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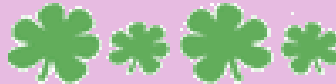
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Regular Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month @ 7:30pm

Kudos

To ER Terri Scott for placing fourth while performing the "Eleven O'clock Toast" at the State Ritual Contest at the Auburn/Webster Lodge. Congratulations to the Saugus/Everett Lodge for winning and a big thanks to *Cliff LeFebvre, Dave Scott & Bob Murphy* for their support.



The Elks Lodge is looking for a donation of a White Wicker set for the Gazebo

Of Special Interest

Interviewing March 3rd
 CJ Hooker Band March 6th
 Corned Beef 11am -7pm March 17th
 "Too Much Fun March 20th
 Officer Installation - April 3rd

March 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HC Meeting 11:00am	2	3 Interviewing 7:00pm	4 Trustees 6:00pm Meeting 7:30pm	5	6 CJ Hooker Band & Friday Supper	7
8	9 PER Meeting at Mike Mott's 6:30pm	10	11 Wednesday Night Supper	12	13 Meat Raffle & Friday Supper	14
15 HC Meeting 11:00am	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef 11:00am-7:00pm	18 Trustees 6:00pm Meeting 7:30pm	19	20 "Too Much Fun" & Friday Supper	21
22	23	24	25 Wednesday Night Supper	26	27 Meat Raffle & Friday Supper	28
29 HC Meeting 11:00am	30	31	1 Trustees 6:00pm Meeting 7:30pm	2	3	4

Check out the bulletin online and in COLOR at: http://www.elks1274.org/lodge_monthly_bulletins.htm

Lodge goals still attainable before year ends

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

Well folks, March has finally arrived, the last month of this 2008-2009 Lodge year. Hopefully the records will show that this has been a good, perhaps even great, year for each of you, your Lodge and our Order. Hopefully you and your Lodge have made your goals and you can hold your head high and boast of the many accomplishments, as well as how you helped and/or fulfilled your responsibilities.

On the other hand, if you haven't quite reached your goals yet, use the days remaining until March 31st to "get 'er done"!! Install that last class of waiting candidates, contact every delinquent member and convince them that they are important to your Lodge and our Order. Get their dues, canvass the membership, hold that last fundraiser, collect those dollars and send that final check for the year to the Elks National Foundation. As a Member of the Army of Hope, do another good deed for the family of a currently active member of the military, help a Veteran in a VA facility or in your community, and/or distribute Drug Awareness materials to youth in your community. Do whatever is needed to reach your goals and end your Lodge year on a positive and successful note!!

For those of you who are moving on to new positions of responsibility, March should be a time for preparation. For the newly elected and soon-to-be-installed Officers, it is a time to learn your Ritual parts. Be ready to stand with pride before your Members on that first meeting night of 2009-2010 and conduct the opening and closing with dignity and from memory. Be ready to do the same with the Ritual of Initiation soon thereafter. It is time for the Officers to become a team working together.

Also for the soon-to-be Officers of 2009-2010, it is the time to finalize your programs, set your goals, determine your committees and get everything in place to hit the ground running in April. It is time to familiarize yourself with the requirements of our Order and your state and your local government as they relate to the proper and compliant operations of your Lodge. It is time to review and enhance your leadership skills, because the success of your programs, your Lodge and our Order will greatly depend on your abilities to lead and involve your membership in the many tasks at hand.

Thank you one and all for your dedicated efforts during 2008-2009 and best wishes to the Officers, Members and Lodges for the 2009-2010 Lodge year.

Hon. Paul D. Hesel
Grand Exalted Ruler



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**"So Long as there are Veterans The
Benevolent
and Protective Order of Elks will
Never
Forget them"**



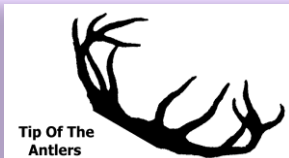
Membership Report

Members as of 4-1-2008:	688
Members Initiated:	59
Apps awaiting Interview:	0
Apps awaiting Vote:	0
Apps awaiting Initiation:	0
Added Reinstatement:	1
Added Transfers:	0
Dropped:	20
(Includes: Deceased, Expelled, Trans & Demits)	
Lapsed Members to Date:	35

