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Together, Elks Accomplish More—The MAINE TEAM



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"Maine Elks Working as ONE for Community"

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER

MEET YOUR LODGE OFFICERS

We are.... *THE ELKS!*

March-ing right along! Here comes mud season and I know we are all excited about that! I know people like to complain about the seasons, but the changes are part of what makes Maine so special. We all have our favorite season but each one has something amazing to offer.

Our membership is similar in that we have close friends within the lodge that are our favorites. We need to remember that our obligation, as Elks, requires us to protect our members, their good names and families; respect and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides. It comes back to the cornerstone of the Elks Creed that we are *"to do unto others we would they should do unto us."* This means we respect each other, and offer the hand of friendship and understanding. We all have had off days, but that does not make anyone a bad person. Thank you for working to be your best person and your best *ELK*.

I want to relate a story that's quite similar to ones I have heard (*and told*) before. Early in February Annie and I walked into the lodge and immediately saw my brother Dan with a couple that I didn't know. Turns out these folks were Elks from Derry-Salem New Hampshire Lodge #2226. Ed is their Chairman of the Board and Denise is Chaplain of their lodge. I asked them how their visit was going and, as usual, their answer was "this is a very friendly Lodge." I can't tell you how proud it makes me, as your Exalted Ruler, for our guests to be treated with such love and welcome. Good work and thank you to *everyone* who makes Bath such a special place.

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TREASURER	Dawn Burton, PEY POY
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CHAPLAIN	Nancy Campbell POY
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Pam Heal, PER Rockland Elks #1008**MEETINGS****LODGE MEETINGS**

6:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of the month, except July, August and November.

Lodge meets at 6:30 p.m. on March 14th & 28th

Jacket & Slacks for Officers, Tuxedos the 28th Clean/Casual for members

BOARD of DIRECTORS

5:30 pm Thursday before lodge meeting

Thursday March 14th & Monday March 25th

GOVERNING BODY

6:00 p.m., Thursday before first lodge meeting

Thursday, March 14th

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

5:00 p.m., Tuesday before Lodge as needed

March 12th & 26th



Leon McCreary
PER, PEY, POY

LODGE SECRETARY

Leon "Mac" McCreary

Here we are in the final month of another fraternal year. Nominations were held February 8th, with the final balloting to have occurred at the second meeting.

Except the 5-year Trustee, nominations closed for all offices during the first meeting of the month since each had a single unopposed nominee, and during the meeting on February 22nd the members will have decided between James Leeman, Tammy Post, Ann Peaslee, LdgKnt Mark Westrum and John Haggett to fill the five year Trustee position.

When nominations closed on the 8th the new year's officers-elect are Craig Johnson returning as ER, Melinda Theriault as Leading Knight, Margaret Ligotti remaining at Loyal Knight, Duayne Fraser as Lecturing Knight, and Dawn Burton and I returning to the offices of Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

Yours, *Mac*

Lodge Business

The Corporate Board of Directors met and reports:

- Expenses reviewed against budget with no unusual indicators found.
- Another table's worth of name plates has been sold, and will be procured from Accolades. Expect to re-finish the next lounge table in the spring.
- Package for the lodge room floor has been finalized with the Grand Trustees. Awaiting the response.
- Waiting submittal of agreement for the City Hall emergency generator location from the Bath council.
- Tax information package has been submitted to the accountant.
- ENF Grant funds have been disbursed, \$2,000 to the Bath Area Food Bank and \$6,500 to the Midcoast Youth Center.
- Recommend the lodge disburse \$1,000 in Veterans Committee raised funds to Boothbay V.E.T.S. *Subsequently approved on lodge floor*
- The lodge is working with the American Red Cross to begin conducting blood drives in the lodge room, estimate once every eight weeks. Working through the details.

Governing Body met and reports:

- Lodge will be procuring new pull ticket dispensing machine to replace failing old one.
- An estimate is in hand to segregate an area of the "card room" for a smoking area. Will combine with the package to repair the southeast corner of the building.

Like and Follow "Bath Lodge of Elks 934" in Facebook for Calendar & Updates

Coming Up!

