

Elks Newsletter

February 2017

Sebasticook Valley Lodge 2713

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Exalted Ruler's Message

Dear Loyal Elks,

Welcome to the shortest month of the year and the midpoint of winter! Hopefully, you are all enjoying everything the Sebasticook Valley has to offer this season.

February features Past Exalted Ruler's Night on Monday, Feb. 13 and the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year.

The PERs will lead the meeting where the new officers are nominated at the Feb. 13 meeting and the election of officers will be held on second meeting of the month on Feb. 27.

Also this month, our Order will celebrate its 149th birthday on February 16th. "In February of 1868, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was chartered – and with a great new spirit and direction, began to help Veterans, Scouting, Scholarships and more – wherever Charity, Justice and Brotherly Love were needed! (The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, 2017)"

I invite you to read more about the founding of the Elks on the elks.org website.

We have a February Valentine's Day raffle in the clubroom where you enter for a chance to win a Valentine containing chocolate, mystery cash and other prizes. Get your tickets today! Drawing will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

The club room will also be hosting the Super Bowl on Feb. 5, so please join us for a pot luck party and Patriots beverage specials.

There is an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Feb. 23 from 1-6 p.m. Please sign up to "Give the Gift of Life!" To volunteer at the drive, contact Mike Lange at mdlange@tds.net.

For more information about donating blood visit <http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood> or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

"The American Red Cross has an emergency need for blood and platelet donors to give now to address a severe winter blood shortage. (American Red Cross, 2017)."

It's your Lodge!

Fraternally,

Sarah DeLong
Exalted Ruler

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If you'd like to receive your newsletter via email instead of regular mail, drop us a note at elks2713news@gmail.com with "Mail Newsletter" in the subject line. This will not only assure that you'll get the newsletter fast, but save your lodge money.

Elks 2713 Calendar

February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Super Bowl Sunday! Club Room open at 2 p.m.		House Committee 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	Valentine Gift Package Drawing 6 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Board of Directors, 6:15 Lodge meeting, 7 p.m. PER Night		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		House Committee 6:30 p.m.	Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 p.m.	Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
	Board of Directors, 6:15 Lodge meeting, 7 p.m. Election of Officers		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.		Happy Hour! 4-6 p.m.	

“An Elk is Never Forgotten, Never Forsaken”

We regret to announce the death of member Joe Varricchio, who passed away on Jan. 22 at the age of 78. Joe had been a member of our lodge since 2011. He was known by many as “Chef Joe” for his catered dinners and many charitable contributions. A Vacant Chair ceremony will be held in his honor at the Feb. 13 meeting.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has joined forces with

Donate Life America
to increase donations of
organs, eyes and life-saving tissue

Elks DONATE LIFE

Is your Lodge promoting the program?
We Elks Members can help close the gap!

Spread the Word

"Elks Give From The Heart"

Inspire others!

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www.donatelife.net

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Lounge Hours

Sunday
2 – 8 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday
3 – 8 p.m.

Thursday
3 – 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday
2 – 10 p.m.

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Lodge Meetings:

2nd and 4th Mondays

July and August: 4th Monday

December: 2nd Monday

Board of Directors: 6:15 p.m.

Lodge: 7 p.m.

House Committee:

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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2016-2017 Officers

Exalted Ruler: Sarah DeLong

Est. Leading Knight: Joan Bowley

Est. Loyal Knight: William Graham

Est. Lecturing Knight: Ernest Bryant,
PER

Secretary: Terry White

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Super Bowl Party!

Sebasticook Valley Elks

Sunday, Feb. 5

Patriots vs. Falcons



Game starts at 6:20

We'll be open at 2 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner!

**Bring something to share and we'll
have some surprise snacks!**

Invited guests welcome!



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



**American
Red Cross**



Pittsfield Community Blood Drive

Seabasticook Valley Elks Lodge
Across from the Pittsfield Post Office
Thursday, Feb. 23
1-6 p.m.

**All presenting donors at this drive are
eligible to receive a \$5 Amazon Gift Card!**

For an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS
Or visit www.redcrossblood.org

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Valentine's Day Raffle

Here's a chance to win
a special Valentine
with chocolates,
mystery cash and
other prizes!



