

**New Jersey State Elks Association  
Fall Conference Business Session Agenda  
Monmouth Ballroom  
Saturday, November 12, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Meeting called to order by State President Victoria Watson, Millville Lodge #580

Introductions:

Marion Davidson Jr., State President MD/DE/DC State Association from:  
Westminster Lodge #2277

Richard Tabachuk, Area 2 Grand Trustee, Rutherford Lodge No. 547

Thomas M. Zisa, Associate Justice Grand Forum, Hackensack Lodge No. 658

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor, Lyndhurst  
Lodge No. 1505

Bruce Hidley, Grand Exalted Ruler, Watervliet-Colonie Lodge No. 1500

Escorted by Anthony Perrone State Sgt At Arms

8:36 a.m. Invocation – Elizabeth Bellanca, State Chaplain  
Presentation of Colors: Lake Hopatcong #782  
Pledge of Allegiance – Connie Cantwell, Americanism Chairperson  
National Anthem – Debra Czech  
Retiring of Colors: Lake Hopatcong #782

8:42 a.m. Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen  
8:45 a.m. Word of Welcome: Mary Rose Hicks, Exalted Ruler Long Branch Lodge No. 742  
8:46 a.m. Roll Call of Officers  
8:49 a.m. Reading of Minutes of Previous Session – Susan Dupas  
8:50 a.m. Secretary's Report – Susan Dupas  
8:52 a.m. Treasurer's Report – Kenneth Low  
8:54 a.m. Trustee's Report – Rich Poole  
8:56 a.m. Preliminary Report on Credentials – Barbara Monti

**Report of Committees**

8:58 a.m. Convention – Maureen Whalen  
9:00 a.m. Americanism – Connie Cantwell  
9:02 a.m. Auditing and Business Practices – Meghan McPherson  
9:04 a.m. CLMS – William Dow Jr  
9:06 a.m. Drug Awareness – Lisa Rovito  
9:08 a.m. Walk Out On Drugs – Lisa Rovito  
9:10 a.m. Peer Leadership – Lisa Rovito  
9:12 a.m. Government Relations – Bill Rose  
9:14 a.m. Historical – Thomas Gardner  
9:16 a.m. Internet Operations – Louis Lusquinos Jr  
9:18 a.m. Laws – Robert Binetti

9:20 a.m. Lodge Activities – Michael Travis  
 9:22 a.m. Lodge Development – Keith “Bear” O’Dwyer  
 9:24 a.m. Membership and Membership Retention – Joe Pedone  
 9:28 a.m. Memorial – Edward Hahn, IV  
 9:30 a.m. National Foundation – Melissa Colvin  
 9:45 a.m. National Veterans Service – Donald Tonachio  
 9:47 a.m. Army Of Hope – Robert Colwell  
 9:49 a.m. NJ Run For The Fallen – Chris Russo  
 9:51 a.m. Parades – Stephen Holler  
 9:53 a.m. Publications – PSP Joyce Powell  
 9:55 a.m. Public Relations – Mary Ann Applegate  
 9:57 a.m. Ritual – Don Anderson  
 9:59 a.m. Safety – Joe Miller  
 10:01 a.m. Scholarship – Jerry Krause  
 10:03 a.m. Special Children – Lisa Nazzaretto  
 ECM Board of Trustees – Doug Freund  
 Miracle on the Mountain – Christine Henderson Rose  
 Challenger Batters Up – Tina Zaggia  
 Miracle Run – Frank Bingert  
 10:30 a.m. Youth Activities – Joe Debonis  
 Antlers – Shean Opie  
 Batters Up – Kevin Pent  
 Hoop Shoot – Barbara Muller  
 Soccer Shoot – Allen Pindulic  
 Youth Tournament – Kimberly Kingsbury  
 10:42 a.m. Training – Michael Penschenski  
 10:44 a.m. TAM – Marc-Allyn Gloriande  
 10:46 a.m. Credentials – Final Report – Barbara Monti  
 10:48 a.m. Communications – Susan Dupas, State Secretary  
 10:50 a.m. Unfinished Business  
 10:52 a.m. New Business – Elections – Francis J. Decibus, PSDGER  
 10:54 a.m. Good Of The Association  
 11:00 a.m. Remarks – Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
 Introduction of GER Bruce Hidley by Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.  
 Remarks – Bruce Hidley, Grand Exalted Ruler  
 Remarks – Marion Davidson Jr. President MD/DE/DC Association  
 Remarks – Victoria Watson, State President  
 11:40 a.m. Benediction – Elizabeth Bellanca  
 11:42 a.m. God Bless America – Debra Czech  
 11:45 a.m. Adjournment  
  
 12:00 p.m. Lunch – Atlantic Ballroom  
  
 1:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions – Exalted Rulers and Members – Oceanport Room  
 Membership – Joe Pedone  
 Government Relations – Bill Rose  
 Protocol – Michael Penschenski  
 ENF – Melissa Colvin  
  
 1:30 p.m. District Deputies meeting with Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley – PGER  
 Malcolm J. McPherson’s room

- 1:30 p.m. State Trustees Meeting – Promenade #7&8
- 4:00 p.m. Toast & Flag Charge Contest – Monmouth Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m. State Banquet – Atlantic Ballroom