

2009-2010 Lodge Officers	
Exalted Ruler	Warren Costa
Leading Knight	Bill Hanley
Loyal Knight	Tom Powers
Lecturing Knight	Lou Martelli
Trustees:	
One Year	Jack Campbell, PER, HLM
Two Years	John Leetch, PER
Three Years	Jim Dervishian PER
Four Year	Harry MacEachern
Five Years	John Meagher Sr.
Secretary	Ivana Jacobs
Treasurer	Larry Murphy, HLM, DDGER
Tiler	Deb Moulton
Esquire	Billy Crowe
Chaplain	Eileen Taylor Silverstrone
Inner Guard	Will Zaccagnini



MEDFORD LODGE OF ELKS #915

February Meetings

Thursday Feb 11 @7:30pm

Thursday Feb 25 @7:30pm



Greetings My Fellow Members

February is here I hope everyone is staying warm. As the bulletin is being put together the new air filtration system is being installed in the members lounge. I hope this will rectify the very severe smoke issue we have. This month also brings nominations and election

of officers for the year 2010-2011. Your attendance at all lodge meetings is of supreme importance and encouraged. The installation of officers will be on Saturday March, 27, 2010 all members are welcomed to attend. In January I represented our lodge at both the DD Clinic in Revere and the State Regional meeting in Auburn/Webster. Both were informative and useful as we continue our work in Elksdom. In these winter months lets not forget to check on our elderly neighbors. Trivia: Who purchased the Elk clocks hanging in the members lounge? Answer next month.

Fraternally Warren D. Costa ER

Upcoming Lodge Events

Sunday Breakfast	1/31
Super bowl Sunday	2/07
PER Night Meeting	2/11
Regular Meeting	2/25
Sunday Breakfast	2/28
St Pats Day Party	3/13
Visiting Lodge Bus Trip	3/13
Relay For Life Fundraiser	3/20



Will Zaccagnini continues to recover at home. We miss you Will!
 PER Anne Leetch's Mom Marie continues her recovery at home
 Please send both Will and the Leetch (Covino) family your well wishes.
 If you know of a member/family member in need of prayers, thoughts please let us know.

LODGE INFORMATION

Secretary 781-391-9915
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Members Lounge Hours

Monday	3pm – 12am
Tuesday	3pm – 12am
Wednesday	12pm – 12am
Thursday	12pm – 1am
Friday	12pm – 1am
Saturday	12pm – 1am
Sunday	12pm – 1am

KENO IN THE MEMBERS LOUNGE

Please keep member Joanne Shotwell and family in your thoughts with the recent passing of her father, Francis Nielsen on December 23, 2009
 Please Keep the Leetch family in your thoughts with the recent passing of PER Anne's Uncle, Fred Bonaccorsi.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



**FEBRUARY 7
3PM**

Once Again Medford Elks will be hosting a "super duper Bowl" Sunday Event. Complete with snacks, half time meal, raffles, and more watch the big game on the big TV. The Main Function hall turns into a Big Screen explosion where watching the game is like being on the sidelines. The Members Lounge offers the game every where you turn and the Fire side room is non smoking.

PER MEETING NIGHT

During the first meeting of February (Feb 11) our Past Exalted Rulers will be initiating our new class of Members. Please come down and support your P.E.R.'s and welcome our new members.



**ELK OF THE MONTH
FEBRUARY 2010**

Rick Sweeney has always been willing to help out around our lodge. He has recently replaced the service door entrance and installed our new door latches. Thank you Rick for keeping the cost to the lodge very minimal. Congratulations Rick and as always keep smiling!

Sorry no Photo Available



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COMEDY AND FINDING A CURE

THIS YEAR **TEAM MEAGHER GIRLS** IS THROWING A COMEDY NIGHT TO HELP RAISE FUNDS, FOR **THE RELAY FOR LIFE**, TO FIND A CURE FOR CANCER.

