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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

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## **Exalted Ruler's Message**

**2015 - 2016**



Hello Everyone,

Our Holiday Season is about to begin. Please mark November 25th on your calendar. It's the Night Before Thanksgiving Celebration in the Lounge. On November 26th there will again be a Thanksgiving Dinner served upstairs for anyone who wishes to attend.

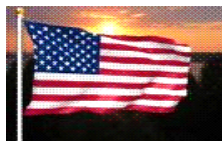
Don't forget November 16th there will be voting on the Solar Proposal at our regular lodge meeting.

Watch the Lodge's Facebook Page for more coming events.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Fraternally,

Judy, E.R.



# VETERANS CORNER



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

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

## November is the month we celebrate our VETERANS.

Veterans Day is a day to celebrate the soldiers that are still alive and served in the armed forces at any time during peace and war.

U.S. Army was established June (1775) 240 years

U.S. Navy was established in October (1775)

U.S. Marine Corps was established November (1775)

U.S. Coast Guard established August (1790) 225 years

U.S. Air Force Established September (1947) 68 years (original called the Army Air Corp.)

**Veterans Day November 11th** for most of us it means a day off from work or school. Be sure to spend a few minutes acknowledging the men and women who served in our armed forces. These include the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and the Coast Guard.

Originally called "**Armistice Day**" the holiday was first celebrated in 1938 to honor World War I soldiers. November 11th was picked because the war ended at 11:00 A.M. on 11.11.1918. In 1954, after the US had been involved in two additional wars, World War II and Korea, the holiday was renamed **Veterans Day**, to honor the brave soldiers that fought in all three wars.

**On Saturday November 7th we are having our annual Veterans Dinner** for our members and guests. Appetizers are at 5:00 and dinner will be served at 6:00. It will be a **prime rib** dinner again this year. **Tickets are on sale in the lodge see a bartender or a Veterans Committee member.** Ticket prices are \$16.00, a bit more than last year because the price of beef has risen. This is a great bargain so please support our committee's fund raising efforts and buy a ticket or two and come and enjoy a great meal. We sold out last year and are limited to only 120 tickets this year. Get your tickets early so we can get an accurate count for the chef. We will be serving the usual, salad, potato, vegetable and desert. Look for the info posted throughout the Lodge.

We will draw the winning tickets for the Patriots picture and the Patriots basket after dinner. We will also have a few other raffles as well as a lottery tree. Once again Bobby C has graciously agreed to provide music at no charge after dinner in the lounge. Bobby is a big supporter of Veterans so give him a big "thank you" when you see him.

Our "FOOTBALL NIGHT" fund raiser was a huge success. Thank you to all who were able to come and have some fun with us and watch the Patriots beat up on the Cowboys.

Winners of the raffles were:

Patriots chip and dip and book- Matt Loven	Absolute Vodka- Diane Bassett
Youth size football and T Shirt- Larissa Knox	Candle basket- Larissa Knox
Flashlight- Jeannie Raymond	Patriots watch- Tom Kedrick
Patriots picture- Micki Miskovitch	Patriots car mats- Rod Demers
Wilson Football and Patriots T shirt-Frank Collette	\$50.00 Big Y gift – Penny Martineau
Red Sox basket-Bob Davis	Redneck basket- Gary "redneck" Clough
Flag Windshield shade, cup and scarf- Siegfried Bursch visiting from the Fitchburg Leominster lodge	

We raised over \$400.00!

**An extra special Thanks** to Jean Raymond and Gary Clough, Bob Davis, Penny and Bob Martineau, Les and Mickey Chadwick for their generous donations towards our raffle prizes.

**Thank You all** for supporting our committees fund raising efforts so far this season.

Bingo night at The VA in Leeds is November 9th

Next Veterans Committee meeting is November 18th

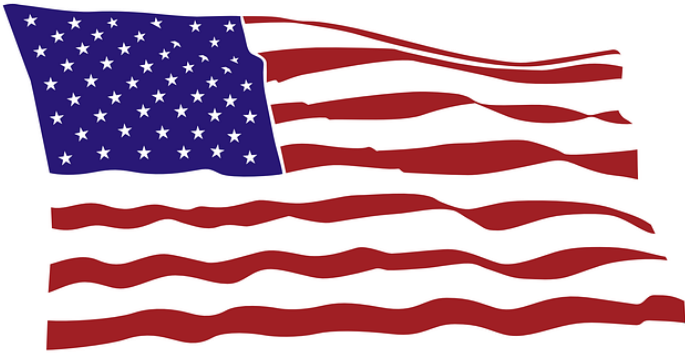
# Veterans Committee Fund Raiser

**PRIME RIB DINNER      \$16.00**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**COCKTAILS 5:00 P.M.**

**DINNER SERVED AT 6:00**



## **From the Secretary's Desk**

Let's not forget, September and October reinstatements are \$1.00.

If you have a friend, relative, neighbor or fellow worker, now is the time.

Dues will be half a year, \$28.75 and due again April 1st 2016.

Any questions please get back to me.

A special welcome to our two newest members, Alan Collins and Christie Hart initiated at our District Deputy Visit Sept. 17, 2015. Hope to see you at the lodge often.

We will be setting up another Initiation soon, if you have someone you have been trying to have join, now is the time to get the application in.

Fraternally,

Ernest L. Brown  
Lodge Secretary

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# 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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## **November Events:**

- ♦ November 7th, Annual Veterans Dinner. This year it will be a prime rib dinner and Bobby C has once again volunteered his DJ services for free for this event.
- ♦ November 25th, Night before Thanksgiving bash! Come down and catch up with friends and family and strap on your dancing shoes for DJ Bobby C will be spinning the tunes from 8pm - 12am!
- ♦ November 26th, Thanksgiving morning the lounge will open at 8am, come down and let Larissa mix up a Bloody Mary for you! The lounge will close at 1pm sharp so Larissa can enjoy the rest of the day with her family.

