



Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ OCTOBER, 2013

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

JOHN McCUNE, JR.

It's amazing how fast the summer always goes! By the time you read this, the pool will be closed and we will be discussing raking leaves. On September 10, we initiated 28 new members and in memory of Tony Rahn decided to name this class in his honor. We have another large group for October, so it's exciting to see our Lodge continue to attract new members. Membership is at the forefront of most Grand Lodge discussions, and although we have good numbers we always encourage you to invite people you know to come down and visit. Most often visitors have no idea how nice our

Lodge is, and many people aren't even aware of it. As Portsmouth and the Seacoast continue to grow and thrive we will continue to play a large part in the community. This community involvement, along with maintaining a beautiful facility will help us to continue attracting new members, however we ask all members to help with that that effort. The stronger our Lodge is, the more we can do for the community.

Looking ahead, we have a busy fall season with many activities at the Lodge, and Linda Arsenault has done a great job this past year scheduling entertainment. I would like to

thank her for all that she does. She always has something fun scheduled, and for October she is doing a pumpkin carving contest on the 24th and the adult Halloween party on the 26th. Come on down and enjoy some fun!

As always, please let us know if you have an idea for the Lodge or would like to get involved. We are always looking for people to get involved, and we welcome any suggestions. Thank you.

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

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

LODGE OF SORROW

FRANCLYN GARVIN

DOB: 12/17/21 DOI: 6/19/92 DOD: 8/29/2013

INITIATION



Front Row Rahn Family: Erica Rahn, Patrick Rahn, Jeannette LaChance, Marty Rahn, Zachary Rahn. Scott Young, Amy Barlow, Beathany Yeaton, Brian Alati, Carey Nudd, Cathy James, David Mischke, Deanna Pelletier, Dwayne Cyr, Edward Scully, Eric Miller, John Day, Joesph Pirini, Kim McCue, Lee Schatvet, Linda Fernald, Parker Ryan, Rebecca Bernier, Ronald Martensen, Scott Croteau, Scot Johnson, Scott Sorensen, Stephen Collins, Susan Bowen, Teri Bolz.

On September 10th we brought in 28 new members. In memory of Anthony "Tony" Rahn we named the class after him. (Four members of his family became members) Please join me in welcoming all 28 to our lodge.

DELINQUENT LIST

As of September 10th we have 108 members on the delinquent list. The list is located behind the bar, please review and if you know anyone

on the list, please contact them and have them pay their 2013-2014 dues. I have sent them their second notices.

CALLING ALL ELKS CHILDREN TWO ESSAY CONTESTS!

Americanism Essay

Essay Theme: "What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me? (Eligible participants must be a student enrolled in fifth, sixth, seventh or either grade during the normal 2013-2014 school year, proceeding June 30, 2013)

Elks Drug Awareness Essay

Essay Theme: Down with Drugs, Up With Awareness (Eligible children: grades 6 to 8 only)

Please see Renee McCune for more detailed information on how to enter the contest. (email: rasinrye@comcast.net, phone: 436-9606)

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE VA HOSPITAL

The VA Hospital in Manchester is looking for used computers. If you have any and would like to donate to the VA please drop it off at the Elks lodge and we will make sure that it gets delivered. Thank you in advance!

2013-2014 PORTSMOUTH LODGE CHARITIES

APRIL 1, 2013—SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Copper Cannon \$1,000.00

Elks National Foundation	\$1,320.00
Mended Hearts	\$4,518.00
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
Seacoast Family Promise	\$100.00
Seacoast Food Pantry	\$400.00
The Chase Home	\$1,000.00
The Liberty Home	\$1,878.38
Tony Rahn Scholarship	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$14,229.09

HALL RENTALS

Only Elk members in good standing are eligible for a discount for the hall rental. The Elk member must sign the contract and by doing so is responsible for all aspects of the contract.

PEDESTRIANS IN THE ROAD DRIVING SPEED

As most of you have noticed coming and going from the lodge, there are times that we have pedestrians walking in the road with their children or pets or students coming out of the trail from the woods and going into the road. PLEASE drive slowly (the speed limit is 15MPH) and keep an eye out for these folks.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

COMMITTEES & CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention	Patrick Mullaly
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	Linda Arsenault
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	John McCune, Jr.
Memorial Sunday	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
ENF	Laura Coakley
Newsletter	Scarlett McCrae
	Renee McCune
Parliamentarian	Ray Mullaly PER, PDD, HLM
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
Relief	Chair Officers
Scholarship	Colin McGee
Soccer Shoot	Colin McGee
Turkey Raffle	Dave Thibeault
Veterans	Marga Coulp
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?



ELKS LITTLE LEAGUE

As we do every year, we again sponsored a Little League baseball team (ages 9-10) from Portsmouth. To show their thanks, the team came down to the Lodge and presented us with a token of their appreciation signed by all the members of the team. Pictured from left to right: Colin McGee (Leading Knight) Nick Norris, Myles Sargent and Elias "Buzz" Ford, Anne Marie King (Loyal Knight). The other members of the team were: Liam Gravelle, Spencer Whitten, Nolan West, Jacob Telford, Coleman Philbrick, Lucien Boutin, Dylan Palermo, Ryan Patten, Patrick Shore, and Ethan King. The team was coached by Lyle Gravelle along with help from Craig Whitten, Eric West, and Geoff Crosby. The Team Mom was Teresa Hill. It was a great to help support these kids, and we certainly appreciate their gratitude.

