

"The Eleventh Hour"

Newsletter of the Brunswick Lodge of Elks # 2043

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!!



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- LARRY HAZEN
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- LISA LEVASSEUR
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- 6 BARRY PATTERSON
- BENJAMIN WESTRUM
- 7 GAIL WEBSTER
- 8 LEWIS CARD JR.
- 9 DEBRA MURPHY
- JOE SHARPE
- 12 DAVID DESJARDINS
- 14 HARRY KERSHAW
- GLENN RICHARDSON
- 15 STEPHEN WHITE
- MATTHEW YOUNG
- 16 DEBORAH DUBAIL
- CHARLES TOTTEN
- 17 LIONEL DIONNE
- ROBERT RENAUD
- 19 JACQUELINE MANTON
- RAYMOND ST. PIERRE
- 20 KEVIN O'CONNOR
- 21 RUSSELL PENDER
- 22 ANGELA BRACKETT
- FRANCIS GIROUX
- 24 MARILYN ELWELL
- DANIEL PAUL LIBBY
- DONALD MCMASTER
- 25 RICHARD NADEAU
- 27 EDIE FRANCISCO
- RICK PIERSON
- 29 STEVEN JACOBS
- 31 GEORGE GAMMON JR.
- JAMES LEAVITT
- MICHAEL MURPHY III
- JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

On behalf of the Exalted Ruler, Officers, and myself, I would like to welcome you to 2015 and extend our best wishes for a safe and prosperous new year for all of us and our families. I know you were expecting to see the Exalted Rulers column in this space. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view and due to extenuating circumstances, you have me, your Secretary instead.

We have had a fairly excellent finish to the year with many events held. The Tony Trippi Scholarship fundraiser was one of our biggest events this past year and it was very heartwarming to see all of you that stepped up to work together to make this event extremely successful. The Santa Fund was in the process of wrapping up their operation for the year as I am writing this column and they have continued the proud tradition of "putting a smile on a child" for the 2014 Christmas Season. We honored the memory of our deceased Brothers and Sister Elks with our December Memorial Service and continued the tradition of calling the entire roll call of our deceased Members. The Elks Children's Christmas party was held, attended by many, and included a visit from Santa Claus. There were many other events besides the ones I've mentioned including meals for our Veterans, clean up at a local cemetery, Flags on the graves of our deceased members for Memorial Day. Our Sunday lunch program geared up in the fall and we got to enjoy many different most excellent meals as presented by many members who stepped up to share their culinary talents with us.

In the coming year, we have many events between now and the end of the Lodge Year on 31 March. The sign-up sheets are posted now for the Sunday lunch program. We have the State Presidents visit on 03 January with the State Meeting taking place on 04 January. Chicken Shoot starts again on Saturday 03 January. We have a romantic dinner planned to celebrate Valentine's Day; PER night as well as Initiation on 05 February; Officer Nominations go down in February with Installation in late March to close out the current lodge year.

Many events past and many upcoming but none of them can happen without YOU! YOU make Brunswick lodge go and all of our events successful. The Brunswick Lodge has existed since the mid Fifties and our success over the years has depended on YOU the members and strong Officers. I remind our Officers in addition to the oath we took becoming members, we stood before the altar in our lodge room and took an oath as Officers to "perform the duties of the office for which I have been chosen to the best of my abilities". We must take our oaths seriously in order for the Brunswick Lodge to continue to survive into the future for those members who will come after us. We are a fraternal organization dedicated to charitable works and it takes all of us, Members and Officers, working as one team to make that happen! God Bless America, the Brunswick Lodge, our Officers, our members and families as we start the New Year.

Fraternally

Edmund J "Dutch" Duchesneau, Secretary

(If we have inadvertently omitted any member's birthday, please notify the secretary so that we can correct our records.)

Secretary's Corner:

Meeting for January 2015 will be on the 15th only. Come join us!

****NEW**Dues for the 2015-2016 Lodge year:**

Amounts due for the 2015-2016 Lodge year are:

\$68.50 Regular Members & \$33.50 for Life

Members, due on or before 01 April 2015. You

can mail them in or pay them at the bar. Mail to

address: Brunswick Lodge #2043, Attn Secretary,

179 Park Row Brunswick Me 04011. No cards will

be available till mid-February or so.

Delinquent Members: Our current total is 20 Members delinquent. The list is posted in the lodge on the Secretary's bulletin board and updated as required. Please peruse it and contact those you know to pay their dues and invite them back to the lodge. These 20 Members will be dropped as of 31 March if their dues are not paid!! Lapsation Rate: 5.18%

By-Laws/House Rules are due for review/revision. Our Bylaws are required to be reviewed/revised every 5 years and ours are overdue. The By-Law Committee will hold their initial meeting on Wednesday, 07 January 2015 at 1800. If you are interested in this-be there!! I am the Chair, so if you show up, I will be holding you to your commitment till we are done with this process!!

