

**WHATS THE SCOOP**  
**MEDFORD ELKS #915 OF THE B.P.O.E.**  
**OF THE USA**

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 Esteemed Lecturing Knight   LOU MARTELLI  
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 Trustee Two Years           JOHN LEETCH, PER  
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 Trustee Four Years         HARRY MACEACHERN  
 Trustee five years          JOHN MEAGHER, SR  
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 Tiler                     DEB MOULTON  
 Esquire                 BILLY CROWE  
 Chaplain     EILEEN TAYLOR SILVERSTRONE  
 Inner Guard             WILL ZACCAGNINI



**JANUARY 2010 MEETINGS@ 7:30PM**  
 Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday January 28<sup>th</sup>



Greeting my Fellow Members:

A happy and prosperous new year to you all! I trust that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season. As we look forward 2010, let us hope that we and our families have a healthy new year.

The lodge had a great holiday season with the children's Christmas party; members appreciate day and the Yankee swap at the Members Christmas party. Thanks to all who donated time and money to make these events a success!

The holiday basket committee delivered 30 baskets to the less fortunate. A heartfelt feeling comes upon you when you do something for those who otherwise would go without. Special thanks to Larry Murphy and team for putting this event together.

A special thanks to John Granara and family for the fantastic pig roast tailgate party. John is always one to step up to the plate. You often see John around the members lounge and he is more than likely raising funds for and working hard on a special event.

Have you considered becoming a lodge officer? Nominations for 2010-2011 will take place at the first meeting in February. All members are encouraged to attend as we will be initiating new members. Past Exalted Rulers will be presiding over the meetings. This is always a very impressive evening. Members Coley Connelly and Sue Lilly graciously donated a commercial ice machine for the members lounge. Thank you both for thinking of your lodge. The ice machine was much needed and saved our lodge a substantial amount of money. Super Bowl Sunday plans are underway and details will be shared soon. In closing, have a great January and hope to see you all soon at the lodge.

Fraternally yours

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Regular Meeting           1/14  
 Regular Meeting           1/28  
 SuperBowl Sunday         2/07  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gong Show     2/13

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Marie Covino, Mother of Anne Leetch, PER is recovering at home after a few stays in the hospital. Marie will have a long road to recovery. Please keep Marie, Anne, PER, John PER, Marie Leetch and family in your thoughts and prayers.



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gong Show preparations are underway. If you are interested in performing in the show or working behind the scenes please see Tom Powers. You can also reach Tom at [twp710@aol.com](mailto:twp710@aol.com). The Gong Show will be held on Saturday February 13 in the Main Function Room. Tickets are on sale now in the members lounge. Last years show sold out. Get your tickets early.

**ELK OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2010**

Once again Katie Cullinane has demonstrated her knack for stepping up and running a very impressive Children's Christmas party. A wonderful time was had by every child and adult. Katie organized special events for the day including a magic show, snacks, arts and crafts and a special visit from Santa. Katie you really know how to pull people together to get it done. Thank you for all your efforts. As always, KEEP SMILING!!

**CONGRATULATIONS KATIE CULLINANE**



## Medford Lodge of Elks # 915 By Law Revisions

Every Lodge of the Order must at least every five years, submit a General Revision (complete listing) of its By-Laws to its Area Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary and receive approval, per Section 17.060 of our Statutes. The requirement applies regardless of the quantity of individual Amendments approved since the Lodge's last General Revision approval date. A committee chaired by Anthony Piccolo, HLM, PDD and consisted of Lawrence Murphy, PDD and John Campbell, PER was appointed by the Exalted Ruler to review the Lodge By-Laws and to make proposals for any changes to the By-Laws has suggested the following changes. The vote of these proposed changes will be held at the January 14, 2010 regular meeting of the Lodge

Article III Life Membership Section 1: The Lodge by an affirmative secret ballot of two thirds of those present at a regular lodge meeting, may elect a member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment of \$1,250:00

*To be Amended as follows:* The Lodge by an affirmative secret ballot of two thirds of those present at a regular lodge meeting, may elect a member in good standing to Life Membership upon the payment of \$2,500:00.

Article IV: Meetings Section 1: The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings in each month throughout the year except in the months of July and August, sessions of the Lodge will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening and in the month of November, sessions of the Lodge shall be held on the second Thursday evening.

*To be Amended as follows:* The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday evenings in each month throughout the year except in the months of July, August and December, meetings of the Lodge will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening in the month of each thereof.

Article VII: Nominations, Election and Installation of Officers Section 1: **ADD:** No Trustee shall serve more than two consecutive five year terms.

Article X: Fees and Dues: Section 1 The fees for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant shall be \$25:00 to accompany the proposition.

