



# Portland Elks

## *The 188 News*

September 2024

Dear Members and Officers,

There is so much going on at our Lodge this coming month, and I am so thrilled to see how we as a group of volunteers make things happen.

I have heard from many members how they would like to see us open more during the week. So we will now be open one Thursday a month on a trial basis (see Kim McDonough's message). Come on in and enjoy some time in the lounge with your fellow members.

This year the Elks National Foundation raised the ENF goal per lodge to \$5 per member from \$4.81. Our Lodge has been very successful in prior years and have made this goal. I am challenging each and every one of you to consider making a donation this year to ENF. The ENF funds are returned to lodges in the form of grants which we have used for Veterans, school projects, senior citizens, food cupboards and other projects.

In addition, we are also supporting the Maine Children's Cancer Program with Clynk bag donations. This is the State sponsored project for all lodges which raises funds to treat children struggling with cancer. You will find the Clynk bags at the entrance to our lounge. Just take one home, fill it with your returnable bottles and cans, and drop off at any Hannaford Clynk truck.

Lastly, we are selling calendars to support the Maine Elks Association program this year. They are only \$20 and you have a chance to win each day of the year—anywhere from \$25 to \$100. Each of our Lodge officers have calendars to sell if you would like one.

A special thank you to Gary Rairdon who spearheaded the drive to clean up our Elks cemetery site at Evergreen Cemetery, and to Pamela Dill who repaired and painted the Elk in front of our Lodge. Both were way overdue and now both look much better than I have ever seen before.

Hope to see you all in September.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Winschel  
Exalted Ruler



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## 2024—2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Joseph Winschel  
*Exalted Ruler*

Martha Binette  
*Esteemed Leading Knight*

Renate Masse  
*Esteemed Loyal Knight*

Barbara Pileggi  
*Esteemed Lecturing Knight*

Victoria Doughty  
*Secretary*

Charleen Durgin  
*Treasurer*

Barbara Spiller  
*Chaplain*

Denise Goupil  
*Esquire*

Sandra Smith  
*Tiler*

Robert Pomerleau  
*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)*

### Our Elk Has Been Restored!

Our Elk in the front of the building has been repaired and painted... and brought back to its original beauty. Our heartfelt thanks to Pamela Dill who spent hours in the sun during this past month working to restore our Elk.

Thank you, Pamela!



## News from Lodge Secretary

*Victoria Doughty*



A few stats on Membership as of September 2024:

Initiated 23 new members;

Reinstated 3 and affiliated 2;

Dropped 3, transferred out 2;

Lost 5 members due to death;

81 Life Members currently.

Our calculated membership total at this time is 482, but we still have 74 members who have not paid their dues for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Secretary's Office will be sending out written reminders soon to those members.

*As a reminder, there are 45 members who HAVE PAID their dues, but not picked up their membership card. Your card is at the Lodge and can be picked up on Wednesday or Friday when the Lodge is open. Stop in and say hi to your fellow Elks, as they've missed you!*

Again, if there are any changes in your name, address, telephone number, or email address please let me know as soon as possible so I can update your file.

At the Grand Lodge Convention in July 2024, the new Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas Schiefer, was introduced. His theme is "Elkdom's Heart for America" – it means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things Elk's strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place. All things that we as members of Portland Elks Lodge #188 plan and accomplish throughout the year. This office receives newsletters every month from the Grand Lodge, if you are interested in reading any of them, please see me.

Have a safe and healthy September!



## Schools are Back in Session

The Portland Police Department is offering tips for drivers regarding schools being back in session:

- ♦ Adjust your route to avoid school zones.
- ♦ Slow down!
- ♦ Speed limits in school zones tend to be 5-10 miles per hour below posted speed.
- ♦ Stop for buses. Passing a stopped school bus with flashing red lights is against the law.



## Manager's Message

### *Kim McDonough, General Manager*

In August we began hosting the Portland Rotary. Their 35+ members hold a meeting with lunch every Friday from 12-2 pm. Not only is this beneficial to our financial goal, it brings in new members from the community to enjoy a great lunch and see our Lodge, hopefully resulting in great referrals in the future.

For our members, we will be opening ONE THURSDAY A MONTH, on a TRIAL BASIS this fall. See details in this issue of our first Thursday opening, and plan to drop in that night. This would be a great time to bring in friends who may be considering to join.

I'm pleased to announce that we have secured the Jim Ciampi Band for New Year's Eve. Watch for details in a future issue.



