

Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ FEBRUARY, 2014

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

JOHN McCUNE, JR.

Well, another holiday season has come and gone, and as usual it was extremely busy at our Lodge. Once again we had a very successful Turkey Dinner and Gift Basket Raffle on November 23rd. As a result of the dinner and raffle, we raised enough money to go towards our Christmas Basket delivery. It was great to see the Lodge full of people enjoying a fantastic turkey dinner while the raffle was going on. I'd like to give a big thank you to Dave Thibeault for coordinating and Peter Sheehan for emceeing, and all the other volunteers for the night.

The culmination of that effort was the delivery of the Christmas Baskets and gift cards to the elderly and people in need on Dec. 22. This year we delivered a total of 64 food baskets and 44 gift

cards to the elderly and had too many volunteers to name them all. Because of the large participation, the deliveries were done fairly quickly and it was great to see so many people participating. Another big thank you to Dave Thibeault and Laura Coakley for coordinating the deliveries and volunteers. In addition to some extra supplies, we also had a lot of food donated at the Lodge which we delivered to the Seacoast Food Pantry, along with a check for \$2,000. These funds were a result of meeting our ENF per capita goal for the year, so the board felt that due to the shortage at the Food Pantry, this was a good use of those funds. To say they were more than grateful would be an understatement! Although we do good work all year round, it is truly most gratifying to help people during the holidays!

In other Lodge news, there will be a vote on smoking in the grill room on February 25th. This has been a contentious issue over the years, and is once again being put to a vote. It is your Lodge, so I would urge you to come and make your opinion known. Because it is a private club we get to decide on this issue, and it is a majority vote. I hear about both sides of this issue almost daily, so please come and participate. Also on the calendar is Comedy night on February 15th to benefit The Liberty House and Past Exalted Ruler night on February 22nd. Both are great events and a lot of fun, so come down and enjoy your Lodge.

Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share!
Fraternally,
John McCune, Jr. *Exalted Ruler*

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

LODGE OF SORROW

ARTHUR DESIMONE

DOB: 10/6/1943 DOI: 2/27/1982 DOD: 12/20/2013

KENNETH A RAHN

DOB: 11/12/1956 DOI: 12/10/1988 DOD: 12/21/2013

THOMAS BRALEY

DOB: 1/24/1937 DOI: 7/24/2012 DOD: 12/29/2013

DARLENE HOEMAN

DOB: 3/28/1954 DOI: 2/16/2008 DOD: 1/09/2014

VOTE ON SMOKING IN THE GRILL ROOM

During our regular meeting on February 25th, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., there will be a vote to determine whether the Grill Room should become non-smoking. As this is regular meeting, please be advised that in order to attend and vote, you must be: a member in good standing, and you will need to have your membership card. Cards will not be processed on the day of the meeting, so please plan accordingly. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m (plan to be at lodge by 6:15)

DELINQUENT LIST

As of Jan. 10 we have 67 members on the de-

linquent list. Below are the names, please review list and if you know anyone, please contact them and have them pay their dues. If dues are not paid by March 31st these folks will be dropped from membership.

Joseph Bean, Ellen Bergeron, Grant Bergeron, Vera Bergeron, James Bierman, Ron Boisselle, Robert S Bossie, Alan E Bucklin, Tracy Buttrick, Joseph Copeland, Rachel Copeland, Joseph Culp, Patrick Curry, Michael Dabiere, Linda Dalke, Janet Davis, Steven C Davis, Justin Divincenzo, Jeffrey A Duty, Janet M Dyer, William H Elliott, Brett Graham, Amy Greener, John Greener, Richard Hardin, Scott Leo Harmon, Tracy Harmon, Todd Hedges, Sharon L Hoysradt, Vincent Huneke, Jeff Ilsley, Eugene S Jemery Sr, Michael Kiernan, Mark LaFountain, Linda A Lansdowne, Robert Lavertu, Stephen R. Law, Peter Lukas, Rodney E. MacCormack, Kevin M. Magner, Maureen 'Mo' Manero, Jon R. Marshall, Patrick McNulty, Sean E. Neville, Aimee Normandeau, Marc Normandeau, Edward Paul, Guy Perreault, Donald G. Perry, William Quinn, Robert Rafferty, Sarah Rardon, John W. Richards, Julie Riley, Stephen J. Robbins, Beth Rogers, Kenneth R. Rudolph, J

Justin Savickis, Michael Scheetz, Marc J. Silver, Wayne Smith, Don A. Tobey, Stanford C Todd, Joseph Tracz, James H. Trafton, Glenn B. Watson, Kim E. Wilcox,

