

**NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION**  
**Wildwood Reunion Business Session Agenda**  
**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

- 08:00 Meeting called to order by State President William W. Dow Jr.  
Introduction of:  
Robert C. Ricker, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782  
Thomas M. Zisa, Chief Justice Grand Forum, Hackensack Lodge #658  
Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor, Lyndhurst Lodge #1505  
Escorted by Nicholas Figaro, State Sergeant at Arms
- 08:05 Invocation by Allison Fistori, State Chaplain  
Presentation of Colors by Lacey Lodge #2518  
Pledge of Allegiance by Diane Sinclair Americanism Co-Chairperson Reg. 2  
National Anthem – Diane Lavato, Nutley Lodge #1290  
Retiring of Colors by Lacey Lodge #2518
- 08:15 Introduction of Grand Lodge Committee People  
Grand Lodge Lodge Ritual Committee Person, Peggy Berry, Asbury Park-Wall #128.  
Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee Person, Joyce Powell, Hasbrouck Heights #1962.  
Grand Lodge Auditing and Business Practices Committee Person, Meghan McPherson, Lyndhurst #1505.  
Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Director, Richard F. Gathen, Lake Hopatcong Lodge #782
- 08:18 Introduction of Deborah Sweeney, Exalted Ruler, Greater Wildwood Lodge #1896  
Word of Welcome – Deborah Sweeney  
Toni D. Fuscellaro, Commissioner of Wildwood Crest  
Louis Belasco, Executive Director, Wildwood Convention Center  
Vincent Solomeno, NJ Commissioner of Veterans Affairs  
Scott Rainey, Washington State Elks Association State President from Bremerton Lodge #1181

08:25 Roll Call of Officers  
08:30 Reading of Minutes from previous session  
08:32 State Secretary's Report – Sue Dupas  
08:35 State Treasurer's Report – Ken Low  
08:38 State Trustees Report – Arleen Hickman  
08:40 Preliminary Report on Credentials – Barbara Monti

#### Committee Reports

08:42 Parades – Dina Zacek  
08:44 Convention – Maureen Whalen  
08:46 Americanism – Diane Sinclair  
08:48 Auditing and Business – Tom Troutman  
08:50 CLMS – Connie Cantwell  
08:52 Drug Awareness, Path/Peer Leadership, Walkout on Drugs – Mary Ellen Lawrence  
08:56 Government Relations – Ron Subrizi  
08:58 Historical – Jeffery Bryant  
09:00 Internet – Joe DeBonis  
09:02 Laws – PSP Robert Binetti  
09:04 Lodge Activities – Jayne McLaughlin  
09:06 Lodge Development – Doug Freund  
09:08 Membership/Retention – Chuck Crerand  
09:10 Memorial – Michael Veth  
09:12 ENF – William Hartman  
    Reading of Donations – Melanie Pasquarelli  
09:18 National Veteran's Services – Ed Lieb  
09:20 Army of Hope – Mallory McPherson  
09:22 NJ Run for the Fallen – Chris Russo  
09:24 Publications – Richard Poole  
09:26 Public Relations – Paul J. Burke Jr.  
09:28 Ritual – Jack Fistori  
09:30 Safety – Ken Reynolds  
09:32 Scholarship – Jennifer Appaluccio  
09:34 Special Children – Elyse Russo  
    Camp Moore Trustee – Vince Ditta  
    MOM – Mike Dickie  
    Miracle Run – Frank Bingert

Reading of Donations – Melanie Pasquarelli

09:48 Youth Activities – Anthony Perrone

09:54 Antlers – Tom Boyce

09:56 Hoop Shoot – Robert Sorenson

09:58 Soccer Shoot – Michael Walsh

10:00 Youth Tournament – Hank Bedlivi

10:02 Training – Mark Dunnder

10:04 TAM – Marc-Allyn Gloriande

10:06 Final Report Credentials – Barbara Monti

10:08 Communications – Sue Dupas

10:13 Unfinished Business

10:15 New Business

Presentations

10:30 Drug Awareness – Mary Ellen Lawrence

10:25 Veterans – Ed Lieb

10:30 Southeast District Leading Knight Project-GLC Peggy Berry

10:32 Youth – Anthony Perrone

10:34 Americanism – Diane Sinclair

10:41 ENF – William Hartman

10:51 Lodge Activities – Jayne Mc Laughlin

11:01 Special Children – Elyse Russo

11:11 Southeast District John Sentner Memorial Plunge-GLC Peggy Berry

11:16 Membership – Chuck Crerand

11:21 Ritual – Jack Fistori

11:26 Receipts of the Session/Resolution – Sue Dupas

11:31 Remarks Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor,  
Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.

11:46 Remarks State President William W. Dow Jr.

11:56 Benediction – Allison Fistori, State Chaplain

11:58 God Bless America – Diane Lavato, Nutley Lodge #1290

12:00 Adjournment

2:30 Reconvene for Installation of Officers