

Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ JUNE, 2014

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

COLIN MCGEE

What a month May was at the Lodge! If you haven't been down yet to see the upgrades in the grill room, you need to! The new ceiling brings to us a brighter and cleaner look and feel. Thanks to all involved and as always to John Mikol for seeing the project through. The grounds are shaping up too. Our spring cleanup went smoothly through some wet weather challenges. Thanks to the many that assisted with the beautification effort!

Mother's Day couldn't have been better with John's brunch highlighted by sunlight beaming into the function room. Many families came down to enjoy the time together as well as the views. Many ventured out to enjoy the sunshine on the deck and to take advantage of some great family photo opportunities. I'm sure all enjoyed the abundant and tasty food too.

The Kentucky Derby was a huge success! A

great time was had by all. A big thanks goes out to our dedicated volunteers that ran the horse race fundraiser. Much needed proceeds will go to the Veterans. It's amazing how we can have so much fun in an afternoon at the Lodge and raise funds for great causes.

As I write this we prepare to head to the State Convention at Attitash. We will return with new ideas, new contacts and resources, and poignant reminders and messages from the Organization. While I'm sure we will have a fun and social weekend I also look forward to gaining ideas from others and learning of their successes. I believe there is a wealth of knowledge and experiences we can leverage from the vast brotherhood the Elks provides. I look forward to sharing with you what I've learned when we return.

So June is upon us bringing us the deck opening party, a local and a regional golf tour-

namment, our Flag Day ceremony, scholarship presentation and the mid-month opening of the pool! The pool continues to be a showpiece for the Lodge and upgrades continue under Don Hunter's watch. What a wonderful asset it is for the members and their families to enjoy. Please come to the deck opening and bring friends. Gina Godbout provides more information in this newsletter regarding our membership drive and how we will entice many to join the Elks at the party!

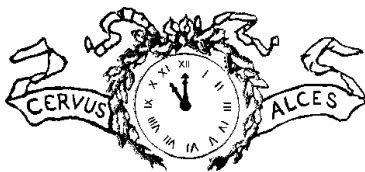
I look forward to meeting new prospective members in June, seeing the many friends I've gained at the Lodge and of course to participate in the many upcoming charitable and social events. Please join me.

Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally,
Colin McGee,
Exalted Ruler

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY



LODGE OF SORROW

SUSAN PARNHAM

DOB: 10/26/1947 DOI: 11/16/1996 DOD: 4/3/2014

KEN BLOOD

DOB: 6/9/1944 DOI: 5/9/1991 DOD: 4/24/2014

ELKS SWIMMING POOL

Pool weather will be here soon and we will be opening the pool (mid-June date to be announced). 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)



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?



VA BINGO RESULTS

A fun time was had by all at the VA Bingo on April 21st. Thank you to all who participated

RECYCLING

The Lodge has implemented recycling. With the new "It all goes in together" single stream recycling program we do not have to separate. Paper, cardboard, bottles and metal can all go in together! **Please note** that food waste, Styrofoam and light bulbs are not included. We will supply a separate basket for those items. Thank you for your support!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Exalted Ruler	Colin McGee
Leading Knight	Anne-Marie King
Loyal Knight	Gina Godbout
Lecturing Knight	Linda Arsenaault
Esquire	Dan King PER, PSP, PDD, HLM
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Inner Guard	John Logan
Tiler	Rocky Coupl
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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
	John McCune
Parliamentarian	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
PER Association	Chair Officers
Relief	Ralph Hickson
Scholarship	Jim McKenzie
Soccer Shoot	Dave Thibeault
Turkey Raffle	Joe Scarlotto
Veterans	Governing Body
Visiting	John McCune, Jr.
Website	



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?

MAY M&L RESULTS

On May 4 we had our annual M&L. This month's proceeds went to The Dover Children's Home. Over 60 members were able to help raise \$922. What a great day! Thanks to all that came down!

KENTUCKY DERBY RESULTS



Left to right: Candice Reagan, Alexie Hallissey, Laura Todaro, Gaylyne Hart and Winner: Cindy Pelkey

On May 3rd we had our annual Kentucky Derby. What a great day of racing and fun, we had a few folks show up in their "Derby" hats. The contest winner was Cindy Pelke with her very creative race track hat. We raised \$485.00, which went to our Veterans fund. . Thanks to all who came down.

INITIATION



On May 13th we brought in 17 new members. Please join me in welcoming them to our lodge: Arthur Weeks, Benny Ross, Danielle Williamson,

Donna Slack, Gilbert Robert, Heather Pelletier, James Fradsham, Jason Baldwin, Joanne Marshall, Julie VanSickle, Keith Davis, Michael Jackson, Peter Anania, Ruth Griffin, Shannon Tabor, Timothy Griffin, Victoria Silver

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE BOB YERGEAU

Hello fellow Elks, I want to introduce myself... my name is Bob Yergeau. I am taking the position of Entertainment Chairperson and I want to provide some great entertainment for everyone! With input and help from everyone we can have a great time together as fellow Elks. I look forward to having entertainment & dancing on Friday evenings to work off that great dinner provided by John and his hard working crew. Having a great Deck Opening Party, along with many other entertaining events, takes planning, commitment and a team of volunteers, but most of all it takes YOU to make a successful event. I ask that you make that extra effort to participate in any and all that you can to support our great Lodge. This is YOUR lodge, come in and enjoy it!

