

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

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**NOVEMBER 2009 MEETINGS @ 7:30PM**  
Thurs. November  
**THERE IS ONE MEETING FOR THE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER**



Greeting my Fellow Members;

November is here and I would like to wish all Lodge members and their families a safe and happy Thanksgiving. This is the time of the year when we pause and give thanks for the many things we are fortunate to have.

As Exalted Ruler I am grateful for those members who have supported the Lodge and its many charitable works.

My term in office as the Exalted Ruler is halfway complete and while we have accomplished much, there is much more work to be done.

Just a reminder that November is Veteran's Remembrance month so please take the time to acknowledge those who have served our country, Especially our members who have served, are currently serving or have family members who are serving our country and protecting our freedom.

Fraternally yours

Warren Costa, Exalted Ruler

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Regular Meeting       11/  
Hoop Shoot           11/13  
Kids Xmas Party       12/

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The Lodge is currently in the process of updating our by-laws. The by-law committee would like to remind you that if you have anything you would like to be addressed, please feel free to talk to either the Exalted Ruler or any of the by law committee members. The committee consists of Tony Piccolo, Larry Murphy and Jack Campbell. You may also forward any suggestions to the Lodge Secretary who will forward the information to the committee for consideration.



Member Todd Hayes recovering at home after recent knee surgery



Frank Volpe of Medford Father of Member Al Volpe Passed away at age 94 on July 4, 2009



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 will be on sale soon. Last years show sold out. Get your tickets early.

**ELK OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER 2009**

In acknowledgement of the many important things that he does for the Lodge, without bringing any attention to himself, my Elk of the Month for November is Larry Alberto.

Larry is always willing to step up and do whatever is needed in the Lodge. Most recently he donated a significant number of hours to complete all of the glasswork required for the renovation of the Function Hall and the Fireside Room.

Larry is a perfect example of our motto that "Elks Care – Elks Share" As always keep smiling!



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**CONGRATULATIONS LARRY ALBERTO**

## THE HISTORY OF VETEREN'S DAY



Pictured is President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. Standing (l. to r.) are: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts.

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...” The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m. The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

**Whereas** the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and **Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible." On that same day, the President sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee. In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman. The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans' service organizations and the American people. Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

If you are receiving your bulletins via snail mail, but want to receive it through e-mail, helping save our lodge some postal costs, please contact the lodge Secretary at [Secretary@medfordelks915.comcastbiz.net](mailto:Secretary@medfordelks915.comcastbiz.net) or contact the Bulletin committee directly at [elks915bulletin@aol.com](mailto:elks915bulletin@aol.com). If you have articles of interest or photo's you would like to share, Elk and Non Elk related, please send them along. Interesting information is always a welcomed addition to our bulletin.

With the holidays upon us for 2009, the Medford Lodge of Elks, lead by John Granara will be "hosting" a number of Medford Families in The Happy Holidays Project. The Holiday project will be raising funds to purchase gifts for local families and bring smiles and memories to children on Christmas Morning.

All members are respectfully asked to help support this project.

John Granara will be working with a number of Medford Community programs to best determine needy children and families in need of assistance.

Please show your support for the B.P.O.E. and the Medford Community by contributing to this worthy cause.

Volunteers are welcome to join the project. Please see John Granara for more information.



Please come and join us at the Annual Elks Children's Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 6, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Santa Claus will be there, along with entertainment beginning at 12:00, arts and crafts and presents for all children ages 0-10 years old (please note there is an age change from last year). If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below, giving us the Children's names and ages. Please respond either by signing up at the Member's Lounge or emailing Maureen Baldwin at [maureen.baldwin@ropesgray.com](mailto:maureen.baldwin@ropesgray.com) or emailing Katie Cullinane at [kathleencullinane@comcast.net](mailto:kathleencullinane@comcast.net).

