



Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ SEPTEMBER, 2012

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

TRACY DELANEY

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and what a hot one it has been. I hope you have all been able to enjoy the Elks pool. It has been very heartening to see all the families enjoying a swim on weekends and some of those scorching evenings. This would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Donny Hunter, Sheri Sparks and Kathy Dailey. They volunteered on a daily basis to open, close, clean, test and add the necessary chemicals to keep the pool in great shape for all of us to enjoy. I would also like to thank Teddy Boisvert for the work he did replacing some rotting planks on the dock. Thanks Guys.

In July, I had the honor of attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, Texas. I met a lot of Elks from all around the country. We were able to share ideas and stories about the works we do in our communities. The overall concern continues to be the decline in membership. Applications for new members and reinstatements are now available on line

or in paper form at the entrance to the Grille room. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Thomas Brazier's message this year is "Elks Shine-Beacon of Hope" across America. We need to get our message out to our communities. This year the Elks Americanism Essay contest theme is "What does the National Anthem Mean To Me" This very important Patriotic Contest gives school children in grades 5-8 the opportunity to express views on their pride in America.

The Rochester Elks hosted the Tri-Lodge games in July. I wanted to thank those who participated. Unfortunately, we had to hand over the Horses A*** trophy that has been displayed in our Grille room for the past two years. We had a great time and Rochester did a fantastic job of hosting the games this year. Better Luck next year when the games will be held in Portsmouth.

It is hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner. We are now entering into our busy season as a Lodge. Please check out the Grille

room bulletin board for opportunities to volunteer over the coming months. If you hear of a need in our community or have an idea for a program, please see any officer. We will need help to continue with the programs we do in our community.

I wanted to thank you all for your continued support over the past 5 months and look forward to our continued success in the future. Remember, Elks Care Elks Share

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Fraternally,
Tracy Delaney, *Exalted Ruler*



SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

The following members are eligible for Life Membership (voting will take place on September 11th)

Brian D. Rafferty	Harry C. Clark
James E. Ritzo	John Martin
Joseph J. O'Brien Jr,	Paul Bernier
Raymond L. Cotillo	Ronald J. Bovio
Royce D. MacDormand	

REMINDER

In accordance with State Liquor Laws, all non-members MUST BE SIGNED IN by a member. This includes spouses and significant others. A member can sign in up to four guests. Members who sign in a guest are responsible for their guest. Guests must leave when the sponsoring member leaves, unless another member signs the guest in and assumes the responsibility for that guest. NOTE: DELINQUENT or UNAFFILIATED (dropped) Elks CANNOT be signed in as a guest. If delinquent,

they must pay their dues, if unaffiliated, they must be reinstated. REMEMBER: If your guest is not your spouse or significant other, you can only sign them in three times – after that they must either join the Lodge or stop coming in as a guest.

PORTSMOUTH ELKS DUES/FEEES

- Regular Membership Dues: \$60.00
- Life & Honorary Members Dues \$21.25
- New Application Fee \$25.00
- Reinstatement Application Fee \$15.00 (due upon completion of application)
- Transfer from another lodge fee \$25.00 (due upon request)
- Return check fee \$25.00

MEMBERS SPONSORING NEW CANDIDATES

I would like to thank our Members for continuously bringing in new candidates. A few things to please remember to let them know:



NEW MEMBERS

On Tuesday July 24th we brought in 12 new members. Please join me in welcoming them: Alexandra Souther, Ann Marie Taylor, Curtis Edmonds, Dan Jackson, Dorothy Braley, Edward Taylor, Maria Sillari, Michael Hopley, Michael Naples, Perry McKinney, Phillip Scarponi, Thomas Braley

MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

COMMITTEES & CHAIRMEN

Accident Prevention	Patrick Mullaly
Americanism	Linda Arsenault
Auditing	Charles Meade
Bylaws Committee	Brigid Arcand
Christmas Baskets	Dave Thibeault PER
Community Activities	Dave Thibeault PER
Drug Awareness	
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	Darcy Gallucci
Lapsation	Renee McCune
Lucky Sevens	Dave Thibeault
Mediator	Carl Bletzer
Membership	Tracy Delaney
Memorial Sunday	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
National Foundation Newsletter	Laura Coakley Scarlett McCrae Renee McCune
Parliamentarian	Ray Mullaly PER, PDD, HLM
PER Association	Doug Kirkpatrick PER
Relief	Chair Officers
Scholarship	Colin McGee
Spelling Bee	Laura Coakley
Soccer Shoot	Colin McGee
Turkey Raffle	Dave Thibeault
Veterans	Marga Coulp
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune



SECRETARY'S NOTES CONTINUED

- 1) Application fee is \$25 we require \$10 upon completion of the application, the remaining \$15 will be collected at Initiation. Once application is completed and the partial fee is collected, give the application to the bartender and make sure she/he issues a receipt for the \$10.
- 2) The Elks year runs April 1 — March 31st.
- 3) Annual Dues are \$60 (If you are initiated during the year, the dues are pro-rated)
- 4) Once a date is determined for Investigation/Initiation a letter is sent to all candidates. Please note: we do not hold these every month, it depends on the number of applicants, so there can be a delay from the time we receive their application to the time a letter is sent out (could be a month or more)
- 5) Remind them to keep their receipt so they may come to the Lodge while awaiting Investigation/Initiation

TUESDAY MEETINGS

All members are welcome to attend the Tuesday meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm).

