

# Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ MAY, 2014

500 JONES AVENUE, PORTSMOUTH, NH  
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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

COLIN MCGEE

**F**inally! The weather has broken and we have some color back in the area. Of course the sights around the Lodge property will be far more attractive without all of the snow, ice, sand and dirt! Inside the Lodge we'll soon have some upgrades too! The 2014-2015 budget has been approved and includes many great improvements inside and outside. Be sure to come to the Lodge to see these updates first hand!

May is a great month at Lodge #97. We'll have the ever-popular Kentucky Derby Party, with horse races and contests galore. Mother's

Day Brunch will be held in the function room and is always the best deal in town. Brunch with family and friends, all with a view! John and his crew will be sure to have another great spread for us. Tickets are on sale at the Lodge.

On the charitable front, our Little League and Babe Ruth teams will starting soon and our scholarship applicants will keep the Committee busy with applications to review. Having been part of that Committee, I can say it is truly amazing how active, smart and conscientious so many of our youth are. We often hear the negatives, but I can promise you that there

are a lot of great kids in our community with high aspirations out there!

So, enjoy the weather, partake in some fun at the Lodge, and think about becoming more involved. There are so many opportunities for our Lodge to help those in need, to encourage our youth and to support our Veterans. Peruse this calendar and you will see all the great things we do! I look forward to seeing you all this year.

Remember, Elks Care, Elks Share!

Fraternally,

Colin McGee, *Exalted Ruler*

## SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE MCGUNE, SECRETARY

### LODGE OF SORROW

HENRY HENRICKSON

DOB: 12/18/1922 DOI: 6/25/1992 DOD: 3/25/2014

ALBERT "ALBIE" CRAIG

DOB: 4/9/1917 DOI: 6/11/1959 DOD: 3/25/2014

### DUES

Your 2014-2015 membership dues were due on April 1st. If you have not paid them please send your payment in as soon as possible or drop it off at the lodge. Regular Members: \$60.00, Life Members: \$21.25

### 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 local resident, you are allowed three visits before applying for membership. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.

### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Laura and Tom Coakley on the arrival of their little bundle of joy!

Born April 4th: 7lbs. 10 oz Joey Coakley

### AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

Ryan Wilson of Seabrook, NH was the First Place Winner of the Americanism Essay Contest for Division II, 7th & 8th Grade. He wrote a very moving essay on "What Veteran's Day

means to me". Ryan Wilson submitted his essay through Lodge #97. Congratulations Ryan.

**ESSAY:** Veterans' Day, formally known as Armistice Day was originally set as a legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In 1954 after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the United States Congress amended the Act of 1938 cutting the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans".

On June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars. But Veterans' Day means more than just a date, it is time to reflect and really think about how much these people have sacrificed for our well being.

When I think of Veterans' Day, I think of all the soldiers raising the flag of Iwo Jima; the landing on the beaches of Normandy; and every war we have fought in. I think of all branches of the military from the Marines and the Navy to the Army and the Air Force, the Coast Guard, the Merchant Marines, and the National Guard, they have all stood tall and strong for our great nation. These brave people are like a light in the darkness they stand bright when all else is dark. These veterans have definitely earned a respect greater than any other and recognition that no one will ever top, for they have done the unimaginable and inspire hope in this great nation. Our veterans didn't

just feel the water they jumped head first ready to defend and protect our glorious country.

### POOL SEASON IS ALMOST UPON US

Pool weather will be here soon and we will be opening the pool (date to follow). 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.

### INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER

If you have something that you would like to see in our monthly newsletter, please email to me by the 10th of each month at [rasinrye@comcast.net](mailto:rasinrye@comcast.net)

### RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?

How would you like to receive your newsletter before it is even sent to the post office for mailing, and also save the Lodge some money? As you know, newsletters are mailed to you via bulk mailing. Delivery sometimes takes as long as 2 to 3 weeks, depending on where you live.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, please send an e-mail requesting it to [rasinrye@comcast.net](mailto:rasinrye@comcast.net) The newsletter is also available on our website at:

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Exalted Ruler	Colin McGee
Leading Knight	Anne-Marie King
Loyal Knight	Gina Godbout
Lecturing Knight	Linda Arsenault
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
Parliamentarian	John McCune
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick <small>PER</small>
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) Don Hunter (Trustee) Mike Brabazon (PHS) Colin McGee (Exalted Ruler) Jim McKenzie (Member) Karen Hunter (Trustee) Mac Allen (PHS) Jack Young (PHS)

### ELKS & PHS BASEBALL SUPPORT WOUNDED VETERANS JAMES MCKENZIE

The March Meat/Lobster Raffle was a tremendous success and benefited an extremely worthy cause. The Elks and Portsmouth High School baseball teamed to raise more than \$2,000 to benefit Operation Hat Trick, which provides hats to wounded servicemen and veterans throughout New Hampshire. The Raffle on March 16 raised \$1,256; the PHS Baseball Boosters contributed the remaining \$900. PHS baseball, softball and lacrosse teams will wear special Operation Hat Trick "Camo Caps" the week of May 12, as several high schools in the state are combining to spread word

about the program that was started at the University of New Hampshire. Elks member Jim McKenzie, a varsity baseball assistant coach, spearheaded the effort. He thanked the Elks, specifically Don and Karen Hunter, Dave Thibeault, and John and Renee McCune, for their assistance at the event and the generous donation

### APRIL M&L RESULTS

On Sunday, April 13th we held our monthly M&L, this month the proceeds were for Copper Cannon. It was a great turnout! We raised \$501.71

The story of Copper Cannon Camp is about giving back more than 20,000 times over its 50-year history. The founder of Copper Cannon Camp, Hamilton Ford, overcame an underprivileged childhood of his own. When he was young, Ham received the opportunity to go to a summer camp, just as children at Copper Cannon Camp get to do today. While he was attending the camp for families, Ham noticed several things that had a permanent impact on his life. He said that while he and his family were at camp, it was the first time he saw his mother truly smile. Also, it was the first time he knew for sure he would receive three proper meals a day, every day. Finally, the camp experience was one of the most fun, educational and impactful times of his young life, and he decided that every kid deserved the same experience.

## UPCOMING 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](mailto:rasinrye@comcast.net). Come on down and join in the fun.



### MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE SUNDAY, MAY 4TH @ 2PM DON HUNTER

This month's Meat and Lobster Raffle for the Dover Children's Home is being held on Sunday, May 4th at 2pm. Dover Children's Home is dedicated to enriching the lives of adolescents and strengthening their family relationships through the highest quality residential treatment services and educational programs. Please take time out of your busy day and come down to the lodge and lend your support for this worthy organization.



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

This is an invitation to bring your mother, 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 are on sale now in the grill room. 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 and any contribution you would like to contribute to the Elks National Foundation

## FUTURE EVENTS

### 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.

### 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](http://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](mailto:highlife2@comcast.net)

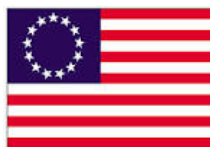
### DECK OPENING PARTY SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH: DETAILS TO FOLLOW

### FLAG DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH @ 11AM  
DOUG KIRKPATRICK

On June 14, 1777 the Second Continental Con-

gress 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.

### 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

## MAY EVENTS

May 2	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
May 3	Kentucky Derby: 2PM
May 4	M&L Raffle: 2PM
May 9	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
May 11	Mother's Day Brunch: 10AM -12PM
May 13	Initiation and Meeting: 6PM
May 16	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
May 16-19	State Convention
May 23	Friday Night Dinner: 5-7PM
May 27	Governing Body Meeting 5:30PM; Regular Meeting 6:30PM

## 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/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](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 \$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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