### Elks Newsletter



February 2017 Sebasticook Valley Lodge 2713 PO Box 459 Pittsfield, ME 04967



#### Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Loyal Elks,

Welcome to the shortest month of the year and the midpoint of winter! Hopefully, you are all enjoying everything the Sebasticook Valley has to offer this season.

February features Past Exalted Ruler's Night on Monday, Feb. 13 and the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year.

The PERs will lead the meeting where the new officers are nominated at the Feb. 13 meeting and the election of officers will be held on second meeting of the month on Feb. 27.

Also this month, our Order will celebrate its 149th birthday on February 16th. "In February of 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was chartered – and with a great new spirit and direction, began to help Veterans, Scouting, Scholarships and more – wherever Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love were needed! (The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, 2017)"

I invite you to read more about the founding of the Elks on the elks.org website.

We have a February Valentine's Day raffle in the clubroom where you enter for a chance to win a Valentine containing chocolate, mystery cash and other prizes. Get your tickets today! Drawing will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

The club room will also be hosting the Super Bowl on Feb. 5, so please join us for a pot luck party and Patriots beverage specials.

There is an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 1-6 p.m. Please sign up to "Give the Gift of Life!" To volunteer at the drive, contact Mike Lange at mdlange@tds.net.

For more information about donating blood visit http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

"The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors to give now to address a severe winter blood shortage. (American Red Cross, 2017)."

It's your Lodge!

Fraternally,

Sarah DeLong Exalted Ruler

#### Get Your Newsletter by Email!

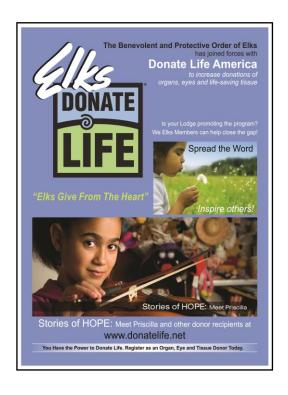
If you'd like to receive your newsletter via email instead of regular mail, drop us a note at elks2713news@gmail.com with "Mail Newsletter" in the subject line. This will not only assure that you'll get the newsletter fast, but save your lodge money.

# Elks 2713 Calendar February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					Happy Hour!	
			Happy Hour!		4-6 p.m.	
			4-6 p.m.		·	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Super Bowl		House Committee	Happy Hour!		Happy Hour!	Valentine Gift
Sunday!		6:30 p.m.	4-6 p.m.		4-6 p.m.	Package Drawing
Club Room open		·	•			6 p.m.
at 2 p.m.						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Board of				Hammy Havel	
	Directors, 6:15		Happy Hour!		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	
	Lodge meeting,		4-6 p.m.		4-0 p.iii.	
	7 p.m.					
	PER Night					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Red Cross		
			Happy Hour!		Happy Hour!	
		<b>House Committee</b>	4-6 p.m.	Blood Drive	4-6 p.m.	
		6:30 p.m.		1-6 p.m.		
					2	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	Board of		Happy Hour!		Happy Hour!	
	Directors, 6:15		4-6 p.m.		4-6 p.m.	
	Lodge meeting,					
	7 p.m. Election of					
	Officers					
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#### "An Elk is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken"

We regret to announce the death of member Joe Varricchio, who passed away on Jan. 22 at the age of 78. Joe had been a member of our lodge since 2011. He was known by many as "Chef Joe" for his catered dinners and many charitable contributions. A Vacant Chair ceremony will be held in his honor at the Feb. 13 meeting.



## Lounge Hours Sunday

2 - 8 p.m.

#### Monday-Wednesday

3 - 8 p.m.

#### Thursday

3 - 9 p.m.

#### Friday & Saturday

2 - 10 p.m.

Hours may be extended for special events





#### **Contact Information:**

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#### Lodge Meetings:

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

July and August: 4th Monday

December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Board of Directors: 6:15 p.m.

Lodge: 7 p.m.

#### **House Committee:**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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#### **2016-2017 Officers**

**Exalted Ruler:** Sarah DeLong **Est. Leading Knight:** Joan Bowley

Est. Loyal Knight: William Graham Est. Lecturing Knight: Ernest Bryant,

PER

Secretary: Terry White

**Treasurer:** Bonny McGinnis **Tiler:** Jasper Farrington Jr. **Esquire:** Michael A. Havey, PER

**Chaplain:** Rita Farrington **Inner Guard:** John Ring Jr.

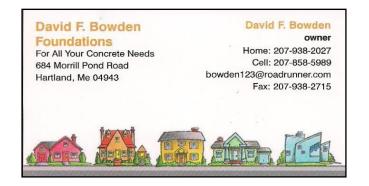
Presiding Justice: Joshua A. Tardy

**Trustees:** Lucas DeLong

Wayne Basford, PER Michael Cianchette

William Piatt Jeff Vanadestine

State Trustee: Dennis Bragg, PER





# **Super Bowl Party!**

Sebasticook Valley Elks Sunday, Feb. 5

Patriots vs. Falcons





Game starts at 6:20 We'll be open at 2 p.m.

# Pot Luck Dinner!

Bring something to share and we'll have some surprise snacks!

Invited guests welcome!