The Lodge Facebook Group is titled Brunswick Elks Lodge #2043, and is up and running. Any member of the group may invite others to join and any member of the group may post/comment on posts. Remember, this is **YOUR LODGE – YOUR GROUP**.

Committee Chairs: The Charities Records Book is how we report our many charitable activities to Grand Lodge every year. This requires you as the Committee Chair to fill out a report every time your committee is conducting charitable activities. The report contains hours/miles driven, donations cash or non-cash made, etc. and etc. If you do not fill out a report, your efforts do not get recorded/reported and Elksdom as a whole loses out. This info is **IMPORTANT** as it helps to support our claim as a non-profit organization. The Secretary can provide the report forms and also collect your completed forms.

Membership Statistics as of 20 December 2014

Beginning 01 April 2014	386
Initiated	09
Affiliated	01
Reinstatement	01
Total Added	11
Dropped Non-Payment	00
Transfer Out	00
Deaths	07
Absolute Dimit	01
Total Loss	08
CURRENT MEMBERSHIP	389
Applications On Hand	04
Delinquent Members	20 (5.18%)
Life Members	78
Honorary Life Members	01

As you can see above, we started the Lodge Year 01 April 2014 with 386 Members. We lost 7 members who passed away and issued 1 Absolute Dimit; initiated 9 plus reinstated 1 & Affiliated 1, which puts us at 389 Members. We currently have 4 Applications in the Process.

****NEW**Dues:** What went on with the dues for next year you might ask? Well as you know in addition to dues, each member pays Grand Lodge & State Assessments totaling \$19.00 (\$16.00 Grand Lodge & \$3.00 State). Grand Lodge sold the Elks National Home of which \$1.00 was being assessed every member to support the home. This reduced the assessments to \$18.00 but then, the company that provides the Insurance, upped their cost which increased the assessments of each Member by .50 per member, so the assessments went to \$18.50.

Average Age of a Brunswick Lodge #2043 Member: 61.99 (source: CLMS2WEB)

Balloting on Candidates: Ralph Neil Laughlin sponsored by John Bergren; Maurice Morgan sponsored by Spike Dionne; and Carroll Leeman on a Transfer Dimit from the Bath Lodge #934 will be balloted on at the 15 January meeting.

Edmund J. "Dutch" Duchesneau
Secretary

Brunswick Lodge #2043 Boosters!!

Join the Boosters! Your donation of \$8.00 ensures your name will be included each month for one year in the newsletter. If you wish to subscribe, please fill out the coupon today and mail or bring to the lodge.

SEPTEMBER 2014

Phil Dwinal, Life Member
Francis R. Giroux
Leah & Chris "In Memory of
Tony Trippi"
Joe & Ginny Trippi
"In Loving Memory of our son,
Tony Trippi"

OCTOBER 2014

Al Bourque, Life Member
Johan "Skip" Hansen, Life Member
"In Memory of Marilyn Hansen"
Katherine Reddy
"In Loving Memory of Warren Reddy"

NOVEMBER 2014

Kent Long
"In Memory of Charles Puterbaugh, PER"
Bill Waite

DECEMBER 2014

Helene Bisson
"In Memory of Maurice Bisson, PER"
Mary Libby
"In Memory of Ken Libby"
Francis Giroux
Iona L. Osnos
"In Memory of my four sons:
Calvin, Wayne, Stanley and Paul"
Robert 'Andy' Becker #2010
"In memory of Meagan Shannon,
my Grandaughter"

JANUARY 2015

Edmund J. "Dutch" Duchesneau
In Memory of Charles J. Maguire
Joseph E. Duchesneau
Tara Siggins, "In Memory of
Clair A. (Jack) Siggins III"

JANUARY 2015 (Cont.)