March 3 - Maine Elks Association Spring Meeting, Waterville Elks #905, 10 am

March 10 - New England Regional Hoop Shoot, *Warren Hill Gymnasium* at USM Gorham

March 23 - Brunswick Officers' Installation, Brunswick Elks #2043

Looking ahead!

April 6—Bath Officers' Installation, Lodge room

April 21 - DD Clinic, Rockland Elks #1008, 10 am

May 3-5: Maine Elks Association State Convention, Augusta Elks #964

June 29-July 2 - Grand Lodge Convention, Austin, TX.

August 22-25 - Third annual MCCP *Weekend in the Forks*

Bath MEA Calendar Winners for January

Will Proctor

Veterans Committee

The Bath Elks' Veteran's committee donated \$1,000 dollars to Boothbay V.E.T.S.



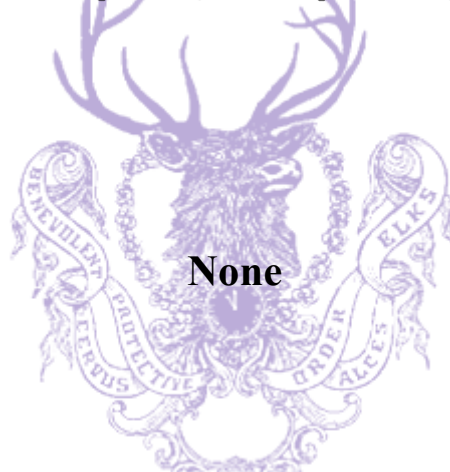
www.boothbay-vets.com

V.E.T.S modifies box trailers into temporary emergency housing for Maine veterans without shelter.



The Eleventh Hour

Their Faults we have written upon the sand, their Virtues upon the Tablets of Love and Memory



None

May they Rest in Peace

From the State Trustee



Have you purchased your MEA calendar yet? These calendars are the major fundraiser for the State Elks organization so please consider getting one. Did I mention there is a daily drawing for monetary prizes? Well there is! See your steward for a calendar, you have to get in to win.

The next state meeting is March 3rd in Waterville at 10 am. These meetings are open to all Elks and I'd be glad to have your company. March 9th is the New England Regional Hoop Shoot and Audrey Gould is shooting for our lodge. If you're available it would be great to have a Bath cheering section to watch and support her. The event is taking place in Portland, see maineelks.com for more information or call Ron Nygaard.

If you happen to be in Millinocket on March 16th you could visit the lodge while State President Sandi is visiting. I am sure a nice party will happen!

April 21st is the District Deputy Clinic in Rockland. This meeting is a requirement for a bunch of officers but it is open to all Elks and a good chance to learn about how the Lodge and the Order are run. Remember that the Elks is about *FAR* more than the social aspect that we all enjoy.

See you 'round the lodge,

Craig

March 12, 1888 - The Great Blizzard of '88 struck the northeastern U.S. The storm lasted 36 hours with snowfall totaling over 40 inches in New York City where over 400 persons died from the surprise storm.



The Members' Voice

All committee chairs, and general members, are invited to submit articles and event pictures of interest to the membership for consideration. Fliers & pictures should be submitted in the .jpg or .doc/x format.

Submittals for the April POINTS are due to 934points@gmail.com, or to the steward by **3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2nd**.



**Elks
National
Foundation**

<i>In-State Ranking</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>
13th	\$2,598.00	\$5.786

Nancy Campbell POY, Lodge ENF Chairman

2023-24 ENF Final Numbers

Lodges built stronger communities at record numbers through CIP grants this past year. 85 percent of Lodges received CIP Grants in the 2023-24 grant year, up from 83 percent in 2022-23. The CIP helps Elks make a significant impact in their communities.

This past Fraternal Year the ENF's *Community Impact Grant* program final distributions were:

Beacon Grants	\$7,508,500
Gratitude Grants	\$3,263,500
Spotlight Grants	\$1,726,500

85% of the lodges received at least one grant (*Bath received two!*). On the average, 2.8 grants were approved per lodge, and an average of \$7,977.50 was distributed per participating lodge.

For 2023-24, the Elks National Foundation allocated nearly \$16 million to fund the Community Investments Program. Lodges meet local needs through CIP grants that offer Elks opportunities to serve their community in ways that will raise the Lodge's profile, energize the membership, encourage former members to return to the fold, and gain the notice of people who want to be part of an organization that's doing great things.

