



# Portland Elks

## *The 188 News*

May 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

It is that time of the year when we all begin to think about our plans for the upcoming year. Whether it is family vacation plans, outdoor barbecues or just catching up with your old friend.

We are also making our plans for the upcoming year here at the Portland Elks Lodge. I have a great group of volunteers who will be devoting their time this year in all of our Lodge activities and programs. This past week I sat in on the Activities Committee meeting and was truly impressed with how excited and enthusiastic each of these members are in developing their plans for the upcoming activities in our Lodge.

The Elks State convention will be held this coming May 3-5 and I will be attending as your Exalted Ruler. They will be holding many sessions at the convention with the intent of informing and educating all new attendees on how to effectively manage a lodge. I will use this time as an opportunity to converse with other exalted rulers with the hope of bringing back some new ideas.

On May 10 we will be recognizing all of our mothers in our lounge. Come on in and celebrate your special day with us. May 25 will be the Summit Project send off. If you have not seen this before I highly recommend being here for this as we recognize our past veterans. And then on May 27 is our annual Memorial Day service to be held at the Evergreen Cemetery. Hope that the weather will cooperate with us and bring sunny skies.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Winschel  
Exalted Ruler





## 2024—2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel  
*Exalted Ruler*

Martha Binette  
*Esteemed Leading Knight*

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*Esteemed Loyal Knight*

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*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*

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*Treasurer*

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*Chaplain*

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*Esquire*

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*Tiler*

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*Soloist*

Roger Jones  
*Trustee (1 year)*

Tim Smith  
*Trustee (2 years)*

Kimberly Toppi  
*Trustee (3 years)*

Gary Rairdon  
*Trustee (4 years)*

Joan Harmon  
*Trustee (5 years)*

*Congratulations* to our 2024/2025 Lodge Officers



# News from Lodge Secretary

Victoria Doughty



## PORTLAND ELKS LODGE #188 2024 – 2025 DUES STATEMENT

Each year a portion of dues is sent to the Grand Lodge to assist with operating costs, production of the Elks magazine, and insurance. For 2024, this portion of your dues has increased by \$5.

Below is the dues renewal form that must be filled out in full and returned with your payment. If you would like your 2024 card mailed, **YOU MUST** enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If the Lodge mails it to you without the provided envelope, the cost will be an additional \$5.00. Otherwise, your card will be at the Lodge Bar for pickup.

**NOTE: If you return the form sent to you by the Grand Lodge, PLEASE do not tear it apart. Return the entire form.**

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**Dues enclosed:     \$94 regular member \_\_\_\_\_ \$56.50 life member \_\_\_\_\_**

Check applicable Charitable Contributions and/or Fees listed below:

Elks National Foundation	___\$10	State Initiative (MCCP)	___\$10
Scholarship Fund	___\$10	Mail Membership Card	___\$5

\_\_\_ **Please mail my card. I've enclosed an envelope.**    \_\_\_ I will pick up at Elks Lodge

Charge Credit Card# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO PAY DUES ONLINE: <https://Search.revopay.com/elkslodge>**

How do you want to receive Lodge news?    Mail \_\_\_\_\_    Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an Emergency Contact name, address, phone number, and relationship:

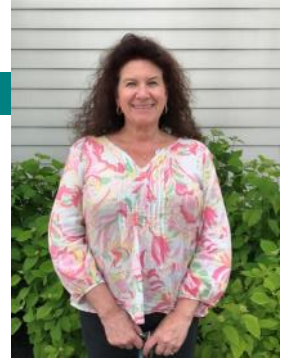
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## Manager's Message

*Kim McDonough, General Manager*



I am pleased to announce that we now have **Elk Gift Cards** available for purchase in the Lounge. Gift cards, in any denomination, may be

used for drinks or food while in the Member's Lounge, or at any member sponsored event such as the Craft Fair or Basket Extravaganza to purchase lunch. The card makes for a great birthday gift for a fellow member, or a thank you. (Cards cannot be used at private events such as weddings, celebration of life, reunions, etc) Just ask the bartender on duty.

I would like to give a shout out to a great staff and wonderful team of volunteers who have been there through a very busy spring season. Our Alden Ballroom has been very busy with private events, conferences, fundraisers, and dances. And summer, looks just as busy. I have been able to hire several new folks to join our staff, and our kitchen is running smoothly.



**Memorial Day**, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. It's difficult to prove the origins of this day as over two dozen towns and cities lay claim to be the birthplace. In May 1966, President Lyndon Johnson stepped in and officially declared Waterloo N.Y. the birthplace of Memorial Day.