## Veteran's Committee

### *Willie Goodman, Chairperson*

Our Lodge received a card from Connie Pacillo, daughter of George Pacillo. The card read as follows:

Thank you Mr. Goodman, and the entire Veteran's Committee, at the Elks! Because of your generosity of spirit and kindness, my father had a wonderful 100th birthday. Thank you also to all of the Elk members for their cards.

Thank you,

Connie Pacillo & Family



**Childhood Cancer Awareness Month** is observed every September to raise awareness about childhood cancer, its impact on children and families, and the need for improved research, treatment, and support<sup>1</sup>. During this month, organizations around the world encourage everyone to **Go Gold®** in honor and memory of kids with cancer. It's a crucial time to highlight the importance of advancing research and providing compassionate care for young patients battling cancer.

Here in Maine, every Elks Lodge in the State raises funds for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. In FY 23, the 20 lodges in Maine raised more than \$400,000 for MCCP, a program of Maine Health.

You can play a small part by purchasing a \$5 Elks Care Elks Share card during the month of September by seeing Martha Binette any Wednesday or Friday in the Lounge.



## Lodge Hosts State President Mike Hannigan and First Lady Denise Hannigan

The weekend of August 2-4 was filled with activities for State President to see our Lodge and what we do. Our ER Joe Winschel and his wife Marybeth, brought the Hannigan's to the Lodge on Friday night to enjoy the 3 Card Challenge, and an ice cream sundae. The sun came out just in time for the afternoon schooner sail with 60+ Elk members from across the State. Our lodge hosted a dinner Saturday night, and many of the past State President's were in attendance. The MEA State meeting, held Sunday morning, with more than 100+ Elks in attendance, capped off the weekend.



Past and Current State Presidents (l-r): Andy Constantine, Bangor; Clarice Ranger, Farmington; Albert Ingraham, Portland; Sue Piper, Ellsworth; Joe Winschel, Portland ER; Mike Hannigan, Houlton; Don Piper, Ellsworth; Bruce Burnell, Sanford; Andy Bolz, Sanford.



Marybeth and Joe Winschel, Mike and Denise Hannigan





## Trustee Committee

*Gary Rairdon, Chairperson*



Hello Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying these hot summer days. Unfortunately, fall is fast approaching. I wanted to update you on a few items that the board of trustees are currently working on. As noted in the past two Lodge meetings, we have talked about finding a new accounting firm to represent Portland Lodge 188 and to work cohesively with Charleen. We have identified a firm and are in the process of interviewing and negotiating a contract that we will bring to the floor for approval at our next months meeting.

Secondly, I am pleased to say that our Alden funding account has been transferred to a more aggressive nine month CD that will ensure that this account will continue to be available to those in need of services set forth by the Alden Family.

Speaking of the Alden Resting Area at Evergreen cemetery in Portland, below our photos of the landscape improvements that were conducted in late August.

I hope everyone has a great summer and a see you all in the fall.

Gary



### *It's a Luau Buffet Dinner*

*Friday, September 27, 5-6:30 pm, Lounge 188*

*Get out that Hawaiian shirt and grass skirt, and come on down for a delicious buffet dinner. After the card games, Annlyese & Michael perform from 7:30—10 pm*

## Activity Committee

*Kim Toppi, Chairperson*

*A hint if you're shopping for school supply items....Wal-Mart, Staples, Marden's, Target, all have great deals going on right now!*



### Back to School Drive for Teachers

Portland Elks #188 will be supporting teachers this year at **East End Community School in Portland, Congin School in Westbrook, and Skillin in South Portland.** We will also have ENF Funds to support this effort.

**Donations may be left at the Lodge until September 6.**

- ◆ Elmer's Glue Sticks, Composition Books, Crayola Markers (thick and thin)
- ◆ Pencils, Scotch tape, small scissors, masking tape, dry erase markers
- ◆ Crayola Crayons, Crayola Colored Pencils, Jumbo pencils, Play-Doh
- ◆ Sidewalk chalk, Hand held pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Individual Snacks (no peanut butter) - Goldfish, Pretzels, Crackers

*If you don't want to shop, but want to contribute, Kim Toppi will accept cash donations and do the shopping. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!***



### 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, 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)**



# Elks NFL Tailgate Party

Sunday, September 8

Doors Open: 12 noon    Game Time: 1 pm



**\$12 PER PERSON**—tickets available from Kim Toppi

**Half-Time Buffet: Sandwiches, Macaroni Salad,  
Meatballs, Baked Potato Bar, Cookies**



## Celebrating Our Grandparents...September 8

National Grandparents Day has more than one origin. Some people consider it to have been first proposed by Michael Goldgar in the 1970s after he visited his aunt in an Atlanta nursing home. Spending \$11,000 of his own money in lobbying efforts to have the day officially recognized, he made 17 trips to Washington DC over a seven-year span to meet with legislators.

