



# Portland Elks

## The 188 News

March 2024

Dear Officers and Members:

*"and now the end is near, it's time to face the final curtain".....*

Hard to believe that this will be my final newsletter as your Exalted Ruler. Where has our year gone?? My first lodge meeting was April 10, 2023. Not only did we have our Installation of Officers on that night, we held our first of many initiations that very same night! I was told by many that have come before me, once you are installed, hit the bricks running. I do believe I did just that.

All the members who worked on and with our committees did a great job helping us stay on track. I thank you for that.

We had our ups and downs, however, we weathered them together as a team. Not all decisions were well received but then that what makes horse racing, so to speak. I'm trying to teach myself not to speak in haste. And before you ask .... I'm still in training, and most likely will be, for many, many years to come. I hope I represented you, our members and our lodge with the dignity and respect you deserve and were expecting. I'll still be around. I'm like that proverbial bad penny. I'll show up when least expected, just in time to help.

On a lighter note:

If you missed our Comedy Night...after hearing what a great show it was, I bet you won't miss the next one.

Friday, March 1, is Employee Appreciation Day. Tell your boss I told you to remind her/him. And should you get that LOOK, say "just Kidding" turn and RUN!!! But please take a moment to THANK our Lodge 188 employees for all they do to keep our Lodge up and running.

State President Sandi Anderson's Home Coming will be held Saturday, March 2, with our spring state meeting being held on Sunday, March 3, at 10 AM. Both will be held at the Waterville Lodge #904.

On Wednesday, March 6, we have our first half of our new candidate's orientation starting at 4:45 pm. I would appreciate a rep from our trustees, bingo, and all committees to speak to the candidates. On Monday March 11, we have the remaining orientation followed by their initiation during our regular meeting.

On Saturday, March 9, we will be hosting the Regional Hoop Shoot breakfast. We will be feeding all the participants and their families, (approx. 250-260) starting at 7 AM. If you would like to volunteer let us know.

My final meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2024. The Installation of Officers for the 2024-2025 year will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 5:30 PM. May 3,4,5 will be our MEA State Convention being held at the Augusta Lodge # 964. There is more happening, but I'll leave that for the new ER's letter.

Remember there is no I in team: *Together Elks Achieve More.*

Fraternaly Yours,

Stephanie R. Ingraham, Exalted Ruler 2023-2024



## 2023—2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Stephanie Ingraham  
*Exalted Ruler*

Joseph Winschel  
*Esteemed Leading Knight*

Martha Binette  
*Esteemed Loyal Knight*

Joan Harmon  
*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*

Victoria Doughty  
*Secretary*

Charleen Durgin  
*Treasurer*

Renate Masse  
*Chaplain*

Vacant  
*Esquire*

Vacant  
*Inner Guard*

Vacant  
*Tiler*

Robert Pomerleau  
*Soloist*

Paul Robinson  
*Trustee (1 year)*

Vacant  
*Trustee (2 years)*

Albert Ingraham  
*Trustee (3 years)*

Vacant  
*Trustee (4 years)*

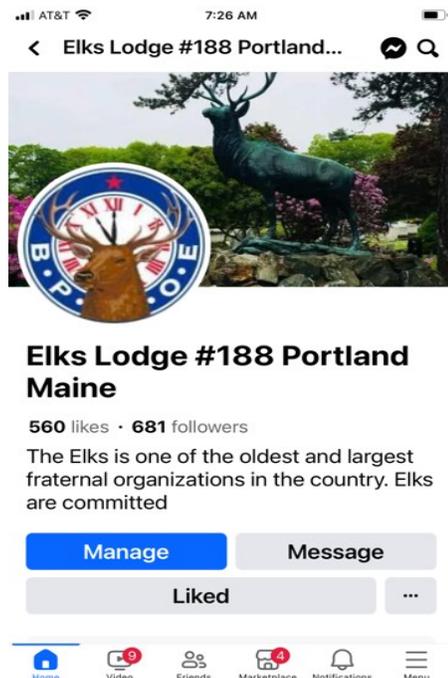
Barbara Pileggi  
*Trustee (5 years)*



## Donate your Bottles & Cans for Maine Children's Cancer Program

1. Take home a bagged Clynk bag. Bags are in the Member's Lounge entrance or call 208.329.0845 and we will mail to you.
2. Fill with your returnable bottles and cans.
3. Deliver to any Hannaford Clynk recycle truck.
4. Portland Lodge 188 will donate all proceeds to MCCP on behalf of our members.

*Thanks for your support!*



For up to date info on all that is going on at Lodge 188, follow the Elks Facebook page.

