



MASSENA ELKS LODGE #1702

APRIL NEWSLETTER

A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION



Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb's Message to Members

Greetings to All Members,

As April unfolds, it brings with it the commencement of the 2024-2025 Fraternal year, signifying a time of transition as we welcome new officers and committees into their roles.

Before delving into introductions, I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to Two-time "non-consecutive" Past Exalted Ruler Mark Martin. Mark graciously stepped in to fill a void when needed, demonstrating his unwavering dedication to ELKdom. Additionally, a big round of applause for the outgoing house committee whose tireless efforts ensured delightful dinner nights and smoothly executed catering events throughout the past year. Special thanks to Maria Taliano, Wanda Stevenson, Michael LeBire, Nicholas Tsibulsky, Mary Vierno, Jeff Root, and all the volunteers whose invaluable contributions are fundamental to our mission.

Allow me to introduce Corey Snyder, our new head of house. Corey brings with him a wealth of experience, serving as a volunteer firefighter at MVFD and dedicating his time as a hockey coach for Louisville minor hockey. Members interested in reserving the hall for events can now do so by simply filling out a hall form at the lodge, after which Corey will promptly follow up to confirm the details. Joining Corey on this year's house committee are our Elk of the Year, Mary Vierno, and Citizenship award recipient Jeff Root, alongside new volunteers Nick Pomainville & Rebecca Pomainville. If you're interested in joining this committee or being on the volunteer list for upcoming events, please reach out to us at elkmassena@gmail.com.

For those who may not be familiar, I'm Nathan Lashomb, a proud Massena native. Alongside my wife Tori, we own and operate two businesses on Main St. Some may recall my tenure as the head of the Massena Chamber for about five years. Together, we have three adult children and one teenager. As your ER this year, I eagerly anticipate the journey ahead and have been diligently mapping out our lodge's goals. As is tradition, we've chosen a theme to guide us, and I've settled on a simple yet powerful concept: "Community." Our ELK community stands ready to support those in need, while our broader Massena Community benefits from our contributions to local sports organizations, initiatives to aid the less fortunate, and our unwavering support for our esteemed veterans.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to my fellow officers this year: Leading Knight Anita Scott, Loyal Knight Maya Garcia, Lecturing Knight Matt LeBire, Secretary Phillip A. St Amand, Treasurer Chuck Sears, Esquire Nancy Paxton, Chaplain Patrick Frary, Tiler Nancy Davey, Inner Guard Tori Lashomb, and Trustees Chris Hooper, Zach Helmer, Luc Verville, Mike Vierno, and Max Hunt.

Let's embark on this journey together and make it a truly memorable and impactful year for our Lodge and our community.

Fraternally, Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb ER

Sickness & Distress

We have lost member Larry Danko, please keep his family & friends in your heart as they go through this difficult time.

Please say a prayer for Tom Doud as he deals with his health issues

"The Faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory"

From the Desk of the Secretary

This year's ENF donations totaled \$7,890 which is a per capita of \$12.92. That places Massena Lodge at #10 in the State out of 117 Lodges and 2nd in the State out of 25 Lodges with 401-700 Lodges. We are #1 in per capita for the NY North Central District. ENF returned \$16,700 to us in Grants, not a bad return!

Our NYS Elks Major Projects appeal is ongoing. It currently stands at \$1,481 with 53 members donating so far. (We have over 600 members, come on people it's not too late to support Cerebral Palsy - our Major Project)

Kudos to the members who attended the *Vocals for Veterans Karaoke Night* on March 1st which raised over \$500 for our Veterans committee.

Membership report. We started the Lodge year 2023-2024 with 611 members, we added 54 members (by initiation, transferred in and reinstated), lost 38 (by transferred out, dropped, and deaths), for a net gain of 16 members or a total at year end of 627. We have 140 Life Members who have over 30 years of membership and the average age of our members is about 61. We have 5 new applications for membership. They are Alfred Montepetit, Brandin Cousineau, Rebecca Pomainville, Stacie and Philip Jessmer.

Installation of Officers will be on Saturday April 6th at 6:00. This is open to all members and their families and since there is a meal it would be appreciated if you let us know how many will attend.

