

POINTS

Together, Elks Accomplish More—The MAINE TEAM



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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

We are.... **THE ELKS!**



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great Christmas season. A big **Thank You** goes to everyone who supported our Memorial Sunday, Jingle Jam, kids Christmas party and all the other events the season brought. Shannon and Jason provided so much energy in making Christmas special for so many people! State President Sandy Anderson and her husband Dave had a great *Jingle Jamming* evening with us and joined us for breakfast in the lounge the following morning.

On the news front, we have some issues at the lodge that need to be addressed. Most everyone knows about the floor, which should be approved by the lodge by the time you read this. We've also recently discovered some expensive brick repairs that should be addressed on the southeast corner of the building, we've started to explore the cost for installing a segregated smoking room, and the city has approached us about gaining access to a small piece of our property alongside City Hall to install an emergency generator for their offices. All of these items will be coming up at our meetings to gain acceptance of the membership before petitioning the Grand Trustees for permission to proceed. You'll be seeing letters discussing each in coming POINTS once plans are finalized for your consideration. Please come help make these big decisions about your lodge.

While I have your attention, have you ever considered becoming an officer? Officer nominations will be coming up at the first February meeting and I would love to see some new people helping fill these positions so im-

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MEETINGS

LODGE MEETINGS

6:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of the month, except July, August and November.

Lodge meets at 6:30 p.m. on January 11th & 25th

Jacket & Slacks for Officers, Tuxedos the 25th; Clean/Casual for members

BOARD of DIRECTORS

5:30 pm Thursday before lodge meeting

Thursday January 11th & 25th

GOVERNING BODY

6:00 p.m., Thursday before first lodge meeting

Thursday, January 11th

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

5:00 p.m., Tuesday before Lodge as needed

January 9th & 23rd



Leon McCreary
PER, PEY, POY

LODGE SECRETARY

Leon "Mac" McCreary

Here we are in a new year already, and into the final quarter of the fraternal year.

The first meeting of next month (*the 8th*) is when we'll be setting the tone for next year, hopefully by being able to accept and close nominations for the main lodge offices (*the four Knights*)

and the 5-year Trustee so we'll be ready to continue operations without any disruption. Should any offices remain unfilled by the end of the meeting we'll still accept nominees at the meeting on the 22nd, which is when the balloting occurs to confirm (*or "decide" if one or more offices are contested*) all nominated offices.

If you plan to visit Chicago over the winter, call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a time, and staff can give you your own personal tour of the National Headquarters. I think you'll find it suitably impressive!



Yours, *Mac*

Lodge Business

The Corporate Board of Directors has met and reports:

- Cracks have been found in the building's exterior brick wall at the south-east corner on Water St. Two estimates have been received. The repairs will likely be from \$70k to \$80k.
- Still waiting the formal proposal from the city concerning installation of an emergency generator on a small piece of our Lambard Street property behind the Davenport Memorial.
- Recommend the lodge donate \$500 to the *Bath Area Backpack Program*. Approved on the lodge floor.
- Recommend the lodge donate \$500 to Morse High School *Project Graduation*. Approved on the lodge floor.

Governing Body met and reports:

- Members are reminded that parking in the lodge upper lot is for patrons of the lounge, or members conducting some other manner of business in or with the lodge. It is *NOT* allowed to park in the lodge lot while elsewhere at work.
- The lounge manager is reviewing our hours of operation, and will be adjusting them to better support usual business.
- Estimates are still being developed to install a segregated smoking area in the main lounge.

Like and Follow "Bath Lodge of Elks 934" in Facebook for Calendar & Updates

Coming Up!

January 7 - MEA Winter Meeting, Bangor Elks Lodge #244

January 7 - Coastal District Hoop Shoot, Bath Middle School, registration 9 am, competition 10 am

January 28 - State Hoop Shoot, Lawrence Jr High School, Waterville

Looking ahead!