# 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 to you, **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

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Elk Member \_\_\_\_\_

## Manager's Message

*Kim McDonough, General Manager*



**St Patrick's Day  
Dinner Special  
Friday, March 15**

**5—6:30 pm**

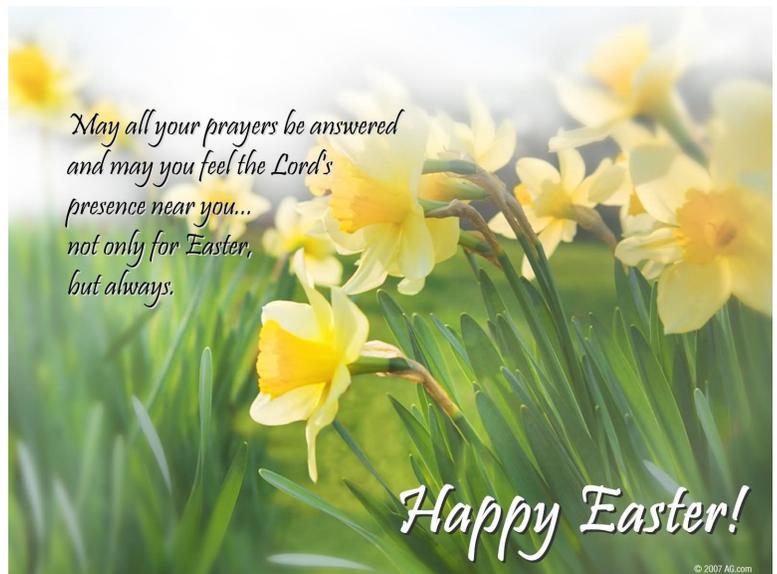
**\$20 pp**

*Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes,  
carrots, Irish bread, Shamrock  
Cake (stuffed chicken optional)*

## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR NEEDED

If you might be interested in serving on the Elks Scholarship Committee, or acting as its chair, WE NEED YOU!! Brenda Berry who has chaired the committee for many years, would like to turn over the reins. She is happy to talk with anyone interested before committing. A brief synopsis: applications for Elks scholarships are submitted to the Grand Lodge website usually in November. Our Lodge's committee reviews applications on line and evaluates them. The Grand Lodge does the rest. In April, the Chair of our Lodge's committee is notified if there is a winner, and then the winner is invited to our Lodge.

If you might be interested, please reach out to Brenda Berry via phone: 207.899.5149 or email [bberry1@maine.rr.com](mailto:bberry1@maine.rr.com)



**Elks Blood Drive**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**9 AM**

**A few hours of your time and a pint of blood could help save a life.**

## Kathryn A. Paquette Memorial Scholarship



After Kathy Paquette's untimely death last April, her family decided to keep her memory alive by awarding an annual \$1,500 scholarship in her honor. Elks Lodge 188 has agreed to oversee the handling of the scholarship.

Kathy was born, grew up and lived in Portland most of her life. Before moving to North Carolina in 2019, both she and her husband, Carl, were active members of Elks Lodge 188. Kathy served on various committees, volunteered at numerous events and chaired the House Committee. Her love of the Lodge and its members, as well as her belief in higher education, convinced her family to establish this scholarship to benefit a member or close relative of the Elks.

The scholarship will be awarded to a member, or a close relative of a member, of Lodge 188, who will be attending an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2024.

The first annual scholarship will be awarded at the general meeting in June 2024. To apply for the scholarship, please contact Carl Paquette at 207-956-3588 or email him at [carlpaquette@gmail.com](mailto:carlpaquette@gmail.com) for an application.

**UNLEASHING GRITTY KIDS**

Participants must advance through multiple rounds of competition, undefeated, to compete at the Wintrust Arena in Chicago. Only six win, and the rest leave with the even more powerful lesson of perseverance and the goal of returning next year!

Kids ages 8-13 are eligible to compete. Find the nearest contest at [elks.org/HoopShoot](http://elks.org/HoopShoot).

The poster features four photos of young basketball players in action. A logo for 'ELKS HOOP SHOOT' is visible in the bottom right of the photos.

**Regional Hoop  
Shoot Contest**  
**BREAKFAST FOR  
PARTICIPANTS  
AND PARENTS**  
**March 9, 7 am**  
**Lodge 188**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Contact Stephanie Ingraham if you are able to help out. We expect 250 for breakfast prior to the contest.

### Bingo—Every Tuesday

Doors open at 9 am; Games start at 12 noon

Purchase of Cards start at 10am, Sale of Break open tickets, and 50/50 tickets are available. Kitchen open for delicious snacks and lunch prior to game time. Join us for a fun afternoon!