*To be Amended as follows:* The fee for Initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$30:00. \$30:00 to accompany the proposition and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation The fee for initiation in this lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be \$30:00 \$30:00 to accompany the proposition and the balance to be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

Article X Section 2 (C) The regular Lodge dues shall be \$45:00

*To be Amended as follows:* The regular lodge dues shall be \$60:00. In addition All Grand Lodge and State Association assessments .will be added to the Lodge dues

Article X Section 2 (D) In addition to the amounts set forth in the first paragraph of this section, each Life Member shall pay \$15:00 towards Lodge administration expense.

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Article X Section 3 The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$15:00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding a Transfer Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$15:00. The affiliation fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from another Lodge shall be \$15:00. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be \$15:00

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Article X Section 4 Line 10 Before such reinstatement, the applicant shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of \$15:00.

*To be Amended as follows:* Before such reinstatement, the applicant shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of \$30:00.

Article X Section 8 **ADD:** The Initiation fee and dues of any applicant who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria stated in Section 5 may be may be remitted by a vote of not less the majority of those present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Motion presented, made and seconded at the Regular Lodge meeting held on December 10, 2009 by Anthony Piccolo, PDD, ASR # 3 Motion to be voted at the January 14, 2010 Regular Lodge Meeting

### House Rules

1. The Member's Lounge shall be closed during the hours of all regular and Special Meetings of the Lodge.
2. The Bartender has the authority at all times, not to serve any person, who in their opinion exhibits conduct unbecoming an Elk.
3. the use of profanity, vile language, physical violence or the threat of physical violence shall not be tolerated on Lodge property
4. Guests, having reached the age of 21, must sign the Guest Book presented by the Bartender.
5. No alcoholic beverages purchased outside the Lodge are allowed to be brought into the Lodge and consumed on Lodge property.
6. At no time will illegal drugs be allowed on the persons and/or premises of the Lodge.
7. Members cannot purchase drinks from the Function Room Bar while a rental or Elk's Lodge Social is in progress, or to loiter, unless otherwise invited as a guest.
8. All liquor at the Member's Lounge must be purchased no later than ½ hour prior to designated closing time and be off the Table/Bar by designated closing time.
9. When leaving Lodge property, members are asked to exercise care in not making undue noise –RESPECT OUR NEIGHBORS
10. No alcoholic beverages shall be taken from the Lodge. 11. No gambling is allowed in the Lounge. 12. No pets allowed in Member's Lounge area. 13. All members must sign in their guest(s), and when the member leaves, the guest(s) must also leave. You are responsible for all actions of guests that have been brought to the Lodge by you. A three-time visitor to the members lounge will be required to join to continue to enjoy the Lodge facilities

Congratulations and Thank you to those who participated in our 50/50 raffles and attended our Pig Roast Tailgate, your generosity enabled the Lodge to help Six Families with holiday shopping. Each family was provided with a gift card from Target in the amount of \$225.00 and/or gift cards from Johnnies FoodMaster in the amount of \$80.00. In some cases the families received both. Three families were referred by clergy from St. Joseph's, St. Francis and Grace Episcopal and three families were referred to the Lodge. We hope that we may have made a difference for each of the six families.

With respect to the Tailgate, it was a great success due the work of many, special thanks to: Ned Granara who paid for the 85 pound Pig that was roasted by Jim Granara and Jim Marcellino in our parking lot for over eight hours, to Paul Granara and John Rineer for cooking the hamburger and sausages, to Harry Mac and Bob B for shuttling the food from the BBQ to the Lounge, to Betty Granara and Judi Granara for providing the salads, snacks, burgers, sausages, etc, to Harry Mac and Cindy's mother, Barbara for delicious desserts, to Brigid, Becca and Cindy for insuring that our 50/50 raffles were a success, Jim Manning for last minute running around and lastly to Keith who helped with a very messy cleanup. I would like to add that we have some very generous members who helped put us over the top, special thanks to you. My sincere apologies if I have missed anyone....Merry Christmas to all...

John Granara and Cindy Rineer

The following individuals were interviewed and passed by the Board on 15 Dec., 2009.

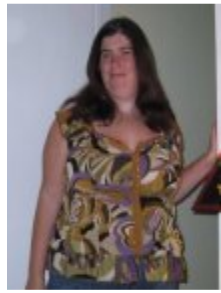
William T. Crowe for reinstatement  
Carl R. Stevens by reinstatement  
Janine Vendola sponsored by Anne Leetch P.E.R.  
Katie Ellis sponsored by Keith Rineer  
Barbara Lynch sponsored by Mary Fitzgerald  
James Barry sponsored by Phil Towne pending investigation

The following have been proposed for membership and awaiting investigation committee approval

Nancy Vacha proposed by William Vacha  
Tim Joslin proposed by Patrick Hardy  
Barbara Bonin proposed by Dominic Dello Russo  
Arnold Gatto proposed by John Meagher, Sr.

Member David Hayes has met the time and age requirements for life membership. A ballot will take place at the 2nd meeting in January to vote on life membership status.