PORTSMOUTH ELKS CHARITIES

APRIL 1, 2013 — JANUARY 8, 2014

Copper Cannon	\$1,000.00
Elks Disaster Relief	\$100.00
Elks National Foundation	\$7,769.62
Elks Scholarships	\$6,000.00
Mass Elks Association (soccer shoot)	\$100.00
MDA	\$158.00
Mended Hearts	\$4,518.00
NH Breast Cancer	\$100.00
New Franklin School (discount on hall)	\$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 Department	\$375.00
Project Safety Association	\$100.00
Rockingham Meals on Wheels	\$100.00
Salvation Army	\$250.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

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	Linda Arsenault
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
Parliamentarian	Ray Mullaly <small>PER, PDD, HLM</small>
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick <small>PER</small>
Relief	Chair Officers
Scholarship	Colin McGee
Soccer Shoot	Colin McGee
Turkey Raffle	Dave Thibeault
Veterans	Marga Coulp
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



SECRETARY'S NOTES CONTINUED

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
TOTAL	\$30,936.71

ELKS LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Elks National Foundation is awarding 250 scholarships nation-wide to children and grandchildren of Elks in 2014. The awards are \$4,000 each, with the student receiving \$1,000 per year for four years. To be eligible the student must be a child or grandchild (or stepchild, step-grandchild or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2011. The Elk must be paid up through March 31, 2014. Great-grandchildren

are not eligible. To be considered for an award the child must be a high school senior attending American schools and have taken the SAT or ACT exam by December 31, 2013. Applications must be completed online!

For more information and to have interested students complete their applications please go to: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy/rules.cfm>

Good luck. Remember, Elks care, Elks share!

Colin McGee, Scholarship Committee Chairman

INNER GUARD POSITION

The Lodge will be looking to fill the Inner Guard position for the upcoming year. To find out more about this position please feel free to contact any officer. This is a great way to become more involved with the Lodge!

WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?

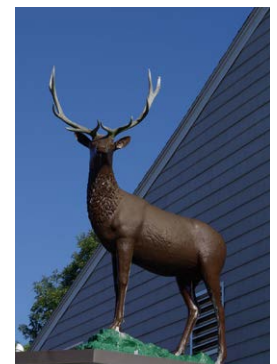


The Christmas Basket and gift cards delivery team. Because of the large participation, the deliveries were done quickly. Thank you to all the volunteers and a big thank you to Dave Thibeault and Laura Coakley for coordinating the deliveries and volunteers.



Thanks for the many generous food donations at the lodge which we delivered to the Seacoast Food Pantry, along with a check for \$2,000 due to the shortage at the Food Pantry. To say they were more than grateful would be an understatement!

SHOTS FROM AROUND THE LODGE



UPCOMING EVENTS

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 @ 2PM
DON HUNTER



This month's Meat and Lobster Raffle will benefit The Mended Hearts Program. The programs mission is dedicated to inspiring hope in heart disease patients and their families. They partner with

Portsmouth Regional Hospital to help those with heart disease to have a positive patient-care and recovery experience. Please join us at the lodge to help out this worthy cause.

DINNER & COMEDY NIGHT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH @ 6PM

A Dinner and Comedy night will be held on Saturday, February 15th to benefit The Liberty House. The feature act is Dennis Fogg and the headliner is Bob Gautreau. The meals will be Baked Stuffed Shrimp or Roast Beef. Tickets are on sale now in the grill room and will be \$25 per person.



WE NEED YOU!

To Help Us Fill This Space.

Attention All Members and
Committee Members

This is *your* newsletter so please help us fill it by sending us your photos from lodge events, upcoming event info, previous event summaries or other information you'd like to share.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

PER NIGHT AND INITIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND @ 6PM

On Feb. 22, 2014 there will be an initiation for all new candidates that have gone through the investigation process. All candidates need to be at the lodge by 5:15 pm. New Members: bring the following: Remaining application fee, Pro-Rated Dues and any contribution you would like to contribute to the ENF.

Directly following initiation we will hold our PER night, including a nice sit down dinner. Entertainment to follow in the grill room.

SAVE THESE DATES

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH 6PM

SPRING CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

ELKS STATE CONVENTION

ATTITASH GRAND SUMMIT

MAY 16-18, 2014

LOOK FOR DETAILS ON THE GRILL ROOM
BULLETIN BOARD

150TH ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

JULY 12-18 2014

LOOK FOR DETAILS ON THE GRILL ROOM
BULLETIN BOARD

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 7 Friday Night DINNER 5-7PM
- Feb. 9 M&L Raffle 2PM
- Feb. 11 B.O.D. Meeting 5:30PM Regular Meeting 6:30PM
- Feb. 14 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- Feb. 15 Comedy Night Dinner 6PM
- Feb. 21 Friday Night Dinner 5-7P
- Feb. 22 Initiation and PER Night 6PM
- Feb. 25 G.B. Meeting 5:30PM Regular Meeting 6:30PM NOTE: Vote on Smoking
- Feb. 28 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM



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 5:30PM

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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