February 5 - Legacy Award scholarship applications due

February 8 - Nominations for FY 2024-25 lodge officers

February 22 - Balloting for FY 2024-25 lodge officers

March 10 - Regional Hoop Shoot, Portland location TBD

April 21 - DD Clinic, Rockland Elks #1008, 10 am

May 3-5: Maine Elks Association State Convention, Augusta Elks #964

June 29-July 2 - Grand Lodge Convention, Austin, TX.

Bath MEA Calendar Winners for November

None

January 30, 1968 - Beginning of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam as North Vietnamese troops attacked 36 provincial capitals and 5 major cities in South Vietnam, including an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and the presidential palace. Although U.S. forces eventually fended off the massive surprise attack and achieved a military victory, Tet became a propaganda victory for the Vietnamese due in part to graphic news reports on television which helped turn U.S. public opinion against continuation of the war.

The Eleventh Hour

Their Faults we have written upon the sand, their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory

Cathryn Peters

June 13, 2013 to December 2, 2023

May they Rest in Peace

From the State Trustee



Maine Elks Association information...

Sunday January 7th is the next state meeting, and is being held in Bangor. I am going up on Friday night to spend time with my daughter Aliza and watch some Black Bear Hockey beforehand.

Don't forget the MEA calendars are for sale behind the bar for a mere \$20 with a chance to win some money. There are still raffle tickets from the state Elks National Foundation, one for the diamond jewelry and one for a Henry rifle. Both of these prizes will be drawn at the March MEA meeting.

The State Association annual convention is also coming up, May 3rd to 5th at the Augusta Elks Lodge. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our order, and what Elkdom means at the various lodges of Maine, and there's no time like the present to begin making plans to attend. See Secretary Mac or me to find out more.

Do you want to know what's going on at other lodges? Check out the MEA at www.maineelks.org and check out the other lodges' Facebook pages. See you around our lodge.

See you 'round the lodge,

Craig

Lodge Building Maintenance

As mentioned elsewhere in this edition, the lodge is considering two pieces of business coming that will require an approval process similar to that undertaken for the lodge room floor repairs.

The first, and more pressing of the two is repairs to the structure of the southeast corner of the building, outside the Water Street entrance, the oldest part of the building. Quite a bit of cracking has been found where mortar is deteriorating and will require some significant work to remedy.

Based on the two estimates we have in-hand we expect the work will cost between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

The second item is the city's request to install an emergency generator on a piece of our Lambard St lawn adjacent to city hall. As this will effectively be a long-term lease of order property the Grand Trustees must review the arrangement and approve it.

The Members' Voice

All committee chairs, and general members, are invited to submit articles and event pictures of interest to the membership for consideration. Fliers & pictures should be submitted in the .jpg or .doc/x format.

Submittals for the February POINTS are due to 934points@gmail.com, or to the steward by 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 6th.



**Elks
National
Foundation**

<i>In-State Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>
13th	\$1,954.00	\$4.352

Nancy Campbell POY, Lodge ENF Chairman

2022-23 ENF Annual Report

Jim McQuillan, Chairman ENF Board of Trustees

When I first joined the ENF Board of Trustees six years ago, the ENF was spending \$27 million on programs. A decade ago, the number was \$24 million. For comparison, in 2004, when I was National President, the Foundation was spending \$13 million on programs. In 2022-23, the ENF allocated nearly \$40 million directly to its programs. Not administrative expenses. Not fundraising expenses. Programs. Every dollar helped Elks build stronger communities. Over the course of 19 years, the Foundation tripled its program spending, and that's not even the most exciting part. The best part is what we are doing with the money.

This past year we helped more than 850 high school seniors afford their college education, and we welcomed them to the #ElksFamily, ensuring that they have a community wherever they are. We instilled the value of



practice and hard work in tens of thousands of kids through the Hoop Shoot program, which encourages them to push forward even on their bad days. More than 1,500 Lodges across the country met the needs of their communities using Community Investments Program grants, and the Elks National Veterans Service Commission helped veterans exit homelessness and remain housed. We were able to achieve all of that because we stood together. The Elks do great work, and we are proud to fund it.

In this past year, we also saw ENF-funded programs working together in new and exciting ways. Participants from the Hoop Shoot returned to the #ElksFamily as scholars, and our scholars helped the Florida Elks rebuild after Hurricane Ian.

