



Portland Elks

The 188 News

July 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

Finally, we will be welcoming the official first day of summer on June 20. We always welcome the arrival of summer since it is so short and sweet here in Maine. There will be some much needed work done to our lodge in the coming weeks which was approved at our last general meeting. A new sound system has been installed in our lounge which will be a much needed improvement to benefit both the members and functions. In addition, we have approved new dishware to be used in the function room for special events. This was much needed in order to present a professional appearance to our customers whose business supports the operation and sustainability of our lodge. We will also be painting the outside wall by the member entrance and installing a new gutter system. And one of our own members will be repainting the Elk outside of the Lodge.



Coming up on July 13 the Activity Committee will be providing a Lobster Lover's Dinner with music by Sapphire Lane. You will have the option of either two twin 1 lb lobsters or a New York Sirloin steak plus the fixings. Come on in and celebrate summers with a classic New England dinner at the Portland Elks.

Hope to see you all in this month.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Winschel
Exalted Ruler



2024—2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler

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Esteemed Leading Knight

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Esteemed Loyal Knight

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Kimberly Toppi
Trustee (3 years)

Gary Rairdon
Trustee (4 years)

Joan Harmon
Trustee (5 years)

State President to Visit Lodge 188

On August 3, our lodge will host our Elk State President Michael Hannigan and his wife Denise.



A 3 mast schooner sail is scheduled for 1:00 pm out of Portland. If you'd like to go on the sail, you can purchase your tickets at www.portlandschooner.com. Select the 1 pm sail time, and cost is \$60. When ordering your tickets, scroll down on their website to the "comment" section and enter Portland Elks so you'll be on the same boat. You are free to bring snacks and beverages that you like.

News from Lodge Secretary

Victoria Doughty



As of June 7, 2024, we have 88 members who are delinquent in paying their dues. Please check your card to make sure it says paid to April 1, 2025. The color of the card should be BLUE. Regular members' dues are \$94.00 and life members are \$56.50.

If you know of any member who is ill or in the hospital, please let the secretary's office know so we can send out a get-well card. This also applies if you know a member who may have passed away so we as Elk members can send out a sympathy card to members of the family. Thank you!

If you have moved, changed your phone number, or changed your email address it is important to pass on the information to the secretary's office so your file can be updated. The post office will not forward your newsletter or Elks magazine. Every newsletter or magazine returned costs the lodge money. And if your email address has changed, you will not receive notifications to members or the weekly Blast for the Lounge.

I have been asked recently about getting the Elks magazine online. In the June Elks magazine on page three, there is an article regarding switching your Elks magazine subscription from the print version to the online edition. The article leads you step by step on what to do.

At this time, we have 11 candidates who became members of Elks Lodge #188. Initiation will take place at the July 8th meeting. Please welcome Rebecca Boaz, Kristi McCarthy, Brent Basso, Timothy Donahue, Charles Hews, Janet Larrabee, Barbi Larrabee, Beverly Baily, Patricia Brown, Nancy Kinslow and Edward Kinslow.

Wishing you all a safe and happy 4th of July.



Summer BBQ's are the perfect gathering to collect those can tops! There is a container inside the Member's Lounge where you can drop off your tops. Our Lodge donates the tops to the Ronald McDonald House on the West End, who turns them in for money that helps assist families with children in a local hospital.

Manager's Message

Kim McDonough, General Manager



Meeting

**Lodge 188 General Meeting
Buffet Dinner**

Monday, July 8

Buffet Dinner served 4:45—5:45 pm

\$12 pp

Call 773.6939, ext 1 to RSVP, or sign up in the Lounge

Installation of New Members

Kathryn A Paquette Scholarship Winners Announced



L-R: Nicholas Binette, Martha Binette, Carl Paquette, Marie Pardi, Delaney McDonough

On June 10, Carl Paquette and his family announced the 2024 Kathryn A. Paquette Scholarship winners. The scholarship was established by Carl and his family after the sudden death of his wife, Kathy in 2023. Kathy was an integral part of Lodge 188 before their move to NC in 2019. The Paquette family has pledged to award two scholarships to an Elk related student for the next five years.

The 2024 inaugural scholarships were presented to Nicholas Binette, grandson of Martha Binette and to Delaney McDonough, granddaughter of Marie Pardi. Each student received \$1,500.

Congratulations Nick and Delaney!



Celebrating Our Volunteers
Thank you for all you do for Lodge 188!



