



MASSENA ELKS LODGE #1702

MAY NEWSLETTER

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Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb's Message to Members

As we reflect on the past month, I am proud to see how we have come together to prepare our committees and lay the groundwork for an impactful year ahead. Our dedication to service, charity, and community involvement truly embodies the spirit of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

I want to extend my gratitude to all who have already volunteered to be part of our committees. However, there are still opportunities for any Elk member to get involved. Sign-up sheets are available near the guest book, on the bulletin board, and even in the bar. Let's fill that envelope on the bulletin board with eager Elks ready to make a difference. Just let me know what you are passionate about, and we'll find a place for you to contribute.

I also want to remind everyone about the raffle we have running for the Elks Veterans Services. Tickets are available at the bar for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Your support makes a significant impact on the lives of our veterans, and I encourage everyone to participate.

A special thank you goes out to Norm Lazore for the incredible labor he donated to create such amazing patio chairs. Your generosity and craftsmanship are truly appreciated.

Recently, I started a FAQ post on Facebook, and I wanted to share some of the insights here for those who may not be on social media. Here's a glimpse into "What the FAQ with ER Nate":

****Is the Massena Elks Lodge open to the public?***

No. We are a private club, but we do welcome guests of our members.

Guest Sign-In Policy:** When bringing a guest to the lodge, please remember to sign them in at the front desk. We love welcoming new faces, but we kindly ask that members accompany their guests throughout their visit.

****Member Presence Requirement**:** Guests are welcome to enjoy the lodge's amenities, but they must depart once the member who signed them in leaves the premises. Let's make sure we're all abiding by this rule to keep things running smoothly.

****Dues Must Be Current**:** Members, let's stay on top of our dues! It's not just about staying in good standing; it also affects our ability to enjoy the benefits of membership. If your dues are overdue, please settle them promptly. Members with outstanding dues may not only be ineligible to bring guests but may also be temporarily ineligible for lodge services until dues are up to date.

We appreciate your cooperation in upholding these guidelines, as they help maintain the welcoming and vibrant atmosphere of our lodge. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to lodge leadership.

Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication and support. Together, we will make this year one to remember.

Fraternally, Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb ER

Sickness & Distress

We have lost Daniel Cecot, and Life Member Thomas Doud. Please keep their families & friends in your heart as they go through this difficult time.

"The Faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory"

From the Desk of the Secretary

Renewal notices will be mailed by Grand Lodge on May 17th to all delinquent members. Members not in good standing or who have been dropped are not allowed in this or any other Elks Lodge until reinstated to good standing.

There are 15 candidates who are eligible for Initiation at our Lodge meeting. Candidates are: Joseph & Paige Arcet, Brandin Cousineau, Peter Devine, Philip & Stacie Jessmer, Andrew Matthews, Jerome McDonald, Alfred Montepetit, Rebecca Pomainville, Joseph Rockhill, Andrew Simpson, Michelle Rolfe, Amanda Clookey, & Jeffrey Marrin. Sponsors, please attend! All members are encouraged to attend and welcome our new members. There is a meal prior to the meeting. Please let us know if you will attend.

The response to our Major Projects appeal letter was very good, raising over \$2,000 for Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York. That's a nice total toward our goal of \$4,888. 81 members (out of 629) contributed. There is still time to help, why not send a \$5 donation or more to the Massena Elks Lodge at 20 Bowers St., Massena, NY 13662. (Please note Major Projects on the memo section of your check.)

Membership stats for Lodge year April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. We began with 611 members, 45 Elks were initiated, 5 reinstated, 4 affiliated from other Lodges for a total of 54 additions; 25 members were dropped for non-payment, 3 granted transfer dimitts, 2 granted absolute dimitts, and 6 deaths for a total loss of 36 members. We ended the year with 629 members, a gain of 18 members for the year.

Don't forget that at the end of May there is a Memorial Day parade followed by a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Andrews St. Watch for details and please join your Lodge in the parade. We have had a poor turnout in the past which reflects badly on our commitment to honor and remember our fallen Veterans.

The Secretary requests that you inform him of any changes to your name, physical and/or mailing address, phone numbers, or email accounts.

Veterans Committee News

A delicious **Chicken BBQ** will be held on **Sunday, May 26th** starting at **NOON!**

Draw to Win **Handmade Bar Height Adirondack Chairs/Table** combo

to be held at this time. **ALL \$** raised will benefit the Veterans Committee projects (including the Adopt-A-Platoon project).

Tickets are \$10 each OR 3 for \$25.



Mother's Day Brunch

MAY 12th
9am-11am

Treat your beautiful mom with a delicious brunch to celebrate Mother's Day.

\$16 per person, Mother of an Elk member-FREE



Massena Elks Lodge #1702





Elks Golf League Begins May 13th

May 13th will be the opening day of our Elks Leagues. \$60 per player must be paid directly to Kevin Walbridge or Joe Brown ASAP. Please be sure to arrange your Tee-time with the Pro Shop to allow for a smooth round.



Massena Elks B.P.O.E. 1702
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Drawing Will Be Held May 26th, 2024

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House Committee News

-A Big Thank You to Volunteers thus far. We truly appreciate your time and care in helping our Lodge! Please consider signing up to help with upcoming functions.
-We will be having a Chicken BBQ on May 26th with serving beginning at NOON until all is served. Please stop in for a DELICIOUS meal!
-Mother's Day Brunch will be held on May 12th from 9 - 11 am. **MOTHERS of Elk members eat for FREE.**
-We will be offering a Monthly appetizer for your enjoyment. **May is TATER TOT KEGS for \$6!** They are very tasty!
-As always, please remember to sign-in your guests each time.
-LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR INCREDIBLE!