Interviewing - March 3rd 7:00pm

Proposed New Members

Paul McGaughron - Proposer Stephen Einstein
Susan Thayer - Proposer Stephen Einstein
Dyanne Sears - Proposer Herbert Sears Jr.
Robert Bennett - Proposer Barry Gates
Diedre Morse - Reinstatement
Steven Kinch - Reinstatement
Roland Lortie - Transfer Demit



Tip Of The
Antlers



I would like to express my thanks to Middleboro Lodge 1274 and Hyannis Lodge 1549 for the participation in the 2009 essay contest. I received 27 essays. I have turned in the top six to the State Chairman.

This would not happen without the help in the background by teachers such as Kate Mackiewicz and Lodge Chairmen like Stephanie Blaisdel. And most of all the fine young future ELKS that take the time and effort to enter contest such as this.

Americanism Committee, District Chairman,
M. Peter Paska PER HLM

Massachusetts Elks Association Upcoming Events

- March 7, 2009 MA Elks Pool Tournament
London Billiards - Worcester, MA Starts 8:45 AM
- March 8, 2009 MA Elks State Candlepin Bowling Tournament
(1st Grouping) Norwood Sports Center
- March 22, 2009 MA Elks State Candlepin Bowling Tournament
(2nd Grouping) Norwood Sports Center
- March 28, 2009 **New England Regional Hoop Shoot**
South Portland, Maine
- April 18, 2009 MA Elks Trip to Ground Zero, New York City
Trip is Sold Out !!!
- April 19, 2009 MA Elks Early Spring State Cribbage Tournament
Auburn/Webster Lodge #2118
- April 25, 2009 **Elks National Hoop Shoot**
Springfield, Massachusetts
- May 3, 2009 **MA Elks Association 4th Regional Meeting**
Norwood Lodge #1124
- May 30, 2009 MA Elks State President's Testimonial
Lombardo's, Randolph, MA



President
William E. Reilly III
Norwood Lodge No.1124



To the membership and friends,

This my last message as Exalted Ruler. I thought that this year flew by. I feel full of pride that I was able to serve our lodge, our community, the State and Grand Lodge. I wish Laura and her officers the best. I think that it will be a challenging year for her and committees, but I have faith that they will succeed in all their endeavors. I am confident that the membership will continue to support her as they have supported me. As you know that at Elk Appreciation night I gave a report of our income and expenses during my fraternal year 2008-2009. I am proud that with a lot of help we raised we raised about \$5,000. Our lodge is still solvent due to the diligence of the trustees and committees. We all worked very hard to keep within our budget and still maintain the level of the donations to our Charities. I will miss the challenges of being Exalted Ruler but I will also relish my time off. Thank you again to all the membership, I know that I have butted heads with some of the members, but you have to understand that I always had the best interest of the lodge, the members, our commitments to our State and Grand Lodge, and to the community.

Thank you so much to the membership in the confidence you have given me, to vote me in as the 5th year Trustee. I pledge to work directly with the other trustees to keep the lodge solvent and upholding the requirements of Elksdom.

Thank you also for the overwhelming support that you gave Dave Scott in the appeal of his six-month suspension. Unfortunately the vote didn't go his way, but the vote's cast if it was a majority vote the suspension would have been overturned. This is members proving Brotherly Love toward another member. We had over 100 members at this meeting and I hope everyone got to see how the process works on the lodge floor, and that many of the members will come to more meetings in the future and not just show up at a meeting of questionable results.

God bless our Soldiers and their families!

With great respect and pride

Terri Scott Exalted Ruler 2008-2009



**For hall rental information please call Phyllis at the Elks : (508)947-0190
or E-mail her at manager1274@verizon.net Please request our new updated brochure**

"Your Help Is Needed"

The backbone of Elk's Lodges throughout the country is to support its many CHARITIES. The Mass Elk's Association, Inc. supports this effort 100%.

