



Elks Call



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Elks Care—Elks Share

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Senator Stephen Buoniconti with PER Al Baj, at our March 3rd meeting, at which the Senator presented new American and State flags to the lodge.



2009-2010 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler:	Donna L. Slocombe
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Trustee:	Lawrence Bowers
Trustee:	Joseph Begetta
Trustee:	John H. Rossmeisel, Sr., PER, HLM

Exalter Ruler's Message By Exalted Ruler Donna L. Slocombe

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Elk Year that is. April 1 is the first day on the Elk's Calendar year and with it comes the changing of the guard. Though the new suite of officers were installed by the Ludlow Lodge on March 29th, they did not officially take office until April 1. The new officers are not the only change at the lodge this month. On March 10th the House Committee held its final meeting. We now have a Governing Body in its place. The Governing Body is comprised of your four chair officers and the Board of Trustees.

One of the changes we would like to see is a change in our membership numbers. A positive change indicating an increase in membership thru new member initiations and reinstatements.

If there are changes that you, the members, would like to see in our lodge, we want to hear them. Please send your thoughts to me in an email. My email address is donnaslo@aol.com. If you are an inactive member because you are unhappy with things at our lodge, please let me know that too. We want to fix any problems that are keeping you away. And in the same vein, if you know of any members who have let their membership lapse because they were unhappy with our lodge, please pass on this message to them and ask they drop me an email as well. All that I ask is that you have the courtesy to sign your emails, so I may know who I am addressing when I respond. Remember, the lodge belongs to the members. Those of us who are managing it for you cannot address problems we do not know exist. So please, communicate

your thoughts to us. You will not go unheard or unanswered. If you do not have email, my cell phone number is 413-262-9226. Do keep in mind that while we will review every message, we may not be able to act on each item immediately.

On the other hand, if you are inactive only because you haven't made the time to come down to the lodge, Why not make it your "New Year's Resolution" to use your membership card. Come down to your lodge and enjoy your favorite beverage with your friends. Or attend one of our Hump Day Socials or Oldies Nights. Two of the regular functions put on for you by your fellow members. These dates are noted on the calendar on the back of this bulletin.

April 1st also sets our Per Capita for ENF back to zero. If every member donated only \$5 we would meet our goal in no time.

Fraternally,

Donna L. Slocombe

Exalted Ruler

District Installations:

April 4	Adams Lodge
April 5	North Adams Lodge
April 11	Northampton Lodge
April 13	Chicopee Lodge

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PETITIONS

Wayne Morris, #977 a member of this lodge for 43 years and Francis Brooks member #1341 who has belonged to our lodge for 40 years have both petitioned the lodge for Life Membership status. Both of these members have belonged to this lodge with out interruption of their years in membership. Their requests will be voted upon at the April 21st Lodge meeting.

Secretary's Corner

By Justin C. Foley



I would like to thank the members for giving me the opportunity to be your Lodge Secretary.

We all know that change is not easy, but I will work very hard for you and try to make you as proud of me as you are of Patty.

Did you know that the lodge secretary has a mailbox to the right of the bulletin board at the end of the bar near the doorway to the back stairs? I would appreciate it if all dues, membership applications and notes to me are left there and not with the bartenders.

Our bartenders have enough duties of their own and should not be asked to share mine. Thank

you. *Justin*



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

Wishes for a very Happy Birthday go out to the following members:

Member	Day
Steven Rovithis	1
Carl C. Scott Jr.	2
Richard J. Cote	8
Richard C. Morrissey	8
Stephen J. Buoniconti	9
James P. Foley	9
Cheryl A. Kuras	12
Paul J. Santaniello	12
Richard J. Aloisi	14
Frederick C. Conlin, Jr.	14
Joseph D. Curran	14
Peter P. D'Amario	14
Norman C. Stebbins	15
John P. Dauplaise	18
Douglas P. Matoon	20
Ronald Radcliffe	20
Louis G Lamothe	23
Carl F. Hoffman	24
Henry w. Sikorski	24
John A. Mankowsky	26
Kenneth J. Shean	30

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Proposed Elizabeth Therrien By Stacey Fortin



Henry Feeney

Kazmier Kozlowski

We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be the vacant chair,

But though we no more possess him

Still our hearts his memory bear.

But a while ago we gathered Friendship beaming in each eye, Now the golden cord is severed, he has passed to realms on high.

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OLDIES NIGHT

Larry Bowers is in the Rathskeller every last Friday of the Month until May playing oldies for your dancing and listening pleasure from 7 -11. This is a free event. Bring your dancing partner and your friends and enjoy this wonderful evening. You can even bring your own munchies.



Irish Elk Joseph Curran addresses the gathering at the Irish Elk Dinner Held at the Lodge on March 7, 2009. Congratulations Joe!



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Are you ill? Do you know a member who is? Please inform your lodge so proper steps can be taken.

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.

Be a Proposer! Invite a friend to become an Elk. Membership growth is our future. It's easy...just ask!



Funeral

Ritual

The Elks funeral Ritual is an impressive tribute and is available to the family of all Elks.



Because of our respect for the departed member and their family, we will not perform the ritual unless we are requested to do so.

Spaghetti Supper April 6th

This month's Spaghetti Supper will be held on Monday, April 6th. The meal consists of spaghetti and Joe's great homemade Italian spaghetti sauce, meatballs, tossed salad, and plain or garlic bread.

Coffee is served and the bar is open to sell soda and other beverages.

The dinner is served from 4 to 7 and costs only \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

Our Emblem Club is on hand with a delicious assortment of desserts that cost only \$1. Come on down and bring the whole family!



Martini Night Friday, May 1

Friday, May 1st is the date set for the Lodge's second annual Martini Night. The event starts at 7 pm. Enjoy a sampling of 5 designer martinis while you relax with your friends. It's a great way to wind down from your busy week and kick off your week end.

Tickets are \$20 and are available from Cheryl Kuras. See the enclosed flyer for further details.

MASS ELKS LICENSE PLATES

During the past year, we have been generating interest and taking applications for the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship license plate. The plates cost \$40 plus any additional fees to exchange your current plates. The DMV will collect a one time \$12 fee when you first register, which means \$28 from every plate goes directly to the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship. When you renew your plates every two years, all of that money will then go to the scholarship.

Please mail your application and check to the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship at 63 Bay State Road, Lynnfield, MA 01940. Even though the application will ask you to make the check for your registration fee to the DMV, **you must make your check out to the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship.** For this initial registration the Massachusetts Elks Scholarship will pay your registration fee for you and send you application to your closest DMV location. For more information please talk to your lodge secretary or email us at masselk-splate@hotmail.com.

Reminder: email donnaslo@aol.com if you would like to receive your bulletin via email. Put Lodge 2174 in subject line.



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The West Springfield-Agawam Lodge of Elks Meets The First And Third Tuesdays Of Each Month At 7 p.m. With the Exception of July and August when the Lodge meets only on the third Thursday of the Month.

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 Adams Installation</i>
<i>5 North Adams Installation</i>	<i>6 Spaghetti Supper Trustees Meet</i>	<i>7 Lodge Meeting Holyoke Installation</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Good Friday</i>	<i>11 Northampton Installation</i>
<i>12 Happy Easter</i>	<i>13 Chicopee Installation</i>	<i>14 Governing Body Meets</i>	<i>15 Hump Day Social</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21 Lodge Meeting</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Oldies Night</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>		

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