Regardless of the location of origins or the exact date, one thing is crystal clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War (which ended in 1865) and a desire to honor our dead. On the 5th of May in 1868, General John Logan who was the national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially proclaimed it in his General Order No. 11.

Part of the history of Memorial Day meaning will show that in the Order, the General proclaimed, "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." Because the day wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle, the General called it, The date of Decoration Day.

***Portland Lodge 188 will have a remembrance ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, 627 Stevens Avenue, Portland, on Monday, May 27, at 10 am. Ceremony takes place at the Elk statue. All members are welcome, and encouraged, to attend.***

# Portland Elks "SOUP"er Sunday, May 19

Choose from 4 fabulous homemade soups, two sizes

**PICK UP MAY 19, 12 noon—3 pm**

**ORDER by May 1, must be paid in advance**

*Stay a while and watch the Red Sox v Cardinals at 1:15 pm*

***Beef Stew:*** beef, wine, beef broth, carrot, potato, tomato paste, garlic

16 oz: \$10  
32 oz: \$18



***Chicken & Rice Soup:*** chicken, celery, carrot, rice, onion, broth

16 oz: \$10  
32 oz: \$18



***Italian Wedding Soup:*** meatballs, parmesan cheese, garlic, carrot, chicken broth, pasta, spinach

16 oz: \$10



***Broccoli Cheddar Soup:*** butter, onion, broccoli, cheddar cheese, half & half

16 oz: \$10  
32 oz: \$18



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Stew	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Chicken & Rice	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Italian Wedding	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
Broccoli Cheddar	16 oz (\$10) QTY: _____	32 oz (\$18) QTY: _____	TOTAL _____
6 pack Biscuits	\$5 QTY _____		TOTAL _____
TOTAL ORDERED	QTY: _____	QTY: _____	TOTAL DUE: _____

Make check to Portland Elks Lodge 188, and mail to Elks Activity Committee, 1945B Congress Street, Portland 04102.

Charge my credit card:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMIT PROJECT SEND OFF

*Martha Binette, Chair*

*Saturday, May 25, will be this year's Summit Project Send Off at Lodge 188. Volunteers are needed to help get breakfast set up and served, as well as clean up after the ceremonies conclude. This year there will be Maine Elks Bikers helping to transport the fallen heroes stones to Millinocket. Start time is 6:30 am. Please see Martha Binette if you are available. Martha is also accepting donations to help offset the cost of the breakfast. See her Wednesday or Friday nights at the Lodge.*



The **Summit Project in Maine** (TSP) is a remarkable initiative that allows communities to honor our fallen heroes through meaningful action. Here are some key details about this inspiring project:

### **Mission and Purpose:**

- The Summit Project aims to honor Maine's post-9/11 fallen service members.
- Through education, fellowship, and physical activity, TSP provides assurance to their families that these sacrifices will never be forgotten.
- Unlike static monuments, TSP actively engages communities in remembering and honoring our heroes.

### **MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS.....BRENDA BERRY**

I joined the Elk 15 years ago as I had friends who were members. Currently, I chair the Scholarship Committee and am hoping to recruit someone to take this over. It has been a lot of fun, and I have met some wonderful scholarship winners from our area. I want to remain on the committee, but ready to give up the leadership role. I have also volunteered in the Lodge secretary's office doing a variety of tasks. I've enjoyed my many volunteer rolls as I enjoy working with other members and helping people.



I grew up in East Millinocket, Maine, and moved to Portland in 1971. I am a widow and have three sisters and one brother. Two of my sisters are also Portland Elks members.

I worked at Andover College for more than 30 years. I was a part owner and left when the school was sold to Kaplan. I then worked at the Portland Public Market in the office until they closed. After that I spent over 15 years as the Registrar at the University of Maine School of Law until my retirement in 2019.

## Activity Committee

*Kim Toppi, Chairperson*



### **Girls 's Night Out Shopping Spree**

**Friday, May 10, 4-7 pm**

**30 Direct Sales Vendors/Crafters will have goods for sale;  
kitchen open with dinner options while you shop, cash bar;  
20 minute Chair Massage with Beth Mitchell**

**Open to the PUBLIC—bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and yes, spouses/partners are most welcome!!**

### **CLYNK for Maine Children's Cancer Program—\$141 since October**

Here is an easy way to help support the Elks and our commitment to the Maine Children's Cancer Program ..... Fill a CLYNK bag with bottles and cans and then drop off at any Hannaford. Labeled bags are available at the Lodge Bar area, or call Kim at 207.329.0845 and a few can be mailed to you.