I am looking for volunteers to be a part of the Entertainment Crew and help plan and develop some great entertainment, with enough volunteers it will only take a little bit of your time, but the outcome will be gratifying. Please consider being part of a great team.

If you are interested in being on the Entertainment Group please contact me at bobyergeau@gmail.com or at 603-817-4768. Thank you and I hope you will enjoy this entertaining year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, JUNE 8TH @ 2PM
DON HUNTER



This month's Meat & Lobster raffle will be held on Sun., June 8 at 2pm and will benefit Families First. Families First Health & Support Center is a leader in integrated care, offering high quality health and dental care, and parent and family programs, all in one location. Families First services are for everyone from infants to seniors, single people and families. Insured or uninsured, all income levels are welcome. Please come show your support for this organization which provides for our local community.

PORTSMOUTH ELKS ANNUAL GOLF JUNE 8: 7:30AM, THE LINKS AT OUTLOOK

Just a brief reminder for those who have

already registered for the golf tournament. It is Sun. June 8, at The Links at Outlook Golf Course, South Berwick, ME, www.outlookgolf.com. Registration is at 7:30am with 8am shotgun start.

FLAG DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH @ 11AM
FUNCTION ROOM, 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



FUTURE EVENTS

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.

DECK OPENING PARTY & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2PM



We will be having our deck opening party & membership drive on June 14, rain or shine. This is a fun time and a great way to meet and greet your fellow Elks, the party

will start when you arrive!

Music will be provided by Ron Drolet, who we love for his talent to make the party a hit. Music like Jimmy Buffet will get everyone in the party mood, so come on down and enjoy some food and special drinks to make it a great afternoon. Festivities are expected to kick off around 2pm. You never know what the day will bring for activities and games.

We ask if you could bring a salad to share and if you would like to bring a dessert that's also great. See you on the deck! If you are interested in helping or have questions, feel free to contact me at bobyergeau@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are inviting members to bring friends and family to the Deck Party to see what the Elks is about and how fun and rewarding it can be. Each member can sign in 4 non-members, so take this opportunity to get them to join. We are always looking for new members and ideas. We will have information regarding: What is to be an Elk? What do Elks do? Where did Elks come from? As well as providing information about our beautiful function hall and catering. Officers will be on hand to answer questions and take applications. You must be 21 years of age to become a member.

INVESTIGATION/INDOCTRINATION THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH @ 6PM

We will be having Investigation/Indoctrination on Thursday June 19th at 6PM. Participating

New candidates will receive a letter/email inviting them to this.

PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 9:30 A.M. DEPARTURE

The par 3 golf tournament is \$25 per person entry fee, The day will include a bus from the Lodge at 9:30am sharp to Apple Hill Golf Course in East Kingston for a round of par 3 golf. Bring along 2 clubs and your favorite golf partner. After golf we will be heading to the Newburyport Lodge for lunch returning to our Lodge by 4:00. There will be prizes and of course bragging rights for the high and low scores. You do not have to be a golfer to play in this tournament. It's a fun day full of laughs, whiffs and mulligans.



VA BINGO

MONDAY, JUNE 30TH @ 7PM

The Portsmouth Lodge of Elks 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.

HOLD THESE DATES

150TH NATIONAL ELKS CONVENTION

JULY 13-17, NEW ORLEANS

INITIATION

TUESDAY, JULY 22, @ 6PM

TRI-LODGE GAMES

JULY 26, DOVER ELKS

VA BINGOS

SEPTEMBER 29, OCTOBER 20,
DECEMBER 29

JUNE EVENTS

June 6	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
June 8	Annual Golf Tournament: 7:30AM M&L Raffle: 2PM
June 10	B.O.D. Meeting 5:30PM Regular Meeting 6:30PM
June 13	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7P
June 14	Deck Opening Party & Membership Drive: 2PM
June 15	Flag Day Ceremony: 11AM
June 19	Investigation/Indoctrination @ 6PM
June 20	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
June 21	Par 3 Golf Tournament: 9:30 a.m. Departure
June 24	Governing Body Meeting: 5:30pm Regular Meeting: 6:30PM
June 27	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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15 FLAG DAY CEREMONY 11AM	16	17	18	19 INVESTIGATION INDOCTRIN. 6PM	20 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	21 PAR 3 GOLF TOURNAMENT 9:30AM
22	23	24 GB MEETING 5:30PM REGULAR MEETING 6:30PM	25	26	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	28
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