

# Elks Care - Elks Share

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## **Exalted Ruler's Message** **2015 - 2016**

Hi Everyone,

I sincerely want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler for the next year.

This year we have lots of events planned with our activities chair, Angie Cyr. She has some new ideas as well as bringing back some old functions. I would love to hear your ideas on some functions and work toward bringing back some volunteerism and ideas from our members. We have a lot of new members and would like to see them become involved and feeling welcome. We always need new fresh ideas. Please invite your friends and family to the Lodge as we always need new members.

If you have any questions or suggestions I'm always available. Please feel free to contact me at home or stop me at the Lodge. No thought is unimportant and no question is unnecessary.

The only foolish question is the no one asked.

Fraternally,

Judy Hastings, ER Elect

# **MONTAGUE ELKS LODGE #2521**

## **ANNUAL DUES NOTICE**

### **2015-2016**

**Regular Member - \$58.00      Life & HLM - \$38.00**

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This is your first dues notice for Elk Year 2015-2016. Don't put it aside. Please send or drop off payment as soon as possible.

We appreciate you completing the above information and returning it with your payment. It is most important that the lodge has all your correct information.

Many thanks for your prompt attention to this notice.



# VETERANS CORNER



For MA Veteran's Information:

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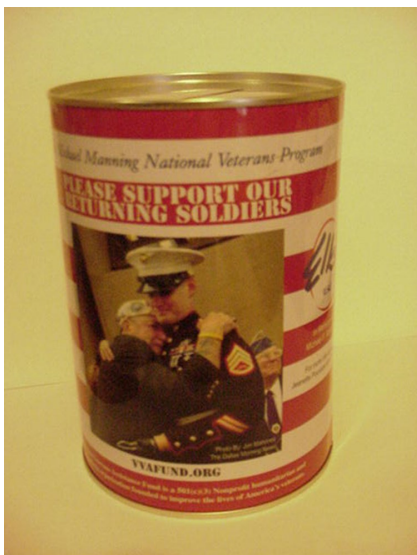
We had a successful fund raising campaign during the "First Lap" Daytona 500 race raising \$459.00! Thank you to all our members and guests that came to support our efforts. Special thanks to Veterans Committee for all the great food, Angie Cyr for the kielbasa, Sue Sansoucie for her dessert and Joann Casey for her brownies. Special thanks to Les and Mickey Chadwick and Steve Saharceski for their donation of NASCAR items for the raffle. It was great food and a fun time. The Patriots basket brought in \$284.00, which was split between Relay for Life and Veterans Committee. The winner of the Patriots basket was Karen Laramie.

During the last couple of years there has been several cans on the bar looking for loose change or more. These cans were provided by the VVAF "Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund" a program that began in 1979 as Vietnam Veterans of America, morphed into the VVAF in 1991 and in 2009 changed the name to Veterans Support Foundation (VSF). Although the name changed the mission remained the same. This fund raising campaign is in memory of Michael Manning who was the Elks National Veterans Service Director for 14 years. He passed away in July Of 2007.

The cans on the bar are part of a program that began in 2007 as The Michael Manning National Veterans Program a program sanctioned by the B.P.O.E. around the county. Part of the "Army of Hope" a national initiative to raise funds for our returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. Proceeds help benefit Veterans in healthcare, homelessness issues and a smooth transition back to civilian life. There are so many benefits that this foundation provides to our veterans that it would take the entire bulletin to tell you about it. However, you can go on the web and google VSF-USA.org to find out more information about the organization and how it funds Veterans programs around the country.

We collected the money from our cans and we had \$150.00, thanks to all who donated and special thanks goes out to Judy Daczycyn who has put a can at Freezer Locker in Shelburne Falls and collected around \$60.00 of that money. Thanks to all who donated, keep it coming.

Next Bingo is April 13th ~ Next Veterans Meeting is April 15th





# Lounge News & Events!



- ♦ Board of Directors Meeting is the first and third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm
- ♦ Lodge Meeting is the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, all members are encouraged to attend!
- ♦ The House Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6pm
- ♦ Wii Bowling is every Monday night at 6:00, come down and try it out!
- ♦ There are Ballroom dancing lessons in the upstairs hall every Wednesday night
- ♦ Friday night is raffle night! Starts at 4pm and ends at 7pm

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- ♦ Installation of Officers on Saturday, April 4, 2015
  - ♦ Bingo in Leeds ~ April 13th
  - ♦ Veterans Meeting ~ April 15th
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Comedy Night Fundraiser to benefit the Turners Falls Girls Community Basketball program ~ March 28th, doors open at 7 & show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$15 in advance \$20 at the door. See Karen Cooke for tickets.