The Association's major fundraiser is our annual raffle. Each Elk member in the State will be receiving a raffle booklet in the mail (you may have already received it). It is proposed that each member buy (or sell) that book of tickets. There are 11 tickets in each book. Sell or buy 11 tickets at \$3.00 each and return the stubs with your check for \$25.00 (you keep the rest) to your lodge chairperson or any Lodge Officer. This year's top prize is \$20,000 plus 3 other prizes of \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000. Raffle winners will be drawn at the State Convention on June 13, 2009.

The more books that your Lodge sell, the more money your lodge receives back from the State Association to benefit your lodge's charitable works. It's **YOUR** lodge.... Support its charitable endeavors by buying or selling at least **ONE** raffle book.



THE MASSACHUSETTS ELKS ASSOCIATION, INC.

2009 Charity Fund Drive

FIRST PRIZE
\$20,000

Second Prize \$5,000 **Third Prize \$2,000** **Fourth Prize \$1,000**

PLUS ANOTHER \$2,000 IN CASH PRIZES

in The Promoter's Pool Drawing!

1st Prize \$1,000 **2nd Prize \$500** **Two-3rd Prizes \$250**

Prizes to be drawn at the Massachusetts Elks State Convention
Saturday, June 13, 2009

Suggested Donation: \$3.00 per coupon
\$25.00 per book of 11 coupons

Make checks payable to: MASS. ELKS ASSOCIATION INC.

Participants name and address must be legible and complete and must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Winners are responsible for all Taxes and Fees. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW

\$30,000
in total cash prizes!



St. Patrick's Day Meal ***March 17th***



Corned Beef & Cabbage (Red or Grey)

Meal for \$8.00 or sandwich for \$3.00

Served from 11:00am - 7:00pm

With free Jukebox



The Next Couples Pool Banquet will be held on Saturday May 9th

Here's how it works: It costs \$75.00 and you can either pay by the week or pay it all at once. Your money includes the following for you and a Guest:

Hors d'oeuvres 6-7:00pm
Sit Down Dinner 7-8:00pm
Entertainment 8:00-Midnight

There are still 22 openings and this event is a lot of fun and also gives you a chance to meet other members. The signup sheet is located in the rear of the Game Room at the end of the shuffleboard table. The envelopes for your money are hanging to the right of the Menu Board in the Members' Lounge and the Couples Pool Bin (for your envelope) is located directly below the envelopes.



*The clock of their last day has stopped.
"Tis the hour of eleven"
Remember, the faults of our members
we write on the sand:
Their virtues upon the tablets of love
and memory.*

**Theresa Kelliher
Charles Bettencourt**



**Current-Year Lodge
Per-Capita Donations
Through 2/8/2009: \$ 7.43**



If anyone knows of a Member who is in sickness, distress or a family requesting a lodge of sorrow:

Please contact the lodge at 508-947-0190. you can also use the sickness cards located under the sickness board and place the card in the bulletin mailbox in the lounge.

NOTE: The bulletin is closed for changes at 3:00pm on the Tuesday after the second House Committee meeting each month. If you need to get something into the bulletin, please get it to me before then.

Lodge Officers 2008-2009

Terri Scott

Exalted Ruler

Laura Dickson

Esteemed Leading Knight

Cliff LeFebvre

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Chris Larrivey

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Kathy Graham PER

Secretary

Mark Sullivan

Treasurer

Mike Mott PER, LM

Esquire

Norman Diegoli

Inner Guard

Robert Murphy Jr. PER

Tiler

Dick Tinkham

Chaplain

John Ryder, ESQ

Justice of the Forum

Trustees

Mark Walraven (5)

Ray Smalle (4)

Jeff Cornell (3)

George Marra (2)

Doc Malewicz (1)

Meetings: 1st and 3rd

Wednesday - 6:00 pm

House Committee

Sally Foley - Chairperson

Bobby Lake - Secretary

Laura Dickson

Billy LaMere

Rusty Moffatt

Sue Sullivan

Jim Higgins

Meetings: Sunday before
regular meeting - 11:00 am

PER Association News

The PER Association will meet on Monday, March 9th at 6:30 PM at Pres. Mike's home. We will be ordering take-out.