Patty Amico
 Linda Basso
 Brenda Berry
 Martha Binette
 Sue Briggs
 Pam Charles
 Jeanette Conley
 Steve Corey
 Jean Cote
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 Cindy Dame
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 Bruce Jordan
 Susie Kane
 Norm Levasseur
 Helen LaCount
 Leanne Ladd
 Bob & Gloria Lax
 Andy Leary
 Arty Ledoux
 Peggy Ledoux
 Jack Loveland
 Mark Madison
 Renatta Masse
 Beth Milton
 Julie Morin
 Gale Murphy
 Sheila Nichols

Carl Paquette
 Marie Pardi
 Dot Petty
 Jeff Pierce
 Barbara Pileggi
 Bob & Gerry Pomerleau
 Paul Poore
 Sue Potocki
 Magaret & Marc Poulin
 Bobby Queen
 Gary & Laurie Rairdon
 Dennis Rickett
 Paul Robinson
 Richard Rumney
 Barbara Sawyer
 Lisa Smith
 Sandy Smith

Tim Smith
 Susan Smythe
 Joanne Sparks
 Barbara Spiller
 Lorraine Taylor
 Michelle Tompson
 Kim Toppi
 Mary Toppi
 Lillian Wakefield
 Tammy Walker
 Kathy West
 Darlene & Ron White
 Joe & Marybeth
 Winschel
 Don Woodbury

Trustee Committee

Gary Rairdon, Chairperson



The board of trustees are settling in well after a few months of being elected. We have worked cohesively with the various groups and committees within the club. Our common goal is to make Portland Elks Lodge 188 a destination for events and a place to gather. Supporting various projects, such as upgrades to the pool table and sound system in our members lounge, to purchasing equipment and supplies for our amazing kitchen and staff. We have also committed and supported projects that will enhance the exterior of our building by painting and adding gutters to improve the appearance of our building. I would like to thank all the committee chairs and members for their continued investment into the Portland Elks Lodge 188.



L: Canfield Systems began installation of new sound system in the member lounge on June 18, and completed it on June 20.

R: Gutter Design, LLC installed new gutters on the member entrance side of the building and replaced rotten boards. Next step: paint



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS.....Susan Smythe

I have been a member of the Elks for six years. I had heard about the Elks when many of my friends had joined. I was impressed with the charities in our community they support.

I work on the Craft Fair bake sale helping make the bake goods and candies, and work as a cashier the day of the fair. This past year I worked as part of a great team making the chicken pot pies. I have also worked on the school supply drive that helps elementary schools in greater Portland.

The Elks is a great organization and volunteering is a perfect way to give back to the community. It also gives me the opportunity to meet many new people.

I grew up in Calais, ME and still go there in the summer to spend time at my cottage on the St. Croix River. I am retired from Hannaford and am now a snowbird spending the winter in Florida.



Activity Committee

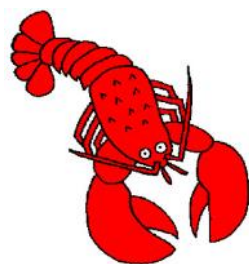
Kim Toppi, Chairperson



Master Class with
Chef Anthony Napolitano
Tuesday, July 2, 5 pm

Let's Make Gnocchi! - \$25 pp
Call 207.329.0845 to reserve spot

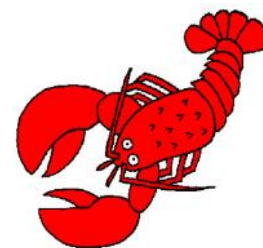
Chef Anthony Napolitano of Maria's Restaurant will teach the class how to make homemade ricotta gnocchi. We'll provide the ingredients. After making the gnocchi, you'll cook it, sauce it with Maria's homecooked sauces, and sit down to dinner with other classmates. Glass of wine is included with dinner.



It's A Lobster Lover's Dinner
Saturday, July 13, \$35 per person















Dinner includes: **TWIN 1 lb Lobster; OR 12 oz New York Sirloin Grilled Steak from a local butcher,**
Baked Potato, Clam Chowder, Cole Slaw, Maine Blueberry Cake

5:30 pm Social
6:00 pm Dinner
7:30 pm Dancing to Sapphire Lane



Call Kim Toppi, 207.329.0845, for tickets or to reserve a table.


July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 House Committee 5 pm	2  Opens 9 am Games 12 N Pasta Class	3  3 Card Game 530 pm	4 	5 LODGE CLOSED	6
7	8 Trustees 4:30 pm Gen Mtg 6 pm	9  Bingo Opens 9 am Games 12 N	10  3 Card Game 530 pm BLOOD DRIVE 10 am	11	12  3 Card Game 6 pm; DJ	13 LOBSTER BAKE 530 pm
14	15	16  Bingo Opens 9 am Games 12 N	17  3 Card Game 530 pm	18	19  3 Card Game 6 pm; DJ	20
21	22 Veteran Committee 5 pm	23  Bingo Opens 9 am Games 12 N	24  3 Card Game 530 pm	25	26  3 Card Game 6 pm; DJ	27
28	29	30  Bingo Opens 9 am Games 12 N	31  3 Card Game 530 pm			


Honoring Our Vets
Flag Day Ceremony & Breakfast, June 2024




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



CLYNK for Maine Children’s Cancer Program—\$218 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.



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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) _____

TIME TO ORDER A BRICK!

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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Newsletter submission: if you have info to share or if you attend a Member Event and take photos that could be included in an upcoming newsletter, please email to Kim Toppi, Newsletter Editor, ktoppi@maine.rr.com for consideration. Thank you!

Lodge/Lounge Hours

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

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Vickey Doughty, 207.773.6939

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