Please respond no later than November 25, 2009 to guarantee that your child will receive a gift from Santa. Due to the amount of time that goes into planning this event, we would appreciate your response by the date above so that all children will be able to receive a present from Santa

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* Please fill out child's first and last name. Thanks

HOOP SHOOT NEWS. Our Hoop shoot competition is fast approaching. Paul "Hoppy" Hopkins will once again be leading our volunteers and competitors in this event. The schedule is as follows: November 13 Local Hoop Shoot at St Joseph's Gymnasium. Registration begins at 6pm. We are in need of registration assistance, score keepers, and general assistance in the hoop shoot. Please show up at St Joe's around 5:45pm or talk to Paul "Hoppy" Hopkins for more information.

### NOVEMBER HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Rob Gregory, Paul Kavanaugh III, Arthur Foubert Jr., Lou Intoppa, Dave Hayes, Francis Reagan, Jackie Smith, Paul Santoro, Robert Abruzese, Rich Catino, Jo Conway, Mary Fitzgerald, Theodore Zinko, Lou Carbone, John Leetch, Lauren Powers, Dave Moulton, Ed Rudolph, Irvin LaRoche, Steve Moore, John Murphy, Kelly Granara, Loretta Granara, Walter O'Keefe, Henry O'Keefe, Henry Zeuli, Dan Burke, Anthony Viveiro, Maureen Baldwin, Marty Murphy Jr., Jimmy Dervishian, Erin O'Brien, Kevin Avenell, Bonnie Connolly, Cheryl Hayes, Richard Inzenga, Bartholemew Paino, Ed Calo, Thomas Ahearn, Jon Rumley, Scott Anderson, Carol Campbell, Rob Barletta, Waldo Lunetta, Thomas Somerville, Alexander Valente, William Meagher Sr., James Mello, William Hunt, Vincent Miraglia



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day	2 Set your Clocks back One hour 	3	4 Entrance to King Tut's tomb was discovered 1922 	5 American Football League was formed 1960 	6 First intercollegiate football game 1869	7 Americans spend \$25 billion each year on beer 
8  vs Miami 1:00 pm	9 Berlin Wall Opens	10 U.S. Marine Corps Day 	11  VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED NOVEMBER 11, 2009	12 Regular Meeting 7:30pm 	13 <a href="#">Hoop Shoot</a> <a href="#">St Joe's Gym</a> <a href="#">Registration</a> <a href="#">Volunteers</a> <a href="#">welcome</a>	14
15  @ Indianapolis 8:20 pm	16	17 First session US Congress Held US Capital Building 1800 	18	19 Support your Community this holiday season. Donate to the Holiday Project. See John Granara for more information.	20 Great American Smoke out 	21 Pilgrims landed Provincetown Cape Cod 1620 
22  vs NY Jets 4:15pm	23	24 The Lone Ranger's mask was made from the vest of his dead brother Capt. Daniel Reid by Tonto	25	26 The <i>Kings</i> in a deck of cards are named: Alexander, Caesar, Charles and David	27 	28 <b>Howdy Doody has a twin brother named Double Doody and a SISTER named Heidy Doody</b>
29  Vs New Orleans 8:20pm	30	MEDFORD ELKS KIDS XMAS PARTY DEC 6 11:00am 1:30 pm	Volunteers are needed for the Kids Christmas Party. See Katie Cullinane or Maureen Baldwin for more inforamtion		Kopi Luwak coffee is \$130pd It is in the droppings of a marsupial that eats the best coffee beans Plantation workers scoop their poop	DEC. PATS SCHEDULE  12/6 at Miami 12/13 Carolina 12/20 at Buffalo 12/27 Jacksonville

ELKS NATIONAL, STATE AND MEDFORD LODGE PROGRAMS THAT YOU CAN SUPPORT... The Elks National Foundation, Scholarship Program, Hoop Shoot Program, Drug Awareness, Youth Activities, Veterans Programs. Please visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) for more information or speak to one of your officers or committee chairs to see how you can support our lodge, our state and our national programs.