**Tickets on sale in
the club room now!**



*Drawing will be held on
Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.*

February is good time for reflection and planning

Michael F. Zellen

Grand Exalted Ruler

February is the time of the year when our current Exalted Rulers look back and reflect on the many accomplishments they achieved during their term. They should re-examine the goals they set for themselves at the beginning of their year, and strive to complete any that may remain unfulfilled. There is still much time remaining, during your term of office, to complete those goals and to bring your year as Exalted Ruler to a successful conclusion.

It is also the time for Exalted Rulers to recognize those Members who have helped to make a positive difference in the success of their Lodge. Designating your Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year will go a long way to generate pride in your membership and in your community. In addition, each Exalted Ruler may issue two Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Service Certificates to Members who provided outstanding service to his or her Lodge.

February is also a transitional month, as each Lodge will hold nominations and elect new Officers for the coming Fraternal Year. The success of any organization depends on Member support and a strong, well-trained and dedicated leadership team.

Members who have exhibited a sincere interest in your Lodge, have volunteered to serve on committees, or have participated in your community projects should be encouraged to seek office. First-time Officers often bring a renewed essence, as well as new and fresh ideas and programs to your Lodge.

Also, this month on the 16th, our beloved Order will celebrate its 149 years of service to our fellow man, our veterans, our youth, our communities, and those who are less fortunate. This certainly reflects my motto for this year, *"Elks – Leading the Way."*

February 14 is Valentine's Day, a day to be happy and to spend it with the people you care about and love. My special Valentine is my loving wife Donna, who has supported me and has been by my side for the last 46 years. She is the "Wind beneath my Wings."

And finally, thank you for being an Elk, and for Caring and Sharing.

Maine Elks Association Car Raffle

**MAINE ELKS
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**100% of the proceeds
go to the Maine
Children's Cancer
Program**

Only \$5.00 a ticket!

**You never stand so tall
has when you stoop to
help a child.**

**Drawing will be held at
the Maine Elks
Association
88th Annual Convention
Augusta Elks Lodge #964**

May 6, 2017

Maine Elks Association raffle to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program

The Maine Elks are raffling off a 2004, Lincoln Continental, Presidential Edition, that was owned by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Amos A. McCallum. At the request of Amos' wife, Barbara McCallum, all of the proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Maine Children's Cancer Program in memory of Amos.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased at any one of the 22 Elks lodges in the State of Maine. For more information contact Jim Ferland at: quincyme00@gmail.com, or (207) 592-8214.



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Life – Prepaid Dues
Grand Lodge and State Association Dues

\$10
\$19.00

Total

\$29.00

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Regular – Prepaid Dues
Grand Lodge and State Association Dues

\$40
\$19.00

Total

\$59.00

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Optional – Elks National Foundation

\$10

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Optional – Capital Improvement Fund

\$5

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Elks National Foundation ‘Road to Renewal’

By Luke DeLong

Lodge ENF Fundraising Chair

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) is the charitable arm of the Grand Lodge. It provides funding for several programs at the national level, among those programs is the Community Investment Program, which provides grants to local lodges for community programs.

One such program was held at our lodge a couple years ago when the Sebasticook Valley lodge sponsored MSAD 53 Literacy Night. The event was held at the lodge and provided books, free of charge, to local school children in a year when district funding for the program was cut.

Another ENF program that has recently given back to our local community is the Scholarship Program. Last spring, a Most Valuable Student scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was awarded to a graduating MCI student. The ENF also provides Legacy Awards for children and grandchildren of Elks members.

Our own Exalted Ruler was the recipient of a Legacy award some 15 years ago. This Scholarship is a wonderful perk of membership in the order.

The ENF has implemented a new reward program called the Road to Renewal designed to acknowledge those who are repeat donors, year after year. Upon your first renewal (second annual gift), you will be given a pin. For each of the next 3 consecutive annual donations, there is another pin to be presented. The ENF has found that if they can get a member to renew their donation 4 years in a row, subsequent donations are all but guaranteed.

At the December 12 meeting, I had the pleasure of presenting the first pin in the set to my wife, your Exalted Ruler, Sarah DeLong for her second consecutive year of donating to ENF (her first renewal).

For more information on the various ENF programs, or to make a donation, visit www.elks.org/enf. If you'd rather not deal with donating over the web, please reach out to me (207-299-3287), and I'd be happy to get you a donation form/envelope so that you are sure to get credit for your donation. You can even designate which ENF program your donation will support if you like. Remember, after giving a total of \$100 to the ENF, your name goes on the board in the club room!