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JUNE 2009

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JUNE 2009 MEETINGS @ 7:30PM
Thursday JUNE 25TH



My Fellow Members

Well Spring is finally upon us. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day Weekend and that June finds everyone well. This will be a busy month at the Lodge. June 6th we will be holding a yard sale at the lodge with proceeds going to the Massachusetts General Hospital Pancreatic Cancer Research Division in the name of our recently departed member, Kathy Granara-Skerry. The yard sale will take place from 9am-3pm. Please come down, browse and look for

some treasures to pick up for yourself. We are also seeking donations as well as volunteers to help set up, sell and break down when the sale is down. Please see Brigid Towne, Ivana Jacobs, or ER Warren Costa.

The State Convention will also be taking place again at the beautiful Seacrest in Falmouth. I will be attending and representing the Lodge at the convention and will bring back any new Elks news or programs that are announced at the convention.

Let's also not forget that Father's Day is on June 21st. Go see your Dad or pick up the phone and call him, remember, you only have one dad. Please also keep in mind that there will only be one meeting in June. This meeting will take place on June 28th at which time, we will be initiating new members. Please come down and support our officers and welcome the new members.

As a reminder, when leaving our lodge, please be respectful of our neighbors. If you see any discarded items, trash or food in the parking lot, please help out, pick them up and throw them away.

For those spending the summer away on various vacations, please be safe and have a wonderful time.

Fraternally
Warren Costa, ER

TEXAS HOLDEM	JUNE 2
ELKS YARD SALE	JUNE 6
STATE CONVENTION	JUNE 12
STATE CONVENTION	JUNE 13
STATE CONVENTION	JUNE 14
REGULAR MEETING	JUNE 25

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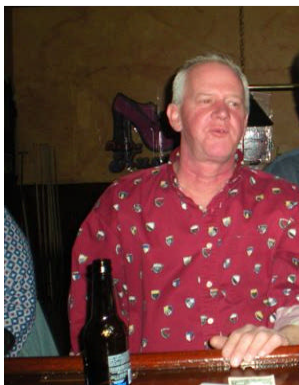


Cindy Rineer Recovering from surgery and doing well. Glad to see you up and about Cindy!
Phil Towne, HLM, at home with a knee injury
Secretary, Ivana Jacobs recovering at home from the flu
Lou Martelli's son at home recovering from the flu
Billy Crowe recovering at home with a leg injury
Ed Meise, PER, LM recovering at home after being discharged from the hospital



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers.....

Paul Donato, PER, LM and family with the recent passing of his wife Roseanne Donato
John Byers and family with the recent passing of his father-in-law Donald Smith



ELK OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2009

This month, it is my pleasure to announce that we have two Elks of the month. Dan LaRoche and Chris Monteiro will share this award for the month. Thanks to these two gentlemen our member's lounge once again has a glass washer. Dan and Chris both donated their time, and professional skills to install the dishwasher. When needed Dan and Chris both stepped up to the plate and volunteered and they should be thanked for their efforts. Great job guys and we appreciate all of your efforts.

As always, Keep Smiling!