Elks Reinstatement Procedure

Do you know someone who'd like to be reinstated as a member of our Lodge? Go to the website below or simply phone the Lodge for information. We'd love to have them back.
<https://www.elks.org/membership/reinstate.cfm>

In an attempt to save the Lodge money, we would love to email your newsletter each month. If you can provide your email address, we can be sure to include you in the emailing. Thank you.
Please email: cgeorge13@mac.com

Volunteers Needed

Do you want to help our Lodge? Ask an Officer how you can help. Grab a friend or two and sign up to volunteer at a meal this month. You will enjoy the experience and help your Lodge.

e-Newsletter (Bulletin)

If you lose, can't find or did not receive your monthly bulletin, just go to our Lodge website and you can read/print it with ease. <http://www.elks.org/Lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1702>

Do you know someone who'd like to join our Lodge? Grab an application & bring them in to see what we have to offer!

Online Application Makes Joining the Elks Easy
Did you know there is an online Membership application for signing up new Members? A current paid-up Member of the Order, using the Elks.Org website (top left corner), can forward a membership invitation to family members and friends. Why not look into it & ask your friends.

2024 - 2025 Officers

Massena Elks Lodge #1702

Nathan Lashomb	Exalted Ruler
Anita Scott	Leading Knight
Maya Monroe	Loyal Knight
Matt Lebire	Lecturing Knight
Nancy Paxton	PSVP/Esquire
Philip A. St. Amand	PDDGER/PER/Secretary
Chuck Sears	PER/Treasurer
Patrick L. Frary	PER/Chaplain
Tori Lashomb	Inner Guard
Nancy Davey	Tiler

Trustees:

Zach Helmer PER
Max Hunt
Chris Hooper
Mike Vierno
Luc Verville



Lodge HOURS

MON - WED.	4:00 - 9:00
THUR. - SAT.	3:00 - 9:00
SUNDAY	3:00 - 9:00

2024 - 2025 HOUSE COMMITTEE

Mary Vierno
Jeff Root
Dick LePage
Nick Pomainville
Rebecca Pomainville

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THEIR MONTHLY BULLETIN BY EMAIL, KINDLY ASK THEM TO E-MAIL ME AT: cgeorge13@mac.com



Pizza, Wings & Calzones
Come in & get a Lg cheese pizza for \$14 (\$1 per xtra topping) & 10 XL wings for \$13. Fried Calzones \$5 each.

Lodge Meetings

Please try to attend a Lodge meeting this month. We meet on May 8th & May 22nd at 7 pm. Your input into Lodge affairs is very important.

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Please Like our Lodge Facebook & Instagram Page for updates for all events and meals.  Massena Elks Lodge #1702 massenaelkslodge1702		1 Corey Flynn Richard Moser Jr. Bill Orlando	2 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m.  Maya Monroe Carrie Rogers	3 Friday Night Dinner Steak & Cook's Option 5 - 8 pm	4 Gary Hebert Jerome Jock	
5 Don Ashley Emily Kimble Greg Paquin Chad Simpson Megan St. Thomas	6 Traci Greco William Stout	7 Tacos & Burgers 5 - 8 pm Gina Bain Nathan Barney Anthony J Diaqostino	8 Lodge Meeting 7 pm MaryLou Fioretto Lori Snyder	9 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m.  Tim Peets Donny Wood	10 Friday Night Dinner Steak & Cook's Option 5 - 8 pm Gordon Fetterley Jack Golden Shawn McKeel	11 Pasquale Trimboli
12 Mother's Day Ceremony Mother's Day Brunch 9 - 11 am Kenny Beckstead	13 Scott Manley	14 Tacos & Burgers 5 - 8 pm Julie Cooke Kyle Ditullio Shawn Gray Kenny Hurlbut Robert Wells	15 David Basmajian Dominic Zappia	16 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m. 	17 Trivia Fundraiser for Massena Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary Lisa Witkop	18 Robert White
19 Richard Faucher Ann Hall Allen Premo	20 Warren Goodnow Ed Rusaw Howard Seeger Greg Sharp Nicole Terminelli	21 Tacos & Burgers 5 - 8 pm L. John Bartholomew Chip George Donny Squires	22 Lodge Meeting 7 pm	23 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m. 	24 Friday Night Dinner Steak & Cook's Option 5 - 8 pm Kirk Wilmshurst	25 Tom Carroll Bob O'Connell
26 Chicken BBQ to Benefit Veterans Committee Noon - ? Chair Raffle	27 Memorial Day LODGE CLOSED Christopher LePage	28 Tacos & Burgers 5 - 8 pm Emily Aumand Russ Lindstad Michael Terminelli	29 Donna McLean	30 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m.	31 Friday Night Dinner Steak & Cook's Option 5 - 8 pm Zach Helmer Jonathan Monacelli	

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Planning a Party?

Do you have a birthday, or retirement party you'd like to organize? A family reunion, etc.? Stop by the Lodge and discuss your needs with our House Committee. Our facility is great and the food is amazing!



Go to: <http://www.elks.org/dap/> to find out what the ELKS are doing to help our youth "Say No to Drugs"



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Stop in & take your "shot" at locating the elusive Queen. \$1 a ticket. Winner gets 60%.

NEW POT is now \$1,100

Thursday Night Pizza & Wings. A Large Pizza for \$14 (\$1 per topping) w/10 XL wings for only \$13.

FRIED CALZONES are \$5.00 each

LODGE DONATIONS

For the month of April, our Lodge donated the following within our community: \$125 to the Massena Girls Softball team.

Good luck on your season!

Volunteers are a precious resource, who are frontline ambassadors and champions for your cause.



Thank You for All you Do!

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