EMCEE **JOHNNY PIZZI** AND COMEDIANS **MARK RILEY**, **LARRY MYLES** AND **BRAD MASTRANPELO** ARE SURE TO PUT ON A FANTASTIC SHOW AND KEEP ALL OF US LAUGHING IN OUR SEATS!

ENJOY THE NIGHT AND HELP A WONDERFUL CAUSE!

- WHEN:** MARCH 20, 2010
- WHERE:** THE MEDFORD LODGE OF ELKS
19 WASHINGTON ST., MEDFORD, MA 02155
- TIME:** DOORS OPEN @ 7 PM. SHOW FROM 8:00 – 10:00PM
- COST:** \$20 PER PERSON



RAFFLES

A snack bar will be available for your convenience

Chicken Fingers	Buffalo Wings	Nacho's
Potato Skins	Spinach Dip	Cheese Stix
Spicy Fries	Cheese Fries	& More



CASH BAR

PLEASE SEE OR CALL TO PURCHASE TICKETS

KATIE CULLINANE (508)294-9982 OR **BRIGID TOWNE** (617) 943-6979



GET YOUR GREEN ON MARCH 13TH 2010
MEDFORD ELKS MEMBERS ST PATRICKS CELEBRATION
 Come on down and celebrate St Patrick's Day with the Medford Elks
 Shake Your Shamrock with DJ Paul
 8:00pm – Close
 Bring your Irish Luck and a snack
 Come on down and Celebrate the IRISH WAY at the Medford Elks



On Saturday March 13th Medford Lodge of Elks will be welcoming the "South Shore Elks" Bus trip. We are expecting 40+ Members from a variety of South Shore Lodges to Visit us around 6pm. Come on down and show our fellow Elk some Good Ole' Medford Hospitality. A dinner will be served and all are welcome. This will be a great way to kick off our Saint Patrick's Day Party starting at 8pm with DJ PAUL, Snacks and a Rockin' Good time...

Save the date The Medford Lodge of Elks Installation of Officers for 2010-2011 will be held on Saturday March 27th. Your attendance is appreciated! Please come support your lodge. Further information on the Medford Installation and RSVP information as well as the District Schedule will be available and posted in the March bulletin.

At the January 14, 2010 Lodge meeting, the Lodge adopted the general revisions of our by laws. The changes will be submitted to the Grand Lodge Judiciary for approval. Once approved by the Grand Lodge the changes will then be in effect. If you have any questions on the adaptation, please feel free to contact your lodge secretary for clarification.



History of Presidents Day
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According to the federal government, the holiday observed on the third Monday in February is officially Washington's Birthday. But many Americans believe that this holiday is now called "Presidents' Day," in honor of both Presidents Washington and Lincoln, whose birthdays are Feb. 22 and Feb. 12, respectively. It turns out that whether you honor one or the other or both of these presidents may depend on where you live.

States Decide on Holidays: The states are not obliged to adopt federal holidays, which only affect federal offices and agencies. While most states have adopted Washington's Birthday, a dozen of them officially celebrate Presidents' Day. A number of the states that celebrate Washington's Birthday also recognize Lincoln's Birthday as a separate legal holiday. When Was the First Public Celebration of Washington's Birthday?

Washington's Birthday has a history as old as our country. It was celebrated publicly for the first time in the late 18th century, while George Washington was still president.

Washington's Birthday became official in 1885, when President Chester Arthur signed a bill making it a federal holiday. Meanwhile, there was President Lincoln's birthday on Feb. 12, which never became a federal holiday but was celebrated as a legal holiday in many states outside the old Confederacy. Origins of the Monday Holiday In 1968, Congress passed the Monday Holidays Act, which moved the official observance of Washington's Birthday from Feb. 22 to the third Monday in February. Some reformers had wanted to change the name of the holiday as well, to Presidents' Day, in honor of both Lincoln and Washington, but that proposal was rejected by Congress, and the holiday remained officially Washington's Birthday.

