

Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ JULY & AUGUST, 2014

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

COLIN MCGEE

It has been another great year for Lodge #97 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. It was my honor to attend the State Convention this year and receive many awards on behalf of the Lodge.

Our awards included one for an increase in membership numbers once again, and also included an award for exceeding our per capita targets for the Elks National Foundation (ENF).

Our Chairman's Challenge Award landed us in the Elks Magazine as we had the second highest score in the nation for Lodges of our size!! Congratulations to all of you for your fine charitable work and generosity.

Because of the generosity and care our members and leaders have demonstrated over

the life of our organization, the Elks National Foundation (ENF) is now worth over \$594 million dollars. ENF is able to distribute interest only on this amount, preserving the principal. Our local Lodges receive funds from ENF to make our communities better places. In 2013, that amount distributed to Local Lodges through grants was \$8.68 million. Every year lodges have access to funds provided by ENF that actually may outweigh their members' contributions!

At the State convention we were reminded of many grants available to Local Lodges. To obtain such grants, requests need to be completed by the requesting Lodge. If we have a great cause and feel ENF should provide us

with one of these grants, we can apply and receive these additional funds.

Do you know of a worthy cause or project you know could make a difference in our community? If so, please share this with an officer or trustee so we can work toward completing a request and pursuing funds that are available to us. We are great contributors, let's ensure that our community reaps the rewards of our generosity!

As always, please check the messages and calendar to stay informed of what is happening at the Lodge. The summer months are a great time to enjoy all our Lodge has to offer. See you soon!

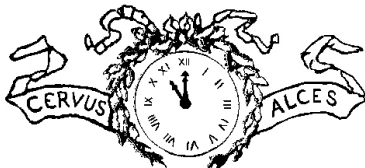
Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally,

Colin McGee, *Exalted Ruler*

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY



LODGE OF SORROW

HARRY PESKO

DOB: 1/11/1928 DOI: 6/26/1980 DOD: 5/21/2014

JUNE M&L RESULTS

On June 8th we had our annual Meat and Lobster raffle and raised \$579 for Families First. It was a great turn out and fun was had by all! Thank you

THANK YOU

To Tracy Delaney and Pam Hunter for putting all the beautiful flowers around the lodge, they look great!

BIRTHDAYS

For those of you with a birthday in July or August, Happy birthday from all of us!

FLAG DAY

On June 15 the Portsmouth Elks held it's annual celebration of Flag Day. In this moving ritual all of the flags used by the United States



since it's creation are described and celebrated. The Elks is the only organization which has annually commemorated Flag Day since it's creation. In attendance was Mayor Bob Lister and councilwoman Ruth Griffin and Andrea Abbott from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

ELKS SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is now open! We invite all members to come and enjoy it. Remember, there is no lifeguard on duty, so swim safe! We ask that there is no horseplay in the pool area.

POOL RULES

- No lifeguard on duty, swim at your

own risk

- Pool use restricted to Elks members & their guests only
 - Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult
 - No glass containers allowed in the pool area
 - No diving or running
 - No alcoholic beverages allowed in pool area
 - Bathroom rules are posted at the entrance to the bathrooms from the deck
 - Shoes must be worn in the bathrooms
- There is a fee for Spouse pool access cards: \$5.00 (See Renee McCune)



NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is for both July AND August so be sure to save it for both months events.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Exalted Ruler	Colin McGee
Leading Knight	Anne-Marie King
Loyal Knight	Gina Godbout
Lecturing Knight	Linda Arsenault
Esquire	Dan King PER, PSP, PDD, HLM
Chaplain	Larry Hart PER, PDDGER, PSP
Inner Guard	John Logan
Tiler	Rocky Coupl
Secretary	Renee McCune
Treasurer	Robert Fiandaca HLM
Lodge Manager	
and Caterer	John Mikol
5 YR Trustee	John E. McCune, JR.
4 YR Trustee	Tracy Delaney PER
3 YR Trustee	Karen Hunter PER
2 YR Trustee	Dave Thibeault PER
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 PER
Community Activities	Dave Thibeault PER
Drug Awareness	Renee McCune
Entertainment	Bob Yergeau
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	Colin McGee
Memorial Sunday	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
ENF	Renee McCune
Newsletter	Scarlett McCrae Renee McCune
Parliamentarian	John McCune
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
Relief	Chair Officers
Scholarship	Ralph Hickson
Soccer Shoot	Jim McKenzie
Turkey Raffle	Dave Thibeault
Veterans	Joe Scarlotto
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?



Left to right: Lara Dienemann, Sarah Jousset, Kailey MacDonald, Alexander MacNair, Guy Stearns, Hope Weaver.

2014 ELKS LODGE #97 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Portsmouth Lodge #97 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is proud to present this year's recipients of \$6,000 in scholarships. These students were selected based on their extraordinary scholastic achievements, leadership, and commitment to community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE POOL

DON HUNTER

If anyone is interested in volunteering to assist with the pool over the summer please contact Don Hunter at 603-373-8420

PORTSMOUTH ELKS ANNUAL GOLF

The Elks had a great Regional Golf Tournament on June 8th. P K Brown's foursome shot 55, John Herberts group 57 & The Tony Conigliari group from Gloucester were third with a 57. Good going guys. Weather was perfect, no rain, Great day thanks to all the Elks who played.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

BOB YERGEAU

Hello everyone from the Entertainment Com-

mittee, I would like to thank everyone who made it out to the Deck Opening on June 14, as you know it is always a great time at the Lodge, special THANKS for all those involved with the Deck Opening, having a gathering always makes it even more enjoyable.

Look for more entertainment events in the upcoming months. If you enjoy entertainment then this is the committee for you. If you would like to consider the Entertainment Committee, please feel free to talk to me. You can reach me by email bobyergeau@gmail.com or via cell 603-817-4768.

Ideas and suggestions are greatly welcome.

CHARITABLE REPORT SUMMARY: NEW HAMPSHIRE

Survey of volunteer, youth, charitable and community service programs for fraternal year ending 03/31/2014.

Program Participants:	91,952
Elks Who Worked:	15,563
Helpers of Elks Who Worked:	3,036
Total Workers:	18,599
Elks Hours Donated:	29,438
Helpers Hours Donated:	7,470
Total Hours:	36,908
Elks Miles Traveled:	181,555
Helpers Miles Traveled:	28,219
Total Miles:	209,774
Cash Value of Miles Traveled**	\$115,375.70
Cash Contributions:	\$156,488.00
Non-Cash Contributions:	\$95,801.00
Total Contributions:	\$1,171,890.02

*The Federal Government has determined that the cost of work done by charitable organizations like the Elks would average out to \$21.79 per hour if performed by social care and government agencies.

**Mileage computed at \$0.55 per mile.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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JULY
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MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH @ 2PM
DON HUNTER



This month's Meat & Lobster Raffle will benefit Liberty House. Liberty House, Inc. is a nonprofit transitional house for formerly homeless veterans. They opened the door to their first veteran in 2004 and have housed over 200 homeless veterans to date. Veterans go to them for a number of different reasons and no veter-

an's story is ever the same. Therefore, they strive to provide a person-centered transition plan that is based upon the needs of each individual resident. Often these veterans have lost their sense of direction and are struggling to keep their head above that water...Liberty House not only serves as their raft but helps each resident to regain their sense of self and put their life back on course towards positive and successful change. Liberty House, Inc. is a drug and alcohol free facility that has ten resident beds and offers a variety of services including case management, employment and housing assistance, food, clothing and outer agency referrals. They also service the community through their food pantry and cloth-

FUTURE EVENTS

ing program. Please take time out of your busy schedules to support this worthy organization.

ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 13-17TH, NEW ORLEANS

On July 13th our Exalted Ruler will be off to New Orleans to the Elks National Convention, I am sure he will come back with lots of information to share!

KARAOKE BY DARLENE FRIDAY, JULY 18TH @ 7PM

After enjoying one of John's famous Friday night meals, stay and enjoy some Karaoke!



INITIATION

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND @ 6PM

On Tuesday, July 22, 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 and any contribution you would like to contribute to the Elks National Foundation

TRI-LODGE GAMES

DOVER ELKS LODGE SATURDAY, JULY 26TH @ 11AM

It is that time of year again when we go up against Rochester and Dover in some fun games. This year it is in Dover and starts at 11am. Transportation will be provided, please be at the lodge by 10:15 AM as the bus will leave promptly at 10:30.

As you all know, we lost the trophy to Rochester last year and we really want to get it back. We need as many of our members to come down and support us, so please mark your calendars!

AUGUST

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH @ 2PM DON HUNTER

This month's Meat & Lobster Raffle will benefit NH Theatre Project which is dedicated to creating transformative and educational theatre that encourages community dialogue, leadership skills, creative thinking and self-reflection throughout NH and the Seacoast area. NHTP was created in 1988 by a group of professional performing artists dedicated to collaboration, education and community-building. For the past 24 years, NHTP has conducted 100's of professional artist-in-residence programs throughout New England; taught theatre to thousands of children, teens and adults through classes and summer camps; collaborated with numerous community organizations; and created high quality productions at venues across NH

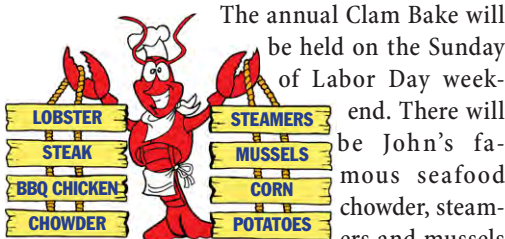
from The Music Hall and the Palace Theatre to libraries, community centers and businesses. Please stop down and support this worthy cause.

MUSIC BY RON DROLET FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH @ 6PM

While enjoying one of John's famous Friday night meals enjoy some summertime music by Ron Drolet.

ANNUAL CLAM BAKE & DUCK RACE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST @ 1PM



The annual Clam Bake will be held on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. There will be John's famous seafood chowder, steamers and mussels as appetizers. The choices for the clam bake are 1/4 pound of lobster: \$15; steak: \$14 or 1/2 of a BBQ chicken: \$12; with corn on the cob and red potatoes on the side. The lobsters are 1/4 lb. because anything smaller, would just be too small.

The food will be served from 1pm to 2:30pm. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of August. Mark your calendars for a day of good food, good friends and fun

The annual Duck Race is always held the same day as the Clam Bake. The time that the ducks are set free in the river depends on the tides. The cost for a duck is \$5.00. If your duck is the first to cross the finish line, you win! You can buy your ducks in the grill room, just ask your friendly bartenders.



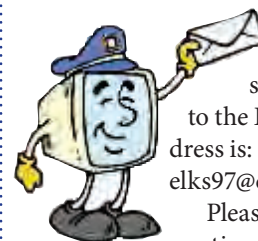
JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

SAVE THIS LIST FOR BOTH MONTHS

- July 11 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- July 13 M&L Raffle: 2PM
- July 18 Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM Karaoke: 7PM
- July 22 Initiation/Regular Meeting 6:00PM
- July 25 Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
- July 26 Tri-Lodge Games: Dover: 11AM
- Aug 1 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
- Aug 8 Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
- Aug 10 M&L Raffle: 2PM
- Aug 15 Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM Music By Ron Drolet: 6PM
- Aug 22 Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
- Aug 26 GB Meeting: 5:30PM Reg. Meeting: 6:30PM
- Aug 31 Annual Clam Bake & Duck Race 1PM

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/lodge/news.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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