



Portland Elks

The 188 News

November 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

Fall is in the air and we are now waking up to the frost on the leaves and that chill in the mornings. We do have so much going on at the lodge this month. Come on in and say hello.

I was able to attend the Maine Elks Association state meeting in Farmington, Maine on October 13. This is always well attended by the representatives from our state lodges. Updates were given to all from the State elected officers to the members present. Of interest to all will be the forthcoming visit by our Grand Exalted Ruler Doug Schiefer and first lady Julia on November 6 at the Bangor Elks Lodge. I have submitted the notice of their visit to our secretary who will post this for all to view.



During our October General Meeting, Paul Poore was installed as our Esteemed Loyal Knight, filling a vacation position. Thank you, Paul, for agreeing to serve.

The activity committee has been really busy with events this coming month. Our Kids Halloween Party will be held on October 27. Bring in your kids and grandchildren for a fun day of tricks and treats which will surely bring some smiles to their faces.

We are also planning on a good old fashioned thanksgiving lunch for our veterans on November 9. If you know of any veteran who would enjoy a great meal and some time with fellow veterans, bring them in. We will make sure that they are well fed and recognized for their service.

Hoping to see you this month at the lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Winschel
Exalted Ruler

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2024—2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler

Martha Binette
Esteemed Leading Knight

Paul Poore
Esteemed Loyal Knight

Barbara Pileggi
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DINNER

7:30 | *The Venetian Ballroom*
ELEGANT LAND & SEA BUFFET
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SEASIDE MARTINI CLUB COMBO

DANCING

8:30 - 12:30 | *The Copa*
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New Year's Eve

Tickets NOW ON
SALE

Tickets may be purchased
at the Lounge Bar or on
EventBrite.

To avoid service fee, best
to purchase at the Lodge.

Event is OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC, so gather your
friends and spend New
Year's Eve with us.....

.....great food, fabulous
band, and midnight
champagne toast to ring
in 2025!

News from Lodge Secretary

Victoria Doughty

It doesn't seem possible, but as of November 1st we are eight months into the 2024 – 2025 Elks Fiscal Year which started April 1, 2024 and we still have 60 members who have yet to pay their dues. For those members, you have until March 31, 2024, and if your dues are not paid, you will be dropped from the roles of Portland Elks Lodge 188.

If you are unsure if your dues have been paid, you can reach the Secretary's office by telephone at 207-773-7396 Extension 103 or by email elks188@maine.rr.com.

If you want to telephone and pay your dues over the phone, you can pay by a credit card.

At our October 14th meeting we initiated five new members. Please welcome them into Lodge #188.

I want to give a shout out and a heartfelt thank you to Bob and Jerry Pomerleau for their assistance in preparing the monthly newsletter for mailing. Bob and Jerry have been helping me for many months in the folding, sealing, putting on the address labels. I could not get the mailing done without them. THANK YOU!

I also want to thank Sandy Smith for her help in getting the orientation packets prepared for the new candidates that are initiated into Lodge 1188. THANK YOU!

I wish you all a safe and happy November.



NEW LODGE 188 PINS FOR SALE

Check out our updated Lodge 188 pin featuring Portland's Munjoy Hill Observatory. If you'd like a pin, see Vickey Doughty. Cost is \$3.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

At the October General Meeting, the following new members were initiated:

(l-r): Joe Saindon, John Pappas, Kathy Pappas, Norma Meehan, and Debra Bazier.

Veteran's Committee

Willie Goodman, Chairperson



Maine Paws for Veterans is a non-profit corporation established as Embrace A Vet in 2012. Founded by the late Joy Johnson, Embrace A Vet initially focused on retreats for veterans and spouses and later on service dog training for veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress. In 2021, Maine Paws for Veterans was established to provide service dog training and support for veterans with military-related Post-Traumatic Stress. Maine Paws for Veterans and Embrace A Vet have graduated approximately 130 teams of veterans and service dogs since 2012.

The Maine Paws for Veterans program matches qualified dogs with veterans living with military-related PTS. In this unique program, pairs progress through service dog training together, enriching both lives while building peer relationships.

On September 25, our Veteran's Committee presented a \$2,000 check as a result of Lodge 188 receiving the Gratitude Grant.



Lodge 188 members presenting membership card to longtime member George Pacillo who is 100 years old and is now a resident at the Scarborough Veterans Home in Maine. Lodge Veteran Committee Chair Willie Goodman and Lodge Exalted Ruler Joe Winschel made the presentation.



Portland Lodge 188
invites you to our annual
Veterans Thanksgiving Luncheon

Open to All Veterans (spouses welcome)

Saturday, November 9

12 noon—3 pm

Please call 207-804-0358 to RSVP by November 1st.






STEP UP TO THE LINE

Take a shot at putting your name in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame through the Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest.