#### February is good time for reflection and planning

Michael F. Zellen

#### **Grand Exalted Ruler**

February is the time of the year when our current Exalted Rulers look back and reflect on the many accomplishments they achieved during their term. They should re-examine the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of their year, and strive to complete any that may remain unfulfilled. There is still much time remaining, during your term of office, to complete those goals and to bring your year as Exalted Ruler to a successful conclusion.

It is also the time for Exalted Rulers to recognize those Members who have helped to make a positive difference in the success of their Lodge. Designating your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year will go a long way to generate pride in your membership and in your community. In addition, each Exalted Ruler may issue two Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Service Certificates to Members who provided outstanding service to his or her Lodge.

February is also a transitional month, as each Lodge will hold nominations and elect new Officers for the coming Fraternal Year. The success of any organization depends on Member support and a strong, well-trained and dedicated leadership team.

Members who have exhibited a sincere interest in your Lodge, have volunteered to serve on committees, or have participated in your community projects should be encouraged to seek office. First-time Officers often bring a renewed essence, as well as new and fresh ideas and programs to your Lodge.

Also, this month on the 16th, our beloved Order will celebrate its 149 years of service to our fellow man, our veterans, our youth, our communities, and those who are less fortunate. This certainly reflects my motto for this year, "*Elks – Leading the Way*."

February 14 is Valentine's Day, a day to be happy and to spend it with the people you care about and love. My special Valentine is my loving wife Donna, who has supported me and has been by my side for the last 46 years. She is the "Wind beneath my Wings."

And finally, thank you for being an Elk, and for Caring and Sharing.

# Maine Elks Association Car Raffle

MAINE ELKS
ASSOCIATION MAJOR
PROJECT

100% of the proceeds go to the Maine Children's Cancer Program

Only \$5.00 a ticket!

You never stand so tall has when you stoop to help a child.

Drawing will be held at the Maine Elks Association 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Augusta Elks Lodge #964

May 6, 2017

## Maine Elks Association raffle to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program

The Maine Elks are raffling off a 2004, Lincoln Continental, Presidential Edition, that was owned by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Amos A. McCallum. At the request of Amos' wife, Barbara McCallum, all of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Maine Children's Cancer Program in memory of Amos.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased at any one of the 22 Elks lodges in the State of Maine. For more information contact Jim Ferland at: <a href="mailto:quincyme00@gmail.com">quincyme00@gmail.com</a>, or (207) 592-8214.



Help make a Difference in the Life of a Child



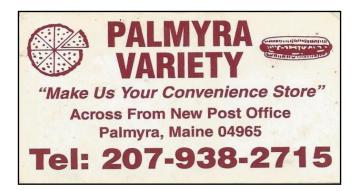
We wish to thank our community partner, Kleinschmidt, for printing our monthly lodge newsletter.

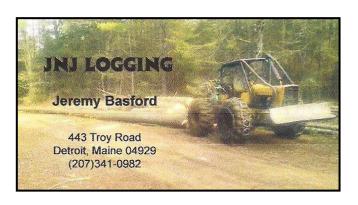
Kleinschmidt has focused on providing engineering, regulatory and environmental consulting services to the hydroelectric industry for almost half a century.



Wayne Basford (207) 257-4405

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DUES STATEMENT – April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Name	
Membership No	
Check one	
Life – Prepaid Dues Grand Lodge and State Association Dues	\$10 \$19.00
Total	\$29.00
Regular – Prepaid Dues Grand Lodge and State Association Dues	\$40 \$19.00
Total	\$59.00
Optional – Elks National Foundation	\$10
Optional – Capital Improvement Fund	<b>\$</b> 5

Please return this statement with your payment or drop it off at the lodge.

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#### Elks National Foundation 'Road to Renewal'

#### By Luke DeLong

#### Lodge ENF Fundraising Chair

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge. It provides funding for several programs at the national level, among those programs is the Community Investment Program, which provides grants to local lodges for community programs.

One such program was held at our lodge a couple years ago when the Sebasticook Valley lodge sponsored MSAD 53 Literacy Night. The event was held at the lodge and provided books, free of charge, to local school children in a year when district funding for the program was cut.

Another ENF program that has recently given back to our local community is the Scholarship Program. Last spring, a Most Valuable Student scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was awarded to a graduating MCI student. The ENF also provides Legacy Awards for children and grandchildren of Elks members.

Our own Exalted Ruler was the recipient of a Legacy award some 15 years ago. This Scholarship is a wonderful perk of membership in the order.

The ENF has implemented a new reward program called the Road to Renewal designed to acknowledge those who are repeat donors, year after year. Upon your first renewal (second annual gift), you will be given a pin. For each of the next 3 consecutive annual donations, there is another pin to be presented. The ENF has found that if they can get a member to renew their donation 4 years in a row, subsequent donations are all but guaranteed.

At the December 12 meeting, I had the pleasure of presenting the first pin in the set to my wife, your Exalted Ruler, Sarah DeLong for her second consecutive year of donating to ENF (her first renewal).

For more information on the various ENF programs, or to make a donation, visit www.elks.org/enf. If you'd rather not deal with donating over the web, please reach out to me (207-299-3287), and I'd be happy to get you a donation form/envelope so that you are sure to get credit for your donation. You can even designate which ENF program your donation will support if you like. Remember, after giving a total of \$100 to the ENF, your name goes on the board in the club room!