



# Portland Elks

## The 188 News

October 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

What a wonderful summer we experienced this year in Maine. Hoping that each and every one of you were able to enjoy time with family and friends before fall begins.

On September 8, I was able to attend the Drug Awareness Program seminar held at the Augusta Elks Lodge 244. This was a wonderful seminar chaired by Anthony Gause and his team. They presented materials and information on reaching out to the schools, access to promotional materials and conducting drug awareness contests in our schools. They also provided a short training on Narcan use and supplied our Lodge with two boxes of Narcan in case of an emergency.



Additionally, we received an AED device which was donated to our Lodge from Westbrook Strong 5K. This will be available in the Lodge in the event of a cardiac arrest with one of our members or guests. Thank you to Gary and Laurie Rairdon for your assistance in securing this piece of equipment.

Lastly, please help support our Maine Elks Association by purchasing a calendar this year. We will have some available at the Lodge if you are interested. Calendars are \$20 with a chance of a cash prize 365 days during 2025. We are also supporting the MCCP through a donation at the bar and your name can be recognized with a MCCP donation acknowledgment on the wall. Elks Care Elks Share!

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*

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*Trustee (1 year)*

Tim Smith  
*Trustee (2 years)*

Kimberly Toppi  
*Trustee (3 years)*

Gary Rairdon  
*Trustee (4 years)*

Joan Harmon  
*Trustee (5 years)*

I'd like to thank everyone who has donated to the Maine Children's Cancer Program through CLYNK with your donation of bottles/cans, as well as everyone who purchased an "Elroy" posted on the wall in the Lounge. And once a month, 50/50 proceeds are designated to MCCP. So far this year, your donations have totaled more than \$2,000.

Martha Binette  
*MCCP Chair*



Visiting Elk members Harry Gath from Ellenville, NY and Kari Bartlett from Watertown, NY showing off Kari's hat full of pins from all of the Elk Lodges she has visited.

*Victoria Doughty*



On September 8, I, along with Exalted Ruler Joseph Winschel and Leading Knight Martha Binette attended a Drug Awareness Seminar at Bangor Elks Lodge #244. We received information on The Coloring, Poster, Essay and Video Contest that will hopefully help students think about drug issues and the reasons for avoiding the use of drugs. To start, we will introduce the contest to a couple of schools.

I have all the contest materials on hand and could use some ideas and help bringing them to the schools. When the contests are completed, we need to make sure we pick up all the materials we handed out, so the children are sure to be entered into the appropriate contest. All contests need to be completed by January 20, 2025. Please let me know if you are interested in helping.

On October 27, we will be having a Kids Halloween Party from 12 to 2 at the Lodge. All are welcome, so bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors. Having said that, we are asking if you as members of Lodge #188 would contribute bags of candy for the event. A box will be inside the Lounge to drop off donations.

We still have 63 members who are delinquent in their dues. I will post a list on the bulletin board and if any of them are members you might have sponsored or know, could you help and try to contact them.

New Member Initiation is scheduled for October 14.



**HAVE A FABULOUS OCTOBER**

## 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.



## 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.



**To help make our Kid's Halloween Party extra special, we'd appreciate it if you would consider donating a bag or two of candy—individually wrapped treats please!**

A box is located inside the Lounge where you can drop your donation. Please leave no later than October 23.

We appreciate your continued support!





## **Portland Elks Kid's Halloween Party**

**Sunday, October 27, 12 noon—2 pm**

**FREE.....Open to Elk members kids,  
grandchildren, friends, neighbors**

- Costumes Encouraged
- Trick o' Treating around the Lodge
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Games
- Light Lunch

Call 207.329.0845 and leave message with  
number of kids attending.



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Throughout the month of August, members of Lodge 188 generously donated hundreds of school supply items for this year's school drive.

With the \$4,000 Beacon Grant that the Activity Committee was granted, they were able to purchase "special" items that schools had requested: electric pencil sharpeners, basketballs, dodge balls, play-doh, lapboards, winter gloves and mittens, snacks and more.

All in all, the three schools received a combined total of \$5,100 worth of supplies. Thank you to all our members who donated, helped sort supplies, and load cars!

Top: Kim Toppi, Barbara Pileggi, Martha Binette and Margaret Poulin at Congin School in Westbrook.

Middle: Lori Grassi, Chris Grassi and Joe Winschel at East End Community School in Portland.

Bottom: Pamela Dill and Margaret Poulin at Skillin School in South Portland.





## Activity Committee

*Kim Toppi, Chairperson*



The Activity Committee has been busy all summer, and heading into the Fall, we have a lot planned for our members to take part in.

- ♦ First, and foremost, our heartfelt thanks to our members who generously donated school supplies for our annual School Supply Drive. We were able to deliver to East End Community School, Congin School, and Skillin School, more than \$5,100 worth of school supplies. Deliveries were made just after school opened for the season, and the teachers thought it was Christmas—such happy faces.
- ♦ We ended September with a scrumptious Hawaiian buffet dinner, and our German Oktoberfest is planned for October 4, so we hope you are able to come down and enjoy!
- ♦ Our volunteers are busy rolling dough and making more than 180 chicken pot pies. If you didn't get your order in, we will have them for sale at the Harvest Craft & Bake Sale, October 19—but get there early as they will sell out.
- ♦ Check out the flyer on page 8 if you are interested in our next Master Class—Making a Perfect Apple Pie, October 24. Class is limited to 24; cost is \$25; and each participant will take home their own apple pie to bake.
- ♦ Our Member's Halloween party is planned for Friday, October 25 in the lounge. Theme this year: Your Favorite 50s character. And Annelyse & Michael will perform 7:30-10:00 pm.
- ♦ Rounding out the month will be our Kid's Halloween party, Sunday, October 27. Open to all Elk members, family and friends. Free. Check out the flyer on page 5.



