

Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ APRIL, 2014

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

COLIN MCGEE

Wow, it's amazing how quickly time flies. It doesn't seem like that long ago when I was installed as the Lecturing Knight. Over the past three years I've experienced the ever-increasing responsibility each Officer's Chair presents! I thank you all for the confidence you've shown in me by making me your Exalted Ruler. I promise to do my best to fill the shoes of our PER's. We are extremely fortunate to have had such a history of capable, tireless and dedicated leaders over the years. I know we will continue to thrive with so many of them still active at the Lodge and with our very capable suite of Officers and Trustees joining me this year!

This looks to be another great year at Lodge #97 with a full schedule of events lined up as well as many opportunities to assist with our charitable endeavors. Personally I look for-

ward to all of the upcoming events but hold a few of them special. I always enjoy the Kentucky Derby party, Mother's Day Brunch, John's Clambake and of course the Turkey Raffle Dinner. If you haven't experienced some of our traditional events, you should make it a point to attend a new one or two this year. You too will develop your own favorites.

On the charitable front I look forward to helping host Bingo at the VA in Manchester, assisting with the Kid's Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot, participating in Meat & Lobster Raffles and delivering Christmas baskets. These are just a few of the many charitable and community events we will participate in. We can be very proud of our charitable works!

Special outings and events I have enjoyed include Mohegan Sun trips, Comedy ights, Tri Lodge Games, Golf "Tournaments" and Friday

night dinners, of course. I find it easy to make new friends at our Lodge. Participating in these events help us meet new people, make new friendships and re-connect with old friends and acquaintances as well.

I hope that you are able to take advantage of what our fantastic Lodge and brotherhood have to offer. Be sure to check your calendar each month for upcoming events. The newsletter also has a long list of Committees that you can become involved with. Visit another Lodge. Introduce friends and family to our Lodge! Attend the State Convention or one of the many other events the State offers.

I look forward to seeing you all this year. Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally,
Colin McGee,
Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

PORTSMOUTH ELKS CHARITIES

APRIL 1, 2013 — MARCH 11, 2014

Copper Cannon	\$1,000.00
Elks Disaster Relief	\$100.00
Elks National Foundation	\$8,004.62
Elks Scholarships	\$6,000.00
Mass Elks Assn. (soccer shoot)	\$100.00
MDA	\$158.00
Mended Hearts	\$5,219.00
NH Breast Cancer	\$100.00
New Franklin School (hall discount)	\$200.00
NH Association for the Blind	\$553.71
One Fund Boston	\$445.00
One Mission: Deb Nadeau	\$100.00
Pease Greeters	\$1,514.00
Pool Renovations	\$700.00
Portsmouth Babe Ruth	\$500.00
Portsmouth Little League	\$600.00
Portsmouth Recreation Dept.	\$375.00
Project Safety Association	\$100.00
Rockingham Meals on Wheels	\$100.00
Salvation Army	\$250.00
Seacoast Family Promise	\$100.00

Seacoast Food Pantry	\$2,175.00
Special Olympics	\$100.00
The Chase Home	\$1,000.00
The Liberty Home	\$1,878.38
Tony Rahn Scholarship	\$500.00
Veterans	\$6,663.00
Youth Scholarships	\$6,000.00
TOTAL	\$44,535.71

DUES PAYMENTS

Going forward, when submitting your annual dues and ENF donations you need to break the payments out, one check for dues and one for ENF. Thank You!

GUEST REGISTER

The Guest Register is located at the front door; please make sure you sign in your guests and spouses.

NOTE: If you are a guest and a local resident, you are allowed three (3) visits before applying and being elected to membership. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.

WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?

LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lodge will again be giving away \$6,000 in scholarships to extremely deserving local High School seniors. The posted deadline at Portsmouth High School is April 1 for applications to be submitted to the guidance department, but the Committee will also accept applications until April 15. This means that any local applicants that don't submit their applications through the PHS guidance department can still deliver the applications to the Lodge by April 15. The scholarships are open to students from all local high schools and parents do not have to be Elks for the student to qualify for these awards. If you know of a great local candidate please remind them of these deadlines!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

It was another successful St. Patty's Day Dinner. Many turned out to enjoy John Mikol's famous corned beef and cabbage. After dinner Bill Clark entertained everyone in the grill room, a fun time was had by all!