Bingo Hotline: 207-773-7396



## Activity Committee

*Kim Toppi, Chairperson*



## STEALING SUNDAY

Friday

March 15

730-1030



*Elk's Lodge #188*

Portland

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little early! Come on down for a traditional Irish dinner, followed by local band Stealing Sunday.

Dinner: 5-6:15 pm

Card Games: 6-7:30 pm

Stealing Sunday: 7:30-10:30 pm



### Mark Your Calendars.....

#### Girls 's Night Out Shopping Spree

Friday, May 10, 4-7 pm

30 Direct Sales Vendors will have goods for sale; kitchen open with dinner options while you shop cash bar

### SNEAK PREVIEW....."SOUP"er SUNDAY, MAY 19

Four delicious homemade soups will be available for pre-order and pick up on our "SOUP"er SUNDAY. Watch for details on variety of soup and prices.

Remember those chicken pot pies, this will be just as good!!!!



## Veteran's Committee

*Willie Goodman, Chairperson*



### ELLIOTT NATHANSON RECOGNIZED



Surrounded by members of the Veteran's Committee, long-time member Elliott Nathanson was recognized for his service to our country. Elliott served in the U S Navy from 1965 to 1969. During that time he did three tours in Vietnam where he earned a Purple Heart medal. He was also the recipient of the following awards: Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Secretary of the Navy

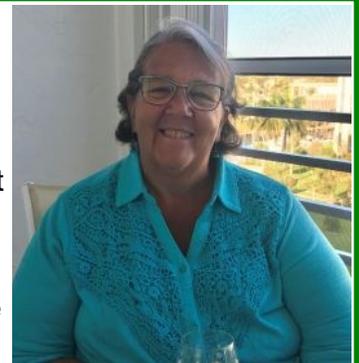
Meritorious Unit Command Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

On this special evening, February 16, Elliott was presented the Eagle Head Cane on behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Windham. He was also presented with a Quilt of Valor made by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comfort and healing. As of December 31, 373,394 Quilts of Valor have been awarded to veterans and service members across the country.

On behalf of Elks Lodge 188, our sincere thank you to Elliott for his service

### MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS.....KIM TOPPI

I joined the Elks six years ago as a way to meet new people, but also spend time with friends who were members. When I first joined, I was asked by Barbara Pileggi to do the Elks Craft Fair, but still working full-time, I declined. Over the next couple of years, with Barbara's constant needling, I finally agreed! Shortly after that, I offered to chair the Activity Committee. For 37 years I was the Director of Philanthropy at Mercy Hospital, so event planning and fundraising come naturally. I am proud to say that the Elks Harvest Craft Fair has grown substantially over the three years, and dollars raised increase every year. And as Activity Chair, I work continually to bring new ideas for members to take part in, and enjoy. This is also due in part, to a great Activity Committee willing to do whatever is asked, and always presenting new things to try.



I grew up on Munjoy Hill and though I have not lived there for the past 30 years, still consider myself a "Hill Girl." I am the oldest of four siblings, have two nephews, two nieces, and two great nephews. Having grown up in a large Italian family, I have lots of family to spend time with, and a great group of girlfriends.

I love to travel and most recently spent 12 days in Europe with girlfriends. Since my retirement in 2020, I now spend my winters in Florida with my best friend. I have also taken up golf and learned to play mahjong. Retirement has taught me to enjoy every day to its fullest and do what you want, when you want, with whom you want, and I do!!

# March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>1</b>  3 Card 6pm DJ	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Open 9 am Games 12 n	<b>6</b> <b>Blood Drive</b> <b>9 am</b> 3 Card 530 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  3 Card 6pm DJ	<b>9</b> <b>Regional</b> <b>Hoop</b> <b>Shoot</b>
<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>General</b> <b>Mtg, 6 pm</b>	<b>12</b>  Open 9 am Games 12 n	<b>13</b>  3 Card 530 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  3 Card 6pm <b>Stealing</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>18</b> <b>House</b> <b>Comm</b> <b>530 pm</b>	<b>19</b>  Open 9 am Games 12 n	<b>20</b>  3 Card 530 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  3 Card 6pm DJ	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Vet Comm</b> <b>5 pm</b> <b>General</b> <b>Mtg, 6 pm</b>	<b>26</b>  Open 9 am Games 12 n	<b>27</b>  3 Card 530 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  3 Card 6pm DJ	<b>30</b>
						



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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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Wednesday	3pm—9 pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3pm—11pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

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 773-7396

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 773-3582

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 Vickey Doughty, 773-6939

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