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Exalted Ruler's Message

2015 - 2016



Greetings everyone,

Well Spring is finally getting here with the warm weather. Our busy season has begun with Kentucky Derby & Cinco do Mayo last month. If you were not there you missed a great time. The Mother's Day breakfast was a wonderful success as expected, thanks to everyone who helped. The Relay for Life drawings were done on Mother's Day with lots of happy winners, thanks to all who donated and helped. Don't forget the breakfast on Father's Day, June 21st, remember Dad's eat free!

Make plans to attend Flag Day. Our ceremony will be held on June 9th (Tuesday) at 5:30 with a meal to follow. Elk on the Trail is June 20th at 12:00 in Florida, Ma on route 2. If you have not been there, try to attend, it's a great ceremony with a buffet following. Breakfast starts the day at Greenfield Lodge.

Have a great month and watch for posters for other events at the lodge.

Fraternally.

Judy Hastings, ER

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#### **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

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#### SOCCER SHOOT

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For MA Veteran's Information: www.mass.gov/veterans savemassveterans@gmail.com





The Veterans had an "Adirondack Chair" raffle for Mothers Day and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy's Oak Shop for donating a chair, we purchased one at cost and they gave us one no charge. Because we have two chairs we are going to raffle one for Fathers Day as well.

The winner of the Adirondack chair was Judy Hastings and we raised \$216, thanks to all who bought raffle tickets. We raised two hundred dollars last year on Mothers Day raffle so we are right on target for this year.

The Veterans Committee purchased three 100 cup commercial size coffee pots, for three different units at Leeds, we also purchased 3 boxes (twenty five cards in each) of super size shutter Bingo cards which are very expensive and they use a lot of them, they are always in need of these. We are able to purchase these items because of the support we get from our fund raisers, so thanks to all who helped.

The committee will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for our Steamship round that we do every year at Leeds. We do this annually every year so we can put on a complete roast beef dinner for our Veterans at Leeds. See any committee member for tickets.

Next Bingo at Leeds June 8th

Next Veterans Meeting June 17th

There will be no Bingo or meeting in July or Aug

# From the Secretary's Desk

We're now into the second month of this Elk year. By the way what happened to spring?

If you forgot, please get those dues paid. We have new members being Initiated this month with others right behind them.

Do you have a friend, relative, follow worker, neighbor who would be a good Elk?

Ask them.

I'm still having trouble with bad addresses and e-mails, please up date or confirm yours, if its recently been changed, thanks.

Ernest L. Brown, PGLC Lodge Secretary





- Wii Bowling is every Monday night at 6:00, come down and try it out!
- There are Ballroom dancing lessons in the upstairs hall every Wednesday night
- Friday night is raffle night! Starts at 4pm and ends at 7pm
- Next Bingo at Leeds June 8th
- Next Veterans Meeting June 17th
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- June 9th ~ Make plans to attend Flag Day, ceremony will be held at 5:30 with a meal to follow. If you have any tattered flags please drop them off in the designated bins at the lodge. Contact Cheri Rose at 413 824 0121 with any questions.
- June 13th ~ Karokee with Ray Gray 8pm 12pm
- June 20th ~ Elk on the Trail at 12:00 in Florida, Ma on route 2.
- June 21st ~ Father's Day breakfast, remember Dad's eat free!
- August 8th ~ Luau party with specialty drinks, ice luge, limbo contest and other fun activities! Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins and in the lounge.

#### Grand Lodge News

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler JOHN D. AMEN

#### Elks take big strides in boosting membership

I have some very good news to report! Through our combined efforts on the three prongs of membership – Initiations, Delinquency and Reinstatements – we have achieved a very large reduction in our Membership decline.

Since the CLMS Membership reporting system has been operative, we have not (until now) had an annual membership loss of less than 2 percent. Our national decline in 2013-14 was 2.8 percent. Well, we almost cut that in half – to 1.6 percent – this most recent year of 2014-15.

Congratulations to all Elks who brought in one or more new Members, those who helped collect delinquent dues and those who convinced a past and unaffiliated Member to re-instate. If we continue at this rate of decline in losses, we are well on our way to a Plus-One nationally.

Thanks also go to our Grand Lodge Public Relations/Membership Guru, Brother Rick Gathen. These positive results prove that we can reduce the losses and soon have our first plus year nationally in more than 30 years. On another matter, as I travel our nation I see more than half of the State Associations encourage the practice of wearing the color red on Fridays to show support of our nation's military and veterans. As Elks, we can show our patriotism on any Friday by simply wearing red. It has been said that wearing red on Fridays means "Remember Everyone Deployed," but in addition to showing support for our active duty, it also means remembering our veterans.

The red on Marcia's First Lady pin and my GER pin is intended to remind us of the sacrifices of our troops and our veterans.

Thank you for your great support and hospitality on our state visits. See you on the road!

#### Mass Elks Association Events

June 5-7, 2015 ~ Annual Convention, Mass Elks Association - Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis July 5-9, 2015 ~ Grand Lodge Convention, Indianapolis, IN August 19, 2015 ~ Elks Night @ Fenway Park, Red Sox vs. Cleveland Indian

# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 House Committee mtg 6pm	3 Ballroom dancing lessons	4 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm Lodge mtg 7:30pm	5 Raffles 4 -7pm Annual Convention Mass Elks Association - Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis	Annua Conventior Mass Elks Association Resort and Conference Center a Hyannis
7 Annual Convention Mass Elks Association - Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis	8 Wii Bowling 6pm Bingo Leeds	9 Flag Day 5:30pm	10 Ballroom dancing lessons	11	12 Raffles 4 -7pm	13 Karokee 8 - 12 pm
14	15 Wii Bowling 6pm	16	17 Ballroom dancing lessons Veterans Committee	18 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm Lodge mtg 7:30pm	19 Raffles 4 -7pm	20 Elk on the Trail
21 Father's Day Breakfast Summer begins	22 Wii Bowling 6pm	23	24 Ballroom dancing lessons	25	26 Raffles 4 -7pm	27
28	29 Wii Bowling 6pm	30	1 Ballroom dancing lessons	2	3 Raffles 4 -7pm	4



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# Sickness & Distress

#### <u>Home</u>

Bob Jarvis, Edmond Demers, Dean Letourneau, Bob Martineau, Vinny McHugh

Please contact Cheri Rose at 413-824-0121 if you know of any member who is sick or in the hospital.

They will receive a fruit basket from the Lodge.

## FACEBOOK:

Become a Friend of "Montague Elks" on Facebook!

We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

#### <u>Bulletin</u>

Anyone wanting articles or events listed in the bulletin please e-mail your poster or article information to:

kcooke007@gmail.com By the **10th** of the month to get in the next bulletin.



Monday - Wednesday Thursday & Friday 3pm - 11pm

3pm - 1am

Saturday Sunday 12pm - 1am

12pm - 10pm







Members, please remember to sign your guests in when you bring them down to the lounge. We love seeing and meeting new people, maybe get them to join us by becoming an Elk!

Don't forget if you are having an event, see Michelle Cloutier for a request form to use the hall. It's a great place to host all kinds of parties for the young and not so young!

Use of the hall is only \$150, if you need the kitchen to cook for your crowd that is available for an additional \$150 and we will even provide a bartender for no extra charge. Not a bad deal for such a big space!

There is a required deposit of \$150 which will be returned to you after your event. So please keep us in mind if you need a place for your next event or party!

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