Thanks to Billy LaMere for baking the cupcakes for the PER spaghetti dinner and to the PER's who participated in PER Night on February 6th:

Exalted Ruler - Mike Mott	Leading Knight - Pete Paska
Loyal Knight - Mark Edwards	Lecturing Knight - Pat Rooney
Secretary - Kathy Graham	Chaplain - Bob Murphy
Esquire - Frank Needham	Inner Guard - Dave Scott

The PERs will also be holding the 50/50 Raffles at the Wednesday night suppers.

April will be: Mike & Frank

PER Association

Mike Mott - President

Bob Murphy - Secretary/Treasurer

How Quickly They Forget

For one short year he is the chief...
Twelve months of work and lots of grief.
He neglects his family and his business too.
While devoting his time to please all of you.
He is always available and subject to call.
An all he gets is his picture on the wall.
He spent many years to get to the top.
And when he goes out, they call him a flop!
So let's remember to shake the hand
Of the Junior P.E.R. - the forgotten man.



Celtics Game 2pt Pool



To help raise money
for a new TV



Signup in the Members' Lounge.
Place your money in a Two-A-Week envelope
and drop it in the bin.
The numbers will be drawn once
the squares are filled.

See Jim Higgins & Shawn Graham for more details.

Members' Discount on Hall Rentals

Cranberry Room \$100.00
Middleborough Room \$100.00
Wine Room \$75.00
Kitchen \$75.00

Member must be present for the event and is
responsible for cleanup and any damages

Scholarship Information

I want to wish the three applicants who applied for the Mass Elks scholarship good luck. As a reminder, our local applications can be picked up at the lodge or found online at <http://www.elks1274.org>. These are due at the lodge by 9 pm on April 15th unless mailed, then it **must** have an April 15th postmark! Please mark that date in your calendars and don't be late! The completed applications should be dropped off at the lodge and put in the box that is marked for bulletin and scholarships. Remember that these are only available to (step/grand)children of paid up members who are not past recipients. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Until next month, I hope everyone gets to enjoy some March Madness!

Chris Larrivey, Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Scholarship Chairman

Please feel free to fill out a survey form located around the Lodge for a year end survey.
Please take the time to fill one out and drop it in the "House Committee" box located in the lounge.

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS



OUR MISSION: HELP OUR TROOPS CALL HOME
WWW.CELLPHONESFORSOLDIERS.COM

MA Elks Team Up with "Cell Phones for Soldiers"

Cell Phones for Soldiers was created to assist US Soldiers who are stationed overseas to call home.

Old cell phones are turned into prepaid calling cards. One cell phone provides one hour of talk time. Since the program was started by Brittany and Robbie Bergquist from Norwell, MA the program has raised approximately \$2.5 million dollars in donations, which has allowed them to purchase over 500,000 cards.

If you have an old phone w/charger to donate to our soldiers then please drop it off at the lodge.

There is a box in the hallway.

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this space to give my heartfelt thanks to so many people that have stepped up to the plate and supported and helped me as Exalted Ruler, I hope everyone made it to Elk Appreciation and received your certificates and even though this is a small gesture of a thank you I have a full heart with pride of all of the support by those individuals. If I forgot someone I am sincerely sorry I tried to recognize all the members that made my job as Exalted Ruler easier. Well there is one person I seemed to have taken for granted and I owe so much to him. I would like to make up for that now in this venue and give my love and friendship and most of all putting up with me during this past year. Dave you gave me the gift of becoming a member and I have lived up to my commitment and I look forward in taking a step back in the next year and spending more time with you outside the Elks. 😊

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE!!!!

Terri



Early Bird Prize



The PER Association's "Early Bird Prize" Drawing was held on February 6th. Anyone who submitted their Renewal of Dues Form by February 1st was eligible.

This year the winner of a \$25.00 lottery ticket is:

Wally Glendye

Secretary's Message

Well Hello all.

I hope everyone is well. As my term as Lodge Secretary will be ending soon I would like to thank everyone for being so patient with me over the years. I know some times it was not easy to get in contact with me. The email down and a new computer system, but again just remember to leave a note at the lodge. I am happy to have been part of the upgrading of the computer system for the Lodge records and also our email system. Change; is always good. Please try and pay your dues as soon as possible. The statements have been mailed. If you have not received one, please contact the lodge your address on file may be incorrect. I would like to have as many completed before leaving office.