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

COMMITTEES & CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention	Donny Hunter
Americanism	Renee McCune
Auditing	Carl Bletzer
Bylaws Committee	Anne-Marie King
Christmas Baskets	Dave Thibeault <small>PER</small>
Community Activities	Dave Thibeault <small>PER</small>
Drug Awareness	Renee McCune
Entertainment	Bob Yergeau
Lodge Activities	Don Hunter
Flag Day	Doug Kirkpatrick <small>PER</small>
Government Relations	Ray Mullaly <small>PER, PDD, HLM</small>
Hoop Shoot	Stan Maddock <small>PER</small>
Indoctrination	Dan King <small>PER, PSP, PDD, HLM</small>
Investigations	Renee McCune
Kids Christmas Party	Tracy Delaney <small>PER</small>
Lapsation	Renee McCune
Lucky Sevens	Dave Thibeault
Mediator	Carl Bletzer
Membership	John McCune, Jr.
Memorial Sunday	Doug Kirkpatrick <small>PER</small>
ENF	Renee McCune
Newsletter	Scarlett McCrae
	Renee McCune
	John McCune
Parliamentarian	Doug Kirkpatrick <small>PER</small>
PER Association	Chair Officers
Relief	Ralph Hickson
Scholarship	Jim McKenzie
Soccer Shoot	Dave Thibeault
Turkey Raffle	Joe Scarlotto
Veterans	Joe Scarlotto
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?

M&L FOR OPERATION HAT TRICK

On Sunday, March 16th we held our monthly Meat and Lobster raffle. This month's the proceeds are going to Operation Hat Trick. There were about 60 attendees and we raised over \$1,200. A huge thank you to all who attended!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation of the 2014-2015 Officers took place on Thursday, March 27. Please join me in wishing them a successful year.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE SUNDAY, APRIL 13 @ 2PM DON HUNTER

This month's Meat and Lobster Raffle will benefit Copper Cannon. The mission of Copper Cannon Camp is to enrich the lives of under-served youth of New Hampshire by providing a quality, tuition-free camp experience. Please join us for this month's Meat and Lobster Raffle to help us send deserving kids to camp. You will have a great time and be enriching some kid's lives at the same time!

INVESTIGATION/INDOCTRINATION THURSDAY, APRIL 17 @ 6PM

We will be having Investigation/Indoctrination on Thursday, April 17th at 6PM. Participating New candidates will receive a letter or email inviting them to this.

VA HOSPITAL BINGO MONDAY, APRIL 21 @ 7:30PM

The Portsmouth Lodge goes to the VA Hospital in Manchester a few 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 joining us.

SPRING CLEAN-UP OUTSIDE SATURDAY, APRIL 26 @ 9AM

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. Please bring down any rakes and shovels you may have.

CHAIRPERSON COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 28 @ 5:30

If you are a Chairperson of a Committee, please plan to be at the Lodge Monday April 27th at 5:30PM to review the upcoming year.

APRIL EVENTS

April 4	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
April 8	B.O.D. Meeting: 5:30PM, Reg. Meet.: 6:30PM
April 11	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
April 13	M&L Raffle: 2PM
April 17	Investigation & Indoctrination: 6PM
April 18	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
April 21	VA Bingo: 7:30PM
April 22	G.B. Meeting: 5:30PM, Reg. Meet.: 6:30PM
April 25	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
April 26	Spring Clean Up: 9AM
April 28	Chairperson Comm. Mtg.: 5:30PM

FUTURE EVENTS

KENTUCKY DERBY SATURDAY, MAY 3 @ 2PM

Our annual Kentucky Derby will be held in the Grille room on May 3rd 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. Come on down and join in the fun.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH SUNDAY, MAY 11: 10AM — 12PM