To learn more about the Community Investments Program, please visit elks.org/CIP. As we begin to transition into the new Fraternal Year, if you have an idea the Bath Elks Lodge could make a positive impact in our mid Coast community speak to ER Craig Johnson or ENF Chair Nancy Campbell to learn more about the various grants we might be able to apply.

Please support ENF, the Great Heart of Elkdom!

Donations can be made at the lodge

ENF may also be supported at
enf.elks.org/MyLodge

March 1, 1781 - Formal ratification of the *Articles of Confederation* was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.

Hoops Season Continues!

After individual lodges held their local competitions throughout the state in December, Maine's *Hoop Shoot* season continued with the Bath Elks hosting the next stage for the Coastal District on Sunday January 21st.

Competitors from York to Rockland made the trek the Bath Middle School to determine the kids to move up to the statewide competition scheduled in Fairfield on January 28th.

We had a great turnout, the kids had fun, and everything went very well. From the Bath Lodge, Fred Mitchell, Pete Hudson, Dewey Fraser, Warren Hewes, Craig Johnson, Chris Wallace, Brian Champagne and Leon McCreary assisted. Also assisting from the Brunswick Lodge were Rod Bauer, Dan Daigle, David Dionne, Sean Lennon, and Erica Lennon, and from the Portland Lodge we had Joe Winschel and Bruce Jordan.

We also had four kids from Morse High School helping out. They were Liam Rhorer, Charles MacDonald, Dylan Whelan, and DJ Rogers.

In addition, State Chairman George Jones was there. George told me when we were done that we did an outstanding job. A

very special 'Thank You' goes out to Scott & Kristee Bubar, Erica Lee, and Maggie Lee for putting together the bag lunches for all the kids.

We have two local kids moving up to the State Contest in Waterville on January 28th. Audrey Gould from Bath and Cooper Holmes from Brunswick took first place in the 12-13 year-old division. Maggie

Lee from Bath took 2nd place in the 10-11 year-old division. Albert Smith from Bath and Leah Tibbets from Brunswick took 3rd in the 10-11 year-old division. Myles Kenny from Bath and Charlotte Lamb from Brunswick took 3rd place in the 8-9 year-old division.

Without all of the people named above, we could not have been so successful. Thank you so much! I couldn't be more proud of each and every one of you. I know Kevin Leeman was looking down on us all day and saying "Great job by all." He is sorely missed. We look forward to next year.

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State Hoop Shoot

On January 28th the State Elks Hoop Shoot was held at Lawrence Junior High School in Fairfield, Maine. Eighteen kids competed, six kids (*One boy and one girl from each 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 year-old age brackets*) from each of Maine's three districts traveled to this contest, and all of the Elk volunteers did a great job.



Maine Elks Photo

After the competition wrapped up everyone headed over to the Waterville Elks for lunch, and the presentation of awards.

In the 12-13 year-old girls division, representing our lodge and mak-

ing 21 out of 25 shots, Audrey Gould took first place, and in the 12-13 year-old boys division, Cooper Holmes from the Brunswick Lodge took first place with 19 out of 25 shots.



Maine Elks Photo



Maine Elks Photo

Audrey's score also ended up putting her at the top of the girls for the day, and she was presented the *Alan W. Richard Outstanding Girls Shooter* trophy at

the awards luncheon. With 22 of 25 shots made, the day's top boy shooter was Sawyer St. Peter from Presque Isle.

Along with the four other state winners, Audrey and Cooper will now move on to the New England Regional



Maine Elks Photo

Bath Lodge Initiation



January 25th was the Bath Elks' second initiation for this fraternal year. ER Craig and our lodge officers conducted a fine and impressive Initiatory Ritual to bring four new Elks into the fold.

Shown seated above with the presiding officers are, Left to Right:

Jean Hughes is a retired Medical Secretary who originally hails from Bath. She's lived here whole life in the area and now, in retirement, she has time on her hands and wants to give back. She's a friend of Veterans Committee Chair Ann Peaslee, and Jean has jumped right in with that group.

