



Portsmouth Elks No 97

NEWSLETTER ♦ SEPTEMBER, 2013

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

JOHN McCUNE, JR.

Well, the Elks National Convention is over and the summer is rapidly coming to a close. During the convention, there were many ballot items discussed and voted on in regards to the Elks. Some of these will affect our Lodge, however mostly in a minor way. All of the questions and voting results are posted on the bulletin board in the grill room.



As usual, we have had a busy summer, and are looking at another busy fall season. The

pool improvements have been a great success, and the pool was enjoyed by many this year. Thanks to all that have helped with the pool, however a special thanks to Don Hunter and John Mikol who have been checking and maintaining the pool each day.

Our annual Par 3 golf outing and trip to the Newburyport Elks was a great time and enjoyed by all attendees. Thank you to Tracy Delaney for putting this together.

The Tri-Lodge games on August 3 were a lot of fun and we had many visiting members from the Dover and Rochester Lodges. Unfortunately, Rochester and their 37 member con-

tingent prevailed and took home the trophy. Hopefully for next year, we can rally a big group to put up a challenge when we go for a re-match at the Dover Lodge.

We have many things scheduled over the next few months, and we can always use more involvement, so please let an officer know if you would like to help with any of our upcoming activities. And as always, please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas. Thank you.

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

SECRETARY'S NOTES

RENEE McCUNE, SECRETARY

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, preceding June 30, 2013)

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY

Essay Theme: "Down with Drugs, Up With Awareness" (Eligible children are 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.

GRAND EXALTED RULER MILLARD C. PICKERINGS BANQUET

The Nashua Lodge will be hosting Grand Exalted Ruler Millard C. Pickering's banquet dinner on Wed., September 25th at 7PM. Tickets are \$15.00 per person and they are offering two choices: Baked Stuffed Chicken or Prime Rib. If you are interested in attending please see Renee McCune for tickets (dress is business attire) Deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, September 13th.

2013-2014 PORTSMOUTH LODGE CHARITIES APRIL 1, 2013—AUGUST 8, 2013

Copper Cannon	\$1,000.00
Elks National Foundation	\$1,155.00
Mended Hearts	\$1,518.00
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	\$175.00
The Chase Home	\$1,000.00
Tony Rahn Scholarship	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$8,960.71

NH ELKS CHARITABLE DATA SUMMARY FOR 2012-13 REVISED

Program Participants:	88,893
Elks Who Worked:	10,771
Helpers of Elks Who Worked:	2,606
Total Workers:	13,377
Elks Hours Donated:	32,338
Helpers Hours Donated:	14,170
Total Hours:	46,508
Cash Value of Donated Hours*	\$1,013,409.32

Elks Miles Traveled:	131,779
Helpers Miles Traveled:	30,258
Total Miles:	162,037
Cash Value of Miles Traveled*	\$89,120.35
Cash Contributions:	\$177,164.00
Non-Cash Contributions:	\$692,234.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$1,971,927.67

* 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 \$.55 per mile.

DELINQUENT LIST

As of August 6 we have 161 members on the delinquent list. The list is located behind the bar. Please review it 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.

BIRTHDAYS

For those of you who have a birthday in September, Happy Birthday from all of us!

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.

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 Coupl
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 Coupl
Visiting	Governing Body
Website	John McCune, Jr.



WHAT'S UP IN ELKDOM?



David Schuppert, Karen Hunter, Portsmouth Trustee, Doug "Doc" Fletcher, Don Hunter, Portsmouth Trustee, John McCune Jr., Portsmouth Exalted Ruler

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE FOR THE LIBERTY HOUSE

On Sunday, August 10th Portsmouth Lodge of Elks #97 held their Monthly Meat and Lobster raffle and this month's proceeds went to The Liberty House. What a great day, there were over 95 members who participated in the raffle, plenty of Lindt Chocolate donated by Dave and Joy Schuppert and we had record breaking donations - total amount to go to The Liberty House is \$1,878.38! Thank you to everyone who participated!



