

ROCHESTER ELKS LODGE NO. 1393



June 2012 Newsletter

Regular meeting of Rochester Lodge #1393 B P O Elks will be held in the Lodge Room

2nd & 4th WEDNESDAY EVENING @ 7:00 PM – June 13th and 27th, 2012

LOUNGE OPERATING HOURS

Monday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday – Thursday: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM – Midnight
Saturday: 8:00 AM – Midnight
Sunday: 8:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Holidays: 10:00AM – Regular Closing
Thanksgiving: 8:00 AM – Noon
Christmas Eve: 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Christmas Day: CLOSED
New Years Day: 8:00 AM – Regular Closing

LODGE PHONE NO. (603) 332-9700

HOME MANAGER, Julie SylvainExt. 1
LODGE SECRETARY, Norm GervaisExt. 2
LOUNGE – BARTENDERSExt. 3

LODGE OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER – DAVID KELLER, PER
LEADING KNIGHT – RICHARD CLICHÉ, PER
LOYAL KNIGHT – LEVI MYSHRALL
LECTURING KNIGHT – KEVIN HOWARD
SECRETARY – NORMAN GERVAIS, PER
TREASURER – GERARD GRAVEL, PER
TILER – JEANNE BERNARD, PER
ESQUIRE – PAUL BUTLER, PER
CHAPLAIN – LEO MCCLUSKEY, PER
INNER GUARD – SCOTT WELCH
ORGANIST – JOHN COX

TRUSTEES

Meetings – 2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 PM
ROBERT BENOIT
CLAYTON HARRINGTON
THOMAS DUCHARME, PER
WILLIAM WHITTEN
ROBERT STEELE, PER

HOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Meetings – 3rd Wednesday @ 6:30 PM

RICHARD CLICHE, PER, (CHAIRMAN)

JEANNE BERNARD, PER
JAMES CLARK
TIMOTHY COOK
JOHN COX
CLAYTON HARRINGTON
MICHAEL HARRINGTON
KEVIN HOWARD
LEO MCCLUSKEY, PER
LEVI MYSHRALL
LEON SANFACON
GERALD SKIDDS JR.
WILLIAM WHITTEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DAVID KELLER, PER
RICHARD CLICHÉ, PER
LEVI MYSHRALL

TOM DUCHARME, PER (BOARD CHAIRMAN)
ROBERT BENOIT
KEVIN HOWARD

CLAYTON HARRINGTON
WILLIAM WHITTEN
ROBERT STEELE, PER

YOUR 2012-2013 DUES WERE DUE APRIL 1, 2012 – REG. MEMBER \$76.25 – LIFE MEMBER \$36.25

Funds received in excess of these amounts will be deposited in the Lodge Charity Fund, unless otherwise requested.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR NEWSLETTER SENT TO YOU BY E-MAIL?

How would you like to receive your newsletter before it is even sent to the post office for mailing, and also save the Lodge some money? As you know, newsletters are mailed to you via bulk mailing. Delivery sometimes takes as long as 2 to 3 weeks, depending where you live. We now have the capability to send the monthly newsletter by e-mail. **If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail requesting it to the Lodge Secretary at sec1393@metrocast.net** . It is also available on our website at <http://www.elks.org/ldoges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1393>



LODGE OF SORROW

Cheryl L. Collins – Cheryl was born on Oct 8, 1955, she was initiated on June 10, 2001, and she died on May 15, 2012. Cheryl was selected as Officer of the Year for 2002-2003 and was Exalted Ruler in 2004-2005

KARAOKE NIGHT

Don't forget, we have Karaoke on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 7:30 to 11:30 PM. Come on in and join the fun.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

Don't forget to get your Queen of Hearts tickets. Drawings are held every Thursday night at 7:00 PM. Tickets are available from the bartender. For more information, see Al Amore.

120 CLUB

If you haven't done so already, don't forget to pick up and pay for your 120 Club tickets, they're available behind the bar. If you do not belong to the 120 Club, and would like to, you're in luck – tickets are available. Simply put your name, membership number and telephone number on a piece of paper, state that you would like to join the 120 club, and drop it in the dues box. You will be contacted.

NEW TRUSTEES ELECTED AT MAY 23RD LODGE MEETING

Congratulations to Robert Benoit and William Whitten who were elected as Trustee for one year, and Trustee for four years, respectively.

INDOCTRINATION AND INITIATION

The following candidates will be investigated and then balloted at the June 13th Lodge meeting. They will be Indoctrinated on Thursday June 21st at 7:00 PM and Initiated on Sunday June 24th at 3:00 PM.

