# HOULTON LODGE OF ELKS "115" YEARS OF SHARING ELKDOM DECEMBER 2018

December 1, 2018

package to a deployed soldier.

citizen's dinner the 23rd.

Members,



2018-2019

Michael Hannigan Exalted Ruler

Issac Brown Esteemed Leading Knight

Jeremy Tarr Esteemed Loyal Knight

Wade Hanson Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Russell Fitzpatrick PER Esquire

> Dennis Harmon Chaplain

> > Dan Heibert Inner Guard

Shane Gallop Tiler

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### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

On April 6th, 1906 the Aroostook Times broke a story to the town of Houlton. On that day it was reported that the Elks had purchased the Don Powers lot on Main St. and would immediately begin erecting a modern, thoroughly equipped Lodge building just west of the James Plummer residence. In the original story, the basement was to house a bowling alley, billiard hall, and swimming pool. On May 25th, the Times reported that ground had been broken on May 8th and a cornerstone laying ceremony was planned for May 30th. In this story, the building designed by architect S. K. Coffin and constructed under his supervision was to have four bowling alleys, a billiard room and a kitchen in the basement. The Lodge floor would be finished in native ash, and the attic would be a gymnasium. As scheduled, the cornerstone was laid over a copper receptacle containing the names of members and coins. Even in 1906 construction was dangerous work, and on Tuesday July 10th, Mr. Coffin stepped on a loose brick and fell 15 feet into the basement. The fall resulted in a scalp wound requiring 6 stitches, but Mr. Coffin recovered and was back supervising by July 20th. On August 31st, the brick layers were almost finished work, and roofers were planning to start. The building exterior was completed by October 17th, leaving interior work to be done. Of particular concern was finishing the "plastering" before freezing weather hit. On January 9th, 1907 under the supervision of Martin Lawless the windows were installed. Shortly thereafter, interior decorator H.B. Washburn arrived to begin his work. On April 17th, the building was opened with a gala affair. Since then our Lodge building has been a cultural, social, and civic center of the community. November was a busy month. On Sunday, November 11th, we were honored to host about 60 veterans and their families for a turkey and ham dinner. Mike Powers, Dave and Arlene Edgar, Garret and Nicole Brown, Colby Dunn, and Matt Powers did a great job recognizing the veterans for their service. The Lodge also donated a tree to the festival of trees in support of the Health Services Foundation, highlighting the community service we do. The tree is decorated and has a certificate to obtain a MCCP license plate and two tickets to a Maine Mariners hockey game. On Black Friday, a great group of members and friends decorated the Lodge. Charlie and Beth Sylvia, Gail Cleary, Mary Lowe, Denise Hannigan, and Liz Grant put up the tree, hung lights, and strung garland to really put the Christmas spirit into the Lodge. Following Thanksgiving, we held our couples Calcutta bowling tournament. This year we had 19 bowling teams, these 38 bowlers each bowled 4 strings either with a half or full handicap depending on the day. First place on Saturday went to Bob and Gail Cleary with Ronnie McGary and Dianna Henderson taking the High Single. On Sunday with a full handicap (and little rest) first place went to Shane and Crystal Gallop, while Paul and Heather Austin took high single. Finally, with the help of our veterans chairman, Ryan Brewer, the Lodge sent a care

December is also going to be a busy month. The first Sunday in December is recognized by our organization as the day of our annual memorial service. This year 10 members have passed since December of last year. We will hold our public ceremony at 1 PM on December 2nd. The Slyder cup has two more matches on the 8th and the 15th. The adult Christmas party this year will be the 21st, the Children's Christmas party the 22nd, and the senior

Fraternally, Mike



### NOW THERE ARE THOSE WHO DON'T BELIEVE IN MIRACLES OR SANTA CLAUS, BUT I BELIEVE WHAT I BELIEVE AND I BELIEVE IN SANTA' CAUSE - THE STATLER BROTHERS.

#### **PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

In November the following individuals were proposed for membership: James Folsom by Brother Jerry Hanning, Joe Gonzales by Brother Scott Cummings, Scott Willett by Brother Jason Fitzpatrick and Jonathan Corey by Brother Jarod Tapley. Donald J. McGary III was also proposed for reinstatement by Brother Isaac Brown. They will be investigated before and balloted on at the December 11th meeting.

#### LODGE MEETINGS

On Tuesday, December 11th, we will have our regular Lodge meeting. Per our by-laws there is only one meeting in December.

#### TRUSTEES MEETING

On Tuesday, December 11th, the trustees will meet at 6 PM.

#### HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

On Tuesday, December 25th, the house committee will not meet.

#### **MEMBERS SUPPERS**

Tuesday, December 4th: Roast Pork by Mike Hannigan and crew. Tuesday, December 18th: TBD see Mike Hannigan.

#### FROM THE OFFICERS

On behalf of the officers, committees, Lodge staff and myself, may you have a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Just a reminder, we still have gift certificates, calendars, bells, and hockey tickets for sale which make great Christmas gifts.

We are collecting for Toys for Tots again this year. Please deposit new unwrapped toys in the box in the lounge. Last year was a huge success and many local children who may not have otherwise received a toy at Christmas did thanks to your generosity.

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY SUPPER**

In lieu of an all night New Year's party, to which attendance has dropped off in recent years, we are going to try something new. The E. R. is going to do the members supper on Tuesday January 1st. We will serve this supper at 5:00 PM, and everyone who attends the bumper pool tourney or wants to come is welcomed to attended this supper. Keep an eye on our Facebook site and email lists for details of the menu and cost.

#### KIDS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Kids Program will begin with the children's Christmas party on December 22. The lounge will open to children at 9 AM Saturdays. Kids have access to the alleys and the Lodge rooms on the 1st floor, and the staff will have plenty of activities and treats on hand.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On the 20th of November we initiated the following new members: Ben Treptow, Charlie Sylvia, Zach Stubbs, James Newton, Derrick Mincey, Brian Charles, Valerie Estabrook, and Devon Cote. Please make them feel welcome when you see them in the lounge or around the Lodge.

#### **AUTOGRAPH'S FOR A CAUSE**

There is a shirt hanging in the lounge with a Maine Mariners logo. This shirt is going to be presented to a child who is undergoing treatment at MCCP on January 15th. We are trying to fill the shirt up with signatures. Please donate \$5 and sign the shirt to show our support for cancer patients. We also have discounted tickets to the Maine Mariners game at which the shirt will be presented. They are \$20.00 per ticket and should be purchased before December 10th.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Annual Memorial Service	3	4 Members Supper 7:00 PM	5	6	QUEEN OF 7 HEARTS DRAWING Friday Night Happy Hour	8 Slyder Cup
9	10	Lodge 11 Meeting 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting 6:00 PM	12	13	QUEEN OF 14 HEARTS DRAWING Friday Night Happy Hour	15 <b>Slyder Cup</b>
16	17	18 Members Supper 7:00 PM	19	20	QUEEN OF 21 HEARTS DRAWING Friday Night Happy Hour	22 Children's Christmas Party
23/30 Senior Citizen's Dinner		25 Christmas	26	27	Queen of 28 Hearts Drawing Friday Night Happy Hour	29 Children's Program

