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Regular Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 7:30pm

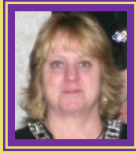
Lost & Found
Located in the Manager's office
If anyone is missing anything or finds something that belongs to someone else, please turn it into the bartender on duty or the manager. We try to reunite all items with it's rightful owner
Thank you, Phyllis

The FY10 budget will be submitted for membership approval at the regular meeting
April 15 @ 7:30pm

Of Special Interest
Officer Installation April 3rd
Kids' Easter Party April 5th
Interviewing April 7th
Easter April 12th
FY10 Budget - Lodge Vote April 15th
No Meat Raffles This Month

April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 HC Meeting 11:00am	30	31	1 Trustees' 6:00pm Meeting 7:30pm	2	3 NO Friday Supper, Officer Installation & CJ Hooker Band	4
5 Kids' Easter Party 12-2pm	6 Opening Day & PER Meeting At Mike Mott's	7 Interviewing 7:00pm	8 Wednesday Night Supper & Indoctrination	9	10 Friday Supper NO Meat Raffle	11
12 Easter HC Meeting 11:00am	13	14	15 Trustees' 6:00pm Meeting & Budget Vote 7:30pm	16	17 Friday Supper & Initiation "Entertainment"	18
19	20 Patriot's Day	21	22 Wednesday Night Supper	23	24 Friday Supper NO Meat Raffle Red Sox/Yankees	25 Red Sox/Yankees
26 Red Sox/Yankees	27	28	29	30	1	2



I want to thank everyone for electing me as the Exalted Ruler for 2009-2010. This is my first message and it will be short and sweet. I hope we can all work together to make this a year to remember. Thank you to the House Committee for a wonderful meal served at the installation of officers on April 3rd. That was just one of the perks (free meal) we can take advantage of by being a member. Thank you to Kathy Graham my officer of the day, as usual, Great Job!

May 2nd is Kentucky Derby day. Please come join us for a day of fun. Some of us remember when Mickey McDonald celebrated the derby at his house with food, drinks, card games, cribbage tournaments, plunger races, etc. Hopefully we can do the same.

There is a new house committee this year and a change in some of the officers. Lets all work together to make the Lodge a fun and friendly place to bring your family. I look forward to seeing you all at one time or another at the lodge. Once again, thank you for voting me in.

Laura Dickson Exalted Ruler 2009-2010



Two A week



There is a new 2-a-week pool that will be starting on April 8th. The sign up is in the pool room. I would like to thank Laura Dickson for stepping up to the plate and running the pool. As you all know Laura will be our next Exalter Ruler (Congratulations Laura) and will not have the time available to run the pool. I have taken the pool back over. We need to build this pool back up. Sign up is posted in the pool room if there is an empty number, you may have it. Just put your name on the envelope with your payment and I will add it to the chart when I post the payment. Weekly drawings will be held every Wednesday. First place will be \$40.00 and second place will be \$20.00. We will be having a surf and turf meal served on August 20th. All the prize money leftover will be given away that night. Sign one, sign all. To all the members that are in the pool already, I asked that you help me make this a successful pool by signing someone up. Let's all help each other. If you need anything let me know. I am always open to suggestions.

Kathy Graham



April Fools' Day

The origin of April Fools' Day is obscure. One likely theory is that the modern holiday was first celebrated soon after the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar; the term referred to someone still adhering to the Julian Calendar which it replaced. In many pre-Christian cultures May Day (May 1) was celebrated as the first day of summer, and signaled the start of the spring planting season. An April Fool was someone who did this prematurely. In the eighteenth century the festival was often posited as going back to the times of Noah. An English newspaper article published on April 13th, 1789 said that the day had its origins when he sent the raven off too early, before the waters had receded. He did this on the first day of the Hebrew month that corresponds with April. A possible reference to April Fools' Day can be seen in the Canterbury Tales (ca 1400) in the Nun's Priest's tale, a tale of two fools: Chanticleer and the fox, which took place on March 32nd.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/April_Fools'_Day

**For hall rental information please call Phyllis at the Elks : (508)947-0190
or E-mail her at manager1274@verizon.net Please request our new updated brochure**



*The clock of their last day has stopped.
 'Tis the hour of eleven"
 Remember, the faults of our members
 we write on the sand:
 Their virtues upon the tablets of love
 and memory.*

David Vickery
 William Holmes



If anyone knows of a Member who is in sickness, distress or a family requesting a lodge of sorrow:
 Please contact the lodge at 508-947-0190. you can also use the sickness cards located under the sickness board and place the card in the bulletin mailbox in the lounge.



