

Elks News
Pittsfield Elks Lodge #272 Newsletter
27 Union Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
June 2009

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2009-2010

Exalted Ruler	Peter Torra	Secretary	Elizabeth Sawyer
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Lodge Hours Mon-Wed 3:00pm-11:00pm, Thurs 10:00pm-10:30pm, Fri-Sat 3:00pm-12:00pm
Sunday 12:00pm-8:00pm

Exalter Ruler Message

I would like to start with a thank you to Brian Andrews for all his work organizing the comedy night with Bucky Lewis. It was a great night of laughs and everyone there really enjoyed themselves. We look forward to more entertaining events to come.

June is a busy month, starting with the Initiation of new members on the 3rd. The state convention is the weekend of the 12th. Flag day is on the 19th. Elk on the Trail the 20th. Father's day on the 21st. Its a wonder we have time for our picnics, gardens and our beer.

This year our Flag Day ceremony will be Friday the 19th due to the state convention being held on the weekend of Flag day. I hope to see all of you there. If you have not attend a Flag Day celebration you are missing an impressive ceremony to honor the flag of our country and what it represents. Burt Francis does an incredible job putting this together. After the ceremony we will all gather for a buffet style dinner. Please plan to attend, bring your children, family and friends. Not only is this a ceremony for the flag but it is a history lesson on the making of the flag.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the dads a happy and safe Father's day. I hope all of you have a fun filled day with your families and get to enjoy some of the summer weather.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Hope you all get out in the sun and enjoy the outdoors. After this winter, I think we deserve a lot of fun in the sun. I hope to see everyone at the lodge showing support and enjoying the brother & sisterhood of the Elks.

Fraternally yours,
Pete Torra
Exalted Ruler
June Meetings

June 2nd	Trustee's Meeting	7:00PM
June 3rd	Initiation/Regular Meeting	7:30PM
June 9th	PER Meeting	6:30PM
	House Committee	7:00PM
June 16th	Trustee's Meeting	7:00PM
June 17th	Regular Meeting	7:30PM



Happy June Birthday's

Paul Burchard	6/1	Beverly Superanowicz	6/19
Dean Williams	6/2	Suzanne Eisermann	6/21
Audrey St Pierre	6/3	James Londergan	6/23
Thomas Geary	6/5	Raymond MacWhinnie	6/23
Harold Sheerin	6/9	Jay Coyle	6/24
Pamela Murray	6/10	Timothy Kirby	6/24
Kathleen Hickey	6/11	James Dermody	6/25
Edward Powers	6/11	Ann Doucette	6/25
John Wasuk	6/12	Herbert Foster	6/27
Joel Whitcomb	6/13	Albert Hugabone	6/27
Charles Carder	6/16	Thelma Drury	6/28
Jeffrey Walger	6/16	Wayne Beach	6/29
Dermot Sporbort	6/18	Emil Marquis	6/29

*****If you visit the lodge on your birthday you can receive a beverage of your choice on the house*****
 If we are missing your Birthday and you are a member in good standing, please let us know by calling the lodge.

Reminder

Attendance Raffle

The new 50/50 meeting attendance raffle, here's how it works -----

1. You must attend at least one meeting during the month.
2. Purchase a \$2.00 raffle ticket in the lodge room at each meeting. (only one per person)
3. Drawings will be held after the second meeting of each month.
4. You need not be present at the second meeting to win. (but if you have 2 tickets you have a better chance to win)

The more people the more money!!!!

May winner - Pat Kelly



Balloting for Lifetime membership ... June 17, 2009

Ronald Hudelston



Calling all balloon handlers!! We will again this year represent the Elk's the 4th of July parade. If you have helped in the past you know how much fun it can be. If you have not, come on down and have fun walking with your brother & sister Elks.

WHY VOLUNTEER? Volunteering... is a way of giving and receiving.

When you volunteer, you give a part of yourself, your time, energy, skill and emotions. You give to your family and friends, your neighbors and to your community. Each person's motivations will be unique --- but will often be a combination of the following:

1. Enhance your personal growth
2. Increase your career opportunities
3. Volunteering.. Value it for life
4. Altruism.. Volunteering for the benefit of others
5. Quality of life - "Serving community because doing service makes ones own life better
6. Giving back
7. Sense of duty
8. Religious conviction
9. Financial

Whatever the reason, help support our Lodge. Pick your event and VOLUNTEER!!!

Sunday Breakfast ---WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

Do not forget to come to the Lodge for a fantastic Sunday breakfast starting at **\$4.00** per person - omelets starting at **\$5.00** per person. Hash and extra meat will be extra.

Price includes breakfast, juice & coffee.

Cooked by the best volunteers in the Lodge

Served from 8:00AM to 11:00AM

Bring the whole family!!

Editors Message

Everyone is certainly welcome and encouraged to provide articles for the newsletter. Please leave your written article at the lodge to the attention of Bill Sawyer or e-mail your article to wsawyer1@berkshire.rr.com If you would like to receive your newsletter electronically, let me know via e-mail at the address above, please be sure to indicate Elks Newsletter in the subject line.

