

# Elks Care - Elks Share

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5 Year: Jacob Rose, PER  
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3 Year: Donald Traceski PER, HLM  
2 Year: Kevin Hastings, PDD, PER, HLM  
1 Year: Dolores Branco  
Board of Directors Mtg: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm.  
Lodge Mtg: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, all members in good standing are encouraged to attend!  
House Committee Mtg: 1st Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm



## **Exalted Ruler's Message**

**2015 - 2016**



Hi everyone,

Well it's fall already, time to get back into our busy season. Please help support the Lodge and attend the functions. Your support is not only appreciated it is essential to keep our Lodge functioning.

If you missed our Summer Party you missed a great time.

We have been very fortunate in having new members join our family in Elldom. Please help our Grand Exalted Ruler in his quest for a gain in membership. BE A PROPOSER!!!!!!

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge at events sponsored by our activities committee or at the Lounge.

Have a great rest of Summer!!

Fraternally,

Judy Hastings, Exalted Ruler



# VETERANS CORNER



For MA Veteran's Information:

[www.mass.gov/veterans](http://www.mass.gov/veterans)

[savemassveterans@gmail.com](mailto:savemassveterans@gmail.com)

The Veterans Committee was at the VA center in Leeds Sunday August 2nd to help with the annual steamship round served every year. A hundred and fifty Veterans were served in two settings.

Thanks to those who went and helped serve, Steve Saharacheski, Francis Collette, Jeannie Raymond, Gary Clough, John Murphy and our Exalted Ruler Judy Hastings. We had a great representation of our lodge.

The Veterans Committee will be having a fund raiser event coming up October 11th, "Football night at the lodge", The Patriots play the Cowboy's, a late afternoon game, starting at 4:25 P.M. Free food, door prizes, raffles, trivia and lots of fun and laughs. Please mark your calendar for this event!

We have purchased Patriotic "FLAG" wrist bands that we will be selling for a dollar to help raise money for VA center, see picture.

Next Veterans Bingo September 14th

Next Veterans Meeting September 16th



## From the Secretary's Desk

I hope everyone is continuing to have a great summer.

I'd like to thank all who paid their dues since the last bulletin. I hope you use your membership and that we will see you at the Lodge. You might want to visit another Lodge while on vacation.

Congratulations and welcome back Richard on a reinstatement, also Allen on a certificate and John on a transfer. Glad to have you as active Elks in Montague. I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Don't forget, if you know of someone who you could encourage back to active membership. Reinstatements in the month of September and October fee are only \$1.00 per our by-laws. This plus a half years dues \$28.75. Applications for reinstatement may be obtained on-line or at the lodge. Feel free to email me ([el.brown@comcast.net](mailto:el.brown@comcast.net)) and I'll be glad to get one to you.

We still have a few members that need to pay dues. We don't want to lose you, please send today. Many thanks.

Hope we see you at the lodge soon.

Fraternally,  
Ernest L. Brown, PGLC  
Lodge Secretary



# Lounge News & Events!



- ♦ 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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## **September Events:**

- ♦ September 1st & 2nd, as needed, investigation/Interview for new members
- ♦ September 3rd, Voting on new members
- ♦ September 10th, Indoctrination of new members at 7pm, refreshments will be served.
- ♦ September 12th, Lodge Feud in Gardner, come and support our lodge team! \$20 per person, includes hors d'oeuvres!
- ♦ September 13th, Regional meeting in Athol/Orange Elks
- ♦ September 14th, Veterans Bingo
- ♦ September 16th, Veterans Meeting
- ♦ September 17th, Lodge Initiation & District Deputy Visitation. Social hour begins at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7:30pm.
- ♦ September 20th, Walk around the lake in Gardner, sponsor a walker! See Cheri Rose for more details, all funds go to ENF!
- ♦ September 22nd, District Deputy visitation in Greenfield, everyone welcome
- ♦ September 24th, officers meeting
- ♦ September 26th, Grand Exalted Ruler Ball in Mansfield

## **October Events:**

- ♦ October 1st, Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 and Lodge regular meeting at 7:30
  - ♦ October 6th, District Deputy visitation in Athol/Orange, everyone welcome
  - ♦ October 15th, Board of Directors meeting at 6:30 and Lodge regular meeting at 7:30
  - ♦ October 18th, Safety Day at the police and fire complex, 10am - 3pm
  - ♦ October 20th, District Deputy visitation in Gardner, everyone welcome
  - ♦ October 24th, Pumpkin Fest on Avenue A
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School supplies are needed for the Gill Montague school district! There is a collection box in the lounge, all donations are welcome, see Jacob Rose for more details.