## May Calendar of Events

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| May 1  | May Day Basket Drive...Barron Center, Springbrook, Seaside, Portland Center for Assisted Living, St Joseph's Manor |
| May 3  | Cinco De Mayo theme Dinner, Mike & Annelyse, 730-1030 pm   |
| May 10 | Mother's Day Recognition in Lounge   |
| May 10 | Girl's Night Out Shopping Spree, 4-7 pm, Alden Ballroom  |
| May 17 | Chris Skigdel in Lounge, 730-1030 pm   |
| May 19 | SOUP"er" Sunday, 1-3 pm  |
| May 25 | Summit Project Send Off, 8 am  |
| May 27 | Memorial Day Service, Evergreen Cemetery, 10 am  |

# May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  <b>Activity Com</b> <b>2 pm</b> 3 Card, 530pm		3 3 Card, 6 pm <b>Cindo de</b> <b>Mayo Dinner</b> Anneylse & Mike, 730pm	4
5	6 <b>House</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>5 pm</b>	7  Bingo, 9 am <b>Veteran Co</b> <b>5 pm</b>	8  3 Card, 530pm		10 3 Card, 6 pm DJ, Karaoke <b>Girls Night</b> <b>Shopping</b> <b>4-7 pm</b>	11
12 	13 <b>Trustees</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>General</b> <b>Mtg 6 pm</b>	14  Bingo, 9 am	15  3 Card 530pm	16	17  3 Card, 6 pm DJ, Karaoke <b>Chris Skigdel</b> <b>730-1030 pm</b>	18
19 <b>"Soup"er</b> <b>Sunday 1-3</b> <b>pm</b> 	20	21  Bingo, 9 am	22  3 Card, 530pm	23	24  3 Card, 6 pm DJ, Karaoke	25 <b>Summit</b> <b>Project</b> <b>Send Off</b> <b>8 am</b>
26	27 <b>MEMORIAL</b> <b>DAY</b> 	28  Bingo, 9 am	29  <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>10-3 pm</b> 3 Card, 530pm	30	31  3 Card, 6 pm DJ, Karaoke	



## Congratulations to our Distinguished Award Winners



**Joan Harmon**  
*Officer of the Year*



**Louis, "Andy" Leary**  
*Distinguished Citizenship Award*



**Cindy Dame**  
*Outstanding Service Commendation*

**Bingo—Every Tuesday  
—Doors Open at 9 am**

Purchase of Cards start at 10am, Games start at 12 noon. Sale of Pull Tabs and 50/50 tickets. Kitchen open for delicious snacks and lunch prior to game time. Join us for a fun afternoon!

**Bingo Hotline: 207-773-7396**




**Mike &  
Anneylse**  
**Friday, May 3**  
**7:30—10:30 pm**  
**Lounge 188**



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John Paul Dumas  
Percy Farr  
Arlene Fenderson  
Archie L'Heureux  
Catherine McDonough  
John Milton  
Will Mulkern  
Seymour Nathanson  
Sterling Parker  
Elizabeth Smith  
William Smith  
Allen "Bud" St. Pierre  
Bob Stokinger  
Harry Winger

### *Elk "Booster"*

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George Anderson  
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Doughty Family  
Victoria and Skip Doughty  
Carlene Farr  
Linda Lincoln  
L'Heureux Family  
Millie McDonough  
Beth Milton  
Irene Mulkern  
Elliott Nathanson  
Janice Parker  
The Smith Family  
Timothy Smith  
Tim & Liz Smith  
Gladys Stokinger

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Becoming a Booster is a way to recognize family members and friends that are important to you. The cost is \$10 for one year, or become a Lifetime Booster for \$100. If you would like to become a Booster, fill out form below and return with check to: Portland Elks Lodge, 1945B Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102, attn: Lodge Secretary.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster type: Yearly (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_

## BRICKS TO HONOR A LOVED ONE

If you want to remember a loved one or honor a family member, or a friend who has done a good deed, an engraved brick at Lodge 188 leaves a lasting legacy.

Bricks are \$50 each and are placed around the Elk at the main entrance to the Lodge.

Applications are on a table in the hallway leading to the Lounge. Completed forms and a check may be turned in to Barbara Pileggi.

Bricks will only be ordered when there are at least 5 new bricks to be engraved.

*Our sincere thanks to all those who have placed an order.*



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**Lodge/Lounge Hours**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Bingo ONLY
Wednesday	3pm—9 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3pm—11pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

**Lodge Phone**

773-7396

**Lodge Fax**

773-3582

**Secretary**

Vickey Doughty, 773-6939

**General Manager**

Kim McDonough, 838-4386