Current-Year Lodge
 Per-Capita Donations
 Through 2/28/2009: \$ 7.474



**Next Couples
 Pool Banquet will be
 held on Saturday May 9th**

**There are still plenty
 of openings!**

“Charity Begins At Home”

Our Lodge supports the Massachusetts Elk’s Association Annual raffle as a major fundraiser to support all Elk’s charities. It is one of the easiest ways for our Lodge to raise money for our charity programs without taking money from our Lodge budget. The more we sell...the more we get back from the State Association. It’s very simple, if EVERY member in the State bought 2 tickets, a \$6.00 investment for Charity, it would generate around \$300,000 statewide for distribution to the lodges. Distribution of money is based on the percentage of tickets that each lodge sells. Your help is needed...consider yourself asked to help out...Buy your book of tickets, share the book with family and friends, and who knows; maybe you could win the \$20,000 or one of the other prizes.



THE MASSACHUSETTS ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

2009 Charity Fund Drive

FIRST PRIZE
\$20,000

Second Prize \$5,000	Third Prize \$2,000	Fourth Prize \$1,000
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**PLUS ANOTHER \$2,000
 IN CASH PRIZES**

in The Promoter’s Pool Drawing!

1st Prize \$1,000	2nd Prize \$500	Two-3rd Prizes \$250
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Prizes to be drawn at the Massachusetts Elks State Convention
Saturday, June 13, 2009

Suggested Donation: \$3.00 per coupon
 \$25.00 per book of 11 coupons

Make checks payable to: MASS. ELKS ASSOCIATION INC.

Participants name and address must be legible and complete and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Winners are responsible for all Taxes and Fees. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

\$30,000
in total cash prizes!

NOTE: The bulletin is closed for changes at 3:00pm on the Tuesday after the second House Committee meeting each month. If you need to get something in the bulletin please get it to me before then.

New Exalted Rulers face leadership challenge

To All District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, Officers and Members:

Congratulations to the new Officers of the Lodges for the 2009-2010 Lodge year. You each have accepted a responsible and challenging job for the next twelve months. The membership of your Lodge has expressed their confidence in your individual and collective abilities to lead, as well as their trust that under your leadership the integrity of your Lodge will be protected and that the Lodge will prosper and grow through the coming year.

Hopefully, by this time your goals are set, your plan of action formulated, responsibilities assigned and work is under way to ensure the success of your Lodge operation, the programs of our Order and involvement in your community.

The February ENF "Vital Signs" had a section about "Leading the Way," which stressed the "Leadership Challenge" as related to donating to the ENF by the leadership at all levels of our Order. And while all leaders at all levels should definitely be participants in our ENF, this "Leadership Challenge" and "Leading the Way" most certainly apply to all aspects of leadership and specifically as related to the responsibilities and duties of the Exalted Ruler and other Officers of the Lodge.

The "Leadership Challenge" in simple terms is making a commitment, understanding your responsibilities and then doing the job as best you can. You should be knowledgeable about our Order and its operational requirements. You should understand the operational aspects of your Lodge, and you should have a good ability to work with people. Probably your biggest challenge is to fully understand the requirements and limits involved in the proper operation of your Lodge, as well as how your responsibilities will affect that operation to ultimately achieve a successful outcome.

If you are not sure about anything, ask for guidance. At all levels of our Order, from the Lodge to Grand Lodge, there are knowledgeable Elks ready and willing to give you proper guidance. Please don't hesitate to ask! There are no dumb questions, only dumb actions when you don't know what you are doing. And finally, always lead by example.

