

Fall Conference Business Session Agenda
Monmouth Ballroom
Saturday, November 15th, 2025

8:30 AM Meeting called to order by State President William W. Dow Jr., Kearny-Belleville Lodge #1050

Introductions

Kenneth B. Chapman, State President MD/DE/DC State Association, Broadneck Lodge #2608

Robert C. Ricker, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782

Thomas M. Zisa, Chief Justice of the Grand Forum, Hackensack Lodge #658

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, NJ State Elks Assn. State Sponsor, Lyndhurst Lodge #1505

Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Exalted Ruler, DeKalb, Illinois Lodge #765

Escorted by Nick Figaro, State Sgt. At Arms

8:36 AM

Invocation

Allison Fistori, State Chaplain

Presentation of Colors-Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782

Pledge of Allegiance-Ellen Quinlan, Americanism Chairperson

National Anthem-Diane Lovato, Nutley Lodge #1290

Retiring of Colors-Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782

8:42 AM

Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen

Peggy Berry, Grand Lodge Ritual, Howell Lodge #2515

Joyce Powell, Grand Lodge Public Relations, Hasbrouck Heights Lodge #1962

Meghan McPherson, Grand Lodge Auditing & Business Practices, Lyndhurst Lodge #1505

8:45 AM

Word of Welcome: Thomas Flannagan IV, Exalted Ruler Long Branch Lodge #742

8:46 AM

Roll Call of Officers-Sue Dupas, State Secretary

8:49 AM

Reading of the Minutes of Previous Session-Sue Dupas, State Secretary

8:50 AM

Secretary's Report-Sue Dupas, State Secretary

8:52 AM

Treasurer's Report-Kenneth Low, State Treasurer

8:54 AM

Trustee's Report-Arleen Hickman, Chairperson

8:56 AM

Preliminary Report on Credentials-Barbara Monti

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Reports of Committees

8:58 AM	Convention-Maureen Whalen
9:00 AM	TAM (Techniques of Alcohol Management)-Marc-Allyn Gloriande
9:02 AM	Training-Mark Dunnder
9:04 AM	Youth Activities-Anthony Perrone
	Antlers-Tom Boyce
	Batters Up-Mark Niro
	Hoop Shoot-Robert Sorenson
	Soccer Shoot-Michael Walsh
	Tee It Up-Mike Finney
	Youth Tournament-Don Tonachio
9:16 AM	Special Children-Elyse Russo-Donations
	Elks Camp Moore Board of Trustees-Vince Ditta
	Challenger Sports Program-Jessica Schoener
	Miracle Run-Frank Bingert
9:43 AM	Scholarship-Jennifer Appaluccio
9:45 AM	Safety-Ken Reynolds
9:47 AM	Ritual-Jack Fistori
9:49 AM	Public Relations-Paul J. Burke Jr.
9:51 AM	Publications-Richard Poole
9:53 AM	Parades-Dina Zacek
9:55 AM	NJ Run For The Fallen-Chris Russo
9:57 AM	Army of Hope-Alexandra "Sandy" Helly
9:59 AM	National Veteran Services-Ed Leib
10:01 AM	National Foundation-William Hartman
10:16 AM	Memorial-Michael Veth
10:18 AM	Membership & Member Retention-Chuck Crerand
10:22 AM	Lodge Development-Doug Freund
10:24 AM	Lodge Activities-Jayne McLaughlin
10:26 AM	Laws-Robert Binetti
10:28 AM	Internet Operations-Joe DeBonis
10:30 AM	Historical-Jeffery Bryant
10:32 AM	Government Relations-Ronald Subrizi
10:34 AM	Peer Leadership-MaryEllen Lawrence
10:36 AM	Walk Out On Drugs-MaryEllen Lawrence
10:38 AM	Drug Awareness-MaryEllen Lawrence
10:40 AM	CLMS-Connie Cantwell
10:42 AM	Auditing & Business Practices-Thomas Troutman

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10:44 AM	Americanism-Ellen Quinlan
10:46 AM	Credentials-Final Report-Barbara Monti
10:48 AM	Communications-Sue Dupas, State Secretary
10:50 AM	Unfinished Business-Sue Dupas, State Secretary
10:52 AM	New Business-Elections-Francis J. Decibus, PSDGER
10:54 AM	Good of the Association-Sue Dupas, State Secretary
11:00 AM	Remarks-Malcolm J. McPherson Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler Introduction of Bryan R. Klatt, Grand Exalted Ruler Remarks-Kenneth B. Chapman, State President MD/DE/DC Association Remarks-William W. Dow Jr., State President NJ State Elks Association
11:40 AM	Benediction-Allison Fistori, State Chaplain
11:42 AM	God Bless America-Diane Lovato, Nutley Lodge #1290
11:45 AM	Adjournment
12:00 PM	Lunch-Atlantic Ballroom
1:30 PM	Breakout Sessions-Exalted Rulers & Members-Oceanport Room Auditing & Business Practices-Engaging an accountant early-FRS-given by State Chairman Tom Troutman and Area 2 Auditing & Business Practices Meghan McPherson-Advisor to the Committee PGLC/PSP John Szczomak Training-Protocol-Know what you know- given by State Chairman Mark Dunnder-Advisors of the Committee CJGF/PSP Thomas M. Zisa & PSP Michael Penchenski III Membership & Retention-Innovative Approach-Given by State Chairman Chuck Crerand-Advisors of the Committee GLC/PSP Joyce Powell, GL Memebership & Public Relations Director Rick Gathen, PSP Joe Pedone
1:30 PM	District Deputies Meeting with Grand Exlated Ruler Bryan R. Klatt <i>PGER Malcolm's Room</i>
1:30 PM	State Trustees' Meeting-Promenade 7 & 8
4:00 PM	Toast & Flag Charge Contests-Monmouth Ballroom
7:30 PM	State Banquet-Atlantic Ballroom

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