This is an invitation to bring your mother,

FUTURE EVENTS

grandmother, wife, daughter or grandchildren to Mother's Day Brunch in the function room. On the menu this year is fresh fruit, bagels, English muffins, pastries, muffins, eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, home fries, juice and hot drinks. Tickets will be on sale in the grill room in April. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Please purchase your tickets by **Wednesday, May 7th.**



INITIATION

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 6PM

On Tuesday, May 13th 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

STATE CONVENTION

ATTITASH GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL

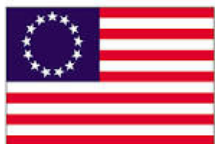
MAY 16, 17, 18

The NH State Elks Association Convention will be held at The Attitash Grand Summit Hotel on May 16, 17 & 18th. We had such a great turnout last year that we have upgraded our hospitality suite to accommodate all our members. If you are planning on attending the convention, 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.

FLAG DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH @ 11AM

DOUG KIRKPATRICK



On June 14, 1777 the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution for the US so that our ships would not be confused with British warships. The original flag had thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, a star and stipe for each of the colonies. Only one flag in our history had more than thirteen stripes. That flag had fifteen, one for each of the two new states, Vermont & Kentucky, which had been admitted to the country by 1772. In the early days of our nation there had

been a number of different flags which represented various parts of our nation. The Elks Flag Day ritual covers the history of ALL of the flags which our country has embraced. The City of Portsmouth is prominently mentioned in this ritual as well as John Paul Jones' association with our town. A prominent historical site in the city is the boarding house where he resided during the construction of his ship Ranger.

All members of our lodge, especially new members, should make all efforts to attend this ceremony. Members of other patriotic organizations as well as officials are usually in attendance. The presentation is quite extensive and informative in its portrayal of the complete history of our flag from early colonial times to the present. This is a moving ceremony and only takes about an hour.

PORTSMOUTH ELKS ANNUAL GOLF

JUNE 8 @ THE LINKS AT OUTLOOK



An open invitation to all Elks and friends of Elks to come and enjoy 18 holes of golf at The Links at Outlook Golf Course, in South Berwick, ME on Sun. June 8. Directions at: www.outlookgolf.com

There will be a 7:30am registration and an 8am shotgun start. \$100 includes golf, riding cart, prizes, goody bag with a shirt and a great meal. There will be prizes for the three best foursomes, straightest drive(s), closest to the pin and more.

We look forward to having Elks from all the regional lodges and their friends join us for this great event. Come and meet Elks from all areas of Seacoast NH, Southern ME and Northern MA.

Registration forms are available from the bartenders at the lodge. All checks payable to Dick Downey. Registrations and checks are due by Friday, May 23. This is an absolute deadline. This is NOT a fundraiser. We are only covering the costs associated with running this event. If you wish you may make a donation to the Dover Children's Home. Cash and/or non perishable goods are greatly appreciated. For more information contact Dick Downey at: 16 James Farm Road, Lee, NH 03861 or 603-659-5928 or highlife2@comcast.net

150TH NATIONAL ELKS CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, JULY 13-17

TRI-LODGE GAMES

DOVER ELKS, JULY 26

VA BINGOS

**JUNE 30, SEPTEMBER 29,
OCTOBER 20, DECEMBER 29**

LODGE INFORMATION

ELKS EMAIL ADDRESS



If you want to send an email to the Elks the address is:
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 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. 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 \$10.00. There are two choices every week and they are posted at the Lodge on Wednesdays. Dinners are from 5-7pm.



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13 M&L RAFFLE 2PM	14	15	16	17 INVESTIG.& INDOCTRINATION 6PM	18 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	19
20	21 VA BINGO 7:30PM	22 GB MEETING 5:30PM REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM	23	24	25 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	26 SPRING CLEAN-UP 9AM
27	28 CHAIRPERSON COMM. MTG. 5:30PM	29	30	MAY 1	MAY 2 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	MAY 3