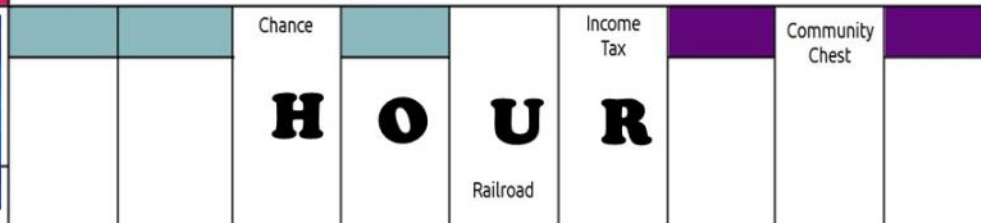
Others consider Marian McQuade, a housewife in West Virginia, to have been the main driver for the day of observance. Throughout the 1970s McQuade worked hard to educate the people about the important contributions senior citizens made and the contributions that they would be willing to make if asked. She also urged people to adopt a grandparent, not for one day a year and not for material giving, but for a lifetime of experience.

National Grandparents Day was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. Marian McQuade received a phone call from the White House to advise her of this event. Many people believe that National Grandparents Day was inspired by her efforts. A presidential proclamation made this day official – it designated Sunday, September 9, 1979, (the “first Sunday of September following Labor Day”) as National Grandparents Day.





**NO GAMBLING  
WHILE PLAYING ANY BOARD  
GAME WILL BE ALLOWED**



**Go** ←

## MEET OUR VOLUNTEER.....STEVE COREY

Recently I sat down with Steve Corey as he agreed to be the September volunteer feature. Having been a member of the Elks for 48 years, Steve is a wealth of knowledge. He originally joined because he “wanted to be an Elk and it was a good thing to do.” I asked Steve to give me a synopsis on the history of the building and how we got where we are today.



Looking back, and unsure of the actual years, the Elks sold land to UNUM for them to build the road that currently goes back to their headquarters. Several years later, the Elks sold UNUM land so they could build their current HO3 Headquarters, for \$800,000. Due to some unfortunate finances, the money quickly dwindled and it was determined the Elks could no longer afford to stay on Congress Street. The Elks looked at buying the Keeley the Caterer facility on Warren Avenue, and Maine Eye wanted to purchase the Elks property. Unfortunately, the Maine Eye deal fell through, and the City made too many requirements for the Elks to move.

Around 2010, the current Medical Office facility next to the Elks approached the Elks to purchase all of the land and build a condo association, with the Elks being one of the tenants. The land was sold for \$1.2 million. Steve became head of the Building Committee and the process began to renovate the building in May 2017. Not only did the sale of the property allow our Lodge to get out of debt, it provided the necessary funding to start over. Because of Steve’s work as an electrician and working with the City, the process went smoothly. Hardy Pond Construction was hired, along with other vendors to complete the project. Steve was on hand daily to oversee the work, help design space, do most of the electrical work himself to save costs. As he states, “we had to do, what we had to do.” He met with the bartenders for their input on the design of the bar. He redesigned the men’s and ladies’ bathrooms, and worked continuously to stay within budget. In November 2017, Lodge 188 held a grand reopening!!

Steve’s work as a master electrician began right out of high school as an apprentice at ABC Electric, followed by Marino Electric, then Shaw’s. Once he gained his masters electrician license, he started his own company, Corey Electric. While he still does work for the company, his son has taken over the business. Steve also was the electrical inspector for the City of Westbrook for 39 years, and is now the electrical inspector for the City of Portland, a job he has held for the past ten years.

Steve’s volunteer work includes 25 years with Windham and Westbrook Little Leagues, maintaining their field houses, and he just recently finished constructing the Scarborough Little League concession stand. For 20+ years he was the building/maintenance person at the Italian Heritage Center.

Steve is married and lives in Gorham He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.

It has been known that when asked, Steve has helped too many Elk members to count with home projects.

Steve volunteers because he likes to; he doesn’t need any recognition, and just wants to make sure that the Elks has a presence in Portland for generations to come.