Ron Lewis
Joe Sheehan
Gayle Brown "In Memory of
Richard (Dick) Brown"

FEBRUARY 2014

Sharon Belanger
In Memory of 'Joe Da Boss'
In Memory of Roger Belanger
Winfred S. Dodge
Bill Waite

MARCH 2014

Randy Tardiff, Life Member
"In Memory of
Frank Mc Allister, PER"
Kent Long, Life Member
Dante B. Di Edwardo
Richard Quarton, Life Member

APRIL 2014

Stanley Edgecomb, Life Member
Alden "Woody" Woodbury,
Life Member
G Roy Slocum, Life Member
Russell Pender, Life Member
David Huntington, Life Member
Glenda Wilson
"In Memory of my son Rick"

MAY 2014

Anthony J. "Tony" Bernier
"In Memory of Muriel Bernier"
Dominic Boucher, Life Member
Bill Waite

JUNE 2014

Patsy Brawn "In Memory of
James K. Brawn, Jr. PER"
The Giles Family, "In Memory of
Dudley H. Leavitt, Sr."
Ken D. Morgan, Life Member
Brian Thibeault, "In Memory of
Louis E. Thibeault, PER"
Glenda Wilson
"In Memory of Mike Poliquin
KIA-Vietnam"
Bert Pennell, Life Member
"In Memory of brothers
Russell 'Buck' & Myron Pennell"
Bruce McGowen, Life Member,
"In Memory of Brian K. McGowen"
Keith A. Brown, Life Member
"In Memory of Joyce P. Brown"

JULY 2014

Adam Belmore,
"In Memory of my father"
Regis Fortin, PDDGER, "In Memory
of Mamie Fortin, SPP, MSAEC"
Conrad Thibeault, Life Member
William Conlin, Life Member

AUGUST 2014

"In Memory of
Charles Puterbaugh, PER"
William Conlin, Life Member
Bill Waite

A Big
THANK YOU
to all of our
BOOSTERS!

BOOSTERS

Name _____

Membership No. _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State _____ Zip _____

Mail to: Brunswick Elks Lodge, #2043, 179 Park Row, Brunswick, ME 04011 **Attn: Secretary**

January



2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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State President's Visit and State Meeting
 January 3rd and 4th
 February 5th - PER Nite and Initiation
 February 14th- Valentine's Dinner and Dance

4 <i>State Meeting</i>	5	6	7 WEDNESDAY LUNCH 11:30 - 1:30	8 PER MTG. 7:00PM	9 SOCIAL HOUR	10 CHICKEN SHOOT 1:00
11	12	13 Emblem Club Mtg. 7:00	14 WEDNESDAY LUNCH 11:30 - 1:30	15 LODGE MTG. 7:00 PM	16 PIZZA SERVING 5 - 6	17 CHICKEN SHOOT 1:00
18 SUNDAY LUNCH Chicken Cacciatore	19	20	21 WEDNESDAY LUNCH 11:30 - 1:30	22	23 SOCIAL HOUR	24 CHICKEN SHOOT 1:00
25 SUNDAY LUNCH Chicken Fried Steak	26	27	28 WEDNESDAY LUNCH 11:30 - 1:30	29 Board of Director's Meeting 6:30 PM	30 SOCIAL HOUR	31 FISH FRY 12:00 - 2:00 CHICKEN SHOOT 1:00



Brunswick Lodge of Elks #2043

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

February 14, 2015

*Don't fight the crowds this Valentine's Day trying to find an elegant meal.
Join us for a relaxing, intimate dinner with friends and acquaintances
at the Brunswick Lodge of Elks.*

The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.
followed by Live Entertainment 'til 10:00 p.m.



OUR SPECIAL MENU:

- Opener: *Chocolate Dipped Fresh Strawberries*
with Complimentary Glass of Wine (Choice of White/Red House, No substitutes)
- Appetizers: *Garlic Knots with Honey Butter followed by*
Baked French Onion Soup
- Entree: *Tender Roast Sirloin Filets topped with rich Mushroom Gravy,*
Creamy Twice Baked Potatoes, Buttery Glazed Carrots
- Dessert: *Red Velvet Cake*
topped with Strawberry Puree and Fresh Whipped Cream

Tickets go on sale after New Years at \$25.00 per couple, or \$14.00 single

Limited seating is available! Get your tickets early!
Firm cut off for tickets is noontime, Monday, February 9th

2015 MEA CALENDAR RAFFLE

Help Support the MEA

Only 2000 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each.

Drawings held daily for 365 days.

The winning ticket is returned to the barrel after each drawing.

Chances for Multiple wins!

Get your calendar now, only \$20.00

Makes a great gift or stocking stuffer

2014 Winners: Dotty Cardali, Robert Mehlhorn (twice)

George Wyman (3 times), Judy Gorby and Adam Belmore

365 CHANCES TO WIN!!

JANUARY SUNDAY LUNCHES

January 18th - Chicken Cacciatore \$9.00

Daigle's and Leavitt's

January 25th - Chicken Fried Steak \$9.00

Brackett's



Join us for **WEDNESDAY LUNCH!!**

Regular Menu and Pizzas are back!

11:30-1:30 Draft Special: \$2.00 Miller Lite Pints

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY

Happy Birthday to all our current members in good standing with a birthday this month. Just complete the coupon at right and present it to the bartender at the Lodge to receive your twenty-five cent drink on your birthday!

