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**PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Lois Bergeron
Fall River Proposed by Bill Stathis

John Heitzig
Swanseas Proposed by Curtis Nelson

Riley MacDonald
Dighton Proposed by Brandon Burns

Nicholas Morais
Fall River Proposed by Manuel Furtado

Daniel Quinn
Somerset Proposed by Mike Provio

Robert Chase
Swanseas Proposed by Matthew Mendes

Nancy Martin
Fall River Proposed by Stacy Wordell

Christopher Peckham
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Somerset Proposed by Arthur King

Our next Orientation will be on Thursday September 19, and initiation will be held on September 24 at 7PM

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**Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler ROBERT L. DUITSMAN**

**NEW MEMBERS CAN GIVE YOUR LODGE A SPARK**

New members can give your Lodge a spark. The Lodge year is nearly half over, so I hope that Lodges are taking action and making plans that will result in overall success. The best events are the ones that are properly planned and executed, with forethought as to what will be needed in terms of promotion and execution. New ideas should be discussed with open minds to provide more opportunities for Members to enjoy their membership and meet new people. Our new members bring fresh energy and ideas that should be heard and considered. We need to make them feel like they are an important part of the Lodge, because they are.

In planning events, it often seems that a small group of reliable Members are the ones who do the work, while new members feel left out and have no place in the life of their Lodge. Hmm...maybe there’s an opportunity here. Consider bringing more members into your helper network, including new members, so that everyone can feel involved in the life of their Lodge. One of the biggest reasons we lose members is because nobody takes an interest in them. If they are invited to be a part of events, they will likely take a stronger interest in their Lodge.

Also, one of the hallmarks of our Order is our service to our communities by getting out and making our communities better places while promoting the Elks brand. I have often said, “If they know you, and they like you, they’ll want to be a part of you.” By getting involved in community events and undertaking programs and activities that will resonate with your community, you will make the most of your opportunity in an activity celebrating National Patriotism Week, September 9-15. It is only one of many suggested opportunities included in the Grand Lodge. Lodge committees that have an activity have theirs.

Exalted Rulers, you were there for our national convention in St. Louis. You were able to see Elksdom on full display. For too many, “Elksdom” is their whole life and who they are. Not withstanding. While that is an important part of the Elks experience, there are other opportunities outside the Lodge, such as district, state, and national events that can enrich Members’ understanding of what we are all about. Please share your experiences with members who were unable to attend so they can better understand what Elksdom encompasses and instill in them a greater pride in being part of our fraternity.

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**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Write a letter to the Secretary asking for life membership. Please include your birthday and the number of years that you have been a member. You must be at least 65 years old and have been a member for at least 30 years. You must be a member in good standing. Article III Section 2 of the Lodge By-Laws

Lodge By-laws, House Rules and Rules of the Order may be accessed by going to www.elsks.org/members, register and sign in.

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**Veteran’s Communication Corner**

**A Benefit You Won’t Want to Miss!!**

Veterans did you know one of the services the Elks Lodge provides is services for veterans? This is a priority for The Elks National Veterans Commission and our local lodges. We are fortunate here at lodge 118 to be continuing this program this summer. We welcome Denise Boscoe back. She has a vast background with the Massachusetts State Employment and Training/Veterans Benefits counselor.

I will be at the lodge to help the veterans every Wednesday 1-3. There will be a sign-up sheet for appointments in the lounge. There are many benefits veterans are missing out on as well as the availability of resources. We will be putting together an informational session of services available, contacts, all the information you will need. Watch the bulletin for more information.

She will be on help to help and listen. ....... The lodge will be supporting the veteran’s EJLS.

**Some Services Available (But not limited to):**

- CDD24 Request
- Service Records Request
- Medical Benefits
- Employment Benefits
- VA Health Care
- Education Benefits
- Pension Benefits
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Compensation Claim Status
- VA Disability and VA Pension
- Life Insurance Claim
- VA Appointments
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**Coming Events**

**Horseshoe every Wednesday 7:00 pm**

**Veterans Assistance every Wednesday 1:00-3:00 pm**

**Queen of Hearts every Thursday 7:30 pm**

**Pitch League September 11, 18, 25**

**Soccer Shoot 9:00-12:00 September 7, 2019**

**Dinner Show 6:00 pm September 7, 2019**

**Elks Riders Raffle Drawing September 14, 2019**

**Chicken Mozambique 5:00 pm September 21, 2019**

**Casino Bus Trip September 29, 2019**

Congratulations to Rick Jardin and the many volunteers for a very successful Golf Tournament.

**The Fall River Elks Riders is holding a 2019 Road King or Deluxe Softail Bike raffle. The drawing will be held on September 14, 2019. Tickets are $20 each.**

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For further information and tickets contact Angelo Lombardo or Michael Brodeur at 508-672-9288

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Board of Directors Meeting: 2nd and 4th Tuesday of month @ 6:30pm
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Audit Committee: Last Thursday of the month