Best wishes to each Elk in a leadership position. The success of your Lodge, the success of our Order, and our ability to *Grow Elkdom depends on your actions and how you fulfill your responsibilities.*

Hon. Paul D. Helsel
Grand Exalted Ruler



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enhome@elkshome.org



"So Long as there are Veterans The
Benevolent
and Protective Order of Elks will
Never
Forget them"



Membership Report

Members as of 4-1-2008:	688
Members Initiated:	56
Affiliated	4
Apps awaiting Interview:	0
Apps awaiting Vote:	0
Apps awaiting Initiation:	0
Added Reinstatement:	5
Added Transfers:	0
Dropped:	24
<small>(Includes: Deceased, Expelled, Trans & Demits)</small>	
Lapsed Members to Date:	34

Secretary's Message

Well, Hello all. I thought last month would have been my last message. Sorry I'm not done yet. I would like to thank the membership again for being patient while I had major problems printing the cards. They have been all sent in the mail. If you paid your dues and did not receive one, send me an email so I can look into it. Please be patient with Chris, as this is a whole new system. (Good Luck Chris).

Thanks again for all your support. Until.....
Buckle Up and Drive safe.

Kathy Graham

Interviewing - April 7th 7:00pm
Indoctrination - April 8th 8:00pm
Initiation - April 17th 7:30pm
Proposed New Members
Douglas Perry Transfer Demit

Lodge Officers 2009-2010

Exalted Ruler

Laura Dickson

Esteemed Leading Knight

Cliff LeFebvre

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Open

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Kathy Graham PER

Secretary

Chris Larrivey

Treasurer

Mark Sullivan

Esquire

Mike Mott PER, LM

Inner Guard

Norman Diegoli

Tiler

Sue Sullivan

Chaplain

Dick Tinkham

Justice of the Forum

John Ryder, ESQ

Trustees

Terri Scott PER (5)

Arthur Medeiros (4)

Open (3)

Dave Rockett (2)

Wally Glendye (1)

Meetings: 1st and 3rd

Wednesday - 6:00 pm

House Committee

Bobby Lake

Jim Higgins

John Graham

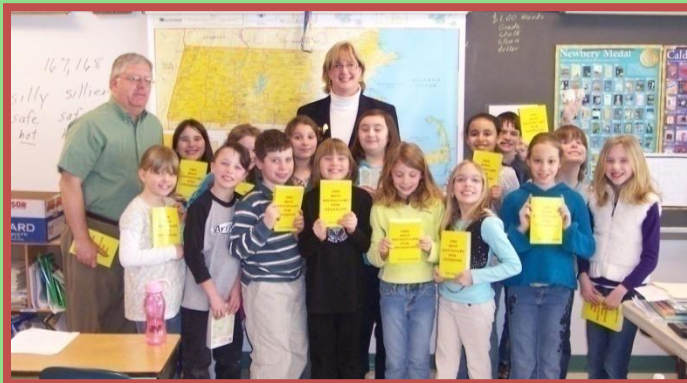
Sue Sullivan

Jeff Millette

Jason Cameron

Dave Muse

Meetings: Sunday before
regular meeting - 11:00 am



Exalted Ruler Terri Scott with Mr. Girard and his 3rd grade class at the Dennet School in Plympton



Mother's Day



Breakfast Brunch Buffet

Service 9:00-9:30am

Brunch 9:30-Noon



Adults \$6.00

Children 12 & Under \$3.00

Kentucky Derby Special 135th RUNNING

May 2nd at 2:00pm

Mint Juleps,
Plunger Derby,
Cribbage,
& Pool



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MA Elks Team Up with "Cell Phones for Soldiers"

Cell Phones for Soldiers was created to assist US Soldiers who are stationed overseas to call home.

Old cell phones are turned into prepaid calling cards. One cell phone provides one hour of talk time. Since the program was started by Brittany and Robbie Bergquist from Norwell, MA the program has raised approximately \$2.5 million dollars in donations, which has allowed them to purchase over 500,000 cards.

If you have an old phone w/charger to donate to our soldiers then please drop it off at the lodge.

There is a box in the hallway.

Scholarship Information

Just a reminder that local lodge scholarships applications can be picked up at the lodge or found online at <http://www.elks1274.org>. These are due at the lodge by 9 pm on April 15th (same day as your taxes are due) and if mailed, then it **must** have an April 15th postmark! The completed applications should be dropped off at the lodge and put in the box that is marked for bulletin and scholarships. Remember that these are only available to (step/grand)children of paid up members who are not past recipients. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Winners will be announced next month. And as an added note: we have now added an additional optional line on your Dues bill that reminds you that if you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, you can send it in with your dues. Until next month, Happy Patriots Day!