# FRIDAY NIGHT WINNERS!



**TIME TO ORDER YOUR  
HOMEMADE CHICKEN POT PIE!!!**  
Order by September 20; Pickup October 5, 9-12 noon

Who doesn't love a homemade Chicken Pot Pie on a cool Fall night? Pies are packed full of fresh baked chicken, gravy, potato, carrot and peas with a flaky homemade crust. Yum!!!

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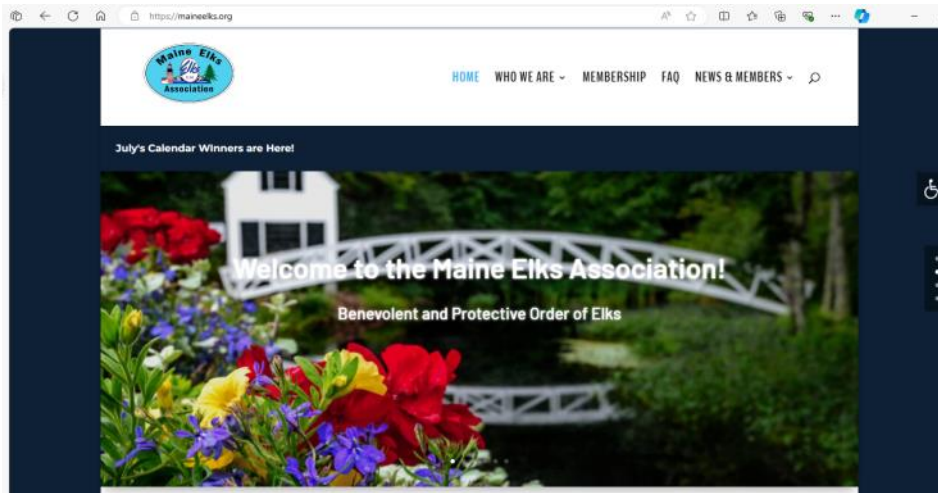
\_\_\_\_\_ 9" PIES @ \$18 EACH TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# September 2024

| SUN  | MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU  | FRI   | SAT |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|-----|
| 1  | 2<br> | 3<br><br>House Co<br>5 pm | 4<br><br>3 Card Game<br>5 pm<br>Blood Drive           | 5  | 6<br><br>3 Card Game<br>6 pm; DJ                               | 7   |
| 8<br>NFL Kick<br>Off Game<br>Lounge<br>Open<br>12-5 pm | 9<br>Trustee Mtg<br>4:30 pm<br>General<br>Mtg<br>6 pm                                  | 10<br>                    | 11<br><br>Activity Com<br>2 pm<br>3 Card Game<br>5 pm | 12   | 13<br><br>3 Card Game<br>6 pm; DJ                              | 14  |
| 15   | 16   | 17<br>                  | 18<br><br>3 Card Game<br>5 pm                       | 19<br>LOUNGE<br>OPEN...<br>GAME<br>NIGHT<br>3-7 pm | 20<br><br>3 Card Game<br>6 pm; DJ                            | 21  |
| 22   | 23<br>Veteran<br>Comm<br>5 pm  | 24<br>                  | 25<br><br>3 Card Game<br>5 pm                       | 26   | 27<br><br>3 Card Game<br>6 pm; DJ<br>Luau Buffet<br>5-630 pm | 28  |
| 29   | 30   |  |  |  |   |     |





## MaineElks.org

To keep abreast of what is happening at Maine Elks Lodges around the State, sign up on [maineelks.org](http://maineelks.org) and follow their website. You will need to enter your email and create a password.



Family gatherings to celebrate Labor Day are the perfect gathering to collect those pop tops! In addition to soda/beer cans, we accept pop tops from cat food cans, vegetable cans, tuna cans—any can that has a pop top. 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.



**Blood Drive Lodge 188**

**Wednesday, September 4**

**9 am to 3 pm**

**It only takes an hour out of your day to help save a life!**

## **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—\$300 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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John Paul Dumas  
Percy Farr  
Arlene Fenderson  
Archie L'Heureux  
Catherine McDonough  
John Milton  
Will Mulkern  
Don  
Seymour Nathanson  
Sterling Parker  
Elizabeth Smith  
William Smith  
Allen "Bud" St. Pierre  
Bob Stokinger  
Harry Winger

### ***Elk "Booster"***

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Beth Milton  
Irene Mulkern  
Pauline Murphy  
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.

### **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     |

### **Lodge Phone**

207.773.7396

### **Lodge Fax**

207.773.3582

### **Secretary**

Vickey Doughty, 207.773.6939

### **General Manager**

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