VETERANS BINGO

Marga Coupl and her team had a great time at the VA Bingo on Monday, July 29th. The next bingo is scheduled for September 30th



ITEMS NEEDED FOR 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!



TRI-LODGE GAMES RESULTS

We started off at 10AM setting everything up and I would like to thank the following folks for coming in early and helping: John McCune, Karen Hunter, Sheryl Timmons, Anne Marie King, Claire Thomas, Donny and Donna Cress, Tracy Delaney, Gina Godbout, Debbie Zoffoli, Dave Thibeault, Sharon Caswell, Cindy Pelkey, Larry Hart and thank you to everyone else that came and helped man the games.

Huge thank you's go out to, Karen and Donny Hunter for organizing the event. To Sandy and Sheryl Timmons for jumping in and helping with the bar when the bus load of folks came in. To John Mikol and his team for supplying us with plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers. To Gina for being our wonderful grill master. And to all the folks that brought in a dish to share Although we did not win the trophy back - we had a great day! Next year we will get it back.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PORTSMOUTH LODGE SOCCER SHOOT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 @ 11AM

The BPOE Lodge #97 Kid's Soccer Shoot will be held at Portsmouth High School on Sun., Sept. 1 at 11AM. Registration will start at 10:15. Boys and girls under the age of 14 as of Aug. 1, are eligible to participate and should provide birth certificates for proof of age. There is no fee for the event. All players will receive tee shirts and certificates of participation. The division winners will be awarded trophies and advance to the State Championship where they will compete to move on to the seven-State District Championship. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been posted in the grill room. We request that volunteers be at the shoot by 10:00. Please contact Colin McGee, Soccer Shoot Committee Chair at 490-8908 with any questions. The Shoot will be done in plenty of time to get to the Lodge for John's Clambake! Please sign up and support this great kids' event!



ANNUAL CLAM BAKE & DUCK RACE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



The annual Clam Bake and Duck Race 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 and ½ a BBQ Chicken \$12.00. The food will be served from 1 to 2:30. Tickets go on sale 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.



INITIATION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 6PM

On Tues. Sept. 10, 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

KARAOKE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 @ 7PM

After enjoying one of John Mikol's famous Friday night dinners stay and enjoy some fun Karaoke by Darlene

MEAT AND LOBSTER RAFFLE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 @ 2PM
DON HUNTER

Portsmouth Lodge #97's PER Association will be running the next Meat/Lobster Raffle on Sunday September 15th at 2pm. Come down and join in the fun. It's always a great time to see old friends and you never know what you might win!

OCTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ 2PM

Come on down to enjoy some German food and beer specials. Bring a dish to share and we will have entertainment. Watch for details in the grill room.

VA BINGO

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH
MARGA COULP

The Portsmouth Lodge goes to the VA Hospital in Manchester four 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! If you are interested in carpooling please email rasinrye@comcast.net before Fri., Sept. 27.

SAVE-THE-DATE

DISTRICT DEPUTY AUDIT: OCT. 19 @ 10AM
PUMPKIN CONTEST: THURS., OCT. 24 @ 6PM
HALLOWEEN PARTY: SAT., OCT. 26 @ 6PM
VETERANS BINGO'S: OCT. 21, DEC. 30
ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER: SAT., NOV. 23

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THESE DATES!

Sept 1 Soccer Shoot 11AM Annual Clam Bake & Duck Race 1PM
Sept 6 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Sept 10 Meeting/Initiation 6PM
Sept 13 Friday Dinner 5-7PM Karaoke 7PM
Sept 15 Meat & Lobster Raffle 2PM
Sept 20 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Sept 24 GB Meeting 5:30PM Regular Meeting 6:30PM
Sept 27 Friday Night Dinner 5-7PM
Sept 28 OctoberFest 2PM
Sept 30 VA Bingo 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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15 MEAT & LOBSTER RAFFLE 2PM	16	17	18	19	20 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7 PM	21
22	23	24 GB MEETING 5:30PM REG. MEETING 6:30	25	26	27 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER 5-7 PM	28 OCTOBERFEST 2PM
29	30 VA BINGO 7PM					