Chris Larrivey, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Scholarship Chairman

Hoop Shoot News

The Middleboro Elks Lodge #1274 would like to thank all those that participated in our Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Program. This program is open to all girls, and boys ages 8-13.

Our local Hoop Shoot Contest was held November 15, 2008 at the Middleboro YMCA. The winners in each category were: David Bisnaw (8-9 boys), Matthew Davieau (10-11 boys), and Ben Abber (12-13 boys). For the girls division the winners were: Lauren Empey (10-11 girls), and Nicole Mickiewicz (12-13 girls).

Those children were eligible to participate in the District Division held on January 3, 2009 at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in Bourne, MA. We are happy to announce that we had two winners in that competition. David Bisnaw placed second in the boys 8-9 division, and Lauren Empey took first place for the girls 10-11 division. Congratulations to them both! Lauren Empey was invited to participate in the State Contest, held February 7, 2009 in Natick, MA.

Thank you to all the children who participated in all levels. A job well done! We look forward to seeing you next year.

A special thanks to those who helped make this a success including the Middleboro YMCA, Rusty Moffat, Desiree and Andrew LeFebvre, and Scott and Linda Gravel.

-Cliff and Laurie LeFebvre
Hoop Shoot Director and Youth Activities

2009-2010 DUES

Dues are being accepted for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

Make Check payable to Middleboro Elks #1274
24 High Street Middleboro, Ma 02346

Regular Member \$70.00

Life Member \$20.00

Optional payment separate check made Payable to Elks National Foundation.

Please include member number on all checks

If you pay cash please see bartender for a receipt.

Please complete all information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

All cards are behind the bar unless you live out of state.

PER Association News

Nominations for lodge Trustee are available, there are 3 openings the 3rd year, 2nd year, and 1st year positions are open. If anyone is interested in filling any of these positions please contact any officer or PER with your intentions.

The PER Association will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday April 6th at Mike Mott's house. Nomination and election of Officers for 2009-2010 will be held. All PER's should try to attend.

The PERs will also be holding the 50/50 Raffles at the Wednesday night suppers.

PER Association

Mike Mott - President

Bob Murphy – Secretary/Treasurer

History of the Marathon

The name *marathon* comes from the legend of Pheidippides, a Greek messenger. The legend states that he was sent from the town of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated in the Battle of Marathon. It is said that he ran the entire distance without stopping and burst into the assembly, exclaiming "Νενικήκαμεν" (Nenikékamen, 'We have won.') before collapsing and dying. The account of the run from Marathon to Athens first appears in Plutarch's *On the Glory of Athens* in the 1st century AD who quotes from Heraclides Ponticus's lost work, giving the runner's name as either Thersipus of Erchius or Eucles. Lucian of Samosata (2nd century AD) also gives the story but names the runner Philippides (not Pheidippides).

Kids' Easter Party

Sunday April 5th Noon-2:00pm
Children 9 and under please.

Come have lunch with the Easter Bunny & enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt. Grilled Cheese, Fries and Ice Cream will be served. A signup sheet will be in the Lounge

Call Laurie at 744-240-4755 if you have any questions.



Exalted Ruler Terri Scott presenting the Dictionaries to the 3rd graders at the Governor John Carver School in Carver

Massachusetts Elks Association Upcoming Events

- April 18, 2009** MA Elks Trip to Ground Zero, New York City Trip is Sold Out !!!
- April 19, 2009** MA Elks Early Spring State Cribbage Tournament
Auburn/Webster Lodge #2118
- April 25, 2009** Elks National Hoop Shoot
Springfield, Massachusetts
- April 26, 2009** Area 1 PER Ritual Contest (Massachusetts)
- May 3, 2009** MA Elks Association 4th Regional Meeting
Norwood Lodge #1124
- May 23, 2009** MA Elks At Suffolk Downs 12:00 Noon
- May 30, 2009** MA Elks State President's Testimonial
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA
- June 12-14, 2009** MA Elks Association Annual State
Convention - SeaCrest, Falmouth, MA
- June 20, 2009** MA Elks Association Elk on the Trail
Florida, MA
- June 24, 2009** MA Elks Annual Senior's Golf Tournament
Ridder Farm Golf Club, E. Bridgewater, MA
- June 28, 2009** Area 1 Lodge Ritual Contest (New York)
- July 5-9, 2009** Grand Lodge Convention (Portland, OR)



Did You Know?