Nevertheless, there was a popular misconception that the day had been officially renamed, a misconception only reinforced by the fact that the third Monday in February can only occur between Feb. 15 and Feb. 21. This means that the holiday is always after Lincoln's birthday and before Washington's Birthday, without ever coinciding with either. Furthermore, some states which had previously celebrated Lincoln's Birthday dropped the observance after the federal holiday reforms, supporting the notion that the two presidential birthdays had been combined.

While the name change has never been authorized by Congress, it has gained a strong hold on the public consciousness, and is generally used on calendars, in advertising, and even by many government agencies. There have been attempts to introduce legislation requiring federal agencies to call the day Washington's Birthday, but these have never gotten very far. No matter what's in the law books, the popular usage is now well established.

You Can't Please All of the People...

Many people feel that Lincoln, the president credited with preserving the nation during the Civil War, has been short-changed. To them, having Presidents' Day is a sensible way to recognize both Washington and Lincoln. Others feel just as strongly that having an inclusive Presidents' Day diminishes Washington's importance in American history.
















FEBRUARY HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Joe Palmer, Joe Bruno, Dave Rose, Tracey Stearns. Robert (Sparky) Turner, Sue Lillie, Sal Zarbano, William DiGiuseppe, Ron Ferullo, Morris Klein, Lou Martelli, Stanley Winchester, Al Morabito, Martin Peppe, Frank Rago, Mike Wilhardt, Dave George, John Jennings III, Evelyn Meagher, Gerald Catanzaro, Nicole Dasilva, Albert Chrumka, Donna Spadafora, Larry Cullity, Louis Ghirafelli, Matti Insogna Jr., Paul O;Callaghan, James Marcellino, Rosario Santoro, David Welch, Lisa Amodeo, Paul Loiacono, Sandra Finn, Frank DiGiovanni, Peter Gottfredson, Terri Boos, Louis Maffei, Asa Seeley



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY BIRTHSTONE – AMETHYST 	1 National Freedom Day 	2 	3 The Day the Music Died Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash in 1959.	4 Mail carrier day 	5 National Weather Man day 	6 Astrology Signs Aquarius - January 21 - February 19 Pisces - February 20- March 20
7 Super Bowl Sunday 3pm Members Lounge, Fireside Room Main Function Hall 	8 Boy Scout Day 	9 The Medford Elks Bartenders Crew Welcomes Anne Leetch, PER to their Staff. Come on down and say hello to Ms. Anne on Tuesday's	10 Chinese New Year 	11 PER Night Meeting 	12 Abe Lincoln's Bday 	13 BRING A FRIEND SHOW THEM WHAT ELKDOM IS ALL ABOUT!
14 ENJOY SOME APPETIZERS IN THE MEMBERS LOUNGE CHICKEN FINGERS, FRIES AND MORE!	15 Presidents Day 	16 Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras 	17 Random act of kindness day 	18 	19 KENO IN THE MEMBERS LOUNGE COME ON DOWN AND TRY YOUR LUCK	20
21 	22 George Washington's Bday 	23 	24 Scholarship applications now available in the Members lounge or contact the Lodge Secretary	25 Regular Meeting 	26 	27 SPEND A DAY WITH YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AT THE MEMBERS LOUNGE!
28 Sunday Breakfast 8am – Noon 	March 13 St Patrick's Day Members Party 7pm South Shore Elks Bus Trip Visit 6pm	Upcoming Members Events April 17 DJ PAR-TAY! May 1 st DJ PAR-TAY	Medford Lodge of Elks #915 Installation of Officers March 27 th More info to follow	Relay for Life Cure for Cancer Fund raiser Comedy Night March 20 th Main Function Hall \$20.00 per ticket	GOT A FRIEND WHO WOULD ENJOY OUR PROGRAM? BRING THEM DOWN THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE FRIENDS	

Dues News: Recently, the lodge voted on an increase in our dues via the by-law vote. Before any of the new items can be made official, we have to get Grand Lodge approval. Accordingly, 2010 dues will remain at \$61.50 for regular members and \$31.50 for life members. We have our new cards in, so please feel free to start sending in dues payments.

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