Adam Fuller will hold his final District Deputy Clinic at Carthage Lodge on April 14th and while some officers are required to attend, all Elks are welcome. Car pooling is encouraged.

Help our new Officers have a successful year by joining one of the Lodge Committees or volunteering with the House Committee.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Congratulations to your 2024-2025 Officers: Exalted Ruler Nathan Lashomb, Leading Knight Anita Scott, Loyal Knight Maya Garcia, Lecturing Knight Matt LeBire, Secretary Philip A. St. Amand, Treasurer PER Chuck Sears, Esquire Nancy Paxton, Inner Guard Tori Lashomb, Tiler Nancy Davey, Chaplain PER Patrick L. Frary.

Installation of officers will be held on April 6th at 6 pm.

Veterans Committee News

-Our Lodge Veterans Committee will be participating in the **Adopt-A-Platoon Program** in cooperation with Fort Drum. Please be on the *lookout* for more information.

-Draw to Win Handmade Bar Height Adirondack Chairs/ Table combo to be held Memorial weekend. ALL \$ raised will benefit the Veterans Committee projects. Tickets will be available soon. We hope you'll purchase a chance.

Elks Golf League Sign-ups

The Sign-up sheets will be posted at the Lodge soon. Please get your partner & consider joining the Elks Golf league. At least one member **MUST** be an Elk. \$60/player. Play starts May 13th. Contact Joe Brown at jwbruno79@gmail.com for any questions you may have.

Be sure to contact the Massena Country Club if you plan to arrange a membership at The River Course @Louisville Landing.





23'-24' Awards

Distinguished Citizen of the year:

Jeff Root.

Officer of the Year:

Mike Vierno.

Elk of the Year:

Mary Viero.

House Committee News

-A Big Thank You to our 2023 - 2024 House Committee Members. Your time, dedication, and care have helped our Lodge tremendously!

-We will be offering a Monthly appetizer for your enjoyment. April is Funnel Cake Fries w/ honey and powdered sugar! They are awesome!

-As always, please remember to sign-in your guests each time.

-LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR INCREDIBLE!

Elks Reinstatement Procedure

Do you know someone who'd like to be reinstated as a member of our Lodge? Go to the website below or simply phone the Lodge for information. We'd love to have them back.

<https://www.elks.org/membership/reinstate.cfm>

In an attempt to save the Lodge money, we would love to email your newsletter each month. If you can provide your email address, we can be sure to include you in the emailing. Thank you.

Please email: cgeorge13@mac.com

Volunteers Needed

Do you want to help our Lodge? Ask an Officer how you can help.

Grab a friend or two and sign up to volunteer at a meal this month. You will enjoy the experience and help your Lodge.

e-Newsletter (Bulletin)

If you lose, can't find or did not receive your monthly bulletin, just go to our Lodge website and you can read/print it with ease. <http://www.elks.org/Lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1702>

Do you know someone who'd like to join our Lodge? Grab an application & bring them in to see what we have to offer!

Online Application Makes Joining the Elks Easy

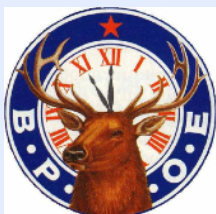
Did you know there is an online Membership application for signing up new Members? A current paid-up Member of the Order, using the Elks.Org website (top left corner), can forward a membership invitation to family members and friends. Why not look into it & ask your friends.

2024 - 2025 Officers Massena Elks Lodge #1702

Nathan Lashomb	Exalted Ruler
Anita Scott	Leading Knight
Maya Garcia	Loyal Knight
Matt Lebire	Lecturing Knight
Nancy Paxton	PSVP/Esquire
Philip A. St. Amand	PDDGER/PER/Secretary
Chuck Sears	PER/Treasurer
Patrick L. Frary	PER/Chaplain
Torrie Lashomb	Inner Guard
Nancy Davey	Tiler

Trustees:

Zach Helmer PER
Max Hunt
Chris Hooper
Mike Vierno
Luc Verville



Lodge HOURS

MON - WED.	4:00 - 9:00
THUR. - SAT.	3:00 - 9:00
SUNDAY	3:00 - 9:00

2024 - 2025 HOUSE COMMITTEE

Corey Snyder
Mary Vierno
Jeff Root
Nick Pomainville
Rebecca Pomainville

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THEIR MONTHLY BULLETIN BY EMAIL, KINDLY ASK THEM TO

E-MAIL ME AT:

cgeorge13@mac.com



Pizza, Wings & Calzones

Come in & get a Lg cheese pizza for \$14 (\$1 per xtra topping) & 10 XL wings for \$13. Fried Calzones \$5 each.