CANDIDATE	OCCUPATION	PROPOSED BY
William J. Brennan	Business System Analyst	Roger Sargent
David J. Caplette		Donald R. Perkins
Edward D. Darnall	Pipe Fitter	Norma Knight
Michael A. Horwitz		Gerald McCarthy
Thomas J. Jean (<i>already balloted</i>)	Director of Oncology	Robert D. Steele
Joseph P. Kelley	Transportation Manager	Alfred J. Amore
Claire T. Lemay		Claire Lefebvre
Norman J. Martel	Retired	Thomas J. Flyntz
James W. Phillips Jr.	Retired Air Force	Alfred J. Amore
Eric P. Plante	Shipfitter – Tank Tester	Al Plante
Ryan J. Smead	Sales	Bill Powers
Zachariah T. Thone	Sales	Joel Thone
William E. Washok Sr.	Pump Station Maintenance	Gertrude Jacobs

FLAG DAY SERVICE

Thursday June 14, 2012

Our Annual Flag Day Ceremony will be held at the Spaulding High School Auditorium on Thursday June 14th at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker this year will be a Naval Officer from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Also participating will be members of the Rochester Emblem Club, local Boy Scout Troops, Junior ROTC, AMVETS Post 1, and members of the Rochester Veterans Council. AMVETS Post 1 will be presenting awards to winners of their Americanism Program. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony. We encourage members and guests to attend this beautiful and patriotic ceremony.

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday June 17, 2012

Breakfast will be served by members of the Rochester Emblem Club from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Eggs to order – Home Fries, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Toast, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Tea, OJ or Milk. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids under 10. Don't forget... Fathers eat free.

TRI-LODGE EVENT

Saturday July 14, 2012

This year's Tri-Lodge Event will be held on Saturday July 14, 2012 here at the Rochester Elks Lodge. If you want to spend a day of fun-filled events and friendly competition between Elk members from Rochester, Dover and Portsmouth, plan on attending this enjoyable event. Games will include Water Balloon Basketball, Redneck Horseshoes, Polish Horseshoes, Pool, and Wii Winter Games. Start time is 10:00 AM and there is no charge for this event. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, potato salad, assorted snacks and desserts. For more information, contact Exalted Ruler Dave Keller.

PROFESSIONAL CATERING SERVICES

Are you planning a Wedding, Function or Business Seminar? If you want quality and excellence, come to the professionals at the Rochester Elks. Come and see our tastefully decorated Function Hall. You will enjoy Hors D'oeuvres, Salads, Entrees and Desserts fit for a King. Let us make your Celebration a Memorable One. Contact Julie Sylvain at 332-9700 (ext 1) for more details.

JOHN BERRIO'S – "DEAD AT 17" POEM

In recent articles published in the Rochester Times and the Foster's Daily Democrat, John Berrio was recognized for the touching poem he wrote in the mid 1960s following a tragic car accident, which caused the death of one of his son's high school friends. John Berrio was a Member of the Elks in Massachusetts at the time, and was also a Past Exalted Ruler of that Lodge. John and his wife Edna later moved to Rochester and he transferred his Elks membership to the Rochester Elks Lodge. John was an active member of our Lodge and also served as the President of the Friends of the Rochester Public Library, an institution which he revived in the 1990s. John passed away on Oct. 4, 1997, but his wrenching poem, inspired by a real tragedy in the mid-1960, lives on, still serving the purpose intended by the author – saving lives by impressing upon teenagers the very real dangers of reckless driving. John is now remembered across the nation for his inspiring poem. With the coming of spring, and high school graduations just around the corner, what better time would there be than now to let your teenage kids read this moving poem. It could very well save a life!

"Dead at 17" - By JOHN BERRIO

Agony claws my mind. I am a statistic. When I first got here, I felt very much alone. I was overwhelmed by grief, and I expect to find sympathy.

I found no sympathy. I saw only thousands of others whose bodies were as badly damaged as mine. I was given a number and placed in a category. The category was called "Traffic Fatalities."

The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheeled the car out of Mom. "Special favor," I pleaded. "All the kids drive."

When the 2:50 p.m. bell rang, I threw my books in the locker . . . free until tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss.

It doesn't matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off – going too fast, taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a crash and felt a terrific jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly, I awakened. It was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn't feel anything. Hey, don't pull that sheet over my head. I can't be dead. I'm only 17. I've got a date tonight. I'm supposed to have a wonderful life ahead of me. I haven't lived yet. I can't be dead.

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks came to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom's eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad had suddenly looked very old. He told the man in charge, "Yes, he's our son."

The funeral was weird. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They looked at me with the saddest eyes I've ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. Several girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked by.

Please somebody – wake me up! Get me out of here. I can't bear to see Mom and Dad in such pain. My grandparents are so weak from grief they can barely walk. My brother and sister are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze. Everybody. No one can believe this. I can't believe it, either.

Please, don't bury me! I'm not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don't put me in the ground! I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I'll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance. ***Please God, I'm only 17.***

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday June 14 – Flag Day Service
Sunday June 17 – Fathers Day Breakfast
Thursday June 21 – Indoctrination of New Members
Sunday June 24 – Initiation of New Members

July 1st to 5th – Elks National Convention – Austin, Texas
Saturday July 14 – Tri-Lodge Event at Rochester
Sunday August 12 – Elks Clam Bake
August 5th to 11th – Copper Cannon Camp

Sincerely and fraternally,
David Keller, PER, Exalted Ruler
Norman R. Gervais, PER, Secretary