Are you ready for some football!!!!!! Come down and watch your favorite teams play on one of our many TV's!

- ♦ November 8th, Patriots vs. Redskins, 1pm game
  - ♦ November 15th, Patriots at NY Giants, 4:25pm game
  - ♦ November 23rd, Patriots vs. Bills, 8:30pm game
  - ♦ November 29th, Patriots at Broncos, 8:30pm game
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It's time to start thinking about the holidays. Our annual children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12 from 1-3pm. Requirements: Child must be 12 years of age or younger. Must be the child, niece, nephew, god-child or grandchild of a member in good standing. Child must be signed up before the cut off date of December 8, 2015. For any questions please see Cheri Rose or Michelle Cloutier, a sign up sheet is included in this bulletin.

Do you have a 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grader? Would they like to try and win some extra spending money? Well, I have a perfect solution, why not have them enter the Americanism Essay Contest.

Requirements: Essay must be titled and about "What can I do to promote Americanism and Love of Country?" Essay must not contain more than 300 words. Must be legibly written in ink or typed. Must be submitted to Cheri Rose @ the Montague Elks Lodge no later than 12/18/15. Participant must be identified on a cover page by Name, Grade, Age and school they attend.

~ Cheri Rose, Leading Knight

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I would like to thank all of the Members of the Lodge who sponsored me and donated to the "Walk Along the Lake" to raise money for the ENF. Your donations helped me to raise \$473.00. I couldn't have done it without your help.

Thanks again,

Judy Dacyczyn

# November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 House Committee mtg 6:30pm	4 Ballroom dancing lessons	5 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Lodge mtg 7:30pm	6 Raffles 4 -7pm	7 Annual Veterans prime rib Dinner & entertainment by DJ Bobby C
8 Pats vs. Redskins 1pm	9 Bingo night at the VA in Leeds	10	11 Ballroom dancing lessons	12	13 Raffles 4 -7pm	14
15 Pats at NY Giants 4:25pm	16 Veterans Bingo	17	18 Ballroom dancing lessons  Veterans Committee mtg	19 Board of Directors mtg 6:30pm  Lodge mtg 7:30pm	20 Raffles 4 -7pm	21
22	23 Pats vs. Bills 8:30pm	24	25 DJ Bobby C 8pm - 12am	26 Happy Thanksgiving! Lounge will be open 8am - 1pm	27 Raffles 4 -7pm	28
29 Pats at Broncos 8:30pm	30	1	2 Ballroom dancing lessons	3	4 Raffles 4 -7pm	5

# Elks National Foundation

On September 20, 2015, one of 3 area walks to support ENF was held at the Gardner Lodge of Elks. Lodges from Area I and other Area Lodges were represented at this event. Walkers earlier had asked members, relatives and friends to sponsor them in this walk. Elk Members who donated will get credit on their ENF Giving record for the amount they donated. Montague Lodge had four “walkers” who collected funds. They were John Murphy, Cheri Rose, Judy Dacyczyn and Kevin Hastings; unfortunately, Kevin was ill at the time and could not walk, but he did bring the funds he collected to be included in the Montague total. After the walk, the Gardner Lodge provided those in attendance with a fantastic barbecued chicken meal, with all the fixings. When the final money count was done, Montague Lodge, and it’s Members, raised \$829.00. This amount was the fourth largest amount collected by each Lodge represented, and we missed third by only a few dollars. I think this is a great tribute to the Montague “Walkers” and to all who sponsored these folks in their effort. Hopefully next year will see even more interest and more donations; maybe we can end up first. **I want to thank all of you who donated for supporting the “walkers” and the ENF.**

Thanks,

Steve Dacyczyn, ENF Chairman

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## Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

### **As we give thanks, please remember our veterans**

by Ronald L. Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler

November is Veterans Remembrance Month. The Order of Elks remembers our veterans throughout the year, but in November, as we give thanks for all of our blessings, we pay special tribute to our Veterans for their sacrifices. It is yet another occasion to strongly proclaim our solemn pledge: “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

November 11 is Veterans Day, a day for all Americans to reflect upon the freedoms we enjoy and to honor our Veterans by saying “Thank You” to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military Veterans, and should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is specially dedicated for remembering those who died while serving.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving, and as we give thanks, please remember our Veterans, directing much of your thanks toward them. Please invite Veterans, military personnel and their families to be a part of the Thanksgiving and holiday activities at your Lodge.

You can also show gratitude by organizing a special trip to a hospital, nursing home or VA medical center, or by writing cards and collecting gifts to provide comfort and to meet their needs. Also, don’t forget the Veterans in your own Lodge; recognize and pay tribute to them during your Lodge activities.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission oversees programs like Adopt-A-Veteran and Army of Hope, and supports the work of VAVS representatives in VA hospitals nationwide. With funding from the Elks National Foundation, the commission strives to provide aid and comfort to any veteran in need. This year the number of Freedom Grants has been increased to help more Lodges expand their veterans programs. To learn more about the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, visit [www.elks.org/vets](http://www.elks.org/vets).

Nancy and I wish you a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyous holiday season. God bless you, our Veterans and the men and women serving in our military around the world. And, God bless America!

# DEADLINE FOR SIGN-UP DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

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## CHILD MUST BE SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE A GIFT



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## Sickness & Distress

### Home

Edmond Demers, Dean Letourneau, Bob Braun,  
Alan Young

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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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