### ELK LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS ....CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN OF ELK MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. **The 2025 contest and application IS NOW OPEN.** For the 2025 contest, any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the Order on or before April 1, 2022, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2025. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The applicant must be a high school senior. The applicant must apply online only. **The 2025 Legacy Awards application deadline is February 3, 2025, 2:59 pm ET.**

You do not need to submit ACT and/or SAT scores. Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities.

The application and additional guidelines can be found here:  
**[elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm](https://elks.org/scholars/scholarships/legacy.cfm)**



Master Class with  
Baker Marcia Smith  
Thursday, October 24, 5:30 pm

## Let's Make An Apple Pie!

Self-taught baker, Marcia Smith, will teach how to make the perfect pie crust—and a delicious apple pie. Class participants will take home a 9" apple pie to bake or freeze at home, and enjoy later.

*PLEASE BRING: cutting board, rolling pin, apple peeler, small kitchen scale (if you have one), kitchen knife*

**Cost: \$25   Space is limited to 24**

Yes, sign me up! Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Charge my CC: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Send \$25 check made payable to Portland Elks Lodge 188, attn: Kim Toppi,  
1945B Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102,  
or call Kim at 207.329.0845 to reserve spot.





IT WAS A HAWAIIAN CELEBRATION  
AT BINGO, AND A GOOD TIME  
WAS HAD BY ALL.



## CHANGES COMING TO BINGO

We are excited to announce that beginning October 1, lunch will be served during Bingo until 1:30 pm. And the menu is expanding to offer more variety each week.

We have a great team of volunteers who work in the kitchen each week....Joann Sparks, 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!!

October 29 will be our Halloween Costume parade for guests. Prizes for the top three costumes will be awarded. It will be a Spooktacular Day! Hope you can join 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.

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEER.....SUE POTOCKI

Sue Potocki joined the Portland Elks six years ago. She joined because she knew of the Elks mission to do good for the community and its commitment to the veterans.

Over the years Sue has served as Chaplain, volunteered on Wednesday and Friday nights when the Lodge was able to reopen during Covid checking temperatures at the door, sold Queen of Hearts tickets, helped set up tables/chairs for functions, and now volunteers every Tuesday as part of the Bingo team.

Sue was brought up in Portland/Westbrook. She was married for 38 years when she lost her husband. She has one son and two grandchildren.

Sue retired after 30 years working as a legal assistant/paralegal for several local law firms. Today she takes care of her 89 year old mom, taking her to appointments, grocery shopping, and whatever else is needed. She does the same for several elderly friends and neighbors who need transportation.

Sue likes belonging to the Elks because of the people and meeting new friends.



**Portland Elks Lodge 188**  
**1945 Congress Street, Portland**

## **Harvest Craft & Bake Sale**

**Saturday, October 19, 9 am—3:00 pm**

**35 crafters from Maine**

**Homemade candies, cakes, breads,  
chicken pot pies, and more!**

**Lunch 10:30—1:30 pm**

**Salads, Meatballs, Lasagna, Homemade  
Haddock Chowder & More**

**50/50 Raffle.....YETI Cooler Raffle**

**Free Admission. Plenty of Parking.**







It's a 50s Halloween Party—who was your favorite in the 50s?

Get your costume ready for our

***Elk Members Halloween Celebration in the Lounge***

Friday, October 25

Annelyse & Mike perform 7:30—10 pm (following card games)

**Prizes for FAVORITE COSTUMES!!**





# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>  Bingo 9—3 pm	<b>2</b>  <b>Activity Co</b> <b>2 pm</b> 3 Card 530p	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Oktoberfest</b> <b>Dinner</b> <b>Lounge</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Pick Up</b> <b>Pot Pies</b> <b>10-12N</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>House Com</b> <b>5 pm</b>	<b>8</b>  Bingo 9—3 pm	<b>9</b>  3 Card 5:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  3 Card 6 pm DJ, Karaoke	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Trustee Mtg</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>Member</b> <b>Initiation</b> <b>General</b> <b>Mtg</b>	<b>15</b>  Bingo 9—3 pm	<b>16</b>  3 Card 5:30 pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  3 Card 6 pm DJ, Karaoke	<b>19</b> <b>CRAFT</b> <b>FAIR</b> <b>9-3 pm</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Bingo 9—3 pm	<b>23</b>  3 Card 5:30 pm	<b>24</b> <b>Apple</b> <b>Pie Class</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Halloween</b> <b>Party</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Kids</b> <b>Halloween</b> <b>Party</b> 	<b>28</b> <b>Veteran Co</b> <b>5 pm</b>	<b>29</b>  Bingo 9—3 pm	<b>30</b>  3 Card 5:30 pm	<b>31</b> 		



**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 breakfast and lunch until 1:30 pm. Join us for a fun afternoon!

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



**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.



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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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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](mailto: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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