Thank you for another year of building stronger communities. *We couldn't do it without you.*

Please support ENF, the Great Heart of Elkdom!

Donations can be made at the lodge

ENF may also be supported at
enf.elks.org/MyLodge

Children's Christmas Party

Jason Rhorer, Youth Activities Chairman



Sunday, December 10th was the lodge's annual Children's Christmas Party at the Bath Lodge, and we hosted the greatest number of our lodge's children in many years.

Thirty-six young folks were on-hand to be amazed by the prestidigitation of Abracadabra Magic, and to enjoy the sweets and other refreshments on-hand.



Later on that afternoon we were joined by a very special guest duo—Santa and Mrs Claus were able to take a break from their hectic December schedule to make a stop-over in Bath and spend some time with our little ones while distributing Christmas gifts.



Lodge Hoop Shoot

Chairman Ron Nygaard gathered his team again to conduct our annual lodge Hoop Shoot at the Bath YMCA on Sunday, December 17th, and sixteen area kids from 8 to 13 years old answered his call to compete.



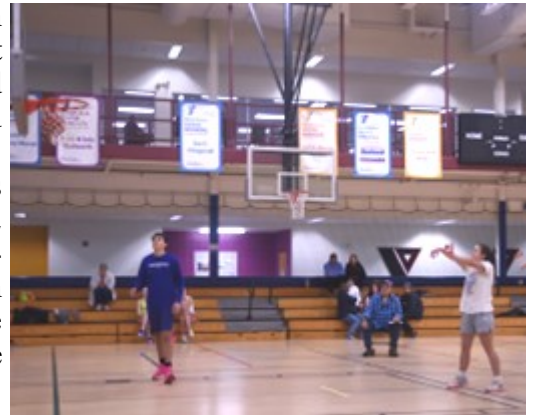
The competition is broken up into both boys and girls grouped by ages: 8 & 9, 10 & 11 and 12 & 13 years of age. Here at Bath trophies are presented to the Top and second best shooter in each

group, with the six first place shooters advancing to represent Bath against the six other district lodges at the *Coastal District Hoop Shoot* on January 6th here at Bath Middle School.

The shooters had an early start, the gym opened to practice at 9:00 am, and after a few instructions and explanation of the rules, the actual competition kicked off at 9:30. Each shooter takes a total of 25 shots, broken up into groups of ten and then fifteen from the regulation free-throw line (the 8-9 year group's line is a few feet closer), scores are called by the "referee." Ties are decided by shoot-offs of five each till the tie is resolved, but we had no ties this year.

The shooters moving on to the District shoot are: 8-9 y/o: Charlotte T. & Myles K.; 10-11 y/o: Brenna M. & Albert S.; 12-13 y/o: Audrey G. & Lessie W.

Ron's Elk team this year included Bryan Champaign & "Honka" Loveitt refereeing. Tim and Erica Lee and ER Craig Johnson & PER Warren Hewes scoring. Chris Wallace, Youth Activities chairman Jason Rhorer & son Liam and Ervin Mullett.



8th Annual Jingle Jam



Our annual Jingle Jam this year was on Saturday, December 9th, and it was a great time for everyone!

Maine Elks Association President Sandi Anderson and First Mate Dave joined us in the lounge for the festivities.

Lots of goodies were offered up for auction. A special *Thank You* goes to

our friends at Georgetown Pottery, Rocky's Ace Hardware, Byrnes Irish Pub, JR Hill & Sons and Kennebec Tavern! for their generous donations to help us raise money to bring a joyous Christmas to our less fortunate neighbors.

Together we *do* make a difference!



From Wikipedia:

Martin Luther King Jr. day is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

It is observed on the third Monday of January

each year.

Born in 1929, King's actual birthday is January 15 (which in 1929 fell on a Tuesday). The holiday is similar to holidays set under the *Uniform Monday Holiday Act*. The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21.

King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays.

