



# Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ APRIL, 2013

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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

TRACY DELANEY

It is hard to believe that another Elks year is over. We should be proud of all we have accomplished over the past year. Personally, my term as Exalted Ruler was a very rewarding experience for me and it has been an honor to have been given the chance to serve our Lodge. As I look back on the past year, I am thankful for all the opportunities being ER has afforded me, the new friends I have made and most of all, my experiences working with such a wonderful group of officers, trustees and chair people. Our Lodge is very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of individuals who work hard on behalf of our membership and they all deserve a huge Thank You and a pat on the back. I look forward to serving as a Trustee and wish all the new officers the best for the coming term. Congratulations to John McCune on his election as our new Exalted Ruler and to Gina Godbout on her election as incoming Lecturing Knight. Welcome aboard Gina!

PER Night was a wonderful evening. Karen

Hunter did a great job of putting together a suite of Past Exalted Rulers to initiate our new candidates. Linda Arsenault also worked hard to line up entertainment which kept us on our feet dancing after the dinner. Congratulations to all our members who received their pins. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Gary and Donna Wennberg for receiving Elk and Citizen of the Year awards. Gary and Donna have made outstanding contributions to our Lodge and have helped us exceed our goals with many of our programs. Thank you both. Donny Hunter was presented with the Officer of the Year award for his tireless effort with fundraising and for the hard work of taking care of our pool. Linda Arsenault and Ann Marie King were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for all their volunteer efforts and chairing committees. I wish I could have presented awards to everyone.

A huge "Thank You" goes to Dave Thi-beault for all of his efforts with the Lucky 7's.

Dave tracks the tickets, reports to the state, sets up the barrels and reconciles all the deals. He is the person who is responsible for keeping us all rolling in tickets. The proceeds help fund a great deal of our charitable work. Thank you Dave!

It was very nice to see some new faces in the mix of volunteers during the past year. As in every organization, it falls to the same few individuals to give a helping hand for all of our programs. Please, get involved and let's spread the workload around. This is a great organization and the success of our programs depends on involvement from all of our membership. In closing, I wanted to thank each and every one of you for your support over the last year. All of our accomplishments were a group effort and I appreciate all of your hard work. It was an honor to have served as your Exalted Ruler. As always remember, "Elks Care, Elks Share".

Fraternally, Tracy Delaney  
*Exalted Ruler*

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

### LODGE OF SORROW

JOHN CALLAHAN

DOI: 02/28/43 DOB: 04/06/1914 DOD: 02/24/13

BRADLEY RICHARDS

DOI: 02/26/00 DOB: 12/31/42 DOD: 02/25/13

### PORTSMOUTH ELKS #97 CHARITABLE DONATIONS

APRIL 1, 2012 – MARCH 11, 2013

Avon Breast Cancer	\$631.00
Brigantine Lodge	\$560.00
Chief Michael Maloney	\$150.00
Christmas Baskets	\$2,677.00
Copper Cannon	\$700.00
Dictionary Program	\$512.00
Dover Children's Home	\$1,000.00
Elks National Foundation	\$8,587.00
End 68 Hours of Hunger: Ports.	\$120.00
Friends Project	\$515.00
Make-A-Wish	\$125.00
MDA	\$68.00
Merill Family	\$500.00

NH Association for the Blind	\$634.00
NH Cub Scouts Pack 164	\$100.00
NH State Charity Dance	\$100.00
NH Theatre Project	\$500.00
PER Association	\$968.00
Portsmouth Little League	\$600.00
The Chase Home	\$785.00
The Salvation Army	\$1,100.00
Seacoast Food Pantry	\$4,091.00
Special Olympics	\$100.00
Turkey Raffle/Dinner	\$2,960.00
Veterans	\$1,978.00
USS Thresher Memorial	\$500.00
Youth Scholarships	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,061.00</b>

### NEW LODGE ACCESS CARD

You will notice after you pay your dues when you receive your new card from me that there is a new access card to get into the lodge. We have done away with the paper access card system and it is now a credit card system and it is now a credit card system, You will use this card year after

year. (you will still receive your paper membership card). The new card will not work until April 1st. Please continue to use the old card until then. Fees: Lost Access Card: \$5.00, Spouse Pool Access Card: \$5.00

### TUESDAY MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend the Tuesday meetings (2nd & 4th Tuesdays: 6:30pm). We'd like to see more members attend. Come down and bring your thoughts and concerns. Please note: during the meetings the bar will be closed.