If you wish to rent the hall you must book the party through the House Committee Chairperson, Brian Andrews. Members and non-members must complete a Facility Usage Agreement in order to secure the requested date.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Message:

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

Soon a quarter of the 2009-2010 Lodge year will be behind us and the question is, are you and your Lodge ahead, behind or on schedule for a successful year. As I mentioned last month, now is the time to assess where you are and make any adjustments. If you haven't done that yet, don't wait any longer! Do it now to ensure that everything is being done to offer our programs to your community, as well as achieving growth and operational stability in your Lodge.

June is busy with many State Conventions, with everyone getting ready for the National Convention in Portland, and, of course, every Lodge conducting the mandatory Flag Day Celebration and hopefully a Father's Day tribute.

Flag Day and Father's Day are perfect for involving the community in what your Lodge does as a patriotic and community-oriented organization. It is the perfect time to show your interest and devotion to your community, country and family. Seize these opportunities to build a stronger relationship with your community and Members.

Your Lodge remains in a unique position to help your community, as well as your own membership. Lodges generally are well established and staffed with caring Elks. They are perfectly positioned to be of great support to their communities and Members. This is particularly true with today's uncertainty we are experiencing nationwide.

Reach out to your membership and community and determine what your Lodge can do to help. You certainly can continue to provide economical social opportunities for your Members, as well as a friendly facility to gather for support, discussion and possible examination of opportunities. Show your membership your concern for their well being and your Lodge's willingness to be there for them.

Do the same thing for your community and use your membership to help. Make your facilities and the expertise of your membership available to your community. Reach out and make your Lodge a leader in community support. Be a rallying point for your Members and community.

Thank you for your continuing efforts to Grow Elkdom and make our Order shine during these difficult times.

Paul D. Helsel, Grand Exalted Ruler

Veterans' Message:

Elks have a great heritage of service to our community and our fellowman. We have humbly worked to make our communities a better place to live, provide programs and scholarships for our youth and enhance the level of comfort for our nation's Veterans.

This is especially true as it relates to the committees that care for many deserving Veterans. Spending quality time visiting Veterans is probably one of the most important things that we Elks can do to fulfill our motto: "So Long As There Are Veterans, The Benevolent And Protective Order Of Elks Will Never Forget Them". Playing cards for Veterans is a program that goes hand in hand with our motto.

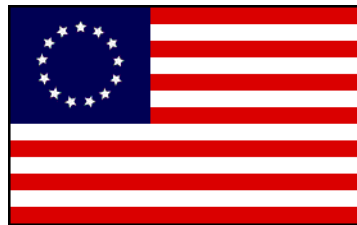
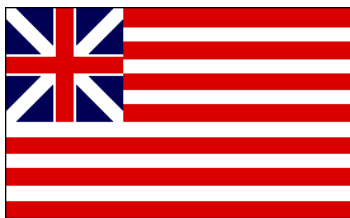
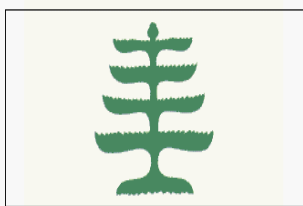
The Playing Cards for Veterans program provides playing cards, at no cost to Veterans. Card games are a great method of providing social interaction, mental stimulation and improved dexterity.

Tom Jamison began this program 10 years ago. Tom gathers nearly new decks of cards from riverboats and casinos, which generously donate them to our cause. Elk volunteers make sure that each deck is in immaculate

condition and sealed. They also place a sticker with the Elks National Veterans Service Commission logo on each pack. Over 40,000 decks were distributed last year alone!

The Playing Cards for Veterans Program is an easy way to get your Lodge involved in helping our nation's heroes. If your Lodge is planning an event for Veterans, you could make a deck of cards part of a gift package. Playing cards in continuous use have a short lifespan, so give decks of cards to our Veterans often, letting them know that "Elks Care - Elks Share."

It's easy to get free playing cards for our Veterans. Send your request to:
 Tom Jamison, Chairman
 Playing Cards for Veterans Program




Learn more about the history of our flag, come to our FLAG DAY celebration on Friday, June 19, 2009 at 6:00PM

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Monthly Dinner 1 5:30PM	Trustee's Meeting 2 7:00PM	Initiation/ Regular Meeting 3 7:30PM	BINGO 4	Karaoke 5 8:00PM	6
7	8	PER Assoc Meeting 9 6:30 House Comm 7:00PM	10	BINGO 11	State Convention 12 Falmouth, MA	State Convention 13 Falmouth, MA
14	15	Trustee's Meeting 16 7:00PM	Regular Meeting 17 7:30PM	BINGO 18	Flag Day 19 6:00PM Newsletter Deadline	Elk on the Trail 20 12:00PM Florida, MA
Happy Father's Day 21	22	23	24	BINGO 25	26	27

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July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	BINGO 2	Karaoke 3 8:00PM	
National 5 Convention Portland OR Begins	6	PER Assoc 7 Meeting 6:30PM House Comm 7:00PM	8	BINGO 9 National Convention Ends	10	11
12	13	Trustee's 14 Meeting 7:00PM	Regular 15 Meeting 7:30AM	BINGO 16	17	18
19	20	21	22	BINGO 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	BINGO 29	30	31