LOBSTER BAKE & DUCK RACE

It was another great year for our annual Clam Bake. The weather held out and the food was fabulous! Thank you to John Mikol and his team for putting out another great meal.

SEACOAST FOOD PANTRY

On the day of the Tri-Lodge games members from Rochester, Dover and our lodge brought in non-perishable items to donate to the Seacoast Food Pantry and we also held a 50/50 raffle and raised \$175.00. On August 28th Karen Hunter brought the items (worth approximately \$250) and

the check to the pantry and presented it all to Diane Giese.



From Left: Diane Giese (Seacoast Food Pantry) Karen Hunter (PER, Trustee)

SOCCER SHOOT

The Portsmouth Lodge of Elks conducted its annual Kid's Soccer Shoot on September 1 at Portsmouth High School. It was a nice sunny day with the contest being held on the beautiful new Field Turf field at the high school. All kids received Lodge Soccer Shoot Tee shirts and the winners received trophies. Six children advanced to the State Championship to be held in Plymouth in October by winning their respective divisions. Brothers Jonas and Timothy Erickson will compete in the U-8 and U-10 boys division. Tucker Valinski will compete in the U-13 division. Margaret Montplaisir will compete in the U-8 girls division, Jordan Ovadek in the U-10 division and, Virginia Schoff in the U-12. Winners in the State Championship advance to the finals in Central Massachusetts in November. Good luck to our Lodge Champions!



MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE PER ASSOCIATION

We had our monthly M&L on Sunday, September 15 and all the proceeds went to the PER Association. Thank you to all PER's that helped out, it was a great day and we raised \$607.36

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

This month's Meat/Lobster Raffle with benefit ENF, the Elks National Foundation. The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. This pledge is fulfilled by investing in communities where Elks live and work. The Elks provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; and fund projects that improve



the quality of life in local Elks communities. Please come down and show your support!

DISTRICT DEPUTY AUDIT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH @10AM

District Deputy George Smith, along with his suite of officers, will be here on October 19th for a visit/inspection.

VA BINGO MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST MARGA COULP

The Portsmouth Lodge goes to the VA Hospital in Manchester four times a year to hold a bingo for

UPCOMING EVENTS



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! If you are interested in carpooling please email rasinrye@comcast.net before Friday, October 18.

INITIATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND @ 6PM

On Tuesday, October 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
- Any contribution you would like to contribute to the Elks National Foundation

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH @ 6:30PM
LINDA ARSENAULT

There will be a Pumpkin Carving Contest on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30. Bring your pumpkin to the Lodge and carve with fellow



Elks. Or, just come down and vote for your favorite pumpkin. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the best pumpkin. All pumpkins will be on display for the Halloween party.

HALLOWEEN DANCE PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH @ 7PM-11PM
LINDA ARSENAULT



Come down and dance to great music and wear your costume. Prizes will be awarded for the best individual and couples costumes (voted on by attendees). Watch for more details in the grill room.

FUTURE EVENTS

VETERANS OPEN HOUSE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT NOON
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

VETERANS MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH @ 2-4

STAPLING PARTY AND HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH @ 6PM

We will be holding a Stapling Party on Thursday November 14th at 5:30pm. We will also have a volunteer coordination meeting for all of the many projects that we are undertaking during this Holiday season. Thank you in advance for all of your help with these great programs.

P.S. Please bring a stapler if you have one.

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER & CHRISTMAS BASKET & TURKEY RAFFLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD @ 6PM

The annual Elks Turkey Dinner & Raffle will be held Saturday, November 23rd at 6pm. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale in the Grill Room for \$7.00 per-person. It is a very fun-filled evening with lots of turkeys to raffle. There is a sign-up sheet in the Grill Room for volunteers for this great event. All proceeds from these events fund our Christmas Basket deliveries to the elderly and families in need.



MEMORIAL SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

VETERANS HOSPITAL BINGO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

PER NIGHT/INITIATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT 6PM
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!

Oct. 4	Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Oct. 8	B.O.D Meeting 5:30PM
Oct. 8	Regular Meeting 6:30PM
Oct. 11	Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Oct. 13	Meat & Lobster Raffle 2PM
Oct. 18	Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Oct. 19	D.D. Audit 10AM
Oct. 21	VA Bingo 7PM
Oct. 22	Meeting/Initiation 6PM
Oct. 24	Pumpkin Carving Contest 6:30PM
Oct. 25	Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Oct. 26	Adult Halloween Party 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 5:30 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 \$7.50. 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 MEAT & LOBSTER RAFFLE 2PM	14	15	16	17	18 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7 PM	19 D.D. AUDIT 10AM
20	21 VA BINGO 7PM	22 INITIATION 6PM REGULAR MEETING 6:30	23	24 PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST 6:30PM	25 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7 PM	26 ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY 7PM
27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!		