



# Skowhegan-Madison Elks Lodge

## Quick Facts

- We were chartered in 1975 and our first Exalted Ruler or Lodge President was Harold Tewksbury, the retired president of Solon Manufacturing Co. He now resides in Stuart, Fla. with his wife, Betty. Elk No. 2 was the late Maroon Nemer of Skowhegan, who was also our first Lodge member to be elected president of the Maine Elks Association.
- There are 22 Lodges in the state from York to Presque Isle. We have 753 members as of April 1, 2013. This makes us the fourth-largest Lodge in Maine after Augusta, Sanford and Waterville. Once you become a member of our Lodge, you are welcome to visit any of the nearly 2,000 Elks Lodges in the country.
- The major charity supported by Maine Elks Lodges is the Maine Children's Cancer Program (MCCP). More than \$3 million has been contributed during the past 20 years to support the cancer center located in Scarborough. All money stays within the state.
- In addition to the MCCP, we raise funds and contribute hundreds of volunteer hours for youth scholarships and athletic programs, Togus Veterans' Hospital and local assistance for needy veterans, Red Cross blood drives, food pantries, emergency donations for families in need, The Elks National Foundation, Elks Drug Awareness and Americanism Programs and much more.
- We have weekly bingo games on Monday, pool tournaments year-round on Thursdays and horseshoe tournaments during the summer and fall. We have also started Zumba and line-dancing classes on alternate Thursdays. We also host Texas Hold 'Em tournaments on the second Saturday of the month and proceeds help raise money for our scholarship fund.
- The Annual Eldon Bean Golf Tournament at Lakewood Golf Course in August is another major fund-raiser for our charities and scholarships. All teams are required to have at least one Elks Lodge member.
- The Elks National Foundation Banquet each January recognizes our contributors to the organization's major charity.
- Other social events include monthly birthday parties, a members-only field day, adult and children's Christmas parties, Mother of the Year, Father of the Year, Luck of the Draw auctions, NASCAR parties, Super Bowl Sunday and much more. All events are published in our monthly newsletter, online at the Elks.org website and our Facebook page.
- All new members are urged to register on the Grand Lodge website – [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) – for up-to date information about the organization and access to special features like the online membership forum.

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