We would like to see more members attend. Bring your thoughts and concerns. NOTE: During these meetings the bar will be closed.

2011 – 2012 CHARITABLE REPORT

Survey of Volunteer, Youth, Charitable
and Community Service Programs

for Fraternal Year: April 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

Compiled by the Office of the Grand Secretary

Participants in Programs:	13,111,070
Elks Who Worked	1,698,465
Helpers Who Worked	634,110
Combined Total	2,332,575
Hours Donated:	
Elks	6,377,373

Helpers	3,937,465
Total Combined Hours	10,314,838
Cash Value of Donated Hours*	\$224,760,320
Miles Traveled:	
Elks	21,597,696
Helpers	8,007,408
Total Combined Miles	29,605,104
Cash Value of Miles traveled**	\$16,282,807
Contributions:	
Cash	\$54,535,576.00
Non-Cash	52,930,160.00
Hours Worked	224,760,362.00
Miles Traveled	16,282,807.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$348,508.863

*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 and government agencies.

**Mileage computed at \$.55 per mile.

PORTSMOUTH ELKS #97 CHARITABLE DONATIONS APRIL 1, 2012 – AUGUST 14, 2012

Avon Breast Cancer	\$563.12
Chief Michael Maloney	\$150.00
Copper Cannon	\$700.00
Dictionary Program	\$300.00
Elks National Foundation	\$3,036.00
Friends Project	\$515.00
MDA	\$68.00
NH Association for the Blind	\$523.39
NH Theatre Project	\$500.00
Portsmouth Little League	\$600.00
Seacoast Food Pantry	\$710.00
Youth Scholarships	\$3,500.00
TOTAL	\$11,165.51

WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM

PAR THREE GOLF



A great time was had by all on the Par 3 Golf tournament on July 28th. The coveted low score prize went to Team Timmons. Congratulations to Michael and Sheryl. Linda and Joe Arsenault won the high score award. Linda was very happy. Thank you to our friends at the Newburyport Lodge for serving us lunch..

GRAND LODGE RESOLUTION NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

At the Grand Lodge Convention in July, the membership approved 17 resolutions. Please see elks.org for the resolutions. Resolution # 3 re-

quires a by-law change and must be voted on by our membership. Only the rituals prepared and approved by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may through their By-Laws adopt alternative rituals.

The Grand Lodge has prepared a shortened ritual which is available for review on the Elks.org website. We will be holding a vote at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30. As a membership, we have 3 options: 1. To accept the change and go to the shortened format. 2. To not accept the change. or 3. To amend our by-laws to allow the use of both the shortened and long version at the discretion of the Exalted Ruler. I urge you all to attend this meeting and cast your vote

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL CLAM BAKE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

The annual clam bake will be held this year 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 1¼ pound of lobster, steak or ½ of a BBQ chicken with corn on the cob and red potatoes on the side. The lobsters are 1¼ lb because anything smaller, would just be too small. The costs are as follows:



1¼ lb. Lobster \$15.00

Steak \$14.00

½ a BBQ Chicken \$12.00

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

DUCK RACE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2



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.

INVESTIGATION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH @ 6PM

Investigation will be held Thursday September 6th at 6PM - Letters and emails have been sent to candidates.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH @ 1PM

Round Robin Style, everyone plays. \$5 entry fee that goes toward the winners pot. There will be a sign up in the grill room.

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD @ 2PM

DON HUNTER

The PER Association will be running this month's Meat/Lobster Raffle. The PER Association provides support to our lodge and this is a primary fundraiser for them. Please come down and enjoy the fun, all the while showing support for your lodge!

INITIATION

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH @ 6PM

On Tuesday September 25th 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 5:15 pm.

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 Elks National Foundation

.FUTURE EVENTS

VA BINGO

OCTOBER 15

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

DINNER/COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH @ 6PM

DON HUNTER

Mark your calendars for Saturday October 20th to come down to the lodge, have a great dinner and enjoy the comedy styling's of Dave Andrews, Hugo Maienza and Mitch Stinson. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person and the dinner choices will be Roast Beef and Haddock with Shrimp topping. Tickets will be on sale starting September 15th. This event will benefit the Seacoast Food Pantry. As well as raising money, we will also be collecting non perishable food items beginning September 20th. Look for signs in the grille room. As always, we thank everyone for their generosity!

STATE CHARITY DANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

The NH State Charity Dance will be held this year on Saturday November 10th at the Keene Lodge. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Please see Tracy Delaney if you are interested in attending

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES

- Sept 2 Annual Clam Bake: 1-2:30pm
- Sept 2 Annual Duck Race
- Sept 4 Board of Directors 6pm
- Sept 6 Investigation 6pm
- Sept 7 Friday Night Dinner 5-7pm
- Sept 11 Regular meeting 6:30pm
- Sept 14 Friday Night Dinner 5-7pm
- Sept 14 Karaoke 7-9pm
- Sept 15 Cribbage Tournament 1pm
- Sept 21 Friday Night Dinner 5-7pm
- Sept 23 M&L Raffle 2pm
- Sept 25 Regular Meeting/Initiation 6pm
- Sept 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

First Tuesday 6 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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16	17	18	19	20	21 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	22
23 M&L RAFFLE 2PM	24	25 REGULAR MEETING & INITIATION 6:00PM	26	27	28 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7PM	29 30