 2015 – Monday Night Football Kick-off & Super 50/50 Winner Announced
Saturday, September 26, 2015 – Pig Roast
Saturday, October 3, 2015 – Italian Gentleman of the Year

October 26-30, 2015 – Halloween Haunted House
Tuesday, November 11, 2015 – Veterans Remembrance Event
Saturday, December 12, 2015 – Special Needs Family Christmas Party
Sunday, December 13, 2015 – Breakfast with Santa



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SOCIAL CLIMBING BY WILLIAM "DUKE" EARLE

Rock climbing seems to be a new craze with the fitness set. I'm sure you have seen the off-belay crowd scrabbling about on TV or in magazines. Harnessed up and helmeted, gripping onto plastic insets, the climber ascends acrobatically up the rock wall. As a youngster growing up in the Mile Square, these climbing skills were introduced to me in varying degrees of difficulty; and all levels were performed without the benefit of a net. Generally, the first lesson was mastering the monkey bars in your local playground. If you couldn't make it to the top, hang upside down by your knees, and eventually jump off from the highest point, let's say that odds were you wouldn't be going much higher.

When playing Follow-the-Leader, we would always climb over or around something. A mailbox, high stoops and walls, even parked cars were common obstacles to encounter. That medieval fence in the Alley of the Yellow Flats was an imposing challenge. It was forged with an iron ball with spikes protruding outward in all directions. Legend has it that more than one lad was impaled through the neck and left to hang there bleeding until the ambulance arrived. All around the neighborhood, there were many opportunities to imitate Spider-Man.

Long before the three point shot became legal in basketball, a player like Kevin Toomey would occasionally chuck a half court shot with such force that the ball became firmly jammed between the rim and backboard. The solution was the reverse method of hanging the lightest guy by the ankles down the sewer to retrieve a Spaulding high bouncer. That lucky guy would be hoisted chicken-fight style upon the shoulders of another teammate or boosted up the metal posts to dislodge the ball.

Mother Nature, in all of her splendor, fashioned the rugged landscape of the Palisades behind Stevens or the hills bordering Jersey and Union Cities. These regions often sparked our adventurous spirit of exploration. On the other hand, the captains of industry provided the two billboards at the bus turn located at 15th and Lipton Tea. That superstructure had the added bonus of an expertly rigged shipyard rope available for the swinging dangling from the highest point. A few bony kids weren't going to stress a cord strong enough to secure a ship. There was a knot tied at the bottom as big as a watermelon to create a seating area. My cohorts and I scurried up the metal crossbars and waited as patiently as crows on a wire for our turn on that swooping ride down. We had spotters for this

daredevil exercise. An experienced climber, like Lopey Larsen, would present you with the rope and instruct you to hold on, don't jerk around, and try to glide smoothly. Down below, a few railroad or dockworkers would gather for a cold beer in the shade of an abandoned railroad car. They would add to the excitement with jeers or cheers. Dropping three storeys was a rush, egged on by but that element of fear in the mix. A safe landing was certainly considered a mission accomplished, and then bragged about for years.

There was also a more positive side to these activities. In a responsible service to others, we could re-attach the clothesline to that wooden pole in the yard. In survival mode, you could scale a barb-wired fence to avoid a beating from a bully or a ride in a squad car. We granted our parents the peace of mind that in a state of emergency we could safely make our way down the fire escape. There was even an educational advantage because that rope climb in gym class would be an easy A. However, unless you became a fireman, put on a hard hat to walk steel, or ran off to join the aerial act in the circus, you had to consider the possibility that you had reached your zenith in the world of social climbing.