### NOTE

In accordance with State Liquor Laws, all non-members MUST be signed in by a member. A Member can sign in up to four guests. Delinquent or unaffiliated (dropped) Elks CANNOT be signed in as a guest. If delinquent, they must pay their dues, if unaffiliated they must be reinstated.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Exalted Ruler	John McCune, Jr.
Leading Knight	Colin McGee
Loyal Knight	Anne-Marie King
Lecturing Knight	Gina Godbout
Esquire	Dan King PER, PSP, PDD, HLM
Chaplain	Larry Hart PER, PDDGER, PSP
Inner Guard	Linda Arsenault
Tiler	Rocky Coulp
Secretary	Renee McCune
Treasurer	Robert Fiandaca HLM
Lodge Manager and Caterer	John Mikol
5 YR Trustee	Tracy Delaney PER
4 YR Trustee	Karen Hunter PER
3 YR Trustee	Dave Thibeault PER
2 YR Trustee	Don Hunter
1 YR Trustee	Brigid Arcand PER

## COMMITTEES & CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention	Patrick Mullaly
Americanism	Renee McCune
Auditing	Carl Bletzer
Bylaws Committee	Anne-Marie King
Christmas Baskets	Dave Thibeault PER
Community Activities	Dave Thibeault PER
Drug Awareness	Renee McCune
Entertainment	Linda Arsenault
Lodge Activities	Don Hunter
Flag Day	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
Government Relations	Ray Mullaly PER, PDD, HLM
Hoop Shoot	Stan Maddock PER
Indoctrination	Dan King PER, PSP, PDD, HLM
Investigations	Renee McCune
Kids Christmas Party	Tracy Delaney PER
Lapsation	Renee McCune
Lucky Sevens	Dave Thibeault
Mediator	Carl Bletzer
Membership	John McCune, Jr.
Memorial Sunday	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
ENF	Laura Coakley
Newsletter	Scarlett McCrae
	Renee McCune
Parliamentarian	Ray Mullaly PER, PDD, HLM
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
Relief	Chair Officers
Scholarship	Colin McGee
Soccer Shoot	Colin McGee
Turkey Raffle	Dave Thibeault
Veterans	Marga Coulp
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



## WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM



### INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

Installation of the 2013-2014 Officers took place on Thursday, March 28th. Please join me in wishing them a successful year!

<b>Exalted Ruler:</b>	<b>John McCune</b>
<b>Leading Knight:</b>	<b>Colin McGee</b>
<b>Loyal Knight:</b>	<b>Anne Marie King</b>
<b>Lecturing Knight:</b>	<b>Gina Godbout</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Renee McCune</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Robert Fiandaca</b>
<b>Esquire:</b>	<b>Dan King</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>Larry Hart</b>
<b>Inner Guard:</b>	<b>Linda Arsenault</b>
<b>Tiler:</b>	<b>Rocky Coulp</b>
<b>5TH Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Tracy Delaney</b>
<b>4TH Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Karen Hunter</b>
<b>3RD Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Dave Thibeault</b>
<b>2ND Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Don Hunter</b>
<b>1ST Year Trustee:</b>	<b>Brigid Arcand</b>

### MARCH MEAT & LOBSTER RAFFLE



On Sunday, March 10th the Portsmouth Lodge of Elks #97 held their monthly Meat and Lobster

Raffle and raised \$785.00 for The Chase Home. We had about 60 members there and everyone had a great day!

### PORTSMOUTH LODGE 97 CLIPPER SHIP LOGO

TRACY DELANEY



I will be taking orders for Lodge apparel during the month of April. There is a selection of hats, wind jackets, hooded jackets, sweatshirts, polo's and t-shirts available to choose from. See the Lodge Bulletin board for photos, pricing, sizing and colors. All orders must be paid for in advance. There will be no exceptions. See only Tracy Delaney to place your order.