Kids ages 8-13 are eligible to compete. Find the nearest contest at elks.org/HoopShoot.

Portland Elks Lodge 188 **Hoop Shoot Contest**

Saturday, November 9, 9 am Registration

Stevens Square Community Center, 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland
(former Catherine McAuley High School gym)

Open to all students in Cumberland County

CLYNK for Maine Children's Cancer Program—\$350 raised to date

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.



BINGO NEWS

We are excited to announce that October 1, lunch served during Bingo has had its hours extended until 1:30 pm. And the menu has been expanded to offer more variety each week.

We have a great team of volunteers who work in the kitchen each week....Barbara Pileggi, Sue Briggs, Martha Binette, and Stephanie Ingraham. In order to keep the kitchen open longer each week, we are looking for volunteers to help out. Time would be 11:30—2 pm on Tuesday. However, you don't need to sign up for every Tuesday. If once a month works for you, it will work for us!!

Contact Kim Toppi at 207.329.0845 if you are interested in volunteer opportunities in the kitchen on Bingo Tuesdays. We would love to have you join the Bingo Volunteer Team.



Let Your Heart Be Full of Thanksgiving!

Welcome a stranger

Seek out a forgotten friend

Keep a promise, laugh, listen

Brighten the heart of a child

Encourage the young

Express your gratitude

Be gentle

Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth

Speak your love and Speak it once again

Let your heart be filled with Thanksgiving!

MEET OUR VOLUNTEER.....JOAN HARMON

I joined the Elks three years ago at the urging of friends who were members. I enjoy volunteering for causes that benefit people and programs. I had experience in bingo operations from my Little League days and committee service from WHA and the Westbrook School department, so it was a natural fit to join the Elks Bingo team. I like to gain knowledge of the programs I commit to and find the best ways to serve. Currently, I chair the House Committee, and a member of the Trustees, and volunteer in the Lounge, when needed.



I was raised in Portland's West End in a Catholic school environment as well as a tight church community. I believe that is the foundation for my beliefs as well as a little ole Catholic guilt!!!

I retired from the Westbrook School Department after 30 years, the last seven as transportation director.

I am married to Donny, my husband of 49 years. We have three children Donny (Jess), Abby (Wes), and Amanda (Matt). We are blessed with four grandchildren: Quinn, Corbin, Sylvia and Sullivan.

Now that I'm retired, I enjoy all those mornings I remember saying, "I can't wait until I don't have to go to work." Say hello if you see me out and about, and we can talk about you becoming a volunteer.

Activity Committee

Kim Toppi, Chair-

October was a busy month with our annual Chicken Pot Pie Sale and Harvest Craft Fair & Bake Sale. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who stepped up and helped make these events a success!! Here are just a few of the dozens of volunteers who worked to make this all happen.

Thank
you!



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Card Games 6pm; DJ	2
3	4 House Co 5 pm	5  Doors Open 9 am; Games 12 N	6  Card Games 5:30 pm	7	8  Card Games 6pm; DJ	9 HOOP SHOOT, 9am Vet Lunch 12 noon
10	11 	12  Doors Open 9 am; Games 12 N	13  Card Games 5:30 pm	14	15  Card Games 6pm; DJ	16
17	18 Trustee Mtg 430 pm Gen Mtg 6 pm	19  Doors Open 9 am; Games 12 N	20  Card Games 5:30 pm	21	22  Card Games 6pm; DJ	23
24	25 Veteran Co. 5 pm	26  Doors Open 9 am; Games 12 N	27 LODGE CLOSED	28 	29  Card Games 6pm; DJ	30



TURKEY SHOOT

Friday, November 15

Dinner Starts at 5:00 pm, \$16 per person

Roast Pork Dinner Buffet with all the Trimmings—mashed potatoes, veggie, gravy, desserts

3 Card Challenge starts at 6:00 pm

DJ Bobby Queen following Card Games

Each round winner will receive a 18+ pound turkey.

THERE WILL BE 8 CASH ROUNDS and 8 ROUNDS for TURKEY.

IT'S AN ELK "WARMING TREE" CHALLENGE

Here is a way you can help those in need during this holiday season. Check out our Elk Warming Tree in Lounge 188. Take a tag (s) off the tree, shop for what is on the tag, and return to the Lodge no later than December 6.

Items can be NEW or GENTLY USED.

Items donated DO NOT NEED TO BE WRAPPED! Just return the items and place them under the tree in the Lounge.

All articles collected will be donated to MAINE NEEDS...a community focused donation center based out of Portland, striving to help Mainers meet their basic material needs.

***Our Lodge has challenged all of the Elk Lodges in the State to participate in a Warming Tree in their community. The Elk Lodge that collects the most items will receive a special plaque.

Let's have Lodge 188 rise to the challenge and collect the most items!!



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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.



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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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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