January 2015 BPOE #2043 Birthday Coupon

Brunswick Lodge Members only* with a January Birthday, this coupon is worth one (1) \$.25 drink on your birthday. Please present coupon to the bartender.

NAME _____

MEMBERSHIP CARD # _____ \$ _____

*Must be a member with a valid membership card.

Coupon valid for members only. NO CASH VALUE



CHICKEN SHOOT

Saturdays starting at 1:00 p.m.



Come on up and have some fun!

ENF NEWS

ENF donations are currently \$2,123 or \$5.50 per capita. We have exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.60 per capita and are eligible for a Gratitude Grant of up to \$2,000 which can be used for projects to meet a need in the community. Grand Lodge is looking for projects that involve active participation by members. If anyone has such a project, I will help you write up the grant application. Grant applications are due sometime in May and the project must be completed by July, 2015. ENF may consider projects which involve donations only, but strongly encourage active Elk participation.

In the scholarship cycle, we have 21 applicants this year. Applications were received at the lodge December 5. Our thanks to Dave Daigle, Tony Ampezzan, and Kassandra Duffy for assisting as judges. The six lodge finalists will be forwarded to district on January 2. Details of the finalists will be published in the February newsletter.

Respectfully, Jim Oikle, ENF chair.

OTHER MEALS

PIZZA: Friday, January 16th

\$9.00 whole and \$2.00 slice Serving 5 - 6

FISH FRY: Saturday, January 31st

\$6.50 Serving 12 - 2



LODGE COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention.....Gil Wildes.....666-5868
Americanism.....Rod Bauer, PER.....837-4307
Auditing.....Seth Jacobs.....
Building.....Gil Wildes.....666-5868
Business Practice.....David Dionne, PER.....725-2984
Drug Awareness Chairman.....VACANT
Elks National Foundation.....Jim Oikle.....751-9547
Santa Fund.....Robert Thiboutot.....729-4388
Scholarships.....Jim Oikle.....751-9547
Flag Day.....Lodge Officers.....729-9572
Games of Chance.....Sharon Belanger.....729-8328
Gov't. Relations.....Rod Bauer, PER.....837-4307
Hoop-Shoot.....Kevin Leeman, PER.....837-5052
Indoctrination.....Rodney Bauer, PER.....837-4307
Inter-Lodge Relations.....David Dionne, PER.....725-2984

Investigation.....Octave Thiboutot.....725-5330
Lapsation....."Dutch".....841-5754
Membership....."Dutch".....841-5754
Memorial Day.....Linda Bauer.....798-9442
Memorial Sunday.....Lodge Officers.....729-9572
National Veterans Service.....Thomas Fritschy.....522-7784
email: tazusnret@aol.com
Public Relations.....Rod Bauer, PER.....837-4307
Relief.....Lodge Officers.....729-9572
Soc. & Comm. Welfare.....Kevin Leeman, PER.....837-5052
State Trustee.....Rodney Bauer, PER.....837-4307

Lodge Activities.....Linda Bauer.....798-9442
Kid's Christmas Party.....Mike Murphy, PER.....k504-2595
Entertainment Chairman.....VACANT
Family Picnic.....Kevin Leeman, PER.....837-5052
Youth Activities Chairman.....VACANT
Soccer Shoot.....Dan Daigle.....837-9955

MEETINGS

Lodge.....1st + 3rd Thursday.....7:00 pm
July and August.....3rd Thursday.....7:00 pm
PER Mtg.....2nd Thursday.....7:00 pm
Trustees.....4th Thursday.....6:00 pm
Board of Directors.....4th Thursday.....6:30 pm



ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

LODGE OFFICERS 2014 - 2015

EXALTED RULER.....Adam Belmore (749-8299)
ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT.....Michael Murphy, PER (504-2595)
ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT.....Robert Thiboutot (729-4388)
ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT.....Fred Mitchell (443-6144)
SECRETARY....."Dutch" (841-5754)
TREASURER.....Gayle Brown (725-2736)
CHAPLAIN.....Carrie McHale (837-4483)
INNER GUARD.....Dan Fairbrother Jr. (504-6112)

ESQUIRE.....Derrick Schneider (841-2273)
TILER.....Octave Thiboutot 725-5330)
TRUSTEE 1 YEAR.....Kevin Leeman (837-5052)
TRUSTEE 2 YEAR.....Dawn Burton (522-4144)
TRUSTEE 3 YEAR.....Gil Wildes (666-5868)
GRAND LODGE ALTERNATE.....Rodney Bauer, PER (837-4307)
STATE TRUSTEE.....Rodney Bauer, PER (837-4307)