### 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE IN APRIL DON HUNTER & TRACY DELANEY

Beginning in April, we will be having a 50/50 raffle and all proceeds will go towards purchasing new pool-side furniture. The drawing will take place on the Deck Opening Day (date TBD). Tickets are \$10 and prizes include \$900, \$500, \$200, \$100 and \$50. Only 350 tickets will be sold. Please see Don Hunter or Tracy Delaney for tickets.

### CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

We had ten participants at the Feb. Cribbage tournament. Billy Loomis and Jeff Cote, winners of both flights, played a best out of three matches for the winning pot with Jeff Cote walking away as the champ. All agreed that the two low scorers would play one match to win back their entry fee. Dan King and Ernie LeBlac fought a tough battle to earn the 'Winner of the Losers' title. Dan King now owns that title until we meet again in April. Congratulations Jeff and Dan.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### INVESTIGATION/INDOCTRINATION THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 6PM

On Thursday, April 4, there will be an investigation for new candidates. An invitation letter will be sent to those who need to be present.

### 2013-2014 CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 6PM JOHN MCCUNE

We will be holding a chairperson committee meeting at 6pm on Thursday, April 11th. If you are chairperson of a committee you need to attend this

meeting. If you are a chairperson and wish to no longer be involved, please let us know.

### MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH @ 2PM DON HUNTER

On April 14th the Meat & Lobster Raffle will benefit the Mended Hearts program. Mended Hearts is dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families. Recognized for its role in facilitating a positive patient-care experience, their services include visiting programs, support group meetings and educational forums. The cost is \$1.00 per hand with one \$5.00 50/50 game.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please come down and show your support for this worthy nonprofit.

### **TWO V.A. BINGO EVENTS** **MONDAY, APRIL 15 & APRIL 29: 5:15PM** **MARGA COULP**

The Lodge goes to the VA Hospital in Manchester four times a year to hold a bingo for patients. This is a very rewarding experience for those who volunteer to attend. The patients truly appreciate what we do for them and thoroughly enjoy bingo games. So, if you are looking for a rewarding volunteer experience, please plan on being at the Lodge by 5:15pm on the 15th and/or the 29th to car pool.

### **KARAOKE WITH DARLENE** **FRIDAY APRIL 19TH @ 7PM** **LINDA ARSENAULT**

After enjoying one of John and his teams fabulous Friday night dinners, stay and enjoy some Karaoke with Darlene

### **INITIATION** **TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD @ 6PM**

On Tues. April 23 we will be having an initiation for all new candidates that have gone through the investigation process. All candidates need to be at the lodge by 5:15pm. New Members: At this time we will ask for the following: Remaining application fee, Pro-Rated Dues, any contribution you would like to contribute to the Elks National Foundation

### **LODGE SPRING CLEAN-UP** **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 9AM** **JOHN McCUNE**

We will be having our annual Spring clean up and we are looking for volunteers to come down and help. We'll start at 9am and will take care of the front parking lot area along with some clean up in our basement. Please bring down any rakes and shovels you may have. We will be having our friends from The Chase Home also coming down to help out.

### **AMERICANS DANCE FOR THE SOLDIERS** **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 7-11PM** **MARGA COULP**

Marga Coulp and her team have organized a Silent Auction on Sat., April 27 in the Function Hall. She will have the band "Even Steven" and all proceeds are going to Pease Greeters to greet & send off. The cost is \$10.00/pp and 1 scratch ticket.

## MAY

### **KENTUCKY DERBY** **MAY 4TH @ 2PM, ANNE MARIE KING**

Our annual Kentucky Derby will be held in the Grille Room on May 4th at 2:00pm. The proceeds will go into our Veterans fund. This year we will be

having a Hat Contest, so be creative. We will need some help getting this event off, so if you are interested please email us at [rasinrye@comcast.net](mailto:rasinrye@comcast.net). Come on down and join in the fun.