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## **Mass Elks Association Events**

September 5 ~ Veterans Motorcycle Run Quincy Elks Fenton-Densmore Football game  
September 12 Horseshoe Tournament, Southern N.E. Fall River Elks  
September 13 Regional Meeting Athol/Orange Elks  
September 15 Annual Golf Tournament Marlboro CC & Hudson/Concord Elks  
September 19 Walk for ENF Area 2, Cape Cod Canal & Veterans Motorcycle Run Billerica Elks  
September 20 Walk for ENF Area 3, Wakefield Walk for ENF Area 1, Gardner

# September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 House Committee mtg 6:30 pm	2	3 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Lodge mtg 7:30pm	4	5
6	7 Wii Bowling 6pm	8	9 Ballroom dancing lessons	10 Indoctrination (Blue jacket) 7pm	11 Raffles 4 -7pm	12 Lodge Feud in Gardner
13 Regional mtg Athol / Orange Elks (blue jacket)	14 Wii Bowling 6pm  Veterans Bingo	15	16 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Veterans Mtg  Ballroom dancing lessons	17 DD Visitation & initiation of new candidates events start @ 6pm, mtg at 7:30pm	18 Raffles 4 -7pm	19
20 Walk around the lake in Gardner	21 Wii Bowling 6pm	22 DD visitation in Greenfield, 6:30pm, everyone welcome, TUX for officers	23 Ballroom dancing lessons	24 Officers Meeting 7pm	25 Raffles 4 -7pm	26 G.E.R. Ball in Mansfield
27	28 Wii Bowling 6pm	29	30 Ballroom dancing lessons			

# **Elks National Foundation**

Hi again. In last month's Bulletin I reminded all what the ENF does to help Local Lodges in service to their communities and to the Grand Lodge Programs.

One way that you can help is by sponsoring a walker who will be participating in the Annual Walk-Around-Lake on September 20th.

We have several Members who will be walking in this event. These walkers will be asking for your support in an attempt to help raise money for the ENF. Please consider helping them to help you in getting your credit for donations in your name. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide the services to the local community. Please be generous if you are asked for your support.

Remember, without your help the ENF cannot continue to support the Community Projects, Scholarships, Veterans Programs, Youth Activity Programs and the many other services both locally and nationally.

If any Member would like to review their personal giving history, please let me know and I will go over it with you.

Thanks,

Steve Dacyczyn, ENF Chairman

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## **Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler**

### **Orientation is key to membership and retention**

The strength and vitality of any organization largely depends on its ability to maintain and increase membership, and in that regard, I expect us to soon begin reversing the decline in membership that we have been experiencing since the 1980s. However, membership is like anything else; you cannot keep doing the same old thing and expect to get better results. What is your Lodge really doing to address membership? Do you have an active Membership Committee, or do you simply pay lip service to membership, and hope that people will knock on your door for an application?

Every Lodge should have an "active" Membership Committee that reviews and becomes familiar with the Grand Lodge Membership Manual that offers many great ideas for attracting new Members, reinstatements and Stray Elks. It should be a committee that meets at least monthly to set goals, publicize membership classes, discuss incentives, review delinquents, develop collection strategies and find ways to take advantage of social media and the Lodge website. Even the Lodges that seem to do a good job with recruiting new Members often have difficulty with retention. This may be because we fail the new Member at orientation by not doing enough to assist them in getting quickly involved at the Lodge and actually "experience" Elksdom. Orientation should be considered the "First Step in Member Retention," and I urge every Lodge to adopt an "Orientation Process." This process begins with the application for membership, and does not end until after an informative orientation, an impressive initiation, and, most importantly, not until we get the new Member quickly involved in his or her very first Lodge activity.

Seek a commitment from the candidate at orientation to get quickly involved in an upcoming event, and establish a follow-up program, thereby assisting the new Member to "jump-start" his or her career in Elksdom. This will give each new Member a reason to return to the Lodge, get comfortable with their surroundings, meet active Members, experience the sense of accomplishment that comes from participation, and provide a real sense of belonging and contributing to "their" Lodge. In short, it creates a better opportunity to become a true and faithful Member - one who will be more inclined to life membership in the Order, and less likely to become dissatisfied and drop out.

I hope that each of you will join with me this year to help strengthen the compelling message that "Elks Care - Elks Share" by promoting "Elks Pride and Community Focus" in your Lodge and by working to increase your membership numbers.



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## Sickness & Distress

### Home

Edmond Demers, Dean Letourneau,  
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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 \$150, if you need the kitchen to cook for your crowd that is available for an additional \$150 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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