That In April, The Following Happened:

- World War II invasion of Okinawa began, 1945
- First Pony Express began its route between St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California, 1860
- Jesse James, killed by Robert Ford, a member of his own gang, 1882
- Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, 1968
- United States declared war on Germany, 1917
- Lee and Grant discussed terms for surrender, 1865
- Baseball's Henry "Hank" Aaron hit his 715 home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record, 1974
- Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, 1865
- The American Civil War ended in the East, 1865
- Congress proclaimed the end of the Revolutionary War, 1783
- Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated as emperor of France, and was banished to the island of Elba, 1814
- Jackie Robinson, entered Major League Baseball, 1947
- The bombing of Fort Sumter began, starting the Civil War, 1861
- Composer George Frideric Handel died in London, 1759
- President Abraham Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth, at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C., 1865, while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin*.
- The *Titanic* struck and iceberg and sank, 1912
- Midnight ride of Paul Revere & William Dawes in Boston, Massachusetts, 1775
- San Francisco earthquake & fire, 1906
- The American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington & Concord, 1775
- George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States, 1789

Officer Installation

Friday April 3rd



Installation 6:30pm



Roast Pork Dinner at 7:30pm

& Entertainment By the

CJ Hooker Band at 8:30pm - Midnight

THANK YOU!

St. Patrick's Day

Thank you to the following



for helping out on
St. Patrick's Day:



Billy LaMere, Sally Foley, Steve Foley, Marybeth Rosa, Chief, Larry Dutra, Laura Dickson, Sue Sullivan, Barbara Enos, Joanne Mulrone, Terri Scott, Phyllis Lovett & Jackie

Lunch at the Lodge

Tuesday - Friday

From 11:00am - 1:00pm

Weekly menu will be posted on Sunday

The Lounge is closed for lunch on Mondays & opens to the members at 4:00pm



Members Lounge Hours Of Operation

Sunday	Noon - 11pm
Monday	4:00 pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday	10:30am - 11:00 pm
Wednesday	10:30am - 11:00 pm
Thursday	10:30am - 12:00 am
Friday	10:30am - 12:30am
Saturday	10:30am - 12:30am



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#1274 Calendar of Events

April 1 st	Trustees' Meeting 6:00pm Regular Meeting 7:30pm
April 3 rd	NO Friday Night Supper Officer Installation 6:30pm, & Roast Pork Dinner at 7:30pm CJ Hooker Band 8:30pm-Midnight Kids' Easter Party Noon-2:00pm PER Meeting at Mike Mott's 6:30pm
April 5 th	Interviewing 7:00pm
April 6 th	Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm
April 7 th	& Indoctrination 8:00pm
April 8 th	Friday Night Supper 5:30pm
April 10 th	NO Meat Raffle
April 12 th	Easter Sunday
April 15 th	House Committee Meeting 11:00am Trustees' Meeting 6:00pm Regular Meeting & Budget FY10 Vote 7:30pm
April 17 th	Friday Night Supper 5:30pm, Initiation 7:30pm & Entertainment 8:30pm-Midnight
April 22 nd	Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm
April 24 th	Friday Night Supper 5:30pm NO Meat Raffle

Wednesday Night Suppers

We are now having members pay for the meal at the meal line to alleviate the bartender of this duty

7:00 pm

April 8th Baked Stuffed Chicken

April 22nd Roast Pork

Friday Night Suppers

5:30pm - 7:30 pm

Upstairs Members' Lounge

(please do not be offended to show your membership card at the door)

Featuring a Salad Bar, Rice Pilaf, French Fries, Baked Sweet Potato, Baked Potato & Veggie of the Day:



April 3rd **NO Friday Night Supper**

April 10th Chef's Choice

April 17th Chef's Choice

April 24th Chef's Choice



All meals are cooked to order; please be patient!

NoteThe "Daily Jug" out every day including holidays.

I'd rather be dead than singing "Satisfaction" when I'm forty-five.

Mick Jagger