Bonnie McAdams is a chef and volunteers with the *Salvation Army*. Her father was in the Navy, and she was born when he was stationed in Texas. Bath member Glenn Adkins was her grandfather and she's here to follow in his footsteps.

Chris Bailey is originally from Pennsylvania, and is now a carpenter in Bath.

Caleb Coffin was born in Bath, and he now resides in Phippsburg. Caleb works in the facilities department at BIW. He likes what he sees us involved in and wants to become a part of it.

CIP grants make veterans feel valued

By Patrick Roelofs, ENF Communications Coordinator

In 1946, the Elks made the solemn pledge: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Through Community Investments Program grants, the Elks National Foundation empowers Elks to fulfill this promise every day.

CIP grants can be used to ensure that veterans are welcomed home when they return from service; that they have access to essentials like food, clothing, and shelter when experiencing hardship; and that they have information on accessing the resources available to them through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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As you know, a new Elk year starts in April which makes this a busy time of the year. Our officers will be going to install the new officers of Brunswick Lodge on March 23rd and the current plan has Brunswick coming to install our new officers on April 6th. These events are important to our lodges. It is a way to thank the officers for the previous year's time and energy that they gave to their lodges and to welcome the new officers. Show the new officers that you support the Lodge and them by showing up. It is also that time of year when a Lodge gives out several awards, Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year. Please make sure you come and enjoy the ceremony. This ceremony is open to the public so it is a chance to show your friends a bit about Elksdom. Watch Facebook, read this newsletter, and stop into the Lodge to keep up with the latest happenings around Bath Lodge #934, it's a wonderful place!

With Fidelity, Charity, Justice, and Brotherly Love,

See you 'round the lodge!

Craig

Word-of-mouth' includes online communication

By Rick Gathen, Membership Marketing Manager

Equally crucial to growing our membership is the power of word-of-mouth marketing, amplified in the digital age by social media, e-mail, and cell phones. Humans are inherently social and respond powerfully to messages shared during social interactions. Stories from Elks proudly sharing their personal experiences and accomplishments leverage this dynamic to strengthen the Order's reputation.

To enhance Elks' ability to share their own stories, the Public Relations and Membership Marketing Committee has curated a collection of more than 1,000 shareable images, conveniently available at virtualmanuals.elks.org/shareables/. These images, categorized by themes such as holidays or Elks programs, can augment personal stories and contribute to the narrative of the Elks' positive impact in the community.



Statewide Elk News & Items of Interest at www.maineelks.org

St Patrick's Day

from Wikipedia

Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a religious and cultural holiday held on March 17, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity.

By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion (*especially the Church of Ireland*), the Eastern Orthodox Church and the Lutheran Church.

While not a legal holiday in the United States, it is nonetheless widely recognized and observed as a celebration of Irish and Irish-American culture. The holiday has been celebrated in what is now the U.S. since 1600, with the first parade occurring in 1601.

It is customary for the Irish Taoiseach (*Irish Prime Minister*) to meet with the President of the United States on or around Saint Patrick's Day. Traditionally the Taoiseach presents the US president a Waterford Crystal bowl filled with shamrocks. This tradition began in 1952 when the Irish Ambassador to the US, John Hearne, sent a box of shamrocks to President Harry S. Truman.



Did You Know?



March 17, 1776 - Early in the American Revolutionary War the British completed their evacuation of Boston following a successful siege conducted by Patriots.

The event is still commemorated in Boston as *Evacuation Day*.

Lodge Membership Corner

Bath by the Numbers
As of February 4th, 2024

Active members	419
Candidates	6
Pending Transfers	0
Delinquents	16

Three in a row, Let's GROW! It's great to be an Elk!

It's the final month of the current Fraternal Year, and sixteen Bath members will be losing their memberships when I finish my lodge work the night of March 31st unless they get their dues caught up before then.

Judging by the results, many members have noticed the new feature in the renewal reminders—along with ENF, MCCP is now an optional donation on the form. The amounts shown are strictly suggestions, you may donate whatever amount you wish. But do please consider including a donation to either or **both** when you pay your dues.