Sorry No photo available for Chris Monteiro



HISTORY OF FLAG DAY

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Betsy would often tell her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of the fateful day when three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress came to call upon her. Those representatives, George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross, asked her to sew the first flag. This meeting occurred in her home some time late in May 1776. George Washington was then the head of the Continental Army. Robert Morris, an owner of vast amounts of land, was perhaps the wealthiest citizen in the Colonies. Colonel George Ross was a respected Philadelphian and also the uncle of her late husband, John Ross. Naturally, Betsy Ross already knew George Ross as she had married his nephew. Furthermore, Betsy was also acquainted with the great General Washington. Not only did they both worship at Christ Church in Philadelphia, but Betsy's pew was next to George and Martha Washington's pew. Her daughter recalled, "That she was previously well acquainted with Washington, and that he had often been in her house in friendly visits, as well as on business. That she had embroidered ruffles for his shirt bosoms and cuffs, and that it was partly owing to his friendship for her that she was chosen to make the flag." In June 1776, brave Betsy was a widow struggling to run her own upholstery business. Upholsterers in colonial America not only worked on furniture but did all manner of sewing work, which for some included making flags. According to Betsy, General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. Betsy, a standout with the scissors, demonstrated how to cut a five-pointed star in a single snip. Impressed, the committee entrusted Betsy with making our first flag. Until that time, colonies and militias used many different flags. Some are famous, such as the "Rattlesnake Flag" used by the Continental Navy, with its venomous challenge, "Don't Tread on Me." Another naval flag had a green pine tree on a white background. Other flags were quite similar to Britain's Union Jack or incorporated elements of it. A picture of the "Grand Union" flag is shown here. This is not surprising. Many colonists considered themselves loyal subjects of Britain — many colonists came from Britain, and King George III ruled over the colonies. On January 1, 1776, the Continental Army was reorganized in accordance with a Congressional resolution which placed American forces under George Washington's control. On that New Year's Day the Continental Army was laying siege to Boston which had been taken over by the British Army. Washington ordered the Grand Union flag hoisted above his base at Prospect Hill "in compliment of the United Colonies." In Boston, on that New Year's Day, the Loyalists (supporters of Britain) had been circulating a recent King George speech, offering the Continental forces favorable terms if they laid down their arms. These Loyalists were convinced that the King's speech had impressed the Continentals into surrendering — as a sign of the Continentals' "surrender," the Loyalists mistook the flying of the Grand Union flag over Prospect Hill as a show of respect to King George. In fact, however, the Continentals knew nothing of the speech until later. Washington wrote in a letter dated January 4, "By this time, I presume, they begin to think it strange we have not made a formal surrender of our lines." Obviously a new flag was needed. According to Betsy Ross's dates and sequence of events, in May the Congressional Committee called upon her at her shop. She finished the flag either in late May or early June 1776. In July, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud for the first time at Independence Hall. Amid celebration, bells throughout the city tolled, heralding the birth of a new nation. Much suffering and loss of life would result, however, before the United States would completely sever ties with Britain. Betsy Ross herself lost two husbands to the Revolutionary War. During the conflict the British appropriated her house to lodge soldiers. Through it all she managed to run her own upholstery business (which she continued operating for several decades after the war) and after the soldiers left, she wove cloth pouches which were used to hold gunpowder for the Continentals. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. "Resolved: that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Spring time is here and it's time to clean out those closets. How about doing it this year for a good cause? A few years ago we had a yard sale to benefit the Veterans and we raised several hundred dollars. It was a great opportunity to get the Medford Lodge of Elks name in a very positive way out into the community. We would like to do the same this year. We will be holding a Yard Sale for charity on Saturday June 6th, starting @ 9:00 am. So of course we are looking for some items to sell. While going through your spring cleaning, don't just throw out what you don't need anymore, remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Please see Brigid Towne or Ivana Jacobs about donating or helping out one day of the yard sale....and by all means, come on down and see what you can purchase as well.



LODGE NEWS:

Just few points of interest for all members. The members lounge now has a new glass washer. Thank you Chris and Danny for all your help. There will be a new member initiation at the June 25th Meeting. Come on down and meet our new members and enjoy an evening with your fellow members. The Trustees will be meeting after each regular meeting for the months of June, July and August. As always the House Committee meets every third Monday at 7:00pm. Due to the State Convention; there will be ONE meeting for the Month of June (25th).



The "Headless Wonder Chicken" lived for 18 months without a head

THE STORY OF MIRACLE MIKE, THE HEADLESS CHICKEN WHO NEVER SHOWED UP FOR DINNER! September 10th, 1945 finds a strapping (but tender) five and a half month old Wyandotte rooster pecking through the dust of Fruita, Colorado. The unsuspecting bird had never looked so delicious as he did that, now famous, day. Clara Olsen was planning on featuring the plump chicken in the evening meal. Husband Lloyd Olsen was sent out, on a very routine mission, to prepare the designated fryer for the pan. Nothing about this task turned out to be routine. Lloyd knew his Mother in Law would be dining with them and would savor the neck. He positioned his ax precisely, estimating just the right tolerances, to leave a generous neck bone. "It was as important to Suck-Up to your Mother in Law in the 40's as it is today." A skillful blow was executed and the chicken staggered around like most freshly terminated poultry. Then the determined bird shook off the traumatic event and never looked back. Mike (it is unclear when the famous rooster took on the name) returned to his job of being a chicken. He pecked for food and preened his feathers just like the rest of his barnyard buddies. **When Olsen found Mike the next morning**, sleeping with his "head" under his wing, he decided that if Mike had that much will to live, he would figure out a way to feed and water him. With an eyedropper

Mike was given grain and water. It was becoming obvious that Mike was special. A week into Mike's new life Olsen packed him up and took him 250 miles to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