Lodge Meetings

Please try to attend a Lodge meeting this month. We meet on April 10th & April 24th at 7 pm. Your input into Lodge affairs is very important.

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APRIL 2024

	1 Jeff Slack Mike Bouchard	2 Greg Lapointe Carol Gagne Cody David Robert Morgan	3 Phil Gibson Jamie Premo	4 Lauren Gordon Richard Welch Kevin Trippany	5 Friday Night Dinner Steak & Fish options 5 - 8 pm Maria Taliano Robin Clookey	6 Installation of Officers 6 pm
7	8 Celebration of Life 1 pm Solar Eclipse	9 Girls Hockey Banquet 5 pm	10 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Chris Hooper Bill Plante	11 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m. Tom Doud, Dan Hubert, Larry French, Daphne Morgan, Christine Winston	12 Friday Night Dinner Steak 5 - 8 pm Gerry Elman Bob Francis Jr. Paul Morrow, Gordie Cook, Larry Warren	13 Michael Snyder
14	15 Bob Severance Tom Murphy Courtney Deshaies	16 George Love Brian Snider Paul Valentino Stephen O'Neil, Nich Pomainville	17 Steve Rombough	18 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m. Margaret Chalker	19 Friday Night Dinner Steak 5 - 8 pm James Gardner Tom Macauley	20 Bob Dumas
21 Jordan Jenks	22 Dan Murphy Allen Rowledge	23 Danny Miller Nancy Smith-Hance	24 Lodge Meeting 7 pm Larry Fountaine	25 Pizza, Wings & Calzones 5 - 8 p.m. Connie Barkley	26 Friday Night Dinner Steak 5 - 8 pm Justin Paquette	27 Jeff Page
28 Lisa Long Amber Stickney	29 Mark Derouchie	30 John LePage James Brothers Newbury Meader	Please Like our Lodge Facebook & Instagram Page for updates for all events and meals.  Massena Elks Lodge #1702  massenaelkslodge1702			

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Planning a Party?

Do you have a birthday, or retirement party you'd like to organize? A family reunion, etc.?

Stop by the Lodge and discuss your needs with our House Committee.

Our facility is great and the food is amazing!

Volunteers are a precious resource, who are frontline ambassadors and champions for your cause.



Thank You for All you Do!



Go to: <http://www.elks.org/dap/> to find out what the ELKS are doing to help our youth "Say No to Drugs"

**QUEEN OF HEARTS**

Stop in & take your "shot" at locating the elusive Queen.

\$1 a ticket. Winner gets 60%.

POT is now over \$3,200

Thursday Night Pizza & Wings. A

Large Pizza for \$14 (\$1 per topping)

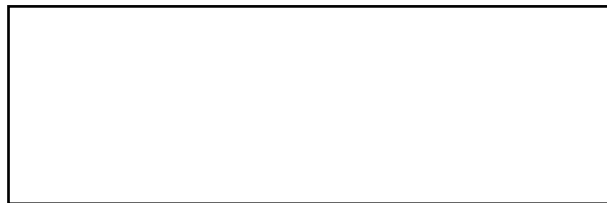
w/10 XL wings for only \$13.

FRIED CALZONES are \$5.00 each

LODGE DONATIONS

For the month of March, our Massena Elks Lodge donated the following within our community: the 10th Annual Ft. Drum Mountain Warrior Sled Hockey Tournament \$100, N-N Central School Class of 2024 Drug and Alcohol Free All Night Graduation Party \$100, the 85+ Club at J. William Leary Jr. High School to support their recognition programs \$50, the Edward I. Moses Walk/Run for Life \$100, Massena Girls Softball \$100, Massena Little League Team sponsorship \$150, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation \$100.

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