The annual dues rush has begun. I've begun receiving payments for 2024-25 in the PO Box by the tens already, as well as across the bar. The new cards will be printed soon, and I'll be getting caught up distributing them to those members paid up by early this month. That first big group of cards will be going out by mail, and once I'm caught up with the backlog and begin issuing the cards as the payments come in, I'll again be able to leave them at the bar as usual when so noted on the receipt.

I began this column with a reminder to the sixteen members about to lose their memberships. By statute, once suspended they have sixty days, to the end of May, to catch up their dues in arrears plus this year's (to March 2025), then they'll be back in with "no fault." Should they wish to come back **after** May they'll need to apply for reinstatement, be interviewed and accepted again on the lodge floor before they can be members again.

Please keep in mind that your TAN cards are still needed to access the Bath facility through the end of March, and your new BLUE card won't work till the locks get changed the morning of April 1st. After that the TAN card will no longer work.

For 2024-25 dues are:

Life Membership will be \$53

Regular Memberships will be \$98

Pay your dues in the lounge, our PO Box is checked routinely so a dues check may be mailed directly to the Lodge Secretary, PO Box 334, Bath, ME 04530, or make your payment through the online payment system accessed by the link below.

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

Website Recognition!

By DENNIS J. GERLEMAN Committee Member.

I am pleased to announce the winners of this year's State Association Website Contest: 5-Star Awards: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, **Maine**, MD-DE-DC, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Pennsylvania.

All 18 entrants won top honors in the State Website Contest. Congratulations to all participants. This is the first time there were no 3- or 4-Star winners as all applying states upped their game to receive the top award of 5 Stars. All states should be proud of their work for promoting Elksdom via their websites. Judging for the contest was based on five categories:

- 1) Content: coverage of Grand Lodge and State Association Programs and keeping content current.
- 2) Layout: menus, table of contents, accessibility, and ease of use.
- 3) Design: borders, colors, and overall aesthetics.
- 4) Graphics: overall continuity, window identification, and use of photos and graphics to maintain interest.
- 5) Effectiveness in telling the Elks' story: usefulness to Members, provides pertinent information, and succeeds in giving non-Elks important information about our programs.

Congratulations again to Maine, and to all the winning states.

Learn more at enf.elks.org/FC



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Membership renewals for 2024-25 are




Life Members - \$53

Regular Members - \$98

March

1 None	9 Richard Pohopek	18 James Maragoudakis
2 Douglass McCoy	10 Jess Thompson	19 Peter Doran
D Craig Thompson	Jessica Brawn	Daniel Fraser
3 Irene Babine	Ross Steelman	Paul Sargent
4 Joseph Lemont	11 Valeri Lee	Jeffrey Turner
5 Tammy Ciriello	12 Jeremy Johnson	20 Richard Cummings
6 Benjamin Davenport	13 None	Gregory McNeill
James Simmonds	14 None	Thomas Tetu
7 Paul Adams	15 None	21 Anthony Lemire
Darryl Hanson	16 George Cabot III	22 Brian Hatch
8 None	17 Harry Halterman	23 None
	None	24 None
		25 None
		26 Dennis Murphy
		Blaine Wallace
		27 None
		28 Jon Snowdon
		29 None
		30 Ernest Rouillard
		31 William Duggan
		Tammy Post



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 LIVE IN THE LOUNGE 6:00 pm	2 Lunch in the Lounge 12pm—1pm Points Articles Due
3 Breakfast in the Lounge 9am—11am	4	5 Veterans Committee 5:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Lunch in the Lounge 12pm—1pm N-E Regional Hoop Shoot USM Gorham
10 Breakfast in the Lounge 9am—11am	11	12 Interview Committee 5:00 pm	13 	14 Board of Direc- tors 5:30 pm Governing Body 6:00 pm Lodge Night 6:30 pm	15 8th Street in the Lounge	16 Lunch in the Lounge 12pm—1pm
17 Breakfast in the Lounge 9am—11am 	18	19 	20	21	22	23 Lunch in the Lounge 12pm—1pm Brunswick Elks' Installation
24 / 31 Breakfast in the Lounge 9am—11am Orientation 24th 1:30 Lodge Rm	25 Board of Directors 5:30 pm	26 Interview Committee 5:00 pm	27	28 Lodge Night and Initiation 6:30 pm	29 8th Street in the Lounge	30 Lunch in the Lounge 12pm—1pm