I again thank you all for your support and input. Until next month drive safe and buckle up. Kathy G.

Kathy G.

Dear Members,

Once again this year our Lodge has donated over 1,000 dictionaries to local third graders. Students in Middleboro, Lakeville, Carver, Bridgewater, and Plympton school districts received a dictionary in February. This is the fifth year that our Lodge has taken part in this fine community service that shows our local communities that "Elks Care ~ Elks Care". In the five years since the Dictionary Project began, the Middleboro Elks have donated approximately 4,500 dictionaries. And, since our original donation of 300 dictionaries, the monies to continue this project have come from members donations, fundraisers like the Triathlon, and primarily from outside the Lodge. The Massachusetts Elks Association reimburses 50 cents per dictionary and the Elks National Foundation provides a Gratitude Grant, which is also used to reimburse the Lodge for our Dictionary Program. These grants have increased from an original \$300, to \$400 last year, and to \$500 this year. In order to receive the ENF Gratitude Grant however, our Lodge needs to reach its per capita. Over the past several years, our Lodge reached its per capita very early on in the Lodge year. This was through the generous donations of the Members. By reaching our per capita before the end of the summer, we are able to purchase dictionaries and make our donation to the schools during the month of September, just as the school year is beginning. We did not reach our per capita until December this year, which is why our donations were made so recently. As you are making out your dues checks this year, please try and remember the ENF as well. Your \$10 donation will help the Lodge reach its per capita this year and qualify for the Gratitude Grant at an earlier date.

Fraternally,

Patrick D. Rooney PDD, HLM
Dictionary Project Chairman

Officer Installation



Friday April 3rd



Cocktails 5:00pm, Dinner 6:00pm,
Installation at 7:00pm followed with
Entertainment By CJ Hooker Band at 8:00pm

Super Bowl Thanks

To the Kitchen Crew:

Billy LaMere, Sally & Steve Foley,
Sue Sullivan, Chief & Phyllis.

Doc's 5pt Football Banquet Thank You

To Billy LaMere, Sally & Steve Foley, Jeff
Millette, Mark & Sue Sullivan, Larry Dutra,
Shawn Graham, Jim Higgins, Marybeth &
Leslie & George Marra.

Thanks to the Waitresses: Kendra & Erin
Sullivan, Bartenders: TJ & Jackie and all the
Luv Bubbles.

It was a long day with good food!

Lunch at the Lodge

Tuesday - Friday

From 11:00am - 1:00pm

Weekly menu will be posted on Sunday

The Lounge is now closed for lunch on Mondays
& opens to the members at 4:00pm



Members Lounge Hours Of Operation

Sunday Noon - 11pm
Monday 4:00 pm - 11:00pm
Tuesday 10:30am - 11:00 pm
Wednesday 10:30am - 11:00 pm
Thursday 10:30am - 12:00 am
Friday 10:30am - 12:30am
Saturday 10:30am - 12:30am

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#1274 Calendar of Events

March 1st House Committee Meeting 11:00am
March 3rd Interviewing 7:00pm
March 4th Trustees Meeting 6:00pm
Regular Meeting 7:30pm
March 6th Friday Night Supper 5:30pm
CJ Hooker Band 8:30pm-Midnight
March 9th PER Meeting 6:30pm (Mike Mott's)
March 11th Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm
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March 25th Wednesday Night Supper 7:00pm
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& Meat Raffles (2) Starts @ 7:00pm

NoteThe "Daily Jug" out every day including holidays.

Wednesday Night Suppers

We are now having members pay for the meal at the
meal line to alleviate the bartender of this duty

7:00 pm

March 11th Lasagna

March 25th Chicken Supreme

Friday Night Suppers

5:30pm - 7:30 pm

Upstairs Members Lounge

(please do not be offended to
show your membership card at the door)

Featuring a Salad Bar, Rice Pilaf, French Fries, Baked
Sweet Potato, Baked Potato & Veggie of the Day:

March 6th Shrimp Scampi

March 13th English Cut Prime Rib

March 20th Fried Shrimp

March 27th Chef's Choice



All meals are cooked to order; please be patient!