Scholarship applications now available in the Members Lounge or by contacting Ivana Jacobs, PER, Lodge Secretary. Ivana can be reached at [Secretary@MedfordElks915.comcastbiz.net](mailto:Secretary@MedfordElks915.comcastbiz.net)



CONGRATULATIONS to Member Marie Leetch who recently earned her first stripe towards her black belt in Martial Arts, Tang Soo Do  
A word to the wise.... Keep Marie on your good side!!

December Events at the Medford Lodge of Elks. It was a busy month at the lodge. Katie and crew put on an amazing kids Christmas Party with lots of events for the kids. A great time was had by all. Also in December was the Members Appreciation Day. John Meagher Sr. and team made sure everyone had a great time. The following night was the Members Christmas Party. A great time was had by all and a lot of fun with the Yankee Swap. Thanks to Steve and Judy Moore for providing games and special thanks to Brigid Towne for setting everything up. Many members played a role in the success of these events. Thanks to all who provided food, entertainment and fun for your fellow members. Upcoming is the New Years Eve Celebration in the Members Lounge. Come on down and ring in the New Year with all the trimmings. \$10.00 donation to cover costs of the DJ, Midnight toast and sandwiches.






## JANAURY BIRTHDAYS



CHRISTINE BORDONARO, CHARLES W. CAPRARO, STANLEY P. CHESNICK, LEO G. DERVISHIAN, DAVID L. DOBRINDT, THOMAS J. FOLEY III, JOHN FUSCO, CHRISTOPHER MONTEIRO, LISA J. SURETTE, LEO LERMOND, JR. JAMES V. MORABITO, ANTHONY M. BROGNA, MARY A. SKINNER, REMO G. SCARFO, ANDREW J. DI MAMBRO, FRANK A. FEMINO, JOAN C. CORCORAN, ROBIN M. DOHERTY, DANIEL E. LAROCHE, WAYNE HASENBEIN, DANIEL F. LALLY, JOSEPH A. TODISCO, JR., SABINO CATALDO, ALBERT A. MC CARTHY, RICHARD AYLWARD, JR, PATRICIA A. HANLEY, MARY ELLEN C. HUSSEY, SANTO F. DURSO, JOSEPH M. CREMENS, JOHN W. HALEY, FRANK J. IMBERGAMO, JOSHUA P. NOSEWORTHY, STEPHEN A. MALONEY, JACQUELYN A. HALEY, RALPH G. MARCONE, MICHAEL E. PENTA, DANIEL KAPLAN, JOHN C. MEAGHER, ROBERT SURABIAN, LAURANCE M. HAYES, JOSEPHINE BROGNA, FRANCIS J. FORTUNATO, KAYLA BIAGIONI, EDWARD J. CONNORS, JEFFREY DIPERRI, JOHN R. GRANARA, JOHN HOWARD, WILLIAM J. CROWE, JOHN DI PIETRO, MICHAEL F. DEDRICK, ROBERT DEROCCO JR., LAURENCE A. ALBERTO, SHAWN M. CLINE, MARY E. DERVISHIAN, MICHAEL F. STEARNS, WILLIAM J. O'KEEFE JR., CHESTER E. LASKOWSKI

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# JANUARY 2010

SUNDAY 12:00 PM 12:00 AM	MONDAY 3:00PM 12:00AM	TUESDAY 3:00PM 12:00AM	WEDNESDAY 12:00PM 12:AM	THURSDAY 12:00PM 1:00AM	FRIDAY 12:00PM 1:00AM	SATURDAY 12:00PM 1:00AM
Bring in a friend spend the day Watch the game Cheer on the Pats	<b>Astrological Signs: Capricorn: Dec 22 – Jan 19, Aquarius: January 20 - February 18</b>	Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?	Superbowl Sunday Spectacular at the Medford Elks February 7th	<b>Birthstone: Garnet Flower: Carnation, Snowdrop</b>	1 A happy and prosperous New Year to all!	2
3  1/3 at Houston 1:00 pm	4	5	6 Cuddle Up Day	7	8 Happy Bday Elvis Presley 1935	9 Static Electricity Day 
10 Wild-Card Round Sat.-Sun., Jan. 9-10	11 Amelia Earhart Day 	12	13 Rubber Duckie's Birthday 	14 Regular Meeting 7:30 	15 First Super Bowl Played in 1967. Green Bay (35) defeated Kansas City (10).	16
17 Divisional Round Sat.-Sun. Jan. 16-17	18 Winnie the Pooh Day 1882 	19 Popcorn Day 	20	21 Hug Day 	22	23 Measure Your Feet Day 
24 Championship Round	25 Who first actually looked at a cow and thought? I think I will pull those dangly things and drink whatever comes out?	26	27 Chocolate Cake Day 	28 Regular Meeting 7:30 	29	30 Franklin D. Roosevelt's Birthday 1882.
31	DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR GONG SHOW TICKETS FEBRUARY 13 <sup>TH</sup>				February Meetings Thursday February 11 Thursday February 25	