It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000. While all states now observe the holiday, some did not name the day after King. For example, in New Hampshire, the holiday was known as "Civil Rights Day" until 1999, when the State Legislature voted to change the name of the holiday to Martin Luther King Day.

Remembering Lost Elks



The first Sunday of December, Elk lodges across the nation conduct the order's Memorial Day service.

This year the Bath officers and our guests bade farewell to sixteen Bath Elks lost over the past year.

Lost to us since December 2022 are:

Pat Moffatt, LM

June 28, 1973 to June 25, 2021

David Ferrier

October 20, 1969 to July 1, 2022

Richard Largay, LM

May 23, 1968 to October 28, 2022

Wesley de Capua, LM

March 22, 1962 to November 3, 2022

Thurlow Brewer, LM

June 23, 1977 to December 29, 2022

C. William Dutton, PER LM

June 8, 1961 to February 25, 2023

James Bruce, LM

June 24, 1982 to April 14, 2023

Harland Lebel, LM

March 24, 1988 to April 27, 2023

Jacqueline Boissonneault

September 26, 2019 to May 4, 2023

George Race Jr, LM

January 12, 1967 to May 24, 2023

Robert Billington, LM

June 25, 1964 to June 2, 2023

Daniel Snow, LM

September 24, 1964 to June 20, 2023

Daniel Coombs

November 9, 1978 to July 8, 2023

Charles Holbrook

March 28, 2019 to August 31, 2023

Edward Boucher, LM

January 23, 1968 to October 27, 2023

William Babine, LM

June 22, 1972 to October 31, 2023



Meet Rick and Patti Baccus of Bristol County, R.I., Lodge No. 1860



Rick and Patti have dedicated their life to serving the Elks. Both have served as Exalted Rulers and District Deputies. Currently, Rick is the Lodge ENF Chair and the Rhode Island State President. Patti serves as

the Lodge Special Needs Chair. They are proud to support the Veterans Committee and the Youth Activities Committee. In addition to serving with the Elks, Rick has had an incredible military career, including time served as a Brigadier General at Guantanamo Bay.

Through the leadership positions they have held, Rick and Patti have developed a sense of responsibility to support the Foundation, which they do by giving at the Faith level annually.

“After we made our initial contribution, we began to see all the good the ENF does for Elkdom. We were mentored by a Past State President, David Sears, who was the Lodge ENF Chair. We both wanted to follow his example,” reflects Rick.

There are many options through which to give to the ENF, Rick and Patti chose to show their support through monthly donations as members of the Fidelity Club. To motivate members of his Lodge to contribute, Rick takes the time to approach them one-on-one.

“This year, we started recognizing members through raffle donations to increase their participation. The Lodge thinks of ways to make giving easy; especially by organizing successful fundraisers during the year,” Rick says. Rick and Patti have been leading by example and inspiring members of their Lodge to support a cause that they are passionate about.

Give to the ENF with ease. Donors who join the ENF Fidelity Club, the ENF’s monthly giving program, have their names listed on our website and receive a special gift. To learn more about participating in the Fidelity Club please visit enf.elks.org/FidelityClub.



Did You Know?

January 1, 1978: Maine became the third state to ban most roadside billboards. The law survives multiple court challenges, markedly changing the appearance of Maine highways in a stark visual contrast with nearby states that did not enact a similar ban.



ELKS LODGES MADE A DIFFERENCE IN DECEMBER

Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership Chairman

Chicago, IL – As the holiday season approached, local Elks Lodges from coast to coast, spanning every state in the nation, as well as Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and the Panama Canal Zone, geared up for a month of dedicated community service. This December, Elks Lodges extended a helping hand to thousands of financially struggling families, ensuring they received essential food baskets and presents during the festive season.



In a heartfelt gesture of gratitude, Elk volunteers visited hospitalized Veterans, expressing the organization’s unwavering commitment to never forget those who have protected our freedoms. Elks support active military forces and Veterans through various initiatives, providing food, comfort care, therapeutic items, and gifts. The organization also hosts holiday celebrations and recreational activities at military bases and hospitals, standing ready to fulfill any need. In the past year alone, Elks’ contributions to the nation’s heroes amounted to over \$40 million, benefiting more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities.