Relay for Life spaghetti dinner! Saturday April 18th, 5 - 7pm ALL YOU CAN EAT!! Dinner will include Spaghetti with meatballs or sausage, garlic bread, salad, dessert and coffee. There will be a DJ down in the lounge that night as well starting at 8pm.

Anyone interested in being involved with the spring parade in Turners, please contact Kevin Hastings at 863-8527. The theme this year is FLOWER POWER. The parade is April 18th starting at 1:00pm.

It's that time of year again for the Relay for Life AUCTION FOR A CAUSE! We are reaching out to you the members for your help in donating an item or two towards our auction, we would greatly appreciate it! We would like to start setting up for this event on Friday April 3rd. If you feel like you can help us out, just drop it off at the lodge or leave a message is 863-2521 and we will have someone stop by and pick up your donation. Thank you in advance!!

Vendor/Craft Fair coming to The Montague Elks! Saturday, May 16th, 2015, from 10am- 3pm in the Montague Elks Lodge Function Hall.

Are you a crafter/vendor or know someone who is? Please contact Cheri Rose @ 413.824.0121 for more information.

**From the Secretary's Desk** ~ The next Initiation in our Lodge will be the second meeting in May which is the 21st of the month. If you have an application out to a prospective member please get them back so they can be processed.

## **Mass Elks Association Events**

April 18, 2015 National Hoop Shoot Contest, Springfield MA

April 19, 2015 Spring Cribbage Tournament, Auburn/Webster #2118

May 3, 2015 Regional Meeting, Auburn/Webster Lodge #2118

May 16, 2015 State President's Testimonial, Best Western Royal Plaza, Marlborough, MA

# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Wii Bowling 6pm	31	1 Ballroom dancing lessons	2 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Lodge mtg 7:30pm	3 Raffles 4 -7pm	4 Installation of Officers
5 Easter Sunday	6 Wii Bowling 6pm	7 House Committee mtg 6pm	8 Ballroom dancing lessons	9	10 Raffles 4 -7pm	11
12	13 Wii Bowling 6pm  Bingo in Leeds	14	15 Ballroom dancing lessons  Veterans mtg.	16 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Lodge mtg 7:30pm	17 Raffles 4 -7pm	18 Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm  National Hoop Shoot Contest, Springfield MA
19 Spring Cribbage Tournament, Auburn Webster #2118	20 Wii Bowling 6pm	21	22 Ballroom dancing lessons	23	24 Raffles 4 -7pm	25
26	27 Wii Bowling 6pm	28	29 Ballroom dancing lessons	30	1 Raffles 4 -7pm	2



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## Sickness & Distress

### Home

Angie Cyr, Bob Jarvis, Edmond Demers, Dean Letourneau, Kathy Rimby, Dolores Branco  
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Please contact Cheri Rose at 413-824-0121 if you know of any member who is sick or in the hospital.  
They will receive a fruit basket from the Lodge.

## FACEBOOK:

Become a Friend of "Montague Elks" on Facebook!  
We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

### Bulletin

Anyone wanting articles or events listed in the bulletin please e-mail your poster or article information to:

kcooke007@gmail.com

By the **10th** of the month to get in the next bulletin.

## Montague Elks Lodge #2521 Lounge Hours

Monday - Wednesday	3pm - 11pm
Thursday & Friday	3pm - 1am
Saturday	12pm - 1am
Sunday	12pm - 10pm



Members, please remember to sign your guests in when you bring them down to the lounge. We love seeing and meeting new people, maybe get them to join us by becoming an Elk!

Don't forget if you are having an event, see Michelle Cloutier for a request form to use the hall. It's a great place to host all kinds of parties for the young and not so young!

Use of the hall is only \$100, if you need the kitchen to cook for your crowd that is available for an additional \$100 and we will even provide a bartender for no extra charge. Not a bad deal for such a big space!


There is a required deposit of \$150 which will be returned to you after your event. So please keep us in mind if you need a place for your next event or party!



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