### **NH STATE CONVENTION** **MAY 17, 18 AND 19TH** **JOHN McCUNE**

The NH State Elks Convention will be held at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel on May 17 — 19. We had such a great turnout last year that we have upgraded our hospitality suite to accommodate all our members. If you plan to attend, you must make your reservation through the Elks. Registration forms are hanging on the Grille Room bulletin board. Once at the convention, each member is required to register with the State in order to get credentials, These credentials must be worn in order to visit any of the hospitality suites, including the Portsmouth Suite. This year, the membership has decided that the Lodge will provide the registration fees for members attending the convention. This money will be raised during the coming weeks through 50/50 raffles. A registration fee sign up will be posted on the bulletin board. Please list the names of all members in your party attending along with number of nights.

## SAVE THE DATE

### **MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH** **SUNDAY, MAY 12TH** **VETERANS HOSPITAL BINGO'S** **JULY 29TH, SEPTEMBER 30TH,** **OCTOBER 21ST, DECEMBER 30TH**

### **TRI-LODGE GAMES** **AUGUST 3RD @ PORTSMOUTH ELKS**

Note: We will be accepting non-perishable food items to donate to the Seacoast food pantry

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SAVE THESE DATES!

- April 4 Investigation 6PM
- April 5 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- April 9 B.O.D. Meeting 5:30PM; Regular Meeting 6:30PM
- April 11 Committee Meeting 6:00PM
- April 12 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- April 14 Meat & Lobster Raffle 2PM
- April 15 Va Hospital Bingo 5:15PM
- April 19 Friday Dinner 5-7PM Karaoke 7PM
- April 23 Initiation/Reg. Meeting 6PM
- April 26 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- April 27 Spring Clean-Up 9AM; Americans Dance For The Soldiers 7-11PM
- April 29 VA Hospital Bingo 5:15PM

## LODGE INFORMATION

### ELKS EMAIL ADDRESS



If you want to send an email to the Elks the address is: [elks97@comcast.net](mailto:elks97@comcast.net)  
Please email information, address updates, newsletter submissions, etc., to that address.

### E-NEWSLETTER INFO

The newsletter is now posted on the [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) website on or about the first of the month under the Lodge #97 News or:

<http://www.elks.org/lodges/lodgenews.cfm?lodgenumber=97>

Please help the lodge save on printing & mailing costs, and see it sooner and in color. To be added to the email list send an email with ELKS in the subject field & include: your full name, address and email address to [elks97@comcast.net](mailto:elks97@comcast.net). You'll receive an email notification when the newsletter is posted.

### LODGE MEETINGS

**REGULAR MEETINGS**  
**Second & Fourth Tuesdays 6:30 PM**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**Second Tuesday 5:30 PM**  
**GOVERNING BODY**  
**Fourth Tuesday 6 PM**

### GRILLROOM INFO

**GRILLROOM PHONE: 603-436-9606**  
**JOHN MIKOL 603-431-2510**

**Monday — Thursday: 12:00-10 PM**  
**Friday & Saturday: 12:00-12:00 AM**  
**Sunday: 12:00-10:00 PM**



### FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

Every Friday night John provides dinners at a great cost of just \$7.50. There are two choices every week and they are posted at the Lodge on Wednesdays. Dinners are from 5-7pm.





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<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>B.O.D. MEETING</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> <b>REGULAR MEET.</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>COMMITTEE</b> <b>MEETING</b> <b>6:00PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b> <b>DINNER</b> <b>5-7 PM</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>MEAT &amp;</b> <b>LOBSTER</b> <b>RAFFLE 2PM</b>	<b>15</b> <b>VA HOSPITAL</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>5:15PM</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b> <b>DINNER 5-7 PM</b> <b>KARAOKE 7PM</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>INITIATION &amp;</b> <b>REGULAR MEET.</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b> <b>DINNER</b> <b>5-7 PM</b>	<b>27</b> <b>SPRING</b> <b>CLEAN-UP 9AM</b> <b>DANCE FOR THE</b> <b>SOLDIERS 7PM</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>VA HOSPITAL</b> <b>BINGO</b> <b>5:15PM</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>MAY 2</b>	<b>MAY 3</b> <b>FRIDAY NIGHT</b> <b>DINNER</b> <b>5-7 PM</b>	<b>MAY 4</b> <b>KENTUCKY</b> <b>DERBY</b> <b>2PM</b>