The skeptical scientists were eager to answer all the questions regarding Mike's amazing ability to survive with no head. It was determined that ax blade had missed the jugular vein and a clot had prevented Mike from bleeding to death. Although most of his head was in a jar, most of his brain stem and one ear were left on his body. Since most of a chicken's reflex actions are controlled by the brain stem Mike was able to remain quite healthy.. **In the 18 MONTHS that Mike lived as "The Headless Wonder Chicken"** he grew from a mere 2 1/2 lbs. to nearly 8 lbs. In a Gayle Meyer interview Olsen said Mike was a "robust chicken - a fine specimen of a chicken except for not having a head." Some longtime Fruita residents, gathered at the Monument Cafe for coffee, also remember Mike - "he was a big fat chicken who didn't know he didn't have a head" - "he seemed as happy as any other chicken." Mike's excellent state of health made it difficult for animal-rights activists to garner much of a following. Even now the town of Fruita celebrates Mike's impressive will to live, not the nature of his handicap. Miracle Mike took on a manager, and with the Olsen's in tow, set out on a national tour. Curious sideshow patrons in New York, Atlantic City, Los Angeles , and San Diego lined up to pay 25 cents to see Mike. The "Wonder Chicken" was valued at \$10,000.00 and insured for the same. His fame and fortune would earn him recognition in Life and Time Magazines. It goes without saying there was a Guinness World Record in all this. While returning from one of these road trips the Olsen's stopped at a motel in the Arizona desert. In the middle of the night Mike began to choke. Unable to find the eyedropper used to clear Mike's open esophagus Miracle Mike passed on.



**TEXAS HOLD EM TOURNEY
SILVER FOX
TUES JUNE 2nd at 7PM**

COME JOIN THE MEDFORD ELKS FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND GAMES WITH TEXAS HOLD EM AND OTHER CASINO EVENTS. THIS FUNDRAISER WILL HELP OUR LODGE AND ELKS PROGRAMS. SEE BILL HANLEY FOR VOLUNTEER INFORMATION 781-290-7399

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JUNE HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

SCOTT CULLINANE, ED JUSKALIAN, DAN PUCCIO, MARCO SILVESTRONE, WALTER MERICANTANTE, GREG CAPANO RICH SWEENEY, TONY PICCOLO, PETER TSOUKALAS, ARMAND BARRASSO, JIM MANNING, REBECCA GIL, DENNIS KELLEY, BILL GUNNING, LEONARD CARDOZA, NEIL MCMASTER, JAMIE BEVINS, CHRIS DELLO RUSSO, JOHN BOLOGNESE, TIMMMY BRENNAN, TIM DOHERTY, TRENT ALEXIS, LARRY AVENELL, NICOLE LOMBARDI, LEONARD HAND SR., STEVIE IANNESSA, JOHN SHOTWELL, PAUL HOPKINS, PAUL MONTGOMERY, PAUL ROSSELLE, JR.

SUN 12pm – 12 am	MON 3pm – 2 am	TUE 3pm – 2 am	WED 11am – 2 am	THU 11am – 2 am	FRI 11am – 2 am	SAT 11am – 2 am
Birthstone pearl  Flower Rose 	1	2 Texas Hold'em Silver fox 7pm 	3 First US spacewalk 	4 First shopping cart designed 1937 	5 First hot air balloon flight 	6 D-Day anniversary 1944 MEDFORD ELKS YARD SALE 9AM – 3PM
7 First ice cream sold 1786 	8	9 SUPPORT YOUR LODGE DONATE VOLUNTEER BRING A NEW MEMBER	10	11 NO REGULAR MEETING DUE TO THE STATE CONVENTION	12 First baseball invented 1839 	13 STATE CONVENTION FALTHMOUTH MASS
14 Flag Day 	15 Arkansas became the 25 th US State 1836 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING	16	17 Bunker Hill Day 	18	19 KENO IN THE MEMBERS LOUNGE	20
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	22 Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress 1942 GI Bill becomes law 1944	23	24 First documented sighting of a UFO 	25 Korean war began 1950 REGULAR MEETING 7:30 NEW MEMBER INITIATION	26 Baseball Day Abner Doubleday's Birthday	27
28 Official end of World War I 1919	29	30	July 25 Mass elks Family Picnic Hudson Lodge	August 8 th Annual Motorcycle ride for Veterans Weymouth Lodge	August 28 th Elks at Fenway Park	Sept 13 th Annual Elks Golf Tournament Host Franklin Lodge

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