December also marked the acceptance of thousands of scholarship applications from high school seniors nationwide, with the Elks disbursing nearly \$5 million annually to support educational pursuits. Additionally, the Elks Community Investment Program will allocate almost \$16 million towards enriching communities, highlighting the organization’s commitment to fostering growth and development.

With nearly 1,800 Elks Lodges nationwide and a membership totaling around 800,000, the Elks organization plays a pivotal role in community service. Elk members, who must be American citizens at least 21 years of age and believe in God, embody the principles of charity and volunteerism that have defined the organization for 156 years. To learn more about the Elks organization and join the mission of service, visit www.elks.org. For membership information, visit Join.Elks.org.

Statewide Elk News & Items of Interest at www.maineelks.org

Lodge Membership Corner

Bath by the Numbers

As of December 16th, 2023

Active members	418
Candidates	8
Pending Transfers	1
Delinquents	18

Three in a row, Let's GROW! It's great to be an Elk!

The new membership cards are in-hand, and will be printed and distributed once we've been able to conduct another initiation, and clear out our "pending" new members. That being said, dues for 2024-25 are being accepted now across the bar or at the Revopay link below. I'll begin distributing the new cards in mid-March. There's no time like the present to get ahead of the curve and lock in your "Early Bird" sticker.

Dues time is also a perfect time to tack on a bit for the ENF, gain another sticker on your card and help the lodge enter into the new FY with our ENF numbers on the rise right off. The dues reminders you receive have an option to include a donation, as does the online payment option. But the Stewards will also accept your donations. Just please make sure they're aware of the additional money so that it gets properly counted on your dues slip so **I** know to credit it in the computer.

Life Membership was confirmed by a unanimous ballot at the December 14th lodge meeting for six long time Bath Elks. Next time you see 'em around the lodge congratulate Timothy Daigle, John Fitzherbert, William Gilley, Arthur Lebel, Randall Miller and Clayton Reid on their achievement.

For the 2024-2025 fraternal year, on April 1, 2024, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita—\$6.50; Insurance assessment—\$22.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment—\$5.50, for a total of \$34.00. *This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year.

For 2024-25 dues will be:

Life Membership will be \$53

Regular Memberships will be \$98

Pay your dues in the lounge, our PO Box is checked routinely so a dues check may be mailed directly to the Lodge Secretary, PO Box 334, Bath, ME 04530, or make your payment through the online payment system accessed by the link below.

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

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portant to operating our lodge and business. Elks.org has many helpful articles and information on roles and responsibilities. Every member should visit the web site.

Final plug for this month, come into your Lodge and enjoy the food, the company, the laughs, the fun, and the games. Bring a friend along, encourage them to become involved members. Thank you to all the "regulars" who always show visiting Elks and non-members such great hospitality.

Fraternally yours and with Lots of Brotherly Love,

Craig

Did You Know?



Born in Island Pond, VT in 1901 crooner Rudy Vallee grew up in Westbrook, ME.

He spent a short time at the University of Maine before transferring to Yale, and is reported to have maintained a residence on Kezar Lake in Oxford County.

He is also credited as being an Elk, member of Portland Lodge #188!

Learn more at enf.elks.org/FC



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Life Members - **\$53**

Regular Members - **\$98**

January

1	10	20
None	None	Jonathan S Beane
2	11	21
Mark Fraser	Todd Madore	Daniel A Johnson
3	12	22
None	Marc A Thomas	Daniel P Hart Jr
4	13	23
None	None	Elizabeth H
5	14	Alexander
None	None	24
6	15	David A Fortier
None	Richard A Snow	25
7	16	None
None	None	26
8	17	None
Shayne Chubbuck	None	27
Richard W Ryan	18	William B Temple
9	Leon Duval	28
Angelique	Andrew M Rice	Richard Gray
MacKenzie	19	29
Robert E Stevens	None	Raymond T West
		Peter C Chubbuck
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		Raymond E Durgan
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		Merle S Ambrose Jr



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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