

Check out what's happening at Lodge 188:

August 1 - Beach Theme Music all night in the Lounge

**August 2 - Lobster Lover's Dinner - tickets available by calling
Kim Toppi at 207.329.0845 - MUST CALL BY WEDNESDAY**

August 15 - Make Your Own Sundae for MCCP in the Lounge

**School Supply Drive underway to support Presumpscot
School in Portland, Windham Elementary and Village
Elementary in Gorham.**



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Dear Members and Officers,

Summer is here and so is the heat and humidity. Hoping that you are enjoying time this summer with family and friends. You know what they say about the Maine weather. If you don't like the current weather conditions, just wait, it will change in a minute.

I am thrilled that the trustees recently approved the replacement of our bingo chairs which have been in dire shape. We will be purchasing a total of 200 new black vinyl chairs to replace the green chairs. They can also be used for special events or state meetings. In addition, the trustees have approved going forward with obtaining a quote for the installation of a new kitchen hood. This process will involve obtaining approval from the Elks Grand Lodge before we can read the proposal before the membership for final approval. A special thank you to Steve Corey who has overseen the process of securing a viable quote from the vendors.

The 2025 Elks National convention convened on July 2 after a few days of impressive sessions and business meetings. I was able to come back with fresh ideas on member recruitment, updates on electronic member keys, veteran committee programs and the community investment programs. They voted on a key amendment to the national insurance risk program which would have affected all lodges in the country. It was defeated by a majority vote of all lodges.

Please join me as I welcome our State President and First Lady, Corey and Joleen DeWitt, when they arrive at our lodge on Saturday, August 2. We will be holding a lobster bake at the lodge to begin at 6:00 P.M. I am hoping for a great turnout and support of our state leader.

Finally, I want to invite any elk member or spouse to purchase a brick as a memorial or lasting memory of a family member or special friend. You can contact me for more information on how to order the bricks at a cost of \$50 per brick.

Hoping to see you soon at the lodge.

Fraternally yours,

Joseph Winschel
Exalted Ruler



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